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Vegas Xfinity Race**



Reality Check

Drivers spent a little extra time checking the safety equipment and construction of their racecars before Sunday's 400-mile race at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

And they hugged their children a little longer, a little harder than normal.

While not ignoring the dangerous nature of their sport, most spoke in general terms about the seriousness of Ryan Newman's horrific crash at the checkered flag of last week's Daytona 500. Drivers are a fickle bunch. Few go to funerals. None admit to being afraid of going too fast. And most ignore the prospect of dying.

Newman's crash, however, reminded everyone that racing is what drivers do, but it's not who they are.

If you need proof, just look at the photo of Newman walking out of Halifax Medical Center holding hands with his daughters, Brooklyn and Ashlyn, just 42 hours after his car hit the wall, flipped, was struck in the driver's window by another speeding car before it came to a fiery stop at the end of pit road.

You see a father and daughters, not a race car driver.

That thought wasn't lost on Denny Hamlin, whose oldest daughter Taylor, is starting to ask questions.

"She's always there any time I do crash out," Hamlin said. "She's the first one that comes to me in the bus. It makes you think. It really makes you think about the bigger picture of everything."

Hamlin went from third to Victory Lane when Newman and Ryan Blaney crashed a split second short of the finish line. Once the severity of Newman's crash became apparent, Hamlin's celebration became tempered. History will note him winning the Great American Race three times in the last five years. But for a few precious hours, that all seemed unimportant.

"Right away, I think we both have two daughters and what not, so you put all that in perspective and certainly you're just kind of shook more than anything," Hamlin said. "You don't know whether to grieve or do you celebrate with

your team because you just won the biggest race. It was just a really tough place to really be in to be honest with you, but certainly I thought that our team handled it really well once we were all informed of what was going on. There's plenty of time for us to celebrate. We don't have to do it on that particular day."

And while Newman issued a statement ahead of Sunday's race at Las Vegas, saying: "I was fortunate to avoid any internal organ damage or broken bones. I did sustain a head injury for which I'm currently being treated. The doctors have been pleased with my progression over the last few days," there was a collective overwhelming sense of relief that stretch far beyond the NASCAR Nation.

"You care about your competitors even though we race each other each week pretty hard. You don't want anybody to get hurt," Erik Jones said. "You just don't see it much anymore. The cars are as safe as they've ever been by far and you don't really see that. Huge relief to see he was okay. Walking out of the hospital two days later was pretty crazy. Happy he's home and getting better so we can see him back at the track soon."

When the drivers strapped into their cars on Sunday, it was all about racing again. And with it came the return of invincibility.

"You tend to forget about it, especially as a driver," Jones said. "When you go years and don't see anybody get hurt and don't see those kinds of wrecks, you kind of push it to the side and forget that risk is even part of it. When that happens, it reminds you and puts you back in your head that what we're doing is dangerous. Even as safe as we've got the cars, there's still an opportunity for a freak accident."

A timetable for Newman's return hasn't been established. Until he's ready, both physically and emotionally, Ross Chastain will remain behind the wheel of the Roush Fenway No. 6 Ford.

By any measure, the radical improvements in safety measures played a role in Newman's ability to walk away – literally – from a horrifying crash. It's also clear a nation, including President Donald Trump,



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Ryan Newman leaves the hospital with his two daughters. (NASCAR photo)

rallied around Newman.

The prayers were answered.

Martin Truex Jr. visited his fishing buddy at the hospital.

"I say part of it is NASCAR safety and the things in these race cars that we're able to help them get through it," Truex said. "He's got no neck and a big hard head, so that helps for sure. I told him this week he's lucky he's such a hard-headed son of a gun. All those things, and God was riding with him. What else can you say. It was a scary wreck for sure. Hopefully we don't have to worry about things like that for sure. We just have to figure out ways to keep the cars on the ground."

"It's just part of the job. I think everyone who steps in a race car understands there's a potential risk

of injury. That's just part of the deal. I feel like a lot of people have gotten numb to it over the years because the cars have gotten so safe, but they are still – you have potential for danger. I think that's why we sign waivers when we get in these things."

Like every driver, Newman is ready to put his crash in his rearview mirror. The faster he can speed away from the memory of his Daytona 500 finish, the better.

"I hope you took pride in the photograph of me walking out of the hospital hand-in-hand with my daughters on Wednesday," Newman told car owner Jack Roush. "Thank you. I can't wait to get back in your race car."

We can't wait, either.

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Joey Logano Defends His Win in NASCAR Cup Race at Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS, NV - In a final two-lap scramble that ended with a multicar crash on the frontstretch at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Joey Logano found a way to defend last year's victory in Sunday's Pennzoil 400

NASCAR Cup Series race.

Logano sped away after a restart on Lap 266 of 267 and led runner-up Matt DiBenedetto to the finish under caution to win for the second time at Las Vegas, the first time this season and the 24th time in his career, breaking a tie with Ricky Rudd for 35th all-time.

Logano was one of seven lead-lap drivers who stayed out on older tires when Ross Chastain's spin in Turn 2 brought out the eighth caution of the afternoon on Lap 261.

That yellow flag changed the complexion of the race.

Ricky Stenhouse Jr. finished third, the beneficiary of excellent pit strategy by crew chief Brian Pattie. Austin Dillon ran fourth, and Jimmie Johnson came home fifth, the highest finisher among drivers who pitted for fresh tires under the eighth caution. The top-five run was Johnson's first since he ran third at Daytona in July of last year.

But it was Logano who celebrated in Victory Lane after taking the white flag with cars crashing behind him as he started the final lap. Interestingly, because of accidents and pit strategy, the two drivers with whom the driver of the No. 22 Team Penske Ford battled for much of the race—teammate Ryan Blaney and Chase Elliott—weren't in the mix at the finish.

After running solidly in the top 10 in the third stage, DiBenedetto,

whose Wood Brothers team is affiliated with Penske, was right there at the end, matching his career-best finish in his second ride with his new team.

"I'm not really sure what I was supposed to do (on the last pit call), but, boy, we fought hard for this one today," Logano said. "Man, what a battle between Blaney and I and Chase Elliott and the 19 (Martin Truex Jr.) earlier in the race, and then to see this finish with Matt finishing second is great day for Wood Brothers and for Team Penske.

"Man, nothing like winning the Pennzoil 400 in front of this amazing crowd with this awesome yellow car right here in the front. Man, this is a huge win, and nice to kick off the season with a 'W.'"

A push from Stenhouse on the final restart gave Logano the space he needed to pull away.

"You get a good start like that, and I watched him, he pushed me and then he shoved me ahead, which was great, and then the block on the 24 (William Byron), that was the winning move, I was able to get down in front of him and then be able to separate myself a

little bit from the field.

"Clean air was going to be key with old tires. If I got swallowed up by a couple cars, I was just going to fall backwards really quick. Being able to get that clean air, secure that. Man, this is great getting back in Victory Lane."

DiBenedetto took the second spot after he and Byron made contact on the restart. Suffering from a tire rub on his No. 24 Chevrolet, Byron fell back to 22nd during the melee on the penultimate lap.

"This is all just too surreal," DiBenedetto said. "Tough to be that close, but, hey, this is only the second race of the season. So it was the strength of this team. It's so cool to have the backing of all the people that allow me to drive this thing."

Kevin Harvick, whose cars had excellent short-run speed, led a race-high 92 laps but finished eighth after taking tires under the decisive caution. Elliott was out front for 70 circuits and Logano had the point for 54.

Elliott won the first two stages but finished 26th after spinning into the Turn 1 wall with a flat left rear tire on Lap 220.



Pennzoil 400 race winner, Joey Logano, jumps from his #22 Ford after his burnout to salute the Las Vegas crowd. (RUSSELL LABOUNTY/NKP photo)

Chase Briscoe Closes the Deal at Las Vegas Motor Speedway

LAS VEGAS, NV - Before the 2020 NASCAR Xfinity Series season started, Chase Briscoe suggested he could win as many as eight to 10 races this year.

In Sunday's rain-delayed Boyd Gaming 300 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Briscoe got No. 1 in his second start of the season, winning the battle between the only two Fords in the race.

The driver of the No. 98 Stewart-Haas Racing Mustang held the lead after the final restart on Lap 170 of 200 and won going away, beating fellow Ford driver Austin Cindric to the finish line by 2.874 seconds.

The victory was Briscoe's third in the series and his first at a 1.5-mile

noon. The resumption came at 4:50 p.m. PT Sunday after completion of the Pennzoil 400 NASCAR Cup Series event, with Joey Logano taking the checkered flag in NASCAR's premier series.

Justin Allgaier took the lead after the start of Stage 2, but Cindric grabbed the top spot on Lap 124, powering past Allgaier on the inside near the start/finish line. Cindric retained the lead after a cycle of green-flag pit stops, but when contact from Gragson's Chevrolet sent Myatt Snider spinning on the frontstretch on Lap 162, Briscoe had the opportunity he needed to regain the lead on the final restart.

Allgaier led 63 laps and Cindric 39. Briscoe leaves Las Vegas with a seven-point series lead over Gragson, last week's winner at Daytona.

"Obviously, we were hoping to



Chase Briscoe celebrates his win of the Boyd Gaming 300 in victory lane at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway Sunday night after a rain-delay from Saturday. (JOHN HARRELLSON/NKP photo)

intermediate speedway.

Ryan Sieg finished third, followed by Noah Gragson and Harrison Burton.

"It's definitely nice to get one early," Briscoe said. "Now maybe we can go to California next week and win on a two-mile track (Auto Club Speedway).

The race was delayed by rain after completion of the first stage, won by Briscoe, on Saturday after-

win sometime this year—we expected to—but to get it before Phoenix is nice because we can go there (in two weeks) and try some stuff," Briscoe said. "That's one place that we need to get way better at.

"That being said, it's nice to get the points lead.

"It's early in the season, yeah, but it's a big confidence boost for all the guys."

Kyle Busch Dominates in Seventh Straight NASCAR Truck Win

LAS VEGAS, NV - It's easy to spot a trend where Kyle Busch is concerned.

Put Busch in one of his own Kyle Busch Motorsports trucks, and he's all but certain to win. That's been the case for seven straight starts in the

NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series, counting Friday night's victory in the Strat 200 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, his home track.

Busch led seven times for 108 of the 134 laps in the 200-mile race. About the only difficulty he had was clearing Sheldon Creed on consecutive restarts in the final stage of the race. But five laps into a run, Busch was gone.

Busch started his seven-race streak in 2018 at Pocono. He won all five of his Gander Trucks starts last year and started 2020 with the hometown victory.

After the last restart on Lap 96, Busch pulled out to a lead of more than 7.8 seconds over polesitter and race runner-up Johnny Sauter. His winning margin over Sauter was 5.958 seconds. The victory was Busch's 57th, extending his own record in the series, and his second straight at LVMS.

"I don't know why but we just couldn't fire off on the restarts," Busch said. "We just didn't have any speed. Once we got about 10

laps in, we started to check away from everybody. This Tundra was awesome – it really had great long-run speed.

"It was the first win for (crew chief) Danny Stockman at KBM, and it's cool to have him on board. My guys worked their butts off. We unloaded and we really weren't that close. We worked on it a lot, with that new tire and we got it a lot better."

Creed challenged Busch after the final restart, running side-by-side with the race winner and leading Laps 96 and 97, But Creed got loose under Busch's No. 51 Toyota on Lap 98, surrendered the top spot and fell to 10th at the finish.

Sauter passed eventual eighth-place finisher Tanner Gray for second on Lap 101, and Austin Hill followed into third a lap later. Reigning series champion Matt Crafton came home fourth, with his ThorSport Racing teammate Ben Rhodes securing the fifth spot.

"We were way too loose at the start there," Sauter said of his initial run from the pole. Adjustments during the first two pit stops helped matters, but not enough to gain equal footing with Busch.

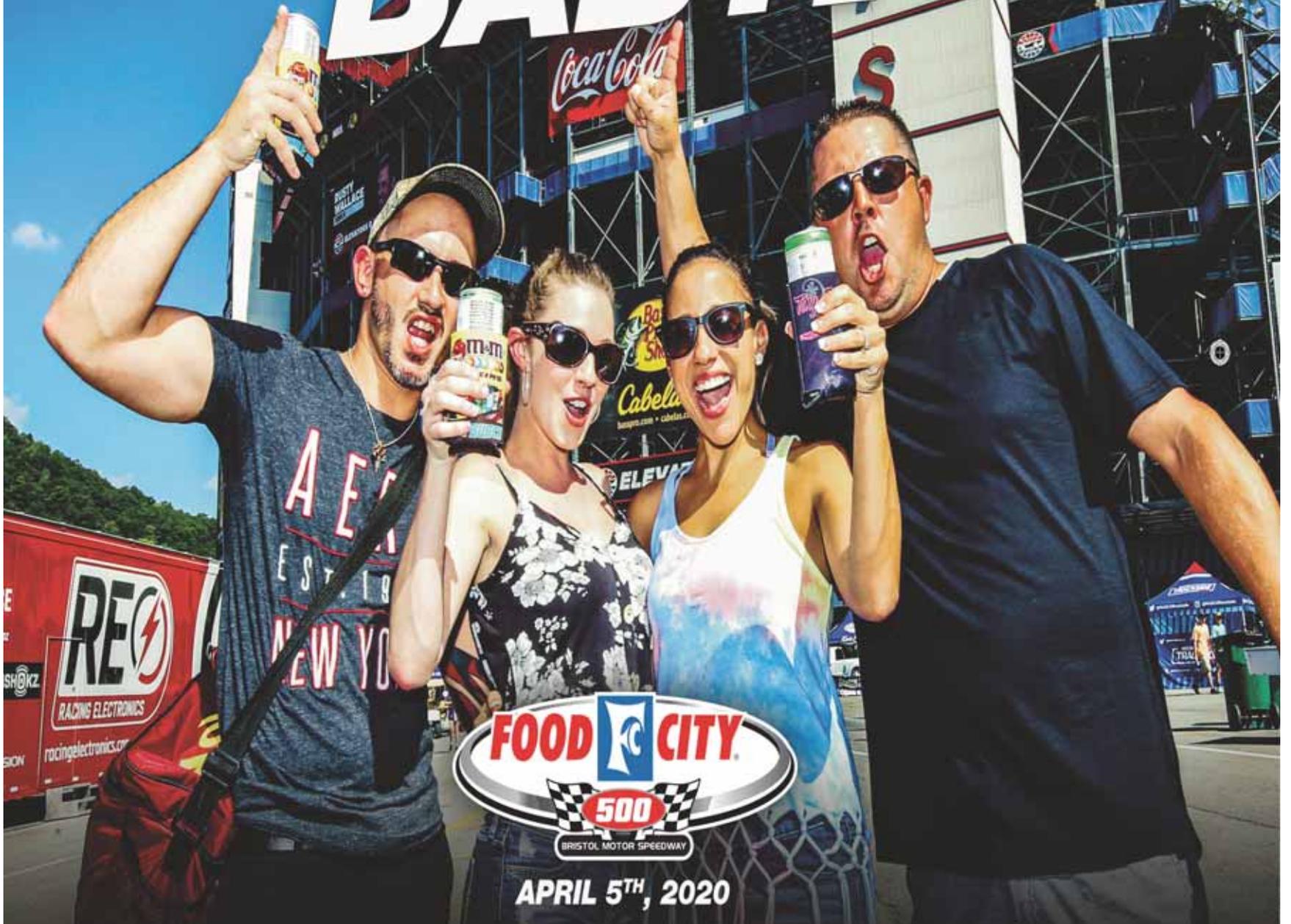
Last week's Daytona winner, Grant Enfinger, fell out early after Raphael Lessard's Toyota broke loose and carried both trucks into the outside wall.

Zane Smith, Todd Gilliland, Gray, Stewart Friesen and Creed completed the top 10.



Kyle Busch is all smiles as he salutes his hometown fans after winning the NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series race in Las Vegas. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

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Sam Mayer Dominates The Bullring For Second Win of 2020

LAS VEGAS, NV — Two races, two checkered flags, two trophies, two wins for Sam Mayer.

Not a bad way to start off 2020.

The reigning ARCA Menards Series East champion dominated the Star Nursery 150 at The Bullring at Las Vegas Motor

Speedway, earning his second consecutive win to kick off the season.

Mayer won the ARCA East season opener at New Smyrna Speedway a week and a half ago, and made the trek with GMS Racing to Sin City to honor Spencer Clark, who got his start racing at Las

Vegas Motor Speedway. Clark was killed in an automobile accident near Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 2006 at the age of 19.

Although Mayer had no connection to Clark due to the age gap, he mentioned that he feels a special connection driving the paint scheme, taking him back in time, allowing him to “feel like (he) can relate to it.”

“I don’t want to pinch myself because I hope I’m not dreaming,” Mayer said after the win. “This is a heck of a way to start a year for sure. New era, new freakin’ everything. Obviously it’s a new me too. Hopefully we can continue this grind of getting wins left and right and hopefully get into Victory Lane all the time.”

Jesse Love finished second and



Sam Mayer dominated at The Bullring, earning his second win of 2020 in his second try. (Miranda Alam/ARCA Racing photo)

led 12 total laps in his first career ARCA Menards Series West start. Sunrise Ford’s Blaine Perkins came home third in his first start with the team, as Gracie Trotter and Trevor Huddleston rounded out the top five.

Lawless Alan, Jack Wood, Todd Souza, Austin Reed and Gio Scelzi

completed top 10.

The Star Nursery 150 is scheduled to be broadcast on NBCSN Tuesday, February 25 at 6 p.m. EDT.

The next race for the ARCA Menards Series West will take place at Irwindale Speedway on Saturday, March 28.

Outerwears to Continue Crew Chief of the Year Award

SALEM, IN - Champion Racing Association Powered by JEGS officials have announced that Outerwears Performance Products has agreed to continue as a marketing partner with CRA and its ARCA/CRA Super Series Powered by JEGS for the 2020 racing

season, that will begin on Saturday, April 11th at Anderson Speedway. 2020 will be the 24th season of competition for the ARCA/CRA Super Series that had its first ever event at Anderson Speedway on April 26, 1997.

Outerwears will once again sponsor the Outerwears Crew Chief of the Year Award, which will include a \$1000 cash bonus and a trophy. Jeff Lane was the Outerwears Crew Chief of the Year Award winner in 2015, the first season for the award. Scott Neal was the award winner in 2016. Butch VanDoorn was the winner of the award in 2017. Wimmer Motorsports with founder Chris Wimmer and Travis Sauter, the Crew Chief for 2018 ARCA/CRA Super Series Champion Josh Brock, were the 2018 and 2019 award winners.

The award will be based again upon the Chase format that CRA will use to determine its Champions

again in 2020. The final four scheduled races will be utilized for the Chase to determine a series Champion and the Outerwears Crew Chief of the Year Award. To be eligible a team must have raced in at least 70% of the races to that point and be in the top 8 in series wins (then points). The top five eligible teams Crew Chiefs will be awarded points at each of the last four Chase events, 5 for the high-

est finisher, down to 1 for fifth highest. The Crew Chief earning the most points in the four Chase events will be the 2020 Outerwears Crew Chief of the Year Award winner.

“Outerwears is very excited to be a marketing partner with the ARCA/CRA Super Series again in 2020,” remarked Nick Schero with Outerwears Performance Products. “We look forward to working with all the Crew Chiefs and Crews this season and we are looking forward to continue the excitement the Chase format will once again pro-

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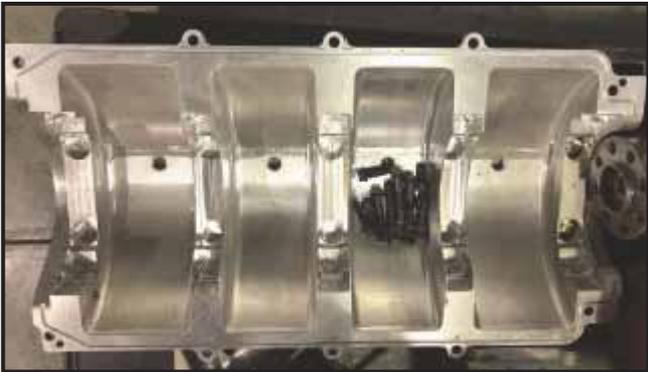
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Sheppard Tops Wrisco Industries Winternationals

BATAVIA, OH - Nine scheduled races, one rain-out, three tracks, two states, and 76 competitors later, Brandon Sheppard closed out the Wrisco Industries Winternationals at the top of the board. The top eight drivers at the end of the grueling Winternationals received a \$500 bonus: Brandon Sheppard, Tim Mc-

Creadie, Devin Moran, Jonathan Davenport, Tyler Erb, Mike Marlar, Shane Clanton, and Jimmy Owens all took home the bonus. Each of the top four in Wrisco Industries Winternationals points won at least one feature event.

With his worst finish being tenth and having three wins and seven Big River Steel podium finishes, Sheppard would leave speedweeks at the top of the Wrisco Industries Winternationals points and leading the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series points. The New Berlin, IL native found himself in victory lane every other night at East Bay Raceway Park with his Rocket1 Racing team. Sheppard didn't take

the easy road to victories as he sits fourth in Optima Batteries Hard Charger points and never sat on the pole of any event during speedweeks.

McCreadie came to speedweeks with high hopes and new car owners, Donald and Gena Bradsher. Finishing outside the top ten only once during the eight races, McCreadie also chalked up two wins, three top five, and seven top ten finishes. Opening night at Golden Isles Speedway was a complete sweep for the New York native, setting overall fast time, winning his heat, which allowed him to take the Performance Friction Brakes Pole Award, and winning the RhinoAg Super Bowl of Racing. The story was the same for McCreadie's second win which came mid-week at East Bay Raceway Park.

Moran also arrived at Golden Isles Speedway with a new team for 2020. Unlike McCreadie, this wasn't a completely new feel for Moran as he also drove for Tye Twarog Racing in 2018, before joining the Dunn-Benson Motorsports team in 2019. For years, this second-generation driver yearned to follow in his father, Donnie Moran's

footsteps with his successes at "The Clay by the Bay".

Until this year, the younger Moran was unable to pick up a win, but on his first night at East Bay Raceway Park, he found himself in victory lane. Finishing third in Winternationals points, Moran had one win, three top five and seven top ten finishes.

The three-time Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series National Champion, Davenport, felt relief after finally visiting victory lane at the final event of Winternationals, at All-Tech Raceway. Davenport and his Lance Landers Motorsports team also had five top five and six top ten finishes.

Although Erb did not pick up a victory, the Best Performance Motorsports team did have four top five and five top ten finishes, to finish fifth in Wrisco Industries Winternationals points. Most of his success came at East Bay Raceway Park with one fast time in his group and two podium finishes.

Coming in sixth in Winternationals points, Marlar had two top five and six top ten finishes. Marlar's best finish came on the final night, at All-Tech Raceway, where he found himself standing on the Big River Steel podium after advancing six positions to finish second.

Set to run the entire Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series schedule for

the first time, Clanton and his Skyline Motorsports team ended the eight-race battle seventh in Winternationals points. Clanton had two top five and four top ten finishes but showed more speed toward the end of speedweeks, leading laps on the final day at East Bay Raceway Park and having his best finishes in the final two races.

Owens rounded out the top eight in Wrisco Industries Winternationals points with two top five and four top ten finishes. The Ramirez Motorsports team also had four heat race wins, which all came at East Bay Raceway Park. Owens' best finish feature finish was fourth on the Thursday of East Bay.

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Arizona Doubleheader Set For USA Raceway and Arizona Speedway

TUCSON, AZ - The Greatest Show on Dirt is set to invade Arizona on Saturday, March 21, at USA Raceway and on Sunday, March 22, at Arizona Speedway for an exciting doubleheader weekend.

The winged warriors of the World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series will bring a 900hp thrill ride to race fans in Tucson for the Wildcat Shootout at USA Raceway and in San Tan Valley for the Arizona Desert Shootout at Arizona Speedway.

Reigning champion Brad Sweet, earned his first victory of 2019 at USA Raceway en route to his first Series title. It was also his second win at the 3/8-mile track, tying 2013 champion Daryn Pittman for the most wins at the raceway. With a win at Volusia Speedway Park al-

ready this season, 'The Big Cat' will be on the prowl for back to back wins in Arizona.

David Gravel won his first race at Arizona Speedway last year, becoming the fourth different winner in-a-row at the 1/3-mile track. He returns to Jason Johnson Racing for his second year, after a strong first season that saw the pair win 12 races, including the Knoxville Nationals.

Ten-time Series champion Donny Schatz is currently the only driver on the World of Outlaws tour who has a win at both tracks. He kicked off the 2020 season with a win at Volusia Speedway Park, bringing himself closer to a milestone 300 career wins by earning his 295th Series win.

Both events will pay \$10,000-to-win and are sure to produced high-octane action among the winged warriors of the World of Outlaws.

For Saturday's event at USA Raceway, Hot Laps are scheduled

to start at 6 p.m. with racing at 7:30 p.m. Then for Sunday's event at Arizona Speedway, Hot Laps are scheduled to start at 5:45 p.m. with racing at 7 p.m.

Tickets are also on sale for the

Saturday, March 21, Wildcat Shootout and the Sunday, March 22, Arizona Desert Shootout.

As always, if you can't make it to the races, you can watch all of the action LIVE on DIRTVision.com.

Southern All Stars Kick Off 37th Season at Cherokee

FAYETTEVILLE, TN - The Southern All Star Dirt Racing Series will open the 2020 season Sunday afternoon at the Cherokee Speedway in Gaffney, SC., with the Ginger Owens March Madness paying \$12,000 to win for the 60 lap main event.

David Breazeale scored his first Southern All Stars Championship and will be leading the Southern All Star drivers into the opening race of the season. 2019 Cruise with the Champions/Dirtdirt.com rookie of the year Zach Leonhardi, Billy Franklin, Mark Dodson, and Riley Hickman,

are also expected to be in action at the South Carolina facility.

Other drivers that have expressed interest in the tour this year include Sam Seawright, Dalton Cook, and Jason Hiatt.

Jonathan Davenport scored the win in the 2019 version of March Madness and will be on hand to defend his title as well as many national and regional drivers from all across the southeast.

This will be the 32nd race in Southern All Star history at the South Carolina track with two Southern All Star Champion Chris Madden of Gray Court, Sc., leading the way in wins with eight series win at the track.

For more information concerning the Southern All Stars visit www.sasdirt.com.

Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series 2020 Season Opens Next Week at Canyon Speedway Park

PEORIA, AZ - With time starting to run short for teams to finish and hit the road, the first event of the 2020 season for the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network will be the Canyon

Speedway Park Meltdown presented by Sands Chevrolet on Friday, February 28 and Saturday, February 29.

Not the earliest the season has ever opened, that record belonging to Jax Raceway which began the 1997 season on January 31; the 2020 opening doubleheader will mark the first time that the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network has seen action on a leap day, and is only the second time there has been a race on February 28.

The second time the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network has opened their season at Canyon Speedway Park, the last time was in 2012. That year also saw the season end at the one-third mile oval with a total of five races split among four winners. Tony Bruce, Jr., Brady Bacon, and Wayne Johnson each scored single wins while the late Jason Johnson picked up two.

The February double-header will also be the opening weekend for the ASCS Southwest Region, which has not gone head to head with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series since 2017 with the series last visited Cocopah Speedway.

Leading up to the 2020 season opener, teams will have a chance to make some laps on Thursday, February 27 with Practice getting underway at 6:30 P.M. Friday, February 28 will begin at 7:30 P.M. with Saturday, February 29 going green at 7:00 P.M. Both nights open at 5:00 P.M. (MT). Admission each night is \$25 for adults. Seniors and Military are admitted for \$20 with kids 11 and under get into the grandstands free of charge.

Pit Passes are \$40 per night. Kids ages 7 to 11 are \$20 with kids 6 and under free. Additional

classes in competition both nights include Askrens Trucking/Flexi Flyer Sport Mods, Allscapes Stock Cars, MickelsonRay.com Hobby Stocks, and Micros.

Canyon Speedway Park is located at 9777 W Carefree Hwy. in Peoria, Ariz. Information and directions on the Arizona oval can be found online at www.canyonspeedwaypark.com/ or by calling (602) 258-7223.

Live coverage is available for those who cannot make the trip on www.racinboys.com.

For other news, notes, and information on the American Sprint Car Series, from the National Tour to any of the Regional Tours that make up ASCS Nation in 2020, log onto www.ascsracing.com, follow on Facebook, on Instagram, and Twitter (@LucasOilASCS).

MAVTV Motorsports Network To Broadcast 13 Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series Events In 2020

TULSA, OK - With the continued relationship between the American Sprint Car Series and Lucas Oil Products comes continued coverage on the MAVTV Motorsports Network, which will again film and produce 13 nights of racing.

"Every year, these tracks and drivers get such great exposure and coverage by MAVTV. That's something that we're very thankful for because it grows our sport as a whole," stated ASCS Founder, Emmett Hahn. "We've been with Lucas Oil for over 10 years now, and I can't say enough for what they do for this industry."

Starting early, the first two events on the lineup take place at Merced Speedway on Friday, March 6 and Placerville Speedway on Saturday, March 7. The last time the series graced California clay was in 2012.

The \$15,000 to win Jim Raper Memorial Dirt Cup at Skagit Speedway returns on June 25, 26, and 27. Arguably one of the most exciting races of the 2018 season, with Robbie Price becoming the event's youngest winner, the Jim Raper Memorial Dirt Cup has been a mainstay on the network for the

past five seasons.

Following a trip to the Northwest, the 30th annual My Place Hotels 360 Knoxville Nationals presented by Great Southern Bank taking at Knoxville Raceway on August 6, 7, and 8, offers up another \$15,000 to prize for teams.

Keeping with the theme of three-night affairs, and big paydays, the Jesse Hockett/Daniel McMillin Memorial will take place at the "Diamond of Dirt Tracks" Lucas Oil Speedway on September 17, 18, and 19.

Bringing you the season's final checkered flag, Tony Stewart presents the VANKOR Texas Sprint Car Nationals during NASCAR weekend at the Texas Motor Speedway Dirt Track on October 23 and 24 will round out the 2020 lineup of MAVTV events.

Broken down into a one-hour broadcast on the MAVTV Motorsports Network, usually, a couple of months after the event has taken place, the events are broadcast live on www.LucasOilRacing.tv, with the exception of the Knoxville Nationals which is streamed on www.DirtVision.com.

Having been a part of the MAVTV lineup since its inception, nearly 3,000 hours of Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network competition has been shown.

With the launch of the Lucas Oil Racing TV (LORTV) app in 2016, fans are now able to go back and watch every of Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network ever broadcast on the MAVTV Motorsports Network. In addition to past shows, any upcoming events with the MAVTV Motorsports Network are shown live on LORTV, giving drivers, teams, and sponsors a reach that is nearly limitless.

Race-by-race coverage will be provided nightly by Racinboys.com, which remains as the official online broadcast provider of the American Sprint Car Series with each broadcast brought to you by Lucas Oil Products.

Harli White Set For 2020 Season With The Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series

LINDSAY, OK - Arriving back in the United States on Monday after spending time racing in Australia, Harli White is working on making

final preparations before setting out on her fourth season with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network.

"Mentally and Physically, I'm ready to go. Since I've been in Australia over the winter, Johnny [Herrera] has been awesome taking care of everything and, aside from decals this weekend, has everything ready to go," stated White when asked about the work during the off-season.

"Johnny and I talked a lot and I feel like our program is more put together than it's ever been. We sold pretty much all of our used parts and are starting new this year, so this is the first time I'll actually be starting the year off fresh."

Sticking close to the same package the team had in 2019, Harli will again unitize Mach1 Chassis with Shark Racing Engines under the Bonnet.

Aside from working on making the program better on the track, Harli and Herrera have also focused on making the program behind the scenes flow better as well. A versatile combination in 2019, the first year allowed the pair to see where improvements could be made.

"That's one thing we've really worked on is developing that bond and friendship as a driver and crew chief. I feel like we've really become more like a family and it's nice having someone that you get along with and can work with on a daily basis. It makes a big difference."

White's stateside program kicks off at Canyon Speedway Park in Peoria, Ariz. where the Dustin Dream/Life of Hope Ministries No. 17w hits the track on Thursday, February 27 for practice before starting the tour the following two nights at the one-third mile oval. More information on the event can be found at www.ascsracing.com.

The 2020 season marks the 13th year of racing for Harli White. Racing full time with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network, Harli will also mix in several events throughout the country when not on the road. For continued updates and news on Harli White, log onto www.harliwhiteracing.net.



\$26,000-to-Win Rayce Rudeen Foundation Race to be hosted at Plymouth Dirt Track

BROWNSBURG, IN - The Ollie's Bargain Outlet All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 and Rayce Rudeen Foundation, an entity that supports organizations and programs that encourage a healthy and productive life free from addiction, are pleased to announce that the second annual Rayce Rudeen Foundation Race will be contested on Saturday, May 30, at the Plymouth Dirt Track at Sheboygan County Fairgrounds in Plymouth, Wisconsin.

The high-profile event, the second of three Wisconsin-based programs for the All Star Circuit of Champions during the final weekend of May, will also feature the stars of the Bumper-To-Bumper IRA Outlaw Sprint Series, ultimately creating one of the Midwest's must-see open wheel experiences of 2020.

If weather should become a factor, the event will be contested on Thursday, July 30.

"I am honored to once again work with Tony Stewart, the All Stars, and new this year, the IRA Series to host the second annual Rayce Rudeen Foundation Race," said Kevin Rudeen of Rayce Rudeen Foundation. "Additionally, I am happy to welcome back Speed Media who will work with the Series to promote the race and everything else that will partake during the event. The first Foundation race was a success. The grandstands were filled with awesome fans, the pits were lined with talented drivers, the racing was incredible, and we had an impressive podium finish in Tony Stewart, Rico Abreu and Christopher Bell. With moving the event to Wisconsin this year, I look forward to seeing new teams and fans that will come out for the race. My family and I are so grateful and want to thank everyone for your support to the foundation and this event."

Once again awarding a \$26,000 top prize, the second-largest winner's share on the 2020 All Star schedule, the high-stakes event boasts a total purse nearing \$67,000 with a minimum of \$800

being awarded to each main event starter. Tony Stewart, a three-time NASCAR Cup Series champion and recent NASCAR Hall of Fame inductee, was the 2019 Rayce Rudeen Foundation Race champion at 34-Raceway in West Burlington, Iowa.

"I've got a lot of respect for Kevin (Rudeen) and his initiatives through the Rayce Rudeen Foundation," said Tony Stewart. "We are really excited that the All Stars have been able to be a part of this event. Wisconsin is a great sprint car market and Steve (Sinclair) does an awesome job up there. I'm looking forward to getting up to Wisconsin for this event in May. Thank you to Kevin, Steve and all the parties involved in helping us put this together."

Two-time and defending All Star Circuit of Champions champion, Aaron Reutzel is expected to be on hand to battle for the 2020 Rayce Rudeen Foundation Race crown. Other full-time All Stars expected to make the journey include 2019 All Star Rookie of the Year Cory Eliason, three-time Series winner Brock Zearfoss, Nashville-native and sprint car veteran Paul McMahan, two-time Series champion Greg Wilson, recent Series winner and Pennsylvania-native Gerard McIntyre, Jr., former ASCS national champion Sam Hafertepe, Jr., Canada-native and former All Star winner Skylar Gee, former Macon Speedway All Star winner Justin Peck, and 2020 All Star Rookie of the Year contender Zeb Wise.

Led by nine-time and defending Series champion and all-time Series win leader Bill Balog, the IRA Outlaw Sprint Series is the predominant open wheel force in the Badger State and will prove to be a true challenge for the All Stars as they face-off for the largest winner's share in Wisconsin sprint car history.

In addition to Balog, boasting an incredible 114 Series victories during his tenure, the IRA Outlaw Sprint Series will be represented by many of Midwest's finest including Scotty Thiel, Jeremy Schultz, Scotty Neitzel, Jake Blackhurst, Russel Borland, and Joey Moughan.

"The Bumper-To-Bumper IRA Outlaw Sprint Series and Plymouth

Dirt Track are extremely honored to be involved with the Rayce Rudeen Foundation event. Special thanks to Kevin Rudeen for bringing this truly special event to Wisconsin. I'm so proud of our relationship with Tony, the All Star teams and their entire organization," stated IRA President and race co-promoter, Steve Sinclair. "We're going to do our best to make this a very special night for all involved."

The Rayce Rudeen Foundation Race is one of three events on the All Star slate during the final weekend of May. The Series will kick-off the weekend with a visit to Wilmot Raceway in Wilmot, Wisconsin, on Friday, May 29, then cap their trip to the Badger State with a Sunday night visit to Angell Park Speedway in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, on May 31. The events at Wilmot and Angell Park will each award \$5,000 top prizes.

Fans unable to make the journey to Plymouth Dirt Track for the second annual Rayce Rudeen Foundation Race can still witness the event online, live exclusively at FloRacing.

The events at Wilmot Raceway and Angell Park Speedway will also be broadcast live at www.floracing.com.

Sharon Speedway to Host Justin Snyder's Salute to the Troops July 12

HARTFORD, OH - For the first time in event history, Justin Snyder's Salute to the Troops program, an event honoring one of open wheel racing's most loyal and dedicated supporters - the late Justin Snyder - as well as a benefit for the Wounded Warrior Project, a charity and veterans service organization that offers a variety of benefits for wounded veterans of the military actions following September 11, will uproot from Pennsylvania and move to northeast Ohio's Sharon Speedway in 2020, officially padding a must-see weekend that now features the 12th Annual Lou Blaney Memorial and Salute to the Troops on back-to-back days, each sanctioned by the Ollie's Bargain Outlet All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1.

The fifth annual Justin Snyder's Salute to the Troops event, awarding a \$6,000 top prize, will be contested on Sunday, July 12, immediately following the \$6,000-to-win Lou Blaney Memorial on Saturday, July 11.

"After four successful years in Central PA, we are extremely ex-

cited to bring Justin Snyder's Salute to the Troops race back home to Sharon Speedway," Derek Snyder explained, older brother of the late Justin Snyder and the Executive Manager & Partner of Sweeney Chevrolet Buick GMC. "My family's passion for racing began at Sharon Speedway. My earliest memories are my brother and I attending our father's company picnic hosted at Sharon Speedway during the Sharon Nationals, then camping out with our aunts, uncles, and cousins in the parking lot. Our father supported the track with pace cars and sponsorships clear back to the mid-80's. Snyder Pontiac Buick GMC Cadillac also sponsored Lou Blaney for several years. So, having the privilege to host Justin's race the same weekend as the Lou Blaney Memorial is an incredible honor."

Justin Snyder's Salute to the Troops program was hosted at BAPS Motor Speedway in York Haven, Pennsylvania, during its first four editions before making the switch to Sharon Speedway. The All Star Circuit of Champions sanctioned editions two through four with Gerard McIntyre, Jr. winning the most recent contest in 2019. Three-time NASCAR Cup Series champion Tony Stewart won the event title in 2018, with the late Greg Hodnett winning the first Salute to the Troops event with All Star involvement in 2017. Danny Dietrich, Central PA's defending sprint car champion, earned the inaugural, unsanctioned event victory in 2016.

"It just seemed very fitting for me to keep this going by bringing the race to Sharon Speedway. This is something I believe my brother would be incredibly proud of," Derek Snyder continued. "I'm so grateful for our family's relationship with Lou and Kate Blaney over the years. I wanted to be certain that I had Kate's blessing prior to even considering this move and date. Thankfully, she obliged and here we are. I encourage all of our friends and family to join us in keeping Justin's memory alive as we honor our nation's bravest!"

Fans unable to make the journey to Sharon Speedway for Lou Blaney Memorial / Justin Snyder's Salute to the Troops weekend can still witness the events online, live exclusively at FloRacing.

To access live coverage visit www.floracing.com and become an annual PRO subscriber. The subscription unlocks access to premium content across the entire FloSports network.

Auto Club Speedway
 FONTANA, CA - As part of the festivities honoring Jimmie's last season as a full-time NASCAR Cup driver, Auto Club Speedway officials announced today Jimmie's wife, Chandra and daughters, will serve as Honorary Starters, and iconic motocross racer Ricky Johnson will serve as the Honorary Pace Car Driver at the NASCAR Cup Series Auto Club 400 on

March 1, 2020.

Chandra along with daughters Genevieve (9 years old) and Lydia (6 years old) will wave the green flag to start the Auto Club 400 as Jimmie makes his final start at his hometown track.

Ricky Johnson's duties as Honorary Pace Car Driver include driving the Official NASCAR 2020 Toyota Camry Pace Car where he will lead the field and the "Five Wide Salute" during the pace laps before the start of the NASCAR Cup Series Auto Club 400 at 12:30 p.m. PT; televised on FOX.

"In the motorsports world everyone is like family," said Dave Allen, President of Auto Club Speedway. "We are happy to have Chandra and the girls, along with Ricky as part of our pre-race activities to pay tribute to Jimmie's success at his home track and motorsports career."



Jimmie Johnson's wife and daughters will serve as Honorary Starters for the NASCAR Cup Series Auto Club 400. (ACS photo)

With a race ticket and pre-race pit pass, fans will be able to watch the pre-race ceremonies, and also receive access to the O'Reilly Auto Parts Fan Zone featuring live entertainment, NASCAR driver appearances, Monster Energy Smoke Shows, Lefty's Fun Zone – the ultimate kid hangout, celebrity appearances, a variety of food and beverage options and motorsport displays.

The seven-time NASCAR Cup Series Champion will race his last Auto Club 400 on March 1st as a full-time NASCAR Driver. Jimmie Johnson has won at Auto Club Speedway a record six times – the most of any driver all-time.

To purchase tickets to the NASCAR Cup Series Auto Club 400 race, call 800-944-RACE

(7223), log on to www.autoclub-speedway.com, or visit the Auto Club Speedway ticket office at 9300 Cherry Avenue, Fontana.

Bristol Motor Speedway

BRISTOL, TN - Calling all Jimmie Johnson fans: Bristol Motor Speedway is offering a special, limited \$48 ticket deal (\$20 for kids 12-and under) as the seven-time NASCAR Cup Series champ participates in an on-site Q&A prior to his final Food City 500.

The ticket package, a special partnership between Johnson, NASCAR and Speedway Motorsports that celebrates the California native's final full-time season in the sport, includes a grandstand seat and access to a special Q&A featuring the two-time Food City 500

winner at the BMS South Building on Sunday, April 5. Existing ticket holders can add the Q&A experience for just \$20. Space for the Q&A is limited, so fans will want to act today to secure their spots.

"Seven-time Cup champ Jimmie Johnson is a true titan of this sport and we're excited to offer fans this great \$48 ticket package during his #OneFinalTime Tour," said Jerry Caldwell, executive vice president and general manager of Bristol Motor Speedway. "The Q&A prior to the Food City 500 will be a can't miss event for any JJ fan or anyone who appreciates the history of NASCAR."

Johnson, who is tied for the most all-time Cup Series championships with Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt, has had a dynamic career at Bristol.

The veteran has competed in 36 career BMS Cup races in the No. 48 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet, having achieved 21 top 10 finishes. He first won the Food City 500 in 2010, which was his milestone 50th career victory. He added to that trophy seven years later, claiming the Food City 500 once again in 2017. In addition to his two April wins, Johnson earned his first Bristol pole at the 2010 Night Race. He is looking for a fourth consecutive Food City 500 top 10 finish on April 5 and his first career victory in the prestigious Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race on Saturday, Sept. 19.

To purchase the Jimmie Johnson ticket package, call the BMS ticket office at 423-BRISTOL.

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Auto Club Speedway

FONTANA, CA - Country Artist Chase Bryant will headline the pre-race concert to kick-off the NASCAR Cup Series Auto Club 400 race on Sunday, March 1 at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana. Bryant will perform on the main stage in the O'Reilly Auto Parts Fan Zone from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Chase Bryant has several country hits including "Take It on Back," "Little Bit of

You," "Hell if I Know," and "Room to Breathe," among others.

With a race ticket, fans will receive access to the O'Reilly Auto Parts Fan Zone including the Chase Bryant concert, NASCAR driver appearances, autograph sessions, Monster Energy activations, Lucha Libre, and other family fun.

Admission tickets start at \$50.00 to see Chase Bryant and to watch NASCAR Cup Series Auto Club 400 race. Call 1-800-944-RACE (7223), shop online www.autoclub-speedway.com, or stop by the Auto Club Speedway ticket office at 9300 Cherry Ave. in Fontana.

One of the most prolific guitar players in today's country class, 26-year-old Chase Bryant was raised in Orange Grove, TX (pop. 1,200). Bryant's grandfather played piano for Roy Orbison and Waylon Jennings. His uncles co-founded the group Ricochet. Conway Twitty, Merle Haggard, Tom Petty, Vince Gill, Bob Wills, Steve Wariner, Bryan Adams and more were early influences as were records by Keith Urban and Brad Paisley. His guitar-wielding debut single "Take It On Back" hit the Top 10 of the Country Billboard Chart and Bryant's second consecutive hit "Little Bit of You" rose to #3 on the Country Billboard Chart. Internationally, the single was a Top 2 hit in Canada and earned the #1 spot on Australia's CMC Countdown. Bryant, taught himself to play guitar upside down and backwards at the age of three. Fans have gotten to witness his guitar work across the globe on tours including Tim McGraw's SHOTGUN RIDER TOUR, Brantley Gilbert's LET IT RIDE TOUR, Kip Moore's 2016 WILD ONES TOUR and Brad Paisley's WEEK-END WARRIOR TOUR. After finding inspiration in his roots, Bryant is excited to share new music this year. www.chasebryant.com.

Atlanta Motor Speedway

HAMPTON, GA - Dawsonville's Chase Elliott helped Atlanta Motor Speedway get race fans ready for the March 15th Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 at the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame on Wednesday.

Fans lined up the moment the doors to the Hall of Fame opened to get a front row seat for the unveiling of the AMS 60th Anniversary pace car and meet Elliott, the local racing hero.

The 60th Anniversary pace car carries the colors made famous by Elliott's father Bill, who won several races at Atlanta Motor Speedway with his iconic red, white, and gold paint scheme.

"Obviously I'm biased, but I think a lot of dad's schemes looked really cool. I think it looks really good and I'd like to be the first one behind it in the race here in a few weeks," Elliott said after pulling the cover off the new car with AMS Vice President and General Manager Brandon Hutchison.

After the pace car unveil, Chase Elliott signed autographs for his loyal followers, who left the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame eager and ready to root on Elliott in the Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 at AMS.

Tickets and camping locations for the March 13-15 Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 weekend at Atlanta Motor Speedway are available now by calling 877-9-AMS-TIX or visiting www.atlantamotorspeedway.com.

Darlington Raceway

DARLINGTON, SC - Grandstand tickets, race weekend experiences (hospitality, pre-race pit passes and other enhancements) and camping for Darlington Raceway's NASCAR Cup Series Southern 500® and NASCAR Xfinity Series Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200 on September 4-6, are now officially on sale to the general public.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 866-459-7223, visiting www.DarlingtonRaceway.com or through the track's mobile app. Fans may also visit the Darlington Raceway ticket office during normal business hours - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

"It's an exciting day for Darlington Raceway as our 2020 NASCAR events are now officially on sale to the general public," track President Kerry Tharp said. "We sold out our NASCAR Cup Series Southern 500 race last year, so we encourage fans to purchase tickets early and secure their seats or campsites for what is shaping up to be an exciting weekend on September 4-6."



Atlanta Motor Speedway unveiled the AMS 60th Anniversary pace car in honor of Bill Elliott who won several races at the track. (AMS photo)

"With Darlington hosting throwback weekend and the first race of the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs, our weekend is something everyone will want to be a part of. We offer a variety of affordable pricing on tickets for all of our events, including kids and military discounts," Tharp continued.

Darlington Raceway will honor NASCAR Champions...Past, Present and Future for throwback weekend. The track will also be the first race of the 2020 NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs. The last time Darlington hosted a postseason race was in 2004.

Darlington Raceway sold-out its 2019 Southern 500 event and had a near-capacity crowd for its Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200 race. The track will be hosting the NASCAR Cup Series for the 71st consecutive year in 2020, trailing only Martinsville Speedway for most consecutive years in the sport's storied history.

The Tradition Continues on Labor Day weekend as the NASCAR Cup Series Southern 500® is set for Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020. Throwback Weekend coverage will once again be covered in its entirety on NBCSN, MRN and SiriusXM. The NASCAR Xfinity Series Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200 will race on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2020.

You can keep up with all of the latest news from Darlington Raceway at DarlingtonRaceway.com, on Facebook and on Twitter.

Daytona Int'l Speedway

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - Daytona International Speedway, in association with Torneos, announced today that they have signed

an agreement to bring world-class soccer and top music performers to the inaugural Daytona Soccer Fest to be held during the July 4th weekend, 2021.

Soccer Fest will be a two-day multi-sensory entertainment experience for the entire family. For the first time in history a professional soccer field will be built in the legendary infield at Daytona International Speedway and professional teams from North and South America will compete in high octane matches. The event will also feature concerts, ride alongs, carnival rides, water slides, a fishing tournament held at Lake Lloyd and an eSports competition, among other attractions. No NASCAR racetrack has ever featured a professional soccer match.

Soccer Fest, is a first of its kind event, designed for friends and families to spend the 4th of July weekend together, enjoying the world's most popular sport, while listening to great concerts and participating in a variety of activities. The event will feature food from around the globe and will culminate with spectacular fireworks to celebrate the national holiday. President of OnSide.

Tickets for Soccer Fest will go on sale on July 4th, 2020. The event will take place at Daytona International Speedway on July 3rd and 4th, 2021. For more information on the event visit: www.daytonasoccerfest.com.



Clinton County Motor Speedway

The Clinton County Fair Association announced plans for the 2020 racing season at the 3/8th mile dirt oval located in Mill Hall, PA. The Clinton County Motor Speedway will begin its 32nd year of operations.

The Fair Association has decided to be the operators of the speedway with assistance and guidance of former race promoter Jason McCahan, who promoted the speedway from 2002-2004. "The board felt it was the right time to take control of the speedway to ensure that it opened in 2020," said fair board president, Phil Courter. "We watched the success of the Juniata County Fair Association and Port Royal Speedway and would like to replicate that here. We are pleased to have Jason back with us for this new era of racing at Clinton County."

"Clinton County is my hometown track," said McCahan. "I remember being here for the inaugural race when it opened in 1989. Over the years it has had its ups and downs with various promotional teams. It is my goal to help the fair build a stable weekly program that will gain strong support from the racing community and its fans. The races are a great family entertainment venue."

The speedway plans to open on Friday, May 1st with the Limited Late Models as the headline division. The following week on May 8th, the Racesaver Sprint Cars sanctioned by the Laurel Highlands Sprint Series will be the featured division. The two divisions will share the spotlight throughout the 2020 season.

In addition to the headlining divisions, the 270 Micro Sprints, 600 Micro Sprints, Pro Stock and 4 Cylinder Stock cars will be featured weekly. "We have had a number of Pro Stock drivers from Selinsgrove Speedway and Port Royal Speedway express an interest in racing Friday nights at Clinton County, so we have made them a weekly division." added McCahan. "We are doing the same thing with the 270 Micro Sprints and 600 Micro Sprints, we believe as a weekly division more drivers can commit to making Clinton County their weekly Friday night speedway."



Kyle Busch poses with wife Samantha and son Brexton at his old home stomping grounds at the Bullring at Las Vegas Motor Speedway after he won the Late Model race there Thursday night. (LVMS photo)

The four-cylinder division will see the most change in 2020, as the rules will return to a stock division. "We had strong support by the four-cylinder class when it was a stock division in 2002," said McCahan. "Many of our current Late Model and Pro Stock drivers started their racing careers in the four-cylinder class, so I feel that it is important to return this division to an economical-grass-roots racing division."

The schedule will feature weekly racing from May through September. Special events and promotions will be announced as details are confirmed.

"We are thankful for those in the racing community who have assisted us to ensure the speedway opens in 2020," said Courter. "It has been a busy start to 2020 with a great deal of work that has taken place behind the scenes."

For more information about the Clinton County Motor Speedway, including the 2020 Schedule and Division rules, visit www.clintoncountymotorspeedway.com or follow Clinton County Motor Speedway on Facebook.

The Bullring at LVMS

LAS VEGAS, NV - Kyle Busch has won in all three NASCAR national series at his home track, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, but it's been awhile since he's gone to Victory Lane at The Bullring at LVMS.

He rectified that Thursday night. Busch got the best of a mid-race tussle with West Coast late model ace Derek Thorn, and drove away to win the Star Nursery 100.

"It's been a long time since I won here – a really long time," said Busch, who has won more than 50 races at the 3/8-mile paved oval.

"The fans here have always supported me – in the beginning from The Bullring days when I was a kid.

"Thanks to all the supporters out here in Las Vegas – my mom and dad, and my wife and my son now ... how times have changed. It's so cool and special to come out here – I want to thank Craig Keough and Star Nursery for sponsoring this event, and the next one."

Busch, and his brother Kurt, grew up racing Late Models and Legends cars at The Bullring.

Christian McGee finished second and Thorn was third.

A two-time West champion and a three-time champion on the SRL Southwest Tour, Thorn started Thursday's race on the pole. Kyle Busch used the bumper to take the lead on lap 59 and after a side-by-side battle, cleared him for the lead. Thorn was able to get the lead back with a bump-and-run, but Busch repaid him to wrestle the lead back for good.

"We had a good car and just kind of got stuck there for a little

bit," said Busch, who qualified seventh. "That's The Bullring – that's how I remember it the times I used to be here. You gotta move them, or you'll get moved. It's fun racing.

"Thorn is one of the best competitors out here on the west coast, there's no question. So, it's cool to beat those guys tonight."

Tyler Fabozzi and KBM driver Sammy Smith were fourth and fifth, respectively. Trevor Christiani was sixth, followed by Tanner Reif, Jonathan Mawhinney, Austin Thom and Dylan Lupton.

Lincoln Speedway

ABBOTTSTOWN, PA - Danny Dietrich took advantage of a miscue by Ryan Smith to take the lead just before the halfway point of the 30-lap Ice Breaker, to claim his second career opening day win at Lincoln.

Dietrich lined up for the main event third, behind pole-sitter Glendon Forsythe and Smith. Forsythe led the field into turn 1 but the caution came out before a lap could be completed. Brett Michalski and Landon Myers got tangled up in turn 1. Both drivers were able to rejoin the field, albeit Michalski without a front wing.

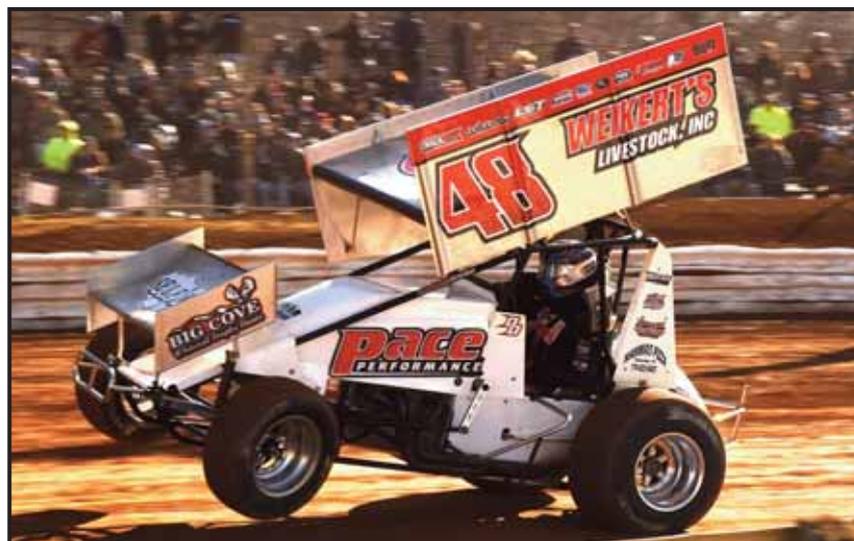
Forsythe took the lead on the restart, but Smith took over the top spot coming out of turn 2.

Myers brought out the second caution of the race on lap 1 after some contact with Jacob Allen. Myers and Allen both headed for the pits and were unable to rejoin the field for the restart.

Smith led Forsythe, Dietrich, Logan Schuchart and Kyle Moody to the cone for the first single file restart of the season.

Ryan held onto the lead with Dietrich working on Forsythe for the second spot.

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Race winner Danny Dietrich works on keeping his wheels on the track as he races to the win at Lincoln Speedway. (PAUL ARCH photo)

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Freddie Rahmer was making his way through the field from his eighth starting spot as Dietrich got by Forsythe for second on lap 4. The yellow flag waved again on lap 4. This time it was for Chase Dietz who was turned around in turn 4.

Dietz rejoined the field as Smith led Dietrich, Forsythe, Schuchart and Brandon Rahmer on the

restart.

Schuchart got by Forsythe for third and Freddie Rahmer continued his march to the front getting by his brother, Brandon, for fourth. Defending track champion, Brian Montieth, made his way up to fifth from his fifteenth starting spot before the caution came out on lap 7. The fourth caution of the race was for Adam Wilt and Dylan Norris who got together in turns 3 and 4. Both drivers rejoined the field and Michalski was able to get a front wing put back on under caution.

The top five for the restart were Smith, Dietrich, Schuchart, Freddie Rahmer and Montieth.

Dietrich got his nose under Smith coming out of turn 4, but Smith held him off.

Freddie Rahmer was going after Schuchart for third, but Logan held the spot.

Lap 9 saw another caution. Michalski came to a stop in turn 1. Officials called for an open red for teams to add fuel to the cars.

Smith got a good jump on the start, but Dietrich caught him on the back stretch. Smith held him off again with Dietrich staying close. Smith hit the wall coming out of turn 2 and that was enough of an opening for Dietrich to take the lead on lap 12.

Montieth brought out the sixth caution of the race when he came to a stop in turn 4, ending his afternoon.

Dietrich led Smith, Schuchart, Freddie Rahmer and Brandon Rahmer to the cone for the restart. Dietrich went to the bottom of the track going into turn 1 with Smith trying a higher line. Dietrich held off Smith while Freddie battled Schuchart for third.

Smith got sideways going into turn 1 on lap 15 bringing out the yellow flag once again. Chad Trout also had issues in turn 1 and also came a stop.



Ryan Smith (72) leads the pack at Lincoln Speedway. (PAUL ARCH photo)

With the second place car out of the running, the top five for the restart were Dietrich, Schuchart, Freddie Rahmer, Brandon Rahmer and Brock Zearfoss.

Freddie drove through the middle of turns 1 and 2 to take second from Schuchart, but Logan got him back on the next lap.

Pole-sitter, Forsythe got by Zearfoss to take fifth. Zearfoss stayed within striking distance and took the spot back on lap 20 before the eighth caution of the race. Alan Krimes got turned around in turn 4. He was able to rejoin the field.

Dietrich got a good jump on Schuchart and Freddie on the restart. The ninth and final caution of the race, which in some aspects felt like a marathon, came on lap 22 for fifth place running Zearfoss. He came to a stop in turn 4 ending his afternoon.

With eight laps to go the field lined up once again behind Dietrich for the restart. Dietrich and the rest of the top five, Schuchart, Freddie Rahmer, Brandon Rahmer and Anthony Macri, started to pull away from the rest of the field.

Dietrich was just catching the tail end of the field when the white flag waved. Lapped traffic did not come into play and Dietrich took the checkered flag and crossed the line 1.145 seconds ahead of Schuchart. Freddie Rahmer held onto third and Brandon Rahmer finished fourth. Macri crossed the line fifth after starting tenth in the main event.

410 Sprint Car heat winners were Danny Dietrich, Freddie Rahmer & Chase Dietz.

Next Saturday, February 29, Lincoln Speedway is back in action with 410 Sprint Cars. Racing starts at 2PM with pit gates opening at 11:30AM and grandstand gates opening at noon.

To get all the latest news, results, schedule changes and rule changes, visit Lincoln Speedway's

website at www.lincolnspeedway.com to stay up-to-date on all the action or pending weather conditions at Central Pennsylvania's "Premier" Saturday night race track – The Fabulous Lincoln Speedway.

Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINSGROVE, PA - Apache Tree Service of Middleburg has announced its title sponsorship of the IMCA/PASS 305 sprint cars at Selinsgrove Speedway in 2020.

The Apache Tree Service 305 Sprints are slated to make seven appearances at the historic oval throughout the season, taking to the track on May 9, May 23, June 6, June 28, July 11, August 15, and September 26.

Owner and operator of Apache Tree Service, George H. Long of Middleburg has been in the tree trimming business for 65 years, today offering a full line of tree service from stump and tree removal to trimming, chipping and lot clearing.

From Dauphin County to Montour, Potter and Mifflin County and all areas in between, Apache Tree Service offers full aerial trim services reaching over 65-feet using lift trucks and climbers.

Call Apache Tree Service at 570.837.9692 or 570.837.2241 for all your tree trimming and removal needs.

Apache Tree Service will also be offering a \$500 Kids Money Scramble at the track during the season ahead with the date to be announced early in the season.

The season opening Icebreaker 40 for combined modifieds is coming up at Selinsgrove Speedway in just under a month on Saturday, March 21 while the first show for the Modern Heritage 410 sprint cars and the super late models comes up just one week later on Sunday, March 29.

Veteran modified star Billy Pauch Sr. and his accomplished

son Billy Pauch Jr. have already pre-entered for the March 21 Icebreaker 40 for mods.

Complete rules have been released and pre-registration is open for the upcoming Icebreaker with forms and rules currently available on the "Downloads" page of selinsgrovespeedway.com.

Drivers want to be sure to get their names on the pre-registry lists in order to be eligible for posted bonus money!

Any driver pre-registered by March 12 for the \$24,000-plus Icebreaker 40 event will be eligible for a \$500 bonus on top of the \$5,000 posted winner's share.

Likewise, any crate 602 sportsman modified driver who is pre-registered before March 12 will be eligible for a \$200 bonus on top of the posted \$1000 to win.

Grandstand and pit gates will open at 11 am on March 21 with qualifying slated for 2 pm.

Adult general admission is set at \$20 with grandstand reserved seats priced at an additional \$2. Student general admission for ages 12 – 17 is just \$15. Kids ages 11 and under will be admitted for free. Pit Passes are \$40.

For a complete 2020 schedule, the latest news, results, and race status, visit the speedway's official website at www.selinsgrovespeedway.com or follow the track on Twitter and Facebook.

The speedway office can be reached at 570.374.2266.

Southern National Motorsports Park

LUCAMA, NC - The finest stars and cars of the eastern seaboard will roar into Southern National Motorsports Park next weekend, Feb. 29 and March 1, 2020.

The Classic Weekend kicks off Friday with practice for all divisions: PRA Super Late Models, MASS Street Stocks, Southern Light Mods, UCARS, Legends, Bandos, Chargers, Late Model Stock Car, Limited Late Model, Mini Stock and Any Car.

Pit Gate opens at 9 am Friday morning with practice from 11am till 4pm.

Saturday the action heats up with a full day of stock car racing featuring the PRA Super Late Models, Chargers, Street Stocks, Southern Light Modifieds, UCARS, Legends and Bando superstars on tap. Pits open at 7 am with the Grandstands opening at 12:30 pm with qualifying at 1 pm, Green flag action follows at 3:15 pm.

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Sunday action kicks off at 7:30 am when Pit Gate opens as teams prepare for the 19th Annual Classic featuring the \$20,000 to win Late Model Stock Car feature plus racing in the Mini Stock, Limited Late Model and Any Car divisions. Qualifying starts at 1pm Sunday with the green flag flying at 3pm.

Come on out for a fun filled weekend as Southern National Motorsports Park kicks off your 2020 NASCAR Hometracks season.

Southern National Motorsports Park is located in Lucama, NC. on 8071 Newsome Mill Road just off state road 581, Highway 301 and exit 107 off I-95. SNMP is available for track rental, practice and sells Hoosier Racing Tires and Sunoco Fuel, call 919- 284-1114 or visit www.snmpark.com for more info. Follow Southern National Motorsports Park on Facebook and Instagram. By the Grace of God and 600 Horsepower, see you at the races.

South Boston Speedway

SOUTH BOSTON, VA - There are a lot of busy people in the pit area at South Boston Speedway on race night, many of them multi-tasking in various roles, drivers included.

When it comes to being behind the wheel of a race car, Nathan Crews of Long Island, Virginia will be among the busier ones.

Crews is planning to make a bid to defend his championship in the Budweiser Pure Stock Division. He also plans to race his Late Model Stock Car in a partial schedule. Stepping into his brother, Daniel Crews', Limited Sportsman Division car a time or two could also be part of the equation.

"We're going to focus on the little car, and hopefully we can win another championship," Crews said.

"If we had the money, we would definitely try to run all of the Late Model races. I'm hoping to shoot for running at least 10 Late Model races, maybe a few more. I might run a Limited race or two as well."

Crews' off-season has been busy, splitting time working on the three cars.

"We're completely rebuilding the four-cylinder car," Crews noted.

"We're building my brother,

Daniel, a new Limited Sportsman car. We're trying to find a few sponsors and some other things for his car. Our biggest holdup has been the motor. We've got one now, and we've got to get it together and need to get it put in the car. We've also got some stuff we need to do on the Late Model to get it ready for the season.

"We've still got a lot of work to do on the cars to get them like I think they ought to be," Crews added.

"We're slowly getting there. I'm sure we will have everything done by the time the season starts."

A new job is also part of Crews' full plate.

"I started working at Sellers Racing and have been helping them," Crews explained.

"I'm helping H.C. Sellers and their team get things going. Hopefully we will have a good year with them too. It's really a great opportunity that they have given me. H.C. has always been a big part of my racing career. I'm happy to be a part of their team and helping them. I'm still learning a lot. I'm looking forward to having a pretty big year this year with everything."

In looking at his prospects of defending last season's Budweiser Pure Stock Division title, a title he earned by winning nine races and finishing in the Top Five in 13 of his 15 starts, Crews is optimistic.



Nathan Crews displays the winner's trophy in Victory Lane following one of his nine wins last season in the Budweiser Pure Stock Division at South Boston Speedway. (SOUTH BOSTON SPEEDWAY photo)

"It's always up in the air until you get going," he pointed out, "but I think we will have a pretty good shot as long as we don't have too many mechanical issues and things happen. We work really hard trying to make sure the car is ready from week-to-week. Sometimes you wind up having problems that you don't expect. Hopefully we can get everything to where we don't

have any of those issues."

Crews says he is looking forward to the start of the season.

"I kind of wish we could already be racing," he remarked.

South Boston Speedway opens its 2020 season on Saturday, March 21 with the WhosYourDriver.org NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour 150/NASCAR Late Model Twin 75s. There will be a 150-lap race for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour competitors and twin 75-lap races for the NASCAR Late Model Stock Car Division teams.

Advance tickets are available for \$10 each through Friday, March 20. Adult general admission tickets on race day will be \$15. Youth ages 12 and under will be admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult.

Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - As Sami Anderson prepares to enter her second full season of SK Light competition at Stafford Speedway, she is primed for a breakout year. Anderson, who got her start in racing in quarter midgets, made her Stafford debut in the Street Stock division in 2018 before moving into the SK Lights last season. Anderson finished 16th in points with 2 top-10 finishes and has her sights set on consistently placing her #21 Tick Mike's Tick & Mosquito Hose

same thing. This year we don't care about points at all."

Anderson's rookie season got off to a rough start when she failed to qualify for the season opening feature event on May 4. After that disappointment, Anderson qualified for every remaining race and her performance began to improve throughout the season as she gained experience. Anderson's best finish of the season came on July 19 with 6th place and although her finishes might not show it, it was the tail end of last season where Anderson really started to get comfortable.

"Last season for us was kind of like expecting the unexpected," said Anderson. "When something goes wrong how do you handle it and how do you work through it and figure out what you can do to be a better driver and a better team. Things really started to click for us the last couple of races. The second to last race I passed a good amount of cars but the problem was every time I got by a couple cars, the caution came out and I had to restart behind the cars I just passed. We went from being in the back of the pack to the middle of the pack and by the last race we ran in the top-5 for most of the race. There was a lot of learning about the other drivers and how to get around them."

As Anderson gained experience and continued to learn new things each race last season, there was one particular lesson she learned that would be the total opposite of most drivers at Stafford.

"I think one big thing I learned from last season was to not be scared of running the outside lane," said Anderson. "I don't think I was ever scared to run the outside and if anything, I need to work more on how to better run the inside lane. I'm still looking to improve in all areas. Even the best of the best drivers that you see every week at Stafford they're always learning something and getting better. Every time you go out on the track you learn something and I want to improve in all areas even if we think we have a pretty good hold on things."

Anderson worked closely with Andrew Molleur's team last season as they were both part of the SPAFCO race car team but with Molleur moving on to a new team in 2020, Anderson will be working with Todd Patnode as her SPAFCO teammate and is excited for the possibilities of working with Patnode.

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Spray car in the top-5 in 2020.

"I'm looking for consistent top-5 finishes this season and if there comes an opportunity where we're in second and have a chance to go for the lead, I'm going to do whatever it takes," said Anderson. "That's the way I've always raced since I was younger and anyone who remembers me from my quarter midget days will tell you the

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"This year we're going to focus on what we did towards the end of last season with the car setup and I'm looking forward to working with Todd Patnode as a SPAFCO teammate this season," said Anderson. "He's got a lot of experience and I think he can be an important asset to my learning process."

Although several of the top SK Light drivers have made the move into the SK Modified® division for the 2020 season, Anderson feels that the SK Lights will be even more competitive this year.

"I feel like every time I go on Facebook I see a new SK Modified or SK Light driver, which is an awesome thing," said Anderson. "I like strong competition and I feel like this year will be even more competitive than last season was. We're looking to have a good start to the season so we can set ourselves up nicely for the rest of the year and I have to thank all of our sponsors for their support: Tick Mike's Tick & Mosquito Hose Spray, RSMPCO.com, Rapid Racing Products, Advanced Dental, Sky Top Motors, Classic Builders, D.I.Y. Garage, First Class Automotive, Dunleavy's Truck & Trailer Repair, and SPAFCO."

The 2020 SK Light season gets underway off with the 49th Annual NAPA Spring Sizzler® on April 24-26. Tickets for the "Greatest Race in the History of Spring" are on sale now by calling the Speedway Box Office 860-684-2783 or online at www.staffordspeedway.com.

For more information, visit www.staffordspeedway.com, checkout Stafford Speedway on Facebook or Twitter, or contact the track office at 860-684-2783.

Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - When Stafford Speedway drops the green flag on its 4 Open Modified 80 races during the 2020 season, race fans will see a former partnership rekindled. Jon McKennedy and Art Barry, who won the Modified Racing Series championship together in 2012, will reunite to make a run at the checkered flag in Stafford's Open 80 events scheduled for May 8, June 12, July 10, and August 21 with the #21 SPAFCO Chassis Chevrolet.

"I ran for Art [Barry] back in 2012, we won a handful of races and the MRS championship together," said McKennedy. "The open shows at Stafford are something I've been looking at doing because I always enjoy coming to race at Stafford. Art and I have stayed in contact over the years and we touched base over the holidays and thought it would be good to get back together and do some races together. We had pretty good success back in the day and Art and all of his guys are great. He has good equipment so I'm hoping we can have some good runs."

Having already worked alongside each other to win races and a championship, McKennedy is looking to pick up right where he left off with the Barry team and eliminate any new driver/team combination woes.

Stafford is known for being a track that is tough to conquer for any drivers who are new or lack experience at the Connecticut half-mile. McKennedy struggled at Stafford early in his career, but teaming up with the Barry team turned McKennedy's Stafford fortunes around and he enters the 2020 season with 2 MRS wins and 2 MTS wins at Stafford in limited experience.

"Going back 10 years ago or so, Stafford one was one of my worst tracks to go to," said McKennedy. "When I started racing for Art in 2012, Kenny Barry gave me some pointers on how to drive the track and ever since then it's been a night and day difference. Our first race together at Stafford we won and I remember it was a good race with Ted Christopher to get that win. Ever since then Stafford has been a great track for me and I think I've won 4 or 5 races there. It's a neat, technical track and beautiful facility and the Arute's and everyone involved with the speedway do a great job."

In order for McKennedy to replicate his winning ways with the Barry team at Stafford, he knows he will face some stiff competition from all different forms of modified racing.

"If there's 25 cars for these races, there's probably about 10 or 12 of those cars that can win on any given night at Stafford," said McKennedy. "There's certainly a lot of good drivers with a lot of experience and to win at Stafford you need to have the whole package with a good car, good strategy, and some luck. It's nice to come into Stafford with some experience and feeling confident that I know the

track. I'm looking forward to the open shows with a variety of drivers coming from all different series with different car and engine combinations, which should make for some exciting races."

Registration for the four Stafford Open Mod 80 shows is open and teams can register online at www.staffordspeedway.com. The registration fees are currently discounted to \$85 per race or \$250 for all four races. The registration fee increases on March 1 to \$100 per event and \$350 for all four events. Beginning Monday, May 11, the discount for registering a car for all four Open 80's ends and the price goes up to \$125 per event.

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Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Fresh off a career best season, Matt Clement is looking forward to the 2020 Limited Late Model season at Stafford Motor Speedway. Clement entered the 2019 winless after 4 full seasons at Stafford. Clement not only scored his first career win, he went on to win a division leading 7 times, putting him behind only Tom Fearn as the winningest driver of 2019. Clement missed out on winning the championship by 4 points to Jeremy Lavoie but as he prepares for the 2020 season there is only one goal for Clement and the #59 Clement Motorsports team.

"There's only one place to go from last year and that's the championship," said Matt Clement. "My goal this year is the championship. We won 7 races last year and I was disappointed that we didn't win the championship. We're hoping we can go out in the first race again this season and put down some quick times and put some distance between ourselves and Jeremy [Lavoie] to start the year off right."

As Clement prepares to chase after the championship, he and his father Brian along with the rest of the crew have been busy preparing a second car for Matt's brother Jay. Jay will pilot the #95 Clement Motorsports Chevy for the 2020 season with an eye on winning Rookie of the Year honors.

"Everyone says they want to win a race but my first goal will be to keep the car out of the wall," said Jay Clement. "The division is full of cars that are really fast so maybe if we're lucky we can get a top-3 finish by the end of the year. There's

a couple of rookie drivers this season so it won't be like you only have to beat one other driver for Rookie of the Year and that's something we'd love to win this year."

"We'll be looking to keep on winning races in the #59 and my brother is going to be out there in the #95," said Matt Clement. "I'm pretty excited and it's going to be cool to add another Clement to the list of drivers at Stafford. Jay took RJ Surdell's car out last year for a race and he was hooked after the first practice session. He's going to have the same setup in his car that I have so we're hoping he can turn some quick lap times and maybe get up front and battle for a win before the season is over. We're just about ready to go with both cars."

Jay Clement made one start last season, driving the #7 car that was prepared by RJ Surdell. Clement finished 9th in his one start and all it took was one practice session for him to get hooked on racing at Stafford.

"Once Jay got out of the car after the first practice my father and I saw the smile on his face and we both knew we had to start looking for a car for him to drive this season," said Matt Clement.

Matt Clement will return to competition with the same #59 that he piloted to 7 wins last season while his brother Jay will be driving a car that comes with a winning pedigree. Jay Clement's car was the former #11x car that Tyler Leary competed and won races with at Monadnock Speedway. With Matt and Jay's cars both being Frank L'Etoile chassis, they feel like they're in a good place to kick off the 2020 season.

"My car is the same, the only things new are a couple of body panels and tires," said Matt Clement. "The 95 was Tyler Leary's #11x car from Monadnock and Frank L'Etoile originally built that car along with my #59 car, so we have 2 L'Etoile chassis cars and we think we can get both cars going pretty well. Tyler had a bunch of wins with that car so we feel comfortable that Jay has a good car to work with. Tyler kept the rear window with his win stickers on it and now Jay has to start a new collection of win stickers."

"I think we have a pretty good starting point with the car," said Jay Clement. "Matt is pretty good with giving me any information I need. Last year during practice he was pointing out the window where I should be running on the track and I soak up anything he can tell me."