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Gladiator Kyle Larson Conquers the Coliseum



Chase Elliott and Kevin Harvick Disagree

AJ Allmendinger Spins to the Xfinity Win



All Shook Up...

The Bristol Motor Speedway has a way to shake things up, and the half-mile that claims to be “The Last Great Coliseum” did exactly that last Saturday night.

Not only were four drivers eliminated from the Playoffs, but two of the sport’s biggest stars got face-to-face after the race and started grappling before their threats were

drowned by the roar of Kyle Larson’s victory burnout on the frontstretch.

Compared to other Bristol dustups, the argument between Chase Elliott and Kevin Harvick wasn’t much. It was a featherweight fight in a field of heavyweights. They worked inside the lapped car driven by Josh Bilicki in the first turn for the lead, momentarily going three-wide. They bumped and moved up the track once they were cleared of the slower car. Harvick escaped with the lead. Elliott limped to pit road with a flat tire.

Once he was back on the track, Elliott made sure Harvick wouldn’t win. Despite being three laps down, he got in front of Harvick and became a rolling roadblock. When Harvick went to the high side, Elliott went there, too. When he went low, Elliott did the same. Eventually, Elliott’s Chevrolet became a pick for Hendrick Motorsports teammate, Larson, to move past the fray to lead the final four laps of the race.

Afterward, both Harvick and Elliott were angry.

“I told him it was kind of a chicken @## move that he did there at the end,” Harvick said. “We’re racing for the frickin’ win at Bristol. We’re three-wide in the middle and he throws a temper tantrum like I was just trying to get the lead and race him hard. Then he pulls up in front of me and just sits there until I lose the whole lead, so I just hate it for our Subway Ford Mustang team to be able to lose a race like that.

“I’m ready to rip somebody’s freaking head off.”

Elliott, who’s won the sport’s most popular driver award for the past three years, saw it differently.

“He runs into your left side constantly at other tracks. Sometimes it does cut down your left side,” the

son of 1988 Champion Bill Elliott said. “Other times it doesn’t. He did it to me at Darlington a few weeks ago because he was tired of racing with me. Whether he did it on purpose, it doesn’t matter. At some point, you’ve got to draw the line. I don’t care who he is or how long he’s been doing it. I’m going to stand up for myself and my team and we’ll go on down the road.”

As expected, and if not on cue, the crowd sided with Elliott. They booed when Harvick was asked questions on the track’s public address system.

“They can boo all they want. I don’t care,” he said.



DON COBLE

Fans also booed Kyle Busch and Denny Hamlin in prerace introductions. Good or bad, only Bristol seems to stir that much emotion – even before the race.

Elliott and Harvick continued their debate in the garage area. Neither backed down, but other than more profane insults, there wasn’t much to it.

The Playoffs needed a jolt like this. Unlike the days when Darrell Waltrip challenged fans to meet him at “the Kmart parking” lot after a race, too many disagreements now are resolved by text messages and public relations handlers. NASCAR would like nothing more than Elliott and Harvick to run bumper-to-bumper again Sunday night at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, but since both advanced to the second round of the playoffs, there’s too much on the line.

Fans no longer can cheer – or jeer – when they see Dale Earnhardt run Terry Labonte into the wall on the final lap of the 1999 Bristol race, then laughingly said he was just trying to “rattle his cage.” There were no apologies, no messages, no visits to the NASCAR hauler.

NASCAR, however, did get involved in the longstanding rift between Buckshot Jones and Randy LaJoie in 1997. Those two had a deeply hate-filled rivalry that veered out of control – literally – during the Xfinity Series race at Bristol. LaJoie intentionally turned Jones as they went into the first turn. Jones drove his damaged car slowly down the backstretch under caution and he made an abrupt right-hand turn into the back of LaJoie’s car.

Greg Biffle wanted a piece of Harvick



“Just racing”, Kevin Harvick (4) and Chase Elliott (9) battle back and forth to help keep Harvick from winning and Elliott’s teammate Kyle Larson out front. (BRIAN LAWDERMILK/GETTY IMAGES photo)

Of course, there was the battle between Joey Logano and Hamlin at Bristol in 2013. Hamlin was knocked out of the way in the second turn during the race, and afterward, Logano reached inside Hamlin’s car while he was unbuckling. Hamlin’s crew wrestled with Logano to keep him clear of their driver.

No feud would be complete without Kyle Busch. Carl Edwards used a bump and run to pass Busch late in the 2008 race and Busch responded by running into Edwards’ car after the race. How did Edwards respond? “Let’s make it real clear: I’m not apologizing for it.”

Dale Jarrett and Tony Stewart were so upset at Bristol, they both lost their heads – actually, their helmets.

Jarrett was so angry at Bobby Hillin Jr. in 1993, he threw his hel-

met at the door of the No. 90 Ford when Hillin passed under caution. Stewart wasn’t happy with Matt Kenseth in 2012 after Kenseth’s car slid up the track and pinched Stewart into the frontstretch wall. Stewart waited on pit road during a caution.

Instead of tossing a \$2,000, Ward Burton threw his heat booties at Dale Earnhardt Jr. after he was rear-ended into the wall – and out of the race.

When asked about his throw, Burton said: “I wish I had something I could have shot through the window.”

Now we head to Las Vegas with the hopes of a new simmering rivalry. Nothing is better for stock-car racing for what will be marketed as a good, guy-bad guy feud, and it’s just what NASCAR, and the Playoffs, needed heading into Round 2.

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Kyle Larson Wins Wild NASCAR Cup Elimination Race at Bristol

BRISTOL, TN - Kyle Larson celebrated victory in Saturday's Bass Pro Shops Night Race with a burnout on the frontstretch at Bristol Motor Speedway, as tempers flared between Kevin Harvick and Chase Elliott on pit road.

With an assist from Elliott, who took Harvick's line at the .533-mile concrete track and slowed his progress, Larson made the winning pass on Lap 397 of 400 and sealed his sixth NASCAR Cup Series victory of the season.

At the other end of the spectrum, Aric Almirola, Tyler Reddick, Kurt Busch and Michael McDowell were eliminated from the Playoffs in the cutoff race of the Round of 16. William Byron snagged the final transfer spot into the Round of 12 by finishing third behind Larson and Harvick.

That result gave Byron a two-point edge over Almirola and Reddick, the first two drivers out of the Playoff.

On Lap 465 of 500, as Harvick was attempting to pass Elliott for the lead, the driver of the No. 4 Stewart-Haas Racing Ford pinched Elliott's Chevrolet toward the outside wall, with contact between the cars cutting a tire on Elliott's machine.

Elliott brought his car to pit road on Lap 466, lost three laps in the process and returned to the track

behind Harvick. On new tires, Elliott quickly passed Harvick to get one lap back and took Harvick's line at the top of the track.

Larson gradually closed on Harvick and made the winning pass on Lap 397. Larson did an admirable job keeping his car under control as Harvick retaliated with contact to the rear of Larson's Camaro on the frontstretch.

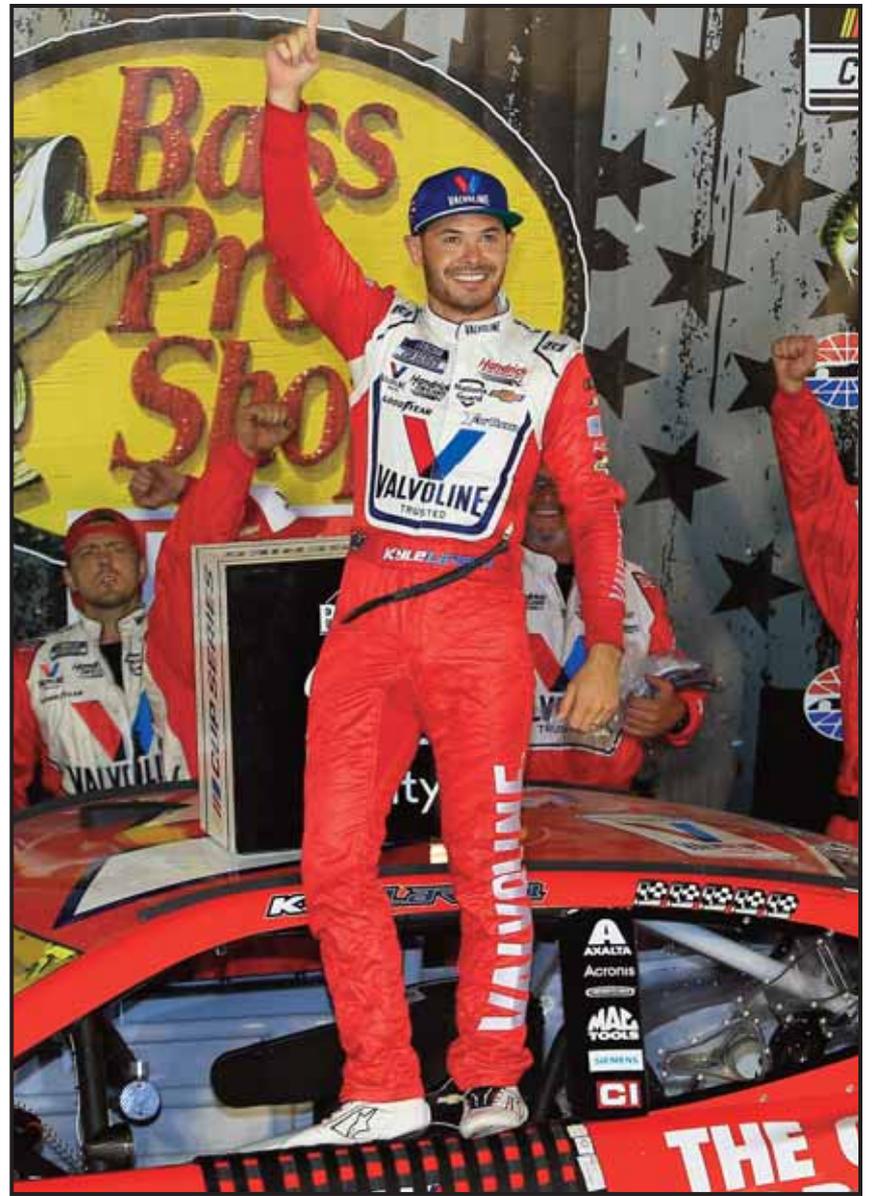
"Yeah, that was an awesome race," said Larson, who won for the first time at Bristol and the 12th time in his career. "It was so cool to be able to race there for the win. Obviously, Harvick and Chase got together. Chase was upset. Kind of held him up. It got Harvick having to move around and use his tires up off the bottom.

"I started to get some dive-ins working off of (Turn) 2, got a big run, decided to pull the trigger, slide him, squeeze him a little bit. Then he had me jacked up down the frontstretch. It was wild."

While Larson celebrated, Harvick and Elliott traded their views of the finish in a heated exchange on pit road.

"It's just chicken (expletive)," Harvick said after the confrontation broke up. "I don't know what else to say. Throw a temper tantrum like you're two years old because you got passed for the lead and got a flat tire. We barely even rubbed. It's all Chase's way, or it's no way. If he doesn't get his way, he throws a fit."

Not surprisingly, Elliott had a different interpretation of the events in



Kyle Larson is all smiles as he exits his #5 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet in Bristol's victory lane after winning the Bass Pro Shops Night Race. (DAVID GRIFFIN photo)

the closing stages of the race.

"It's something that he does all the time," said the reigning Cup Series champion, who finished 25th. "He runs into your left side constantly at other tracks, and sometimes it does cut down your left sides. Other times it doesn't.

"Whether he does it on purpose, it doesn't matter. At some point,

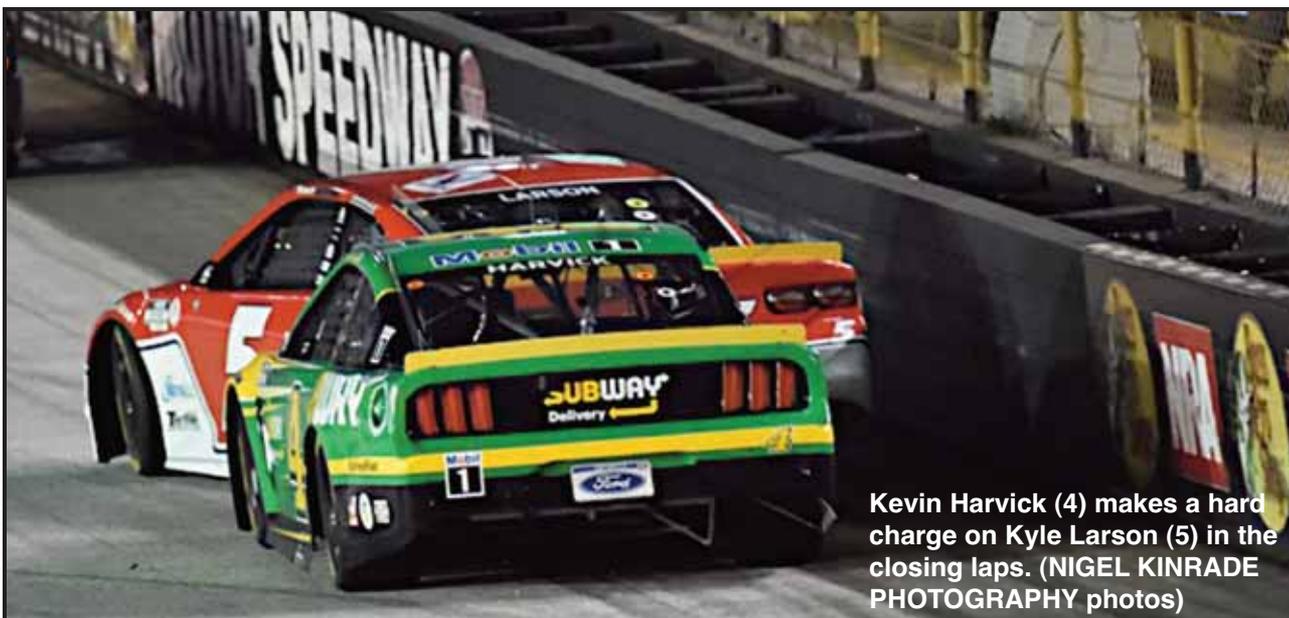
you've got to draw the line. I don't care who he is and how long he's been doing it. I'm going to stand up for myself and my team, and we'll go on down the road."

Of the 12 drivers who advanced to the second round of the Playoff, four represent Hendrick Motorsports (Elliott, Larson, Byron and Alex Bowman); four represent Joe Gibbs Racing (Kyle Busch, Denny Hamlin, Martin Truex Jr. and Christopher Bell); and three represent Team Penske (Brad Keselowski, Joey Logano and Ryan Blaney).

Harvick is the lone driver from Stewart-Haas Racing to advance to the Round of 12.

Both Kyle Busch and Bell survived cut tires near the end of the race to clinch spots in the next round. Blaney finished fourth and Bowman fifth on Saturday night. Keselowski, Truex, Erik Jones, Hamlin and Matt DiBenedetto completed the top 10.

Harvick and Elliott later continued their discussion behind closed doors in Elliott's No. 9 transporter.



Kevin Harvick (4) makes a hard charge on Kyle Larson (5) in the closing laps. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photos)

AJ Allmendinger Triumphs at Bristol, Wins Xfinity Regular Season Crown in Slugfest

BRISTOL, TN - With cars bouncing off each other like pinballs through two laps of overtime, AJ Allmendinger took his

No. 16 Kaulig Racing Chevrolet three-wide to the bottom, passed Justin Allgaier and Austin Cindric on the final lap and won Friday night's Food City 300 at Bristol Motor Speedway.

The victory gave Allmendinger the NASCAR Xfinity Series Regular Season Championship by 10 points over Cindric, who held the race lead when the 10th and final caution flag flew on Lap 297 of 300 after Allgaier turned JR Motorsports teammate Sam Mayer in Turn 1.

In the overtime, things got crazy. Cindric and Allgaier picked the top lane, and Allmendinger chose the inside of the front row. On the white-flag lap, Allmendinger drove hard into Turns 3 and 4 and slid up into Cindric's No. 22 Ford.

Allmendinger fell back to third, but contact between Allgaier's Camaro and Cindric's Mustang gave Allmendinger a chance to slip beneath both cars into the lead.

But the race wasn't over. On the final lap, Cindric charged off the final corner, slammed into Allmendinger, and both cars slid side-

Kaulig Racing teammate Justin Haley.

But the 2021 NASCAR Xfinity Series Regular Season Championship was his.

"I expected to get run into," Allmendinger said. "It happened that previous corner. It's frustrating getting hit that hard coming to checker, but we're battling for the win. It's Bristol, baby. That's what it's all about.

Under the circumstances, Cindric exhibited remarkable restraint in his post-race interview.

"I thought we had a great battle all season long up to this point, so congratulations to Kaulig and AJ," said Cindric, who led 75 laps, third-most behind Allgaier's 92 and Daniel Hemric's 78. "Those guys didn't want us to win really bad, and I hate that it completely destroyed our Ford Mustang.



Race winner AJ Allmendinger signs the Food City grocery bag in Bristol's victory lane after securing the regular season Xfinity crown. (RUSTY JARRETT/NKP photo)

ways across the finish line, with Allmendinger the winner by .082 seconds.

After taking the checkered flag, Allmendinger careened off the inside wall, slid across the track into traffic and took a huge hit from

"I haven't had a lot of chances to get a win at Bristol, so you know what? When you have a chance to do it, you've got to go do it. If I don't take that chance, I don't belong in a race car, because my team deserves the win."

"That's all I've got, man... It's looks like the 7 (Allgaier) just got loose there (in spinning Mayer), and AJ obviously just drove straight through us. You'll have that in green-white-checked racing."

The victory was Allmendinger's first at Bristol, his fourth of the season and the ninth of his career. The final lap of overtime was the only lap he led, as the race went six laps past its scheduled distance of 300 circuits.

The regular-season cutoff race also set the final positions for the Round of 12 in the Xfinity Series Playoff. With no new winner, Brandon Jones, Riley Herbst and Jeremy Clements clinched the final three spots on points, as expected, as the series heads for the Playoff opener Sept. 25 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Herbst finished third behind the wrecking cars of Allmendinger and Cindric. Allgaier fell to fourth on the final lap, with Jones and Haley running fifth and sixth. Harrison Burton, Myatt Snider, Mayer and Hemric completed the top 10.



Spinning to the win, AJ Allmendinger (16) comes to the checkered flag in front of Austin Cindric (22). (MATT THACKER/NKP photo)

Chandler Smith Advances in NASCAR Truck Playoff with Thrilling Victory at Bristol

BRISTOL, TN - In a stunning upset on Thursday night at Bristol Motor Speedway, rookie Chandler Smith stole a victory from reigning

NASCAR Camping World Truck Series champion Sheldon Creed, clinched a spot in the Round of 8 of the Playoffs and eliminated Todd Gilliland from the postseason.

The entire tenor of the UNOH 200 presented by Ohio Logistics changed in the final five laps. On a restart on Lap 196 of 200, Smith powered his No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota to the inside of Creed's

No. 2 GMS Racing Chevrolet and refused to cede the top spot.

After contact between the trucks, Creed slowed with a cut left rear tire, spun and finished 19th as Smith parried charges from Kyle Busch Motorsports teammate John Hunter Nemechek and race runner-up Grant Enfinger, who finished .422 seconds behind the winner, with Nemechek taking third.

The victory was Smith's first in the series, and it came at the most opportune time. As he approached the final restart, the 19-year-old driver knew his only remaining path to the Round of 8 was a victory.

"I'm speechless right now,"

Smith said after climbing from his truck. "I've really been tested this last year or two and tested my faith. I have to thank everyone behind me... This is just incredible. It finally paid off. I'm just so happy right now."

Creed led 189 laps and appeared headed for a sweep of all three races in the Round of 10, until he and Smith made side-to-side contact after the final restart.

"I was kind of at their mercy," said Creed, who already had clinched a spot in the Round of 8 with wins at World Wide Technology Raceway and at Darlington. "I knew I was going to get hit—I just didn't know where."

"They did what they had to do to win... I don't know if they're going to get away with that in the next round."

Smith was not apologetic for the way he raced Creed after the final restart.

"I think any other driver that was in my situation would have done the exact same thing," he asserted. "If you wouldn't have done that, I

think you're in the sport for the wrong reasons."

Austin Hill was eliminated from the Playoff after crashing out on Lap 189 and causing the 11th caution.. Gilliland fell from seventh to 10th after the final restart and missed advancing to the Round of 8 by two points.

"I really don't know what happened," Gilliland said. "They both slipped by me—the 21 (Zane Smith) and the 99 (Ben Rhodes). I'm just heartbroken. To miss by two points there—it really, really stings. Just heartbroken."

Zane Smith and Rhodes were the last two drivers to advance to the Round of 8, both finishing two points ahead of Gilliland. They join Creed, Nemechek, Chandler Smith, Matt Crafton, Stewart Friesen and Sunoco rookie Carson Hocevar as the series heads for Las Vegas Motor Speedway on Sept. 24.

Friesen ran fourth on Thursday, followed by non-Playoff driver Johnny Sauter, Hocevar, Crafton, Zane Smith and Rhodes.



Camping World Truck Series rookie Chandler Smith found that celebrating in Bristol Motor Speedway's victory lane was an easy shoe to fit into after winning the UNOH 200 Thursday night. (JARED TILTON/GETTY IMAGES photo)

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NASCAR Cup Series' 2022 Schedule Features New Venues and Playoff Shakeup

In 2022, the NASCAR Cup Series will return to the Last Great Coliseum after visiting one of the first great coliseums for the first time.

The series will make its first trip to the shores of the Mississippi under the shadow of the Gateway Arch.

And the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs will have a new look, with Homestead-Miami Speedway moving back into the postseason and each round featuring a shakeup of the participating tracks.

For the first time in its history, the Clash, the season-opening exhibition race, will leave Daytona International Speedway in favor of the historic Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum for a February 6 event for qualifying competitors.

Subsequently, the series will return to Bristol Motor Speedway—billed as the Last Great Coliseum—for a reprise of this year's inaugural dirt race (April 17) as well as the traditional Night Race (Sept. 17) in the Playoffs.

World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway, which has undergone a major transformation under the ownership of Curtis Francois, will host the Cup Series for the first time on June 5.

"I set some ambitious goals when I took over the racetrack, and to see them come to fruition is a dream come true," Francois said.

"Thanks to the hard work of our team, corporate partners such as Dave Steward and World Wide Technology, and sponsors like Bommarito Automotive Group, I am proud to welcome the NASCAR Cup Series to the St. Louis region. I can't wait to celebrate this incredible victory with our fans."

The series Playoff will open Sept. 4 at Darlington on the traditional Labor Day weekend date, but from that point on, there are noticeable differences in the positions of the races on the schedule. Kansas moves into the second position in the Round of 16 (from the current Round of 8), with the Bristol Night Race remaining the opening-round cutoff race.

Texas Motor Speedway replaces Las Vegas Motor Speedway as the

Round of 12 opener, with Las Vegas now kicking off the Round of 8. Richmond Raceway exits the Playoff, as Homestead-Miami Speedway now hosts the second race in the Round of 8, with Martinsville once again serving as the cutoff race.

Daytona International Speedway once again will hold the cutoff race for the Playoff on Aug. 27. Phoenix Raceway will remain the host venue for the Championship 4 event (Nov. 6).

"As we demonstrated last year, we are committed to creating the

most dynamic schedule for our fans, long-term," said Ben Kennedy, NASCAR senior vice president of strategy and innovation. "With the addition of new and unique venues like the Coliseum and World Wide Technology Raceway, each in markets with passionate NASCAR fans, we're continuing to build on bold changes to deliver the best racing in the world.

"This latest iteration of the schedule should lend itself to another season filled with drama and great racing on the track, starting with the Daytona 500 and culminating with NASCAR Championship Weekend at Phoenix Raceway."

The Clash at the Coliseum will mark the competitive debut of the series' Next Gen car, whose introduction was delayed for a year by

the coronavirus pandemic. Two weeks later, the Next Gen cars will appear for the first time in a regular-season points race—the season-opening Daytona 500.

After the Great American Race, the West Coast Swing returns in full for races at Auto Club Speedway (Fontana, Calif.), Las Vegas and Phoenix. The race at Auto Club will be the last on the 2.0-mile circuit before its conversion to a half-mile track for 2023.

The 2022 schedule also features six road courses, including a return on July 3 to Road America, which enjoyed a hugely successful Fourth of July weekend Cup debut this year. Watkins Glen hosts the penultimate regular-season race on Aug. 21, the latest-ever point in the schedule for the renowned road course in New York's Finger Lakes District.

2022 NASCAR CUP SERIES SCHEDULE

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| Sunday, Feb 6 . . . Clash (LA Memorial Coliseum) | Sunday, July 3 Road America |
| Thursday, Feb 17 Duel at Daytona | Sunday, July 10 Atlanta |
| Sunday, February 20 DAYTONA 500 | Sunday, July 17 New Hampshire |
| Sunday, February 27 Auto Club | Sunday, July 24 Pocono |
| Sunday, March 6 Las Vegas | Sunday, July 31 Indianapolis Road Course |
| Sunday, March 13 Phoenix | Sunday, August 7 Michigan |
| Sunday, March 20 Atlanta | Sunday, August 14 Richmond |
| Sunday, March 27 COTA | Sunday, August 21 Watkins Glen |
| Sunday, April 3 Richmond | Saturday, August 27 Daytona |
| Saturday, April 9 Martinsville | Sunday, September 4 Darlington |
| Sunday, April 17 Bristol Dirt | Sunday, September 11 Kansas |
| Sunday, April 24 Talladega | Saturday, September 17 Bristol |
| Sunday, May 1 Dover | Sunday, September 25 Texas |
| Sunday, May 8 Darlington | Sunday, October 2 Talladega |
| Sunday, May 15 Kansas | Sunday, October 9 Charlotte Roval |
| Sunday, May 22 All-Star (Texas) | Sunday, October 16 Las Vegas |
| Sunday, May 29 Charlotte | Sunday, October 23 Homestead-Miami |
| Sunday, June 5 WWT Raceway | Sunday, October 30 Martinsville |
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Patrick Emerling Nabs Riverhead Victory in Penultimate Modified Tour Race of 2021

Patrick Emerling picked a fine time to find a checkered flag.

Despite never winning at the quarter-mile bullring before, Emerling claimed his first Riverhead Raceway victory on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour in the

Miller Lite 200 on Saturday night on New York's Long Island.

Emerling posted two runner-up finishes at Riverhead earlier this season but had yet to break through to Victory Lane. In the penultimate race of the tour schedule, Emerling tightens the pressure on defending champion Justin Bonsignore heading into next week's finale at Stafford Motor Speedway.

Points, though, weren't the first thing on Emerling's mind.

Track owner and tour car owner Eddie Partridge lost his life to a heart attack following his win with Ryan Preece on Sept. 10 at Richmond Raceway. Partridge's funeral was held Saturday morning and culminated with Partridge making one final lap around his racetrack.

"First off, I'd like to dedicate this race to Eddie Partridge there," Emerling said. "Since I started rac-

ing, I was racing against his car. Hell of a team always, hell of a car. That was a team you always looked up to.

"So to win here today, I mean, we had two seconds in a row. It's unbelievable. I mean, it's kind of what we had to do with our points situation there. I'd just like to give it up to the team here and everyone involved here."

Emerling started off eighth and didn't pose a threat early, mired in the middle of the top 10 but not making quick work of any competitor in particular.

But a rash of cautions over the middle portion of the race allowed Emerling to methodically work into the top five.

Emerling got his best break after a lap 106 caution that saw leader Riverhead regular Dave Brigati turn another regular, Tim Rogers Jr., sideways in front of the field. Ron Silk climbed the left-front tire of Rogers' car but all continued forward with the exception of Brigati and Mike Christopher Jr., who suffered a flat right front.

That chaos allowed Emerling to restart on the front row alongside Kyle Soper. Emerling got the better of Soper on that and multiple restarts and eventually pulled away



Patrick Emerling raced his way to victory lane Saturday night in the Miller Lite 200 at Riverhead Raceway. (WMT photo)

to hold off a final charge from Bonsignore.

"Patrick and Soper just got through that mess and track position's huge, but they had a really good car too," Bonsignore said. "Can't take anything away from them so congrats to them guys. It's been a hell of a battle between the two of us all year, so they gained some tonight but we'll see. We'll go into Stafford next week, have a good run and then try and get another one here."

Six-time modified tour champion Doug Coby was looking for the hat trick at Riverhead this year, but contact between him, Rogers and the outside wall entering Turn 3 destroyed his front suspension at lap 54. That sent Coby behind the wall early and jeopardizes his chances

at the 2021 owner's championship heading into Stafford.

The race started clean and green with a 45-lap run led entirely by Rogers before Tyler Rypkema turned around and brought out the first caution of the day.

Shortly after the restart, Coby found his trouble in Turn 3 and saw his hopes of a three-peat vanish.

At lap 90, a pileup involving J.B. Fortin, Kyle Bonsignore and Craig Lutz in Turns 1 and 2 brought out the red flag after Lutz's motor expired and laid oil on the racetrack.

The final caution of the race came at lap 133 when Dylan Slepian and Chuck Hossfeld got together and turned Slepian sideways in Turn 1. On the ensuing restart, Emerling got the jump and never looked back.

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Sammy Smith Wins East Series Championship While Teammate Ty Gibbs Takes Checkered at Bristol

BRISTOL, TN - Joe Gibbs Racing drivers Ty Gibbs and Sammy Smith could not have executed the plan more perfectly.

With both the No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota and the No. 81 Engine Ice Toyota parked on the Bristol

Motor Speedway frontstretch, facing each other with their bumpers touching, each driver roared his engine and punished his General Tires for an epic double burnout.

Gibbs and Smith carrying out this apparent plan was possible thanks to the way the teammates dominated Thursday night's Bush's Beans 200 at the half-mile concrete oval in Bristol, Tennessee.

Gibbs won the race after leading all 200 laps for his 10th victory of the 2021 ARCA Menards Series season. But it was Smith whose second-place run was more than enough to clinch the 2021 ARCA Menards Series East championship.

Smith, the 17-year-old East Series regular from Johnston, Iowa, entered the East Series season finale — a combination event with the ARCA Menards Series — with a 24-point lead over second-place Daniel Dye in the championship standings. Smith, a rookie, simply needed to finish 19th or better to ensure he would leave Bristol with the title.

"It's a good day, one-two for Gibbs," Smith said. "I can't thank all the guys on the 18 team and the 81 team enough for getting us through these last couple races. I can't thank them all enough."

Smith won three races in East Series competition in 2021, at 5 Flags Speedway in Pensacola, Florida, at Tennessee's Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway and at Southern National Motorsports Park in Keny, North Carolina.

His second-place run at Bristol on Thursday marked his seventh top-five finish in eight East Series races this season, easily the most among series regulars. He also led the most laps this season among series regulars with 396.

With Engine Ice on board as a partner, Smith joined JGR for the East Series this season on the

heels of a 2020 CARS Super Late Model Tour season in which he earned three top-five and six top-10 finishes.

As the scene at Bristol proved, the driver-team pairing was the perfect match. He officially won the championship by 34 points over Dye.

The performance also allowed Coy Gibbs, Joe's son and Ty's father, to win the ARCA Menards Series East car owner championship.

"We just had to hang on," Smith said of his run Thursday. "I felt like we were a little bit tight. We didn't have as good a car as Ty did, so I just felt like we had a second-place car, and that's all I was going to be able to get out of it. I tried there at the end; just wasn't enough."

As for Ty Gibbs, Thursday's victory at Bristol was a big step for the 18-year-old in his own title quest. With two ARCA Menards Series races remaining (Salem Speedway on Oct. 2 and Kansas Speedway on Oct. 23), Gibbs has a 26-point lead over second-place Corey Heim in the championship standings.

"This is just awesome," Gibbs said. "This really means a lot to have all my guys there, and to have my teammate, my close friend, to



Ty Gibbs celebrates his 10th win of the season in victory lane after leading from start to finish at Bristol Motor Speedway. (BMS photo)

wrap up his championship. It's just awesome. Great night for our organization."

Gibbs' 200 laps led at Bristol increased his season-long total to 1,438 through 18 ARCA Menards Series races, easily the most in the series. He led all of those laps Thursday in spite of many restarts following cautions.

The Bush's Beans 200 also served as Round 9 of the 10-race Sioux Chief Showdown, a series within the ARCA Menards platform that allows East and West Series drivers a chance to compete with ARCA Menards Series regulars for a title on short tracks and road courses.

Gibbs extended his lead over

Heim in that series, too, with one race (Salem) remaining.

Taylor Gray, Nick Sanchez and Heim finished third, fourth and fifth, respectively at Bristol.

Rajah Caruth, Jesse Love, Drew Dollar, Parker Chase and Conner Jones rounded out the top 10.

The ARCA Menards Series will return to action Saturday, Oct. 2, for the Sioux Chief PowerPEX 200 at Indiana's Salem Speedway. The 19th race of the ARCA Menards Series season will also serve as the Sioux Chief Showdown finale.

The Salem race will broadcast live on MAVTV Motorsports Network starting at 8 p.m. ET with a live stream available on NBC Sports Gold's TrackPass.



Ty Gibbs (#18) leads teammate Sammy Smith (#81) in the Bush's Beans 200 at Bristol Motor Speedway. Smith finished second and clinched the ARCA Menards Series East championship. (BMS photo)

Carolina Renaissance Festival is Back

HUNTERSVILLE, NC - The wildly popular Carolina Renaissance Festival is back to celebrate its 28th year Saturdays and Sundays, October 2nd through November 21st. Located just north of Charlotte, NC, the Festival blends imagination, fantasy, and history all within a 20-acre outdoor storybook village filled with

shopping, feasting, and non-stop entertainments.

• **A Simpler Time and Place:** It is the 16th century, and the fictional village of Fairhaven is where revelry and celebration rule the day. Villagers, artists, craftspeople, musicians, performance troupes, and food concessionaires create a marketplace festival in celebration of the arrival of their visiting Queen. It is a place where adults can feel and act like children while children are treated as royalty. It is a magical realm where you can forget about your daily cares.

• **Non-Stop Entertainments:** With trumpets blaring and cannon blasting, The Lord Mayor orders the gates of Fairhaven to swing open at 10:00 am and close at dusk. The day is filled with an abundance of attractions appropriate for all age groups, presented upon 16 outdoor stages, each packed with a unique mix of continuous music, dance, comedy shows, and circus entertainments. From Barely Balanced acrobats to one-of-a-kind old-world musical instruments, the entertainment options are endless. The stage shows are always spontaneous; you will never know what happens next, on stage or off.

• **One-of-a-kind Attractions:** Don't miss the Birds of Prey exhibition where the royal falconer will don his hunting garb and take you on a thrilling trip into the past explaining and demonstrating the use of falcons, hawks, owls and more in the ancient sport of falconry. It is both educational and awe inspiring!

The Renaissance Festival would not be complete without a depiction of one of the grandest events of the time period – the popular Tournament Joust! Occurring three times daily, each joust is full of pomp, pageantry, action, comedy, and chivalry as lances shatter, swords clash, and daring deeds of bravery all collide for the Queen's amuse-

ment!

From gallant knights to the marvels of the vast ocean, the Lord Mayor outdoes himself once again in a bid for the Queen's favor with a personal gift - the return of the Sea Fairies - Swimming Mermaids! Children love watching the mermaids perform underwater flips, blown bubble hearts, and splashing tails!

• **Action & Adventure:** The Carolina Renaissance Festival is home to a most unusual collection of people powered rides and games of skill. Inspired by the joust? Try your skill with a lance on the Slider Joust challenge game. You can storm the castle in a paintball battle or try to solve the riddle of climbing Jacob's Ladder.

Mix skillful pleasure and comic adventure by throwing tomatoes at the insulting fools locked in the stocks at Vegetable Justice. Test your skill at games like the Dragon Climbing Tower, the Archery Range, and the Maze. Take a ride on Christopher Columbus' Voyage to the New World, the Piccolo Pony (a rocking horse bigger than an elephant), and Leonardo's Flying Machine; a people powered amusement ride based on Di Vinci's designs for human flight. A family favorite is Mother and Father Goose brought to life with their costumed ducks and geese, the Petting Farm, and Camel rides.

• **Shopping:** Early holiday shoppers can peruse over 140 craft shops in a village market which provides a diverse selection of handmade items such as pottery, jewelry, perfume, glass blown ornaments, ceramics, bath & body products, medieval costumes, hand carved candles, unique musical instruments, children's toys, a full spectrum of clothing, and much more.

Watch artisans make a masterpiece right before your eyes. Enjoy demonstrations of fine skills such as weaving, woodcarving, blacksmithing, glassblowing, pottery, and jewelry making – all using ancient skills and low technology.

• **Feasting:** You will work up a royal appetite perusing all the shops and enjoying all the entertainment. The Festival food is as spectacular as all the attractions. Village kitchens cook up an endless feast of bread bowl stews, steak-on-a-stake, gourmet sausages, and the Festival's famous giant roasted turkey legs.

Gluten free and vegetarian options are also available. For dessert, try the fresh crepes, the cakes and cookies from the Monks Bakery, candy delights from the Chocolate Shoppe, Italian ice, gelato, and a favorite of all renaissance wanderers: a bag of cinnamon-roasted almonds. Festival pubs offer a wide variety of craft beer, wine, champagne, ale, honey mead, soft drinks, and Medieval Margaritas.

• **It Takes a Village:** Job seekers and volunteers can find ample opportunity to join the realm and earn extra income while enjoying the royal atmosphere. Earn \$12 - \$15 per hour for yourself or pledge to a non-profit organization raising funds for charitable purposes. Tasks include assisting with serving food, directing cars, litter control, and/or being stagehands for one of the Festival's 16 outdoor stages.

Bust out your sense of good cheer, leave your cares behind, and travel back in time to enjoy the wildly popular and always entertaining Carolina Renaissance Festival & Artisan Market Place!

WHEN YOU GO:

What: The 28th Annual Carolina Renaissance Festival & Artisan

Marketplace.

Where: North of Charlotte between Concord and Huntersville. The Festival is located on Highway 73 at Poplar Tent Road (between I-77 and I-85).

When: Eight consecutive weekends (Saturday and Sunday) from October 2nd through November 21st. The Festival runs from 10:00 AM until 5:30 PM, rain or shine.

Covid Safety: Local and federal Covid health and safety recommendations and requirements are continually changing. Frequently check the Festival website at Carolina.RenFestInfo.com/covidsafety before attending for up-to-date Festival Covid safety guidelines.

Event Sponsors: The Carolina Renaissance Festival is presented by Harris Teeter and Pepsi. Additional sponsors include Atrium Health, Sunbelt Rentals, Valpak, Jersey Mike's, Chick-Fil-A, Autobell Carwash, AAA of the Carolinas, Visit Lake Norman, Hampton Inn & Suites, Language Line Solutions, Charlotte Playsets, and Apex Technology.

Information: Online at Carolina.RenFestInfo.com, or call (704) 896-5555.

Carson Macedo Delivers Hometown Win in Tom Tarlton Classic

Fate has a funny way of making things happen.

If it wasn't for Tom Tarlton, Carson Macedo would've never won 15 World of Outlaws races, he would've never matured into a star with The Greatest Show on Dirt, and he might've never climbed behind

the wheel of a Sprint Car. Because of Tom Tarlton, though, all of those things happened.

On Saturday, life came full circle as Macedo won his second-straight Tom Tarlton Classic. The entire Tarlton/Macedo family was in attendance to celebrate the emotional win at Keller Auto Speedway, which is his home track and only minutes away from Lemoore, CA.

The \$21,000 payday is the second-richest victory of Macedo's life, extending his recent remarkable run as the highest-paying win came just two weeks prior at the \$25,000-to-win Skagit Nationals. It's the ninth win of the year for Jason Johnson Racing, which closed the gap to David Gravel in the battle for championship runner-up honors.

What made his hometown and family-driven victory even sweeter is that he had to earn every cent over two-time and defending World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series champion, Brad Sweet. The 25-year-old gasser drove by The Big Cat on Lap 14 with a little help from lap traffic and never looked back.

"I'm out of breath from yelling," Macedo told a sold-out crowd. "I'm so excited, man. My emotions are so high right now. It means a lot to win back-to-back Tom Tarlton Classic's, especially this one being against the World of Outlaws. Tom Tarlton is the reason I'm a Sprint Car driver. He literally gave me my first opportunity to drive a Sprint Car and it was right here at Hanford during a practice day. I'm so glad he could be here tonight to watch this win. Beating Brad, who's by far the best guy out here right now for the win is pretty cool."

Macedo's hometown win didn't come without a little adversity, as the Jason Johnson Racing #41 suffered a broken rear end in NOS Energy Drink Hot Laps. The crew led by Philip Dietz, Nate Repetz &

Clyde Knipp barely finished repairs in time and sent Macedo back on the Hanford 3/8th-mile to promptly claim his fourth Slick Woody's QuickTime Award of the season.

When the 35-lap Feature rolled around, though, it was Grass Valley's Brad Sweet earning the pole position after his DIRTVision Fast Pass Dash win. Sweet led the opening 13 laps, but it wasn't without a substantial challenge from Shark Racing's Logan Schuchart.

Schuchart actually passed Sweet momentarily on Lap 6, but eventually went tail-back as he brought out the caution with nose wing trouble. His misfortune is what opened the door for Macedo to restart on the front row.

Lap traffic is what ultimately sent Macedo to the lead, capitalizing in turn one as Sweet washed up behind J.J. Ringo and gave him a clear path to the top spot on the low line. The JJR #41 survived a handful of restarts against both Sweet and his Kasey Kahne Racing teammate, James McFadden, and eventually crossed the finish line with a 0.948-second advantage."

"This is home to me," Macedo told his local fans.

"I grew up in those stands watching Tommy Tarlton, Peter Murphy, Tim Kaeding, Jason Meyers, all my favorite drivers came here, won races, and put on a show. For me to now come here with the World of Outlaws and be a small part in this event that's not only close to my home, but my heart, is like a dream come true."

After leading the opening 13 laps, Grass Valley, CA's Brad Sweet slipped back to finish second aboard the Kasey Kahne Racing, NAPA Auto Parts #49. That's eight runner-up results for The Big Cat as he continues to march towards a third consecutive World of Outlaws championship.

"I had a good car, I just hesitated in lap traffic," Sweet said after his 33rd podium of the year. "That slowed my pace down and opened the door for Carson. This place had lots of character, so I wish we could've been in traffic a little bit more than we were. I just needed to do a better job myself."

James McFadden continued his stellar Rookie of the Year campaign, placing third in the Kasey Kahne Racing, Karavan Trailers #9. That's four podiums in the last



Carson Macedo waves to the crowd at Keller Auto Speedway after bringing home the win Saturday night. (Trent Gower photo)

seven races for the trending pilot from Alice Springs, NT, AUS.

"I just messed up those last couple laps and couldn't challenge Carson," McFadden mentioned. "Sucks we couldn't get second, but third is nice. Bring on the next ride at Eldora."

Fremont, CA's Shane Golobic led the charge for true California locals with a season-best result of fourth-place aboard the NOS Energy Drink, Elk Grove Ford #17W. Rounding out the top five was Hanford passing master Logan Schuchart, who was removed from the battle for the lead due to a nose wing issue, but rallied to run the Drydene #1S from 21st-to-fifth.

Closing out the top-10 at Keller Auto Speedway was Fresno's Do-

minic Scelzi with a season-best sixth, Tony Stewart/Curb-Agajanian Racing pilot Donny Schatz in seventh, Brock Zearfoss with KSE Hard Charger honors in eighth-from-18th, Paradise's Kyle Hirst with a second-straight top-10 finish, and David Gravel in tenth after rebounding from a crash while running fifth beyond halfway.

UP NEXT: The World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series begins the drive east with a weekend in Ohio and Pennsylvania on tap. On Friday, it's the "BeFour the Crowns Showdown" at Eldora Speedway, and then it's the "Commonwealth Clash" on Saturday at Lernerville Speedway. You can watch Every Lap LIVE on DIRTVision.

Event at The Rev Postponed to '22; Senoia Raceway Joins Schedule on Oct. 2

CONCORD, NC - Due to tire shortages, World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Model Series and track officials have postponed the Sept. 24-25 event at The Rev to 2022. Officials did not want to position teams and the speedway in a manner that couldn't put on a quality racing program due to an industry-wide lack of tire production.

Tickets will be rolled over to the rescheduled event in 2022, once the new dates are announced fans unable to attend can request a refund.

After the Friday, Oct. 1, Mike Duvall Memorial at Cherokee Speedway, a return to the Peach State is also in the cards for the World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Models, as they travel to Senoia Raceway on Saturday, Oct. 2, in Senoia, GA. Championship rivals Brandon Sheppard and Chris Madden each have a win at the facility.

The events at Cherokee and Senoia will be 40-lap Features paying \$10,000 to the winner.

The Senoia race replaces the previously canceled event scheduled for Oct. 2 at 411 Speedway.

If you can't make it to the track, you can watch all the action live on DIRTVision – either online or through the DIRTVision App.

Mike Marlar Wins a Record Third Lucas Oil Late Model Knoxville Nationals

KNOXVILLE, IA - Mike Marlar made history on Saturday Night at the famed Knoxville Raceway. The 43-year-old Tennessee native became the first driver to win three Lucas Oil Late Model Knoxville Nationals Presented by Brandt Professional Agriculture 100-lap main

events.

Marlar started third and picked up the race lead on lap 41 from Tim McCreddie. Marlar was able to hold off the current Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series point leader by .514 seconds at the finish, for a career-best \$50,000 payday for himself and car owner Ronnie Delk. Ricky Weiss finished in third followed by Earl Pearson Jr., and Brandon Sheppard.

McCreddie jumped to the lead in the richest dirt late model race ran in the history of Knoxville, as he would lead the first nine laps of the race. Tyler Erb, the hottest driver of the week heading into the event, grabbed the lead on lap 11. Erb saw pressure from McCreddie and Marlar as Marlar moved to second on lap 22.

McCreddie regrouped and drove around Marlar by the 29th lap. With Erb out in front looking for his record-tying third win of the week at Knoxville, a rear end gear broke heading to the lap 40 mark. Erb slowed, bringing out the caution. As the field went single-file and headed to the hot pit for the scheduled fuel-stop, Erb would have to restart from the tail.

McCreddie picked up the lead again, but it lasted for just one lap as Marlar blasted around him for the top spot. Marlar and McCreddie had a terrific battle for the race lead until the checkers flew. Erb came back to finish sixth, but his misfortune cost him a chance to equal Hall-of-Famer Billy Moyer as the only driver in the 17-year history of the event to sweep the weekend.

In a triumphant return to Knoxville after a four-year absence for Marlar, the 2016 and 2017 winner picked up his second series win of the year and his second in the state of Iowa in 2021. "The car was good. Once I got out in front, the car was really, really good. My guys got me tuned in good this weekend.

It was an awesome race. It was fun racing with Timmy there. He had me on pins and needles at the end of that thing."

"You know Timmy's a professional. He raced me as clean as he could without wrecking us both. We were all over each other and we made it through ok. I appreciate him racing me clean. He's used to running on the hub in those big block modifieds out east. I was just glad to hold him off."

"My guys, I just can't thank them enough. I think this is our 23rd day in a row that we have raced or went to the shop and worked. This is a fun week to come up here. We have run so well here and had so much success here. It takes a lot to happen to win here. I feel for Tyler Erb. He was going for something awesome."

McCreddie will maintain the point leader heading to a three-race weekend in Brownstown, Indiana.

Weiss rounded out the podium with a third place run after battling with Earl Pearson Jr. for most of the last half of the event. "Honestly, we got better after the fuel-stop there. It seemed to take about seven laps to get the tires to fire again, then we started to get rolling. We were really good with about 20 laps to go. I was trying to run them down, they were slicing and dicing with the lapped cars. It was a heck of show from where I was. I just ran out of speed there at the end. I think I might have sealed up the tires trying to get there."

Completing the top ten were Tyler Erb, Hudson O'Neal, Josh Richards, Chris Simpson, and Chad Simpson.

For the latest breaking news concerning the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series, including the latest series standings, 2021 tour schedule, driver information, and more visit the official website at: www.lucasdirt.com.

Tyler Erb Goes Back-to-Back in Knoxville Prelims

KNOXVILLE, IA - For the second straight night, Tyler Erb won the 25-lap preliminary feature for the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series at Knoxville Raceway. Erb took the lead on lap two from Brandon Sheppard and was able to hold him



Mike Marlar brought home the win in the Lucas Oil Late Model Knoxville Nationals. (lucasdirt.com photo)

off in a 2-lap shootout, for his third career win at Knoxville.

The 24-year-old Texas native's 15th career win in the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series means he will start on the outside of the front row alongside Tim McCreddie for tomorrow night's \$50,000-to-win Lucas Oil Late Model Knoxville Nationals presented by Brandt Professional Agriculture. Sheppard crossed the finish line in second followed by Tyler Bruening, Tim McCreddie, and Mike Marlar.

"You never want to see a caution like that," said Erb. "We ran good enough last night that I didn't really want to commit myself to running the cushion tonight. I just tried to practice in the heat running the bottom. As long as I stayed to the inside getting into three, I didn't think anyone could ever pass me the way I could drive in and go across. I am thrilled, this is awesome. I am pumped to win here."

Sheppard started from the pole but fell back to third as both Erb and Bruening went around him on the second lap. Sheppard trailed Bruening until a lap 17 restart when Sheppard went by Bruening for the runner-up spot.

Sheppard tried to track down Erb; a caution flag with two laps to go was just the chance that Sheppard was waiting on. On the green-white-checker Erb was too strong, going on for the victory.

Bruening, last year's Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series runner-up in the Eibach Springs Rookie-of-the-Year chase, continues his impressive 2021 season coming home in third on Friday Night.

Completing the top ten were Ricky Thornton Jr., Jimmy Owens, Hudson O'Neal, Kyle Bronson, and Frank Heckenast Jr.

Tyler Erb Claims Night One at Knoxville

KNOXVILLE, IA - Tyler Erb took the lead early on in Thursday

Night's 25-lap preliminary night at Knoxville Raceway and went on to win his fifth Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series event of the season. Tonight, kicked off three nights of racing culminated by the \$50,000 to win Lucas Oil Late Model Knoxville Nationals presented by Brandt Professional Agriculture finale on Saturday Night.

Jonathan Davenport and Kyle Larson chased Erb across the finish line. Ricky Weiss led the first lap but came home in fourth followed by overall fast qualifier, Kyle Strickler.

Once Erb took the lead from Weiss he held a comfortable advantage over the field until a stretch of caution flags in the last nine laps kept the competition close. A restart with two laps to go saw Erb hold off both Davenport and Larson for his 14th career Lucas Oil victory.

Davenport, coming off a win in the 50th World 100 at Eldora Speedway, challenged Erb to finish line. "We just weren't that good really. It's hard to get your angles here. We have to be a little bit better. We were a whole lot better than we normally are here. This is one of my favorite places. We are still learning. We are going to keep our heads up and keep trying. My crew gave me a great car. I didn't really give them much feedback because I don't feel comfortable here yet."

The last time Larson raced at Knoxville was in August when he won the Knoxville Sprint Car Nationals. In a late model for the first time at Knoxville he finished in third. "I got up against the wall too many times. Those caution flags hurt us. We had some good momentum going on the outside. I am not sure even if the race had more laps, we could have gotten up there even further."

Completing the top ten were Tim McCreddie, Earl Pearson Jr., Tyler Bruening, Chad Simpson, and Brandon Sheppard.

JJ Hickle Wins The Hockett/McMillin Memorial

WHEATLAND, MO - Laying eyes on Lucas Oil Speedway for the first time on Thursday, it didn't take long for J.J. Hickle to add the "Diamond of Dirt Tracks" to his win list, as the Washington shoe rocketed into the lead on Lap 33 and never looked back en-route to a \$10,000 score in the Jesse Hockett/Daniel

McMillin Memorial.

"This is awesome. Jesse Hockett was a guy that I really looked up to, and Roger Crockett is a guy that's been beating me my whole life, so this is a big one. This is special," said an overjoyed J.J. Hickle. "I can't thank this team enough. Ivan worked his butt off all day. Hunter, Jimmy, Jane, just everyone who gives me the opportunity to do this."

Hickle's fourth SawBlade.com A-Feature win of the season, Saturday, was his 14th podium finish in his 65th A-Feature appearance.

Working through cautions and an open red in the early stages of Saturday's 40-lap affair, Hickle battled early on for second with Derek Hagar. Getting clear of the No. 9jr, Hickle chased Roger Crockett into traffic on Lap 15.

Able to keep his distance at first, traffic began playing to the advantage of the chasers, with Hickle moving in to take the lead on Lap 24. Unable to complete the lap before the red lights came on for Matt Covington, the last fully completed lap put Crockett's Rocket Designs No. 11 back to the point.

Back into traffic on Lap 30, Crockett had amassed over a half straightaway advantage. Quickly reduced to car lengths as the leaders contented with lapped cars, a slip through the cushion in the second turn put the leaders three-wide in traffic, and Hickle able to shoot the middle for the lead.

Asked about the pass, Hickle replied, "Roger isn't going to make any mistakes on open track and just made one in traffic. He's good, no doubt. It was a matter of being able to catch him in traffic and make the right moves at the right time, and tonight it worked out."

Held up by slower cars as well, Hickle was finally able to clear and put time between himself and Crockett, who was under pressure

from Scott Bogucki and Blake Hahn.

Able to catch a break in traffic, Hickle pulled away to win by 0.890-seconds. Roger Crockett held on for second, with Scott Bogucki fending off Blake Hahn through the final laps. Howard Moore completed the top five.

Racing from 11th, Kyle Bellm made it to sixth with Joe B. Miller in seventh. Garett Williamson, who was slated to start 19th, had to start at the tail for needing a second push before the race, was able to charge from 26th to eighth. Coming from a B-Feature, Ryan Timms made it to ninth from 20th, with Ayrton Gennetten making moves from 17th to tenth.

Saturday was setup up by event points through Thursday and Friday with drivers not locked into the A-Feature racing through four Qualifiers, taking the top two from each. The remainder rolled into a trio of BMRS B-Features. Qualifier wins went to Blake Hahn, Matt Covington, Kyle Bellm, and Jack Dover. B-Features were topped by Ayrton Gennetten, Austin O'Neal, and Garett Williamson. The weekend saw 68 drivers in action.

The next stop for the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network is the COMP Cams Short Track Nationals presented by Hoosier Tires at I-30 Speedway in Little Rock, Ark. on Friday, October 1 and Saturday, October 2.

The 2021 season is the 30th year of competition for the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports



JJ Hickle celebrates in victory lane after winning the Hockett/McMillin Memorial at Lucas Oil Raceway Saturday night. (Danny Clum photo)

Network.

For other news, notes, and information on the American Sprint Car Series, from the National Tour to any of the Regional Tours that make up ASCS Nation in 2021, log onto www.ascsracing.com, follow on Facebook, on Instagram, and Twitter (@LucasOilASCS).

Sessums Takes ASCS Lone Star Win at Superbowl Speedway

GREENVILLE, TX - Getting his second career victory with the ASCS Lone Star Region, Jeb Sessums rolled into Victory Lane Saturday night at Superbowl Speedway.

Trailing John Ricketts for the better part of the A-Feature, a broken front suspension struck the No. 99 off the fourth turn.

Moving Sessums to the lead, the No. 01J held the point from there. Zane Lawrence from eighth made

it to second with Michael Day in third. Blake Mallory and Tucker Doughty made up the top five.

Louisiana's Koty Adams rolled to the line sixth with Junior Jenkins, Christian Kinnison, Joey Schmidt, and Richard Reynolds in tenth.

The ASCS Lone Star Region races next with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network at the Devil's Bowl Winter Nationals.

Hagar Keeps Rolling On Night Two of The Hockett/McMillin Memorial

WHEATLAND, MO - Getting the lead on Lap 5 and running away, Derek Hagar made it back-to-back wins at Lucas Oil Speedway in the 2021 Jesse Hockett/Daniel McMillin Memorial with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network.

"Man, we just need to seal the deal," stated Hagar of his run thus far.

Winning by 1.851-seconds, Hagar was never challenged through a pair of stoppages on Lap 16, which turned into a red, and Lap 22, which saw Blake Hahn get tangled with a tractor tire while running third. Getting the run on Westbrook following a caution on Lap 3, it was a repeat of the line Derek ran on Thursday night with the No. 9jr rolling a diamond through the third and fourth turns. Having to switch his line up slightly as Dylan Westbrook turned to defend his race lead, Hagar was able to roll low and swing out off the fourth turn to capture the point.

"I was worried when they worked the track," commented
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Jeb Sessums raced his way to victory lane Saturday night with the ASCS Lone Star Region at Superbowl Speedway. (ASCS photo)

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Derek. "They did a lot, and everybody is good when the track has moisture, but when I saw the No. 47 crew signaling him [Westbrook] to get to the bottom, I knew it was over then because I could carry momentum really good through the middle and was able to get him on that restart. This car just floats the middle so nice."

Solidifying his pole starting position for Saturday's \$10,000 to win SawBlade.com A-Feature, Derek was chased to the finish by Roger Crockett. Battling a very loose car the night before, a couple of minor tweaks was all it took for the No. 11 to come to life. Pulling the wing into the trunk before the Lap 22 restart, Roger shot from fourth to second through the next two laps but was out of time to mount a charge on Hagar.

Dylan Westbrook held on for third, and with the rebound run after a DNF on Thursday, was the final driver to lock straight into Saturday's A-Feature. Another driver with a much better night, Jack Dover brought his spare car to a fourth-place finish with J.J. Hickle making of the biggest moves of the race with a last corner pass to move from seventh to fifth.

Garet Williamson ended up sixth through the final two turns with Joe B. Miller winding up seventh. Chase Porter crossed eighth with Howard Moore racing from 15th to ninth. The night's Hard Charger, Jordon Mallett, clawed his way from 22nd to complete the top ten.

Derek Hagar Masterful In Hockett/McMillin Memorial Opener

WHEATLAND, MO - Rolling into Victory Lane for the second time in his career at the "Diamond of Dirt Tracks," Arkansas' Derek Hagar picked up the opening night of the 2021 Jesse Hockett/Daniel McMillin Memorial with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network.

SawBlade.com A-Feature appearance No. 69 for Hagar, the win is his fourth against Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network. He is the 14th different winner of the season.



Matt Covington celebrates his ASCS win at Clay County Fair Speedway Tuesday night. (Rob Kocak photo)

"I had my doubts there for a little bit," stated Hagar when asked about his run to the front. "We couldn't get the engine to run right in the Heat Race and the Qualifier, so we just went back to what we know and that DynoTech was putting some good power down and letting us cut the corner and drive by people."

An emotional win for the entire team, it was dedicated to his friend Jacob Wilson, who passed away following a traffic accident on September 8, 2021.

"This is a special night for us. We laid a good man to rest yesterday, and he's riding on the nose wing and the side of the car tonight. His family is here, so it's awesome to put this thing in Victory Lane."

Taking the green eighth, Hagar has already worked into the top five on Lap 2. Moving his line around the three-eighths-mile oval, the No. 9jr rolled around Scott Bogucki for second on Lap 8. Reeling in Jeremy Campbell, who took the lead following the second attempt at the start, Hagar began working a diamond through the third and fourth turns.

Getting bite off the exit of the fourth turn with every lap, Derek took the lead away from the No. 10c on Lap 10. Leaving the field to battle amongst themselves, traffic did little to slow Hagar, who made it to the finish with a 6.423-second cushion.

Falling to third until Lap 17, Scott Bogucki worked back into the runner-up spot with Howard Moore racing from 11th to take the final podium step with four laps to run. Jason Martin moved back to fourth after dropping to fifth from most of the A-Feature, with early leader, Jeremy Campbell, rounding out the top five.

Joe B. Miller was sixth, followed by Blake Hahn, who rolled forward

13 positions after having to race his way through the first BMRS B-Feature. Following from 18th, Missouri's Kyle Bellm made it to eighth, with Matt Covington and Roger Crockett completing the top ten.

Event points at the close of the first night of the Hockett/McMillin Memorial show Derek Hagar on top with 170 points earned. Scott Bogucki (164), Howard Moore (156), Jason Martin (152), and Jeremy Campbell (148) make up the top five. The field runs again on Friday, with all points added together from the two prelim nights to set up Saturday. The top eight in overall points lock into the \$10,000 to win A-Feature.

Thursday's field consisted of 68 drivers.

Matt Covington Holds On For Victory at Clay County Fair Speedway

SPENCER, IA - Picking up win No. 4 of the season, Matt Covington had to hold off Blake Hahn for the win in the debut of the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network at Clay County Fair Speedway in Spencer, Iowa.

"Man, this was an awesome track tonight, and the fans really made it a great show," stated Covington. "It was perfect for how we like it with a bottom, slick to the top, and technical. Being open on one end and a wall on the other made it interesting, but just glad we could get the win here, especially with these massive trophies. I had to hold on and get one for my buddy, Josh [Hegwood]."

Leading every lap of Tuesday's "Battle of the Blue Ribbon," Covington never had much of a cushion to lean on as Hahn stalked him into slower traffic. Taking second on Lap 15, the CSR Garage No. 52

showed a nose to Covington a few times but never could get the pass. Chasing to the white flag, the caution lights came on for the stalled No. 6 of Jeremy McCune as the leaders raced into the first two turns.

Back to the last fully complete lap, the race set up into a green, white, checkered dash to the finish.

Working the top of the three-eighths-mile oval, Covington held Hahn to try and make the bottom work on the restart. Getting bite off the second turn, the pair rode the wall off the fourth turn to the wave of the white flag. Another run off the bottom, Hahn pulled back into Covington's tire tracks before peeling to the hub of the final two turns.

Matching the A-Rock Material No. 95 in the middle of the third and fourth turns, the top proved to be the place to be as Covington held on by a couple of car lengths.

"I was worried on the restart. I knew I had to time it and get the best restart I could to get the gap and hustle it. Blake's been fast all year, and he already showed me a nose a few times in traffic, so I knew it was going to be a fight to the finish," stated Covington of the race to the finish.

Dylan Westbrook held on for third, with J.J. Hickle crossing fourth. Using the restart to his advantage, Skylar Prochaska grabbed fifth, with Terry McCarl likewise picking up positions to finish sixth. Ryan Timms slipped back to seventh, with Ryan Bickett eighth. Kaleb Johnson and Brandon Stevenson completed the top ten.

The field of 22 was divided into three SCE Gaskets Heat Races, with wins going to Ryan Timms, Skylar Prochaska, and Matt Covington. No provisionals were needed.

Rain Cancels ASCS Southwest at Central Arizona Speedway

CASA GRANDE, AZ - The ASCS Southwest Region at Central Arizona Speedway will have to wait for another day, as Mother Nature stepped in Saturday and washed out action at the Casa Grande oval.

Looking ahead, the ASCS Southwest Region will look to get back on track at Barona Speedway Park on Saturday, October 16. The season continues November 19 and 20 at Cocopah Speedway, then ends out with the Copper Classic at Arizona Speedway on November 26 and 27.

Justin Peck Cashes in for \$20,000 in Lincoln Speedway's Dirt Classic VIII

ABBOTTSTOWN, PA - For the fourth time this season, and for the first time at the "Fabulous" Lincoln Speedway, Monrovia, Indiana's Justin Peck is a FloRacing All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 winner, cashing in big during the eighth edition of the annual Dirt

Classic on Saturday, September 18. The victory, a fifth-career All Star triumph for the pilot of the Buch Motorsports No. 13 sprint car, earned Peck a \$20,000 payday, officially adding his name to a distinguished list of Dirt Classic champions that includes Stevie Smith, Brian Montieth, Lance Dewease, Tim Shaffer, and Kyle Larson.

The All Star Circuit of Champions will return to competition with Eldora Speedway's 4-Crown Nationals on Saturday, September 25. The Saturday portion of the two-day 4-Crown will also feature all three national touring divisions of USAC; Sprint Cars, Silver Crown, and Midgets.

For those who can not witness the All Star Circuit of Champions live and in person, FloRacing.com, the official media partner and broadcast provider of the All Stars, has you covered. To access live and on-demand racing action from the All Star Circuit of Champions, visit FloRacing.com and become an annual PRO subscriber. Race fans can see all the USAC and dirt late-model action they want in addition to Eldora Speedway's slate of races and those of the All Star Circuit of Champions. The subscription unlocks access to premium content across the entire FloSports network. Watch the events across all screens by downloading the FloSports app on iOS, Android, Apple TV, Roku, Amazon Fire and Chromecast.

Anthony Macri Scores Jack Gunn Memorial Win at Williams Grove

MECHANICSBURG, PA - Anthony Macri of nearby Dillsburg won the battle and Lance Dewease of Fayetteville won the war in the sprint car races at Williams Grove Speedway on Friday night.

Just weeks after getting his long-awaited first career 410 sprint car win at the oval, Macri led from start to finish in a torrid event to pick up a \$7,000 payday in the 39th running of the Jack Gunn Memorial sanctioned by the All Stars Circuit of Champions Sprint Cars Series.

And with a second place run in the Gunn Memorial, veteran Lance Dewease clinched his seventh career speedway track title, this time at the wheel of the Don Kreitz Jr.-owned No. 69K.

Macri started on the pole of the 30-lap Gunn Memorial with Chase Dietz to his outside but when the green flag fell only the first half lap could be scored before Matt Campbell flipped in the second turn and onto the backstretch.

The restart saw Macri take command on the cushion around the blistering fast half-mile with Dietz and fifth starter Dewease running in third.

The rear of the field came into play on the sixth lap as Macri hit the backmarkers at a dizzying pace.

This allowed Dietz to drive down a near straightaway advantage held by Macri to a margin of less than one corner before the final yellow flag of the race came out with nine laps in the book.

Brent Marks lined up behind Dewease for the restart and drove to his outside when green reappeared as the pair worked the first and second turns.

Marks pulled alongside



Justin Peck celebrates in victory lane after winning the 8th Annual Dirt Classic at Lincoln Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

Dewease as the pair raced toward the bridge but Dewease made his car wider and wider as the bridge came upon them with Marks backing out and settling into fourth.

Macri again entered the rear of the field at the halfway point carrying a near two-second lead.

By lap 19 the trio of Dietz, Dewease and Marks were all racing under a blanket for second, all within the space of one corner.

Dewease finally made a move for second with nine laps to go and Marks followed him a few laps later.

But Macri again had nearly a two second lead with five laps to go and as Marks battled Dewease for second all the way to the finish, they ended up 2.331 seconds behind Macri at the line.

"Track position was everything

tonight," Macri said.

"I knew starting on the front row, I had to get out front and make 30 clean laps. It got a little sketchy in lapped traffic at times. I knew I had to keep my pace up."

By virtue of his win, Macri earned a guaranteed starting spot in Saturday night's All Stars Dirt Classic at Lincoln Speedway.

For his part, Dewease reflected on what was his championship run. "We've been pretty good all year," Dewease said.

"We can pass race cars even on a track like this. It seems like it didn't matter where we started, we'd get to the top three, top five."

"It's nice to get Donald (Kreitz) and Davey (Brown) a championship. I'm glad it's over and we can worry about racing again."

"The car's been really good here the second half of the year. We can get up through there pretty good. Even on nights like tonight, this isn't our type of racetrack and we got to second."

Counting the Gunn Memorial, Dewease started a total of 17 main events at Williams Grove during the season to date and made it to the podium in 15 of the races including four wins, seven seconds and four third place finishes.

Dietz and 13th starter Danny Dietrich completed the top five.

Brian Brown, Zeb Wise, Dylan Cisney, Robbie Kendall and Cory Eliason rounded out the top 10.

Brown set fast time over the 40-car field with a lap of 16.572 seconds.

Chase Dietz, Aaron Reutzel, Robbie Kendall and Cory Eliason won the heat races. Devon Borden won the B-main.



Anthony Macri raced his way to victory lane winning the Jack Gunn Memorial at Williams Grove Speedway Friday night. (Paul Arch photo)

zMAX Dragway

CONCORD, NC - Brittany Force and Steve Torrence were overwhelming favorites to win the Top Fuel portion of Sunday's DEWALT NHRA Carolina Nationals at zMAX Dragway, but both title contenders took a back-seat to a driver with one victory in seven career starts.

Josh Hart – a part-time driver who didn't qualify for the Countdown to the Championship – advanced to Sunday's final round to meet Force, who took the Top Fuel points lead when she advanced past Torrence in the semifinal. Hart promptly knocked Force off the zMAX Dragway pedestal, shocking the crowd with a 3.770-second, 324.12-mile-per-hour run in the final round. Hart's run eclipsed Force to capture his second career win and his first at the Bellagio of drag strips.

"We never really planned on doing a full season this year," Hart said. "We just wanted to get our feet wet and just build the team. That's obviously accelerated, with us moving the team to Indianapolis and getting more parts, and the results are showing. The real magic happens in the pits – not on the track. Those (crew) guys are awesome. It's like watching a controlled symphony. They're the ones who deserve the credit. I'm glad to just return the favor for them.

"(Force) has a great team, obviously, but so do we. She's beaten me twice. I guess the third time's the charm."

Tim Wilkerson bagged his second Funny Car win in the last three races with a 3.927-second, final-round pass at 331.36 miles per hour, besting Cruz Pedregon.

"I'm proud of my guys. We were thrashing because we had a short crew," Wilkerson said. "We're down a few people, so we had to really dig in this weekend. I'm worn out. It was a tough day, but it feels good. ... Today, I made wholesale changes (to the car), and it worked out. ... It's very exciting, winning races as a small, one-car team."

Kyle Koretsky opened his Pro Stock win account with a 6.629-second, 207.27-mph final-round triumph over four-time Pro Stock champion Greg Anderson. Koretsky, nicknamed "Kid Chaos," emerged victorious by .005 seconds.



Part-time NHRA Top Fuel driver Josh Hart knocked off No. 1 qualifier Brittany Force to win the Top Fuel portion of Sunday's DEWALT NHRA Carolina Nationals at zMAX Dragway. (CMS/HHP photo)

"This means the world to me. Every win is special," said Koretsky, the son of former Pro Stock racer Kenny Koretsky. "Pro Stock is the most competitive class out there in NHRA. ... I just wanted to keep my cool and just race every round. I just defeated Greg Anderson, who's going for the win record. I feel kind of bad, beating him, but winning this race is big for my family. This is the first Wally for my family."

Angelle Sampey moved by Joey Gladstone at the finish line of the Pro Stock Motorcycle final, using a 6.861-second, 196.62-mph pass to secure her 44th career victory.

Pro Stock Motorcycle racer Cory Reed went for a wild ride during Sunday's eliminations, when his motorcycle drifted right and out of control, clipping Gladstone's front tire and sending Reed and his bike into the wall at high speed. Reed was conscious and examined by the NHRA medical team and was transported to a local hospital for further evaluation.

His crash – plus Gladstone's kill-switch problem keeping him from winning the final – made Sampey put her victory into perspective.

"First and foremost, I thank God that Cory Reed is OK," Sampey said. "This is definitely for the first parish and everyone of Louisiana. It's a very emotional day. I feel bad for Joey – he did a great job, but he had some bad luck and I don't like to win them that way, but sometimes, drag racing is more about luck than skill, and you get to come away with a Wally."

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Speedway mobile app.

Bristol Motor Speedway

BRISTOL, TN - For the first time in Bristol Motor Speedway's long and storied history as a NASCAR Cup Series track the iconic half-mile high-banked oval will host a pair of night races showcasing the premier stock car circuit in 2022, it was announced today by NASCAR and track officials.

One will be in its popular dirt configuration on Easter weekend, Sunday night, April 17, and the other will be in its all-concrete setup as host of a round of the NASCAR Playoffs on Saturday night, September 17.

"Magic just seems to happen at The Last Great Colosseum whenever we race beneath the stars and moonlight, so we are thrilled to announce that both of our NASCAR Cup Series races in 2022 will be showcased under the lights," said Jerry Caldwell, executive vice president and general manager, Bristol Motor Speedway. "We can't wait to put the dirt back down for the Food City Dirt Race on Easter weekend in April and welcome the championship excitement of the NASCAR Playoffs back to Thunder Valley in September for the Bass Pro Shops Night Race."

It's only the second time in the modern era that NASCAR will conduct a race on Easter weekend, and also the second time in the modern era that the NASCAR Cup Series will compete on a dirt surface. NASCAR held the majority of its races on dirt in its formative years, but last year's historic Food City Dirt Race at BMS was the first for the series

since The King Richard Petty won on clay in September 1970 at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds near Raleigh. The highly-anticipated race will be televised live on FOX in primetime, positioning the Food City Dirt Race as a marquee sports event on the special holiday weekend.

Joey Logano slung the dirt the best among his Cup rivals to score the victory in the Food City Dirt Race this past April, wheeling his No. 22 Penske machine to a determined victory over a host of tough challengers on the red Tennessee clay. The throwback race to NASCAR's origins was such an instant hit with fans and drivers that series and track officials announced the dirt's return to the 2022 schedule before the end of the weekend.

Some might call the Easter weekend at Bristol a Racing Revival of sorts, but Caldwell says the special weekend will be one that fans do not want to miss. In cooperation with Motor Racing Outreach (MRO), Bristol Motor Speedway will host a special Sunday service and provide plenty of other family-fun activities. Traditional FanZone and Midway activities will be featured as well.

"We are pleased to see the Food City Dirt Race moved back to mid-April on the schedule and we are certainly thrilled that the race will air in primetime on FOX that night after many have finished with their Easter traditions," Caldwell said. "For those who join us at the track, in addition to the thrilling racing, we will also have plenty of fun activities lined up throughout the day for our guests to celebrate Easter Bristol-style and create plenty of wow moments and cherished memories."

The Cup Series also will return to The World's Fastest Half-Mile in the fall for another nail-biting elimination race in the Round of 16 of the NASCAR Playoffs, the Bass Pro Shops Night Race. It is the third consecutive season that Bristol will be the anchor of the Playoffs' opening round, where the championship roster will be

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trimmed from 16 to 12 drivers.

"The NASCAR Playoffs really is a perfect fit for Bristol Motor Speedway with its tight configuration, steep banking, incredible speed and unlimited possibilities for mayhem and chaos," Caldwell said. "We are proud to once again be the host of the elimination race for the Round of 16 during the Bass Pro Shops

Night Race and we look forward to all of the drama and intrigue that awaits us on Saturday night, September 17."

To purchase tickets for the Food City Dirt Race and the Bass Pro Shops Night Race, please visit www.bristolmotorspeedway.com/tickets, or call the BMS Ticket Sales Center at (866) 415-4158.

Nashville Superspeedway

LEBANON, TN - NASCAR announced its full 2022 Cup Series schedule earlier today, featuring the "Ally 400" at Nashville Superspeedway on Sunday, June 26, 2022.

"We are thrilled to once again welcome NASCAR's top talents in 2022 and build upon the excitement here in Middle Tennessee that started this past June," said Erik Moses, Nashville Superspeedway's president.

"We received a tremendous response to our inaugural NASCAR Cup Series weekend and are looking forward to providing an enhanced and improved race-day experience inside and outside the grandstands."

Ticket holders for the 2021 "Ally 400" NASCAR Cup Series race will have the opportunity to renew their seat locations starting Wednesday, Oct. 6. Fans eligible for this option will be contacted directly by the track via email with instructions on how to do so online. New customers looking to purchase "Ally 400" tickets may have the opportunity at a later time once renewals for last year's sold-out event are completed.

The NASCAR Xfinity Series and NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race schedules will be announced in the coming weeks.

Nashville Superspeedway's sister track, Dover International Speedway, is also scheduled to host a NASCAR Cup Series race

on Sunday, May 1, 2022.

Keep track of Nashville Superspeedway's latest news and updates at NashvilleSuperSpeedway.com via social media at [Facebook.com/NashvilleSuperspeedway](https://www.facebook.com/NashvilleSuperspeedway), on Twitter at @nashville supers and Instagram @nashville-superspeedway. For questions about media relations, employment, or other inquiries, interested parties are encouraged to e-mail info@nashvillesuperspeedway.com.

Texas Motor Speedway

FORT WORTH, TX - Texas Motor Speedway will once again play host to the best motorsports events in the world in 2022, including the \$1 million-to-win NASCAR All-Star Race and NASCAR Playoffs weekends, as well as the NTT INDYCAR Series.

The NASCAR All-Star Race weekend returns to The Great American Speedway for a second season of the best-of-the-best in NASCAR competition at an earlier date on the race schedule. The move to Sun., May 22 from mid-June should make for cooler temperatures for race fans to enjoy new changes to the facility, more entertainment areas, and an exciting infield campground.

Race fans can then sit back, or stand up and cheer, while watching Kyle Larson defend his title against the rest of the All-Star lineup, including the likes of Martin Truex, Jr., Chase Elliott, Kyle Busch, and Kevin Harvick.

The NASCAR Playoffs weekend at Texas Motor Speedway will also see a calendar change for 2022. Swapping dates with Speedway Motorsports sister track Las Vegas Motor Speedway, the Sun., Sept. 25 NASCAR Cup Series Autotrader EchoPark Automotive 500 will move from the seventh to the fourth race in the playoffs, the first race in the Round of 12.

Dates for Texas Motor Speedway's NASCAR Xfinity Series and NASCAR Camping World Truck Series races will be announced soon.

The date for the 2022 NTT INDYCAR SERIES race will be announced in the coming weeks.

The Ducks Unlimited Expo (DUX) was a great success in 2021 and will return to Texas Motor Speedway on April 8-10, 2022. The family-friendly outdoor consumer show will feature interactive villages where attendees can see, experience, and buy the latest outdoor products in archery, fishing, off-roading, ATV/UTV's, biking

and more. DUX will include exhibitions, conservation and educational seminars and demonstrations of the latest outdoor skills and know-how from industry experts and company representatives.

"Texas Motor Speedway is thrilled and honored to be able to host these great motorsports and outdoor events," said Texas Motor Speedway Senior Vice President and General Manager Rob Ramage. "Fans are our No. 1 priority so our primary goal is to provide them with the most exciting and most comfortable experience possible. Whether it's a NASCAR or INDYCAR event or an outstanding one-of-a-kind event like the Ducks Unlimited Expo, we will continue to add new experiences for our fans to create memories for a lifetime."

"The announcement of our 2022 NTT INDYCAR Series date is coming soon and I'm sure it will be something Texas Motor Speedway race fans will really appreciate."

Season tickets and camping for Texas Motor Speedway's 2022 major event season are on sale now. Save up to 40 percent versus buying individual tickets, take advantage of interest-free monthly payments, get the best seat selection and more. All-new reduced rates are available for the GEICO Infield, GEICO VIP and WinStar World Casino & Resort Lone Star Circle camping areas. Click [HERE](#) for more information on and to purchase season tickets.

Tickets for the 2022 NASCAR All-Star Race are also on sale now. Save 20 percent with online purchases made through December 1, 2021, with tickets starting at just \$28.

Dover International Speedway

DOVER, DE - NASCAR's top drivers return to Dover International Speedway in 2022 for the 104th time, continuing a tradition at the Monster Mile that began in 1969.

Dover International Speedway will host the "Drydene 400" NASCAR Cup Series race on Sunday, May 1, 2022. The date was announced today as part of NASCAR's full announcement of the 2022 NASCAR Cup Series schedule.

Recent NASCAR Cup Series ticket holders have the opportunity to renew their Dover seat location now through Nov. 10, 2021. Fans are encouraged to log into their ticket accounts via DoverSpeedway.com to review and renew their seats for the "Drydene 400."

New customers can start ordering 2022 seats beginning today by

visiting DoverSpeedway.com.

The lowest grandstand ticket prices of the 2022 racing season, Dover International Speedway's Preferred Pricing Period, is available through Nov. 10, 2021. Fans can save almost 50 percent on select seats by purchasing by this deadline.

More packages and offerings will be announced in the coming months. Visit DoverSpeedway.com to register for the Speedway's email list to receive updates and more details.

Schedules for the NASCAR Xfinity Series and ARCA Menards Series East will be announced at a later date.

"It's an honor to once again host America's best drivers at the world's fastest one-mile oval," said Mike Tatroian, Dover International Speedway's president and CEO. "The most loyal fans in NASCAR are already excited about next year's race and we look forward to more thrilling action at the Monster Mile."

Dover International Speedway's 2021 NASCAR tripleheader weekend last May featured a sellout of its limited-capacity grandstand seating for the "Drydene 400" NASCAR Cup Series race.

Dover International Speedway is one of only 10 tracks in the country to host 100 or more NASCAR Cup Series events.

Dover International Speedway's sister track, Nashville Superspeedway, is also scheduled to host a NASCAR Cup Series race on Sunday, June 26, 2022.

Follow Speedway news and updates on DoverSpeedway.com and via social media at [Facebook.com/DoverInternationalSpeedway](https://www.facebook.com/DoverInternationalSpeedway), or on Twitter and Instagram at @MonsterMile.

Bristol Motor Speedway

BRISTOL, TN - Food City, a premier regional grocery store chain based in Abingdon, Virginia, and Bristol Motor Speedway renewed their three decades long partnership today highlighted by two marquee event entitlements, the NASCAR Cup Series Food City Dirt Race and the Food City 300 NASCAR Xfinity Series race.

As part of the multi-year agreement, the Food City Dirt Race will be held under the lights on April 17, Easter weekend in 2022, and the Food City 300 has been the Xfinity Series regular season finale in recent years during the Bristol Night Race weekend in September.

The relationship will celebrate a **(Continued Next Page)**

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milestone 30th anniversary in 2022, the second longest NASCAR event entitlement in the sport's history, behind the Coca-Cola 600 at BMS sister track Charlotte Motor Speedway in North Carolina.

"We are so blessed to have amazing partners like Food City that have become more like family than business colleagues throughout the years,"

said Jerry Caldwell, executive vice president and general manager, Bristol Motor Speedway. "We will celebrate a special milestone of 30 wonderful years with Food City in 2022 and it is fitting that we are extending this multi-year agreement. To Steve Smith and all of the employees at Food City we appreciate all of their efforts and support over the years and we look forward to the next chapter of this long-lasting relationship."

Through its affiliation with Bristol Motor Speedway, Food City has also been involved in many other events throughout the years, including music concerts, specialty events, holiday light shows, football games and charity events. The two companies also often partner to assist those in need as evidenced by the recently announced supply drive for those affected by the devastating flooding in Hurley, Va. Race guests interested in donating unused cleaning supplies or canned items may drop them off at either Guest Welcome Village during the event weekend. In addition, Food City stores throughout its five-state service area and the Appalachian Highlands region have served as major outlet where Bristol Motor Speedway event tickets can be purchased.

"Bristol Motor Speedway is a key economic engine for our entire region, spotlighting the wonderful Appalachian Highlights community that we are so proud to be a part of," said Steven C. Smith, Food City president and chief executive officer. "Many people come to know our area by visiting Bristol Motor Speedway. The team at BMS shares our commitment to exceeding race fan expectations and providing a premier experience for their loyal patrons. Food City is certainly proud to be Bristol Motor Speedway's longest running sponsor and the second longest in

NASCAR motorsports. Partnerships like this certainly wouldn't be possible without the support of our almost 18,000 Food City teammates and the loyal customers throughout our five-state market area."

Headquartered in Abingdon, Virginia, K-VA-T Food Stores (Food City's parent company) operates 138 retail outlets throughout southeast Kentucky, southwest Virginia, east Tennessee, north Georgia, and Alabama. For more information, visit their website at www.foodcity.com.

Circuit of The Americas

AUSTIN, TX - Race fans will experience another unforgettable weekend of NASCAR in Austin, Texas, when the NASCAR Cup Series (NCS), Xfinity Series (NXS) and Camping World Truck Series (NCWTS) return to Circuit of The Americas (COTA), March 25-27, 2022.

NASCAR at COTA will take place during a more temperature-friendly time of the year for central Texas in March of 2022 compared to the mid-May races earlier this year. The action-packed triple-header will Keep Austin Wheeled with the EchoPark Automotive Texas Grand Prix (NCS), Pit Boss 250 (NXS) and Toyota Tundra 225 (NCWTS).

"Our inaugural NASCAR at COTA race weekend was truly an experience like no other," said Speedway Motorsports President and CEO Marcus Smith. "We're already planning so much more for fans next season — more fun, more access and more camping. We look forward to working again with COTA CEO Bobby Epstein and his staff to produce another spectacular NASCAR event weekend in Austin for 2022."

Earlier this year, Chase Elliott (NCS), Kyle Busch (NXS) and Todd Gilliland (NCWTS) battled Mother Nature and their respective fields to make history, winning the inaugural NASCAR races at the world-renowned, 20-turn, 3.41-mile road course.

Tickets: Tickets for the March 25-27 NASCAR at COTA triple-header weekend are on sale now at NASCARatCOTA.com/Tickets. Three-day weekend packages for adults start at just \$79 and just \$10 for kids 12 and under. Further details can be found on the NASCAR at COTA website. Full race weekend schedules will be announced at a later date.

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LA Memorial Coliseum

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - The Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, one of the most storied venues in all of sports and entertainment, will add a new event to its long and decorated list: The Clash at the Coliseum.

This season-opening exhibition will take place on Feb. 6, 2022 and become the first NASCAR race held inside the iconic Los Angeles stadium since it opened in 1923. The Clash at the Coliseum will be a signature event as a part of the venue's centennial celebration and mark the first time NASCAR's prelude to the DAYTONA 500 will take place somewhere other than Daytona International Speedway, an icon in its own right that will host the regular-season opener two weeks later.

"Los Angeles is synonymous with major sports and entertainment events, so we seized an innovative opportunity to showcase NASCAR at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum," said Ben Kennedy, NASCAR senior vice president of strategy and innovation. "We're thrilled to have the opportunity to take center stage in this market as we get our 2022 season underway."

The traditional Coliseum playing surface will be converted into a quarter-mile, asphalt short track creating a brand-new action-packed event to kick off the season. Drivers will compete for the first time in the new Next Gen cars.

The Clash at the Coliseum will be the first of two visits to Southern California, as NASCAR's premier series will also visit Auto Club Speedway in 2022.

Tickets for the Feb. 6 NASCAR Clash at the Coliseum will go on-sale beginning Thursday, Sept. 16th at 1 p.m. ET. Tickets start at \$65 for adults and kids 12 & under starting as low as \$10. The Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum offers a variety of seating options from lower to upper bowl, midfield start/finish line seats to premium club seats with access to the exclusive Lou Galen Club Lounge. Premium Club seats will go on-sale starting Sept. 29 at 1 p.m. ET following a special pre-sale to current Club Members.

Tickets can be purchased by visiting Ticketmaster.com. For more information visit nascar.com/lacoliseum.

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New Hampshire Motor Speedway

LOUDON, NH - The 2022 NASCAR Cup Series (NCS) schedule includes a July 17 visit to New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS). The 301-lap NCS race will be the 51st running for NASCAR's premier series at "The Magic Mile."

"When Aric Almirola clinched a playoff berth by taking home Loudon the Lobster this past summer, it was one of the most exciting races we've ever had at 'The Magic Mile,'" said David McGrath, executive vice president and general manager of New Hampshire Motor Speedway. "Race fans have come to expect close finishes, lots of lead changes and beautiful weather when the NASCAR Cup Series makes its annual visit to New England. We're already hard at work on improving the fan experience to do it again even bigger and better on July 17, 2022."

The Cup Series has raced at "The Magic Mile" since 1993. The 2022 event will be the only visit by America's most popular form of motorsport to the six-state New England region. Details regarding additional races, full weekend schedule and broadcast information for NASCAR's 2022 event at NHMS will be released at a later date.

Tickets: Tickets and camping are on sale now at NHMS.com. Adult tickets start at just \$49 and tickets for kids 12 and under are just \$10. Further details can be found on the New Hampshire Motor Speedway website or by calling 833-4LOUDON.

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Indianapolis Motor Speedway

INDIANAPOLIS, IN - The stars of the NASCAR Cup Series will return to The Racing Capital of the World in 2022 for a second shot at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course with the Verizon 200 at the Brickyard on Sunday, July 31.

An NTT INDYCAR SERIES race also will take place on Saturday, July 30 as part of another historic Brickyard Weekend on the 14-turn, 2.439-mile road course.

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shifted to the IMS road course for the first time in 2021 after 27 consecutive years on the 2.5-mile oval. AJ Allmendinger pulled off a surprising and popular victory for underdog Kaulig Racing in an eventful Verizon 200 at the Brickyard that went to a second overtime and ran 95 laps, 13 more than the scheduled distance, while finishing with a wild scramble for the checkered flag.

"There was no shortage of drama and excitement in the inaugural Cup Series race on the road course, and we are confident the competition will be even more compelling in 2022," IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. "We look forward to once again showcasing the versatility of NASCAR racing at IMS."

Ticket information for the 2022 Verizon 200 at the Brickyard will be available soon at IMS.com and IMS social channels.

Bristol Motor Speedway

BRISTOL, TN - Two Olympic Medal winners with ties to the Appalachian Highlands region who competed at the recent Summer Games in Tokyo have been named Bristol Motor Speedway Neighborhood Heroes, it was announced today.

The two honorees are Team USA cyclist and Milligan University student Megan Jastrab and former King University student and Team USA wrestler Sarah Hildebrandt. Jastrab will be in attendance and will be introduced to the crowd during pre-race ceremonies for Saturday's Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race at the main trackside stage.

Each of the BMS Neighborhood Heroes has a compelling story, and both Jastrab and Hildebrandt were selected for the honor after their significant achievements competing for the United States Olympic Team, as each earned a bronze medal in their respective sports in Tokyo.

"We are in awe of the accomplishments of our two BMS Neighborhood Heroes this year," said Jerry Caldwell, executive vice president and general manager, Bristol Motor Speedway. "Milligan University's Megan Jastrab of Team USA Cycling and Sarah Hildebrandt of my alma mater King University both



Sarah Hildebrandt, a former student at King University, earned a bronze medal for Team USA Wrestling during the summer games in Tokyo. (BMS photo)



Megan Jastrab, a junior at Milligan University, earned a bronze medal for Team USA Cycling during the recent summer Olympic games in Tokyo. (BMS photo)

earned Bronze Medals in Tokyo and proudly represented the United States as well as our region in their respective competitions. On behalf of everyone at Bristol Motor Speedway, we are proud to celebrate their achievements and name them the 2021 BMS Neighborhood Heroes."

Jastrab, who recently started her junior year at Milligan University with a double major in business and exercise science, earned a bronze medal as part of the Women's Team Pursuit finals. She was the first current student-athlete from Milligan University to compete in the Olympics, the first to earn an Olympic medal and the first to compete for team USA. Along with racing in the Women's Team Pursuit, Jastrab also competed in the Olympic Madison, becoming the first American woman to record a

point in the event.

Almost immediately after returning home from Tokyo, Jastrab, who is also a three-time junior world champion and 29-time national champion, went back to work, training in Europe for upcoming competitions and getting ready for her collegiate cycle season. Jastrab attended one NASCAR race at a young age, but being honored in Bristol and enjoying a race at The Last Great Colosseum will be an entirely new experience that she can't wait to enjoy.

"I'm really excited for this," said Jastrab, an Elite Women's U.S. National Team Member. "Whenever I fly into Bristol I always see the track and it looks so cool. I've always said, 'I need to go to this race,' and to get this opportunity, it's just perfect. I'm really looking forward to it,

seeing all the people and enjoying the night.

"Competing in the Olympics was an unforgettable experience. I've always admired the Olympic athletes and everything it represents competing for the U.S. team. It really was mind-blowing to me and it's been really special since I've been home. I love meeting new people and this will be another great experience."

Hildebrandt, who was a 2018 silver medalist at the World Championships, was a standout wrestler at King University, where she was a two-time Women's Collegiate Wrestling Association (WCWA) national champion and four-time finals. She was a four-time Pan American Championships champion before winning the U.S. Olympic Team Trials in 2021 in the 116.5-pound weight class to earn a spot on Team USA for the Olympic Games.

In Tokyo, Hildebrandt impressed, rolling to a 21-1 victory in the bronze medal match. While she wasn't in attendance on Saturday at Bristol Motor Speedway, she is thrilled for the honor and does have a number of fond experiences at the track, working in one of the concessions stands at a handful of races while in college at King University.

"Going to school in Bristol and everything that it has done for me, and now to be honored for this accomplishment, it's amazing," Hildebrandt said. "When I worked at the track, I would always try to sneak away and watch, and it was always so much fun. I'm very grateful for this honor and it's definitely a family feel in the area and at King.

"It was really cool to be part of the experience at King and be around a group of women who wanted to make it on the Olympic stage. It was a crucial part of my growth and to come out of that small school and perform at the Olympics, it was freaking magic. It's been amazing and it really it's a celebration of everyone who's helped me get this far."

For more information, visit www.bristolmotorspeedway.com.

Charlotte Motor Speedway

CONCORD, NC - History. Tradition. NASCAR. With NASCAR's 2022 Cup Series schedule now official, fans can make plans to visit

Charlotte Motor Speedway for two of the biggest event weekends of the year, the Coca-Cola 600 and Bank of America ROVAL™ 400,

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which will maintain their familiar May and October weekend dates next season.

As it has for more than six decades, Charlotte Motor Speedway will host the iconic Coca-Cola 600 on Memorial Day Weekend, running NASCAR's toughest test of man and machine on Sunday, May 29, 2022. As a prelude to the crown jewel event, Charlotte Motor

Speedway will honor the service men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces with a rousing pre-race salute to the troops that's worthy of being called America's largest Memorial Day Weekend celebration.

Maintaining its elimination slot as the final race in the Round of 12 for the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs, the Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 on Sunday, Oct. 9, will again prove pivotal for drivers chasing the 2022 Cup Series championship. The innovative 2.28-mile, 17-turn course will push drivers to the breaking point and end the title hopes of four worthy contenders.

"For more than 60 years, the Coca-Cola 600 has exemplified resilience, determination and grit – characteristics that also define the brave service men and women to whom we pay tribute each Memorial Day – so it's fitting that the peerless race remains on its traditional holiday weekend," said Greg Walter, executive vice president and general manager at Charlotte Motor Speedway. "That, combined with the Bank of America ROVAL™ 400's pivotal place in the second round of the Cup Series Playoffs gives fans plenty to look forward to next season, and our team is already hard at work making sure 2022 is our best year yet."

Information regarding NASCAR's Xfinity and Camping World Truck Series schedules for 2022 will be announced at a later date.

TICKETS: Adult tickets and camping for both the 63rd running of the Coca-Cola 600 and next season's Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 can be purchased online at www.charlottemotorspeedway.com or by calling 800-455-FANS. Tickets start at just \$49 for adults and are just \$10 for children ages 12 and under.

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events by following on Twitter and Instagram or become a Facebook fan. Keep up with all the latest news and information with the Charlotte Motor Speedway mobile app.

World Wide Technology Raceway

World Wide Technology Raceway (WWTR) solidified its standing as a premier motorsports venue when NASCAR officials today awarded the 1.25-mile oval in metropolitan St. Louis a highly coveted date on the 2022 NASCAR Cup Series schedule.

To be officially titled at a later date, the WWTR NASCAR Cup Series race will take place Sunday, June 5, 2022. Adding the prestigious NASCAR Cup Series to WWTR's portfolio further heightens St. Louis' status as a motorsports destination and is a significant win for the raceway. It is the only one in the U.S. to now host the premier series for each of the three preeminent racing organizations: NASCAR, INDYCAR and NHRA.

"I set some ambitious goals when I took over the racetrack and to see them come to fruition is a dream come true," said Curtis Francois, WWTR owner. "Thanks to the hard work of our team, corporate partners such as Dave Steward and World Wide Technology, and sponsors like Bommarito Automotive Group, I am proud to welcome the NASCAR Cup Series to the St. Louis region. I can't wait to celebrate this incredible victory with our fans."

The NASCAR Cup Series is consumed by millions of viewers – at track, on television and through various digital platforms – on a weekly basis for 10 months a year around the globe. These races are credited with delivering millions of dollars each year to host communities. An economic impact study recently completed by The Rawlings Sports Business Management Department at Maryville University projects that this NASCAR Cup Series race will produce at least \$60 million in economic impact for the St. Louis market.

"The dedication Curtis has shown to the sport of auto racing is one of many factors that led to bringing an event to the Gateway City," said Ben Kennedy, NASCAR senior vice president, strategy & innovation. "The corporate and civic leadership from St. Louis and southern Illinois has been truly welcoming to NASCAR, and we cannot wait to see the NASCAR Cup Series in action at World Wide

Technology Raceway."

Since acquiring the track in 2011, Francois has mobilized millions of dollars of private investment to expand the facility and have it certified as one of the top racing venues in the country. Its signature oval is highly popular with drivers and fans alike; it combines the best of short track excitement and high-speed straightaways.

"This is a tremendous win for WWTR Raceway and the St. Louis region," said David L. Steward, founder and chairman of World Wide Technology. "World Wide Technology and the Steward Family are grateful and privileged to play a role in bringing a NASCAR Cup Series race to St. Louis fans. We are thrilled to welcome a new generation of fans to this exciting sport and to emphasize the importance of STEM education through racing."

"Earning a NASCAR Cup race solidifies St. Louis' position as one on the nation's premier markets for professional sports, fan experiences and tourism," said Andrew C. Taylor, founding chair of Greater St. Louis, Inc. and executive chairman of Enterprise Holdings Inc. "Curtis Francois and the team at the raceway have delivered a significant win for the Metro East and the entire St. Louis region."

Drivers are sure to deliver an exciting race for fans.

"This track is super difficult. The long straights make you pay the price if you miss a corner, and both corners require different strategies, approaches and braking techniques," explained Christopher Bell, who drives No. 20 Toyota Camry for Joe Gibbs Racing. Bell, who earned his first Cup win in February on the Daytona International Speedway road course, is a previous WWTR race winner with a 2016 victory in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series.

For more information on WWTR, visit www.WWTRaceway.com or call (618) 215-8888. Follow WWTR on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Texas Motor Speedway

FORT WORTH, TX - The NTT INDYCAR SERIES returns to Texas Motor Speedway for its 26th season of high-speed open-wheel racing, with the XPEL 375 moving from its traditional June date to the historically cooler date of March 20, 2022.

Further details for the event will be made available in the

coming weeks.

"The NTT INDYCAR SERIES has a rich tradition of spectacular wheel-to-wheel competition at Texas Motor Speedway so we're thrilled to have the greatest names in American open-wheel racing back in 2022 for the XPEL 375," said Texas Motor Speedway Senior Vice President and General Manager Rob Ramage. "The move from the Texas heat in June to the first day of spring should make a welcome respite for race fans and even more exciting racing."

The 2022 XPEL 375 will be the 35th IndyCar race on the 1.5-mile quad-oval, with Arie Luyendyk earning the inaugural race victory on June 7, 1997. That first race is most notable for a post-race altercation in Victory Lane between Luyendyk and A.J. Foyt, who thought his team's driver, Billy Boat, had earned the winner's trophy.

After that first year, Texas Motor Speedway held two races each season from 1998 through 2004, with single races held for the next six years (2005-2010). A double-header was held June 11, 2011, and it was then single-event seasons from 2012-2020. This past May 1, reigning NTT INDYCAR SERIES Champion Scott Dixon earned his series track-record fifth win, and on Sunday, May 2, Patrio "Pato" O'Ward earned his first series victory in the XPEL 375.

Tickets for the Oct. 16-17 NASCAR Cup Series Autotrader EchoPark Automotive 500 weekend, are on sale now at <http://www.texasmotorspeedway.com>.

Season tickets and camping for Texas Motor Speedway's 2022 major event season are on sale now. Save up to 40 percent versus buying individual tickets, take advantage of interest-free monthly payments, get the best seat selection and more. All-new reduced rates are available for the GEICO Infield, GEICO VIP and WinStar World Casino & Resort Lone Star Circle camping areas.

MORE INFO: Keep track of all of Texas Motor Speedway's events by following along on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Keep up with all the latest news and information on the speedway website and TMS mobile app.



Clinton County Speedway

MILL HALL, PA - Jared Zionkowski used Friday night's race as the final preparation race for the Nittany 40 coming up in two weeks at Clinton County. "If the track is tacky like tonight for the big race, that would be great," said Zionkowski in Victory Lane. It was his second win of the season. Other winners of the night included

Brandon Moser in the Pro Stocks, Dexter Strawser in the 600 Micro Sprints, Jeffrey Weaver in the 270s and Joey Snook in the Four Cylinders.

Dustin Prettyleaf and Jarret Cavalet led the field of sprint cars to the green flag. Prettyleaf led the first lap with fourth place starter, Zionkowski in second Matt Tebbs in third followed by Reed Thompson and Cavalet. The leaders began to encounter lapped traffic by lap number six with Prettyleaf in the lead and Zionkowski within striking distance. On lap number seven, Zionkowski used the high lane of the speedway to pass Prettyleaf and a lapped car to take the lead. Zionkowski weaved his way through lapped traffic like a seasoned veteran, utilizing the high and low sides of the speedway. Prettyleaf maintained second with Matt Tebbs running in third. Seventh place starter Dylan Proctor and tenth place starter Josh Beamer started to make a charge towards the front of the field.

On lap number 19, the red flag waved, when Hayden Walizer caught the wheel of another sprinter and flipped in turns three and four. Walizer was ok. Following the restart, Zionkowski brought the field up to speed, with Prettyleaf, Tebbs, Proctor, and Cavalet in the top five. The final six laps went caution free, as Zionkowski raced to his second win of the season. Prettyleaf was second, Tebbs third, Proctor finished fourth and Cavalet completed the top five. Sixth through tenth were Beamer, Scott Lutz, Matt Cochran, Dakota Schweikart, and Craig Dobrosky. Heat races were won by Prettyleaf, Cochran and Zionkowski.

Todd Geyer and Gary Mellott started on the front row of the Pro Stock feature event. Mellott battled with Geyer and led the first several laps. By the completion of



Jared Zionkowski celebrates winning at Clinton County Speedway Friday night, his second win of the season. (CCS photo)

lap number five, Mellott was leading sixth place starter Brandon Moser, Geyer, AJ Stroup, and Jason Smith. Moser made a pass for the lead on lap number seven. The caution flag waved as the field came to complete lap number eight, when Cory Long spun in turn four. Following the restart, AJ Stroup took the runner up position away from Geyer and tried to chase down the race leader. On lap number eleven, the caution flag waved again for Long and Rich Fye who got together while battling for position. On the restart Moser led, Stroup, Geyer, Mellott and Robert Tressler. With two laps remaining, Stroup slowed and took his car to the pits, allowing Geyer to take back the runner up position. At the checkered flag, Moser was the winner over Geyer, Tressler, Mellott and Long. Sixth through tenth were Noah Kissinger, Chris Orwig Sr, Rooster Peters, Smith, and Stroup. Heat races were won by Moser and Mellott.

Dustin Roberts advanced from the outside of the front row to take the lead in the 600 Micro Sprint feature event. The caution came out on lap number two when Timmy Bittner slowed on the front stretch. Roberts continued to show the way with Dexter Strawser, Jeff Gyuina, Jeffrey Weaver and Mitchell Holden in pursuit. Roberts would continue to hold off Strawser until lap number 12. Strawser took the lead and would lead the final four laps for the win over Roberts, Gyuina, Holden, and Chase Rousey. The heat was won by Bitner.

James Bilger started on the pole of the 270 Micro Sprint feature event and took the early lead. Tenth place starter Jeffrey Weaver took the top spot by the completion of lap number four. The caution flag waved on lap number seven, with four cars involved in a turn four

accident. By lap number nine, Denny Rinehimer moved into the second spot. Skeetz Hockenbrock moved into the top five by lap number ten. Weaver continued to lead the remaining laps to claim his 44th career feature win, tying him for 4th on the all time career win list. Crossing the line second was Rinehimer, Bilger, Hockenbrock, and Shawn Musser. As of press time, the 270 results remain unofficial pending a tech review. Heats were won by Weaver and Levi Brungard.

Joey Snook started on the outside of the front row in the 4 Cylinder main event. Snook took the lead over pole sitter Donald Wynn. The field slowed on lap number two when a caution was needed for Shane Wager who stopped on the speedway. Upon the restart Snook maintained the lead over Wynn, Dillan Craft, and Larry Beecher. The leaders begin to encounter lapped traffic on lap number nine.

Snook cruised to his first career win over Dillan Craft, Larry Beecher, Maddox Smith, and Cody Stover. Sixth through tenth were Blake Snyder, Chris Small, Jimmy Moyer, Keith Haagen and Dustin Miller. Heat races were won by Jimmy Moyer, Craft, Stover, and Hunter Flook. The b-main was won by Brad Boyd.

The next event at the Clinton County Speedway will be on Saturday, October 2nd. Gates will open at 1PM and Racing will begin at 4:30. The RaceSaver Sprints will compete in the Nittany 40 presented by Bill Happy Camper Sales and Service of Mill Hall. Sprint cars will use time trials and heat races to determine the starting lineup for the biggest race of the season for the Sprint Cars. The Pro Stocks will also compete in their biggest race of the year, the CW Smith Memorial paying \$1,800 to win for their 50 lap main event.

In addition, the 270 Micros, the 600 Micros and the four cylinders will be in competition. For the latest speedway information, visit the speedway website at www.clinton-countyspeedway.com or follow us on Facebook.

Grandview Speedway

BECHTELSVILLE, PA - Chauffeur the Reber Racing No. 4R Crate powered Sportsman machine Friday night at Grandview Speedway, former Sportsman division champion, Jordan Henn was on cruise control throughout the eighth annual Sportsman Freedom 38'er, easily taking home the first-place prize of \$2,300 by a safe margin.

The 28-year-old Kutztown, PA resident started from the pole position in the 27-car starting field by luck of the draw prior to the race and was never seriously challenged after taking control of the race with a wave of the initial green from the track starter Ray Kemp. Henn remained on top from the green to the checkered and picked up his second career Sportsman triumph at the track and first-ever Freedom 38 win.

Henn took home \$2,000 for his victory along with a \$200 winners bonus from Lisa's Landscaping and a \$100 winners bonus from Richard East Mechanical Contractors.

"I came close in this race in the year I won the championship (in 2016) and wound up finishing in second that night," mentioned Henn. "I lost the win in lapped traffic and I wasn't about to let that happen again. Starting on the pole it was huge because the bottom was the place to be. Starting up in front I just had to run my line, stay smooth and make it to the end."

With the initial green it was Henn powering out in front with third-starting Mark Kemmerer taking the runner-up role and fifth-starting Brad Brightbill running third. By lap 5 Henn held a safe advantage and a circuit later was nearly a full straightaway ahead. With 10 complete, Henn began getting into heavy lapped traffic, but lap 12 saw the caution waved when Steve Young lost a rub rail in turn one, bringing the field back together again.

When racing resumed Brightbill got out of shape in turn 1, collecting seven other cars in the process to bring out the yellow once again. Craig Whitmoyer was sent to the rear for aggressive contact, which caused the eight-car pile up.

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Back to the green and Henn easily pulled away with Kemmerer, Dakota Kohler and Kyle Smith in tow.

On lap 15 it was caution again due to a three-car tangle on the backstretch, which regrouped the field once again.

"I wasn't really happy with the early cautions because I didn't want to get caught running up on the top with all my momentum going away, but everything worked out," explained Henn.

The new green again showed Henn out in front over Kemmerer, Smith, Kohler, Steve Davis and Kevin Hirthler. After 18 tours of the high-banked third-mile clay covered oval Hirthler was now up to fourth, after starting twenty-second, and Davis was in fifth, after starting the race in twelfth. At halfway Davis passed Hirthler, however, after 22 circuits it was Hirthler reclaiming fourth and Davis falling back to fifth.

On lap 23 Hirthler moved by Smith to take third and a lap later Davis followed into fourth.

With 26 complete, the red flag was waved as Whitmoyer got tangled up with Brandon Edgar and wound up rolling over in turn 1. Everyone walked away from the crash, with Brian Hirthler sent to the rear for contact that caused the crash.

"I could see on the scoreboard that Hirthler was working his way through the field and my only opportunity was not make a mistake and stay out against the guardrail," revealed Henn.

"The track was smooth and wide and you could pass on the top or the bottom and that's all you could ask for," said Hirthler, the defending and only two-time event winner. "I really didn't have anything for the leader. He was running real good. I picked up a lot of spots off that early race restart crash in turn one and my car was pretty strong. With the weight they put on the 604 Crate engines it pulled us down kind of hard and we just didn't have the steam to try and compete with the leader once we got to second-place."

With the restart on lap 27, Hirthler rolled into second-place, with Kemmerer third and Davis now fourth. One final caution came after 35-laps, when Logan Wagner spun around exiting turn 4.

It was Henn winning by a safe distance followed by Hirthler, Davis, Brett Gilmore and Kemmerer as the checkered waved to make up the top five finishers.

"I kept getting started on the top and it just wasn't the place to be," offered Davis afterward. "I really had to fight to get back to the bottom. We were running a 602 Crate tonight and we weren't really even sure if we'd come tonight. I talked with Craig Whitmoyer and he said we'd have a good shot because they had the weights balanced pretty good between the different engines running tonight. We made a decision about nine o'clock this morning to come and we're happy with the way everything turned out in the end."

Six heat races were needed for some 55 Sportsman entries, with heat wins going to Kyle Lilick, Brian Hirthler, Mark Kemmerer, Brad Brightbill, Kyle Smith and Steve Young.

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Grandview Speedway

BECHTELSVILLE, PA - Ryan "The Ringoes Rocket" Godown invaded the 1/3-mile clay high banks of Grandview Speedway on Saturday night to be one of the 67 drivers participating in qualifying events for the 51st Annual Freedom 76-lap Modified feature.

The decision to travel from New Jersey was a profitable one for the 2021 Bridgeport Motorsports Park Modified point champion. Godown outgunned leader and last year's winner Jeff Strunk, who was vying for his ninth victory in the prestigious event, on the 52nd lap restart and was able to continue the momentum until he pulled into victory lane for a \$30,000 plus payday which was his first ever triumph in the race. He earned lap money, a Bob Hilbert Sportswear jacket, in addition to the Lynn Himes Great Effort award worth \$100 for being the highest finishing driver not in the top 10 in Grandview points. Standing in victory lane he commented he couldn't believe he was standing there and that he just kept plugging on the bottom knowing Strunk was behind him.

Following a top three engine tech after the race that included Godown, Strunk and Timmy Buckwalter everyone received a clean slate.

Through the luck of the draw, guaranteed starter for finishing second to 2021 Grandview NASCAR Modified point champion Craig Von

Dohren, Tim Buckwalter started on the pole in the Saxton Motorsports No. 23X. He wasted no time in taking off on the start and soon began to pull away from fellow competitors Jordan Henn, Ryan Krachun, Dylan Swinehart and Frank Cozze.

Buckwalter's sizeable lead was erased by Ron Haring Jr. when he brought out the first yellow on the 13th lap after stopping in turn two. Buckwalter continued the pace when action resumed, but by now Krachun and Cozze were putting the pressure on him.

The yellow was out again on lap 24 when Meme DeSantis spun in the third turn. The front of the pace was approaching. Buckwalter and Krachun avoided him, but Cozze, who was third and Brett Kressley, who had just moved into sixth, weren't as fortunate. DeSantis and Cozze went off on the hook. Kressley drove away under his own power and went pit side never to return to action. On the restart Strunk, while fourth, swept to the outside and in a daring move and was now the new leader being pursued by Buckwalter, Godown, Krachun and Duane Howard.

Godown overtook second on the 27th lap and set his sights and goal at passing Strunk.

Once again the pack was regrouped when Davey Sammons stopped in the second turn backstretch apron. Strunk wasted no time pulling away since he knew Godown was just waiting for the right opportunity to pass him and cross the win off his bucket list.

The red had to be thrown on the 47th lap following a homestretch accident that blocked the track. Before the race went green again, Manmiller, while running fifth, had to make a pit stop with a flat tire. He rejoined the race in the rear, but was only able to get up to 11th. On the restart Strunk kept Godown behind him, but Godown stayed right with him and didn't give up.

Cole Stangle brought out the final yellow when he stopped in the second turn with a flat tire. This restart saw Godown charge past Strunk into first.

While Godown showed the way now Strunk, Buckwalter, Howard and Krachun tried to chase him down.

Lapped traffic entered the picture once again on the 63rd lap and this allowed the second through fifth place drivers to reel Godown in, but they couldn't get the job done and Godown went on to claim the victory. Finishing second was Strunk trailed by Buckwalter, Howard and Krachun. Sixth

through tenth were Ryan Grim, Craig Von Dohren, Billy Pauch Jr., and Dillon Steuer. Manmiller received the Bobby Gunther Walsh Sponsor's Hard Charger award worth \$760. He gained 20 positions as he went from the 34th starting spot to 11th.

Mike Maresca, Steuer, Dave Dissinger, Jared Umbenhauer, Godown and Kressley won the six qualifying events. Rick Laubach and Brian Hirthler won the consies to advance to the Schaeffer Motorsports Minuteman 20.

Qualifying through the Minuteman 20 to get into the Freedom 76 were Mike Gular, Davey Sammons, Danny Bouc, Manmiller and Varin.

The winner of the GT Radiator Repairs Cash Dash worth \$1,000 was Brett Kressley.

COMING EVENTS:

Saturday, September 25, 7 p.m., Outlaw Racing Series Enduros and Vintage Racing

Saturday, October 16, 6 p.m. Thunder on the Hill Series featuring Triple 20 features for Small Bck and Big Bck Modifieds plus Sportsman

Sunday, October 17, 1 p.m. Outlaw Racing Series Enduros and Vintage Racing

Sunday, November 7, starting at 7 a.m. Fall Racers Flea Market

Hickory Motor Speedway

NEWTON, NC - The Heritage Finance Late Models would lead off the night's action with race one of a Twin 40 lap doubleheader. Blake Lothian in the #59 would set fast time in qualifying and start from the top spot with Lavar Scott in the #34 to his outside. Row two would see Regina Sirvent in the #10 and Jessie Cann in the #19 to her outside for the green flag. Lothian and Scott would go door to door for the early lead and swap the position a couple of times before Scott would pull to the top spot. Scott, Lothian, Sirvent, JP Dyar in #21, and Ricky Bruce in #X would make up the top five at the halfway point.

The caution would fly on lap 36 as Bruce would roll to a stop in turn two as sparks would fly from under his car. Scott and Lothian would bring the field back to the restart. Scott would get the better start and pull back to the lead. Lothian and Sirvent would give chase, but run out of laps. Scott would prove too strong and drive on to the win. Lothian would take 2nd with Sirvent finishing 3rd. Dyar would grab 4th and Bruce would come home in 5th.

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track next for 20 laps of racing action. Spencer Dickinson in the #6 would top time trials and start from the pole position with Brandon Hasson in the #82 to his outside. David Hasson in the #83 and Matthew Chambers in the #81 would start side by side in row two. Dickinson would move to the early lead, but face a set challenge from the Hasson family,

Brandon and David. David Hasson would move around his son for second place. Robbie Hollifield in the #51 would start shotgun on the field and move to second place early, moving around Brandon and David Hasson. The caution would fly on lap 14 as David Hasson would roll to a stop in turn two. Dickinson and Hollifield would bring the field back to the restart. Dickinson would move back to the lead as Hollifield would face pressure for second.

Dickinson would drive on to take the win. Hollifield would finish 2nd with Brandon Hasson taking 3rd. David Hasson would grab 4th and Matthew Chambers would come home in 5th.

The Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models would pound the famed 3/8 mile oval next for 35 laps of racing action. Bryson Ruff in the #24 would set fast time in qualifying and start from the top spot with Mason Maggio in the #12 to his outside. Row two would see Max Price in the #22 and Skyler Chaney in the #17 to his outside for the green flag. Ruff would pull to the early lead with Maggio giving chase. Price and Chaney would battle door to door for the first five laps for third until Price would nose ahead. The battle for fifth would be exciting as Josh Stark in the #32 would have it and Graham Hollar in the #25 would want it. Ruff, Maggio, Price, Chaney, and Stark would be the top five at the halfway point.

Lap 25 would see Hollar make the pass on Stark for fifth. Ruff would drive on to take the win. Maggio would finish 2nd and Price would take 3rd. Chaney would grab 4th and Hollar would grab a top five in 5th.

Next up would be the Heritage Finance Street Stocks for 30 laps of excitement. Jesse Clark in the #5 would top time trials and start from the pole position with Derek



Blake Lothian takes the checkered flag into his second Heritage Finance Late Models feature of the night at Hickory Motor Speedway. (Sherri Starnes Photography photo)

Fowler in the #31 to his outside. Marshall Sutton in the #64 and John Clark in the #5x would start side by side in row two. Jesse Clark would move to the early lead with Fowler close behind. Fowler would look to move around Jesse Clark several times over the first several laps, but would have to settle in to second. Sutton would settle into third ahead of John Clark and the #2 of Ethan Johnson. Jesse Clark would prove too strong and take the win. Fowler would finish 2nd and Sutton would take 3rd. John Clark would finish 4th and Johnson would take 5th.

The Super Trucks would hit the track next for their 35 lap feature. Charlie Watson in the #9 would set fast time in qualifying and start from the top spot with Zac Fowler in the #4 to his outside. Row two would see Jacob Weidman in the #77 and Duane Cook in the #17 to his outside for the green flag. Watson would pull to the early lead as Weidman would challenge Fowler for second. Joey Shuryan in the #30 and Allen Huffman in the #51 would bring out the caution on lap 7 as they would spin in turn two. The restart would see Watson and Fowler bring the field back to the green flag. Watson would move back to the lead with Fowler in tow.

Ricky Dennie in the #6 would challenge Weidman for third over a span of about ten laps. Watson would drive on to the win. Fowler would finish 2nd and Weidman would take a close battle for 3rd. Dennie would have to settle for 4th and Huffman would come home in 5th.

The Heritage Finance Late Models would close out the evening with their final 40 lap feature. After a car invert from the finishing order of race one, JP Dyar in the #21 and

Regina Sirvent in the #10 would make up row one for the green flag. Row two would see Blake Lothian in the #59 and Lavar Scott in the #34 side by side for the green flag. Dyar would nose ahead on the backstretch, however Lothian would dive under both Dyar and Sirvent and make the battle for the lead a three wide affair. Lothian would take the lead as Sirvent would move to second. Scott would work his way around Dyar for third. The battle for second would heat up among teammates as Sirvent would face pressure from Scott for the position.

Scott would take the spot and look to catch the leader, Lothian. Lothian, Scott, Sirvent, Dyar, and the #X of Ricky Bruce would be the top five at the halfway point. Lothian and Scott would spend the final 15 laps with only inches separating the two. Lothian would take the win by a half car length. Scott would take 2nd and Sirvent would finish 3rd. Dyar would grab 4th and Bruce would come home 5th.

For more info check us out at www.hickorymotorspeedway.com, Facebook, Twitter, or call 828-464-3655.

Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGROVE, PA - Selinsgrove Speedway's historic 75th Anniversary Season will culminate with the track's crown jewel open wheel race, the Jim Nace Memorial 39th Annual National Open for 410 sprint cars presented by River Valley Builders, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25.

Joining the Lelands.com 410 sprint cars will be the Apache Tree Service PASS/IMCA 305 sprint cars in the season finale. Advance ticket holder and pit gates will open at 4 p.m. with all general admission

gates opening at 4:30 p.m.

The winner of the prestigious 40-lap National Open will earn \$20,075, the East's highest winner's share for a non-sanctioned sprint car race! Second-place will take home \$6,075 with third-place offering \$4,075! The 2021 increased purse will pay \$675 to start the main event out of the \$52,000-plus purse!

The race format will include time trials, heat races, and a B-main. The Nace family will be sponsoring the \$300 Fast Tees Fast Time Award. The rain date, if needed, will be Sunday, Sept. 26, at 6 p.m.

For the 12th consecutive year, the National Open will honor the life and memory of the track's only five-time sprint car champion Jim Nace of Thompsontown, who died in November 2009 following a seven-year battle with cancer.

Anthony Macri of Dillsburg is the defending Jim Nace Memorial National Open champion. He became the 20th different driver to win the race since it started in 1983, with the late Maynard Yingst of Linglestown scoring victories in the first three Opens.

Fred Rahmer of Salfordville is the event's only five-time winner. Rahmer's son, Freddie, has finished second in the race the past three years and will be gunning for his first Open victory.

Other past National Open winners include Don Kreitz (2) of Sinking Spring; Dave Blaney of Cortland, Ohio; Keith Kauffman of Millintown; Doug Wolfgang of Sioux Falls, S.D.; Sammy Swindell of Cordova, Tenn.; Johnny Mackison of York; Todd Shaffer (4) of Millerstown; Greg Hodnett (4) of York; Lance Dewease (3) of Fayetteville; Stevie Smith of Broken Arrow, Okla.; Lucas Wolfe of Mechanicsburg; Chad Layton of Harrisburg; Pat Cannon (3) of Etters; Danny Dietrich of Gettysburg; Brian Brown of Grain Valley, Mo.; Ryan Smith of Kunkletown; and Logan Wagner of Harrisonville.

This season's 410 sprint car feature winners at Selinsgrove include Brent Marks of Myerstown (April 25 Tilley Classic and July 4 PA Speedweek), Dietrich (July 20 75th Anniversary Race), Chase Dietz of York (July 24 Summer Championship), and Macri (August 28 Gunn Memorial).

In the Lelands.com 410 sprint car standings, Blane Heimbach of Selinsgrove holds a 110-point lead over Dietrich for the series championship. Jason Shultz of Carlisle sits in the third spot, trailing the leader

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by 190 points.

The Apache Tree Service 305 sprint cars will compete in their seventh and final event of the season at the track. Three-time winner Garrett Bard of Wells Tannery has a mere 90-point lead over Ken Duke of Selinsgrove. Doug Dodson of Middletown is in contention for the series championship in the third position.

In addition to Bard, Nick Sweigart of Myerstown; Justin Mills of Bloomingburg, N.Y.; and most recently Domenic Melair of Warrington have scored single 305 sprint car wins at Selinsgrove this season.

Title sponsor River Valley Builders, located just two miles from Selinsgrove Speedway at 70 Paramount Road in Selinsgrove, is the region's premier modular homebuilder offering standard home plans to complete customization options. Visit rivervalley-build.com for additional information.

For fans who can't attend in-person, the race will be available to purchase as a live PPV event on sprintcarunlimited.tv.

For a complete schedule, the latest news, results, and race status, visit selinsgrovespeedway.com or follow the track on Twitter and Facebook. The speedway office can be reached at 570.374.2266.

South Boston Speedway

SOUTH BOSTON, VA - South Boston Speedway, in partnership with The NASCAR Foundation, raised funds to provide Speedy Bears and get-well cards to pediatric patients at Sentara Halifax Regional Hospital as part of the Fifth Annual Speedy Bear Brigade powered by Kaulig Giving.

South Boston Speedway Director of Marketing and Sales Carly Brashears delivered multiple boxes of Speedy Bears and get-well cards to Sentara Halifax Regional Hospital officials Thursday, September 9, on National Teddy Bear Day.

"My team and I are very appreciative of the Speedy Bears donation," said DeShonta Roberts, BSN, RN, Clinical Manager at Sentara Halifax Regional Hospital. "They will definitely put a smile on our pediatric patient's little faces. Having a little friend to keep them company and the representation for a



Amber Horsley, RN Team Lead at Sentara Halifax Regional Hospital (left), South Boston Speedway Director of Marketing and Sales Carly Brashears (center) and DeShonta Roberts, RN, Clinical Manager at Sentara Halifax Regional Hospital (right) display the Speedy Bears and get-well cards that South Boston Speedway, in partnership with The NASCAR Foundation, donated to the hospital as part of the Fifth Annual Speedy Bear Brigade powered by Kaulig Giving. (Joe Chandler/South Boston Speedway photo)

"speedy" recovery is great. Thanks so much to South Boston Speedway for your generosity and kindness."

Brashears knows well how much of an impact a teddy bear can have with a child.

"With a past experience of working with The NASCAR Foundation, I've seen just how impactful giving a Speedy Bear to a child in a clinical setting is," Brashears said. "Being able to provide them with just a small ray of sunshine during an otherwise dark time means so much."

The initiative has grown from 14 participating locations in its first year to more than 50 hospital locations coast-to-coast in 2021, surpassing a total of 5,700 Speedy Bears delivered to children who require a comforting teddy bear to ease the stress of their hospital stay.

South Boston Speedway has been raising funds over the last several months to be part of the Speedy Bear Brigade. All donations raised through the 50/50 drawing held during the July 3 event at South Boston Speedway and all donations raised online through South Boston Speedway's online ticketing system went toward the Speedy Bear donations.

"We are so appreciative of our fans who have selflessly donated to this worthy cause," Brashears pointed out. "Without those supporters we wouldn't be able to help brighten a child's day when he or she needs it most. The team at

South Boston Speedway is also very thankful Sentara Halifax Regional Hospital openly welcomed our outreach for this opportunity and volunteered to raise donations during the July 3 50/50 fundraising drawing."

NASCAR fans are encouraged to join the Speedy Bear Brigade by making a \$25 donation to The NASCAR Foundation to sponsor a Speedy Bear and send a get-well message to a child in the hospital. Persons wishing to send a donation may do so by visiting www.nascar-foundation.org.

Kaulig Giving: The Kaulig Foundation is a private family foundation of Northeast Ohio established in 2018 by Matt and Lisa Kaulig. Matt Kaulig is the owner of Kaulig Racing which fields entries in the NASCAR Xfinity Series and NASCAR Cup Series. Halifax County, Virginia native Chris Rice, son of South Boston Speedway General Manager Cathy Rice, is the president of Kaulig Racing. Jeb Burton of Halifax, Virginia, also a Halifax County, Virginia native, pilots one of the Kaulig Racing entries in the NASCAR Xfinity Series.

Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - The 2020 season at Stafford Speedway saw a 3-way title fight between Andrew Durand, Alexandra Fearn, and Jeremy Lavoie that was only settled by a tie-breaker margin at season's end. Durand and Fearn each compiled 652 points with Lavoie a further 16 points behind,

and Durand won the championship thanks to a 7-3 advantage over Fearn in feature victories. Fast forward one year and Fearn and Lavoie are once again right in the thick of a tight championship race with Fearn and the #12 SAFCO Foam team leading Lavoie and the #6 L & S Equipment team by 12 points heading into the final 3 races.

Both Fearn and Lavoie have been about as consistent as possible this season with Fearn scoring 16 top-5 finishes in the first 17 races while Lavoie has finished all 17 races thus far in the top-5. The difference between the two drivers comes in the win column, with Fearn currently holding a 5-1 advantage over Lavoie in that department.

"It's been a pretty good season for us so far," said Fearn. "Our performance this year is the culmination of a lot of hard work and it's definitely something that everyone on the team can be proud of."

"The season has been, all in all, not a bad year," said Lavoie. "We've been very consistent, I think our worst finish this season has been fifth, we just couldn't get the podium finishes and wins that we wanted to get to rack up points. The nights where Alexandra was winning races, we were finishing fourth or fifth, so that's where we were giving up a lot of points. We're kind of hard on ourselves so in that respect it's been a bit of a roller coaster season. We've been able to keep the car in one piece all year long, we just haven't been able to capitalize when opportunity strikes this season."

Fearn closed out her 2020 campaign with a pair of second place finishes followed by a win in the season ending race and she has carried that performance over to the 2021 season.

"I think this season has been a continuation of the momentum we had from winning the last race last season," said Fearn. "We show up to win so that's our priority. We had an incident a few weeks ago on the last lap of the race that was incredibly frustrating because it put us in a bad spot. We couldn't afford to hang our heads and we just picked up the pieces and moved on. Our focus is winning races and everything else comes second after that. I've been trying to not worry about points because there's nothing to gain by worrying about focusing on points when we can focus on winning. I owe it to myself and everyone on this team that helps me out

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to go out there every week and give it my best effort."

Lavoie scored 2 wins and co-led the division with 13 top-5 finishes in 14 races, but he and his team have been fighting a handling issue with their #6 car all season long that has prevented them from turning their top-5 runs into wins.

"We've been battling a tight car, especially in the center of the corner all season long," said Lavoie. "With the car being tight in the center of the corner, I have a lack of bite coming out of the corner, which costs us a couple of tenths in lap time. In the Limited Late Model division, you can't afford to give up a tenth of a second, never mind a couple tenths. The competition has been very tough this season. We've had 8 different winners and three first time winners with Mike Hopkins, Matt Scappini, and Devon Jencik, so things are tight and I think we've put on some very good shows this season for the fans. We could just never seem to hit the setup just right, we were always lacking something."

With only 3 more races on the schedule, Lavoie has no option other than to go all out for wins while Fearn must simply continue to do what she has done all season long.

"We just have to do the best that we can," said Fearn. "I'm not going to try to set the world on fire, I'm just going to keep things realistic and try to complete all the laps. We usually run pretty well at this time of the year so hopefully we can keep everything together and click off at least one more win before the season ends."

"We're definitely going to throw everything we can at it and hope for the best," said Lavoie. "It's definitely going to come down to the wire. I think Alexandra would have to have 3 bad races in a row for us to catch her so at this point it's basically hers to win, but you never know when it comes to racing. We're going to throw a Hail Mary and see what happens. If we end up finishing second, it's still been a fantastic season for us."

Lavoie has 2 career Limited Late Model track championships at Stafford (2018, 2019) while Fearn is in search of her first career track

title. After coming as close as can be without actually winning the championship last season, Fearn says that winning the championship would be an extra special accomplishment for her and her team.

"It would definitely mean a lot to me and everyone on the team," said Fearn. "We've always been able to win races but it's a little different when you're able to be a contender every single week. I think my team deserves the championship, especially after coming so close last season. To be able to come back from that and get the job done would be really special for us. Races are won in the shop during the week so big thanks to everyone who works on this car and I always look forward to being able to stand together with everyone in victory lane."

Stafford's weekly divisions will return to racing action on Friday, September 24. Stafford's SK Light and Limited Late Model divisions will join the Whelen Modified Tour and Vintage All-Star cars on Saturday, September 25 for the NAPA Fall Final. Tickets for both races are available online now at StaffordSpeedway.com/tickets and tickets will also be available for purchase at the admission gates. Tickets for the Sept. 24 Stafford Weekly Racing event are \$20.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids 6-14, and free for kids 5 & under. Reserved seating is priced at \$25.00 for all ages and pit passes are \$35.00 with a valid 2021 Stafford Competition License and \$40.00 without a Stafford license.

NAPA Fall Final tickets are \$40.00 for adults, \$10.00 for kids 6-14, and free for kids 5 & under. Reserved seating is priced at \$45.00 for all ages and pit passes are \$50.00 with a valid 2021 Stafford Competition License and \$55.00 without a Stafford license. If you are unable to attend the event, tune into the live stream on FloRacing, the official streaming partner of Stafford Speedway.

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

Wake County Speedway

RALEIGH, NC - The final regular season event for the Nascar Advance Auto Parts Weekly Racing Series of 2021 at Wake County Speedway was both a celebration of winners and 2021 Track Champions. On behalf of the Simpkins Family, Mr. Brown, Charlie Hansen

and the staff and employees of Wake County Speedway "America's Favorite Bullring" thank all the fans, drivers and car owners and crews for making the 2021 season, one of the best in the 50 plus years since Glenn, Marvin, Talmadge, Red and many others built the 1/4 mile track.

The Pro 4 Modifieds put on a great show with car #62 winning the feature. Kevin Jefferys from Willow Spring finished in p2 followed by Dennis "The Dominator" Capps of Garner in 3rd, with Potter #61 and Mark Hill in 4th and 5th place at the finish.

Dennis Capps is your 2021 track champ, his 14th championship in his career.

The Charger Division winner was #03, Cody Griffin followed by Austin Ferrell from Rocky Mt., Holden Haddock crossed the stripe in 3rd place followed by 2021 Track Champ Michael O'Brein in 4th with Jonathan Kluge in 5th place with his new hotrod.

The Legends feature winner was Trevor Thacker who held off Carson Haislip and Zack Brown, #51 and #4 rounded out the top 5 positions. #22 Trevor Thacker is your 2021 Track Champ.

A hard hit in the Bando feature and when track officials reviewed the tape Phoenyx Kimball was your winner over Kaleb Bradley from Chapel Hill. Ryley Music from Va. is your 2021 Bando Champ.

The 4 cylinder winner was AJ Sanders, Lee Kozikowski and Jason Adams were your 2nd and 3rd place finishers.

The Bomber race winner was Brian Craver and your 2021 track champ was Brandon Walters.

The Solid Rock Carriers Late Model twin feature winners were Clay Jones from Goldsboro and Ethan Johnson, winner feature #2. The 1st feature Jones wins followed by Daniel Vuncannon, Zach Lightfoot from Va. with Ethan Johnson and Brandon Clements from Bear Creek in 4th and 5th place. The second twin winner Ethan Johnson followed by #51, Zachary Marks, Todd Langdon and Clay Jones. Zach Lightfoot is your 2021 LM track champion.

The 2021 season has been 1 for the record books but we still have the Solid Rock Cars Tour 125 on tap for October 9th at 7 pm, see the finest stars and cars; Deac McCaskill, Layne Riggs, Mini Tyrell plus the finest superstars from the east coast.

Wake County Speedway is located at 2109 Simpkins Road in Raleigh, NC.. We sell Sunoco Fuel,

Hoosier Tires, Track Rental and Advertising Opps. Follow all media outlets and www.wcspeedway.com for more info. By the grace of God and 600 horsepower. See you at the races.

Williams Grove Speedway

MECHANICSBURG, PA - With the World of Outlaws 59th annual Champion Racing Oil National Open coming up next week at Williams Grove Speedway, the Lawrence Chevrolet 410 sprint cars will be in action this Friday night, September 24 as they prepare for the big event.

Coming up this Friday night will be the World of Outlaws Tune Up race for the sprint cars paying \$6,000 to win.

An outlaws format will be used to set all qualifying event lineups during the night as well as the 25-lap feature.

Time trials will get underway at 7:30 pm.

Fast Tees Screenprinting of Thompsontown will pay \$300 for the Fast Tees Fast Time Award.

The HJ Towing & Recovery 358 sprints are also on the racing card for their final race of the season.

Carlisle's Derek Locke has already wrapped up the 2021 358 sprint track title by claiming all seven events run to date.

He will be trying for the unprecedented clean sweep this Friday night.

Having clinched the overall 2021 track title on September 17, Lance Dewease will be aiming to wrap up the 2021 Diamond Series title at Williams Grove as the race concludes the yearly series of big events at the track that carry a separate point payoff.

The Diamond Series title would be the fourth of Dewease's career while it would give current car owner Don Kreitz Jr. a fourth as well including two as a driver/owner and two with Dewease at the wheel of his No. 69K.

Of the five Diamond Series events run this season, Dewease has won two with single wins going to Kyle Larson, Freddie Rahmer and Brent Marks.

Adult general admission for September 24 is \$20 with youth ages 13 - 20 admitted for \$10.

Kids ages 12 and under are always admitted for FREE at Williams Grove Speedway.

Keep up with all the latest speedway news and information by visiting the oval's official website at www.williamsgrrove.com or by following the track on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.