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Focus and Points; a Way into the Next Round

With the possible exception of Kyle Larson, everyone in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series expected the playoffs to be dominated by Martin Truex Jr. and Kyle Larson.

After just two playoff races, even Larson is a little concerned by the fact

both Truex and Busch already have a victory – and automatic berths into the second round. Even more daunting is the fact they combined to lead 299 of 300 laps Sunday at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

After winning four regular season races, Larson is counting on points to stay alive.

“Well, I think if I can keep up these top-five runs and good stage finishes, I mean, you could probably point your way to them,” he said after finishing a distant second Sunday to Busch. “But I would prefer to get a win in each of these rounds. If we can keep the good runs going, we should be all right.”

Busch has led the most laps in both playoff races. A series of mistakes and penalties on pit road in Race 1 at the Chicagoland Speedway relegated him to a 15th-place finish.

There were no such missteps at New Hampshire.

“I think the biggest thing for us is to just keep focusing on what we’ve done all year long, just keep trying to go out there and run hard, run smooth and be good at what we do,” Busch said. “Obviously fast race cars helps us being able to stay out front. We’ve got a good pit crew. They did a good job today, did everything right.”

Despite his fast start, Busch still thinks Truex has the car to beat. Truex rebounded from a speeding penalty at Chicagoland to win the race. He also was involved in mid-race crash, but he bounced back to finish fifth with a crumpled left-rear fender.

“I thought today was a good catch-up moment for us,” Busch said. “Obviously, they’ve been so fast all year long. Their strength is really the mile-and-a-half tracks, the bigger speed tracks than here, but they’ve been really fast here the

last few times.

“But we’ll see what happens next week at Dover. I anticipate [Truex] being really fast there.”

Truex made up a lot of ground on the final pit stop by taking just two tires. Although everyone else had four new tires, he managed to hold on for a top-five finish.

“That was a good recovery for those guys,” Busch said. “Obviously, they took two tires there. I wasn’t sure how that was going to work out for them, but it was two tires on 30-lap tires, 37-lap tires, and he was beating

them up pretty well. So, I expected him to fade a little bit, probably more so than fifth, but that was a respectable day for sure for the issues they had.”

Based on points from the first two races, Larson and Brad Keselowski also earned a spot in the second round. But Keselowski admits he will need some luck to keep pace with Truex and Busch.

“A little bit of luck helps and of course you want to be the fastest car,” he said. “That’s not the scenario with rules the way they are now, so we’ve got to make the most of it and hope to catch a few breaks and make sure we do our part.”

Although the overpowering performances from Truex and Busch was expected, it rarely plays out since there are 1,000 moving parts on a car and 40 different egos behind the wheel.

This time, however, they both have lived up to expectations – and fears. Like Keselowski, defending series champion Jimmie Johnson is counting on Truex and Busch to have some trouble.

“I don’t think we’re going to learn huge chunks, but we’re directionally correct,” he said “These fast cars keep having trouble and I feel like maybe there are some opportunities if we’re sitting in the right position.”

For Busch, the win at New Hampshire provided some solace for so many missed opportunities. He’s led 1,621 laps and has a series-best eight pole positions, but he’s only parlayed that into three wins.

Things now are clicking.

“We’ve got a good pit crew,” Busch said. “They did a good job [at New Hampshire], did everything right, and from there, we’re just try-



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Keeping his Target #42 racer near the front of the pack, Kyle Larson may propel himself into the second stage of the Chase race. (NIGEL KINRADE/NKP photo)

ing to collect stage points, go out there and race as hard as we can, get stage wins, get race wins, and do what we can in order to keep

padding that cushion that we have for the start of every round.”

In the process, Busch and Truex continue to separate themselves

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Kyle Busch Dodges Disaster to Win Playoff Race

By REID SPENCER
LOUDON, NH - Kyle Busch didn't need a smokescreen to win Sunday's ISM Connect 300 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway – he simply had to survive one.

Driving unscathed through a cloud of smoke on the backstretch on the final lap of the second stage, Busch, the polesitter, took control of the race at the halfway point and beat Kyle Larson to the finish line by 2.641 seconds.

In winning for the third time this season, the third time at Loudon and the 41st time in his Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series career, Busch led 187 of 300 laps at the 1.058-mile track and locked up a spot in the postseason Playoff's Round of 12.

But Busch had a close call when contact between Austin Dillon's Chevrolet and Kevin Harvick's Ford on Lap 150 turned Harvick sideways and lit up his tires. Kurt Busch plowed into the side of Harvick's car, followed by Jeffrey Earnhardt.

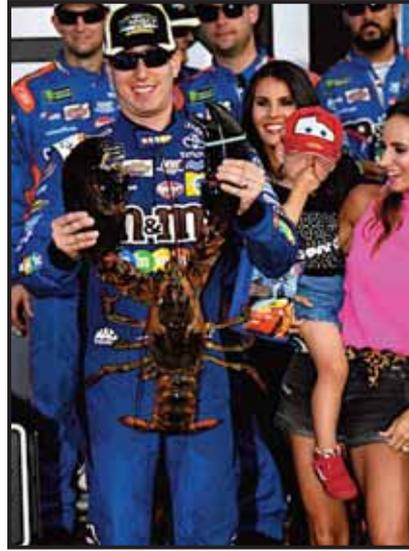
The No. 78 Toyota of race leader and first stage winner Martin Truex Jr. was collateral damage in the wreck, as was the Chevy of Dale Earnhardt Jr., but the race winner slowed dramatically and squeezed between Harvick's disabled car and the outside wall to win the second stage under caution.

From that point on, Busch was in control, save for a three-lap stint late in the race when Truex took a short-lived lead with a two-tire stop under caution.

"That was pretty intense," Busch said of the wreck he avoided. "That was some 'Days of Thunder' stuff over there. You couldn't see anything. It was just a wall of smoke over there off of Turn 2. I was listening to my spotter and basically was told to stop, and I was like 'Sounds like a good idea.'

"I just checked up as much as I could. Of course, I was trying not to get run into from behind. I didn't know who was behind me – I knew (eventual third-place finisher) Matt (Kenseth) was there. But all in all, just a great day. We ran up front all day long, we executed, we did what we were supposed to do, and it's awesome to win here in the Granite State in front of these fans."

Busch wasn't the only driver to



Lobster always make winning better. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

secure a spot in the Round of 12. Larson and fourth-place finisher Brad Keselowski also are assured of advancing on points. With Truex gaining the next round thanks to his victory in last Sunday's Playoff opener at Chicagoland Speedway, four of the 12 berths are taken.

Larson finished second for the eighth time this season.

"I kind of ran around third to fifth all race long," said Larson, who led Lap 77 under caution – the only lap not led by either Busch or Truex. "I felt like I wasn't great on short runs, but I was really good on long runs, which was kind of opposite of practice. I was kind of happy about that. Got a good restart there at the end, got to second, and kept my pace up with Kyle a little bit there.

Truex finished fifth after falling to 17th after the Lap 150 wreck deprived him of the stage win. Non-Playoff drivers Erik Jones, Clint Bowyer and Daniel Suarez grabbed the sixth through eighth spots, respectively, followed by Ryan Blaney in ninth and Joey Logano in 10th.

Harvick finished 36th and fell to 10th in the standings. The news was worse for Kurt Busch, who had no margin for error. Busch ended the day in 37th place, dropping to 15th in the Playoff standings, 17 points below the current cutoff for the Round of 12.

Calamity also befell Kasey Kahne, a broken rear suspension part sent Kahne to the garage for 11 laps and dropped him to 35th at the finish.

Kahne heads to Dover 16th in the series standings, likely needing a victory at the monster Mile to keep his title hopes alive.

NCWTS Leader Christopher Bell Sweeps Stages in New Hampshire Win

By REID SPENCER
LOUDON, NH - In Christopher Bell's dominating win in Saturday's UNOH 175 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, the rich got richer.

The top seed in the series Playoffs, Bell won the first two stages of the opening postseason event and took the checkered flag 1.248 seconds ahead of runner-up Ryan Truex to notch his fifth victory of the season.

The win earned Bell automatic advancement into the second round of the Playoffs, gave him an additional seven playoff points to bring his series-leading total to 47 and widened his advantage over the seven drivers chasing him for the title, given that no other Playoff driver finished in the top five at the 1.058-mile track.

With all that said, the victory wasn't a foregone conclusion for the driver of the No. 4 Kyle Busch Motorsports Toyota. Truex powered into the lead past Ben Rhodes after a restart on Lap 132, following a caution called when Kaz Grala knocked the Ford of Austin Cindric sideways in Turn 4 on Lap 126.

Bell patiently stalked Truex for 28 laps, as Truex positioned his no. 16 Toyota to block the line of the series leader. Finally, on Lap 160 of 175, Bell got a strong run off the second corner and buried his Tundra into Turn 3, shooting past Truex into the lead.

"He was doing a really good job of watching his mirror," Bell said of Truex's effort. "I knew it was tough to pass all day, but our truck had been so good, we had been able to do it until we got to him.

"I kept trying to work down, and

he kept blocking my air down and down and down. Finally, I got one run where I drove up in (Turns) 1 and 2 and then got a big run into 3."

In fact, Truex was surprised he was able to keep Bell behind him for 28 laps.

"When you've got the best truck in the field behind you, it makes it tougher," Truex said. "I did everything I could to hold him off. I was trying to take his lane and block and everything – I just didn't have quite the grip he had.

"I didn't know how this race would shake out. Every restart, I just gave it my all – a lot of three-wide stuff, probably (ticked) a few people off. But we're trying to win races, and we're getting closer."

Bell, who won for the first time at New Hampshire and the seventh time in his career, leaves the Magic Mile with a whopping 40-point lead over second-place Johnny Sauter, the defending series champion. Sauter finished ninth on Saturday after polesitter Noah Gragson spun in Turn 4 on lap 64 and caved in the right side of Sauter's No. 21 Chevrolet between the front and rear tires.

With the Playoff field to be trimmed from eight drivers to six at Talladega two races from now, John Hunter Nemechek and Chase Briscoe fell below the cut line. A rear gear failure sidelined Nemechek for 36 laps, and he finished 20th to drop to eighth in the standings.

Briscoe fought handling problems throughout the afternoon and finished 11th, dropping to seventh in points, three behind Grala, who came home 10th.

Non-Playoff drivers Todd Gilliland, Grant Enfinger and Stewart Friesen ran third fourth and fifth, while playoff contenders Matt Crafton, Rhodes and Cindric finished sixth, seventh and eighth, respectively.



Race winner Christopher Bell (4) leads the pack off the turn at New Hampshire. (RONDA GREER photo)

Tyler Reddick Earns First Career Win in XFINITY Series Playoffs Opener at Kentucky Speedway

By CHRIS KNIGHT
SPARTA, KY - Running a partial NASCAR XFINITY Series schedule this season, Tyler Reddick spoiled the party for the opening round of the Playoffs by earning his first career win in Saturday night's

VisitMyrtleBeach.com 300 at Kentucky Speedway.

The Chip Ganassi Racing driver took control of the lead 74 laps from the finish and never looked back. His 14.540-second margin of victory over teammate Brennan Poole was the largest in the series' history at the 1.5-mile speedway in 16 years of competition.

"I don't know if it was necessarily me making a statement, it was just Chip Ganassi Racing making a statement," said Reddick, who earned the triumph in his 15th XFINITY Series start. "Me and Brennan (Poole) were really fast all night.

"We had a really fast car last weekend, our mile-and-a-half program has been unreal. Mike Shiplett (crew chief) brought me from ground zero all the way to here. All the guys at Ganassi have gone above and beyond in helping me become a better driver."

Reddick who hadn't led a lap in his previous 14 races this season, but led a race-high 66 laps Saturday night added, "To be here today is surreal. We had such a really fast

car the last time we were here, to be able to bring it to Victory Lane, I knew the car was capable."

Poole earned a career-best finish behind Reddick, giving Chip Ganassi Racing its first 1-2 finish in XFINITY Series competition.

Poole was also the highest-finishing playoff XFINITY Series Playoffs driver in the Round of 12.

"I just think it was a strong statement tonight," said Poole, who earned his second top-five of 2017. "I'm proud of our Ganassi team coming up one-two. This is really a track that we have struggled at in the past. To come out and be strong in the first race of the playoffs is pretty awesome.

"I want to thank everyone who has put effort into this thing. It's really showed off the past couple of months. We've been really consistent and been right there. A win's coming for us."

Playoff driver Justin Allgaier rebounded from a flat tire inside the event's opening 25 laps and utilized a gutsy wave around call and the beneficiary of a Lap 75 free pass to bolt from a race-low 36th to finish third, his eighth top-five of 2017.

"My team at JR Motorsports obviously does a great job," said Allgaier who is tied for the XFINITY Series points lead with Cole Custer. "We talked about not beating ourselves in the first Playoff race. It was unfortunate there getting a flat tire. It wasn't in our control. We did what we had to do and persevered



Tyler Reddick, driver of the #42 BBR/Jason Aldean Chevrolet, celebrates in Victory Lane with the winner's decal after winning the VisitMyrtleBeach.com 300 at Kentucky Speedway. (SARAH CRABILL/GETTY IMAGES photo)

through it and we did a great job on pit calls and pit stops.

"I thought we had a car that maybe could win the race. After the race, I told my team we might not have won the playoffs tonight but we definitely salvaged what we needed to tonight to move ourselves forward."

NASCAR Next alumnus Kyle Benjamin in his fifth start of the season led the field to green after earning his second-career pole, until Stewart-Haas Racing's Custer muscled his way to the lead on Lap 42 and clinched his first career stage win.

With a two-tire strategy, Benjamin returned to the point to start Stage 2, but Custer soared back to the lead by the exit of Turn 2 on Lap 52 and dominated the stage to earn another 10 crucial stage points toward his playoff total.

Defending race winner Elliott Sadler elected to stay out at the end of Stage 2 and led the field

back to green for the start of Stage 3 until Iowa XFINITY winner Ryan Preece on a similar strategy throttled to the lead on Lap 105 passing Sadler off Turn 2.

Reddick, with fresher tires, reeled in Preece for control of the race and made the pass on Lap 126. He checked out from the field until he pitted with 49 laps to go for his final pit stop of the night.

Reddick cycled back into the lead 10 laps later, pulling away from the competition and ultimately setting the tone for the finish.

NOTES: Following the opening round at Kentucky, playoff drivers Jeremy Clements, Michael Annett, Blake Koch and Brennan Gaughan find themselves below the cutoff line for the Round of 8. William Byron suffered a loose wheel late in the race, leaving little time to recover, finishing 18th. Still, he remains fifth in the playoffs standings with benefit from the stage points he acquired during the 2017.



Tyler Reddick controls the track to go on to win at Kentucky Speedway. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

Peters Prevails at Martinsville

MARTINSVILLE, VA - Timothy Peters scored his second ValleyStar Credit Union 300 victory at Martinsville Speedway on Saturday night, holding off a late charge from Peyton Sellers.

Peters, a former series regular in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, battled with Trevor

Noles throughout much of the second half of the race, swapping the lead several times and racing side-by-side. Peters finally passed Noles for the final time with 14 laps remaining, then held off Sellers' charge to pick up the \$25,000 victory and the grandfather clock.

The win was extra-satisfying for Peters given all the adversity in 2017.

"You never know what tomorrow's going to bring," Peters said. "I've learned this year, with all the adversity that has come about, that

you never give up and lose your faith. It's really special. Barry Nelson is a go-getter. He gives us the resources and shame on us if we don't use them. We've tried for so long and finally now get it a second time, it only took 12 years."

Peters won the ValleyStar Credit Union 300 previously in 2005 – the same year Sellers won the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series national championship.

Sellers charged through the field late, racing his way up to second, but could not reel Peters in. Coming to the white flag, Sellers got loose, allowing Lee Pulliam to get by him on the last lap of the race.

While Sellers has never won at Martinsville, he took his third-place finish in stride after struggling throughout much of the race.

"Track position hurt us," Sellers explained. "We had some wiring issues, voltage issues and the motor just would not go like we needed it to. What an awesome job by my team to get where we're at. It's satisfying with the night we had though to overcome all the adver-



Timothy Peters, driver of the no. 12 Autos by Nelson Chevrolet, celebrates his victory in the ValleyStar Credit Union 300 at Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va. (Drew Hierwarter photo)

sity and not crash the car. Just very pleased to be here."

Four-time and newly crowned Whelen All-American Series national champion Lee Pulliam finished in second – a result he was satisfied with despite winning the race on two previous occasions.

"We struggled yesterday bigtime but we made some huge changes and we had a top three car," Pulliam stated. "We just didn't have the

track position and that really hurt us. We battled and missed the invert. We probably passed more cars than anybody here coming through there. To finish second at Martinsville, you can't hang your head about that. Congratulations to Timothy Peters. Really proud of everybody's hard work."

After starting on the pole, Jake Crum ended up finishing fourth while Trevor Noles finished fifth.

Nasse Crowned SSS Champ; Pollard Continues Five Flags Dominance

PENSACOLA, FL - A champion was crowned Saturday night at Five Flags Speedway (FL).

Stephen Nasse held on for 125 laps in the Southern Super Series presented by Sunoco finale, finishing second to race winner Bubba Pollard and securing his

championship title.

"It feels good to get the Southern Super Series championship," Nasse told Speed51.com powered by JEGS. "We could've been one spot better tonight, but we'll take the overall points victory."

Nasse struggled throughout the feature, admitting during the competition caution that he wouldn't be in contention for a win.

"It was a long night, we were really getting free in," Nasse said. "We came in, made some adjustments, but the car just got really tight. We were just trying to hold on and survive, and in that sense we prevailed."

An all-too familiar face celebrated just a few feet away from Nasse in victory lane. Pollard claimed his fourth straight Southern Super Series win while also guaranteeing himself a position in the 50th Annual Snowball Derby.

"Coming into the Derby, [the Blizzard Series Championship] is huge," Pollard said. "We've seen it all: engines failures, crashes- what-

ever it may be, you just never know. We need that guaranteed spot. It's pretty big for us."

Pollard is the first driver in short track history to capture three Blizzard Series championships, as well as the first to win three of the series' races in one season.

Though the Georgia native made his late-race domination look easy, a handful of Pollard's competitors found no such luck. Chandler Smith, who came into the night only 11 points behind Nasse in the championship battle, ended up 17th.

"We had a miscommunication

on the radio early in the race, we thought there was a caution," Smith said. "[Donnie Wilson] sailed it in there, but I backed down and hit the apron, washing up a little bit. We made contact and I spun out."

Despite the confusion and resulting commotion, Smith was able to fight his way back into the top five, only to then be involved in another incident that sidelined his effort.

"We went from the back to the front one solid time and we were about to do it again," Smith said. It was just a really bad race for us, but I can't thank my team enough for their hard work."

Another driver grateful for his strong crew was third-place finisher Harrison Burton. The 16-year-old placed on the podium, despite his recent Super Late Model hiatus.

Burton leaves Five Flags Speedway just a little more prepared for December's prestigious event.

"I gave it everything I could, but [Bubba Pollard] was just on rails tonight," Burton said. "I feel like we came out with a solid finish and a really good notebook for the Derby."

The 50th Annual Snowball Derby will be held November 30 - December 3 at Five Flags Speedway. Visit www.5flagsspeedway.com for more information.



Stephen Nasse is presented the champion's trophy and \$10,000 check. (Photo credit: Speed51.com)

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Santos Sweeps at New Hampshire

LOUDON, NH - Earlier this season, Bobby Santos used the bottom groove en route to a victory at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. Saturday, Santos used that same groove to win once again.

The victory allowed Santos to sweep the two NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour races at

the 1.058-mile oval during the 2017 season. It was his third career win at the 'Magic Mile' of NHMS.

"We learned a lot in the All-Star race (in July) that I think helped us win this race today," Santos said. "This is the race track when it comes to the modifieds. This is what everyone shoots for. This is our Super Bowl. It means everything to win here."

Much like he did in July, the Franklin, Massachusetts, driver found the bottom groove had the most grip on the track in the final circuits. Santos took the lead on lap 90 for the first time in Saturday's F.W. Webb 100, but lost the lead to Patrick Emerling on lap 96. He took his No. 44 Sully Tinio/Brendan Kelley Music Chevrolet back to the front on lap 97 and wasn't challenged back to the checkered flag in the final three circuits.

It was also the 32-year-old's 16th career victory in his 131st career Whelen Modified Tour start. He crossed the line 0.610 seconds ahead of Rowan Pennink.

Behind Pennink, Patrick Emerling finished third after leading seven laps. Donny Lia and Justin Bonsignore rounded out the top five.

With his fifth place finish, Bonsignore positioned himself second in the standings. Four-time series champion Doug Coby, who led a race-high 64 laps, finished 15th, but will lead the points by 11 points over Bonsignore. Timmy Solomito is third in the standings, 14 off the lead. Ryan Preece, who entered the race as the points leader, missed the event and leaves New Hampshire fifth in the championship standings.

Eric Goodale finished sixth, while Ron Silk, Woody Pitkat, Ryan Newman and Anthony Nocella finished the top 10.

The F.W. Webb 100 at New Hampshire will air on NBCSN Thursday, Sept. 28th at 7 p.m. ET.

The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour returns to the track next weekend, with the running of the NAPA Fall Final 150 scheduled for Sunday, October 1 at 3:15 p.m. ET.

Labbe Claims First Pinty's Championship; Lapceвич Wins Season Finale

HAGERSVILLE, ONT - After 13 races that took the series to five different provinces, it was only fitting a champion was crowned at the birthplace of NASCAR in Canada. Following the Pinty's Fall Brawl at Jukasa Motor Speedway, Alex Labbe claimed his first NASCAR Pinty's Series championship by 16 points over rival Kevin Lacroix.

The 24-year-old from Victoriaville, Quebec, finished the year with an impressive five wins, 11 top fives and 12 top 10s. Tallying up 542 points, Labbe claims the highest honour in Canadian stock car racing, the 2017 NASCAR Pinty's Series championship.



Bobby Santos captured victory for the second time this season at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Saturday. (Adam Glanzman/NASCAR photo)

Following his championship season, Labbe announced his intentions to run full time in NASCAR's Xfinity Series in 2018.

The Pinty's Fall Brawl lived up to its name and was not without its drama. Late race contact between NASCAR Next driver Cayden Lapceвич and D.J. Kennington culminated in Lapceвич executing a bump and run pass Donald Theetge in the final corner to claim victory at Jukasa. The 2016 Pinty's Series champion lead only three laps to score his third win of the 2017 season and the sixth of his career.

Second place finisher Donald Theetge led 134 laps throughout the race, to tie his best career NASCAR Pinty's Series finish. LP Dumoulin snuck home to a third place, his third podium of the season.

Kevin Lacroix and JF Dumoulin rounded out the top five.

Alex Tagliani and Larry Jackson finished sixth and seventh respectively, while Donald Chisholm, Noel Dowler and Andrew Ranger completed the top 10.

Series Champion Alex Labbe, only had to start to clinch the title. Labbe started the 200-lap feature second before retiring from the race on Lap 62 from suspension issues, which resulted in a 20th-place finish.

In addition to Labbe's championship, Alain Lord Mounir claimed the 2017 Owner's championship for the No.32 Can-am/Kappa/Cyclops Gear/Lous BBQ Ford and Adam Martin claimed Jostens Rookie of the Year honours.

The Pinty's Fall Brawl will air on TSN Sunday, Oct 1 at 11:30 a.m. ET, and on RDS Saturday Oct 20 at 9:30 p.m. ET.

Alex Labbe will be honoured at the NASCAR Touring Series Championship Banquet in Charlotte this December.

NASCAR Pinty's Series Set to Air in the US on MAVTV

TORONTO, ONT. - Since its debut in 2007, the NASCAR Pinty's Series has built a strong following among Canadian racing fans as the nation's top professional motorsports series.

Featuring Canada's elite racers and teams competing at the country's top stock car ovals, road courses and motorsports events, the NASCAR Pinty's Series is the pinnacle of racing in Canada. In October – for the first time ever – American racing fans will also be able to experience the excitement of this incredibly competitive series when it begins airing in the US on MAVTV.

Within weeks of the series crowning its champion, on September 23 at Ontario's all-new Jukasa Motor Speedway, MAVTV will commence broadcasting the tour's 13 races over the course of 12 consecutive weeks.

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The 13-race NASCAR Pinty's Series consists of 12 shows. Nine of the broadcasts will be 60 minutes in length, while three will be 90 minutes long.



Alex Labbe celebrates his first NASCAR Pinty's Series championship at Jukasa Motor Speedway. (Matthew Manor/NASCAR photo)

Theriault Takes Another Thriller, Wins Crosley 150 at Kentucky

SPARTA, KY - It was survival of the fittest tonight at Kentucky Speedway. It was also a daring four-wide move that included Austin Theriault on a late-race restart that paid off handsomely for the Fort Kent, Maine driver. In the end, Theriault, in the No. 52 Cross Insurance Ford, held off Sheldon Creed and Zane Smith over a green-white-checker finish to win the wild Crosley Brands 150 Friday night, his seventh ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards victory of the season.

"We had good position on the bottom and could run wide open down there," said Theriault. "You could run two, three, four wide for a while but eventually the speeds were too high to sustain it. The guys above us were taking the air off each other. Fortunately, we got the lead before anything else happened. Thanks to the 22 (Shane Lee) for giving us the good push Daytona style to help get the lead."

The four-wide scramble happened on a restart with 14 laps to go. Riley Herbst came to the line as the leader but soon found himself three-wide with Dalton Sargeant and Chase Purdy headed off into turn one.

With those three cars bouncing off each other, another hole opened up on the bottom through which Theriault, to make it four-wide, charged into the lead. With the leaders washing up the track, cars began wrecking behind them to bring out yet another caution, one of seven during the race.

Then on the next restart, Herbst spun after making contact with the left rear corner of Creed, which triggered another multi-car wreck and set up the thrilling green-white-checker finish. Back under green for the two-lap shootout, Creed got within a few feet of Theriault's rear bumper in turn three coming to the checkered flag, but drove in so hard he washed up the track and opened the bottom up for Smith, who dived underneath Creed for second. Smith, in the No. 8 LaPaz Margarita Mix-MDM Motorsports Toyota, got to within two lengths of Theriault coming to the checkered flag, settling for second, his third

runner-up run of the season.

"That final lap...that was the best we ran all night," said Smith. "On the final restart, that thing was pretty hooked up, especially in dirty air. I never heard 'four-wide' more from my spotter than I did tonight."

Smith recovered nicely from a brush with the wall in the opening laps that got the Huntington Beach, Calif. driver behind early on.

"I made a lot of mistakes tonight...hate it for MDM. They gave me a great car. I really wanted that one. I touched the gray on the initial start...it was like ice up there. Maybe I'm just trying too hard."

If Smith felt disappointment, Creed could certainly relate. Creed, in the No. 28 United Rentals Toyota for MDM, dominated much of the race, leading 68 of 100 laps before giving it up in the end. Creed also had to fight back to the front after a lengthy pit stop resulting from a failed jack that shuffled the Alpine, Calif. driver way back.

"I had a great race car to work with," said Creed. "We pretty much dominated the race, but the cautions just kept coming, but that's how it goes. We just had a really good race car. I could conserve a lot and go when I needed to. Wish we could have gotten alongside the 52 to change up his line. The restarts were crazy. I got kicked sideways there at the end. The MDM guys gave me the car to win



Austin Theriault is all smiles as he emerges from his car in victory lane after winning at Kentucky Speedway, his seventh victory of the season. (arca-racing.com photo)

with and that's all you can ask for. I really like the hard compound General Tire brought. It didn't fall off and it got faster...lasted a long time."

Theriault held off the pack over the final 14 laps. He also padded his championship lead unofficially by 405 points with just the Kansas Speedway finale remaining.

"Just so much thanks to Ken Schrader Racing and all the guys who made this dream season come true," Theriault said. "We don't always have the fastest cars but we stay consistent. We've basically run the whole season with two, three cars. I feel like as a team, we've had to work a little smarter, just picking up scraps wherever we can find...maybe sweat a little more. It feels good to

compete against guys spending more money. It's what I like about ARCA...you can compete on a lesser budget if you race smart."

Cunningham Motorsports teammates Dalton Sargeant and Shane Lee, both driving Big Tine Fords, finished fourth and fifth respectively. Sargeant led 12 laps before getting a piece of that final wreck.

Ty Majeski, who led one lap, finished sixth in a third Cunningham car. Herbst held on for seventh with Travis Braden trailing in eighth. Rookie Blaine Perkins, in his career-first start, finished ninth. Justin Fontaine was 10th.

The 65th season for the ARCA Racing Series concludes at Kansas Speedway Oct. 20 with the Kansas ARCA 150.

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Griffith Gets Second Win at White Mountain

NORTH WOODSTOCK, NH - Derek Griffith of Hudson, New Hampshire raced to his second Pro All Stars Series North Super Late Model victory of the season Saturday night in the 150-lap event topping the racing car at White Mountain Motorsports Park in North Woodstock, New Hampshire.

To earn this trip to the winners' circle Griffith needed to take command of the race from Ben Rowe, the reigning PASS Super Late Model National Champion who is no stranger to victory lane at the high-banked, quarter-mile oval.

Griffith's LCM Motorsports #12 was chased under the checkered flag by Travis Benjamin of Morrill, Maine. Benjamin vaulted into the PASS North Super Late Model championship points lead with his runner-up finish aboard the Petit Motorsports #7.

Rowe ended up third in the Richard Moody #4n, with his teammate, Trevor Sanborn of East Parsonsfield, Maine, close behind in the #44. Six-time PASS North Super Late Model champion Johnny Clark #54 of Farmingdale, Maine swapped the race lead with Rowe during the event's early laps before posting a fifth-place finish.

Bruce Helmuth of Wales, Maine claimed a career-first PASS Modified victory in a wild 40-lap race for the open-wheel class with an unusual amount of carnage and destruction evident.

Helmuth, who has a mantle full of second and third-place PASS Mod trophies and is only a couple of points out of second-place in the Mod standings this year, inherited the race lead when Conway, New Hampshire's Gary Shackford was deemed by officials to be forced from the position by Bruce Carignan of Lebanon, Maine.

Carignan and Shackford went to the back of the restart lineup, then Helmuth outgunned Conway's Mark Lunblad, Jr., racing to victory ahead of Lundblad and points leader Ben Tinker of New Gloucester, suffering through his worst performance of the season while posting his 12th top-three finish in 12 races.

Steven Jones of Saco, Maine led the 40-lappers opening stages

before settling for a fourth-place finish with Shackford bouncing back from his bouncing from the lead with a fifth-place finish.

David Whittier of West Poland, Maine prevailed in a thriller, waiting until the final turn on the final lap to pull off his winning move in a 50-lap open race for Street Stocks. Whittier, a successful Oxford Plains Speedway regular, won a 75-lap race for his first-ever score at Beech Ridge Motor Speedway on the previous weekend.

At White Mountain Motorsports Park, sixth-place starter Whittier raced most of the distance behind the new track champion at his home oval, polesitter Billy Childs, Jr. of Leeds, Maine. Testing every groove and angle for a couple of laps before his last-lap charge, Whittier edged Childs by mere inches under the checkered flag. Runner-up Childs led 49.9 laps, unofficially.

Tyler King of Livermore, Maine started 13th in the 50-lapper and steady progress throughout the race netted a third-place finish in a relatively trouble-free Street Stock performance. 'Mad' Max Dolliver of Londonderry, New Hampshire was fourth across the finish line, followed by Buxton, Maine's Nathan Leavitt.

Austin Teras of Windham, Maine kept his National Championship hopes alive in the Legends Cars class, holding off a determined Casey Call of Pembroke, New Hampshire in a hotly-contested, 25-lap race. Teras is still in contention for the Young Lions nationwide title.

Kevin Girard of Saco, Maine was third and tops among those old enough to be licensed to drive motor vehicles on public roads. Noah Korner from Bloomfield, Connecticut and Ryan Doucette from Framingham, Massachusetts rounded out the top five in Legends Cars competition.

Jamie Heath of Waterford, Maine nailed down his second straight victory in the three-race Bandits Triple Crown Series, holding off a hard-charging Adam Sanborn of West Paris, Maine in a 25-lap race for the stock four-cylinder-powered racing class. For Heath, the 2016 Bandits division champion at Maine's Oxford Plains Speedway, it was his tenth feature race win of the year.

Tyler Green of Turner, Maine joined Heath and Sanborn on the



Derek Griffith celebrates in victory lane with his family and crew after his win at White Mountain Motorsports Park. (Norm Marx/PASS photo)

podium after winning a race-long battle versus Kyle Hewins of Leeds, Maine.

Auburn's Scott Jordan won his heat race and battled with Heath for the early lead before eventually finishing in fifth position. Heath also won a heat race in earlier Bandits action.

The 2017 Pro All Stars Series

North Super Late Model and Mod seasons come to a close at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 14 at Oxford Plains Speedway in Oxford, Maine. Street Stocks, Legends Cars and Bandits will also see action on that racing card.

For more information please visit proallstarsseries.com or call (207) 539-8865.

David Gravel Scores 14th Victory of Season at Lernerville

SARVER, PA - David Gravel survived a pair of late caution flags and held off Brad Sweet to pick up his 14th victory of the season at Lernerville in the running of the Commonwealth Clash. Gravel saw the white flag on two separate occasions only to see a caution come

out both times. Gravel led all 37 (extended because of the yellows) laps over Sweet and Donny Schatz.

Gravel and the CJB Motorsports team, who did a scheduled engine change after Qualifying, won their heat race before finishing second in the Craftsman Club Dash.

Gravel got the jump on fellow front row starter Brad Sweet and led the opening three laps before a Red Flag for Jason Sides, who took a wild crash on the front stretch and off of turn one, stopped the action. Thankfully, Sides walked away from the accident under his own power.

On the ensuing restart, Sweet took the lead from Gravel down the backstretch but a caution for Lernerville Track Champion AJ Flick, who had major front end damage, negated the pass.

On lap eight, fourth-place running Daryn Pittman jumped the tricky cushion in turn four bringing out the caution. A handful of laps later Brent Marks, who was running in the top ten, suffered the same fate.

Brad Sweet fell off the banking in turn two allowing Sheldon Haudenschild to take over the second spot at the time of the open red flag on lap 14. Sheldon began closing in on Gravel, before making the same mistake as Sweet off of two and letting the aforementioned regain second.

As laps winded down, Gravel grappled with heavy lapped traffic allowing Sweet to close in. Sweet lurked behind the CJB Motorsports No.5 before making a bid for the lead with a slide job attempt off of turn four, to no avail. The unsuccessful slider allowed Gravel to pull away.

On the final circuit, Danny Holtgraver ended up backwards in turn two setting up a Green, White, Checkered finish. Gravel again

commanded control on the restart before taking the white flag, only to see another caution. Gravel was strong once again on the restart and this time went on to pick up the victory.

"I didn't really know what to do. I knew I didn't want to give the bottom away," Gravel said about the multiple restarts. "I saw Brad stick his nose under me early and I knew I had to step it up," the Watertown, CT native said in Victory Lane.

Donny Schatz quietly worked his way forward from seventh to complete the podium. Shane Stewart and Friday's winner at Eldora, Tim Shaffer completed the top five. Kraig Kinser, Jason Johnson, Daryn Pittman (from the rear), Logan Schuchart and Chris Andrews completed the top ten. Danny Holtgraver picked up the KSE Hard Charger award.

The World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series returns to action this Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the heart of Pennsylvania Posse country, at the Williams Grove Speedway. The unique 3-day Champion Racing Oil National Open awaits The Greatest Show on Dirt. Saturday's National Open finale pays a whopping \$50,000 to win.

Tim Shaffer Scores Eldora Victory

ROSSBURG, OH - The 'Steel City Outlaw' Tim Shaffer held off Donny Schatz to win the Night Before the 4-Crown Nationals at Eldora. Shaffer was strong all night going second quick in his Flight in qualifying, winning his heat and scoring the Craftsman Club Dash victory. As laps winded down, Schatz closed significantly in on Shaffer, but couldn't pull ahead. The margin of victory was .227 seconds. Joey Saldana came forward to complete the podium.

Shaffer earned the pole by winning the Craftsman Club Dash, where Shane Stewart moved from fourth to second to earn the other front row starting spot. Shaffer, who has an Eldora win earlier this year with the Arctic Cat All-Star Circuit of Champions, got the early jump in the Feature working the top side of the famous half-mile. Stewart was closing in on Shaffer before shredding a right rear tire on lap 13. It was the second consecutive night, dating back to last weekend at Cal-

istoga, Stewart lost a tire running in second.

Schatz assumed second as Shaffer once again stretched his lead. With ten laps to go, Shaffer had a comfortable lead as he reached traffic. Schatz began working the line a car-length off of the cushion and closing on the leader, noticeably in turns three and four.

With two to go, Schatz looked poised to make his bid for the lead, but Shaffer's momentum on the top side of the Speedway was too

much as he became the 18th different winner with the World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series in 2017.

Joey Saldana completed the podium in the Indy Race Parts No.71.

Jason Johnson and David Gravel completed the top five. Brent Marks picked up KSE Hard Charger Honors coming from 22nd to finish eighth. Early race contender Shane Stewart made it back to 13th.



Tim Shaffer celebrates in Eldora Speedway's fiery victory lane after winning the 4-Crown Nationals. (Paul Arch photo)

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Brandon Sheppard Brings Out the Broom

PARK CITY, KS - Brandon Sheppard brought out the broom on Sunday night at 81 Speedway after his third consecutive win with the World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Model Series in just as many nights during the Great Plains swing. His winning streak started on Friday at Lakeside Speedway in Kansas City, KS, continued to Saturday at Salina Highbanks in Salina, OK, and concluded at 81 Speedway on Sunday evening in Park City, KS.

Sheppard's win at 81 Speedway marks 17 wins in the books for the dominate driver this season. He is now tied for second with Darrell Lanigan for most single-season wins putting him only one win behind the record set in 2016 by his predecessor in the Rocket No.1, Josh Richards.

"Between Kansas and Oklahoma- man, some heck of some race tracks," said Sheppard. "They have some really awesome race tracks out here. Kind of darker dirt which is more like what I'm used to so I guess I just fit right in."

Sheppard passed race-long leader Tyler Erb on lap 24 of the 40-lap event before running away from the field in the remaining circuits.

Erb, who started second for the feature, was able to gain the lead from pole-sitter Austin Siebert on the first lap. In 10 laps time, the young gun was able to create a 3.808 second lead between his No. 91 and the rest of the field.

Siebert sat in second for the first half of the event before surrendering to Sheppard's charges on lap 22. The turning point for the race occurred just one lap later when Brent Larson slowed between turns 3 and 4 bringing out the caution and clearing the ground Erb worked hard to create.

A single-file restart took the field back to green and Sheppard was able to capitalize. Sheppard chose the high line while Erb hugged the bottom of the 3/8-mile dirt oval. The duo, both driving in Rocket XR1s, crossed the line only 0.121 seconds apart.

In the remaining 16 laps, Sheppard expanded his lead to 4.469 seconds.

"I think we just made a little bit better call on tires than Erb did," said Sheppard. "I think he had a really good car but I think I found that top a little bit sooner than he did. I thought for sure his crew guy would tell him to go to the top after that caution but I don't know. I was still pretty far back at that point so maybe they didn't see me back there but man- what a heck of a year. It's been really great. I can't

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Brandon Sheppard swept the World of Outlaws Craftsman Late Model Series action this weekend, winning at Lakeside Speedway, Salina Highbanks, and 81 Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

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thank Mark Richards and Steve Baker enough. These [Rocket] XR1s are just phenomenal. These things are top-notch and second to none."

Erb settled for his sixth second-place run of the season and his fourth second-place run to his friend, Sheppard.

"I really didn't want to see the caution but it happens," said Erb.

"It just wasn't my night. Running second to Sheppy is as close as you can get to a win. He's obviously the best car in the country. We were pretty good. We went a little softer on tires. It didn't really hurt us but once he got going I couldn't run that line up there. I'm just happy to run second. We've been kind of on a downhill for the past month or so."

Siebert rounded out the podium scoring his highest World of Outlaws finish to date.

"It was a good night and a good Sunday for us and it's awesome to be up here in third," said Siebert. "It's a confidence booster for me and my team. It's a lot trickier than the mods that we've run in the past. There's a lot to change and a lot to keep up on so it's just a learning curve but it feels good to be here right now."

The World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Model Series has five more races on tap for the 2017 season with the next stop being at the Dirt Oval at Route 66 raceway in mid-October.

Sheppard Claims 16th Win at Salinas Highbanks

SALINA, OK- For the second night in a row and the second of three nights during the World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Model Series Great Plains swing, Brandon Sheppard walked away with the checkers. Sheppard battled Chris Madden for several laps of the 50-lap event but pulled away from the grasp of the No. 44 mid-way through the feature.

"The championship is what's on our mind right now," said Sheppard on his 16th win with the Series. "The ultimate goal when we come here is just to win the race. I have a hard-working team behind me. If I mess up they have my back, and if I win a race they have my back, but

just a good group of guys. We have a good thing going so I hope we can keep it going for quite a few years."

Sheppard is steadily creeping up on the Series single-season win record of 18 wins set in 2016 by his predecessor in the Rocket Chassis house car, Josh Richards. Yet, with six races left in the season, Sheppard and his Rocket 1 team keep their focus on the race ahead of them.

"Right now, we're just riding a big wave," said Danny White, Crew Chief of the Rocket 1 Racing Machine. "It will crash down at some point but right now you just ride it and enjoy every moment you get. Yeah, maybe we don't celebrate like some other teams, but we'll be happy tonight and tomorrow is a new day with a new race to win. That's our goal. We'll celebrate a little bit tonight and we'll be ready tomorrow."

Sheppard has had an undeniably extraordinary season in 2017 and as he keeps pushing the limits on records across the nation, some may credit his car for his success. White said that everything is just "clicking".

"I know everyone says 'this is the house car. They have all this trick stuff' but this is as standard as you get," explained White. "They can say that we just out-budget everybody but this car has its second year on it. It has 125 to 130 races on it which is like 1,550 laps. We push everything to the limit just like everybody else does. We just have the best wheelman there is right now and everything is just clicking. This is fun. This is the most fun season I have ever had. Even when we don't win, it's still fun."

Sheppard is on his way to claiming the Series championship title as he sits a solid 284 points ahead of Madden in second. Fans saw the battle between the pair come to life on the 3/8-mile track on Saturday night as the two exchanged the lead position several times early in the race.

On lap 14 Sheppard took command over the lead position once and for all, only being challenged once more for his position due to a caution on lap 45 that reset the field. The caution, which came out for Austin Siebert who got turned around in turn four, erased Sheppard's lead which had grown to a whopping 8-seconds over the rest of the field.

When the caution fell, Madden had fallen back to fifth after getting hung up in lapped traffic opening

the door for Chase Junghans, Rick Eckert and Devin Moran to make their move up the chain.

"That lap traffic, it was just really hard to get around," said Junghans. "Sheppy got out there a ways but we had that restart and I was hoping I could hang with him on that restart and drive down to the bottom and slide him, but he did a good job. Them guys are really hard to beat this year so we'll take a second and move on. Hopefully tomorrow we just better this one spot tomorrow."

Rick Eckert rounded out the podium during the World of Outlaws Craftsman Late Model Series first ever visit to Salina Highbanks Speedway.

"The track was really cool," said Eckert. "They did a great job with the track here and thanks to all of the fans for coming out. It's a pretty awesome place, it really is."

Sheppard Gets Win Number 15 on Night One of the Great Plains Swing

KANSAS CITY, KS - Brandon Sheppard secured his 15th win of the 2017 season at Lakeside Speedway after a pass for the lead on lap 22 of the 50-lap feature. Once Sheppard got to the front of the pack from his fifth position start, there was no looking back for the Rocket Chassis No.1 as he created 7.778 seconds between him and Shane Clanton who finished second.

"Putting the hard tires on this thing helped us a little bit tonight," said Sheppard. "We were a little bit tight early and I think the tires were a little bit too soft for the way that this track was. This track was pretty hard on the soft tires so the hard ones worked really good. Mark [Richards] made all of the right de-

isions on the car and Dan [White], Austin [Hargrove] and Joel [Rogers] work really hard and it's a heck of a team we have here. I can't thank these guys enough."

Clanton's second place finish was one spot behind where he finished during the World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Model Series last visit to the 4/10-mile speedway in 2007. One decade later and Clanton still remains a threat to the podium at the Kansas City semi-banked oval.

Clanton found himself battling with Brent Larson for majority of the race. On a lap 24 restart, after a caution fell for Tyler Erb with a right-rear flat, Clanton was able to pull off the pass for second but Larson quickly regained control. Clanton secured his second-place finish on lap 40 from Larson.

"I know we had a second-place car there and I know that Brandon was a little bit better in lapped traffic and passing the leader there but we're going to work on it a little bit more and I think we're going in the right direction and hopefully just compete with them," said Clanton.

Larson held the lead for 22 laps before being passed by Sheppard on lap 22, then by Clanton on lap 24 and again on lap 40. Moran was the next car to find his way to Larson's bumper and then find his way around on lap 46. Larson settled for a fifth-place finish with Chris Madden sneaking by to make a near last lap pass for fourth.

"I definitely had to fight for that one," said Moran. "I got shuffled back to eighth or ninth on that start and was kind of just climbing the rest of the way... The 25 car is the man I'm trying to catch so it's not good when he finishes in front of me but just got to keep on digging and keep on grinding and hopefully we can get to the rest of this year with top-fives."

Bloomquist Best in Brownstown Speedway's Jackson 100

BROWNSTOWN, IN - When Scott Bloomquist entered his first race at Brownstown Speedway in the late 1980's, he took an immediate liking to the quarter-mile oval. Saturday night, for the thirteenth time in his career he went to Victory Lane at the Southern Indiana

venue, capturing a record-extending seventh Jackson 100 event.

Jason Jameson made a late-race charge to close the gap on Bloomquist, but could never get close enough to challenge for the win in the final laps. Hudson O'Neal; the leading rookie driver on the LOLMDS tour; started on the outside of the front row and finished in third. Completing the top five were Jimmy Owens and Gregg Satterlee.

"I don't know why they boo me so much here, I guess it's because they have had so many good drivers from this area. I must give it up for Hudson [O'Neal], he has really impressed me this year. What can you say about Don [O'Neal], he has always been a great competitor and he has been racing a long time. They have had a lot of good cars from this area as well. We respect everybody out here."

"After the track crew went out and re-worked the track, I wasn't worried about changing anything. We never considered it. The track had more traction than I thought it would. We bottomed out a few times during the race. The car was perfect and I could keep turning it and throttling it through the corners. There was plenty room to pass. You don't have eyes in the back of your head, so you just try to do the best you can."

Jameson put himself in contention to try and steal the win away from Bloomquist but was unable to get to within striking distance.

"I want to thank the fans for coming out. I hope they enjoyed the races this weekend. I want to thank James Rattliff for giving me a chance to drive his car. Thanks to Jeff Gullett and Tim Tungate and everybody else on the crew for their help."

"He [Bloomquist] was so good on the bottom. When I got to sec-

ond, I thought I had a shot at him. If we would have had another caution I think we had a good shot at him. The car was firing off well on restarts. I couldn't steer the car early on because the track was so fast. We weren't set-up for it early on."

Hudson O'Neal made his first Jackson 100 just one year ago, and ran second for most this race, before coming home in third place. "We are happy with this finish after last night's run. I can't thank everybody enough on the crew for getting this car up front tonight. The crew spent most of last night going through notes to make the car better for tonight and sure enough they did it."

Completing the top ten were Tim McCreddie, Darrell Lanigan, Bobby Pierce, Don O'Neal, and Earl Pearson, Jr.

Owens Wins Tribute to Steve Barnett at Brownstown

BROWNSTOWN, IN - Jimmy Owens led all the way to score the win in the Tribute to Stave Barnett race at Brownstown Speedway. The three-time series champion bolted to the lead at the start of the 30-lap Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series feature on Friday night at the Brownstown, and was never seriously challenged throughout the race. It was his fourth LOLMDS win of the season and his third career win at Brownstown.



Jimmy Owens lead all the laps enroute to victory at Brownstown Speedway for the Tribute to Stave Barnett. (LOLMDS photo)



Scott Bloomquist raced his way to victory lane at Brownstown Speedway for the 13th time in his career. (LOLMDS photo)

Devin Gilpin picked up the second spot from pole-sitter, Tanner English on lap four and stayed there the rest of the race to register his best career LOLMDS finish. Gilpin pulled to within two-car lengths at times, and appeared primed to catch Owens as they battled heavy traffic, but was never able to make a move. Trailing Owens and Gilpin to the finish line were Tim McCreddie, Josh Richards, and Darrell Lanigan.

"I can't thank my crew enough," said Owens in Lucas Oil Victory Lane, "The car was good all night. Our car was very maneuverable and we could run anywhere on the track. It [the track] was in really good shape tonight. Thanks to the track crew for helping us put on a good show for the fans tonight."

Owens only experienced a few hiccups during the race as he was three-wide in lapped traffic for several laps before clearing those drivers and expanding his lead over

Gilpin. It was Owens' 58th career series win, which keeps him second all-time to Scott Bloomquist.

Gilpin returned to Brownstown last weekend after suffering a broken collarbone in a rollover incident last month at the track. He returned with vengeance by winning the weekly late model event at Brownstown last weekend in his Jim Beeman-owned MasterSbilt, and then recording his first-career LOLMDS podium finish with tonight's second-place run.

"I can't believe I am up here on the podium with Jimmy Owens and Tim McCreddie. Jimmy Owens is one of my racing idols. We tried our best tonight to run him down. To comeback from the accident here last month, to get a win last week, and a second tonight against the best in the country, is just awesome. I want to thank Jim Beeman for giving me another chance to drive his car. We learned a lot tonight for tomorrow night's 100-lap race."

McCreddie closed the gap on current championship point leader, Josh Richards, who finished one spot behind him in fourth. "The race track was just awesome tonight. Hats off to the track crew. It just shows that you don't need a rough track with a big cushion to put on a show. There was a big crowd here tonight and I am sure tomorrow night, the place will be packed."

Owens' Ramirez Motorsports-owned Rocket Chassis is powered by a Durham Racing Engine and sponsored by E3 Spark Plugs, Power Rig, LLC, Red Bone Fishing and Rental, Boomtest Well Service, Keyser, Integra, and Midwest Sheet Metal.

Completing the top ten were Earl Pearson Jr., Scott Bloomquist, Tanner English, Jason Jameson, and Don O'Neal.

Sam Hafertepe, Jr. Wins The 7th Annual Hockett/McMillin Memorial

WHEATLAND, MO - It would seem that Sam Hafertepe, Jr. is unstoppable, as the 7th annual Hockett/McMillin Memorial came to close with the Sunnyvale, Texas driver banking \$10,000 in his first career victory in the annual tribute to Jesse Hockett and Daniel

McMillin with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series National Tour presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network.

"This is probably the toughest race track we've had in a while, and I actually ran it too hard, too early," stated the current National Tour point's leader.

"When we got into lapped traffic, I should have taken it easier on my right rear, but I just torched that thing. I normally don't drive like that, but this is the Hockett/McMillin, and it's \$10,000. This race is a big race to win, and it's one we hadn't won and I really wanted to. Next one is the Short Track Nationals."

Rolling to green at the right of Sammy Swindell, the Hwy. 79 Collision No. 15h was in pursuit of the CP-Carrillo No. 3s who paced the low line, while the cushion began coming into play for Hafertepe before the caution blinked on with four laps complete as Aaron Reutzel rolled to a stop with a big puff of smoke from under the hood of the No. 87.

Winding up through turns one and two, Hafertepe railed the wall to Swindell's back bumper on Lap 5. Swinging wide again as Sammy held the hub, the exit of the fourth turn saw the pass for the lead with six complete.

"Sammy is really good, and he's a tough competitor so I knew he was going to bring everything he had, but we were able to get the best of him there once we got the top rolling. Once we got by him, I knew we were pretty good to pass Sammy like that."

Adjusting to the cushion as the pair rushed into traffic, it all nearly came to an end as several cars tangled directly in front of the leaders. Finding a hole, Sam made it through, but Sammy was not as fortunate as the No. 3s spun to a stop; sending Swindell to 16th on

the restart with 20 laps to run.

Elevating Wayne Johnson to second with Matt Covington in tow, the defending race winner set his sights on the lead. Taking a slide at it on the restart, the Outlaw Wings No. 2c was denied the position.

Into traffic once more, Hafertepe had built a 10 car length lead, but the slower cars would allow Wayne to close the gap. With a run through Lap 22, Wayne had the momentum off the fourth turn. Blocked as Hafertepe ran the outside of the No. 21k, Wayne tried to follow through but contact with Thomas put an end to Wayne's night as the front suspension was rendered useless.

Stopped while working Lap 25 for Giovanni Scelzi, who careened the wall in turn four, Hafertepe kept pace over Matt Covington with Johnny Herrera in tow.

To the white flag, Sam's night nearly came to an end once more with a slip through the cushion in turn two. Recovering before Covington was able to capitalize, the No. 15h crossed the line 1.954 seconds ahead of the T&L Foundry No. 95.

With a slight chuckle on the near mishap, Hafertepe stated, "I was running this thing so hard, I had all but used up my tires and I could barely stay on the race track the last two or three laps, so just lucky to come out of here with a win."

In a fierce battle on the restart with Johnny Herrera and Sammy Swindell, who had advanced from the tail following the Lap 10 caution, Nebraska's Jason Martin



Sam Hafertepe, Jr. capped off his weekend with a \$10,000 payday with his first Hockett/McMillin Memorial score (ASCS/Kenny Shaw)

came up to finish third with Sammy Swindell fourth. Making a run from ninth at the final restart, Jeff Swindell came up to complete the top-five. Johnny Herrera would end up sixth with Brad Loyet seventh. Blake Hahn followed in eighth with Jack Dover ninth, and Derek Hagar tenth.

An overall field of 55 drivers was on hand for the 7th annual Hockett/McMillin Memorial. Event points set the stage for Saturday with Qualifier wins going to Jason Martin, Tony Bruce, Jr., Jack Dover, and Giovanni Scelzi. B-Mains were topped by Miles Paulus and John Carney II. One provisional was used by Harli White.

Coming up next, the Lucas Oil ASCS National Tour heads for the \$5,000 to win, \$500 to start Fall Brawl at I-80 Speedway in Greenwood, Neb. on Saturday, September 30.

For continued updates on the American Sprint Car Series, from the National Tour to any of the seven regional tours that make up the over 150 races across the ASCS Nation in 2017, log

onto <http://www.ascsracing.com>. Make sure to like the American Sprint Car Series on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/LucasOilASCS>, follow us on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/LucasOilASCS>, and check out our Instagram @LucasOilASCS.

Wild Final Lap Yields Another Lucas Oil ASCS Victory For Sammy Swindell

WHEATLAND, MO - In a wild turn of events, Sammy Swindell found his way to Lucas Oil ASCS National Tour victory lane yet again as the wily veteran led the final three-fourths of Friday's A-Feature after race-long leader, Wayne Johnson, looped his Outlaw Wings No. 2c in the first and second turns of the Lucas Oil Speedway.

"I was just hoping there was going to be enough room (to get by). I saw him start to lose it, and it was really tight where he needed to be," commented Swindell when asked about what he saw coming through turns one and two.

Making the win all the more impressive, was the fact that Sammy was able to avoid the spin despite his brakes having gone away in the closing laps of Friday's non-stop A-Feature event.

"With about eight or nine laps to go we lost the brakes, so I was having to be really careful but I knew if we finished right up there in the top-three we'd be right up on the front row tomorrow so I didn't want to give that up. I'd been using them pretty hard and might have got them too hot or something, but I couldn't pump them up or get anything so I was just trying not to get into another car."

Winning from seventh on Thursday to open the 7th annual Hockett/McMillin Memorial at Lucas Oil (Continued Next Page)



Sammy Swindell parked the Rains Racing No. 3s on Friday night at Lucas Oil Speedway with a last lap spin by Wayne Johnson putting the win in Sammy's hands. Swindell also won on the first night of action at Lucas Oil Speedway. (ASCS/Kenny Shaw Photo)

The "Macho Man" Goes Wire-to-Wire at Eldora

ROSSBURG, OH - Broken Arrow, Oklahoma's Brady Bacon conquered the Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions segment of the 36th Annual 4-Crown Nationals presented by NKT.TV on Saturday night at Eldora Speedway, leading all 25 circuits around the World's Greatest Dirt Track for a first-ever victory against "America's Series." The "Macho Man" started on the pole for the 25-lapper, surviving two cautions and periods of traffic to claim the \$5,000 payday.

"This is a big win for my team. We've been struggling with this car all year. It has definitely been hit and miss," Bacon explained, pilot of the Priority Aviation/Fatheadz Eyewear/Tel-Star Communications/No. 99. "To get my first All Star win at Eldora Speedway with all my friends and family here; it's really special for me."

Brady Bacon and the "Brownsburg Bullet" Joey Saldana led the

25 starters to green on Saturday night at Eldora Speedway. Bacon earned the early advantage, chased to the line by a three-wide battle for second between Max Stambaugh, Joey Saldana and Bryan Nuckles.

Despite finding the back of the field by lap eight, Bacon held on to the top spot uninterrupted for the first ten circuits, all until the main event's first caution appeared for a slowing Brandon Wimmer on lap 11. Nuckles, who fell in behind Bacon on lap two, was solidly in second at the time of the caution, followed closely by the Ray Marshall Motorsports entry of Stambaugh.

Bacon led the field back to green and returned to the top edge of the speedway. By lap 13, Stambaugh, the leading Arctic Cat All Star rookie contender, was beginning to apply pressure on Nuckles for second, soon overtaking the runner-up position at the exit of turn four on lap 16. Just as Bacon's lead started to grow, caution lights reappeared, this time for D.J. Foos who ended up upside-down between turns one and two on lap 19. Foos



Brady Bacon takes the checkered flag for the 4-Crown Nationals win at Eldora Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

was unharmed.

Green flag conditions resumed once again allowing Bacon to return to his familiar running lane at the top of the speedway. The lap 19 restart proved to be Bacon's last obstacle, cruising ahead to earn himself a parking spot on Eldora Speedway's victory lane platform. Nuckles was able to sneak back by Stambaugh on the restart to reclaim the runner-up position. The Columbus, Ohio, native held on to finish second, followed by "Mad Max" Stambaugh, Lee Jacobs and Hunter Schuerenberg.

Moving into the month of October, only three events remain on the 2017 Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions campaign trail, one of which a visit to the Wayne County Speedway in Orrville, Ohio, on Saturday evening, October 7. The final appearance will award a \$5,000 top prize, as well as full points toward the 2017 Arctic Cat All Star championship which will be crowned on October 14 at Eldora Speedway.

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Speedway, Friday's triumph came from the eighth start spot in the A.G. Rains owned No. 3s. Having to pick his way to the front, Sam Hafertepe, Jr. and Blake Hahn raced slide for slide with Swindell for most of the race, with traffic finally playing into Sammy's hands.

Starting to catch Johnson with three laps to go as the pair weaved their way through slower traffic, Sammy was within a few car lengths of Wayne Johnson at the wave the white flag. Working under a slower car in the first and second turns, the rear end of Johnson's car suddenly swung around. Keeping on the throttle, Wayne righted his path, but not before losing several positions as Sammy grabbed his 14th career Lucas Oil ASCS National Tour victory.

Sam Hafertepe, Jr. would end up crossing runner-up with Blake Hahn rebounding from a spin on Thursday night to the final podium

step in the Griffith Truck and Equipment No. 52. Tony Bruce, Jr. would cross fourth with Wayne Johnson holding on to complete the top-five.

Coming from 10th, Matt Covington crossed sixth with Johnny Herrera tearing through the field from 17th to seventh. Scott Bogucki eighth was followed by Jeff Swindell and Thomas Kennedy to round out the top-ten.

Swindell Captures Night One Of The Hockett/McMillin Memorial

WHEATLAND, MO - With a set of Hockett style donuts through the third and fourth turns of the Lucas Oil Speedway, Sammy Swindell put an exclamation point on his 13th career victory against the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series National Tour presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network, and first at the "Diamond of Dirt Tracks" to kick off the 7th annual Hockett/McMillin Memorial.

Race No. 900 for the Lucas Oil ASCS National Tour, Sammy won by several car lengths over early race leader, Aaron Reutzel. While slower traffic came into play at the end of the race, it was not enough

to give the No. 87 a fighting chance.

Rolling off seventh on the start, Swindell was quick to jump to the front with a ferocious battle in the opening laps with Wayne Johnson and Blake for the third spot as Aaron Reutzel pulled to a sizable advantage. Racing with Hahn, the No. 52 would end up going around in the first and second turns to draw the caution on Lap 6.

Restarting with Aaron Reutzel and Miles Paulus occupying the first two spots, the restart saw Swindell and Johnson going slide for slide past the No. 21 with each answering the other's bid for the silver until the caution again flew on Lap 9 as Paulus rolled to a stop on the front stretch. Seeing his 3.070-second lead evaporate, Reutzel committed to the cushion as Swindell worked the hub of the Lucas Oil Speedway. With the low line coming in, Sammy had Aaron in his sights, and off the fourth turn working Lap 12, the A.G. Rains owned No. 3s bolted to the race lead.

From there, Swindell slowly marched away from the field for his fourth overall score the 2017 season. Johnson and Reutzel exchanged second for a few laps

before Aaron gained the advantage with Wayne setting for the show position.

Sam Hafertepe, Jr. raced from 10th to fourth with Jason Martin fifth. Racing around the top five most of the A-Feature, Derek Hagar ended up sixth with Johnny Herrera seventh after starting 12th. Brad Loyet eighth was trailed by Jeff Swindell with 2017 ASCS Warrior Region Champion, Jonathan Cornell, making up the top-ten.

In event points following Thursday's festivities, Sammy Swindell leads with 194 markers of a possible 200. Aaron Reutzel is second with 189, followed by Wayne Johnson (179), Sam Hafertepe, Jr. (170), and Jason Martin (169) to make up the top-five.

A field of 55 drivers was on hand to open the 7th annual Hockett/McMillin Memorial with seven Heat Races won by John Carney II, Wade Nygaard, Harli White, Johnny Herrera, Aaron Reutzel, Wayne Johnson, and Miles Paulus. Qualifiers were topped by Sammy Swindell, Matt Covington, Derek Hagar, and Sam Hafertepe, Jr. B-Main wins went to Tony Bruce, Jr., Dustin Morgan, and Seth Bergman. One provisional was used by Harli White.

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Charlotte Motor Speedway

CONCORD, NC - A spectacular collection of classic cars, customs and hot rods filled Charlotte Motor Speedway's infield for the Pennzoil AutoFair presented by Advance Auto Parts, but Sunday's sun-lit spotlight shone brightest on Robert Isenberg's Best of Show-winning R4 Performance red 1969 Dodge Charger 500.

Isenberg, a native of Denver, North Carolina, bought the car from a friend in 1994 and restored it to showroom-like condition – including switching its paint from Petty blue to R4 red, an orange-red shade that adorned the Charger 500 when it was produced nearly 50 years ago. Isenberg's love of Charger 500s and his lifelong support of legendary NASCAR drivers Bobby Allison, Charlie Glotzbach and Buddy Baker drove him to restore the car – which was designed for NASCAR competition and which saw only 559 street versions produced in 1969.

"In 1978, my buddy in the Air Force said he had a chance to buy a Dodge Charger 500, he brought it home from the Air Force and I helped restore it before he decided to sell it in 1994," said Isenberg, who had Allison autograph the car's dash after he bought it. "This model of car was built to race in NASCAR, which is why it has an aero package on the front. I've had this car at AutoFair eight times and this is the first time it's won an award. It's great to win one."

MORE INFO: A four-day spectacle of family-friendly fun and colorful cars against the backdrop of Charlotte's 1.5-mile superspeedway saw fans enjoy appearances by Street Outlaws: New Orleans star Kye Kelley, a Dodge ride-and-drive and a historic display honoring the storied history of the Dodge Viper. On Sunday, judges presented additional awards to:

- Best of Show Runner-up: Peter Ashby's red 1998 Toyota Supra
- Best of Show Second Runner-up: Bill Burnside's blue 1966 Chevrolet Corvair Monza
- Bob Laidlein Award (Most Original): Brandon and Monica Nash's red 1963 ½ Ford Galaxie 500
- Best Paint: Allen King's Cabernet red 1968 Chevrolet Camaro SS
- Mecklenburg Strelitz Award (Ladies' Choice): Paul Meyer's

gypsy red 1955 Chevrolet Corvette

- Cabarrus Cup (Most Creative): Ray Rapuano's wineberry red 1957 Buick Century

- Concord Concours (Best Restoration): John Jancic's Hemi orange 1970 Plymouth Roadrunner

TICKETS: Fans can purchase tickets to upcoming speedway events including the Oct. 6-8 Bank of America 500 by shopping online, calling 1-800-455-FANS (3267) or buying them at the gates.

KEEP TRACK: Connect with Charlotte Motor Speedway and stay up to speed with all the happenings at the speedway, The Dirt Track and zMAX Dragway by following on Facebook, Twitter or on Charlotte Motor Speedway's mobile app.

Talladega Superspeedway

TALLADEGA, AL - Put all superstitions aside Friday, Oct. 13th as Talladega Superspeedway's "Big One on the Blvd" is set to take what many consider to be one of the unluckiest days of the year, and turn it into one of the best with an undeniable evening of fun and excitement for everyone! Participants, spectators and some of NASCAR's most popular drivers alike will experience the sport's premier party of the year with all new entertainment.

Friday will be an exciting eve to an action-packed weekend, featuring the fred's 250 Powered by Coca-Cola and the Alabama 500 on Saturday and Sunday (Oct. 14-15). Starting at 7 p.m. (CDT) drivers will parade down the infamous Talladega Blvd. on a Mardi-Gras style float in this one-of-a-kind event, then take center stage near the Miller Lite Pavilion.

This year's competitions – overseen by the drivers and well-known NASCAR personalities – include four original and unique challenges where fans can become a Talladega legend on a fun-filled night. They include:

1. Slopfest - Four contestants will devour three tasty delicacies in a three-round elimination race – a cup of yummy buttermilk, tender sardines topped off with olive oil and a whole, tear-dropping onion. Winner gets \$150.00!
2. Talk Derby to Me - And, they're off! Contestants will race on giant bouncy horses on a miniature track through a host of unpredictable decoys and obstacles, hoping to claim the \$100 prize at the finish line. Ride 'Em Horsey!
3. Bump Draft - Teams of four will face off in the ultimate 'Big One' relay race. Each team member will slide down a soapy hill and attempt

to burst the balloon located on their teammates back with their body only. No hands! A team will have to successfully pop four balloons to win the \$400 prize!

4. Poop, Scoop and Boogie - It's every woman for herself in this free-for-all amongst eight contestants who are vying to find the stinky "golden poo" in 300 gallons of slippery – and tasty - chocolate pudding, then hoist themselves atop the grand bull in center ring. It's two rounds and \$250 to the victor!

Fans interested in being a contestant in one of these unforgettable 'Dega games can register by clicking here and completing the form at the bottom of the page for a chance to become a Talladega legend.

"The track has done a great job of making this bigger and better since we started it (in 2014)," said Bowyer, who will race the No. 14 Ford for Stewart-Haas Racing. "It's not very often you get to see some of the drivers outside the garage or the race track, so this is a cool opportunity for us to kind of kick back and interact with some of the fans. There's no way you won't have a great time. Make sure to check it out. It's Talladega baby!"

Joining Bowyer at past Big One events have included the likes of former Talladega winners Brad Keselowski, Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Kevin Harvick, Denny Hamlin, Michael Waltrip, along with Ryan Blaney, Kurt Busch, Austin Dillon and many others.

Don't miss your chance to attend the biggest party in NASCAR. All infield campers, renewal guests, and fans who purchase an infield wristband (\$105 each / \$110 if purchased race week) can attend. Renewal guests who wish to join the 'Big One on the Blvd' festivities on Friday night, Oct. 13 must show their renewal guest insert from their ticket package or the e-mail sent prior to race weekend. The account holder of the group must also be present for access.

Action on the track gets going earlier in the day Friday with practice sessions for both the Alabama 500 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series (MENCS), as well as the fred's 250 Powered by Coca-Cola NASCAR Camping World Truck Series (NCWTS). The fred's 250 Powered by Coca-Cola, which will see the field of championship eligible contenders be trimmed from eight to six at events end, is

scheduled for 12 Noon (CDT) on Saturday, Oct. 14. The weekend concludes the following day with the Alabama 500, which is six-time Talladega winner Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s final start at the track he calls "a second home", as well as the "Wildcard" second race in the Round of 12 for NASCAR's MENCS playoffs is set for 1 p.m. (CDT).

To secure your tickets to Talladega's race weekend and see Dale Jr.'s final start log on to www.talladegasuperspeedway.com or call the Main Ticket Office at 855-518-RACE (7223). The track's ticket office is available daily on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., as well as on the weekends from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (CDT).

Texas Motor Speedway

FORT WORTH, TX - NASCAR's three manufacturers - Chevrolet, Toyota and Ford - joined Goodyear for a two-day wheel force transducer test that concluded Wednesday afternoon at Texas Motor Speedway. The session, designed to gather data for the manufacturers and teams to improve their simulation programs, also served as a jumpstart for the driver tabbed to replace NASCAR's biggest superstar.

Chevrolet driver Alex Bowman, who is set to replace retiring Dale Earnhardt Jr. in the No. 88 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet beginning next season, got the opportunity to test Texas Motor Speedway's newly repaved and re-profiled surface along with two other drivers. Landon Cassill, driver of the No. 34 entry for Front Row Motorsports, was representing Ford in the test while Joe Gibbs Racing developmental driver Drew Herring, who has two starts in the No. 24 NASCAR XFINITY Series entry for the organization, represented Toyota.

For Bowman, the test session offered the 24-year-old Tucson, Arizona native the chance to prepare for what is set to be a memorable 2018 season in the No. 88 entry. It already is a seat he is familiar with

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as he served as Earnhardt Jr.'s replacement driver in 10 of the final 18 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series races in 2016 while the NASCAR star was sidelined with a concussion. Bowman earned three top-10 finishes, including a sixth-place effort at Phoenix after starting from the pole.

Bowman, who did not have a ride in 2017, got the backing of Earnhardt Jr. as a prime candidate to replace him and the team announced their intentions in July. Having not raced in Cup or XFINITY this season, Bowman got some valuable seat time during the test at Texas Motor Speedway, a track where he has earned two of his three career XFINITY Series poles.

"Texas has really changed a lot since the last time I've been here," Bowman said with a chuckle. "It's been really interesting. (Turns) 1 and 2 are definitely tricky. It's really hard with three cars to get the track rubbered in and blown off.

"I love this place. It's a great place to come. There seems to be a lot of great fans and it's always fun to come to Texas."

The pressure of taking over the ride of Earnhardt Jr., who has won NASCAR's "Most Popular Driver" award for 14 consecutive seasons, hasn't fazed Bowman since the news was announced.

For Bowman, the approach remains simple as he prepares to join the 2018 Hendrick Motorsports lineup that includes seven-time Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series champion Jimmie Johnson, Chase Elliott and rookie Cup driver William Byron.

"I'm going to have as much fun as I can," Bowman said. "I'm not Dale Earnhardt Jr. I can only be myself. I'm going to do my thing. It's just a normal race car. It's not any different from anything that I've done. It's just that we have more tools and more resources to be more competitive."

While Earnhardt Jr. will not be behind the wheel next year, Bowman knows he will not have to go far to seek his advice.

"I think he is going to be a big part of the (No.) 88 team," Bowman said. "He's a great person to have for support and a great teammate to lean on. I think he is going to be a big part of the team and we'll kind

of just wait and see. He's been a big part of it so far when I've been in the car. I think going forward in 2018 it will be more of the same."

Before Bowman makes his Texas Motor Speedway debut in the No. 88 next April, fans will get their chance to salute Earnhardt Jr. one last time during the upcoming AAA Texas 500 on Sunday, Nov. 5. Tickets for the AAA Texas 500 are available by visiting www.texasmotorspeedway.com or by calling (817) 215-8500.

Charlotte Motor Speedway

CONCORD, NC - College students looking to earn a degree in racing excitement will receive valuable credit during the Oct. 8 Bank of America 500 at Charlotte Motor Speedway. With the new Speedway College Party ticket program, NASCAR's homecoming allows college students to rev up for race day with an unmatched array of entertainment value – and "tuition" requires just \$29 and a valid student ID.

Students looking to enjoy the ultimate tailgate experience can do so from the best viewing area – the race track – with general admission to the new Turn 4 Sun Deck, an open-air terrace with an up-close view of the race that will feature a DJ, lawn games and a bar for those aged 21 and older. Additionally, a Speedway College Party ticket provides students with access to the Brad Paisley concert saluting Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s JR Nation Appreciation Tour on Saturday, Oct. 7 at zMAX Dragway – the perfect way for budding NASCAR scholars to kick off their race-weekend education.

A tailgate area will be set up for students and can be accessed via the zMAX Dragway entrance off Bruton Smith Boulevard.

Student ticket packages are available by calling 1-800-455-FANS (3267), online at www.charlottemotorspeedway.com/tickets/college or in person at the ticket office. All Speedway College Party ticket purchases require a valid student ID for verification of eligibility. Tickets will be placed at Will Call for pick up on event day.

MORE INFO: Although coolers are not allowed inside the Sun Deck, they can be checked at the concierge area at the Sun Deck entrance under the Toyota Grandstands. Free parking is included for groups arriving by bus. Groups including 50 or more students will receive reserved parking space.

TICKETS: In addition to the \$29 Speedway College Party ticket,

kids 13 and under can get into the Bank of America 500 for just \$10. As a salute to Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s final Charlotte race as a full-time driver, adult tickets are available as a two-pack for \$88 and include an Earnhardt bobblehead while supplies last. All adult tickets are good for admission to the Brad Paisley concert. For tickets, camping and upgrades, fans can call the ticket office at 1-800-455-FANS (3267) or shop online at www.charlottemotorspeedway.com.

Dover International Speedway

DOVER, DE - NASCAR has partnered with Dover International Speedway to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15) and recognize the contributions of Ronaldo Tello, executive director of Delaware Hispano Magazine, for his many contributions to the Hispanic community of Delaware.

Tello, now a proud U.S. citizen, came to Delaware from Lima, Peru, his hometown, in 2002 as a lay missionary. Through his service with the Franciscan Volunteer Ministry, he dedicated volunteer hours to teaching ESL at St. Paul's Church, visiting patients at St. Francis Hospital and prisoners at Baylor's Women Correctional Facility, coaching soccer and organizing programs for migrant workers and youth. He is a life coach and motivational speaker, currently pursuing his PHD in counseling which will allow him to continue his life of service to the Latino community of Delaware. Tello will be honored during the "Apache Warrior 400 presented by Lucas Oil" Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Playoff Race at Dover International Speedway on Oct. 1, where he will receive a donation of \$2,500 to help further his efforts in supporting the local community.

In line with his reputation for giving, Tello has decided to direct his funds to Autism Delaware, whose Mission is to help people and families affected by autism. They believe that all people with autism should have opportunities to learn, grow and live full lives as included and valued members of their communities.

"We're proud to partner with NASCAR to celebrate and recognize Hispanic Heritage Month," said Mike Tatoian, president and CEO of Dover International Speedway. "Ronaldo Tello's life story, including the good work he is accomplishing here in Delaware, serves as

an inspiration and example to many people. Through this honor, Ronaldo's mission can be shared on an even bigger platform, during one of the most important weekends of the NASCAR season."

Throughout Hispanic Heritage Month, three additional Hispanic leaders will be honored across the country at Chicagoland Speedway, New Hampshire Motor Speedway and Charlotte Motor Speedway. The award recognizes the commitment of Hispanic leaders to their communities and promotes their efforts by honoring them in their local race market. Each honoree will also receive a \$2,500 donation for a non-profit organization of their choice.

Charlotte Motor Speedway

CONCORD, NC - Race fans can kick off their Bank of America 500 weekend in style by meeting NASCAR legends including Richard Petty and Bobby Allison at the University of Racing's "Dinner with the Legends" event on Thursday, Oct. 5 in The Speedway Club at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

The fan-friendly event gives attendees the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to chat with some of drivers, crew chiefs and engine builders who have combined to win more than 650 Cup Series races and 12 championships. Admission costs \$125 and includes a three-course meal, legend Q&A and autograph sessions and a free University of Racing diecast car.

Kyle Petty, the winner of the 1987 Coca-Cola 600, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Those scheduled to attend include: Richard Petty, Bobby Allison, Donnie Allison, Waddell Wilson, Dave Marcis, Ned Jarrett, and Leonard Wood

TICKETS: Tickets to "Dinner with the Legends" are available by calling 704-455-3216. Tickets, camping and upgrades to the Oct. 8 Bank of America 500 are available by visiting charlottemotorspeedway.com/tickets or calling 1-800-455-FANS (3267).

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Pulliam Crowned for Fourth Time

Family Fuels Drive to Another NASCAR Whelen All-American Series National Title

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - It's a call Lee Pulliam's gotten before. Three times, in fact.

It was a little extra sweeter, however, the fourth time NASCAR Vice President of Weekly and Touring Series George Silber-

mann informed him that he was the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series national champion.

"It was one of the best phone calls I have ever received," said Pulliam Thursday. "It's been a pretty long week, I tell you that. But it's all been worth it."

Pulliam watched his nearest challenger, Trevor Huddleston, sweep the twin Late Model features at California's Kern County Raceway Park on the final weekend points are awarded for NASCAR national standings. And then they waited as the season-long points were tabulated and confirmed. In the end, the Senora, North Carolina, driver who now hails from Virginia, won the title by three points.

Pulliam finished with 688 to Huddleston's 685.

What makes this championship different, said Pulliam, was he was able to share it with his new family. He and his wife LeAnne welcomed daughter Brantley Pulliam last July. Her birth was one of the reasons Pulliam said he scaled back his schedule last season. This year, he was back chasing the national championship and was able to do it with his wife and daughter in Victory Lane.

"It's special to me: She changed my life a lot and I hope one day she'll look back on the memories we're building," said Pulliam. "One of the reasons I wanted to win this one so bad was because of them."

"Maybe one day she'll be a NASCAR champion."

Running Late Model Stock Car all over the southeast, Pulliam collected 19 wins, 36 top fives and 43 top 10s in starts at South Carolina's Myrtle Beach Speedway and Anderson Speedway, as well as North Carolina's Southern National Raceway Park, Hickory Motor Speedway and Caraway Speedway, and Virginia's Dominion Raceway, Motor Mile Speedway and South

Boston Speedway.

It was Myrtle Beach -- a relatively new track for Pulliam, a former track champion at South Boston and Motor Mile -- where he did most of his damage. He had 14 wins and three runner-up finishes in 17 races at the historic 0.538-mile oval notorious for being hard on tires.

"They're all special in different ways," said Pulliam of his previous national championship runs in 2012-13 and 2015. "This was particularly special to me because of



Lee Pulliam was able to make Victory Lane a family visit this season. (COREY LATHAM photo)

the hard work that went into winning it. It wasn't easy leaving Motor Mile, leaving South Boston, places I was accustomed to winning. We really worked hard and tested a lot of stuff. I didn't know how good we were until we got into the racing.

"We just kept on it and it all worked out. We had to beat some really big names to do it, so it was awesome."

It is the second title Pulliam drove the No. 5 Kiker Tree Service Chevrolet for car owner Eddie Kiker and Eddie's son Travis. Pulliam credited Chris Croy and Matt Taylor for their crew chief support.

The title run ties him with Philip Morris for second most national titles, one behind the late Larry Phillips. The three are the only drivers to win crown more than once.

In addition, Pulliam claimed the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series South Carolina title to go with his North Carolina (2014) and Virginia (2012-15) trophies. He's finished in the top five in national

points each of the last seven years. In that span, he's won 155 of 290 NASCAR points races.

While Pulliam ended up with the championship, it was a breakout year for Huddleston. The 21-year-old from Agoura, California, had 22 wins, 31 top fives and 32 top 10s racing at Irwindale and Kern in addition to make starts at Arizona's Tucson Speedway. Huddleston won the track titles at Kern and Irwindale en route to his third straight California championship.

The battle for third wound up going down to the wire between a pair of Canadians: Steve Cote and Gord Shepherd. Cote took the final podium spot by just two points. He had 15 wins and 22 top fives in 22 starts at Quebec's Autodrome Chaudiere and Autodrome St. Eustache. Shepherd had nine wins,

Humboldt Speedway.

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Established in 1982, the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series is NASCAR's national championship program for weekly short track auto racing. Crowning of US state and Canadian province champions dates back to the earliest days of NASCAR, and was resumed in 2007.

Connecticut-based Whelen Engineering is the series' title sponsor. Whelen Engineering is a leading manufacturer of automotive, aviation, industrial and emergency vehicle lighting. NASCAR tracks and pace cars are among the many showcases for Whelen products.

Seekonk Speedway

SEEKONK, MA - It could be said that Matt Hirschman of Northampton, PA, puts the fear into the competition when he arrives for a NorthEast Racecars Tri-Track Open Modified Series (TTOMS) event. Hirschman has yet to be defeated in TTOMS competition this year; winning the opener at Seekonk Speedway in June and sweeping the two Star Speedway races. The drivers of TTOMS will have one final chance to break Hirschman's spell at the Haunted Hundred at Seekonk on Saturday, October 28.

Hirschman hopes to take the witches broom and sweep not only the Seekonk events but the entire Tri-Track Open Modified Season. Slated to be the final event in the northeast for the 2017 racing season, the roster of drivers looking to play spoiler should be extensive and impressive. The 100-lap Modified race will pay \$6,000 to the winner.

Also on the racing card is a 50-lap main event for Late Models and a 30 lapper for the INEX Legends.

Pit gates will open at 8am on Saturday, October 28. Grandstands will open at 11am with racing starting at 1pm. Pit admission is \$35. Adult general admission is \$25 and children 12 and under are admitted free. The rain date for the Haunted Hundred is Sunday, October 29.

Building on a Seekonk Speedway Halloween tradition, prizes will
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26 top fives and 28 top 10s at Ontario's Sunset Speedway.

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Midwest Late Model driver Jacob Goede rounded out the top five. He had nine wins, 23 top fives and 32 top 10 while racing at Elko Speedway in Minnesota, as well as Wisconsin's Madison International Speedway and Lacrosse Fairgrounds Speedway.

Mitch Keeter finished 14th in the national standings and took home the Josten's Rookie of the Year, given to the top finishing first-year Division I license holder. Keeter had 15 wins, 29 top fives and 33 top 10s at Oklahoma's Salina Highbanks Speedway and Kansas'

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be awarded for the best costumes. Children and adults alike are invited to participate in the costume contest.

Tickets are available online by visiting SeekonkSpeedway.com or by calling the Speedway office at 508.336.9959 Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Seekonk Speedway and the Tri-Track Open Modified Series

have collaborated to create a fun and festive shirt to commemorate the Haunted Hundred. The limited edition shirt is available for pre-order online until October 7, 2017 for \$15.00 for sizes small through extra-large. Larger sizes are priced at \$20.00. A small quantity will be available for sale at the track. To check out the design or to preorder, visit <http://tritrackmods.com/merchandise/>

To learn more about the Tri-Track Modified Series, visit tritrackmods.com.

Southern National Motorsports

The 17th running of the Thanksgiving Classic at Southern National Motorsports Park will bring the event back to the forefront of the big races in the Southeast region.

\$20,000 will be the top prize for the 200-lap six-tire Late Model Stock Car race. The upped purse comes with a twist which is being referred to as Racing Roulette.

Late Model Stock Car drivers will have the option to race for three different winner's purses. Escalating from \$6,000 to \$20,000 depending on the entry fee paid for the event. Additionally, the halfway point will pay \$2,000.

The race's base purse pays \$6,000 to win, the same as it paid last year with a \$125 entry fee for the teams. Teams will have the option to pay an elevated entry fee of \$500 for a chance at a \$10,000 winner's purse or gamble it big with a \$1,000 entry "fee and win \$20,000."

"We wanted to do something different," said track owner Michael Diaz. "Everyone is doing the same thing and we wanted to bring a different element to the event and give guys a chance to win some big money without spending a lot more."

The race is set to pay \$650 to

start but the upped entry fee of \$1,000 will be matched as start money for those who pay the escalated entry fee. Which takes the risk out of putting up the additional money.

"The risk is minimum even if you go for the big money you're still going to get that money back at the end of the night. It's minimum risk, maximum reward. It'd be cool if a guy rolled the dice and won the \$20,000."

The purse throughout the field won't change from second to start money which begins at 12th position. That might give even more incentive for guys to roll the dice in Racing Roulette.

Local race fan and business man Kirk Ipock is helping to make this a marquee event in the Southeast. His company Solid Rock Carriers is sponsoring the Thanksgiving Classic.

"I'm happy to be sponsoring the Thanksgiving Classic," Ipock said. "It's the biggest race there is at the end of the year and it's the end of the season. I like Southern National Motorsports Park and hope to be a part of it next year as well."

\$20,000 is only \$5,000 short of the top prize for the LMSC race at Martinsville Speedway making it the second highest paying race in all of Late Model Stock Car racing.

"This should take our race to the next level," explained Diaz. "Sometimes it takes a little innovation to get the notoriety of an event back where it needs to be and we think this could be it. It'll also be big for the fans who will get to see all the top LMSC drivers in the region go for a big prize."

Who's ready to take the Racing Roulette challenge and go for \$20,000 in the 17th running of the Thanksgiving Classic?

Stafford Speedway

STAFFORD SRING, CT - Stafford Speedway returned to NASCAR Whelen All-American Series racing action with its Final Friday Night Shoot-Out program. The night began with a tribute to Ted Christopher, Stafford Speedway's all-time winningest driver with 131 career feature wins, who passed away last Saturday in a plane crash while heading to Riverhead Raceway. Taking feature wins on the night were Keith Rocco in the SK Modified® feature, Michael Bennett in the Late Model feature, Dan Wesson in the SK Light feature, Bryan Narducci in the Limited Late Model feature, and George Besette, Jr. scored his very first win in the DARE Stock feature.

In the 40-lap SK Modified® feature event, the race started with the P1 position left vacant for Ted Christopher. Tony Membrino, Jr. took the lead at the green with Josh Wood immediately applying heavy pressure. As the field hit turn 3, several cars came together and set off a chain reaction that collected Rowan Pennink, Todd Owen, Dan Avery, and Chase Dowling that brought the caution out with 0 laps complete.

The field took the green with Joey Mucciacciaro, Jr. sliding into the turn 1 wall to bring the caution right back out. Membrino took the lead back under green but he was under heavy pressure as Tyler Hines went to his outside and Wood was looking to his inside. Hines went to the lead on lap-3 with Membrino and Ronnie Williams side by side for second. Membrino took second with Williams now side by side with Matt Galko for third and behind then Glen Reen and Eric Berndt were side by side for fifth place. Tom Bolles spun coming out of turn 4 to bring the caution out with 9 laps complete.

Hines and Membrino went side by side for the lead on the restart with Hines taking the lead and Membrino began to slide backwards. Hines held the lead until lap-13 when Williams took the lead. Keith Rocco was on the move after the restart and he quickly worked his way into second behind Williams. Rocco took the lead from Williams on lap-18 while Reen moved up to third with Hines fourth and Wood fifth as the field completed lap-20.

Rocco started to pull away from Williams in second who was in turn pulling away from Reen, Stephen Kopicik, and Hines. Rocco led Williams to the white flag with Kopicik third, Reen fourth, and Hines in fifth. The entire field pulled down pit road after taking the white flag with Stafford Speedway announcers Ben Dodge and Matt Buckler calling Ted Christopher home as the winner.

In the 30-lap Late Model feature event, Kevin Gambacorta led the first lap before Michael Bennett went to the front on lap-2. Tom Fearn was on the move early on as he quickly moved up to second. Gambacorta began to slide backwards and he settled into line in seventh as Mike Wray took third, Mike Quintiliano fourth, Tyler Leary fifth, and Glen Reen sixth. This was the running order when Leary spun in turn 2 to bring the caution out with 10 laps complete.

Bennett took the lead back

under green with Wray taking second from Fearn. Gambacorta was back up to fourth with Paul Arute in fifth. Fearn began to slide backwards to seventh in line as he was stuck in the outside lane with Gambacorta taking third, Arute fourth, Reen fifth, and Quintiliano sixth.

Gambacorta was applying heavy pressure to Wray for second and he was able to make a pass on lap-18. Behind them, Reen moved into fourth and Quintiliano took fifth with Fearn sixth and Arute back to seventh. The order shuffled again on lap-24 as Reen moved into third with Quintiliano fourth and Fearn fifth as Wray fell back to sixth in line as Bennett was in his own time zone out front.

Bennett led the field to the checkered flag to pick up his fifth win of the 2017 season. Gambacorta finished second with Reen, Quintiliano, and Fearn rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap SK Light Modified feature, Bob Charland and Glenn Korner were side by side for the lead at the drop of the green. 2 laps were complete when the caution came out for spins in turn 2 by Cory DiMatteo and Mark Bakaj.

Charland took the lead back under green with Wesley Prucker nearly going 3-wide for the lead with Korner and Charland before he backed out of the move. Marcello Rufrano moved up to third with Norm Sears fourth and Prucker was back to fifth. David Arute went around Prucker on lap-5 to take over fifth and up front, Rufrano took second from Korner as Charland continued to lead.

Rufrano made quick work of Charland as he powered into the lead on lap-7. Korner was third with Prucker and Dan Wesson behind him. With 10 laps complete, Brett Gonyaw took a hard hit into the turn 2 armco barrier that brought the yellow and red flags out. The cars of David Arute and Korner also had damage and they both an early finish to their night.

Rufrano took the lead back under green with Wesson and Prucker side by side for second. Wesson got the better of that battle while Joey Ferrigno was up to fourth and Chris Matthews was in fifth. On lap-14, Wesson made a move to the inside of Rufrano for the lead. The two cars touched and Wesson's car wheel hopped over Rufrano's car and both cars kept on racing with Wesson taking the lead and Rufrano settling into second. Prucker was still fourth while Geoff Nooney was up to fifth.

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After a heat race crash left his regular ride too damaged for the feature, Cory DiMatteo got behind the wheel of Mark Alkas' car and after starting at the rear was now into the top-5. DiMatteo took fourth from Ferrigno as Wesson took the white flag.

Wesson led Rufrano to the checkered flag to pick up his second win of the 2017 season. Prucker

was third with DiMatteo and Mark Bakaj rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap Limited Late Model feature event, Jeremy Lavoie took the lead at the green with Robert Bloxson, III taking second from Gary Patnode on lap-3. Bryan Narducci followed Bloxson past Patnode to move into third and Duane Provost got by Patnode on lap-4 to move into fourth. Narducci took second on lap-4 from Bloxson and Provost followed him through to take third and drop Bloxson back to fourth. Alexandra Fearn was fifth with Al and Cliff Saunders behind her as Patnode had slipped back to ninth.

Al Saunders got around Bloxson on lap-10 to move into fourth and his twin brother Cliff took fifth from Fearn on lap-11 as Lavoie continued to lead the race with Narducci and Provost giving chase. Matt Clement in turn 1 to bring the caution out with 13 laps complete.

Narducci took the lead back under green with Al Saunders taking second. Provost got loose and nearly spun but he was able to get back in line in fourth behind Fearn in third with Cliff Saunders taking fifth. Provost took third from Fearn on lap-18 while Cliff Saunders, Lavoie, and Bloxson were in the midst of a dogfight for fifth.

Narducci led Saunders to the checkered flag to pick up his fourth win of the 2017 season. Provost finished third with Fearn and Lavoie rounding out the top-5.

In the 15-lap DARE Stock feature event, Chuck Harrison took the lead at the green with Dave Secore, Jr. moving into second and Brandon Michael took third. Nicole Chambrello and Nick Bendiak spun in turn 3 to bring the caution out with 1 lap complete.

Secore charged into the lead on the restart with Michael and Harrison side by side for second. Michael got clear on lap-3 with

George Bessette, Jr. moving by Harrison to take third. Johnny Walker followed Bessette by Harrison to take fourth with Mike Hopkins moving into fifth. Harrison slotted into line in sixth place with Secore leading Michael.

Walker got around Bessette to move into third on lap-5 and he was applying pressure to Michael for second. Walker took second from Michael on lap-6 but the caution came out for a spin in turn 4 by Gary Spinnato, Sr. which moved Walker back to third for the restart.

Michael got a good run on the outside of Secore to take the lead on the restart and Bessette moved into second on the outside of Secore. Secore slotted into third with Walker taking fourth and Hopkins was fifth. Bessette went around Secore on lap-10 to move into second before Harrison spun in turn 1 to bring the caution back out.

Bessette used the outside lane to his advantage as he took the lead from Michael on the restart. Walker took third with Secore fourth and Hopkins fifth. Walker took second from Michael on lap-14 and Hopkins was applying heavy pressure to Secore for fourth as Bessette was still leading.

Bessette led Walker to the checkered flag to pick up his first career win. Michael finished third with Secore and Hopkins rounding out the top-5.

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Holland International Speedway and Spencer Speedway

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - Tommy Catalano continued his family's tradition of collecting NASCAR championships.

The year 19-year-old Catalano won a pair of NASCAR track championships at New York's Holland International Speedway and Spencer Speedway. By doing so, Catalano became only the second person in history to win both championships in the same year.

The only other person to accomplish that feat is someone Catalano knows very well: his mother, Amy Catalano.

"That's definitely cool," said Catalano, who locked up both the Holland and Spencer track championships last weekend in New York in his No. 54PJ modified sponsored by Power & Construction Group, CP Ward and PJ Radiator.

Catalano is no stranger to track

championships. The championship this year at Holland is his third-straight in the Getzoni Nationwide Insurance Agency Pro Modified class, but only his second Division I track championship at the three-eighths-mile oval after Holland officials decided to make the Charger division the top class in 2016.

That change didn't bother Catalano, who won the Pro Modified championship for the second-straight year in 2016. The division returned to Division I status in 2017, allowing Catalano to earn his second Division I track title at Holland.

While continuing his winning ways at Holland, Catalano also found success at Spencer. He earned his first Sunoco Modified track championship at the half-mile oval thanks largely to a consistent season that saw him never finish outside of the top-five.

"There are 14 cars weekly there that can win the race. It's really anybody's game," Catalano said of Spencer. "At Spencer you're running with a lot of the big dogs. The RoC (Race of Champions) guys, past Whelen (Modified Tour) guys. Spencer is a track full of the best talent in the area. It's hard to win there. It's hard to do good there."

Catalano credited his experience early this year racing with a regional touring series, the Race of Champions, for helping his family team get ready to battle for a track championship at Spencer.

"This year we took the momentum from the RoC and started off strong and that carried us through," Catalano said. "The competition is tough and usually the person that wins the championship there is the person that has zero finishes outside the top-five all year long. This year we were the only car to do that. It adds up to us having the championship."

Between the two tracks Catalano scored two victories, 10 top-five and 11 top-10 finishes in 11

starts. That amazing consistency is what allowed Catalano to secure both track championships in the same season.

"We started the year out with a pair of wins and just kept basically moving forward from there," Catalano said. "The past couple of years we would start off a little shaky but towards the end of the year we would start racking up the wins, but at that point its too late. We were just able to put it together fully early on this year. It was definitely something that was huge."

For the Catalano family, racing is a family tradition. In addition to Tommy and Amy, Tommy's father Dave and his younger brother Timmy also race. His father took the year off to recover from hip surgery, but Tommy believes he'll be back behind the wheel in 2018.

"Up until this year it was the three of us (Tommy, Amy and Dave) racing against each other. He took the year off to have his hip replaced and have some surgery done, so hopefully he'll be back in the car next year," Catalano said. "At the local level my mom, myself and my next youngest brother (Timmy) races against us too. It's all one big happy family out there to say the least."

So what can we expect from Catalano next year? He said to expect him back at both Spencer and Holland to hopefully defend his track championships, but he also hopes to try his hand at a few NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour events if the schedules work out right.

"I think we're definitely going to do Holland and Spencer (again)," said Catalano. "This year coming up we're going to try do the last couple Whelen Modified Tour shows. Next year, I don't know if we're going to do a full season, but we're definitely going to try and hit some more of them and get some more experience in the tour-type cars and go from there."



Catalano won a pair of NASCAR track championships at New York's Holland International Speedway and Spencer Speedway. (BEV & KEN DIPPEL photo)