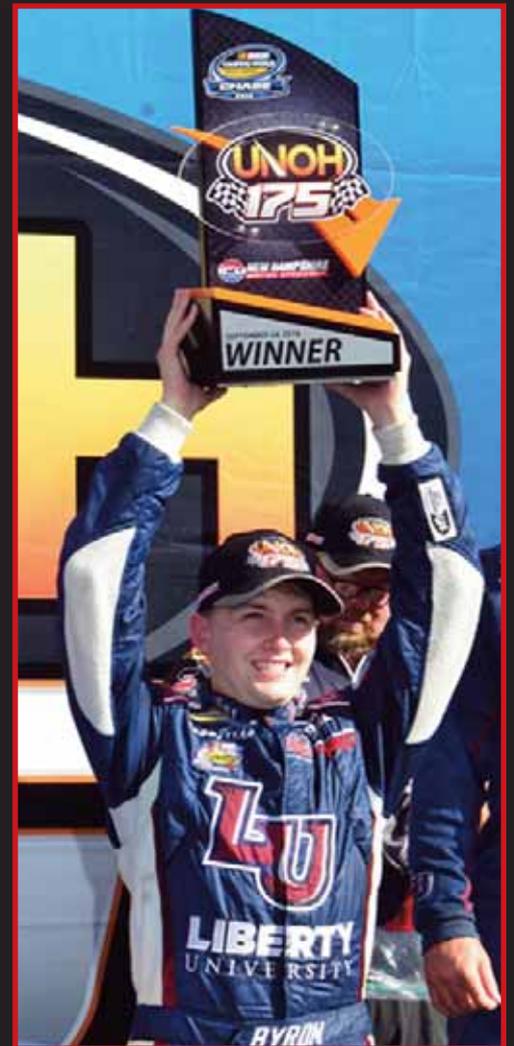
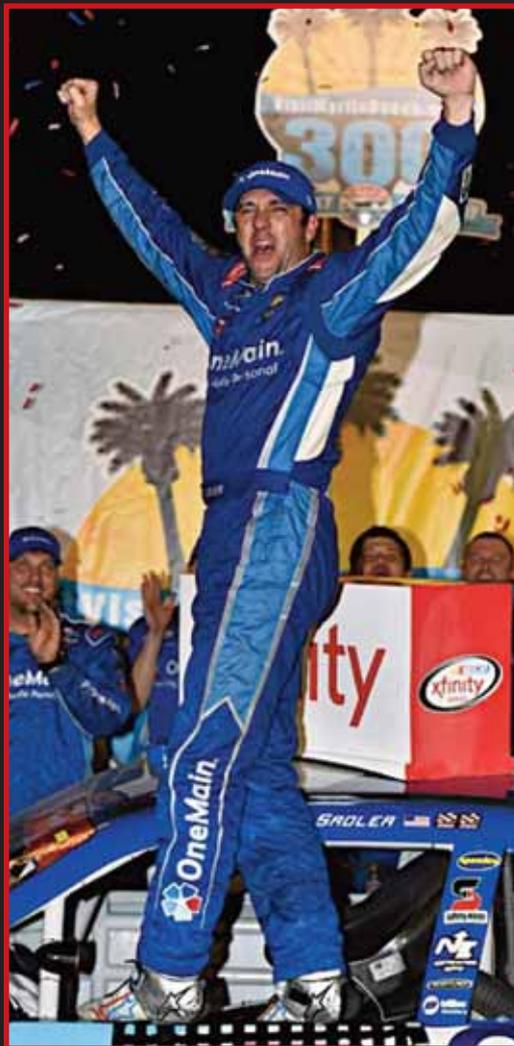




FastTrack

RACING JOURNAL ONLINE

Straight to your phone, tablet or computer...



Three Chase Races... Three Winners

Kevin Harvick, Elliott Sadler and William Byron All Progress to Next Stage



Matt Bowling
2016 NASCAR Whelen
All-American
National Champion

Shane Stewart
Shares Eldora
Victory Lane with
Someone Special



A Rule is Just a Rule... Until NASCAR Changes It

No matter how many rules NASCAR creates, race teams continue to prove they're willing – and capable – of working around them.

Many teams found a way to work around laser inspections that can measure a car's height and shape to within one-thou-

sandths of an inch by getting drivers to bounce off the wall late in the race, explode rear quarter panels while doing excessive burnouts and extreme swerving during the cool down lap – all to affect the geometry of the rear suspension.

NASCAR was put in a bad spot when Martin Truex Jr.'s car failed post-race inspection after he won the first race of the Chase for the Championship at the Chicagoland Speedway. The sanctioning body then was faced with an uneasy decision: create controversy by penalizing a winning driver during the playoffs or change the rules.

It chose to change the rules.

What made Truex's failed inspection so difficult is the fact fellow playoff driver Jimmie Johnson also flunked the laser inspections. Since Truex's win earned an automatic berth into the second round of the playoffs, a customary 10-point penalty would hurt Johnson's position in the Chase while not having any impact on Truex.

So NASCAR changed the rule by giving teams more leeway with their measurements.

"I think NASCAR made a really smart decision this week," Truex said last weekend at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway. "I think that it's definitely better for the sport as a whole. We can continue to talk about what great racing we're having and not 10-thousandths off on a laser that's inconsistent."

While NASCAR widened their measurements – which teams are certain to exploit – it warned any future failures would result in a three-race suspension for the crew chief and a 35-point penalty.

Although NASCAR's measurements were widened and penalties were increased, teams still are

likely to work to push into gray areas – and beyond. So far, 15 cars have failed post-race laser inspections this year.

"This is an extremely competitive sport, so just like anything else you don't want to – you definitely don't want to finish the race and realize it didn't count and then give your crew chief all that time off," Carl Edwards said. "That's just not right, but you also don't want to finish the race second or third and realize that you weren't taking – pushing as hard as the guys that beat you, so you just go right up to the edge."



DON COBLE

The sanctioning body also warned teams last Sunday any attempts to change the setups and suspensions by bumps and swerving won't excuse a flunked inspection.

NASCAR vice president Steve O'Donnell warned everyone not to "circumvent what happens for post-race inspection" during the drivers meeting at New Hampshire. Included in that warning was the practice of swerving after the race in an apparent attempt to push the rear axle back into place.

Truex's crew chief, Cole Pearn, was heard telling Truex on the team's two-way radio to "swerve" after the race at Chicagoland.

"There has been a lot of dialogue in what takes place after the checkered flag with post-race inspection," O'Donnell said. "I want to make clear to everybody here that in NASCAR's judgment any measures that are taken to circumvent what happens for post-race inspection we're going to react. We know that's subjective but ask all of you not to put it in our hands because we will react if we have to. I think everybody knows what that means."

All 16 cars in the Chase were inspected at New Hampshire and all 16 passed.

Reviews of Truex's pass at Chicagoland were mixed.

"I'm OK with that going forward, but I'm not so sure how I feel about no penalties because we all knew what the rules were [at Chicagoland] and what the penalties were if you broke those rules and then to come out a week later and say, 'OK, well, we changed our mind. There [aren't] those penalties for the rules.' I'm not sure how I feel



Martin Truex Jr. completes his victory burn-out at Chicagoland Speedway last weekend before going to the NASCAR inspection station. (Russell LaBounty/NKP photo)

about that," Matt Kenseth said.

"I'm always OK with whatever they want to come up with as rules as long as we all know what they are ahead of time and we all know what the penalties are ahead of time for breaking those rules."

Brad Keselowski said the reason teams play with the tolerances of the rear suspension is clear – it works.

"[Were we] beat solely by that? Probably not," Keselowski told ESPN. "Contributing factor? Absolutely. It's not insignificant at all. You have to understand there's a tolerance built in [for us to stay within]."

But eventually teams probably will prove they're willing – and capable – of working around those rules.

Racing in 2016!
FasTrack Racing Journal is available as an online e-magazine!!

The changes that FasTrack Racing Journal made in 2015 have been successful. FasTrack is now available online only. We are covering all the racing series, off track news and other features that you have grown to love. We now bring you all the news in a weekly format throughout the racing season. All you have to do to receive FasTrack Racing Journal Online for FREE is to send your email address to fastrackjournal@yahoo.com with the subject line **SUBSCRIPTION**. You can also download all issues of FasTrack Racing Journal, current and past.

Visit our new website: www.fastrackracingjournal.com
follow us on Twitter: www.twitter.com/FTRRacingJournal

In This Issue:

Fast Forum	2	World of Outlaws Sprints	11-13
NASCAR Sprint Cup	3	All Star Circuit of Champs	13
NASCAR XFINITY	4	Lucas Oil LM Dirt	14
NCWTS	5	ASCS	15-16
NASCAR Touring	7-8	Southern Super Series	17
P.A.S.S.	9	OnTrack	18-19
ARCA Racing	10	ShorTrack	20-24

ON THE COVER:
 NSCS & NXS - NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY
 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series - Ronda Greer
 World of Outlaws - Paul Arch
 NWAAS - James Price

Harvick Gets Stress-Relieving Chase Victory at New Hampshire

By REID SPENCER
 LOUDON, NH - Remember last week, when Kevin Harvick was trapped a lap down at Chicagoland Speedway, finished 20th and fell out of the top 12 in the Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup standings?

Remember last year, when Harvick crashed at Chicagoland and ran out of fuel while leading at New Hampshire Motor Speedway and had to win at Dover to advance in the Chase?

That's all moot, now that Harvick redeemed himself with a victory in Sunday's Bad Boy Off Road 300 at New Hampshire, the second race in the Chase.

Surging ahead of Matt Kenseth after a restart with six laps left in the 300-lap event at the 1.058-mile track, Harvick pulled away to win by .442 seconds and joined Chicagoland winner Martin Truex Jr. in the Chase's Round of 12.

"One of our main goals this year was to not stress ourselves out so bad," said Harvick, who won last year's Dover race to escape the Round of 16 in his last opportunity. "I feel like the performance of the car and the things that we're doing are good enough to be competitive, and we just need to not make mistakes and go from there."

Harvick got his opportunity to win the race when Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and Reed Sorenson collided on the backstretch on Lap 291 to bring out the sixth and final caution of the race.

Starting on the inside lane and timing the restart perfectly, Harvick stayed side-by-side with Kenseth entering the first corner and cleared Kenseth's No. 20 Toyota through Turn 2. Kenseth was unable to get back to the rear bumper of Harvick's No. 4 Stewart-Haas Racing Chevrolet over the final six laps.

"Man, that worked out really good," said Harvick, who won for the second time at the Magic Mile, the third time this season and the

34th time in his career.

"The car was pretty good on the restarts. Once we got clean air there at the end, it wound up being really good up front. I'm just really proud of our team. They did a great job."

NASCAR admonished Kenseth before the final restart not to slow down in the restart zone, as the sanctioning body believed he had done on the previous restart, when Kenseth held off Truex for the lead.

"They made it sound like I slowed down the last time," Kenseth said. "But in my opinion, the leader is always supposed to have the advantage. He's the leader. He earned that advantage. They said I slowed down a little bit last time, which I've got to re-watch it."

"I don't really think I did, but if I did at all, it's because the inside car (Truex) was laying back a little bit, and you want to make sure he gets up to your nose so it's a fair restart. If he's back at your door and anticipates a little bit, it's not a fair restart. He's going to be equal to you or a little bit better."

Then Kenseth second-guessed the way he handled the final restart with Harvick beside him.

"I saw Kevin at my door, and I should have known better," Kenseth said.

"I should have went deep in the box and waited, and the accelera-

tion was probably better down there anyway, but I didn't. I went right at the first line, and he anticipated a little bit of that and got rolling good through the gears, and then I got through the gears bad. I spun the tires in second (gear), I spun the tires in third, so I had a really bad restart besides all that."

Kyle Busch finished third behind Harvick and Kenseth after pitting for fresh tires under caution on Lap 265 and charging through the field. Brad Keselowski ran fourth and took over the Chase points lead by one point over Truex, who led a race-high 141 laps in a seventh-place run but wore out his tires trying to pass Kenseth after a restart on Lap 269.

Kurt Busch came home fifth, followed by polesitter Carl Edwards, Truex, Jimmie Johnson, Kasey Kahne and Kyle Larson.

Harvick escaped the bottom four in the standings, and that left Jamie McMurray, Austin Dillon, Tony Stewart and Chris Buescher all needing to improve their positions to avoid elimination next Sunday at Dover International Speedway.

McMurray and Dillon (19th and 16th, respectively, at New Hampshire) are five points behind Larson in 12th place. Stewart is 11 points back of Larson after a 23rd-place run on Sunday, and Buescher trails by 30 points, needing a Dover miracle.



Kevin Harvick, driver of the #4 ditech Chevrolet, and his son, Keelan, place his name on the Chase Grid in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Bad Boy Off Road 300 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. (Jeff Zelevansky/Getty Images photo)

Elliott Sadler Wins First-Ever NASCAR XFINITY Series Chase Race at Kentucky Speedway

By CHRIS KNIGHT
 SPARTA, KY - A huge push from Daniel Suárez on a restart with four laps to go in Saturday night's eventful VisitMyrtleBeach.com 300 sent Elliott Sadler ahead of Ryan Blaney to win the opening race of the NASCAR XFINITY Series Chase at Kentucky Speedway.

Sadler's third win of the season and 13th of his XFINITY Series career was about more than just stamping his way into Round 2 of the Chase. The Emporia, Virginia, native fought for the win while thinking of his mother, Bell, who was released from the hospital Saturday, after a week of hospitalization and two surgeries.

"We fought through a lot tonight," said Sadler in Victory Lane. "I'm going to get a little emotional on you, I've been in the hospital all week with my mom in ICU watching her fight and fight through a lot of pain and suffering. (She) made her way back home tonight to watch the race. Mom I love you. She leads so much by example."

Sadler also credited his team, who helped Sadler battle from outside the top 15 earlier in the race.

"These guys are my heroes," Sadler said.

"We had a 10th or 15th place car at best. Still had to come in and really take our time and work on it. Great pit calls by Kevin (Meender-



Race winner Elliott Sadler takes a swing at winning the NASCAR XFINITY Series Championship by winning the first Chase race at Kentucky Speedway. (Nigel Kinrade/NKP photo)

ing, crew chief) and the guys to get us in position. Got a good push there at the end. I do want to say thanks to Josh Berry for helping me a ton tonight. That kid did some cool things on the restarts. This OneMain Financial team has no quit in them. We just fight till the end. This is a great way to start the Chase."

Suárez, who finished second, said he struggled with a tight condition all night but was best at the end of the race.

"Right at the end, we were pretty good, maybe just a little tight but we were strong," he said. "I feel like we were the fastest car out there at the end. I just needed one or two laps more to get the win."

The inaugural XFINITY Series

seconds for cleanup of the Turn 3 incident.

Jones, the pole sitter who led a race-high 100 laps, took responsibility for the crash.

"I just got sucked around," Jones said after the incident. "I tried to

Chase race offered plenty of excitement and drama. With the "win and advance" format putting an even greater premium on victories, drivers found themselves on the edge of control at a track where the racing groove was extremely tight since undergoing a repave in May.

"At halfway, we were running 20th," added Sadler. "By my calculations, we were probably 10th or 11th in points, so to fight back that last 100 laps to gain that kind of momentum probably means a lot for us and these guys. I'm so proud of these guys. Dale (Earnhardt Jr., team owner) and Kelley (Earnhardt-Miller, team manager) and all of our partners for Hunt Bros., and Chevrolet and everyone that does so much for us at JR Motorsports. This is a great way to start off the Chase and keeps the momentum on our side, we can relax and go to Dover and have fun there and Charlotte and get ready for the second round."

XFINITY Chase drivers Ty Dillon, Brandon Jones and Erik Jones all found themselves in a deep hole after being collected in accidents throughout a caution-filled race. Dillon and Erik Jones tangled while racing for second with 12 laps remaining. The event was red-flagged for five minutes, 34

slow down but Ty was holding me down there pretty tight on the restart, slamming doors through (Turns) 1 and 2. It was my fault but it's a pretty tough aero situation to be in.

"I just couldn't hang on to it. I tried to slow down but he kept slamming down on my door and I did all I could to hang on to it. It definitely looks like we're going to have to run really well at Dover and Charlotte or even win."

Behind Sadler and Suárez, Sprint Cup rookie Ryan Blaney finished third while Sam Hornish Jr. and Matt Tifft completed the top-five. Tifft, a NASCAR Next alumnus made his XFINITY Series return after undergoing brain surgery in July to remove a benign low-grade glioma.

Sadler leaves Kentucky Speedway with an eight-point lead in the standings and guaranteed admission to the next round of the Chase at Kansas Speedway in three weeks. Suárez (+27 points above the cutoff line) is second in the Chase standings, followed by Brendan Gaughan (+21), Ryan Reed (+19), Darrell Wallace Jr. (+19), Justin Allgaier (+17), Brennan Poole (+16), Blake Koch (+15), Erik Jones (-3), Ryan Sieg (-5), Brandon Jones (-15) and Ty Dillon (-15).



Elliott Sadler (1) battles Ryan Blaney (22) for position to go on and win the VisitMyrtleBeach.com Saturday night. (Nigel Kinrade/NKP photo)

William Byron Dominates First-Ever NCWTS Chase Race

By REID SPENCER
LOUDON, NH - William Byron stole a page from his mentor and team owner, Kyle Busch.

Leading 161 of 175 laps in Saturday's UNOH 175 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway – the first

race in the inaugural NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Chase – Byron cruised to victory, the way Busch has done so many times before, and punched his ticket into the Chase's Round of 6.

Not that runner-up Christopher Bell, Byron's stablemate at Kyle Busch Motorsports, didn't make it interesting in the closing laps. As Byron worked traffic in the late going, Bell closed from 1.325 seconds behind with five laps left to .430 seconds down on the next-to-last lap.

But Bell ran out of time and crossed the finish line .446 seconds behind his No. 1-seeded teammate, who won for a series-best sixth time.

"I wore myself out passing some lappers," Byron said. "But with the amount of laps we had left, I thought I'd be OK. I was afraid the 4 (Bell) was going to catch us there

at the end. We started to get tight, but that's what happens sometimes when you get out front.

"It was really good – just a great race for us. I can't thank these guys enough. Everyone at KBM, (sponsor) Liberty University – it's just really cool to get a win here in the Chase. It feels awesome."

Two-time series champion Matt Crafton came home third, followed by Tyler Reddick and Timothy Peters.

With the Chase field to be trimmed from eight to six drivers two races hence at Talladega Superspeedway, Ben Kennedy and Daniel Hemric fell below the provisional cut line. Kennedy finished 11th and trails Johnny Sauter (10th on Saturday and sixth in the standings) by one point.

If Kennedy's result was only mildly disappointing, Hemric's was a catastrophe. With his left rear tire cut down to the rim, Hemric spun in Turn 1 on Lap 25 to bring out the third caution of the race. His truck suffered a cut brake line and consequent fire in the left rear wheel well.

Hemric lost 33 laps under repairs, finished 28th and fell to last in the Chase standings, 21 points behind Sauter with two races left in the Round of 8. In all probability,



Six wins for the season and a guaranteed place in the second tier of the NCWTS Chase, William Byron is more than happy to be in NHMS victory lane. (Ronda Greer photo)

Hemric will have to win one of those two events, at Las Vegas and Talladega, to advance to the Round of 6.

After leading the first 54 laps, Byron lost the top spot briefly when Cody Coughlin stayed out under the fourth caution and Bell, Kennedy, Crafton and Spencer Gallagher leap-frogged ahead of Byron with two-tire and fuel-only calls in the pits.

But Byron regained the lead from Bell on Lap 69 and held it the rest of the way. As Bell gained ground in the final laps, Byron was trying to save his equipment to prepare for a possible late caution.

"I was expecting it, so I didn't push too hard," Byron said. "I was expecting to get a caution, hopefully save something, but we gave it all we had there the whole race, and I just can't thank these guys enough."

Byron leaves New Hampshire with a 16-point lead in the standings and guaranteed admission to the next round of the Chase. Crafton (+11 points above the cut-off line) is second in the Chase standings, followed by Bell (+10), John Hunter Nemechek (ninth on Saturday, +5), Peters (+3), Sauter (+1), Kennedy (-1) and Hemric (-21).



William Byron (9) leads the field and battled to a win in the first NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Chase race this past weekend at New Hampshire. (Ronda Greer photo)

PUBLIC AUCTION

Mooresville, NC

September 27 & 28, 2016

2-Day Sale Starting at 9:30 AM Each Day
Doors open at 8:30 AM

SALE LOCATION: 8955 W NC Hwy. 152, Mooresville, NC, 28115; From I-77 North of Charlotte to Exit 36, go East on 150 approx. 6 miles to Junction 152, hang a right and go approx. 2 miles to Sale Site; Watch for Auction Signs

PARTIAL SALE LISTING

Coil Springs; Splitters; Braided Line; Sway Bar Arms; Brake Pads; Rotors; Brake Hats; Driveshafts; Ring & Pinions; 9" Housings; Valves; Helix; Alum Radiators; Oil Coolers; Boom Tubes; Calipers; Window Nets; R07 Heads; Steel Rockers; Push Rods; Triple Disc Clutches; Clutch Plates; Distributors; Rods – Carrillo & Pankl; Crankshafts; Exhaust Pcs; Sway Bars; Headers; Upper & Lower A-arms; Aeroquip; Valve Springs; Retainers; Wheel Studs; Alum Intakes; Dry Sump Tanks; Tail Housing; Braided Line; Peterson Filters; Seatbelt Hdw; Hubs; Starters; Bearings; Mounts; Koolbox Filters; Drive Plates; Trans Covers; Trans Gears; Trans Shafts; Wrist Pins; Gauges; Threadlocker; Carb Spacers; Pitman Arms; Slugs; Hose Insulation; Spindles; Lowering Blocks; Valve Locks; Dodge Block; Wheels; Sticker Tires; Speedway Quick Change Rearends

PARTIAL SALE LISTING – EQUIPMENT

Reliant TR-416 Radios & Chargers; Racing Electronics Headsets; Extension Ladders; Height Stands; Bowman Bolt Bin w/contents; Band Saw; Coleman Powermate 5500 Generator; Engine Stands; Steel Benches

SALE LISTING - CHASSIS

2014 Michael Waltrip Chassis with Body (can be put together and raced without upgrades); Michael Waltrip Chassis; Pro-Cup Rolling Chassis with body

TERMS OF SALE: Terms of sale is cash, cashier checks, money orders, traveler's checks, Visa or Mastercard. Business or Personal Checks must be accompanied by a Bank Letter of Credit submitted to cashier on Sale Days. There will be a 15% buyer's premium charged on each lot number sold, with a 5% discount given for cash. Driver's license or picture identification is required to register. All items sold "As Is, Where Is" with no guarantees or warranty expressed or implied. Buyers must settle and remove all items at the end of each sale day. Announcements sale day take precedence over any printed matter.

OWNERS: FRANKIE STODDARD, JR MOTORSPORTS, A-1 PERFORMANCE WAREHOUSE, PRO SYSTEM, INC PLUS OTHERS



Auction Firm License #8623

Maria Vannice, Auctioneer
NCAL #8595 • IN AU10800010
Danny Irvin, Auctioneer
NCAL #8657 • IN AU10800039

Visit our website for additional info:
www.mcsauctions.com

Bonsignore Reaches New Hampshire Victory Lane For First Time

LOUDON, NH - Justin Bonsignore knows if he's going to catch Doug Coby in the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour championship race, he's going to need to all the points he can get in the final three races.

And that means finding success at a place that's long plagued him: New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

Mission accomplished for the Holtsville, New York, driver Saturday afternoon. Bonsignore dominated the FW Webb 100, lead 77 laps and holding off the field in a green-white-checked finish to score his first win at the "Magic Mile."

"It doesn't get any bigger than this," said Bonsignore. "To do it here at New Hampshire, on the big stage, hasn't sunk in yet. I don't know if it ever will. It's a huge honor to be here at honor and to be called a winner now it unbelievable."

Ron Silk finished second, followed by Coby, Sunoco Rookie of the Year candidate Matt Swanson and NASCAR Sprint Cup Series driver Ryan Newman.

Rowan Pennink led five laps and was in contention for the win when engine issues on Lap 98 ended his day. It also brought out the race's final caution and pushed the event to 106 laps. On the final restart, Bonsignore was able to get a push from Silk to pull away from him and Coby en route to the checkered flag.

Bonsignore entered the event with an average finish of 17.4 in 14

previous starts at New Hampshire. He had only led two laps on the 1.058-mile oval.

It was Bonsignore's 11th career win. His previous NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour victories came at his home track, Long Island's Riverhead Raceway (four wins), Connecticut's Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park (four wins) and New Hampshire's Monadnock Speedway (two wins).

It was also Bonsignore's third win of the season. More importantly, it allowed him to slice seven more points off Coby's lead. Coby, the three-time tour champion, holds a 13-point advantage on Bonsignore with two races remaining.

The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour will race in the NAPA Fall Final 150 at Connecticut's Stafford Motor Speedway on Sunday, Oct. 2, before concluding the season in Thompson's Sunoco World Series 150 on Sunday, Oct. 16.

Patrick Emerling finished sixth at New Hampshire, while Jimmy Blewett, Max Zachem, Timmy Solomito and Donny Lia rounded out the top 10.

The FW Webb 100 will air on NBCSN on Thursday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m.

Brunnhoelzl Celebrates Victory at Caraway, Sets Record For Most WST Wins at Track

SOPHIA, NC - George Brunnhoelzl hasn't enjoyed the type of season he's used to in the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour, but picking up a win and



Justin Bonsignore celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the FW Webb 100 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, his first NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour win at the "Magic Mile." (NASCAR via Getty Images photo)

setting a new record might help make him feel a little better.

Brunnhoezl passed Andy Seuss on Lap 119 and remained out front the rest of the way to win the Caraway 150 at Caraway Speedway.

Brunnhoelzl also used the win to break a tie with Seuss for the most tour wins at Caraway with his 13th triumph in the 60th race held at the unofficial home track for the southern modifieds.

Points leader Burt Myers finished second with Jason Myers third. Seuss followed in fourth and Danny Bohn completed the top five.

Brunnhoelzl equals Burt Myers for the most wins this season with his third trip to Victory Lane and while he's third in the standings, back-to-back accidents at Bowman Gray Stadium and Bristol in August cost him a chance at a fifth title.

Burt Myers was able to add three points on his lead over Seuss to now have a 22-point cushion

over the two-time defending champion with one race remaining on the schedule.

Sunoco Rookie of the Year contender Kyle Bonsignore finished sixth with Jeremy Gerstner, David Calabrese, Bobby Measmer Jr. and Bryan Dauzat rounding out the top 10.

After having a caution-free race for the first time since 2006 last week at South Boston Speedway, the Caraway 150 was slowed just once for caution on Lap 88.

During the caution Burt Myers, who took the lead from Seuss on Lap 7, pitted and after making two pit stops during the caution, came back out ninth with Seuss in the lead.

Brunnhoelzl came out of the pits sixth and quickly made his way through the field and caught Seuss by Lap 117.

After looking to the inside of Seuss, the four-time NWSMT
(Continued Next Page)



George Brunnhoelzl III celebrates winning the Caraway 150 at Caraway Speedway for his third victory of the season. (Grant Halverson/NASCAR photo)

JOIN US FOR THE GREATEST PARTY SINCE CAMELOT!

23RD ANNUAL CAROLINA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL & ARTISAN MARKETPLACE

EIGHT FESTIVE WEEKENDS
OCTOBER 1ST-NOVEMBER 20TH
SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS 10:00AM-5:30PM

SAVE ON DISCOUNT TICKETS AT Harris Teeter
Highland Park & Pharmacy

JOUSTING COMEDY MUSIC FEASTING CRAFTS

OVER 500 COSTUMED CHARACTERS - OVER 100 ARTISANS AND CRAFTERS

pepsi SUNBELT DIAMOND SPRINGS The Charlotte Observer VISIT CAROLINA

RenFestInfo.com
PRINT TICKETS, DIRECTIONS & FESTIVAL INFORMATION 704-896-5555

Continued...

champion went to the outside and made the pass two laps later.

Seuss won his first Coors Light Pole Award of the season during afternoon qualifying.

The NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour will conclude its 2016 season with the Southern Slam 150 on Thursday, Oct. 6 on the quarter-mile track at Charlotte Motor

Speedway.

Gilliland Wins Big At Meridian Speedway

MERIDIAN, ID - Todd Gilliland capitalized on a mistake made by Ryan Partridge late in the NAPA Auto Parts/Idaho 208 to take home his sixth NASCAR K&N Pro Series West trophy of the year.

Gilliland, 16, a Sherrills Ford,

North Carolina, native started the race fifth and picked his way through the field to move into second behind Partridge, who had led a total of 121 laps before being overtaken by the NASCAR Next driver.

Partridge, 28, from Rancho Cucamonga, California, held off a charging Gilliland until late in the race when the Sunoco Rookie of the Year contender slipped past him for the lead with 73 laps remaining. This started the back and forth lead change between the two championship contenders for the duration of the 208-lap event.

With five laps remaining at Meridian (Idaho) Speedway, a multi-car wreck occurred to force the field to a stop on a red flag. When the race resumed ten laps later, it was for a green-white-checked attempt. Gilliland and Partridge were battling side-by-side, when Partridge made a costly mistake that caused him to spin and Gilliland cruised to his sixth Victory Lane celebration of the year.

The rookie will head into the



Todd Gilliland powered his No. 16 NAPA Auto Parts Toyota to his sixth NASCAR K&N Pro Series West victory of the year. (Otto Kitsinger/NASCAR via Getty Images photo)

season finale with a 25-point lead over Partridge (558-533).

Gilliland's fellow Bill McAnally Racing teammate and NASCAR Next classmate, Julia Landauer, finished second to tie the record for the highest finishing female in the NASCAR K&N Pro Series West as well as earn her best career finish.

NASCAR Next alumna Nicole Behar finished third, while Cole Rouse and Gracin Raz rounded out the top five.

Noah Gragson, Stafford Smith, Rich DeLong III, Chris Eggleston and Blaine Perkins completed the top 10.

The NAPA Auto Parts/Idaho 208 will air on NBCSN, Friday, September 30 at 12:30 p.m. ET/10:30 a.m. MT.

The NASCAR K&N Pro Series West will be back in action on Saturday, October 15 for the season finale at California's All American Speedway.

Miss Snowball Derby Pageant to Be Streamed Worldwide

PENSACOLA, FL - The Snowball Derby is a crown jewel event in the short track racing scope of America. And now the pageant to decide which lucky lady will wear the actual crown will be broadcast to the world.

For the third straight year, the Miss Snowball Derby competition is returning, and this year's contest will be seen on a live video stream through Speed51.com.

The pageant will be held at Beef O' Brady's in historic downtown Pensacola, Florida on November 17. The competition gives ladies, ages 18 and older, the chance at winning the title of Miss Snowball Derby for the 49th Annual Snowball Derby, December 1-4. Brent Lane of Cat Country 98.7 FM will be the MC for the pageant.

"We're excited to announce the date for the Miss Snowball Derby Pageant, as we had so much fun at last year's event," said Pat Bryant of Five Flags Speedway. "Tracy Goodson and his staff at Beef O' Brady's downtown do an excellent job hosting the event, and once

again Cat County 98.7's Brent Lane will be with us. The reigning Miss Snowball Derby, Cam Davis, has done a fantastic job representing the local racing scene, and stands ready to pass the Crown on November 17th."

In conjunction with Five Flags Speedway, former Miss Georgia World, Lisa Garvey, has been tapped to direct the pageant for the second straight year.

The person chosen as Miss Snowball Derby will be expected to represent Five Flags Speedway at as many Snowball Derby-related functions as possible.

In addition, Miss Snowball Derby will be on hand for all Victory Lane photos, pre-race ceremonies and some occasional fan interaction during the course of the weekend.

To register for the 3rd annual Miss Snowball Derby competition, visit www.5FlagsSpeedway.com.

The 49th Annual Snowball Derby weekend kicks off with the Cat Country/WEAR-TV3 Green Flag Party on Wednesday, November 30.

On-track activities start Thursday, December 1, for the opening practice rounds for the Snowball Derby Super Late Models and

Snowflake 100 Pro Late Models. The Five Flags Butler U-Pull-It Bombers and The Dock at Pensacola Sportsman divisions will also have feature events on Snowball Derby Thursday.

The top Snowball Derby starting spots will be set on Friday, December 2 during WXBM 102.7 Pole Night at Five Flags. The Five Flags Faith Chapel Super Stocks and Modifieds will also battle in their Snowball Derby features after Super Late Model qualifying.

The Allen Turner Hyundai Snowflake 100 takes center stage

on Saturday, December 3 as the top Pro Late Model racers in the country qualify and battle for 100 laps at Five Flags.

In addition, Saturday's action features the final 50-lap qualifying event for Snowball Derby drivers to make one last effort to qualify for the 300-lap Super Late Model race. The Beef O Brady's Pro Trucks will also have a 50-lap feature on Snowball Derby Saturday.

Then on Sunday, December 4, the green flag will drop on the 49th Annual Snowball Derby at 2 p.m. CT at Five Flags Speedway.

Michael Waltrip to Hold Fan Appreciation Day

CORNELIUS, NC - Michael Waltrip will be hosting a fan appreciation day and memorabilia sale at his racing facility in Cornelius, N.C. on Friday, October 7, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. The event is open to the public and will feature autographs with Waltrip, music, food and

fun.

"It's going to be a fun day for me to interact with all the race fans and thank them for all the support through the years," said Waltrip. We have had a fan appreciation

day for many years and so many of my fans have asked me to keep it going so that's why I'm holding this open house."

In addition to meeting Waltrip, fans will have the opportunity to buy unique racing memorabilia, grab food at a taco food truck and listen to music by country music star Tim Duggar. Fans can also view Waltrip's muscle car collection and see some of his prized race cars.

The fan appreciation day is at 20310 Chartwell Center Drive off exit 28 on I-77 in Cornelius, N.C. about 15 miles north of Charlotte, N.C. The event is free to the public.

Tate Fogleman Takes Long Awaited 1st Career PASS South Win At Hickory

HICKORY, NC - Defending Pro All Stars Series (PASS) South Super Late Model Champion, Tate Fogleman, prevailed in a race-long battle with Chris Dilbeck to capture his first career series win in the Catawba Valley 150 on Saturday night at Hickory Motor Speedway. With his win, Fogleman and his father, Jay, join Mike and Ben Rowe as the only father-son duo to ever capture wins in the South's oldest Super Late Model tour.

"Yeah, it's definitely been a long time coming, that's for sure," said Fogleman in an emotional victory lane. "He [Dilbeck] definitely put up a fight there at the end and I had my work cut out for me to get around him. This has been the closest we've been to victory lane and I just couldn't let that one get away."

In qualifying, rookie Kodie Conner captured his first career quick qualifying lap with a time of 14.924 seconds (87.563 MPH). After the top 10 qualifiers redraw, Conner would drop to the ninth starting position, while six-time Hickory winner, Preston Peltier, and Lucas Jones would move to the front row.

While Peltier would jump into the lead at the start, Conner and fellow PASS South championship contender, Matt Craig, would be plagued with problems. Conner would suffer a flight right front tire after contact with Jones as they battled for fifth on lap four. On the restart, Craig would suffer a broken axle, ending his night early with a 26th place finish. Conner would struggle all night and finish 14th. Conner now leads the standings over Craig by less than 10 points heading to the championship finale at Concord Speedway on November 5.

Fogleman was able to gain the lead from Peltier on an early restart, only to be passed by seventh place starter, Tyler Church, on lap 20. Church would continue to lead the early going, but the caution would wave again on lap 40 when Jimmy Doyle and Nick Robinson made hard contact with the backstretch wall.

After a spin by Tyler Williams and Kaylee Stukas three laps later,

June Hickory winner Chris Dilbeck would flex his muscle as he by-passed Church for the lead. The caution flag waved again on lap 63 for a spin in turn two by Andy Loden. During the caution, Peltier, who had been dropping back, pitted to fix a power steering issue.

While Dilbeck continued to lead, Peltier and Loden were dicing their way back up through the field and into the top 10. Following a crash by Justin Laduke with 36 laps to go, Fogleman would get the best of Dilbeck on the restart to move back into the lead. The leaders would make contact in turn two with 25 laps to go, causing both cars to momentarily get sideways, but they would gather it back in and continue the fight.

The final caution of the night would wave with 12 laps to go for a scary crash involving Jones and Trey Jarrell as they battled for fourth. Both made contact with the frontstretch wall with Jones careening into a tire barrier entering turn one. While both cars suffered significant damage, the drivers emerged unscathed.

On the restart, Fogleman struggled to come up to speed, allowing Dilbeck to go back out front. Fogleman would not be denied though, tapping Dilbeck in turn four to re-take the lead with 10 laps to go. Fogleman led the rest of the way to take the win over Dilbeck, Peltier, Brandon Setzer, and Loden. Rounding out the top 10 were Jared Irvan, Jody Measamer, Heath Hindman, Lee Hansard, and Matt Sever.

The next event will be November 4-5 as the PASS National and PASS South Super Late Model champions will be crowned as part of the 14th Annual North-South Shootout at Concord Speedway.

For more information, please go to ProAllStarsSeries.com, follow us on Twitter at @PASSSLM14, or "Like" the Pro All Stars Series on Facebook.

Johnny Clark Scores First Win of The Year at White Mountain

NORTH WOODSTOCK, NH - Johnny Clark led all 150 laps to earn his first Pro All Stars Series Super Late Model win of the season in Saturday night's Foley Oil & Propane 150 at White Mountain

Tate Fogleman celebrates his first career PASS South win in victory lane at Hickory Motor Speedway. (PASS photo)



Motorsports Park in North Woodstock, New Hampshire.

It was the first victory of the season for the six-time series champion, who ranks second in the current championship standings behind 2014 titlist DJ Shaw, who finished 11th. Clark is the 11th driver to score a PASS North Super Late Model victory this year. No driver has more than two wins after 14 of 16 events have been contested.

Clark became the first competitor this season to lead every lap in a Pro All Stars Series North Super Late Model contest. Reigning Series champion Mike Rowe made things interesting throughout the 150-lapper, successfully protecting second position until turning up the heat on Clark following the race's final restart with ten laps to go.

Rowe crossed under the checkered flag with a runner-up finish, just in front of Derek Ramstrom. The top three were just about nose-to-tail for the final ten laps. Garrett Hall drove from dead last on the starting grid to a fourth-place finish.

Travis Benjamin lost a couple of spots on the final short run after moving from 14th starting position to race with the leaders, filling out the top five. Nick Jenkins was sixth with his best PASS North Super Late Model performance to date. Derek Griffith was seventh.

Ben Rowe charged into the top five, had a tire go down, then rebounded for an eighth-place finish.

Travis Stearns and Jeremy Davis rounded out the top ten. Ben Rowe and Davis won the Super Late Model heat races.

Reigning PASS Mods champion Andy Shaw reclaimed the championship points lead with an impressive 30-lap triumph, driving the Sumner Sessions 0. Shaw got the lead away from Bruce Helmuth.

Ben Tinker also got by Helmuth and earned a runner-up finish. Helmuth picked up third-place hardware, with previous points leader Ryan Robbins claiming a fourth-place finish. Ron Henry was the fifth-place finisher.

Ryan Kuhn outran Shaun Buffington to earn the victory in a 25-lap race for Legends Cars. Austin Teras was third, just a few days after his 14th birthday. Trevor Sanborn and Kevin Girard, Jr., rounded out the top five.

Cody Blake prevailed in a wild, caution flag-filled 50-lapper for the local Tiger Sportsman class, shortened from its originally-scheduled 75-lap distance. Shane Sicard claimed runner-up honors. Derrick Calkins nailed down a third-place finish, in front of Tyler Farnham and David Baron, Sr.

The next Pro All Stars Series North Super Late Model race is scheduled for Saturday, October 1 at Star Speedway. The PASS North Super Late Models and Modified close out their 2016 racing seasons on Saturday afternoon, October 15 at Oxford Plains Speedway.



Johnny Clark led all 150 laps to win the Foley Oil & Propane 150 at White Mountain Motorsports Park. (PASS photo)

Rookie Cindric Sizzles in Kentucky Thriller, Wins Crosley 150 in Overtime

SPARTA, KY - Austin Cindric, on a gutsy call from his crew chief Brian Wilson, drove to victory lane Friday night at Kentucky Speedway, becoming the eighth different first-time ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards winner in 2016.

Cindric, in the No. 99 Pirtek Ford, pitted just once for service on lap 26, then stretched his fuel mileage in overtime to win the eventful Crosley 150 on General Tire Super Weekend.

"It's just awesome," Cindric said. "We've come up short every time here, but these guys just hustle so hard and man it feels so good. Brian's (Wilson/Crew Chief) call was the right thing. It's the best feeling in the world to be out front and know you're in control. We've been so close in these ARCA races...it means a lot to finally get here."

Dalton Sargeant gave his team a big boost in points, coming in second, his career-best superspeedway finish. Sargeant also put the 55 car in first place in the General Tire Superspeedway Challenge championship points.

"I can't thank Venturini Motorsport enough," Sargeant said. "This Toyota Racing Development-Win-

dows 10 Toyota was really good tonight. We just didn't have enough to get the 99, but a good night for me and this team. We have the lead in the superspeedway championship headed to Kansas and that would be a huge honor to get that for my Venturini Motorsports team."

Matt Tifft steered the No. 28 home in third.

"It's a little frustrating," Tifft said. "Thought we had a car that could stay with the 99. We had newer tires for the end...we just couldn't get there. The restarts were tough...there's not a lot of outside groove up there."

Cindric only pitted once while Tifft and most of the front-runners pitted twice for tires.

"I thought General Tire brought a great tire," Tifft continued. "It didn't have much fall-off at all. It's definitely a durable tire. We had newer tires, but the older tires turned out to be just as good."

Championship points leader Chase Briscoe won the Menards Pole presented by Ansell with a new one-lap track record but fell into second position behind Shane Lee at the start. Lee led the first 25 laps before the first caution flag came out when Sarah Cornett-Ching and Lee got together on backstretch. Lee was able to continue on, but Cornett-Ching made heavy contact with both the inner



Rookie Austin Cindric celebrates his win at Kentucky Speedway. Cindric became the 8th first-time winner of the 2016 season. (arcaracing.com photo)

and outer safer barriers. She was not injured.

The caution brought most of the leaders to pit road for service with the exception of Briscoe and Cindric. Then Cindric gave up the lead on the restart to Tifft, who led up through lap 33 before Cindric regained control on the 34th circuit. Then John Wes Townley powered through the pack and passed Cindric for the lead on lap 44.

Townley led for six laps before Cindric took it back on lap 50, never relinquishing the lead from that point.

In fact, the only things that threatened Cindric from there were the multiple caution flags that kept coming, which kept negating the leads he would continually build. One caution on lap 77 included Briscoe and Townley who made contact down the backstretch with each sustaining heavy damage. The wreck also took out rookie

Zane Smith. There were no injuries.

Briscoe, who was also involved in a test crash at Kentucky on Tuesday of this week, would have clinched the ARCA Racing Series championship had the crash in the race not occurred; but now he'll have to wait to get to the Kansas finale in order to wrap up the 2016 title.

Several late-race cautions also got in the way of Cindric's progress, the final one for Lee and Kyle Weatherman who crashed off turn two. That put the race into overtime; but Cindric, once again, was able to pull away from the competition.

Tom Hessert finished fourth and Matt Kurzejewski finished fifth.

The ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards will conclude its 64th year of competition in the season finale at Kansas Speedway October 14, live on FS1.

FIVE STAR RaceCar Bodies

ADVANCED BODY TECHNOLOGY
BODIES AT THE FOREFRONT OF QUALITY AND PERFORMANCE!

TOP REASONS WHY WINNING TEAMS CHOOSE FIVE STAR!

#1 TESTED TOUGH
 UNSURPASSED IMPACT RESISTANCE AND DURABILITY

#2 QUALITY INSPECTED
 OUR ISO-9001 CERTIFICATION STRICTLY MONITORS SURFACE QUALITY, WEIGHT AND SHAPE TOLERANCES

#3 EASY INSTALLATION
 INSTALL BODIES FASTER, WITH NO HASSLE!

#4 REPEATABLE FIT
 REPLACEMENT PANELS GUARANTEED TO FIT EXACT, EVERY TIME

#5 ENGINEERED INNOVATION
 OUR STAFF OF DEDICATED ENGINEERS & CHEMISTS WORK TO CONTINUALLY IMPROVE BODY PERFORMANCE

JEFF FULTZ CHOOSES FIVE STAR!
 WINNER OF THE PASS SOUTH RACE AT SOUTH BOSTON

NO OTHER BODY COMPANY CAN OFFER MORE!
www.FIVESTARBODIES.com | 262.877.2171

ISO 9001:2008 QUALITY CERTIFIED

Schatz Settles the Commonwealth Clash at Lernerville

SARVER, PA - Donny Schatz continued his historic season Saturday night, claiming his 23rd World of Outlaws Craftsman® Sprint Car Series win at Lernerville Speedway. The series had not competed in the track's Commonwealth Clash presented by Classic Ink since 2014, and thousands of fans rallied behind its drivers as if they never left.

"This was a fun car to drive," Schatz said. "The racetrack changed, and I didn't know whether or not that top groove was going to come in. But it did. It was pretty decent all over. [Turns] One and two stayed really good around the bottom, and in some spots you could run through the middle. It's a great racetrack. We didn't get the win at Silver Cup, and I felt like we had a great chance. But, we got the job done tonight. I wish [my crew] was standing here instead of me."

The 26-car feature lineup was set to endure 35 laps on the famed 4/10-mile oval for a \$10,000-to-win purse. Logan Schuchart, who finished second the previous night, led the field into the green flag. But similar to the night before, the opening lap was plagued by a caution that escalated into a red flag entering turn one.

Within the opening lap of the feature, a red put the race on standby. Notably, Paul McMahan's No. 7 Destiny Motorsports Maxim car somersaulted off the cushion of the first lap along with another car. However, when the red flag was upgraded to yellow, several World of Outlaws teams pitched-in to get his car back on the track. Repairing both wings and an axle, McMahan found his way back on the track. The crowd erupted and applauded the collective effort in the pits.

On the restart Schatz, who started fourth in the feature, undertook Tim Shaffer for third in turn three. Early into the next lap, another caution regrouped the field. Yet another strong restart from Schatz boosted his No. 15 Tony Stewart/Curb-Agajanian Racing J&J car passed Brad Sweet for second position before another red flag. On lap 10, an "open red" allowed drivers to repair and ready

their cars for the next 25 laps.

"A little bit of weight here and there but nothing major," said Schatz, when asked if he made any adjustments during the open red. "Anytime you give this race team the opportunity to change something, it's always for the better. We just had to bide our time there. Everyone put so much emphasis on the starts, but they never pay a race off the starts. You have to make sure you're good at the end. That's something these guys do an awesome job at."

Though his team made adjustments, Schatz's pursuit to the lead did not change. He used the restarts to his advantage. He was able to come within one-second of Schuchart's No. 1S Bobby Allen Triple X car on the restart. Schuchart, also using the cushion, fended-off Schatz's advances momentarily. That is, until Schatz used heavy lapped traffic to get by the race leader on lap 13.

Schatz never looked back. With 10 laps remaining, Schatz increased his lead to 3.523 seconds. In the next seven laps, he nearly doubled his lead to 6.313 seconds. The seven-time Series Champion took the checkers with by a 7.620 margin. He lapped up to eighth position.

Schuchart recorded his second consecutive runner-up performance in two nights, while Sweet's



Donny Schatz raced his way to victory lane for the 23rd time this season, winning the Commonwealth Clash at Lernerville Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

No. 49 Kasey Kahne Racing GF1 car rounded-out the podium. Schuchart recorded his best performance at Lernerville Speedway. He finished ninth in his first Commonwealth Clash as a Platinum driver in 2014.

"We got second last night and second tonight," Schuchart said. "It's hard to complain when you're running podium finishes up front. It's hard to beat the [No.] 15. I mean, I felt pretty good at times and there were other times when I didn't. Obviously, he pulled away when he passed me, and those guys are pretty good. We have a little bit to work on, but we're fast and we don't have anything to complain about. We're happy and proud of our guys, and everyone who's here."

Sweet finished the night recording his 41st top five performance of the season. He currently ranks fourth in the points race. Though Sweet has consistently finished on the podium this season, he has not won since July 2.

"Anytime you can get up here in the World of Outlaws it's good," Sweet said. "We would've liked to win one of these every now and then. It seems like we've been on the podium, but [we] haven't been able to win in a long time. We're really trying hard."

Schatz changed his paint scheme for the past couple races to pink for breast cancer awareness. Schatz's Tony Stewart Racing Bad Boy Off Road/ Chevrolet Performance team has continued

(Continued Next Page)

TRACTION CONTROL
REAL TIME CORRECTIONS
888-920-SPIN (7746)

RAVIS
GOT TRACTION?
TECHNOLOGIES

NEW UNITS FOR 2016

DRIVER REMOVABLE
THE BEST TRACTION CONTROL... PERIOD.

CIRCLE TRACK / DRAG / SALT FLATS / SPRINTS / MOTORCYCLES / PULLING TRUCK

SALES@MORETRACTION.COM WWW.MORETRACTION.COM

Continued...

this three-year tradition with the emphasis of "it takes a team to make the dream."

"It's neat when you get to do these different paint schemes," Schatz said. "Breast Cancer Awareness Month is coming up, and we brought this car out a little early because we're all for it. To be able to get it in victory lane, it means a lot to me."

Stewart Walks Tall at Eldora

ROSSBURG, OH - Shane Stewart successfully fended off the field Friday night, ultimately winning opening night of Four Crown Nationals Weekend at Eldora Speedway. Though the World of Outlaws Craftsman® Sprint Car Series was only scheduled to compete in a

one-day, 30-lap feature that paid \$10,000, Stewart and company set the tone for the track's 35th-running of the storied event.

The opening day of the two-day blockbuster began with the inaugural "BeFour The Crowns Showdown," featuring the Outlaws and the region's best Sprint car drivers. In a dramatic series of cautions, the 24 determined drivers tested the limits of their winged-sprints in the race's opening laps.

On the "Big E's" half-mile, two red flags and a yellow ultimately waved the feature into an "open red," allowing teams to make certain adjustments to the car. The No. 2 Larson Marks Racing Cool race-car, which started fifth in the feature, shot out of a cannon on the final restart of the first lap. Stewart eventually solidified second place within the first three laps.

"I don't know what to say," Stewart said. "I was actually nervous in that race. I had one good restart, one bad restart and [finally] one good restart. On the open red I told my guys, 'I don't know if my car is

going to be good enough or not.' Usually you're pretty good starting up-top, but the cushion was so high that if I started up there, [Pittman] would get a run on me coming out of [turn] one. It's just all about hitting your marks after that."

It did not take Stewart long to reel-in 2013 Series Champion Daryn Pittman, who led the lineup into the green flag courtesy of the Craftsman® Club Dash. Stewart, sweeping under Pittman, became the new race leader on the 11th lap. Thereon, Stewart made his time on the top of the cushion.

With 10 laps remaining, Stewart increased his advantage to 2.570 seconds, and he led by as many as 3.573 seconds. That was, until the race's final red flag regrouped the field double-wide. Stewart held-off Pittman's No. 9 Kasey Kahne Racing with Mike Curb GF1 car once more, and Logan Schuchart got a jump on Defending Series Champion Donny Schatz for third.

"Yeah some restarts were good and some were bad," Schuchart said. "I was surprised Shane took the bottom [on the final restart]. It was better for me to start on the outside. I feel like at Eldora last time we got to run down the hill and it really helps you. I just kind of got in my own way on the restart. It felt good behind Daryn running my line, seeing where he goes for a few laps before I felt like I could make a move. We weren't good enough to beat Shane, but we're happy to get a top three."

Stewart extended his lead again to more than two seconds, finishing 2.359 seconds ahead of Schuchart. Schuchart made a last push on a fading Pittman with his No. 1S Bobby Allen Triple X car, eventually making the move in the final laps. Schuchart won his heat race earlier in the program.

"It just took forever to get going," Pittman said. "I kind of figured how the track was and the way we were going, that we were almost going to go green-checked. We had nothing for the No. 2 car. Once he was in the lead, he checked out. We'll just keep working hard and keep digging."

The victory was Stewart's second consecutive series win and his eighth of the season.

"To win two in a row, it's just very special," Stewart said. "It's obviously pretty special to win here...any time you can win here. I just have to thank Tony Stewart and all the hardworking crew that takes care of this place. They always do a great job. I just have to thank everyone who's involved with this

team. Everyone puts in their little bits and pieces here, and I'm just blessed to be the driver."

Shane Stewart Dominates Hartford Speedway

HARTFORD, MI - Shane Stewart knew that the initial start and any restarts would be crucial on Wednesday night at Hartford Speedway in Michigan, as the World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series returned to the "Wicked Fast Half-Mile." Stewart wound up mastering the initial start and a pair of double-file restarts en route to picking up his seventh A-Feature win and eighth overall triumph of the season. Stewart led all 25 laps of the event, which was originally postponed by rain back on July 29.

The veteran driver started on the outside of the front row in the main event and used a strong start to power his way past pole sitter Donny Schatz on the high side in turn two. Stewart quickly pulled away, after taking the lead, before the first caution flag of the night flew on the second lap.

"The starts and restarts were everything tonight, especially being beside the (No) 15 car," said Stewart, who drives the Eneos machine for Larson Marks Racing. "I didn't think I would get that good of a start on the initial start. I was off a little in the dash and we made some good changes to our Cool Chassis that brought it back to life for the feature. I can't thank my crew enough. This team has been through some trying times this summer. To finally get on a little roll feels great. We have a few races left and some big races coming up that we want to run well at."

Stewart had a close call coming off turn four on the eighth circuit, as he was about to enter lapped traffic, jumping the cushion and nearly getting sideways. He packed the right rear with mud in the process, which led to a strong vibration for the rest of the race. As the leaders negotiated lapped traffic, Schatz was able to close in on the 10th lap and stuck with Stewart in traffic for a few circuits.

"It was so dirty in the middle (of the track) that I figured if I spun my tires at all Donny (Schatz) would get a good run on me," said Stewart. "If he could get along side of me in turn one, I knew he would slide me. It just worked out good for us. Sometimes those restarts work in your benefit and sometimes they don't. Tonight we were able to get

(Continued Next Page)



Shane Stewart raced his way to victory lane on the opening night of the Four Crown Nationals Weekend at Eldora Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

Madsen Scores Four Crown Nationals Victory for First Ever Eldora Speedway Win

ROSSBURG, OH - Sometimes, being in the right place at the right time can make all of the difference. For Ian Madsen, that statement proved to be worth \$5,000.

For the first time in his career, Ian Madsen is a main event winner at the world-famous Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, Ohio; scoring a victory against the Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions during the 35th Annual Four Crown Nationals.

Climbing ahead from third on the feature grid, Madsen took command officially on lap 28, utilizing Rico Abreu's misfortune while racing in the runner-up position. The victory was Madsen's third against the Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions during the course of his career, but his first in 2016. Chad Kemenah finished second, followed by Randy Hannagan, Kraig Kinser and Brady Bacon.

"It's really awesome to get a win at this place," Ian Madsen explained. "I've always dreamed of winning a race at Eldora Speedway. It's really cool to be able to stand up here on this victory lane stage. I can't thank my team enough for their hard work. Kyle, Mark, Jackson, and all of the guys back home, Brett and Matt; they all do so much. My crew chief, Kyle Ripper, gave me a great car tonight. We've been knocking on the door to get a big win, so this is

awesome."

A pair of California natives, Rico Abreu and Randy Hannagan, led the feature starters to green on Saturday night at Eldora Speedway. Hannagan earned the early advantage, leading Chad Kemenah and Rico Abreu by the flagstand for the first time. The "Hurricane" kept control for the first six circuits, eventually feeling some pressure from the duo racing directly behind him. A pair of cautions on lap seven would halt competition for the first time during the 30-lap main event, erasing Hannagan's advantage at the front of the field. The cautions proved to be beneficial for second place running Rico Abreu; using the momentum change to drive by Hannagan when green flag action returned to officially lead the seventh circuit.

Abreu drove on to dominate the next 20 circuits, outrunning Randy Hannagan, Chad Kemenah and eventually Ian Madsen through two additional cautions and periods of intense traffic.

Unfortunately, Abreu's dominating performance would soon come to a halt; spinning all alone between turns three and four on lap 28, eventually adding Lee Jacobs to the pileup. Madsen, who battled his way forward after starting on the inside of row two, inherited command. His lucky strike would soon pay off, keeping Chad Kemenah and Randy Hannagan at bay for the last three circuits to secure \$5,000 and a first-ever trip to the Eldora Speedway victory lane stage.



Ian Madsen takes the checkered flag at Eldora Speedway, winning the 35th Annual Four Crown Nationals. (Paul Arch photo)

"I don't think we had anything for Rico (Abreu)," Madsen explained. "We got a lucky break there, so we had to make the most of it."

With his runner-up finish, Chad Kemenah officially reclaims the top spot in the Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions title chase, now holding a 20-point cushion over Dale Blaney, and a 70-point cushion over Sheldon Haudenschild, heading into the next Arctic Cat All Star program. Blaney and Haudenschild each suffered from problems during the Four Crown Nationals main event; Blaney made contact with the turn four retaining wall, while Haudenschild suffered from engine failure.

"You have to finish every race. My crew always gives me a great opportunity to do that," Chad Kemenah explained. "We just keep plugging away and we keep earning podiums. Ian (Madsen) had a really good car tonight. I actually felt like I was getting better and better as the race went on. We were

able to move around quite a bit on the race track. We were good enough to run second to him and I'll take it."

With only two weeks to wait, the Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions will return to The Big E on Saturday evening, October 8, for the Eldora Speedway season finale. Dubbed the Sprintacular, the sprint car triple-header will feature the Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions, NRA '360' Sprint Invaders and the BOSS non-wing sprint cars, each conducting a full program including preliminary competition and main events. The Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions will battle for a \$5,000 top prize, as well as full points, during the annual Sprintacular; the fourth and final Eldora Speedway appearance for the Arctic Cat All Stars in 2016.

Those seeking additional information regarding the 2016 Eldora Speedway Sprintacular should visit Eldora Speedway live on the Web at www.eldoraspeedway.com.

Continued...

good, clean starts. When you race Donny, you know he is always going to give you enough room. He could have slid me up there on the initial start pretty heavily on the back straightaway and he never does. It's always a joy and pleasure to race with him."

Schatz had one final shot at Stewart on a lap-18 restart. He dove low in turns one and two, making a bid for the lead, but to no avail. Stewart was then able to pull away and

again quickly open a several car length lead. Schatz ended up finishing second as he continues to chase his eighth series championship for his Bad Boy Off Road team.

"Shane was definitely better tonight," said Schatz. "I knew we were going to be a little off the first couple laps. About eight laps in, I thought we would get going and just never did. It felt like the left rear was flat, but the tire is not flat. We have something going on there, but it was a respectable finish."

After winning the Craftsman Club Dash, Schatz started on the pole for the 25-lap race, with Stewart to his outside. On each of the double-file restarts, Schatz lined up on the outside of the sprawling half-

mile. For Schatz, the runner-up performance was his 53rd top-five finish of the season.

"It was a fast track and you just had to get up there and hammer down," Schatz noted. "We got on the bottom a few times and just weren't able to finish the corner. I guess sometimes when you get going and something doesn't feel quite right, it's better to not push the issue, with how fast you are going around here and get yourself in trouble. We've definitely torn up enough stuff in the last month. It was a respectable finish for these guys and a great job. We'll go on to Friday and try to win one."

Tim Shaffer finished third to record his best World of Outlaws Craftsman® Sprint Car Series fin-

ish of the season. The native of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania started sixth and gained a couple of spots on the opening lap. He then worked his way around Ian Madsen for the third position. At one point, Shaffer, Madsen and Daryn Pittman were three-wide, battling for the third spot.

David Gravel finished fourth as he kept pace in the battle for the second spot in points. Pittman crossed the line fifth in the Great Clips No. 9 and holds a single-point advantage over Gravel. Brad Sweet was sixth, Jason Sides worked his way from the 19th starting spot to finish seventh. Ian Madsen was eighth, followed by Joey Saldana in ninth and Jason Johnson rounding out the top-10.

for the lead, but to no avail. Stewart was then able to pull away and

Scott Bloomquist Bags Jackson 100 at Brownstown

BROWNSTOWN, IN - Scott Bloomquist led 97 of the 100 laps on Saturday Night at Brownstown Speedway, winning his sixth career Jackson 100. He earned \$20,000 for winning the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series-sanctioned event. Bloomquist passed Dennis Erb Jr. for the lead early in the race and was briefly challenged by Darrell Lanigan and Jimmy Owens.

Bloomquist's Crop Production Services, Reece Monument Company, Mark Martin Automotive, Durham Racing Engines, Sweet-Bloomquist Chassis outran Owens, Lanigan, Tim McCreddie, and Chris Simpson for the win.

"The first few times we came here, we didn't make the race, but gradually over time we got better. It's completely different dirt than what we were winning on in the South at that time. The crowd has always been supportive of us up here and it's a track you have to be smooth to drive on," said the winner afterwards in Lucas Oil Victory Lane.

"The car was very good all night long; in the heat race it would handle anywhere on the track. When they went out and worked on the track before the main event, I am sure it helped us. Our car was able to maneuver the entire 100 laps without any difficulty. When we got into traffic late, it was still raceable."

Bloomquist was challenged only on restarts by Lanigan and then by Owens as they were able to stay close to the 52-year-old Hall-of-Famer, seeking his third career

LOLMDS title. As the race wore on with several long green flag runs, Bloomquist proved his dominance.

Owens was pleased with his runner-up finish. "We had a good car at Knoxville last week, but didn't get the result we wanted. This track has always been fun to race on and with the crowd on hand that they had tonight, it makes it ever better. I thought I had a good chance to stay with Scott; and we did for several laps; but a couple of times I skated up the track and that hurt our chances."

Lanigan had one of his best finishes ever at Brownstown and felt that he had a strong car for the entire race. "We keep working on this piece and it just seems to get better and better. To come to Brownstown and run third with these guys tells us how far we have come. I'd like to give a big thanks to everybody at Clint Bowyer Racing and Georgia Boot for their support."

Completing the Top Ten were: Dennis Erb Jr., Don O'Neal, Dustin Linville, Cody Mahoney, and Hudson O'Neal.

In preliminary action, Steve Francis set the overall Miller Welders Fast Time (Group A) amongst the 42 entrants, with a lap of 13.219 seconds. Cody Mahoney set the fastest time in Group B with a time of 13.535 seconds. Dennis Erb Jr., Don O'Neal, Darrell Lanigan, and Scott Bloomquist won their respective heat races. Devin Gilpin and Michael Chilton won their respective B-Mains.

Francis Tops Jackson 100 Qualifying at Brownstown

BROWNSTOWN, IN - Hall-of-Fame driver Steve Francis set the overall Miller Welders Fast Time on



Scott Bloomquist celebrates winning at Brownstown Speedway along with second place finisher Jimmy Owens (left) and third place finisher Darrell Lanigan (right). (LOLMDS photo)

Friday Night at Brownstown Speedway. Francis was fastest among the 42 entrants on night one of the 37th Annual Jackson 100.

Heat race pole sitters for Saturday Nights' activities will be Francis, Jimmy Owens, Cody Mahoney and Tim McCreddie.

All gates will open 12:00pm (noon) on Saturday. There will be a Dirt Racing Outreach Service from 3:30-4:15pm, followed by a driver's autograph session from 4:30-

5:15pm.

Hot laps will kick-off at 6:00pm, followed by a full program of: four LOLMDS Heat Races, two B-Mains and the 100-lap, \$20,000-to-win main event.

In preliminary action, Steve Francis set the overall Miller Welders Fast Time (Group A) amongst the 42 entrants, with a lap of 13.219 seconds. Cody Mahoney set the fastest time in Group B with a time of 13.535 seconds.



Steve Francis set the fast time opening night of the Jackson 100 at Brownstown Speedway. (LOLMDS photo)

MADE IN AMERICA

JERICO STRONG

Since 1980, Jerico's uncompromising quality and meticulous design has always been there, leading you to the finish line.

- 2 and 3 speed transmissions for all dirt and asphalt racing applications.
- The finest grade Aluminum or Magnesium used in all case castings.
- Jerico Transmissions offer larger, completely rollerized main shafts, polished gears, and caged roller bearings.
- 2 speed and 3 speed offers a wide variety of gear ratio choices.
- All internal moving parts manufactured in-house to exact demanding standards.
- One of the shortest cases in the industry allows lowering complete running gear by up to 2" for a lower center of gravity.

JERICO PERFORMANCE PRODUCTS • 704.782.4343 • jericoperformance.com
443 Pitts School Road NW Concord, NC 28027

Johnson Gets Thrilling Victory in Hockett/ McMillin Memorial Finale

WHEATLAND, MO - A race for the ages at Lucas Oil Speedway; Oklahoma's Wayne Johnson and Tennessee's Sammy Swindell put on a thriller of a show for Saturday's \$10,000 top prize in the sixth annual Hockett/McMillin Memorial with the Lucas Oil

American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network.

"You know, Jack [Hockett] means the world to me. Connie and everything she's going through, and everything this family has gone through these last 10 years. They're all really dear to my heart and I've wanted to win this damn race for a long time, but we've always sucked here but my buddy up there let us win this one," exclaimed a jubilant, Wayne Johnson.

Johnson's second win in as many nights, the City Vending No. 2c led the opening two rounds as Swindell made the pass just as the caution flew. Putting Johnson back to the point, Sammy swapped the cushion for the hub to get the pass off the second turn as the race worked to the fifth lap.

Delayed near the races' halfway point for a pair of red flags, the first flew for Brian Bell who made hard contact with the fence. The delay to assess the damage resulted in an open red. The next stoppage was shortly after for Thomas Kennedy who biked the car through the first and second turns with damaging results.

In the chaos of reds and restarts, Sam Hafertepe, Jr. advanced to the runner-up spot.

Keeping pace with Swindell, the Lucas Oil ASCS Point's Leader ran the diamond line. Keeping his momentum up, and holding off any potential slide jobs, Sam kept pace with Sammy for several laps before the veteran racer began to pull away.

Red for one final time in the closing laps for Jason McDougal, who walked away unscathed, the restart would nearly be Hafertepe's undoing as the car biked hard through turns one and two. Bending the Jacobs Ladder on the No 15h, the misstep allowed Johnson, who has

fallen as far back as fifth, the chance to rebound as cars scrambled to avoid Sam. Moving back into second, Wayne rolled to Swindell's tail tank with four laps to get the job done; and the opportunity was about to present itself.

"I ran the center there and got by [Logan] Forler, and then when Sam messed up, I just set sail and I could see that Sammy was getting real tight on the curb, but everybody was and I just tried something different and entered above it and drove down the hill and hell, that thing just launched."

Ultimately exchanging the lead four times in the final three rotations, Johnson would finally clear the No. 3s for the top spot coming to the white flag. The margin of victory was 1.661 seconds. While the runner-up finish was far from what Sammy has wanted, Swindell made a statement with three nights on the podium

"If I hadn't messed up we could have had it. We had a good car and for running no more races than we've run, and with this place being a little bit different tonight than it has been, it's not bad again to have just run these few races and be able to compete for the win every night, but that, we just gave it away really," stated Swindell.

Running up from eighth, Washington's Logan Forler brought his Steve Forler Trucking No. 2L home on the final podium step despite having to fight the setup in the closing laps, "It took us three nights to get this thing rolling, and tonight we were really good. I think we really would have been in contention for the win if we hadn't broke the shocks off when we hit Sam, but everything was great this weekend and we ended up with a solid run."

Despite the damaged rear suspension, Sam Hafertepe, Jr. was able to rebound from the bike to fourth with Derek Hagar roaring from 18th to complete the top five after winning a B-Feature.

Josh Baughman from 10th finished sixth with Blake Hahn marching to seventh from 13th. Battling early at the front of the field, Jonathan Cornell slipped back an eighth place showing with Brian Brown ninth. Going upside down in his Qualifier, Johnny Herrera had to advance through a B-Feature. With a broken Maxim Chassis to work with, the New Mexico shoe ran



Wayne Johnson celebrates with a big crowd in victory lane at Lucas Oil Speedway after winning the Hockett/McMillin Memorial. (ASCS photo)

from 21st to round out the top-ten.

Overall, the sixth annual Hockett/McMillin Memorial drew 68 drivers to the Lucas Oil Speedway. Saturday's program included seven heats. Jason McDougal, Brian Bell, Seth Bergman, Brandon Hanks, Zach Chappell, Brad Loyet, and Josh Baughman topped Heat Race action. Qualifiers were won by Thomas Kennedy, Josh Baughman, and Jay Russell. A trio of B-Features went to Aaron Reutzel, Derek Hagar, and Brad Loyet.

Provisionals were used by Kyle Bellm and Danny Thoman.

The Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network heads for the I-80 Speedway in Greenwood, Neb. for the next showdown on Saturday, October 1 for the \$6,000 to win Fall Brawl.

For continued updates on the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network, log onto www.ascsracing.com.

Wayne Johnson Survives Traffic for Friday Night Victory

WHEATLAND, MO - So far, it's the veterans who have been the top dogs at the sixth annual Hockett/McMillin Memorial as Wayne Johnson survived slower traffic heavier than a New York traffic jam for victory in Friday's Preliminary A-Feature event with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network.

With the win, Johnson will start Saturday's \$10,000 to win A-Feature from the pole as his event point total edged out Sammy Swindell by one marker for the number one spot.

"We've run this series for a long time, and Jesse Hockett was a good friend of mine and of course, Jack [Hockett] could tell all the good stories but man, hats off to my crew. Bud and Slip, they've been working their butts off on this thing. It feels like we've changed cars about 25 time this year but that Maxim sure was working good tonight," commented Wayne on his second National Tour triumph of the season.

Non-stop for 25 laps, Wayne shot from the pole to the point, setting a rapid pace around the three-eight mile Lucas Oil Speedway.

Slicing in and out of slower traffic, Johnson was able to take his City Vending No. 2c to a nearly three second advantage, but the moves would begin to slow; allowing Aaron Reutzel to close the gap in the closing laps with seventh starting, Sammy Swindell, making his presence known.

Moving in on the No. 2c in the final laps, Reutzel showed his nose one time but would not be able to complete the pass.

"I thought I screwed up there with about three to go when Aaron showed me his nose that one time," explained Wayne. "I was trapped. There were lapped cars so I thought well, if there's lapped cars there, he can't me and get by them either but it worked out."

Keeping the No. 87 at bay, Johnson crossed 0.938 seconds ahead of Aaron, who battled hard with Swindell in the closing laps.

"The track was so fast, you had to wait for guys to make mistakes or wait for traffic and luckily I got there pretty quick on the bottom," said Aaron. "Wayne was a straight-a-way ahead of us and we ran him down but he was in the right

(Continued Next Page)

Continued...

place at the right time and made the right moves. We can't hold our heads down about this one. This is way better than last night."

With the car rolling solid, Sammy raced to a third place finish.

"We didn't have the problems on the car tonight like we did last night. We had a couple issues, but we got those resolved and we had a good night. It was just the

track was a bit faster and narrower so to come from the back of a Heat and with the way the points deal works out, we had to come from a way back again but all in all, in the end,

we were running those guys down."

Tony Bruce, Jr. brought the Smith Racing No. 86 home fourth with Jack Dover coming from tenth to complete the top-five. Matt Covington from 11th came home sixth with Jonathan Cornell seventh. Transferring from the B-Feature, Sam Hafertepe, Jr. came from 17th to eighth with Brandon Hanks ninth. Following Hafertepe through the B-Main, Johnny Herrera charged from 20th to complete the top-ten.

With Johnson and Swindell on the front row, the second row will see Tony Bruce, Jr. and Jonathan Cornell going side-by-side. John Carney II and Sam Hafertepe, Jr. will start from the third row with Brian Brown and Logan Forler completing the Top 8 lock-ins into Saturday's championship event.

Herrera Rolls to Victory in Hockett/McMillin Memorial Opener

WHEATLAND, MO - Besting a stout lineup of 65 drivers, New Mexico's Johnny Herrera was the class of the field on Thursday night, earning the top spot in Thursday's kick off to the sixth annual Hockett/McMillin Memorial at the Lucas Oil Speedway with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network.

Utilizing a late race restart, Johnny sailed his MVT No. 45x to the cushion to take the lead away from race long leader, Sammy Swindell, despite having worked the bottom early to the front of the field.

"Someone showed me the bot-

tom early, and I was working that line when I showed him my nose there and then he dropped down and blocked that," commented Herrera of early attempts for the lead. "After that, the bottom started going away or at least I wasn't as good as I was early and after that red, I committed to just sail the top and it worked."

Working through a pair of cautions in the opening laps, the field gave chase to Sammy Swindell as Herrera worked to hold off Jonathan Cornell. Able to keep the Kiowa Line Builders No. 28 at bay for the first half of the A-Feature, Cornell rolled the bottom to second and eventually the lead while working Lap 15 with Herrera in tow. Caution in the same breath, the lineup reverted back to the last fully completed lap; putting Swindell to the point and Cornell to second.

With brakes fading on the Acme Grapix No. 3s, Swindell made the car as wide as possible but again, it was Cornell to the front only to have the red negate the move as Josh Baughman tagged the wall off the fourth turn.

Able to keep his No. 3s to the bottom, Swindell held the lead with Herrera keeping pace. Working to slower traffic, Johnny switched lines to the top for the lead, but again, the caution flew in favor of Swindell on Lap 21. Twisting up his No. 45x, Johnny took the lead on the restart, and this time the caution flew in Johnny's favor.

Green for the final time, Johnny set sail to a 1.434 second advantage at the checkered flag.

"I knew we had a good car, but Sammy is just tough to beat," stated Johnny. "He's a veteran, just like me, and anytime you can race

hard with him and outrun him, that's always a great thing."

John Carney II battled to a third place finish with Brad Loyet coming from seventh to fourth. After contending for the lead early on, Jonathan Cornell slipped to complete the top-five.

From 10th, Wayne Johnson ran up to a sixth place finish with Brian Brown seventh. Sam Hafertepe, Jr. from 13th crossed eighth with Seth Bergman making the most of a Provisional Start to charge from 23rd to ninth. From 21st, Matt Covington came up to round out the top-ten.

Drawing a field of 65 drivers, eight Heat Races went to Derek Hagar, Chris Morgan, Tony Bruce, Jr., John Carney II, Wayne Johnson, Sam Hafertepe, Jr., and Corey Nelson. Qualifiers were won by Johnny Herrera, Brian Brown, and Harli White. A trio of B-Features went to Taylor Walton, Chris Martin, and Jack Dover. Provisionals were utilized by Aaron Reutzel, Seth Bergman, and Evan Martin.

Event points following Thursday's opener finds Johnny Herrera atop with 397 markers. The margin is 11 over Sammy Swindell. John Carney II with 382 is third with Brian Brown at 366. Wayne Johnson makes up the top-five in a tie with Brian Brown.

Rick Ziehl Rebounds With ASCS Southwest Triumph at Arizona Speedway

QUEEN CREEK, AZ - It didn't take long for Rick Ziehl to rebound in the chase for the 2016 Carlyle Tools ASCS Southwest Regional Championship, as the New Mexico shoe posted his third victory of the

2016 season at the Arizona Speedway in Queen Creek, Ariz. on Saturday night.

A DNS in the series previous visit, Ziehl entered Saturday with a slim 25 point advantage, but has extended that to 61.

Picking off the win from the ninth starting spot, Ziehl had his work cut out for him as Lorne Wofford ran the show from the drop of the green flag. Finding the No. 18 on Lap 19, the pair exchanged the lead several times before Rick was finally able to secure the top spot on Lap 22.

Making it a New Mexico one, two; Lorne Wofford held on for second with Arizona's J.T. Imperial taking the final step on the podium. From 11th, Colton Hardy climbed to fourth, and in doing so, has advanced to second in the tour standings. Lance Norick made up the top five.

Making the trip from Montana, Jeremy McCune was the night's SpeedMart Hard Charger from 17th to sixth. Alex Pettas followed from 16th. Billy Chester III, Josh Shipley, and Jeff Slinkard completed the top-ten.

The Carlyle Tools ASCS Southwest Region will again grace the clay of the Arizona Speedway on Saturday, October 8. For continued updates on the Carlyle Tools ASCS Southwest Region, log onto www.ascsracing.com.

Rain and Frigid Temps Cancels ASCS Frontier at Atomic

ATOMIC CITY, ID - Unfortunately, the return of ASCS Sprint Car racing to Atomic Motor Raceway in Atomic City, Idaho will have to wait as track and series officials have made the call to cancel this weekend's event with the Brodix ASCS Frontier Region on account of near 100% chance of rain through Friday along with crippling cold temperatures.

With the fall season having moved in across the area, the 2016 season for the Brodix ASCS Frontier Region has officially concluded. Canada's Skylar Gee will be crowned the 2016 champion. This is Gee's first ASCS sanctioned championship. The season for the driver of the No. 99 included five wins, 10 Top-Fives, and 13 Top-Tens.

Officials are already working on the 2017 lineup of events. Event dates will be announced later this year. For continued updates on the Brodix ASCS Frontier Region, log onto www.ascsracing.com.



Johnny Herrera raced his way to victory lane on the opening night of the Hockett/McMillin Memorial at the Lucas Oil Speedway. (John Lee/ASCS photo)

Pollard Dominates Southern Super Series Finale at Five Flags

PENSACOLA, FL - Bubba Pollard had not raced on pavement in close to two months, but that didn't slow him down at all on Saturday night in the 150-lap Southern Super Series presented by Sunoco season finale at Pensacola, Florida's Five Flags Speedway.

For much of the race it appeared as if nothing would slow Pollard down except for the occasional caution flag, but that changed with about 10 laps to go.

Pollard started to struggle behind lapped traffic, which allowed Harrison Burton to close in. With just a few laps to go it appeared as though Burton might have a shot at Pollard, but he was unable to make the move.

Pollard, a new dad, was able to hold off the hard-charging Burton to

score the win in the final Super Late Model race (combination event with the Blizzard Series) at Five Flags Speedway before December's Snowball Derby.

"We took two months off there, but we hadn't quit working," Pollard said on the Speed51.com live broadcast, which was presented by PFC Brakes.

"We've been running dirt and building race cars. This is one heck of a fast race car right here. This is a brand new one. I'm looking forward to coming back for the Derby. I've won a lot of races, but none like this. This is a bad machine and I'm looking forward to taking it to the Derby."

The victory was Bubba Pollard's 12th triumph in the Southern Super Series. The Georgian is the only driver to win in all four years of the series existence.

Donnie Wilson, the 2016 Southern Super Series presented by Sunoco champion, finished fourth



Pollard celebrates another victory at Five Flags Speedway (Speed51.com photo)

to continue his streak of incredible consistency that clinched him the championship one race ago in the Alabama 200 at Montgomery Motor Speedway.

Five Flags' Blizzard Series championship also came to an end on Saturday night. Contender Zane Smith saw his championship hopes crash to an end when he was caught up in an incident in turn three of the first lap.

With Burton running as strong as

he did, it seemed for a while that he may be able to walk out of Pensacola as a surprise champion of the Blizzard Series, but Casey Roderick's fifth-place finish was good enough to clinch him the title.

While the Southern Super Series presented by Sunoco is complete, many series regulars will begin preparing for the 49th Annual Snowball Derby at Five Flags Speedway from November 30 - December 4 in Pensacola, FL.

NASCAR Foundation to Donate \$1 Million to NYU Langone Medical Center

NEW YORK, NY - The NASCAR Foundation will donate \$1 million to NYU Langone Medical Center, as part of a multi-year partnership to benefit hospitalized children. Through this partnership, The NASCAR Foundation will enhance the Child Life Program at the Hassenfeld Children's Hospital of New York at NYU Langone.

This is The NASCAR Foundation's first multi-year partnership with a New York area hospital and marks its commitment to reach more kids nationally. NASCAR's charitable arm has donated \$25 million and impacted more than one million children since 2006.

"This is an important partnership for The NASCAR Foundation," said NASCAR Vice Chairman Mike Helton. "The work being done by the NYU Langone Medical Center is changing lives, each and every day. The NASCAR Foundation is

proud to have an opportunity to support that important work and expand our commitment to improving the lives of children in need."

Through this partnership, the Child Life Program will ease the anxiety of children and their families during their hospital stay, which is essential to recovery. The NASCAR Foundation will support an enhanced child and family experience, fund two Child Life specialists, and provide resources, equipment and supplies to complement the wide-range of supportive and therapeutic activities currently offered at Hassenfeld Children's Hospital at no charge to patients.

This marks an expansion of The NASCAR Foundation's commitment to supporting children with

Child Life programming as part of its signature Speediatrics program, which has provided more than 500,000 children with state-of-the-art medical care.

"As leaders in the field of pediatrics, we're proud to partner with The NASCAR Foundation whose generous philanthropic support provides extensive and meaningful programs to help children and their families," said Catherine S. Manno, MD, the Pat and John Rosenwald Professor and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at NYU Langone. "This sponsorship, in concert with our Sala Institute for Child and Family Centered Care, will strengthen our national exemplar model of care for children and their families."

Exhibitor Space Filling Quickly for Motorsports Racecar and Trade Show

TRENTON, NJ - The 32nd annual Motorsports Racecar and Trade Show dates have been set for Friday, January 20 thru Sunday, January 22nd. Labeled as the mid-winter motorsports happening the

show again takes place at the popular Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, PA.

The Pioneer Pole Buildings Motorsports 2017 Racecar and Trade Show Fueled by Sunoco and Distributed by Insinger Performance is again expected to fill all 250,000 square feet of available show space making it even more impor-

tant for those planning to participate to reserve their space now.

Interest is again running high as the popularity of motorsports is increasing and interest in what is new in the business of motorsports peaks the interest of attendees.

Again this year show attendees will have the opportunity to meet many top name racers and personalities from local, regional and national motorsports.

Exhibitors will have what is new in the sport on display. Of course there are many collectible dealers willing to share their treasures with

fans.

Racers and personalities will be signing autographs, posing for photos and just chatting with show attendees. And it all happens for no additional charge. Buy an admission ticket and you are part of all the activities.

The official show hotel will be the Crowne Plaza located in nearby King of Prussia, PA. Special hotel rates are available.

Information on exhibiting at the 2017 Motorsports Show is available by telephoning Danny Sammons at 609.888.3618.

Darlington Raceway

DARLINGTON, SC - Darlington Raceway will serve as the host for quality barbecue, classic cars and great live music when the Speed & Feed BBQ Cook-off and Car Show returns to the track November 11-12.

The event will be FREE and open to the public from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. on Friday, November 11 and 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 12.

Unlimited tastings will be available for \$5 per person per day while supplies last.

“The Speed and Feed BBQ Cook-Off and Car Show is a terrific community festival that will host the region’s top BBQ teams and hundreds of classic cars. We’re proud to be hosting this event for the fourth consecutive year,” track President Kerry Tharp said.

The BBQ cook-off will again be sanctioned by the South Carolina BBQ Association, one of the premier BBQ organizations in the country, and feature some of the top cook teams in the region. The teams will be vying to win the coveted \$2,500 first-place prize, while also earning a spot in the World Food Championships.

A chicken wing cook-off will take place on Friday night and will be judged by a local celebrity panel.

Additionally, the two day car show will feature an open show of cars and trucks on display for enthusiasts, along with a swap meet. Participants will have the opportunity to make a lap around the famous 1.366-mile raceway on Friday night under the lights.

Pre-registration for the car show is \$25. Day of show registration will be \$30. A commemorative dash plaque will be given to the first 500 car and truck registrations. Trophies will be given to the top 50 cars and trucks, plus other special awards.

The car show and swap meet are once again being organized by longtime enthusiasts, Fred and Nancy Turner, of Florence, S.C.

Darlington Raceway is also offering pace laps around the Lady in Black for a donation of \$10 per ride or five non-perishable food items. All proceeds will benefit the track’s charitable arm Darlington Shares and The Lord Cares food bank in Darlington.

Sponsorship and vendor oppor-



New Hampshire Motor Speedway executive vice president and general manager David McGrath (left) presents Tony Stewart with a commemorative granite stone, engraved with his name, car and the year of every win he's ever had at NHMS. (Alan MacRae/NHMS).

tunities are available by contacting either Jeff Taylor, Sr. Director of Corporate Sales, at 843-395-8877, jataylor@darlingtonraceway.com, or Michael Smith, Account Executive, at 843-395-8892, mwsmith@darlingtonraceway.com.

For more information visit DarlingtonRaceway.com, on Facebook at Facebook.com/DarlingtonRaceway and on Twitter at Twitter.com/TooToughToTame.

New Hampshire Motor Speedway

LOUDON, NH - Dale Earnhardt has his rock and now Tony Stewart has his granite stone at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. A winner of five races in three different motorsports series at NHMS during his legendary career, Tony Stewart will now forever be honored for his achievements on the 1.058-mile oval. Speedway officials unveiled the 7,400-pound engraved granite block for this weekend’s Bad Boy Off Road 300, Stewart’s final race as a full-time driver in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series.

Fans will be able to see the granite stone, as it is positioned under the Main Grandstands in a manicured flowerbed next to the suite elevators parallel to the Granite Stripe start/finish line.

“We really wanted to do something to honor one of our greatest champions here at New Hampshire Motor Speedway and one of the greatest drivers to ever get behind the wheel of any race car,” said David McGrath, executive vice president and general manager of the speedway.

The granite features Stewart’s No. 14 in the top-left corner with his name underneath. The middle of

the engraving is a likeness of Stewart’s car the last time he won here in 2011. The bottom-right of the stone features the New Hampshire Motor Speedway logo with the year of each of his wins at NHMS – 1998 (IndyCar), 2000 (Cup Series), 2005 (Cup Series), 2008 (XFINITY Series) and 2011 (Cup Series).

Block details:

- From: Concord, N.H.
- Made by: Swenson Granite Works
- Weight: 7,400
- Measurements: 5ft x 3ft x 3ft
- Quarry time: 10 hours
- Cut time: 8 hrs to saw bottom
- Chisel time: 18 total hours to shape, hand chisel, and engrave
- Total time to produce: 40 hours

Dover International Speedway

DOVER, DE - Legendary musician Joe Walsh will serve as the grand marshal for the “Citizen Soldier 400” NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race at Dover International Speedway on Sunday, Oct. 2, track officials announced today.

The Grammy Award-winning 1998 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee has a career spanning four decades as a successful solo artist and a member of the Eagles, Barnstorm and James Gang. Walsh wrote “No Man’s Land,” an original song for the film “Citizen Soldier.”

Joining Walsh as dignitaries for the “Citizen Soldier 400” are:

- Honorary Pace Car Driver: Retired Maj. Gen Gus Hargett, the chief executive officer of the National Guard Association of the United

States.

- Honorary Starter: Retired Staff Sgt. Colt Floyd of the Oklahoma National Guard. Floyd was deployed to Afghanistan in 2011.

- Welcoming Remarks: Bert Bedrosian, “Citizen Soldier” producer and partner at Strong Eagle Media.

In addition, country music star Easton Corbin will sing the national anthem prior to the race and the traditional military flyover will be conducted by two F-16s from the 149th Fighter Wing of the Texas Air National Guard.

“Citizen Soldier” is a feature film that follows an Oklahoma National Guard unit during its deployment to Afghanistan. Produced by Strong Eagle Media and distributed by Gravititas Ventures and Broad Green Pictures, the film is a modern day “Band of Brothers” and documents the Oklahoma Army National Guard’s 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team 2011 deployment.

“We’re thrilled that Joe Walsh, a rock and roll legend, will be a key part of our NASCAR weekend,” said Mike Tatoian, Dover International Speedway’s president and CEO. “His contributions for the film ‘Citizen Soldier,’ and his support for our active and retired men and women in the military and their families is a testament to who he is today.”

The “Citizen Soldier 400” NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race is the centerpiece of the Sept. 30-Oct. 2 NASCAR tripleheader weekend at the Monster Mile. Dover International Speedway is also hosting the “Drive Sober 200” presented by the Delaware Office of Highway Safety NASCAR XFINITY Series race on Saturday, Oct. 1, and the NASCAR K&N Pro Series East race on Friday, Sept. 30.

For tickets or more information, call 800-441-RACE or visit DoverSpeedway.com. You can also keep up with the Monster Mile at Facebook.com/DoverInternationalSpeedway, or on Twitter at @MonsterMile and Instagram at @MonsterMile.



Talladega Superspeedway

TALLADEGA, AL - Talladega Superspeedway announced today that Nashville country star Jerrod Niemann will perform as the headliner for the traditional Saturday Night Infield Concert, Oct. 22, as part of the much anticipated Chase double elimination weekend.

Niemann is set to take the stage at NASCAR's "Party Capital" just hours after the conclusion of the Fred's 250 Powered by Coca-Cola NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race where the field of title contenders will be cut from eight to six, and the night before the Alabama 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series event (Sunday Oct. 23) where only eight of 12 drivers will advance in the Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup. Admission to the concert is free with the purchase of a Sunday race ticket for the Alabama 500.

Niemann is currently on tour, and working on his new album. The recently released first single, titled "A Little More Love," is a duet with friend and label mate Lee Brice. His most recent album, *High Noon*, featured the Platinum-certified hit "Drink to That All Night," a two-week No. 1 smash. *High Noon* was a follow-up to his *Free the Music* album, which included the emotional "Only God Could Love You More" and "Shinin' on Me."

Niemann's chart-topping debut album, *Judge Jerrod & The Hung Jury*, hit *The New York Times'* Top 10 Albums of 2010, with featured hits "What Do You Want" and Platinum No. 1 smash, "Lover, Lover." His larger-than-life personality inspired the hilarious antics in his short-story voiceovers on the album, and he never ceases to amaze fans.

"Race fans expect our Saturday night infield concerts to be as electrifying as the racing action on the track," said Talladega Superspeedway Chairman Grant Lynch. "Jerrod Niemann is an impressive artist with a unique flavor of music that resonates with fans on so many levels. It will definitely be a show you don't want to miss."

A Kansas native, Niemann began studying music at a very young age. A month after his 21st birthday, he moved to the Music City, where he made a name for

himself as an ingenious songwriter. He has co-written hits for country superstar Garth Brooks, as well as co-written eight of the 13 songs he recorded on his *High Noon* album.

Niemann continues the tradition of incredible musical talent that has performed the Saturday Night Infield Concert at Talladega, which takes place near the intersection of Eastaboga and Talladega Boulevards. Free tram transportation – both into the track prior to the concert and back outside the track after the concert – is provided for Sunday grandstand ticket holders.

Talladega Superspeedway's action-packed weekend kicks off on Friday (Oct. 21) with practice sessions for both the Fred's 250 Powered by Coca-Cola and the Alabama 500. Saturday's schedule includes Foodland/Food Giant qualifying for both NCWTS (9:30 a.m. CDT) and NSCS (3:00 p.m. CDT) while the Fred's 250 Powered by Coca-Cola gets the green flag at 12 Noon CDT. The Alabama 500 race is set for Sunday at 1:00 p.m. CDT.

Atlanta Motor Speedway

HAMPTON, GA - Atlanta Motor Speedway will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the 1992 Hooters 500 Cup Series race, known as one of the greatest NASCAR races of all time, in which racing legend and NASCAR Hall of Famer Richard Petty made his final career start, with a special ticket offer and exclusive race-day experience for the first 500 fans who take advantage.

With the purchase of a \$69 Upper Petty Grandstand ticket for Sunday's race, fans can add a \$10 upgrade, which includes a replica ticket from the 1992 Hooters 500, a commemorative Richard Petty hero card, access to an exclusive Q&A session with Richard Petty on race day and a chance to win one of 43 replica 1992 Hooters 500 tickets signed by "The King" himself. One dollar from each upgrade purchase will go towards the Petty Family Foundation and Victory Junction.

The package is also available as an upgrade for any fan who has previously purchased a Sunday ticket valued at \$69 or more and members of Atlanta Motor Speedway's Insiders Club, regardless of seat location.

The 1992 race at AMS, perhaps the most influential NASCAR event ever, solidified its place in racing lore for more reasons than one. As Petty, whose storied career included a record 200 wins and spanned more than three decades,

made his final career start, a little-known driver by the name of Jeff Gordon simultaneously made his first start at NASCAR's top level. But just as significant as the proverbial passing of the baton between Petty and Gordon, was the down-to-the-wire battle that took place that day for the 1992 Cup championship.

Davey Allison, Alan Kulwicki and Bill Elliott all made bids for the race victory and the season title, but in the end, a clever pit strategy pulled off by Kulwicki allowed him to lead the most laps of the race and steal the championship out from under Elliott, edging him in the standings with bonus points, despite Elliott winning the race.

Along with the 25th anniversary of the 1992 race, Atlanta Motor Speedway will take part in the festivities of Richard Petty's 10-month campaign celebrating his 80th birthday, which he will mark in 2017.

NASCAR racing returns to Atlanta Motor Speedway March 3-5, 2017, featuring the Atlanta 250 XFINITY Series and Active Pest Control 200 Camping World Truck Series doubleheader on Saturday, March 4 and the Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 Sprint Cup Series race on Sunday, March 5. For more information, contact the Atlanta Motor Speedway ticket office at (770) 946-4211, (877) 9-AMS-TIX or visit www.atlantamotorspeedway.com.

Homestead-Miami Speedway

MIAMI, FL - In 2015, NASCAR witnessed one of the most remarkable comebacks in the sports' history, as Kyle Busch collected his first career Sprint Cup Series championship by emerging victorious in the Ford EcoBoost 400 at Homestead-Miami Speedway. Regardless of which of the 16 Chase drivers are part of the Championship 4 at the 2016 Ford EcoBoost 400 on Sunday, November 20, there is guaranteed to be another comeback completed that day.

Hot off the release of their new single "Comeback Kid," Grammy® Award-winning superstar sibling trio - The Band Perry - will make a special live performance prior to this year's NASCAR Sprint Cup Series championship race. The Band Perry will be featured in Homestead-Miami Speedway's pre-race show, which airs on Countdown to Green on

NBC that Sunday. The Ford EcoBoost 400 championship race, which is televised in 185 countries and territories, will be broadcast on NBC, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio at 2:30 p.m. ET.

The Band Perry, which consists of siblings Kimberly Perry, Neil Perry and Reid Perry, are an unstoppable presence in music. The trio has released two studio albums, *The Band Perry* (2010) and *Pioneer* (2013). Their first album went certified platinum and included the sextuple-platinum chart-topper, "If I Die Young," the platinum-selling "You Lie" and "All Your Life (a #1 single).

Their second album *Pioneer* was certified gold and also featured two No. 1 singles on the U.S. Billboard Hot Country Songs chart with the song "Better Dig Two" and "DONE.," a first No. 1 for brothers Reid and Neil as songwriters. In February 2015, The Band Perry won their first Grammy® Award for Best Country Duo/Group Performance and have also earned multiple awards from the likes of The Country Music Association, CMT Music Awards, the American Country Awards and the Academy of Country Music.

Recently named ambassadors for Teen Cancer America (a charity founded by The Who's Roger Daltrey), The Band Perry recently launched a million-dollar fundraising campaign with the nonprofit to benefit Vanderbilt University Medical Center's Monroe Carrell Jr. Children's Hospital to expand the Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer program in Nashville. They are currently putting the finishing touches on their third studio album.

"We are thrilled to have The Band Perry performing in what will be an exciting day at Homestead-Miami Speedway, which will be capped off with the Ford EcoBoost 400 championship race on Sunday," said Homestead-Miami Speedway President Matthew Becherer.

Tickets for 2016 Ford Championship Weekend, which will be held November 18-20, are now available and can be purchased by calling (866) 409-RACE (7223) or visiting www.HomesteadMiamiSpeedway.com.



Bowling Caps Incredible Run with Title

Five Whelen All-American Series National Champions Crowned

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - Matt Bowling spent the entire season being chased by some of the best short-track racers

in North America.

In the end, nobody could catch him.

The 22-year-old from Ridgeway, Virginia, culminated his incredible run with a third Late Model Stock Car championship at Virginia's South Boston Speedway last Saturday night. The laurels continued during the week, as Bowling was officially announced as 2016 NASCAR Whelen All-American Series national champion.

"This year's championship was one of the most exciting and closely contested in NASCAR history," said George Silbermann, NASCAR vice president of touring & weekly series. "The championship came down to contenders from three different regions of the country, and came down to the very last weekend. On behalf of the France family and NASCAR, we are proud to have Matt Bowling as the 2016 champion. We look forward to presenting his trophy and his NASCAR championship ring and all his accolades at the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Awards in Charlotte in December."

Bowling also earned his first NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Virginia championship, by virtue of his success at South Boston, Motor Mile Speedway in Radford, and Dominion Raceway in Thornburg.

"There was just so much work that went into the whole year," said Bowling. "We put a lot of effort to make this happen. We had to get the job done and we were able to do that."

Bowling finished six points ahead of Connecticut's Keith Rocco and nine points in front of Wisconsin's Ty Majeski.

NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Division I drivers are ranked by their best 18 NASCAR points finishes in series-sanctioned

events. Drivers receive two points for every car they finish ahead of – up to 18 cars – and three points for a win, with an additional two points available if the driver starts 10th or lower.

Bowling wasn't the only NASCAR national champion crowned this week, as the final standings for Division II through V were announced. The drivers in those divisions are ranked by their best 14 NASCAR points finishes in series-sanctioned events.

Patrick Thomas won the Sportsman Division race at Florida's New Smyrna Speedway on the final weekend to vault from third to first in the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Division II, and edge Chris Hawkins from Oklahoma's Salina Highbanks Speedway, 473-471, for the title.

Hawkins also won the B Modified feature at Salina this past weekend, but it wasn't enough to hold off Thomas. The Oviedo, Florida, driver won the Division III championship last year and finished 2016 with 10 wins and 16 top fives in 19 starts. Michael Ostdiek from Minnesota's Elko Speedway finished third.

Ryan Jenkins used 10 wins and 25 top fives in 28 starts in the B-Modified Divisions at Nebraska's I-80 Speedway and Iowa's Adams County Speedway to earn the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Division III championship. Jenkins, 16, also won the UNOH Youth Achievement Award national standings, recognizing the top drivers in the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series who are 17-years-old and younger.

Jenkins won Division III by 20 points over Kyle Davis, who races at Salina. Billy Byington from Tennessee's Kingsport Speedway finished third.

Nathan Campbell won the Pure Stock division race at Salina last week to hold off Brennon Lacy, 495-480, for the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Division III championship. Lacy also runs at Salina. Campbell finished with seven wins and 13 top fives in 17



Matt Bowling capped off his winning ways at South Boston Speedway by capturing the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series National Championship. (James Price photo)

starts.

Wayne Burroughs Jr., who has competed in the Mini Stock Division at Connecticut's New London-Waterford Speedbowl and Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park, finished third.

In the closest national race, Cory Dumpert edged Tommy Davis Jr., by one point (421-420) to win the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Division V championship. Dumpert had nine wins in 14 starts in the B Modified Division at I-80 Speedway. Davis collected 11 wins in 34 starts racing in the Front Wheel Drive Division at South Carolina's Anderson Motor Speedway and the 4-Cylinder Division at South Carolina's Greenville Pickens Speedway. Chad Redding, who also raced at Anderson and Greenville, finished third.

To earn the Division I championship, Bowling drove the No. 83 Hopkins Lumber Chevrolet to 14 wins, 35 top fives and 42 top 10s in 49 races at South Boston, Motor Mile, and Dominion, as well as South Carolina's Anderson Motor Speedway; Kingsport; East Carolina Motor Speedway in Robersonville, North Carolina; Southern National Motorsports Park in Luccama, North Carolina; and Caraway Speedway in Sophia, North Carolina.

"The pressure was on us," said Bowling, who led the points season the entire season but saw his cush-

ion narrowed to one point in the closing weeks. "It seemed like every time we won one, Rocco did too and then Majeski did."

Bowling credited his dad and car owner, Tim Bowling, along with crew chief HC Sellers and his crew members for the consistent success week in and week out. In addition to Hopkins Lumber, Bowling said his team got support from Bill Lemons, Clearway Logistics and Bandit Chippers, along with Sellers Racing, Hedgecock Racing, and Billy Banks Racing Engines.

Despite coming up short to Bowling, it was another banner year for Rocco.

The 31-year-old from Wallingford, Connecticut, won 14 races and collected 30 top fives and 39 top 10s in 45 starts in the Modified divisions at Connecticut's three tracks: Thompson, Stafford Motor Speedway, and New London-Waterford.

Rocco, the 2010 national champion, finished in the top five in the national standings for the ninth straight season. He also won his ninth straight Connecticut championship. Rocco has races remaining at Thompson and New London-Waterford. While they won't count toward national or state standings, those events do go to the track's respective championships. If Rocco were to win both – he holds the points lead at each track – it

(Continued on next page...)

(Continued...)

would give him 13 career NASCAR Division I track titles and move him into a tie for third all-time.

By comparison, Majeski is a relative newcomer to the national short-track scene.

The NASCAR Next driver and Roush-Fenway Racing development driver burst onto the national scene winning the Super Late Model crown at the World Series of Asphalt Stock Car Racing at New Smyrna in February. He continued his winning ways at Wisconsin's LaCrosse Fairgrounds Speedway, and then continued his national championship chase with races at Minnesota's Elko Speedway, Illinois' Rockford Speedway and Wisconsin's Madison International Speedway.

The 22-year-old from Seymour, Wisconsin, finished with 14 wins, 21 top fives and 25 top 10s.

Nick Smith, who won the track title at Dominion Raceway and also competed at South Boston, finished fourth overall in the national standings, while three-time national champion Lee Pulliam ended up fifth.

Pulliam led the nation with 16 wins racing at South Boston, Southern National, Caraway and South Carolina's Myrtle Beach Speedway.

Chase Purdy finished 15th overall and earned the National Rookie of the Year presented by Jostens on the strength of 10 wins in 21 starts at Myrtle Beach and South Carolina's Greenville Pickens Speedway. Trent Barnes (Dominion) and Ryan Kimball (Ontario's Sunset Speedway) finished second and third, respectively, in the rookie of the year standings.

This past weekend, several more tracks conclude their points seasons: David Roberts (South Carolina's Anderson Motor Speedway); Nick Heywood (New York's Airborne Park Speedway), Dylan Hall (Greenville Pickens), Brian Brown (Missouri's Lebanon I-44 Speedway), Bill Kimball Jr. (New Hampshire's Monadnock Speedway), Brenden Queen (East Carolina), Shawn Solomito (New York's Riverhead Raceway), Bowling (South Boston) and Rowan Penning (Stafford) won Division I track titles.

The 2016 NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Division I national champion, as well as track champions from 58 tracks, U.S. state and Canadian provincial champions, national champions from Div. II through V, top rookies and special award winners will be honored at the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Awards on Friday, Dec. 9 at the NASCAR Hall of Fame / Convention Center in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Established in 1982, the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series is NASCAR's national championship program for weekly short track auto racing. Connecticut-based Whelen Engineering is the series' title sponsor. Whelen Engineering is a leading manufacturer of automotive, aviation, industrial and emergency vehicle lighting. NASCAR tracks and pace cars are among the many showcases for Whelen products.

Dodge City Raceway Park

DODGE CITY, KS - The curtains came down on the 2016 season at Dodge City Raceway Park with Arvada, Colorado's Jake Bubak racing to victory lane in the 30-lap Precise Racing Products DCRP Sprint Cars vs. URSS feature event atop the 3/8-mile clay oval to cap off the Fourth Annual Jerry Soderberg Memorial Championship event.

While Bubak paced the final 11 laps of the season to post his fourth career DCRP feature win, other Soderberg Memorial winners included Cole Traugott in IMCA Modifieds, Jeff Kaup in IMCA Sport Modifieds, Michael Pepper in IMCA Stock Cars and David Berger in IMCA Hobby Stocks.

In the 30-lap DCRP Sprint Cars versus United Rebel Sprint Series

feature, Bubak battled past Koby Walters for second on the 13th lap and then chased down Steven Richardson a half dozen laps later before checking out to win by more than a full straightaway.

"I knew I had to get by Koby (Walters) in a hurry because Steven (Richardson) gets around here pretty well," Bubak said in victory lane.

While Bubak started the feature in seventh, Richardson paced the early rounds from the front row outside with DCRP Sprint Car track champion Taylor Velasquez moving in to challenge.

Velasquez slid past Richardson for the point in turn three on the eighth lap, only to have the Liberal, KS, shoe return the favor in turn four after a lap 12 restart.

Up to fourth in the opening four rounds, Bubak gained a position as Velasquez began to back up with handling issues after the contact with Richardson. He then dove past Walters in turn three before ultimately sliding past Richardson for the lead in turns one and two.

While Bubak checked out in the closing rounds aboard the Myers Racing Engines No. 9x Maxim, the battle for position waged in furious fashion in his wake.

Zach Blurton made his way up to second, only to have newly-crowned URSS National champion Luke Cranston slip by at the stripe to snare the position. Blurton settled for the show position with Walters and Mike Peters rounding out the top five.

Turpin, Oklahoma's Velasquez salvaged a sixth-place finish, good enough to secure his first DCRP Sprint Car championship. J.D. Johnson was seventh with Tyler Knight, pole starter Brandon Sprott and Jed Werner completing the top

ten.

While Woodward's Cole Traugott maintained the hot hand in IMCA Modified action, Rolla's Nick Link emerged with the track championship in a tight battle for top honors. Six was the magic number of the night with Traugott capturing his sixth DCRP win of the year and Link earning the championship by just six points over Ryan Heger.

As Link, Heger and William Nusser diced it out for the title from deep in the field in the 20-lapper, Traugott went to work from the 11th starting position as third-starter Mike Lunow gunned into the early lead.

With Lunow leading the way in search of his second win of the year, Traugott made his way to second by the fourth round and then reeled in Lunow to challenge for the point until a caution flew at the midway point.

Traugott pounced on the restart as Lunow got out of shape and went on to his sixth win in his last six DCRP appearances. Cody Gearhart chased Traugott to the line with Lunow in third and Kale Beavers in fourth.

Entering the night nine points behind Heger, Link rounded out the top five and picked up enough points over tenth-runner Heger to take the crown.

In IMCA Sport Modified action, Woodward's Jeff Kaup did his part to try to track down a fourth consecutive track title by racing to his fifth DCRP win of the year but fell short of chasing down Kevin Tabor in the final rundown.

With Kaup gridding the field sixth, Garrett Donley paced the opening half dozen circuits before Kaup raced by and cruised on to his 12th DCRP triumph over the past five seasons.

Kaleb Roach battled into second behind Kaup only to stop in turn two with seven laps to go with Brian May reclaiming the spot and holding off Tabor the rest of the way for runner-up honors. Tabor took the crown by 33 points over Kaup with a third-place finish while Brian Davidson and Kyle Wiens rounded out the top five.

Michael Pepper finished off his second consecutive IMCA Stock Car championship in style by storming to his seventh consecutive 15-lap feature win.

With Pepper working forward from seventh, Jack Pepper paced the opening four rounds before Ondre Rexford raced into the lead on the fifth round. Michael Pepper was on the march though, battling

(Continued on next page...)



Jake Bubak and crew are all smiles as they visit Dodge City Raceway Park's victory lane for the last time in the 2016 season. (DCRP photo)

(Continued...)

into the lead at the midway point and racing on to his ninth overall win of the year.

Pepper took the checkered flag ahead of Rexford with Travis Baird, Jack Pepper and Chris Oliver rounding out the top five.

In the IMCA Hobby Stocks, David Berger reeled off his third win in the last four events by holding off champion Matt O'Hair

in the 15-lapper.

Berger raced past Tyler Walker for the point on the fourth circuit and then spent the closing laps of the race fending off Reagan Sellard and O'Hair for the win. O'Hair crossed the stripe on Berger's bumper to secure the title with Jacob Huse, Sellard and Walker rounding out the top five.

Hickory Motor Speedway

NEWTON, NC - As another NASCAR Whelen All-American Series regular season wound down at the Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars, the battle to decide track championships would be fast and furious on Cargo Transporters Championship Night presented by NAPA Auto Parts.

Leading off the night would be the 4-Cylinders and their high rpm cars. Points leader Rodney Trivette in the #6 would need to keep Curtis Pardue in the #17 within 7 positions to clinch the division crown but a high car turnout with several hotshoes from the surrounding area would make his feat all the more complicated. Charlie Neill in the #2 would start from the pole with Pardue starting to his outside. When the green flag flew Neill would jump to the lead going into turn 1 with Eddie Gilbert in the #00 following close behind. Heading down the backstretch Gilbert would take a peek to the inside of the leader and as they started into turn 3 Neill would attempt to close the door on the inside move. As the cars entered turn 3 the lead duo made contact and would see Neill spin, and Gilbert to the rear as the caution flag would fly. Neill would come to pit road for extensive repairs and return to the track looking more like a modified than a 4-Cylinder. Neill and Gilbert would have to restart at the rear of the field while Pardue would restart from the point. The restart would see points



Matt Piercy wins Round #10 of the Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Challenge Series for the Bojangles Late Models at Hickory Motor Speedway. (Sherri Stearns photo)

leader Trivette get caught up behind slower traffic and get shuffled to the rear of the field and Pardue stretch out the lead in his attempt to win the division's track title. Neill and Gilbert would come back through the field in a furious fashion passing the second place car with several laps remaining. As the pair came off of turn 4 and headed down the frontstretch contact would be made between the two cars that would send Gilbert violently into the tire barrier protecting the outside wall. The race was red flagged as Gilbert was attended to by track safety personnel as well as replacing the protective tire barrier. The incident would see Gilbert headed to the hospital and Neill would be on the trailer for the remainder of the night. The field of cars would fire up once more and return to green with Pardue leading the way. AJ Sanders in the #24 would look to Pardue's inside and take the top spot with only a few laps remaining. Sanders would hang on for the win, coming from his 11th place starting position to get his first 2016 Hickory Motor Speedway victory. Pardue would give it all he had but spin coming off of turn 4 coming to the checkers, sending him back to a 6th place finish. Dylan Mundy in the #4 would come on strong to finish 2nd. Rodney Trivette would persevere from a Friday afternoon blown motor and crash during practice, being shuffled to the rear during the race, and getting collected in a mid race altercation with heavy damage to finish 3rd and secure the 2016 Hickory Motor Speedway 4-Cylinder track title. Rob Lewis in the #98 and Don Wardo in the #59 would round out the top 5.

Next up would be the Super Trucks and their 35 lap regular season ending feature. Joey Shuryan in the #30 would take the top spot

with Sheflon Clay in the #15 to his outside for the start. Clay would only need to start the event to secure the division track title but he would apparently have more than that on his mind. Clay would work the high side to his advantage and move to the point. Allen Huffman in the #51 and 2015 Hickory Motor Speedway Truck Champion Tyler Dayton in the #36 would have a spirited battle with Huffman finally taking the spot and looking to run down the top two. Clay would continue to lead and would drive on to the win, clinching the 2016 Hickory Motor Speedway Super Truck track title, after falling a few points short in 2015. Shuryan would continue his string of good finishes with 2nd and Huffman would once again celebrate on the front stretch after finishing 3rd. Dayton and the #05 of Tony Black would round out the top 5.

The Street Stocks would fire up next to settle a close points battle between Kevin Townsend in the #10, Cody DeMarmels in the #18, and multi-time HMS Street Stock champion Kevin Eby in the #03. DeMarmels would set the fast time with Townsend close behind and the pair would make up the front row. Townsend would need to keep DeMarmels within a couple spots to grab the division title and would look to do that from the very beginning of the race. Townsend would drive to the lead as Eby would look to the inside of DeMarmels for second. Townsend would hold off the pair and secure the 2016 Hickory Motor Speedway Street Stock track title. DeMarmels would finish 2nd with Eby finishing 3rd. Marshall Sutton in the #64 and Don Machutta in the #52 would round out the top 5.

The NASCAR Whelen All American Series Bojangles Late Models

would be the next to hit the track for the 10th Round of the Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Chase for the Championship and their 80 lap feature. Dexter Canipe Jr. in the #5 would grab the top spot, with 2015 NWAAS Hickory Motor Speedway Bojangles Late Model Champion, Matt Piercy in the #25 2nd, Dylon Wilson in the #1 and Jake Ruggles in the #29 would make up row 2. Canipe, Jr., who would secure the NWAAS Hickory Motor Speedway Bojangles Late Model track title as well as the Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Chase for the Championship by starting the race. Canipe Jr. would jump to the early lead but Piercy would shadow his every move. Nearing lap 30 Piercy would begin to look to the inside of Canipe and that would start a side by side battle that Hickory Motor Speedway has not seen since the days of Max Prestwood Jr. and Dennis Setzer. The duo would battle side by side looking for inches against each other for much of the final 50 circuits around the track. Neither driver would let up, but both drivers pushed the issue to take the position. While the top two battled, Wilson would inch his way closer and closer to the top spot. With only a couple laps to go Piercy started to nose slightly ahead with Canipe fending off the hard charging Wilson. Piercy would take the win, the first of the 2016 season for the 2015 Hickory Motor Speedway Track Champ, with Canipe holding on for 2nd. Victory Lane would see both driver congratulating each other as well as their teams exchanging handshakes and fist bumps, a good sight after a long hard race. Wilson would close out a good string of runs after returning to action late in the season. Bob Saville in the #15 and Jake Ruggles in the #29 would both end the night with good finishes as they would round out the top 5.

Next up would be the Renegades to settle their division title. Danny Crump Jr. in the #97 would grab the pole and start up front with the #71 of Kyle Divanna to his outside. At the start Divanna would grab the point and look to end the 2016 season on a high note. Roberts would start towards the back of the pack but wasn't planning to stay there long. Also joining the fray was the #09 of Blake Walker, 2015 Hickory Motor Speedway Renegade champion, making a late season visit in the Tim Walker Memorial paint scheme in honor of his father who had recently passed away. Walker would

(Continued on next page...)

(Continued...)

start just behind Roberts and would follow him through the field. Roberts would make his way all the way up to second just behind Divanna. The pair would battle up to a late race restart, then continued the battle again as the action resumed. Divanna would use the bottom line to hold off Roberts and grab the top spot at the checkers. Roberts would finish 2nd but

win the war, as he secured the 2016 Hickory Motor Speedway Renegades track title. Walker would bring his tribute paint scheme to the from stretch to celebrate with family and friends as he would finish 3rd. Robert Divanna in the #71D would finish 4th and join his son in the victory lane celebration and pole sitter Crump would take a hard fought fifth position.

Finishing out the night and the regular season would be the Limited Late Models and their 35 lap feature. Monty Cox in the #21 continued his late season hot streak as he would grab the pole with Jeremy Pelfrey in the #51 starting to his outside. Cox would jump to an early lead as Pelfrey would battle with the #18 of Evan Swilling for second. Swilling would move around Pelfrey and set his sights on Cox but the interval had grown while Cox was out front. Swilling would cut the lead considerably but Cox would hold on for his 3rd win of the year. Swilling would only need to start the race for the championship but capped off his 2016 Hickory Motor Speedway Limited Late Model track title winning season by making a hard charge for the win and finishing 2nd. Pelfrey would end a great season with 7 wins and finish 3rd on the night. Pat Rachels in the #34 and Brendan Doyle in the #23 would both end the season with good runs as they would round out the top 5.

Check us out at www.hickorymotorspeedway.com, Facebook and Twitter.

Stafford Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - While an 8th place finish is usually not cause for celebration, an 8th place finish in last Friday night's SK Modified® feature was all Rowan Pennink and the #99 Van Wickle Auto Supply / Independent Wheel team needed to clinch their second

consecutive track championship.

Pennink and the #99 team entered the 2016 season with a question mark hanging over them as they changed crew chiefs from Jimmy Fuller to Kevin Crowley. After a 6 win championship season, how would the team fare with a new crew chief calling the shots? Any doubts were put to rest at the very first race of the season as Pennink and the #99 team won the season opening NAPA Spring Sizzler feature event. But their winning ways didn't end there as they won 3 of the first 4 SK Modified® races to firmly establish themselves as contenders for a second consecutive crown. Former SK Modified® champions Ted Christopher and Keith Rocco, who between them have 11 SK titles at Stafford, both gave Pennink a run for his money but in the end the #99 team wasn't to be denied as they won the championship in dominating fashion by leading the standings from start to finish.

"We're really happy we were able to clinch the championship one race early and now we can go to the Fall Final and have some fun and try to win the race with no pressure," said Pennink. "I don't know if doubt is the right word, but as good as we ran last year and winning the championship, it's usually pretty difficult to do it again two years in a row. With the changes in crew chief I was really hoping we could win a bunch of races and have a chance at the championship again. Kevin did a great job picking up where we left off last year and we were able to go out and win the first race with him as the crew chief, so that was a big confidence

booster and it set us in the right direction for the rest of the season. We had a good notebook from the 99 team's previous seasons and combined with Kevin's knowledge with all his years of racing, we were able to get 6 wins so far this season. I think Fall Final will be a fun weekend for everybody. We're not really in the points chase with the Tour car so we're going to try to go out and win that race just like the SK race. The Fall Final is always a fun weekend but having the championship locked up will make it just that much more fun with no stress."

By winning a second consecutive track championship, Pennink joins some impressive company in the Stafford record books. With the 2016 season marking the 35th year of existence for the SK Modified® division, only 4 drivers have ever won back to back championships. Jerry Pearl was the first to accomplish the feat (1984-1985), Mike Christopher was next (1989-1990) Bob Potter went back to back twice (1991-1992, 1994-1995), and Ted Christopher was the last driver to go back to back (2000-2001).

"It's definitely an honor to be put on the same list as those guys who have won back to back championships at Stafford. And with the history that Stafford has itself, I'm really happy and honored to be able to do what we've done the last 2 years with the 99 team. Hopefully we can come back next season and try for another championship. I'm sure it'll be tough because Stafford has some of the best competition in all of racing and it takes a lot of hard work to run like we have. All the guys on the 99 team are up for the chal-

lenge and I don't see why we wouldn't have a chance at it again next season. We really haven't discussed anything yet but I'm sure we'll be back just the way we were this season."

Pennink will officially be recognized as the 2016 SK Modified® champion at the 47th Annual Stafford Speedway Champions Awards Ceremony to be held on Friday, November 18 at Maneeley's in South Windsor.

For more information, contact the Stafford Motor Speedway track office at 860-684-2783 or visit us on the web at www.staffordspeedway.com.

Volunteer Speedway

BULLS GAP, TN - On a day when many people were paying attention to a big Southeastern Conference rivalry football game being played in Knoxville between the Tennessee Volunteers and Florida Gators (which the Vols won by score of 38-28), a good crowd came out for an exciting night of dirt-track racing Saturday at Volunteer Speedway.

Barrett Lowe of Fletcher, N.C., had come oh-so-close to getting his first career Steel Head Late Model win back in mid-summer. He had set fast-time in qualifying and led the whole race, right up to the final lap in the fourth turn with the checkered flag in sight, when what appeared to be a sure victory was taken from his grasp. But the 26-year-old grandson of former NASCAR Late Model Sportsman/Busch Series driver Boscoe Lowe learned a very valuable lesson in racing that night - it's never over until it's over.

Once again Lowe was fastest in qualifying for tonight's 30-lap feature, and at drop of the green he powered out into the lead over Chris Chandler and Chris Barton. With the race running caution-free, Lowe was setting a blistering pace out front and pulling away from those behind him in pursuit.

With Chandler and Barton working to get around the slower car of Jason Bowers on lap 16, both Barton and Bobby Mays got around Chandler. But Barton's strong run ended on lap 20 when smoke began coming out from underneath his car and he pulled into the pits, thus putting Mays in the second spot followed by Chandler. Chandler got back around Mays for second on lap 21, but there would be no catching Lowe out front.

Lowe cruised to victory over Chandler, with Ellery Leake, Mays
(Continued on next page...)



Rowan Pennick celebrates his SK Modified 2016 Stafford Speedway's track championship with friends and family (Stafford Speedway photo)

(Continued...)

and John Tweed rounding out the top five finishers.

The 2016 racing season has been one of change for Tim Maupin of Johnson City, as the 2014 Volunteer Speedway Late Model champion left his former team back at the first of May. Contemplating what direction he wanted to take with his racing going forward, after talking with

his father (Tim Maupin Sr.), father-in-law (Dale Ball, five-time Volunteer Speedway Late Model champion) and sponsors, the 33-year-old bought his own ride to campaign.

Right off with the new car the results were promising, and over the past three races Maupin had reeled off two runner-up finishes and one third-place run.

Maupin set fast-time in Sportsman Late Model qualifying in a field of 26 competitors, with Heath Alvey second quickest to nail down the outside front row starting berth in the 25-lap feature.

Maupin grabbed the lead on the start over Alvey and Jensen Ford. While both Alvey and Ford were having good runs, Maupin was on a mission out front as he quickly began to put some distance between himself and his closest challengers.

But neither Alvey or Ford would be around for the finish as tough "racing luck" sidelined them from contention, first Ford on lap 10 and then four circuits later as Alvey pulled into the pits while under caution following a spin in turn two by Josh Henry.

Back under green and Maupin was in command out front, leading Philip Thompson and multi-time track champion Tim Byrd. A late race caution when Tristen Clawson spun between turns one and two on lap 23 set up a green-white-checked run to the finish.

Just as he had done throughout the race on restarts following caution periods, Maupin smashed the loud pedal to maintain his position at head of the field.

Bryson Dennis made a bold move to overtake Byrd for third, bringing Josh Fields along for the ride into the fourth spot.

But the race belonged to Maupin, as he led flag-to-flag in recording his third career feature

win over Thompson, Dennis, Fields and Byrd.

Chris Rickett of Morristown has been a force to be reckoned with this season in the Modified Street division, as he entered the night of racing having visited victory lane on five occasions while also recording four, fourth-place finishes.

Rickett grabbed the lead at start over Jeffrey Melton and was in command out front until the red flag waved for a scary wreck on lap 17 involving Dale Reed. The 41-year-old longtime racing veteran took a wild ride between turns three and four when his car flipped several times before coming to rest upside down.

Emergency medical personnel and track officials were quickly on the scene and to cheers from the crowd it was announced that Reed was OK.

When the race resumed, Rickett went on to capture his sixth feature win over Melton, Bo Allison, David Bullington and Shannon Smith.

Terry Cobb of Morristown proved to be the ultimate warrior in winning the 100-lap Enduro race and collecting \$2,200 for the victory.

Canyon Speedway Park

PEORIA, AZ - Joey Moriarty picked in ideal time to shine by racing to victory lane in Saturday night's Arizona Differential IMCA Modified feature event at Canyon Speedway Park's Mr. Excitement 40 Tribute to Terry Belcher atop the 1/3-mile clay oval.

While Moriarty bested the Modified ranks for the first time at CSP, other Mr. Excitement 40 Tribute to Terry Belcher winners included Steve Stultz in Late Model action, George Fronsman in IMCA Stock Cars, Paul O'Connor in IMCA Hobby Stocks, Ryan Hennessey in Micro Sprints and John Priest in Mod Lites.

Racing from the second row outside, Moriarty charged to the checkered flag to become the eighth different winner in the last nine Arizona Differential IMCA Modified feature events ahead of Jay Foster with Jason Noll, 12th-starter Chaz Baca, Jr., and Austin Kuehl rounding out the top five.

Finishing outside the top ten in IMCA Modified action by just one position, Steve Stultz took advantage of his front row outside starting spot in the Late Model feature to take the win ahead of John Cornell and Dana Fite.

A fourth row outside starting position did little to stop George Fronsman's ownership of the Allscapes IMCA Stock Car vs. SCRA Stock

Car ranks as he raced to his 11th overall CSP win of the year ahead of Cody Center, Vance Honea, Marlowe Wrightsman and Michael Wrightsman.

Paul O'Connor picked off his first Scottsdale Muffler & Automotive IMCA Hobby Stock vs. Renegade feature win since early May by taking the checkered flag ahead of Joe Vlasity with Merle Zachrison, Richard Bennett and Dean Zachrison among the top five.

Ryan Hennessey rallied from eighth for Micro Sprint honors ahead of Ray Herrera and Kyle Huttenhow while John Priest powered from the pole position for his second consecutive Western Mod Lite triumph ahead of Chaz Baca, Jr., and Brenden Priest.

Canyon Speedway Park is back in action next weekend with the 16th Annual Sands Chevrolet USAC Hall of Fame Classic on Friday and Saturday night (September 30 and October 1) featuring USAC/CRA Sprint Cars along with Allscapes IMCA Stock Cars vs. SCRA Stock Cars, Micro Sprints, Western Mod Lites and Vintage Cars.

Carteret County Speedway

SWANBORO, NC - Eric Winslow picked up his second Carteret County Speedway Late Model victory in dominant fashion on Saturday night.

Winslow qualified on the pole and led every single lap. This time, he was able to drive his car into victory lane instead of a scooter, and celebrate his triumph as the crowd celebrated.

"We really struggled with both cars," Winslow said. "We kept making swings at it simply because I knew it wasn't a race winning car yet. I was unsure if I was doing the right thing being the first race for me on that car but we stayed after it and got it right when it counted. I had some difficulty with lap cars this week and have to apologize for getting in to [Gerald Benton] when I was trying to get by him and brought out a caution I didn't need, but luckily Josh [Yeoman] and Chris [Burns] were battling hard and I was able to get away there."

"It's no secret I like racing at Carteret a lot. The fans show up rain or shine and want to see a race not a demo derby and thankfully we ended up in victory lane instead of the turn one wall."

Winslow was able to race in a car prepared by Chris Burns after his car was torn up after a race he won at Carteret County Speedway on August 6th.

"Chris Burns gave me an opportunity to drive his backup, I'm really glad we worked on it and seized the opportunity instead of blow it," Winslow remarked. "Thankful that we have the sponsors on the car this week Racing Realty, Musky Huntress, Climax Moonshine, Stevenson Chevrolet, along with all of my help from everyone in Danville loaning me what I needed to make this happen. I thought I was done for the year and now I'm just getting started again thanks to Chris Burns."

Chris Burns and Joshua Yeoman, who have been perpetually deadlocked in battle all season, once again spent much of the race battling for the second position. The two drivers swapped the position back and forth multiple times with Burns eventually securing the spot.

Jim Kelley finished in fourth while Kenneth Mercer finished fifth. Rounding out the top-10 were Gerald Benton, Tyler Horne, Maddy Ryan Mulligan, Cory Walker and Zach Henshaw.

Travis Miller scored the victory in a photofinish over Zac Reimer in the U-CAR feature. The two drivers raced side-by-side all race long but Miller had the inside line on the last lap and the edge at the stripe.

"I'm not really sure if I edged him out on the last lap or not," Miller said. "I knew, if I held him to the outside, I would be good. This is the first time my wife has been able to come all year so it's pretty awesome to celebrate this win with her."

James Horner crossed the line first in the Street Stock race but, after a protest from runner-up finisher Jonathon Belfiore, Horner was disqualified for having drill holes in his brake rotors. Belfiore inherited the victory.

Shane Irving scored his first career Carteret County Speedway Legends victory while Michael Rouse dominated to win the Mini-Stock feature.

Racing returns to Carteret County Speedway on October 8th when the Mini Stocks take center stage for Mini Stock Mayhem. The Late Models, Street Stocks, U-CARs and Legends will also be in action.

For more information about Carteret County Speedway, visit the track's official website at www.carteretspeedway.com, "like" Carteret County Speedway on Facebook (www.facebook.com/carteretcoswy) or follow @carteretcoswy on Twitter (www.twitter.com/carteretcoswy).