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Happy Win All Around Kyle Larson Shows How It Is Done at All-Star Race

Should the All-Star Race Be Moved?

Denny Hamlin may have a point. He believes NASCAR's All-Star race may need to move away from its comforts of home at the Charlotte Motor Speedway. If other racetracks bid on the event, it would be easier to get the local community to buy into the event.

But that's the only tweak that's needed.

Last Saturday's race was a gem. Again. Compared to all-star games for other sports, NASCAR clearly lapped the field.

There's no defense in the NBA or NFL all-star games. Players use kid gloves against each other in the NHL all-star game and the most valuable player in Major League Baseball's mid-summer classic generally is the player with a single hit or a pitcher with two scoreless innings.

In short, there's no incentive to win in other sports.

In NASCAR, there are a million reasons, as in dollars, to win.

There were three different stage winners in the Monster Energy Open to advance into the main event. And there were four different stage winners in the All-Star race. Kyle Larson pushed through traffic with less than five inches to spare on either side to win the final segment – and \$1 million – with traffic behind him often went four-wide.

Another aerodynamic package was being tested during the non-points race, and it seemed to keep the field bunched in huge packs.

"Restarts were intense for sure," Larson said. "That's what makes this race so exciting is it's short runs. People are going crazy. Even though it's a 20-lap run, there's still a caution or two in each segment because everybody is just going nuts. So just having short runs like that I think really showcases this package."

It was so close Clint Bowyer was throwing punches at Ryan Newman after the race. It was reminiscent of the 1989 race when crews for Darrell Waltrip and Rusty Wallace fought on pit road and in the garage area after the race.

Or in 1987 when Dale Earnhardt, Bill Elliott and Geoff Bodine

waged a war on the track. Earnhardt and Elliott bumped coming through the front stretch, sending Earnhardt through the grass. (It's still referred to as the "Pass in the Grass" although Earnhardt didn't actually pass anyone).

The contact eventually sent Elliott to the pits with a flat tire and Earnhardt to Victory Lane. Elliott broke into Earnhardt's post-race press conference and warned him not to be so aggressive.

And who could forget the finish of the 1992 race with Davey Allison crashing at the finish line. Instead of going to Victory Lane, he went straight from the accident to a local hospital.

While other sports essentially make appearances at their all-star games, drivers elevate their games because, other than a race car and a night at the emergency room, there's nothing to lose by going over the line at 180 mph.

"There is no etiquette," Ryan Blaney said. "That's what this race is. It's a no points race. You're racing for a lot of money and you do what you have to do. That's a kind of in the moment thing. You can ask about what would you do and drivers say they have their minds made up, but really until you're in that situation it's literally a split-second decision of what you're going to do if you're in that spot. We spend most of our time thinking about things that don't happen and just kind of imaging the future, but it's very rare that things you think about days in advance are actually going to go to plan in anything let alone this sport, but you just race really hard."

"You want to win. Are you going to go out and completely dump a guy and try to hurt him? No, you don't want to hurt anybody, but you're going to race people hard and move them out of the way if you have to, but, like I said, that's just in the moment stuff."

Blaney knows there's plenty of time to send a text message after the race to ask for forgiveness. A \$1 million payday also is a good way to erase a guilty conscious.

"You have repercussions whenever you lay the bumper to somebody and rough somebody up," he said. "You know they're not going to be happy with that, but at the same time you have to look back and say



DON COBLE



All-Star Open winners that made their way into the big show are; (left to right) Alex Bowman, William Byron, Bubba Wallace and Kyle Larson, who went on to win the All-Star race. (STREETER LEDA/GETTY IMAGES photo)

would they have done the same thing to me if the positions were swapped and most likely they probably would, no matter who it is, especially in this race.

"It's a big opportunity for a lot of teams to do well and it's a great title to have to say you've won the all-star race."

Which brings us back to Hamlin. After hosting 34 of the 35 all-star races, Hamlin said the race has become stagnant at the Charlotte Motor Speedway. If other race-

tracks bid to host the event, local communities could be more involved.

"I've been to several other all-star games or pro bowls or whatever it may be and it's about the town," he said.

"It's in a new venue so the towns are really excited about it and really buy in and you see banners and billboards all over the place in the town."

Billboards are fine. Just don't change the attitude on the track.

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Great Night for the Sport

The two weeks at the end of May each year at Charlotte Motor Speedway are, traditionally, two of the most exciting and competitive NASCAR events of the season. However, the Open and the All-Star events last weekend at CMS may have raised the bar.

A million dollar payday, no worry about driver or team points, and racing in front of your hometown friends, family, and team members provides a stage that every driver wants to excel. Plus, a different rules package for the Monster Energy Cup Series (MECS) cars gives drivers and crew chiefs at unique challenge on the 1.5-mile Charlotte track. In addition, practice and qualifying occurs during the day, and the actual All-Star race is under the lights. That's does even take into consideration the weather sensitive track surface at CMS with different handling characteristics between afternoon and evening track temperatures.

Coming off an entertaining MECS race at Kansas Speedway, the excitement level for all competitors was at a season high coming into Charlotte. Prior to Kansas, both Dover and Talladega provided race fans with the type of on-track action that has been the trademark of NASCAR for years. And, based on the attendance at Charlotte for the All-Star events, fans are thrilled to see the competition return.

The weekend began with the NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series race. What looked like a competitive race based on practice and qualifying turned into yet another Kyle Busch show once the green flag waved. Busch would win his fifth truck race (in five starts) of 2019 and earn his 56th career win the series. However, there is a silver lining for all Truck Series competitors. Based on the rules NASCAR established several years ago, MECS drivers can only compete in a limited number of races in both the Truck and Xfinity Series each season. Last Friday night, the N C Education Lottery

200 was the final truck race of the season for Kyle Busch. While there may be a MECS driver compete in the Truck Series this year, the domination and chasing Kyle Busch to the checkered flag has ended.

However, the action on the historic 1.5-mile track was just beginning. Qualifying for the All-Star race is always a rare treat for the fans, and this year was no exception. With qualifying consisting of fast laps on the track, plus a four-tire pit stop, action was fast and furious. Under All-star qualifying rules, there is no speed limit on pit road during each pit stop. Bringing back

memories from the way pit stops were during the actual race years ago, watching each car speed down pit lane, often slide into their stall, and speed back on the track was truly a highlight.

The Open race began the on-track action Saturday night with

all drivers not already qualified for the All-Star Race given an opportunity to race their way into the Million Dollar Event. And, the scramble to earn one of the three "last chance" positions for the winner of each segment provided some of the most competitive racing of the season. With a chance to move into the All-Star event and race for one million dollars, there would be no holding back on aggression.

William Byron, Bubba Wallace, and Kyle Larson won their way into the feature with segment victories. Alex Bowman won the fan vote and earned a spot in the elite nineteen car field.

The emotion of racing you way into the All-Star field was obvious in the Richard Petty Motorsports garage with driver Bubba Wallace. Wallace, who recently became very emotional during a press conference discussing his 2019 season, received congratulations from many of his fellow competitors following his segment win. Probably the most emotion was when Wallace's good friend, Ryan Blaney, came to the Petty garage stall to hug Wallace and share his joy. While NASCAR racing is very competitive and a "no friends on the track" attitude shared by most, the emotion shared when one of your friends does well provides a

human-interest side of the business.

Let's set the scene. Under the lights of Charlotte Motor Speedway, temperatures reaching nearly 90 degrees, nineteen cars, four segments, with one million dollars on the line for the winner. The All-Star Race has given NASCAR and motorsports fans in general some of the most entertaining racing action in the sport's history. Often times, tempers flare and strong discussions result.

With various race strategies being used during the first three segments of the race, the final fifteen-lap would certainly cap off a tremendous night of racing. Plus, only green flag laps would count in the final segment. Believe me, it did not disappoint!

Kyle Larson battled the hard-charging cars of Kyle Busch and Kevin Harvick throughout the final segment. With Larson doing an outstanding job of keeping the two fierce competitors in his rearview mirror, the fans anticipated another wild finish. However, both Harvick and Busch would try their best, but the young superstar outraced the field and captured the victory. And a one million dollar prize!

event. Apparently, there was a disagreement over space (Shocker!) and, on the cool-down lap used their respective race cars to voice their displeasure.

Both drivers were escorted to the NASCAR trailer for a discussion with Scott Miller, NASCAR Senior Vice President of Competition.

"They (Bowyer and Newman) had a little difference of opinion out there on the racetrack and they had a difference of opinion here in the trailer," Miller stated when he met with the media. "We think we, kind of, understand what went on out there. I think they are in a pretty good place, we are going to keep an eye on it. You know we think we are in a good place with them, but we will have to certainly monitor that next week and moving forward with these two. If there starts to be shenanigans, we will intervene."

"Some people think that's great, some people don't think that's great," Miller continued. "It's certainly not something we are going to promote or want them doing."

Now, less than one day after the All-Star Race, both news and sports media all over the country are talking about and showing the



DENNIS PUNCH



Kyle Larson (42) keeps his car ahead of the field to win. (NIGEL KINRADE/NKP photo)

"I can't believe it," Larson said in Victory Lane. "I won the B Main and the A Main tonight (referring to his Sprint Car background). I was an "alphabet soup night" for me. I can't wait to celebrate."

While Larson was celebrating on the track with burnouts, doughnuts, and a ton of smoke after his win, the action began to "heat up" on pit road.

Clint Bowyer climbed from his #14 and sprinted over to the #6 car of Ryan Newman. As Newman dropped his window net, Bowyer reached into the #6 and began swinging his fists wildly. Needless to say, Newman exited his car quickly and the two competitors "discussed" their issues. Officials and crew members quickly separated the two and some measure of order maintained.

To the surprise of very few, each driver had a different view of the on-track racing during the All-Star

footage of the Bowyer-Newman incident. Sure, Larson winning one million dollars is discussed, but the "scuffle" was the main highlight. Fans will talk about the "incident" long after their discussion of how their favorite driver did in the All-Star race.

While I know it's the proper and politically correct thing to say, I've got to believe that, somewhere in a high office behind closed doors, NASCAR is quietly cheering the attention that All-Star weekend brought to the sport. It was the perfect event at the perfect time! During a weekend that featured Indy Car qualifying, the PGA Golf Tournament, and NBA Semi-final play-off action, you can bet the "water cooler" talk this week with feature the action on pit road after the All-Star race.

And, just think, we've got 600 miles of racing action at the Coca-Cola 600 in one week!

Kyle Larson Holds Off Kevin Harvick to Win Monster Energy NASCAR All-Star Race

CONCORD, NC - Kyle Larson is a million dollars richer after holding off Kevin Harvick in the final 15-lap stage of the Monster Energy NASCAR All-Star Race, an event that ended with Larson in Victory Lane and Clint Bowyer tangling with Ryan Newman on pit road.

Earlier Saturday afternoon, Larson won the Monster Energy Open at Charlotte Motor Speedway to make the All-Star Race field. Then, in the four-stage, 85-lap main event, Larson became only the second driver in the All-Star history to win the Open and go to Victory lane in the All-Star Race.

With a huge push from Kevin Harvick after a restart with 12 laps left, Larson surged into the lead in his No. 42 Chip Ganassi Racing Chevrolet Camaro ZL1, leaving Kyle Busch and Chase Elliott in his wake off Turn 2. Busch chased Larson until his No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota Camry bounced off the Turn 4 wall with six laps left and surrendered second place to Harvick.

Larson kept Harvick at bay the rest of the way and crossed the finish line .322 seconds ahead of the No. 4 Stewart-Haas Racing Ford Mustang. For Larson, it was a welcome win in a Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series season that has been a struggle so far.

"This is unbelievable," an elated Larson said after a burnout on the frontstretch that shrouded the grandstand in smoke. "This whole day was up and down. From the B Main (a dirt-track racer's nomenclature for the Open), we were getting a little bit of damage, having to repair the car. Had some great restarts there the last few, and Harvick gave me a heck of a push to get to the lead from the third row, and that was huge."

"Then again to get by the 18 (Busch) that final restart, just had to guess kind of what he was going to do behind me and try and take his air away. The 18 surprised me how good he was. But, man, this is amazing. I've been close a couple times. I feel like every time I've

been in the All Star Race I've been close to winning, so it's neat to finally close it out.

"There's a lot of people from the shop here today, so we get to do some celebrating. I'm excited about that."

Harvick, who dominated the second stage, arguably had the fastest car, but slow pit stops repeatedly cost him track position, leaving the

cars of Newman and Bowyer on the cool-down lap ended with Bowyer turned into the outside wall. Later, on pit road, Bowyer rushed to Newman's car.

Newman climbed from his car, and the drivers exchanged words instead of blows as they stood on pit road.

"The 14 (Bowyer) chopped me on the front straightaway earlier in the race," Newman said after the race. "...Then after the race I just went up and tapped him in the back to let him know I didn't appreciate the way he raced me."

"The he body-slammed me, and I hit him back a little bit on the back straightaway, and then he just cut across my nose in Turn 3. It doesn't take much of a man to try to fight

.006 seconds.

On fresh tires, Byron roared through Turn 4 on the final lap of Stage 1 and made hard side-to-side contact with the Chevrolet of Wallace, who had stayed out on older rubber under caution for BJ McLeod's blown engine. Byron's No. 24 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet turned sideways, but he righted the car and beat Wallace to the finish line by little more than the length of the front splitter.

Wallace found redemption in Stage 2, again staying out on older tires for the overtime run. For two laps, Wallace held off the Stewart-Haas Racing Ford of Daniel Suarez, who had new Goodyears, and when Suarez darted to the inside off the final corner, Wallace



Winning \$1,000,000 becomes a family affair for Kyle Larson and his son Owen after winning the Monster Energy All-Star race at Charlotte Motor Speedway. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

driver frustrated with second place.

"A letdown," was the way Harvick described his evening. "That's how you take the fastest car and don't win the race with it. You spot them the whole field... and just an incredible Busch Beer Ford. (Crew chief) Rodney (Childers) and all these guys on the team just did a great job, and it was unfortunate the way pit road went tonight because it wasn't even close for anybody having a good car like we had tonight."

"It was a great night for performance, just a bad night on pit road."

Busch, who won the 30-lap first stage, held on to third-place at the finish, followed by Joey Logano and Bubba Wallace, another transfer from the Open. Aric Almirola, Austin Dillon, Alex Bowman, William Byron and Martin Truex Jr. completed the top 10.

Repeated contact between the

someone with a helmet on."

Bowyer, who like Newman was called to the NASCAR hauler after the race, seemed mystified about the origins of the original conflict.

"I don't know what the hell his beef was," Bowyer said. "I thought he was a lap down... I checked up, and he ran into my left rear. That was the last I saw of him, and then after the race, he comes and runs into my back and turns me all around. I pull up next to him, and he dumps me into (Turn) 4."

"Where I come from, you get poked in the nose for that."

Larson wouldn't have been in the All-Star Race at all had he not won the Monster Energy Open, which decided three of the last four spots in the main event. Each of the first two 20-lap stages of the drama-filled qualifier ended with a two-lap overtime, the first of which was decided in Byron's favor by

blocked, sending Suarez sliding through the infield and out of contention.

The stage win was a welcome change for Wallace, who has suffered through a difficult season in the No. 43 Richard Petty Motorsports Chevrolet.

"My mental game is really shot right now, but, damn, it feels good to win something," Wallace said after the Open. "I have failed at a lot of things in life recently, but I am working to make those things better. We'll see what we can get tonight."

Larson (who won the last 10-lap stage), Byron and Wallace all earned spots in the All-Star Race, along with Open third-place finisher Bowman, who made the field as the winner of the All-Star race Fan Vote. All four of those drivers finished in the top 10 in the main event.

Kyle Busch Dominates in Final Truck Series Start of 2019

CONCORD, NC - For the fifth time in his allotted five NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series starts in 2019, Kyle Busch took the checkered flag, this time under the lights in the North Carolina Education Lottery 200 at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

"I wish I could do more," Busch said following his 56th Gander Trucks career win.

The rest of the field undoubtedly is quite happy the owner/driver of Kyle Busch Motorsports won't be back until 2020. After all, Busch posted a perfect driver rating (150.0) and led five times for 102 laps in Friday night's 134-lap event. He notched his eighth victory in 13 starts at Charlotte, where he has finished either first or second in nine straight events in the series.

The win was Busch's 56th over-

all, extending his own series record and bringing his combined NASCAR national series wins total to 205.

"This Tundra was awesome tonight," Busch said of the No. 51 Kyle Busch Motorsports Toyota. "It was flying and it was fast. We worked on it a lot in practice. We were a little off when we unloaded, and we tried to make it better and better and better."

"We made improvements. That's what's good about me driving and Rudy (Fugle) crew-chiefing. "These guys do a great job working on it, and we just keep getting better. Happy birthday to Brexton (Busch's son). He'll be four tomorrow. It's awesome to have him here tonight, and we'll celebrate."

On a three-lap run to the finish after the seventh and final caution, Busch pulled away to beat Brennan Poole to the stripe by 1.115 seconds. Despite dealing with a broken sway bar for most of the race,

Poole grabbed second after staying out under caution before the final restart on Lap 132.

"My truck was all over the place, man," Poole said. "I just gave it everything I had. I found something running the top lane there on the restarts, and it worked out really good."

"We just ran second to Kyle Busch tonight with a broken sway bar. I'm pretty proud of the effort. I know we've got a lot more chances like this coming up in our future to get this Toyota Tundra to Victory Lane. But I'm excited tonight, and I think I may even go get myself a beer when I get home."

Stewart Friesen ran third, followed by Ben Rhodes and pole winner Matt Crafton. Austin Hill, Todd Gilliland, rookie Anthony Alfredo, Grant Enfinger and Ross Chastain completed the top 10. For Chastain, last week's winner at Kansas, it was the eighth straight top 10 in eight races this season.

But Friday's story was all about Busch.

It took just a few seconds to observe just how dominant his Toyota Tundra was going to be. Starting the race from the eighth spot, Busch had powered his way into third by the time the field came off

Turn 2 on the opening lap.

On Lap 5, he took the lead for the first time, cruising to the inside of KBM teammate Todd Gilliland. By the time NASCAR called the first caution for Natalie Decker's hard contact with the Turn 2 wall on Lap 23, Busch held a 5.652-second lead over Gilliland.

Busch pitted for tires and fuel under the yellow, handing the Stage 1 victory to Crafton, who passed Gilliland on Lap 30 and took the green/checkered flag moments later.

But four laps after the green waved in Stage 2 on Lap 37, Busch was back in the lead, heading for a stage victory with a margin of more than four seconds.

Divergent strategies scrambled the field during pit stops under rapid-fire cautions on Laps 78 and 85, but Busch regained the top spot on Lap 96, passing Rhodes to the outside off Turn 2.

Busch stretched his advantage to 6.125 seconds before Brett Moffitt cut a tire on Lap 126 and caused the seventh caution when the tire carcass rolled free onto the track in Turn 3. The yellow simply delayed but couldn't thwart Busch's seemingly inexorable march to Victory Lane.



Kyle Busch makes his customary salute to the fans after winning the N.C. Education Lottery 200. (SEAN GARDNER/GETTY photo)

Woody Pitkat Outlasts Competition To Score Wall Stadium Win

WALL TOWNSHIP, NJ - The wait was well worth it for Woody Pitkat.

The Stafford, Connecticut, native outlasted all other competitors in the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour return to Wall Stadium Speedway on Saturday and took the checkered flag in the first event at the third-mile in 12 years.

It was the fourth career Whelen Modified Tour win for Pitkat, and his first in four years. It was also his first win driving for Danny Watts Racing in his 21st start with the team. Pitkat took over the ride after the passing of Ted Christopher in 2017.

"The biggest thing I told the guys today was that I wasn't going to be over-aggressive," Pitkat said. "I figured we wouldn't qualify that great,

but I knew I just needed to be there at the end. I was just trying to ride as much as I could. I really wasn't sure how it was going to work out."

The race didn't look like it was going to fall into Pitkat's lap until the final stages. Doug Coby took control of the race on lap 66 after starting sixth and led a race-high 72 laps. He was in control of the field on a restart on lap 138, and after contact with home town favorite Andrew Krause entering turn three, both of their chances ended. Krause, who was fastest in practice and 35 laps himself, was done for the night.

That handed the lead to former series champion Ron Silk, who looked as though he would score his second win of the young season driving for Kevin Stuart. But, a restart with just five laps remaining ended Silk's chances as contact sent him spinning, in a wreck that collected many of the cars left on the track.



Woody Pitkat celebrates winning the Jersey Shore 150 at Wall Stadium Speedway. (Mike Lawrence/NASCAR photo)

From there, the battle for Pitkat was underway. On a green-white-checkered restart in NASCAR overtime, Pitkat lined up to the outside of Sunoco Rookie of the Year contender Timmy Catalano on the front row. At the green, he powered by to the lead and never looked back, as the No. 82 Horton Avenue Materials Chevrolet started smoking while the nerf-bar starting rubbing on the right-rear tire.

In the end, he made it around to the checkered flag at the top of the field.

In the late dash, rising star Blake Barney powered his way to a second-place finish, his career best effort in Whelen Modified Tour competition. Veteran Rob Summers was third, followed by Catalano and Dave Sapienza.

Eric Goodale was sixth, followed by Ken Heagy, Ron Silk, Tommy Catalano and Doug Coby.

The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour returns to the track on Saturday, June 1, as the series makes a trip to Massachusetts and Seekonk Speedway.

NASCAR Diversity Internship Program Announces 2019 Class

D A Y T O N A BEACH, FL - As NASCAR® and its fans celebrated the 2019 Monster Energy NASCAR All-Star Race weekend in Charlotte, N.C., the industry welcomed the newest class of interns selected to the NASCAR Diversity Internship Program

(NDIP).

Twenty-eight undergraduate and graduate students from universities across the country began orienta-

tion in Charlotte and participated in a motorsports tour that included Charlotte Motor Speedway, the NASCAR Hall of Fame and the other racing venues in and around the city.

"For many, the NASCAR Diversity Internship Program provides an introduction to motorsports as well as valuable, hands-on experience in an industry rich with opportunity," said Paula Miller, NASCAR senior vice president and chief human resources officer. "As we welcome each new class, we're reminded of the many careers launched by this program and the positive impact

our graduates continue to have on the sport."

One of the premier internships in sports, NDIP offers college students from diverse backgrounds a unique and practical experience in the motorsports industry. More than 400 students and several industry partners have participated in NDIP since its inception in 2000.

Twenty-four former interns are currently employed in the NASCAR industry.

Maryland native Kenneth Lee was part of last year's NDIP class, and following his internship was hired as an associate producer for Motor Racing Network (MRN) in Concord, N.C.

As part of orientation on Friday, Lee will give the new interns a tour of MRN studios.

The 2019 NDIP class will have

roles at NASCAR and program partners across the industry which include International Speedway Corporation (ISC), Toyota, MRN and several tracks and teams.

Throughout the program, interns will interact with industry professionals at an array of networking events and lunch-and-learns led by NASCAR executives. The interns will also have access to mentors and NDIP alumni currently working at the sanctioning body and partner organizations.

NDIP is open to sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate-level college students and offers hands-on experience with one of the top sports industries in the country. The internship provides opportunities to multicultural students from all majors with a minimum grade point average of 3.0.

The 2019 NASCAR Diversity Internship Program class includes:

Name	Department	University	Name	Department	University
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Pollard, McCarty Muscle into CARS Tour Victory Lane at Motor Mile

RADFORD, VA - The Heritage Truck Centers 250 was the first time the CARS Tour visited Motor Mile Speedway since 2015, and Saturday night's action made up for the long hiatus when Bubba Pollard and Bobby McCarty muscled their way to Edelbrock Victory Lane.

For Pollard, it was his third tour win this season and the first for McCarty in nearly a year.

SUPER LATE MODEL RECAP:

Matt Craig claimed the Mahle Pistons Pole Award and led the field to the green flag in the opening race of the night. Second place starter Bubba Pollard nosed ahead of Craig to lead lap one before the Kannapolis, N.C., retook the top spot on lap two and held it for over a third of the race.

Pollard began to show his speed on lap 47 when he bypassed Craig for the top spot, but Craig found a way back around on lap 59. The pair continued to trade blows, moving each other out of the way multiple times before Pollard ultimately took the lead for the final time on lap 78 after a caution for Mike Speeney's problems in turn three.

Despite Pollard's late-race dominance, Craig threw everything at the No. 26 Ford when he attempted to outduel Pollard on a lap 114 restart. Having none of it, race control thwarted his work when the restart was called back as a jumped restart and reattempted with Pollard on the inside lane where he motored away after the green flag.

Pollard extended his lead to a .686-second advantage at the checkered flag, beating Craig, Stephen Nasse, Tate Fogelman and Kodie Conner to the line.

"When you drive good stuff, got good people behind you, they make it easy on you," said Pollard in Edelbrock Victory Lane when asked about how he has pulled off three wins so far this season.

"When you drive me dirty, I'm going to drive you back dirty, and that's all there is to it," he continued when prompted about the battle with Matt Craig. "When you run me up the racetrack, I'm going to let you know it. It could have been a lot cleaner than what it was, and it

wasn't. It's part of racing if he wants to drive like that. You're looking at a new Bubba Pollard. I've kinda been easy on people, kind of just rolled with the flow, but I ain't taking no [expletive] off nobody no more. If you touch that 26 car, you're gonna be ready for it."

LATE MODEL STOCK RECAP:

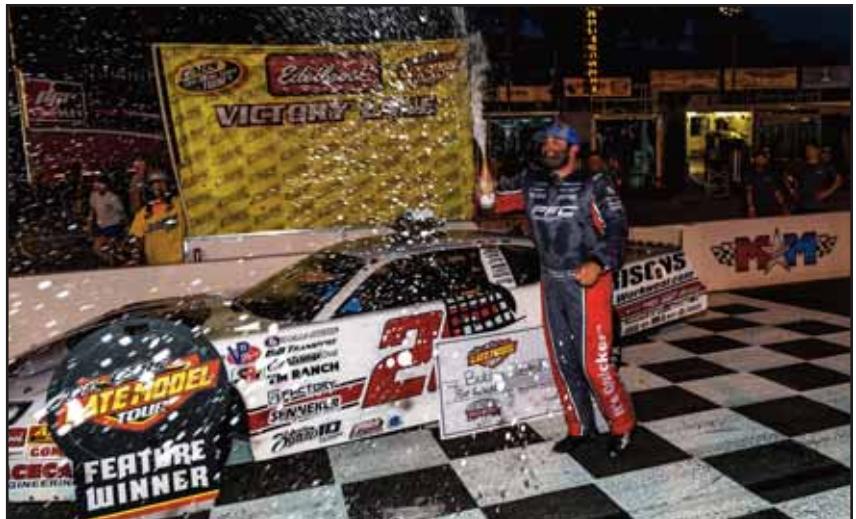
Four years ago, Josh Berry picked up his first CARS Tour win at Motor Mile Speedway, and picked up where he left off by rocketing to the Hedgecock Racing Pole Position during qualifying. As expected, he shot to the lead early over second place starter Deac McCaskill.

The opening two thirds of the race was exceptionally clean, with two caution flags on laps 40 and 80 thrown by rule according to the series' competition caution policy. After lap 80, however, things got crazy when Taylor Gray lost control exiting turn four which started a massive chain reaction melee that collected at least ten cars in one fashion or another. Multiple drivers were eliminated from the race afterwards.

Bobby McCarty, who had moved to second during the opening two stints, challenged Josh Berry on the restart, but was unable to steal to the top spot despite a quick outside lane at Motor Mile.

A slew of late-race accidents including four cautions in the final scheduled 25 laps, gave McCarty multiple opportunities to bypass Berry but none of them yielded any results.

Josh Berry took the white flag after 124 laps and appeared to be en route to his 16th career when Brandon Pierce sent Ryan



Bubba Pollard celebrates in victory lane after winning the Super Late Model event of the Heritage Truck Centers 250 at Motor Mile Speedway. (Glen Starek/Glen Starek Photography photo)

Repko for a spin in turn two, forcing officials to throw the yellow before the leader had taken the checkered flag, prompting a green-white-checkered restart.

On the initial attempt, Berry bypassed McCarty in turn three, but washed up the track allowing McCarty to drive to his inside in turn one. The two made contact, and Berry went spinning up the track, handing McCarty the race lead and relegating Berry to the tail.

The second attempt at a finish saw McCarty choose the high line for his restart lane, while Justin Carroll started underneath. The pair leaned on each other while others pushed and shoved behind them. They took the white flag in a near dead heat, and made the final circuit door-to-door before racing off turn four to the checkered flag where Bobby McCarty edged out Carroll in a photo finish of .029 seconds. Sammy Smith, Brandon Pierce and Tommy Lemons, Jr., rounded out the top five.

"I really hate that with the 88, I really do, he knows I don't race that way," McCarty said after thanking his crew in Edelbrock Victory Lane.



Bobby McCarty celebrates in victory lane after winning the Late Model Stock event of the Heritage Truck Centers 250 at Motor Mile Speedway. (Glen Starek/Glen Starek Photography photo)

"He was trying to pinch me, and I was trying to run him up a little bit, and we hit wheels. It yanked the wheel right out of my hand. I've never wrecked nobody for a win, I never have and I never will, that was just a racing incident. Hopefully he and I can talk about it and come to an agreement. But, like I said, a big thank you to everyone at Nelson Motorsports. My wife and son are here, and it's the first time they've come in a long time, so this is a really cool moment for me.

"When that [lap 124] caution came out, I was worried, because they can cause a lot of problems," he continued when asked about the setup for the finish. "You never know how these restarts are going to play out. Josh didn't get to the throttle really good coming out of four, and I was able to pull the crossover and we got position on him and that was unfortunate and I really hate that happened. I didn't know whether to take the inside or the outside on the last restart because I was losing forward drive and that's where the 88 was killing us. I felt like if someone was on our outside, I wasn't going to be able to get the throttle down. We took the outside, Justin's a really hard racer, he races hard but he races clean, and I hope the fans enjoyed that show."

The next event for the CARS Racing Tour will take place June 8 at Langley Speedway, the Who's Your Driver 125, a standalone event for the late model stock cars with support from three local divisions at a highly-competitive .395-mile layout on the east coast of Virginia.

For more information on the CARS Tour, visit their website at CARSRacingTour.com, or follow them on Facebook (@CARSTour), Twitter (@CARSTour), and Instagram (@cars_tour).

Chandler Smith Dominates Rain Shortened Sioux Chief PowerPEX 200 at Toledo Speedway

Chandler Smith (No. 20 Craftsman/828 Logistics Toyota) won the rain shortened ARCA Menards Series Sioux Chief PowerPEX 200 presented by Federated Car Care at Toledo Speedway, leading 140 of the race's 152 laps.

Rain threatened throughout the day, but the race started on time. Smith started second, alongside Venturini Motorsports teammate Michael Self (No. 25 Sinclair Lubricants Toyota), who earned the General Tire Pole Award in qualifying on Saturday. Self would lead the first ten laps but faced pressure from Smith the entire time. Eventually, Smith would dip to the inside and work his way by and drove off to a full straightaway advantage over the battle for second.

Smith could see the rain was coming as the race ran to its ultimate conclusion, and even hoped it would come sooner than later.

"Whenever you're the leader and you can see rain coming and the race is past halfway you want it to hurry up and get there," Smith said. "I knew as soon as it started raining it wasn't going to stop so we needed to get out front and stay out front. That's what we did. These Venturini Motorsports guys do a great job giving me racecars that can dominate these races. I drive them the same way I drive my late model cars and that's where we were able to beat them all today. We had more drive off the corners and that's what it took."

Ty Gibbs (No. 18 Monster Energy/ORCA Coolers/Terrible Herbst/Advance Auto Parts Toyota) finished second, his third runner-up finish in four career ARCA Menards Series races.

"I don't know what the record is for most second-place finishes before someone gets their first win," Gibbs asked, "but I think we're in the hunt for it. We're getting a little tired of finishing second at this point. We just ran out of time before the rain came. I think we needed another ten laps and we could have had something for them at the end."

Christian Eckes (No. 15 JBL

Audio Toyota) finished third, Self was fourth, and Sam Mayer (No. 21 Chevy Accessories Chevrolet) was fifth.

The race was slowed a total of four times by caution flags, two for incidents and two for rain, one of which ultimately ended the race. The first incident happened on lap 30 involving Joe Graf, Jr. (No. 77 EAT SLEEP RACE Ford) and Hailie Deegan (No. 55 Toyota Racing Development 40th Anniversary Toyota), both of whom made heavy

contact with the foam blocks lining the outside wall in turn three. Graf would finish 17th and Deegan with finish 18th, and last, in her series debut.

The second incident of the day involved the championship leader going into the race Travis Braden (No. 27 MatrixCare/Consonus Health Care/Liberty Village Ford), who hit the blocks in turn one on lap 79. Braden would finish 13th, falling back to second in the standings 25 points behind Self.

There were two leaders on the day, Self from the pole and Smith, who led from lap 13 through the checkered at lap 152. The race was slowed four times for 23 laps and was ultimately shortened by 48 laps due to rain. Along with the race at Salem Speedway, it's the second

time in six races in 2019 that a race has been shortened by rain. The race took 59 minutes and 22 seconds and was completed at an average speed of 76.811 miles per hour.

The next event on the ARCA Menards Series schedule is the General Tire 150 at Charlotte Motor Speedway coming up on Thursday, May 23. Practice is set for 11:30 am ET, General Tire Pole Qualifying will follow at 5 pm ET, and the race will go green at 9 pm ET live on FS1. ARCA for Me members can access free live timing & scoring, live track updates, and live chat at ARCARacing.com. New users can register for free at ARCARacing.com/login. For ticket information call (800) 455-FANS or log on to CharlotteMotorSpeedway.com.



Chandler Smith takes the checkered flag for a rain-shortened Sioux Chief PowerPex 200 at Toledo Speedway. (arcaracing.com photo)

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Bill Elliott Scores Third-Straight Victory at Barber Motorsports Park

BIRMINGHAM, AL - "Retired" NASCAR Legend Bill Elliott scored his third-straight Historic Sportscar Racing (HSR) victory Friday in the Sasco Sports International/American Challenge race on the opening day of competition at the HSR Barber Historics at Barber Motorsports Park.

Driving the Vintage Race Car Restorations-prepared 1970 No. 9 Ford Mustang Boss 302, Elliott took the lead at the start of the seven-lap sprint race and raced straight to the overall and American-class victories.

The flag-to-flag run mirrored Elliott's pair of Stock Car wins in last month's 42nd HSR Mitty at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta where "Awesome Bill from Dawsonville" led every lap in both weekend races.

The Stock Car wins were earned in a 2006 No. 9 Dodge Charger but Elliott, a skilled road racer, was just as strong Friday at the wheel of the early Trans-Am era Mustang in his first visit to the 2.38-mile Barber road course.

Second overall in the Sasco Sports race and first in the Porsche class went to George Kovakas in his 1986 No. 114 Porsche 944 Turbo.

Gilles Boyer completed the overall podium and took second-place Porsche-class honors in his 1972 No. 37 Porsche 911 S/T prepared by Heritage Motorsports.

The Porsche podium was completed by Lucky Dog Racing driver Jerry Peters who raced to an impressive fourth-place overall finish in his 1974 No. 8 Porsche 914/6 GT.

Elliott was joined on the American-class podium by Chris Langley who scored class runner-up honors in his 1966 No. 99 Chevrolet Corvair Yenko Stinger.

The International-class victory went to Art Valentine in his quick 1974 No. 13 Datsun 260Z.

Valentine led an all-Datsun podium sweep of the International division.

Dave Perelle finished second in class in the 1978 No. 89 Datsun 280Z and Greg Dietz was third in International in his 1979 No. 133

Datsun 280Z.

The first round of HSR WeatherTech Sprints starts Saturday at 12:20 p.m. CDT with a Formula Junior feature race following at 12:50 p.m. CDT. Saturday afternoon's B.R.M. Chronographes Enduro Challenge Vintage and GT Classic (GTC) race is scheduled to start at 2:50 p.m. CDT.

Tickets are available for the HSR Barber Historics Saturday and Sunday. Online information and a variety of admission ticket, camping and parade lap options are available by clicking [here](#).

About HSR: Historic Sportscar Racing (HSR) was formed in the mid-1970s with an event at Road Atlanta. There was one goal then and it remains true today: to celebrate the race cars from the past. As a "time machine" of sights and sounds, HSR provides a venue for competitors and spectators alike to



Bill Elliott raced his way to a flag-to-flag win in a Vintage Race Car Restorations 1970 No. 9 Ford Mustang Boss 302 in the Sasco Sports International/American Challenge. (HSR photo)

share in the wonderful history and excitement created by the cars that competed at race tracks around the world. HSR currently sanctions eight vintage and historic racing events at some of the world's most renowned race tracks, including Road Atlanta, Sebring International Raceway, Daytona International Speedway and more. The complete schedule and full event infor-

mation can be found on HSR's website at www.HSRRace.com. Look for the HSR Channel on YouTube and follow HSR on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/HSR-race/ and on Twitter and Instagram at @HSR_race.

A dedicated website for the Classic 24 Hour at Daytona presented by IMSA is available at www.Classic24hour.com.

CRA Late Model Sportsman Added to Baer Field Crown Jewel Weekend

CRA Racin'

The Crown Jewel \$20K Showdown set to take place on July 4th weekend at Baer Field Motorsports Park, now welcomes the Vore's Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman as part of this historic weekend of racing action that weekend, which will also include the \$20K

Showdown event for the Strike Force Energy All-Star Modifieds, a 60 lap \$5,000 to win Street Stock event sanctioned by the Van Hoy Oil CRA Street Stocks, the Victory Custom Trailers CRA Junior Late Models and the JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour Presented by Chevrolet Performance.

The Vore's Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman were originally set to take to the 3/8-mile track at Baer Field Motorsports Park on May 11th. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had other plans and just a little before race time the precipitation came, and the event had to be postponed. The Vore's Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman will now be part of the Crown Jewel \$20K Showdown on July 5th, 6th,

and 7th at Baer Field Motorsports Park. The Vore's Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman make up race will be part of the racing events on Saturday, July 6th.

As if the Crown Jewel weekend wasn't big enough already, "the Vore's Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman are a welcome addition to an already stacked program" stated track owner Dave Muzzillo.

An updated schedule of events will be available soon and can be found at www.icarallstartour.com/modcrownjewel. Additional event and track information is available at www.baerfieldmotorpark.com.

Jerico Performance Products to Continue Support of CRA

SALEM, IN - Champion Racing Association Powered by JEGS officials and Jerico Performance Products representatives have announced that Jerico Performance Products has agreed to continue its support of CRA and its JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour Presented by Chevrolet Performance and ARCA/CRA Super Series Powered by JEGS for the 2019 season.

Jerico Performance Products

will be the sponsor of the Jerico Performance Products Fast Qualifier Award with the JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour for the upcoming 2019 race season. The Jerico Performance Products Fast Qualifier Award will award each JEGS/CRA All-Star Tour regular events Fast Qualifier with a \$100 cash bonus and the Fast Qualifier of the Master of the Pros 125 event with a \$200 cash bonus. In addition, Jerico Performance Products will award each Jerico Performance Products Fast Qualifier Award winner with a \$100 Product Certificate.

Jerico Performance Products will also be a Contingency Sponsor with the ARCA/CRA Super Series for the 2019 season. Jerico Performance Products will award a \$100 Product Certificate to the 8th place finisher and the 11th place finisher at each series event. In addition, they will award a \$500 Product Certificate by random draw of the top ten in final points for the ARCA/CRA Super Series and for the JEGS/CRA All-Star Tour at the 2019 CRA Awards Banquet.

Jerico Performance Products invites anyone who would like to stop by and see their manufacturing facility in Concord, North Carolina, where all their transmissions are built in house and assembled in a clean room environment. Champions use Jerico! More information on Jerico Performance Products is available at www.jericoperformance.com.

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Lance Dewease Out Duels Donny Schatz for the Morgan Cup at Williams Grove Speedway

The battle for the Morgan Cup at Williams Grove Speedway Saturday night turned into the title match of the century between the World of Outlaws and PA Posse.

One the front row of the 30-lap World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series Feature, representing the World of Outlaws was 10-time Series champion Donny Schatz and next to him, on the pole, representing the PA Posse was Lance Dewease – whose won more races than anyone at Williams Grove.

Dewease added another win to that list Saturday night, defeating Schatz to claim the Morgan Cup and his 17th career World of Outlaws victory. The Tony Stewart/Curb-Agajanian Racing driver didn't make it an easy fight, though.

Schatz got the first punch, jumping to the lead at the start of the race. From there, Schatz set a pace the No. 69K couldn't match.

Dewease contributed that to his setup, stating it takes five or six laps for his car to get going. Because of that, he said he anticipated Schatz would get the jump on him. He knew the race he needed to run.

"The pace we were trying to run, we were going to be hard on tires at that whole 30 laps," Dewease said about Schatz's early run. "But hell, I wasn't too easy with them."

Schatz's early lead didn't last long, though. On Lap two, Logan Schuchart stopped on the front stretch due to an ignition box issue. The caution allowed the two front runners a quick rest to gauge their early run.

When the green flag flew again, Schatz landed another jab, jumping back to the lead. Dewease kept pace with him, though.

"I was shocked how good I hung with him there on the bottom," Dewease said. "I thought we'd be alright if I could get by him (Schatz). He knows how to get around here when it's slick."

Like Dewease predicted, once he got in six consecutive laps, his car took off. While Schatz rode the high side, Dewease found enough

grip on the bottom to wear out Schatz's lead. By that time the two leaders entered lap traffic, which proved to be an advantage for Dewease.

Schatz struggled to navigate around lap traffic, allowing Dewease to plant the attack he needed on Lap 17 to charge by the No. 15 car and take the lead.

"It just came down to getting through lap traffic," Schatz said. "I got to the 70 car and I didn't push the issue, to go across the race car and go in front of him and I didn't do it. It got me in a funk for a few laps and Lance got by. I got myself back going, but it was too late."

Dewease then cruised to his second win in four days, after winning Wednesday's night race at Lincoln Speedway in Abbottstown, Pa. That night he heard the chant, "Posse! Posse! Posse!" in Victory Lane. Then heard it again Saturday night as the PA Posse fans were jubilant to retain the iconic Morgan Cup.

"This rivalry is pretty intense," Dewease said. "It goes back a long way. We're some of the few areas that can consistently win against these (Outlaws) guys. We were very fortunate to get it done tonight and keep the cup for another year. Beating Donny is always special because he gets around this place so good."

While Schatz accepted his defeat, having to settle for second, he laid down a further challenge for the PA Posse fans.

"I hear all of that Posse chant, and I love that," Schatz said. "Come August, I'm pretty sure he's (Dewease) going to win the money to go to the Knoxville Nationals, so there's going to be no damn reason every person in this place isn't at the Knoxville Nationals watching it."

While Schatz and Dewease put on a show at the front of the field, California-native Giovanni Scelzi was the show of the race behind them.

Scelzi won the C-Main, transferring to the rear of the 12-car Last Chance Showdown. He then made his way to fourth in the Showdown, transferring to the rear of the Feature. After starting 24th, he charged his way to a seventh-place finish in the Feature, earning the KSE Hard Charger award.



Lance Dewease waves the checkered flag in victory lane after winning the Morgan Cup at Williams Grove Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

"Just qualified bad, and when you do that it puts you behind the eight-ball," Scelzi said. "We just kept trucking in the Feature and kept going and going and going. I wish we had a yellow. I think we had something to get back in the top-five."

Scelzi won his first Series victory at Williams Grove last year, becoming the youngest ever World of Outlaws winner at 16 years old. However, he's not sure why he meshes with the Pennsylvania track so well.

"I just seem to have some natural speed," Scelzi said, "I don't know where it comes from. Seems to be a place I'm comfortable at."

Both Schatz and Dewease – who credited each other as being exceptional drivers – said they've found the set up their comfortable with, leading to another potential title match when the Series returns to Williams Grove Speedway in July.

Afternoon Showers Force Sunday Event at Weedsport Speedway to be Canceled

Heavy afternoon rain showers creating saturated grounds at Weedsport Speedway forced World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series and track officials to cancel Sunday's event.

Fans who purchased tickets in advance should call the track at 315-834-3067 or visit the track's website, weedsportspeedway.com for more information and the speedway's schedule for the rest of the season.

The World of Outlaws will continue its Northeast swing Tuesday, May 21, at Bridgeport Speedway in Bridgeport, NJ.

For the latest on the World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Cars, make sure to follow on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, and at www.WorldofOutlaws.com.

David Gravel Rides Low Line to Morgan Cup First Round Win

MECHANICSBURG, PA - A simple point of the finger by Jason Sides gave David Gravel the assistance he needed to go on and win his third World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series race this season.

Gravel lost the lead to Daryn Pittman at the start of the 25-lap Williams Grove Speedway Feature and 10 laps later lost second to Pennsylvanian Danny Dietrich. It looked like Gravel may have to settle for his second third-place finish in-a-row, but everything changed with 13 laps to go.

Dietrich and Gravel were nose to tail heading down the front stretch with the lap car of Sides in front of them.

"Going into (turn) one, Sides pointed low and I think Dietrich thought he pointed low like he was going to go low and Dietrich was going to go high, but he actually pointed low to pass him down low," Gravel said. "Dietrich followed him in the corner, and I went low. So, I'm glad it worked out for me and not for him."

That move allowed Gravel to slide back into second-place, while Dietrich fell several car lengths behind him after having to lift out of the throttle due to Sides blocking his line. Dietrich cited getting caught behind Sides was the one mistake that kept him from a potential win Friday night.

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"That was the race I think for me," Dietrich said.

With Dietrich far behind, Gravel had breathing room to try and run Pittman back down. And he didn't waste any time. Two laps after passing Dietrich, he was on Pittman's bumper. Gravel stuck to the low line most of the race, while Pittman stayed high. But with 12 laps to go, the two swapped lanes in turns three and four. The advantage went to Gravel.

On Pittman's tail, he dove underneath the No. 83 Roth Motorsports car in turn one and charged his way back to the lead.

After the disappointment of losing a potential win at Lincoln Speedway Wednesday night, Gravel was not going to let another win slip through his fingers.

He prepared himself for the Feature throughout the night, studying how his car worked in different lanes. While he won his Drydene Heat race and the DIRTVision Fast Pass Dash by riding the high line, he tested the bottom during the Dash.

"I was just trying it (different lines) out all night," Gravel said. "Luckily things worked out the way they did, and I found something better than they did."

Once he cleared Pittman and began to pull away with the lead, Dietrich wasn't letting him out of his sight. The blue No. 48 also got by Pittman and made his own charge for the lead. At times a blanket could be thrown over the top three.

Dietrich continued to run the high side, while Gravel stayed low. At times he would close on the No. 41 Jason Johnson Racing car, but Gravel could always out power him out of the turn, leading to his 42nd career World of Outlaws victory – and fifth Series win at Williams Grove Speedway.

The ability of the No. 41 car to drive hard through the turn without any issues has Pittman scratching his head on how he can get his car to do the same.

"We didn't get from the center off very good," Pittman said. "My car would drop too far and not drive down the straightaway. I think the 41 drivers really hard, a lot harder than mine and we've got to figure out why that is. I just start spinning



David Gravel celebrates in victory lane after winning the opening night of the Morgan Cup at Williams Grove Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

way too easy."

Gravel and his new Jason Johnson Racing team have found the level of consistency they were hoping to find at the start of the year. He's finished in the top-five in the last four races – three of those finishes being on the podium. And with three wins now, Gravel is the winningest driver, so far, this season.

"Man, we're trying all sorts of stuff," Gravel said.

"Every night I don't think we run the same bar combination. Philip (Dietz, JJR crew chief) is always working, trying to make the car better. It works nine times out of 10. Hopefully we jot down the things that work really well and continue to grow as a team and keep winning races."

His Williams Grove win has propelled the Watertown, Conn.-native to be tied for third in the Series' points standings with Pittman – 64 points behind leader Donny Schatz, who only has a two-point lead over Brad Sweet.

With three wins in the early stage of the season, the championship isn't on Gravel's mind, yet. He's focused on staying consistent and winning races.

A simple point of the finger to the sky in Victory Lane Friday night made that clear.

Lance Dewease Out Duels World of Outlaws for PA Posse Victory at Lincoln Speedway

ABBOTTSTOWN, PA - Thousands of fans lined the straightaway fence at Lincoln Speedway

Wednesday night, testing the limit of how close they can get to pushing themselves through.

A faint cheer could be heard from the end of the line when the No. 69K of Lance Dewease came into sight, rounding the corner of turn four. The cheers and screams became a tidal wave down the front stretch as Dewease slowly rolled into Victory for the Gettysburg Clash presented by Drydene.

The local hero won. Dewease out dueled the stars of the World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series for his 16th career Series victory – moving past Jason Sides to sit 31st on the all-time wins list.

"It's means everything," Dewease said about claiming his first World of Outlaws win of the season. "It's a good rivalry (between the World of Outlaws and PA Posse). To me it's friendly. It's not like we hate each other, but we want to beat each other pretty bad."

Dewease showed how bad he wanted to win Wednesday night, wrestling with a competitive David Gravel all night.

Both won their respective Drydene Heat race and started on the front row for the DIRTVision Fast Pass Dash. Gravel won the battle in the Dash, passing Dewease on the high side and charging to the win. The start to the 35-lap was déjà vu with the two side-by-side and Gravel charging back to the lead.

The Watertown, Conn.-native pulled to about a two-car length lead over Dewease at the start and was able to maintain it while navigating through lap traffic in the early stage of the race.

Gravel was poised to claim his third win of the season, able to maintain the lead no matter what line he chose. Although, in similar fashion, no matter which line Dewease chose to run, he could keep Gravel close enough in sight that if the No. 41 Jason Johnson Racing car made a mistake, he would be ready to capitalize.

And that mistake came with 17 laps to go. After sticking to the high side most of the race, Gravel tried the bottom through turns one and two. It didn't work for him this time. He slid off the bottom, dramatically slowing his pace and allowing Dewease an easy pass to the lead.

While Dewease weaved through traffic seeming to know where each car would be before he got to them, the lap cars didn't always cooperate. One came close to ending Dewease's night, leaving centimeters between he and Deweases car off turn two.

"Laps cars were really hard for both David and me," Dewease said. "So, that last caution with six laps to go I decided I wasn't going to catch any lap cars if I didn't have to."

He didn't. After a couple of late race cautions, the Fayetteville, Pa.-native cruised with ease to another victory at Lincoln Speedway.

The late race cautions were no benefit to Gravel. After hitting the restart cone during one of the restarts, Gravel said he tried to just protect his second-place position, but ended up losing it to Ryan Smith and had to settle for third.

He's still holding his head high though, for having a strong night with being the fastest car in Flight 2 of Qualifying, winning his Drydene Heat race and the DIRTVision Fast Pass Dash. He also sits fourth in the Series' points standing – 80 points behind Brad Sweet and Donny Schatz, who for the second time this year are tied for the points lead.

Schatz was the KSE Hard Charger of the night, racing from 25th to 11th, after having to use a provisional to start the Feature.

As Dewease stood in Victory Lane holding the three-foot tall Gettysburg Clash presented by Drydene trophy, the hundreds of fans lined along the fence, and those that found their way to Victory Lane, not only drowned out the speedway with cheers for Dewease, they started the chant "Posse! Posse! Posse!"

As always, you can catch all World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series action on DIRTVision.com.

Sheppard, Weiss and Lanigan Battle to an Exciting Finish

ORRVILLE, OH - If the standard length of a Morton Buildings Feature was only 45 laps instead of the usual 50, Saturday night's race at Wayne County Speedway would have ended on a different note.

Former Series Champions Brandon Sheppard and Darrell Lanigan put on what could potentially be remembered as one of the most exciting Features of the 2019 season in an incredible display of lap-after-lap, no-holds-barred battling for over 25 laps. Lanigan pounding the cushion on the top, Sheppard showing a wheel down low almost every lap until he made the winning move on lap 46 by going underneath Lanigan, who was forced out of his high groove

by lapped traffic.

Midst all the fireworks in the last 10 laps with the leaders, rookie sensation Ricky Weiss burst onto the scene with seven laps to go after a late-race charge, getting around Doug Drown with 11 circuits remaining and closing within five car-lengths of the battle between Sheppard and Lanigan by lap 43. With 3 laps to go, Weiss had completely closed the gap and made the pass out of turn four underneath Lanigan to take second. With time running out and a slew of lapped traffic ahead of him, Weiss took aim at the Rocket1 Racing machine.

But his last-lap 'Hail Mary' dive into turn three was unsuccessful, and Sheppard hung on for the win – his seventh of the year with the Outlaws and third in-a-row at Wayne County Speedway.

Sheppard spent a lot of effort

digging on Lanigan down low until he saw daylight on the high side. When Lanigan saw the signal sticks telling him to move back up to the top, Sheppard went back to the bottom. But after several unsuccessful pass attempts down low and the laps winding down, Sheppard began feeling the heat from Weiss' #7 behind him. And that's when he knew it was now or never.

Sheppard got a great run coming out of turn two on lap 46 and drag-raced Lanigan down the backstretch. It looked as though Lanigan's momentum on the high side would carry him through once more, as it had on every other pass attempt. But Larry Bellman Jr. was already riding the line and impeded Lanigan's path just enough to allow Sheppard to get the momentum advantage and squeak by underneath.

After the lead changed hands, Weiss said he eventually saw an opportunity to grab the lead on the low side, but lapped traffic made him think better of it as well. Blake Spencer was already down on the bottom as the leaders were moving

through, and Weiss chose to be conservative over making a bonzai move.

With this win, Sheppard has now tied fellow Series Champion Billy Moyer for third on the all-time World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Model Series Feature wins list at 44. It also marks his third-straight victory at the Wayne County Speedway in World of Outlaws competition – an unprecedented accomplishment at the Orrville facility.

Muskingum County Postponed

DRESDEN, OH - World of Outlaws and Muskingum County Speedway officials have decided to postpone Sunday's events due to already wet grounds and impending showers. Both parties are working diligently to find another reschedule date.

Next on the World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Model Series Schedule is a trip back to the Southeast for two races – Cochran Motor Speedway on May 31 and Lancaster Speedway on June 1.

Jason Johnson Racing Grant 8-Year-Old's Wish to Join a Race Team

ABBOTTSTOWN, PA - Eight-year-old Ayden Gora experienced his first World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series victory at Lincoln Speedway Wednesday night.

Race fans lined the grandstand fence, clapping and cheering in unison. Photographers flooded the front stretch, searching for the best angled shot of Gora, grinning wide, with the checkered flag in hand in front of the No. 41 Jason Johnson Racing car. And his parents stood off to the side, grinning just as wide.

It was a moment of joy. A moment of inspiration. A moment to forget about the leukemia diagnosis he's dealt with his whole life.

Gora has fought leukemia – a type of cancer that affects the blood and bone marrow – for eight years. He's been in remission for the past two years, his father, Stan Gora said.

Throughout Ayden's life, race cars have always been one of his biggest passions. Big enough that his father is sure he'll want to drive

one someday. To help make his dream of being part of a race team come true, Make-a-Wish teamed with Jason Johnson Racing to make it happen. JJR invited Ayden and his family to Lincoln Speedway and made him an honorary crew member.

"To me, it's super special," said Bobbi Johnson, owner of Jason Johnson Racing.

The Gora family, of Duncannon, Pa. knew Lamar Buckwalter, owner of Buckwalter Trucking – a JJR sponsor and Make-a-Wish supporter. Through his partnership with the team, Buckwalter reached out to Johnson about the opportunity to help Gora, and she didn't hesitate to oblige.

Not only did Ayden and his family get new JJR crew shirts, they put him to work.

"If he's going to be a crew guy, he's got a work a little bit on the car," Johnson said with a chuckle. "I said (to the crew) teach him (Ayden) some stuff... valuable lessons."

JJR driver, David Gravel, helped show Gora how to climb into the car, resulting in an instant smile the second he sunk into seat. The crew also showed him the tools they use



Eight-year-old Ayden Gora poses in victory lane with David Gravel during his night as part of the Jason Johnson race team. (WoO photo)

to work on the car and how they go about changing a tire – one of Gora's favorite experiences of the night.

Short on words, Gora's facial expressions throughout the night spoke the loudest. A smile rarely left his face.

"This is pretty cool," Stan Gora said. "Ayden is a little shy, but I think he really loves this. We appreciate everything."

JJR were able to give Gora and his family an extra level of excitement with Gravel winning his Drydene Heat race, winning the DIRTVision Fast Pass Dash and battled for the win in the Feature. Gravel settled for third, leaving him disappointed in his result, but to

Gora it was still a win.

"He's (Ayden) never been to a race in general, so coming to a Sprint Car race it is probably a lot to take in," Gravel said.

"He's a shy little guy, but he seemed to enjoy it and gave me a hug at the end of the night, so I think he's happy."

With a simple nod and a smile, Gora confirmed his enjoyment of the experience.

Gora still got to stand in Victory Lane, with his own Feature winner tire board, checkered flag and host of photographers capturing 8-year-old Gora's memorable night that he got to spend with his mom, dad and sister, the JJR crew and several World of Outlaws drivers.

Davenport Strikes at 300 Raceway

FARLEY, IA - Jonathan Davenport dominated the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series event on Friday night at 300 Raceway, leading all 50 laps and collecting \$12,000 for the effort.

Davenport survived a late-race charge from Tyler Erb to claim his sixth Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series win of the season. Devin Moran trailed Davenport and Erb to the finish line, passing Josh Richards on the final lap to take third. Richards came home fourth, followed by Tim McCreadie who crossed the finish line in fifth after starting in 20th.

Davenport took the lead at the start of the Truck Country 50, with polesitter Brian Birkhofer settling into the second spot. In only his second race of the 2019 season, Birkhofer set the Miller Welders Overall Fast Time and went on to earn the PFC Brakes Pole Award.

Throughout the race, various drivers challenged for the top spot. Along with Birkhofer and Erb, Moran and Richards also made a bid for the lead. Erb closed the gap on Davenport in the final laps but came up just short at the finish line.

The win marks Davenport's 42nd-career Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series victory. He emerged from his car to the cheers of a large crowd. "I wasn't going to let another race slip away this weekend. Hudson did a great job last night. Hats off to my crew, I tore the car up last night, not on purpose. They worked hard on this car today and everything was spot-on tonight."

"We were really close to fast time tonight," Davenport added. "We were second overall in time trials and won our heat. This new car has been on a rail. We've been saving it a little bit; I don't think we need to change a thing on it. They farmed the track, but we had the right set-up on it. Our car was so balanced. Thanks to Jack Cornett for giving us all that horsepower. Hats off to the 300 Raceway staff and all of the fans that came out tonight."

Erb was happy with his runner-up finish in the Best Performance Motorsports, Rocket.

"I didn't think I could get by him [Davenport] at the end. We had a bad night last night. Our car has

been fast, but we just haven't had any luck. I got to JD's right rear and chased him down at the end. The tires would come and go. You just had to make good decisions out there. I could see under caution that he [Davenport] had tread left on the right rear. I was worried about the left rears with all the tire spin in the last 10-15 laps."

Moran reached a well-deserved podium finish with his last lap pass of Richards in the Big River Steel, Dunn-Benson Ford, Rocket. "I wish I hadn't picked the bottom on the restart. We had a good car tonight. To come from 16th to get third was a good finish for the team. The track cleaned up near the end and got really wide. It was a lot of fun out there for sure. It was kind of a tire game tonight. I was trying to conserve my tires the whole race. I didn't want to get a flat tire like some of the others did."

The winner's Lance Landers Motorsports, Longhorn Chassis is powered by a Cornett Racing Engine and is sponsored by: Nutrien Ag Solutions, ASC Warranty, Penske Racing Shocks, Valvoline, Mega Plumbing of the Carolinas, and Spartan Mowers.

Completing the top ten were Earl Pearson Jr., Shannon Babb, Billy Moyer Jr., Chad Simpson, and Chris Simpson.

Hudson O'Neal Rules 34 Raceway

WEST BURLINGTON, IA - Hudson O'Neal passed Jonathan Davenport on lap 48 and went on to score his second win of the season on Thursday night at 34 Raceway.

O'Neal battled with his father Don for several laps after the 18-year-old charged from the 10th starting position. Then, a single file restart with three laps to go saw O'Neal pass Davenport to score a one-two finish for Longhorn Chassis.

Hudson O'Neal's fourth career Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series victory came over Davenport, Josh Richards, Kyle Bronson and Earl Pearson Jr.

Don O'Neal took the lead heading the down the backstretch on lap 38, but that lap was never completed as contact between Don O'Neal and Davenport caused the caution flag when O'Neal came to a halt with a left rear flat.

Davenport then went back in front with Hudson O'Neal in sec-



Jonathan Davenport dominated the field at 300 Raceway, leading all 50 laps for the win. (Paul Arch photo)

ond. It was the fateful lap 47 that allowed Hudson O'Neal to saddle up behind Davenport. The 3-lap shootout was set, and Hudson O'Neal came out on top. Davenport then held off Richards by just half-a-car length for second.

"Oh my gosh I am out of breath," said the winner in Lucas Oil Victory Lane.

"The surface was bumpy, but it made for some good racing. I was all over this thing. It really widened out there at the end and it gave me a chance to make a move there on JD. We weren't very good at the beginning, but we continually got better and better. I just put myself in a good position there at the end."

"I hate what happened to my dad," Hudson added. "We were battling hard. I thought for a moment I had a right rear flat under that one caution because it was lying low really bad. It scared me for a little bit. This car was on a rail tonight. We made the right adjustments to get it to the front. It's good to be back in Victory Lane after not being very good for a couple of months."

Davenport congratulated the young O'Neal in Victory Lane. "It was a heck of a battle with the O'Neal's and inside my own racecar. I am sure it was a heck of a show for the fans. I didn't know where I was going there sometimes. I want to tell Don [O'Neal] I am sorry. You can't see out of these things. As soon as he slid me, I ran over his left rear and I tried to get off of him."

Richards' in the Clint Bowyer Racing No. 14 battled with his teammate Don O'Neal before settling for a third-place finish.

"We had a good car early and we drove our way up to third after starting seventh. I had a good there with Don. I kept bottoming out on the restarts. We were way too tight for the conditions, but it was a lot of fun out there tonight. The crew has been working hard, and I thought

we might be able to get both Bowyer cars in the top three, but we will take it and head the next one."

The winner's Todd and Vickie Burns-owned, Longhorn Chassis is powered by a Clements Racing Engine and sponsored by: Dyno One, West Side Tractor Sales Company, Sub-Surface of Indiana, Tarpy Trucking, VP Fuels, and Crawford Outdoor.

Completing the top ten were Don O'Neal, Chase Junghans, Shanon Buckingham, Tyler Bruening, and Devin Moran.

Wet Forecast Dooms Lucas Late Model Stop at Deer Creek

SPRING VALLEY, MN - Mother Nature has intervened once again, washing out the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series, NAPA North Star Nationals scheduled for Saturday at Deer Creek Speedway.

A forecast for heavy rain and severe thunderstorms throughout the region over the next 24 hours has forced track and series officials to cancel the event.

"This is really disappointing for us, our fans and our drivers," said Series Director Rick Schwallie. "The safety of everyone is our first priority. After closely monitoring the forecast and the high probability of severe storms, it's in the best interest for everyone involved. We look forward to returning to Deer Creek Speedway in 2020."

The tickets for the 2019 NAPA North Star Nationals at Deer Creek Speedway can be refunded by calling the track office at (507) 754-6107. No refunds will be issued after June 28, 2019.

For the latest breaking news concerning the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series, including the latest series standings, 2019 tour schedule, driver information, and more visit the official website at: www.lucasdirt.com.

Hafertepe Completes Lucas Oil ASCS vs. GLSS Weekend Sweep at I-96 Speedway

LAKE ODESSA, MI - A dominating run for Sam Hafertepe, Jr. to close the two day appearance in Michigan, the three-time and defending champion of the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network was untouchable at I-96 Speedway; laying down performance that saw the Townline Variety No. 15h winning Saturday's A-Feature by 6.105 seconds.

"The car was great. I'm very fortunate to have car owners like Miles and Pam and to have the crew we have, they make it where I can just focus on driving the car," commented Hafertepe. "Last night, I wasn't taking any prisoners but tonight I calmed down and just focused on the racing. Both nights, this crew gave us a great track to race on. They did a hell of a job."

Trailing the A-Rock Materials No. 95 of Matt Covington into the first two turns, that would be the only time Hafertepe rolled second as the run into turns three and four netted the race lead. Caution on Lap 2 for a three-car incident that involved Bogucki, Price, and Scheid in the second turn, the green lights blinked on for two more laps before Alex Hill and Ryan Coniam came together off the fourth turn.

Moving past Matt Covington on the opening lap restart, Ohio's Phil Gressman was on Hafertepe as the field went back to green but would not be able to keep pace as Hafertepe started to pull away. Leaving Gressman to himself, the pair were chased by Ryan Ruhl. Coming under fire on Lap 14, the No. 16 was not able to keep Blake Hahn at bay as the Sage Fruit, Co. No. 52 shot to the show position on Lap 15. Chasing down Phil Gressman as the pair picked through traffic, Hahn pulled to the back bumper of the No. 7c, but would not get the chance to pass as the caution flew on Lap 24.

Erasing a 5.869-second lead, Hafertepe amassed several lapped cars between himself and Gressman. Lapping up to ninth place before the caution, the restart was a walk in the park.

Holding off Hahn in the closing laps, Phil Gressman grabbed second with Hahn holding onto third. Ryan Ruhl ended up fourth with Matt Covington slipping to fifth. Battling several times to hold onto sixth, Harli White was able to hold off Jamie Ball and Dylan Westbrook who finished seventh and eighth. Dustin Daggett in ninth was the final driver on the lead lap. Roger Crockett made up the top-ten.

A field of 30 drivers was on hand with a trio of Heat Races going to John Carney II, Harli White, and Chase Ridenour. Qualifiers were topped by Dylan Westbrook, Jay Steinbach, and Dustin Daggett. The night's B-Feature went to Alex Hill. One provisional was used by John Carney II who lost an engine in his Qualifier, only to get caught up in the B-Feature and flip.

The Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network races next at Lake Ozark Speedway in Eldon, Mo. on Saturday, May 25 for a \$3,000 to win show, then Sunday, May 26 for a \$5,000 top prize. More information on Lake Ozark Speedway can be found at www.lakeozarkspeedway.net.

For other news, notes, and information on the American Sprint Car Series, from the National Tour to any of the nine Regional Tours that make up ASCS Nation in 2019,



Sam Hafertepe Jr. celebrates in victory lane after winning at I-96 Speedway, beating the second place finisher by over 6 seconds. (ASCS photo)

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Hafertepe Tops Lucas Oil ASCS vs. GLSS Opener at I-96

LAKE ODESSA, MI - Laying down a dominating performance on night-one of the matchup between the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network at the Great Lakes Super Sprints, Sam Hafertepe, Jr. won every time he rolled onto the I-96 Speedway on Friday night.

"All the criticism I've been hearing lately and all the bullshit, I was

just tired of listening too it," stated Hafertepe entered the weekend ninth in tour standings. "Hats off to the race track these guys provided for us. Right around the lip like that, you can't get much more fun than that in a Sprint Car for 25-laps."

Locked into Saturday's A-Feature, Hafertepe can breathe easier knowing his day will be light. On what that means for Sam in terms of being able to watch and figure out what to do with the car, he explained, "We don't have to do a whole lot. That's a really good Racecar. We laid down a fast time in Hot Laps, good in our Heat Race and pretty dominant in our Qualifier. In the Feature, I just stayed up top. I had to pass some lapped cars sliding through the middle of one or two, but I don't know where else my car could have gone, but I just have to say hats off to my guys. It's been a struggle with all the rainouts; it gets you thinking about you're only as good as your last race, and our last race we didn't even make the show so to come out tonight and have my guys stick behind me through trying times, it really shows what this team is all about."

Challenged briefly by Ryan Ruhl on the first start, the driver of the No. 16 got another shot as the red lights came on for a multi-car crash through the fourth turn. Not able to get the jump on the Heidbreder No. 15h, Hafertepe was still able to hold point after a Lap 2 caution, eventually opening his lead by 5.608 seconds, despite being in traffic by Lap 9. Yellow on Lap 19 for Shawn Dancer whose left year shredded

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Sam Hafertepe Jr. raced his way to victory lane on night one of the ASCS vs. GLSS event at I-96 Speedway. (ASCS photo)

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down the front straightaway, the race slowed one final time on Lap 21 for John Carney II who kept from going over after contact with Matt Covington.

With lapped cars in the mix for the final restart, Hafertepe was able to run away by 4.009 seconds at the checkered flag. With Phil Gressman breathing down his neck off the final turn, Ryan

Ruhl was able to hold off the wily veteran with Matt Covington fourth. Coming from ninth, Blake Hahn rounded out the top five.

Involved in the opening lap red flag, Jared Horstman charged back through the field for a sixth-place finish.

Harli White in seventh was trailed by Scott Bogucki with Dylan Westbrook advancing 12 spots for the night's Hard Charger honors. Dustin Daggett rounded out the top ten.

With a field of 41 drivers on hand, the night's run of events broke down into five Heat Races going to Ryan Ruhl, John Carney II, Sam Hafertepe, Jr., Brett Mann, and Danny Sams III. Qualifier wins were earned by Ryan Ruhl, Sam Hafertepe, Jr., and Scott Bogucki. A pair of B-Features were topped by Jared Horstman and Jordon Mallett. The only provisional used was by Tucker Doughty.

Terry McCarl Wins A Thriller With The ASCS Warrior Region at U.S. 36 Raceway

OSBORN, MO - In a battle that came down to the closing laps, Terry McCarl rolled the Mondak Portables No. 4 into Victory Lane with the Racinboys.com ASCS Warrior Region presented by Impact Signs, Awnings, and Wraps at U.S. 36 Raceway on Friday night.

Trailing Jack Dover the first six laps, the Nebraska shoe tangled with the cushion to bring his night to an early close. Grabbing the point on the restart, McCarl led until Lap 13 when Paul Nienhiser took over the top spot.

Going red for Cody Ledger, who was unharmed after getting upside down, Nienhiser was not able to hold off McCarl at the drop of the green. Leading until Lap 19, Paul was determined to make Terry earn



Terry McCarl celebrates in victory lane after winning at U.S. 36 Raceway with the ASCS Warrior Region. (Terry Ford photo)

it with the pass for the lead on Lap 20 answered the following revolution with McCarl able to hold the point the final four laps.

Paul Nienhiser in second was joined by Seth Bergman who came from seventh to complete the night's podium. Jonathan Cornell and Jay Russell made up the top five.

Making up four spots, Nicholas Howard was sixth with Mitchell Moore seventh. Mason Daniel eighth was followed to the line by Ayrton Gennetten who raced up from 15th. Ben Brown completed the top ten.

With Mother Nature stepping in with calls for severe weather on Saturday, May 18, events at Heartland Motorsports Park have been canceled. The next outing for the Racinboys.com ASCS Warrior Region presented by Impact Signs, Awnings, and Wraps is Memorial Day Weekend at Lake Ozark Speedway with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network on May 25 and 26.

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that make up ASCS Nation in 2019, log onto www.ascsracing.com, follow on Facebook, on Instagram, and on Twitter (@LucasOilASCS).

Keith Martin Victorious With ASCS Elite Non-Wing at RPM Speedway

CRANDALL, TX - Becoming the 22nd overall winner with the ASCS Elite Non-Wing Series presented by Abilene Powder Coating, Keith Martin topped a stout field of 36 competitors Friday night at RPM Speedway.

Moving up from fifth to grab the win, Martin was trailed by early season winner, Kevin Ramey with Craig Oaks taking the final podium step. Putting on a show from 17th, Bryan Debrick rallied to a fourth-place finish with Michelle Melton making an equally impressive run with the young lady charging from 18th to fifth.

A rare appearance without the wings, Martin Edwards crossed sixth with Chase Parson seventh. Isaiah Garcia from 16th came up to eighth with Michael Day and Jarrod Jennings completing the top ten.

The ASCS Elite Non-Wing Series presented by Abilene Powder Coating hits the clay again on Saturday, May 25 at Grayson County Speedway in Bells, Texas and Sunday, May 26 at the Heart O' Texas Speedway in Waco.



Keith Martin celebrates his ASCS Non-Wing victory at RPM Speedway. (Rudy Garcia photo)

Cummins, May, Beadles Collect Wins to Open the Season

HAUBSTADT, IN - It was a victorious night for four time champion Kyle Cummins of Princeton, IN. The veteran sprint car racer made a clean sweep of the BRANDEIS Midwest Sprint Car Series portion of the MIDWEST MADNESS event at Tri-State Speedway

Saturday night. Cummins set fast time to start the evening and then won his heat race and the 25 lap feature event. That victory was worth \$2,500. The sweep also gave Cummins the point lead at the start of the season.

Despite lining up fourth for the feature in a starting field with the top six heat race transfers inverted, Cummins took the lead on lap one. Then he put the Rock Steady Racing sprinter into auto-motion. He quickly pulled away from the field. Cummins lapped car after car. The other top five finishers were the only drivers on the lead lap at the finish.

Cummins was at the wheel of a Mach 1 Sprint sponsored by Debra Corn Foster Care, Tim Mason Remax, and Greenwell Auto Body. The car is owned by Hank Byram of Dupont, IN. Tim Spindler serves as the crew chief.

Donny Brackett of Ft. Branch, IN, would finish second. He held off 2018 MIDWEST MADNESS winner Stephen Schnapf along with Kent Schmidt, and Brady Short. The four competitors completed the top five. Aric Gentry recovered to finish sixth after being involved in an accident in turn four.

Gentry was forced to make a quick visit to the work area under red flag conditions with only 10 laps to go. His car had turned over as he was unable to avoid another car driven by Dustin Christie. Dakota Jackson, Chet Williams, Brian Karraker, and Collin Ambrose rounded out the top ten.

Stephen Schnapf became the first driver to win the new \$100 Certified Rentals Hard Charger Award. The Evansville, IN, driver gained 9 hard fought spots in the feature. The Wilwood Tuff Brakes Award was presented to Jadon Rogers. The first and second heats For the BRANDEIS MSCS Sprints were won by Kent Schmidt and Donny Brackett.

In the Built Ford Tough MOWA Winged Sprints, Paul May of Terre Haute, IN, took the feature victory in a battle with Cory Bruns. It was a \$2,000 pay day for May! Critter Malone was third followed by Clinton Boyles and Jeremy Standridge. Malone had started 13th and was on the move!

The three MOWA heat races were victories for Paul Nienhiser, Paul May, and Clinton Boyles. The only sprint car driver present to compete with a winged and a non-wing car was Chayse Hayhurst. His best finish in the two back to back features was a 12th with the MSCS series.

In the UMP Open Wheel Modifieds Stan Beadles of Owensville, IN, collected the victory along with the \$600 feature prize money. Beadles had some strong competi-

tion in the form of runner-up Levi Kissinger and Zach Fair who finished third. It was the closest finish of the program. Dustin Beck and Lance Foreman rounded out the top five. Heat race winners were Dustin Beck and Stan Beadles.

The next race at Tri-State Speedway will be The Memorial Weekend Classic on Sunday May 26th featuring the MSCS Sprints, MMA Mini Sprints, and the UMP Modifieds.

Unfavorable Forecast Forces Cancellation of All Star/IRA Wisconsin Triple-Header

BROWNSBURG, IN - With heavy rain already invading southern Wisconsin, mixed with an unfavorable weekend forecast, Ollie's Bargain Outlet All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1, IRA Outlaw Sprint Series and track officials were left with no choice but to cancel upcoming events at Wilmot Raceway, Plymouth Dirt Track and Angell Park Speedway scheduled for Friday through Sunday, May 17-19.

Series and track officials are working together to find suitable rain dates to visit Wisconsin later in the year. Potential dates include June 30 and July 25.

Including the upcoming weekend triple-header, Mother Nature is now responsible for the postponement and/or cancellation of ten consecutive All Star Circuit of Champions events since Bedford (Pa.) Speedway fell victim on April 14.

"We're going to work as hard as we can to bring the All Star Circuit of Champions and IRA Outlaw Sprint Series together later in the year," Steve Sinclair explained, IRA Series Director. "All we can do is try again later in the year."

More news and information pertaining potential rain dates will be released in the near future. Fans are expected to stay alert online, as well as on all of the available social media networks.

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Charlotte Motor Speedway

CONCORD, NC - Race fans visiting Charlotte Motor Speedway for Saturday's Monster Energy NASCAR All-Star Race and the 60th Coca-Cola 600 on May 26 will find a special surprise in their souvenir race programs.

The speedway will honor the late Sam Bass, NASCAR's first officially licensed artist and the designer of 88 souvenir race programs for Charlotte from 1985-2018, with commemorative posters depicting each NASCAR cover Bass designed for the speedway. The programs are available for just \$10 each and feature a decorative All-Star Race cover for this weekend and a patriotic Coca-Cola 600 cover next weekend.

"Charlotte Motor Speedway is proud to honor Sam Bass, one of the most talented, genuine members of the NASCAR industry we have ever known," said Charlotte Motor Speedway Executive Vice President and General Manager Greg Walter. "Including these special Sam Bass posters in our programs only adds to the value fans get when they buy one. Sam's colorful artwork brought our races to life and was featured everywhere from programs to iconic paint schemes, uniforms, guitars and trophies. He is greatly missed, but his impact on the sport will never be forgotten."

Each poster also features some of Bass' most iconic works for the speedway, including the famous "Sundown Showdown!" cover design for the May races in 1993 – which featured Davey Allison's and Kyle Petty's helmet visors depicting the finish of the first superspeedway night race in NASCAR history, the "One Hot Night" 1992 Monster Energy NASCAR All-Star Race.

TICKETS: Monster Energy NASCAR All-Star Race tickets, camping and upgrades are available by visiting charlottemotorspeedway.com/tickets or calling 1-800-455-FANS (3267). Kids 13 and under get into each race weekend for just \$10 with adult ticket purchase.

KEEP TRACK: Fans can connect with Charlotte Motor Speedway by following on Twitter and Instagram or becoming a Facebook fan. Keep up with all the latest

news and information with the Charlotte Motor Speedway mobile app.

Texas Motor Speedway

FORT WORTH, TX - The sights, sounds and high-speed excitement of the IndyCar Series will hit the streets of downtown Fort Worth on June 6 when the Cowtown Pit Stop Challenge presented by Speedy Cash will put two of the series' top teams in a head-to-head competition to kick off the DXC Technology 600 INDYCAR/NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series weekend.

The pit stop competition will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on W. 2nd Street between Taylor Street and Burnett Street, directly behind the Fort Worth Public Library. A press conference including the IndyCar Series drivers, city officials and track officials will take place just prior to the competition in the Speedway Children's Charities Fast Track to Reading section of the library.

"It's great to bring Texas Motor Speedway downtown. Eddie Gossage and his team are a big part of our visitor economy and the pit stop challenge underscores the impact," said Bob Jameson, president and CEO of Visit Fort Worth.

The pit crews of Team Penske drivers Josef Newgarden and Simon Pagenaud will go up against the Chip Ganassi Racing teams of reigning series champion and 2018 DXC Technology 600 winner Scott Dixon and teammate Felix Rosenqvist. The first round of competition will pit teammate versus teammate with the winner of each race moving into the second and final round.

The Cowtown Pit Stop Challenge presented by Speedy Cash will simulate an IndyCar Series pit stop similar to what will take place at Texas Motor Speedway during the DXC Technology 600. From a standing start, the drivers will mash the accelerator pedal to roll their cars into the designated pit stop area. The crews will then jump to work, inserting an air hose to activate the pneumatic air-jack system built into the racecar, changing four tires and simulating filling the car with fuel. The air hose will then be disengaged, the car will drop back to the ground and the driver will again hammer the throttle, with the first car reaching the designated finish line being declared the winner.

"We enjoyed working with Texas Motor Speedway and Visit Fort Worth on bringing the pit stop challenge to downtown," said Andy Taft, President, Downtown Fort Worth,

Inc. "This event will allow downtown workers and visitors to get up close and personal with the excitement of INDYCAR."

The race cars used in the Cowtown Pit Stop Challenge presented by Speedy Cash will be seen later that evening reaching speeds in excess of 210 mph on Texas Motor Speedway's 1.5-mile high-banked tri-oval. As soon as the downtown competition is completed, the cars will immediately be loaded up and transported to Texas Motor Speedway. Once there, they will be prepared and inspected to participate in the IndyCar Series first practice from 7:00-9:00 p.m. CT.

"Texas Motor Speedway greatly appreciates the tremendous efforts of everyone involved in bringing the Cowtown Pit Stop Challenge presented by Speedy Cash to fruition," said Kenton Nelson, Vice President of Events and Assistant General Manager of Texas Motor Speedway. "From officials with the city of Fort Worth to the Fort Worth Convention and Visitors Bureau, Fort Worth police and fire departments, and the Fort Worth Public Library, we all worked diligently toward the goal of creating an exciting event that will benefit both the city and the speedway. We're honored to bring to the streets of downtown Fort Worth a small taste of what these highly skilled INDYCAR drivers and crews will be doing at Texas Motor Speedway during the DXC Technology 600."

Tickets for the June 8 DXC Technology 600 INDYCAR Series race and June 7 SpeedyCash.com 400 NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series race are available by calling the Texas Motor Speedway Ticket Office at 817.215.8500.

New Hampshire Motor Speedway

LOUDON, NH - Country duo, Love And Theft, and singers of the No. 1 country smash "Angel Eyes," will take the stage before the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series drivers take on "The Magic Mile" on Sunday, July 21. The concert will kick off New Hampshire Motor Speedway's race day festivities at 12:00 p.m. while moving to a new location on the Track-side Live Stage prior to the Foxwoods Resort Casino 301.

"Country music and NASCAR racing just go together," said David McGrath, executive vice president and general

manager for New Hampshire Motor Speedway. "We strive to provide a high level of fan entertainment throughout race weekend, so we are absolutely thrilled to be able to welcome Love And Theft to be a part of New England's biggest party this summer – the Foxwoods Resort Casino 301."

Love And Theft – Stephen Barker Liles and Eric Gunderson – launched with the top 10 hit "Runaway." The longtime friends and bandmates have gone on to garner more than three billion radio impressions, over 300 million plays on Pandora and are nearing three million music video streams for the critically acclaimed "Whiskey On My Breath."

"We can't wait to come play at New Hampshire Motor Speedway," said Gunderson and Liles. "We both love NASCAR and going to races, so we're excited to come play and get to experience the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series."

The ACM/CMA/CMT nominated duo has built a loyal fan base through their high-energy shows, infectious harmonies and signature songwriting and is currently putting the final touches on their fourth studio album that will be released by Curb Records later this year.

The concert is free to anyone with a ticket to the Foxwoods Resort Casino 301, while stage-front access can be attained by purchasing a pre-race pit pass. Pre-race pit pass holders will get unprecedented access to the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series drivers just moments before they strap in for the race. During driver introductions on the frontstretch, the entire Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 starting field will walk the pre-race stage, take a parade lap around the famed race track and, new for this year, walk the red carpet as they make their final steps to the car before the race. Fans with pre-race pit passes will have the opportunity to get closer to their racing hero with red carpet access. The Cup cars will also move closer to the fans and be gridded in a new

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location on the grandstand side of the pit road wall on the turn one side of the start/finish line. The pre-race concert will be on the Trackside Live Stage located just outside the infield tunnel.

The Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 will drop the green flag on NBCSN, Sirius XM and PRN at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 21.

For ticket information for events at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, including the June 8-16 Motorcycle Week at NHMS, the July 19-21 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 race weekend and the September 20-21 Full Throttle Fall Weekend, visit the speedway website at NHMS.com or call Fan Relations at (603) 783-4931.

Join the band's more than one million fans on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and get tickets to catch them on tour on www.LoveAndTheft.com.

Texas Motor Speedway

FORT WORTH, TX - Texas Motor Speedway took to the highway on the No Limits Express bus Thursday afternoon to personally thank a select group of ticket purchasers and promote the upcoming June 6-8 DXC Technology 600 weekend.

Track President Eddie Gossage led the charge, handing out a swag bag filled with memorabilia, autographed items and other Texas Motor Speedway merchandise to each of five selected race fans.

"We stopped by to visit season ticket holders, PSL holders, and just saying hello and thanks," said Gossage. "It's fun to do this because you get caught up in their enthusiasm and their love of the sport. Some of them have been with the speedway since the very beginning, 23 seasons, so it's great to hear their stories. They told me about the experiences they've had over the years and the fun they've had which really makes it enjoyable for us."

The No Limits Express tour bus departed the speedway just before noon and made stops in Fort Worth, Grapevine, two stops in Keller and a final stop in Roanoke before returning to No Limits Texas.

"We just want them to know we

appreciate them," Gossage continued. "We work for the fans and have always said that. It's great to hear them talk about how things have improved at the speedway over the years. Just to hear them say 'I've been to this speedway and I've been to that speedway but they don't hold a candle to Texas Motor Speedway.' That makes you know you're doing things right."

"They really are into NASCAR and INDYCAR ... all the drivers, all the teams, all the owners and crew chiefs. They really know their stuff and, 23 years ago when we started, they didn't know those things. They've become hard-core fans through the years because of Texas Motor Speedway and that's really gratifying."

The INDYCAR Series DXC Technology 600 is part of a double-header weekend that will also include the NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series Speedy-Cash.com 400.

Race week's activities kick off June 6 at noon in the streets of downtown Fort Worth with the Cowtown Pit Stop Challenge presented by Speedy Cash. Two of the IndyCar Series' top organizations, Chip Ganassi Racing and Team Penske's will go head-to-head in a pit stop demonstration on W. 2nd Street between Taylor Street and Burnett Street.

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Charlotte Motor Speedway

CONCORD, NC - The historic 60th running of the Coca-Cola 600 is less than a week from roaring to life at Charlotte Motor Speedway. Before NASCAR's toughest test of man and machine gets underway, here's a look at some things fans can't afford to miss when taking in the sensory overload that is the most patriotic race weekend of the year at America's Home for Racing:

Spectacular Pre-Race Salute to the Troops: Charlotte Motor Speedway will incorporate all five branches of the U.S. Armed Forces in an unprecedented, spectacular pre-race Salute to the Troops. This year's edition of the Memorial Day weekend celebration will feature special guests, military vehicles and awe-inspiring displays from the U.S. Army, the U.S. Marine Corps, the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Coast Guard. Fans and drivers will also get to

#KnowYourMil through interactions with service members.

Patriotism with a Side of Dirt Racing: Racing action isn't limited to the 1.5-mile superspeedway. New this year, the two-day Patriot Nationals brings the World of Outlaws NOS Energy Sprint Cars to The Dirt Track at Charlotte for a dirt-flying slugfest of high-speed winged sprint cars. NASCAR luminaries including Tony Stewart, Kyle Larson, Kasey Kahne and Ricky Stenhouse Jr. own Outlaw sprint car teams that will compete in the event. Larson, the Monster Energy NASCAR All-Star Race winner, will also take part as a driver. Look for dirt late model undercards on Friday and Saturday as well as special patriotic displays and a winner's trophy a true patriot will love.

Pit Stop Pier: If Charlotte Motor Speedway is your home away from home, the new Pit Stop Pier can be the beach at your home away from home. This sandy, island-inspired oasis near Turn 1 gives fans a chance to cool off in a tropic atmosphere that's close to the action. If you're feeling particularly festive, grab a "Sea Whiskey" cocktail, pick up some nachos at the nacho bar and kick back in a Petty blue boat.

Grab a Souvenir Race Program: Souvenir programs remain one of the longest traditions – and most collectible items – fans can find at America's Home for Racing. This year's 60th Coca-Cola 600 souvenir program cover highlights historic moments from NASCAR's first 600-mile event. Additionally, fans will find a special poster commemorating the many works of the late Sam Bass, NASCAR's first officially licensed artist, who designed the speedway's Coca-Cola 600 program cover from 1985-2018.

Join the Ultimate Race Day Pit Party: Want to get even closer to the action? Purchase a Coca-Cola 600 track pass – which is also good for driver introductions access – and join in at the Pit Party. The Race Day Pit Party lets fans rub elbows with the stars of the sport before they engage in wheel-to-wheel action on Charlotte's iconic 1.5-mile superspeedway. Fans will have the opportunity to take part in Q&A sessions with NASCAR personalities, jam out to live music and take in the festivities.

Run with the Bull(fighters): Bull-fighters Only, the world's top freestyle bullfighters, will wave the red before the green gets waved in

the flagstand on Sunday. Head to the speedway's Fan Zone to witness one of four thrilling bullfighting shows at noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Witness NASCAR's Future Stars on the Track: The May 25 Alsco 300 puts the rising stars of the NASCAR Xfinity Series in the spotlight for a sun-lit spectacle of speed. Watch future Cup Series drivers like Christopher Bell, Cole Custer, Tyler Reddick and Noah Gragson as they lock horns in search of the trophy for the series' most star-studded 300-mile event. Additionally, North Carolina basketball legend Phil Ford will serve as grand marshal for the event.

Ride a Ferris Wheel at the Turn 4 Sun Deck: What's better than riding a giant Ferris wheel during the Coca-Cola 600? Check out the speedway's expansive Turn 4 Sun Deck for an excellent view of the action – but if you're not afraid of heights, take a Ferris wheel ride. And after the checkered flag falls on Sunday, don't forget to grab your tickets for the second running of the Sept. 27-29 Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 on Charlotte Motor Speedway's innovative ROVAL™ road course oval.

Practice Driving in the Infield: Check out an interactive Topgolf display in the speedway's infield this weekend, featuring the ultimate mobile Topgolf experience. Before NASCAR's big names go for a 600-mile Sunday drive like no other, practice tee shots and drives in a new location – America's Home for Racing.

The Hottest Wheels of All: Visit the Fan Zone on Sunday to see Hot Wheels cars in all their life-size glory. This race day-only display is sure to amp up fans' excitement, as some of the most iconic Hot Wheels machines show up as 1/1-scale cars instead of their more common 1/64-scale counterparts.

Rev Up at Speed Street: 600 Festival's Circle K Speed Street presented by Coca-Cola runs Thursday to Sunday in uptown Charlotte, North Carolina, with attractions including vendor displays, driver appearances and rocking concerts featuring the likes of Corey Smith, the Brothers Osborne and Styx. Visit www.600festival.com for more information.



Bowman Gray Stadium

Winston-Salem, NC - Saturday at Bowman Gray Stadium was a dream night for Tim Brown and his team.

The night started off strongly for Brown after he turned the fastest time in qualifying sessions for the Brad's Golf Cars Modified Series – his second pole out of two events this season at the Madhouse.

Jonathan Brown of Winston-Salem started beside him on the outside front row, and defending champ Burt Myers of Walnut Cove started in third.

Tim Brown led the way the entire time, although Jonathan Brown was delivering some stiff shots to his bumper. "My car wasn't very good. I was extremely loose, so I couldn't get in the corner. He could get in the corner so he could give me a shot - but once I got it settled down and got back in the gas I could get a little margin," said Tim Brown. "I'm a veteran over here. I've been doing this a long time."

The #83 of Brown took the checkered – his 90th career Modified win at the Stadium.

The "Madhouse Scramble" put Danny Propst of Monroe on the pole for the start of the second race. Carson Ware of Greensboro started in second. It was the first time Ware had competed at the Stadium and the first time he had ever raced in a Modified.

When the green fell, Propst lost control and Ware took over the lead. Ware immediately had to fend off Frank Fleming of Mount Airy. A few laps later, Burt Myers was on Ware's bumper looking to pass. But the first-time driver held off both racing veterans to grab his first victory on his first night at the Stadium.

The win made him the 136th driver to win a featured event at Bowman Gray Stadium and added his name to the legendary list of winners such as Richard Petty, Bobby Allison, Glen Wood, and Junior Johnson.

"Honestly the experience is unbelievable – to be able to run here not only with Tim and some of the greatest over here," said Ware. "I'm still in shock. I can't believe it. I threw up on the front stretch I was so nervous."

Ware had to learn quickly to deal



After sweeping the first and second Modified races, teammates Tim Brown and Carson Ware celebrate in Winner's Circle. (ERIC HYLTON PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

with the aggression on his rear bumper that the Stadium is known for. "It wasn't something I'm really used to," said Ware. "It was a lot on my plate, but I handled it well. We took care of it and got the win tonight."

The victory for Ware capped off an incredible night for Tim Brown and his team – it was Brown who secured the ride for Ware. "Me and Carson's father go way back," said Tim Brown. "We put the deal together this week – the kid comes over here and is super talented."

"This race team – we've worked hard. Burt has kicked out butts in the points for the last few years. We've regrouped, built new cars, and we're trying hard to win a championship this year," said Brown. "Then to bring Carson over here for the first time ever in a Modified and the first time ever at the Stadium – and to pull off a win, it's a special night."

In the McDowell Heating & Air Sportsman Series, Amber Lynn of Walkertown took her first victory ever in a Sportsman car. She held off Justin Taylor of King, who returned to fly through the field in the second race and claim the win then.

Jacob Creed of Dobson won for the Law Offices of John Barrow Street Stock Series. Grayson Keaton of Mocksville and A.J. Sanders of Mocksville each brought home a win in the Q104.1 Stadium Stock Series.

Dodge City Raceway Park

DODGE CITY, KS - It was a day of firsts at Dodge City Raceway Park on Sunday with the first event

field the entire feature distance with Zak Moore fending off Kohl Ricke for runner-up honors.

Non-Wing "A" Class: Zak Moore and Kohl Ricke split heat and qualifying race wins before Moore held the latter off for the feature win. Moore goes down as the first ever Little DCRP feature winner as the Non-Wing main event kicked off the eight features.

Restricted "A" Class: After winning his heat and his qualifier, Trey Zorn chose to start tailback and took command midway through when Ace Moore looped it in turn two.

Junior Sprints: Briggs Williams literally drove the wheels off his car in the Advanced Junior Sprints, with a left rear tire flying off as he exited turn four with the checkered flag in sight. After a quick loop, Williams motored it across the finish line on three wheels to secure the win while Jayce Caldwell spun out of the runner-up position simultaneously.

Meanwhile, in the Novice Junior Sprints, Deekan McRoberts was an unstoppable force all day.

Adult Karts: Teejay Janousek withstood race long pressure from Ryan Richmeier to post the victory.

Junior Karts: After Aidan Correll topped the initial heat, Caleb Berthof made the most of his first day of racing by winning the qualifier and then romping to victory lane in the feature.

Outlaw Cage Karts: Rex Garrison cashed in on Chad Garrison's misfortune, taking command for keeps in the closing rounds when the latter suffered with a balky motor after dominating the early

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Tanner Johnson not only won his qualifier and heat races, he set the pace and won the Winged "A" Class Sunday afternoon. (DCRP photo)

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Dodge City Raceway Park and the Little DCRP clay oval is located on the south edge of Dodge City, KS. For more information, contact the track at 620-225-3277 or check www.dodgecityraceway.com.

Hickory Motor Speedway

After battling it out with nature and torrential rains the last two weeks Hickory Motor Speedway competitors were finally able to turn their attention back to America's Most Famous Short Track and battle it out on the famed 3/8 mile oval with a full slate of racing action on Whelen Night at the Races.

Leading off the evening's festivities would be the first of two 40 lap features for the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Late Models. Recent first-time Late Model winner, Vince Midas in the #14 would grab the top spot in qualifying with the #12 of Gage Painter, in his Late Model debut at Hickory Motor Speedway, starting second. Thomas Beane in the #31 and Bradley McCaskill in the #07 would make up row two for the start of the race. The green flag would see Midas and Painter side by side for the first lap of racing. Midas would nose ahead and Beane would use the opportunity to slide by Painter for second. Jake Crum in the #12C would start fifth but move up to third in the first five laps. Lap 17 would see the caution fly as Julia Landauer's #2 would come to a stop in turn four. The restart would see Midas choose the inside with Beane to his outside. The front row would battle side by side for a lap and be joined by Crum as he would take them three wide on lap 18 and emerge with the lead. Midas would bide his time, however and move back to the lead two laps later after passing Crum. Painter would see an opening after the scuffle up front and move to second. Midas would hold on to grab the win outlasting the field. Painter would grab 2nd in his first Late Model race. Beane, the Hickory Motor Speedway points leader, would hang on to finish 3rd. Bradley McCaskill in the #07 would finish 4th and Chris Hudspeth in the #28 would finish 5th.

The Street Stocks would roll off next for their 30 lap slugfest. The



Jake Crum (12) edges out Mike Darne (6) after a hard fought battle in the second Late Model twin-40 lap feature at Hickory Motor Speedway. (SHERRI STEARNS photo)

#21 of Drew Cox would grab the pole position with Ethan Johnson in the #2 starting to his outside. Cox and Johnson would battle door to door for the top spot. A couple of laps would be needed before Cox could nose ahead for the lead. Lap 9 would see Jesse Clark in the #5 and Mark Whitten in the #77 make contact and bring out the yellow flag. Clark would make repairs and continue but Whitten would have to park for the evening due to the damage. The restart would see Cox and Johnson up front once more. Lap 15 would see Kevin Eby in the #03 work his way around Johnson for the second spot. The yellow would fly once more on lap 17 as Clark would spin on the front stretch. Cox and Eby would start from the front on the restart. Cox would move ahead for the top spot as the battles would rage behind him. Lap 23 would see the #31 of Derek Fowler spin on the front stretch and bring out the caution. Cox and Eby would restart up front and Cox would nose ahead for the top spot. Cox would hold on to the top spot and take the win. Eby would finish 2nd and Johnson would bring home a hard fought 3rd. Jonathon Smith in the #16 would pressure Johnson hard for third but settle for 4th. Marshall Sutton in the #64 would work his way through the field to finish 5th.

Round #4 of the Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Racing Challenge would be next up on the schedule with 50 laps for the Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models. Stevie Johns Jr in the #91 would snatch the top spot in qualifying with the #44 of Josh Kossek to his outside. Landon Huffman in the #71 and the #99 of Kyle Mansch would make up row two for the green flag. Johns and Kossek would dive into turn one

side by side, but Kossek would use the high side to his advantage and pull ahead on the backstretch. Mansch would also use the high line to get around Johns for second. Johns would bide his time and work his way back around Mansch for the second spot on lap 18. Lap 27 would see Cody DeMarmels in the #18 work his way around Mansch for third. Kossek would hang on for his first Hickory Motor Speedway Victory, leading every lap on his way to the win. DeMarmels would grab another spot near the end of the race and finish 2nd. Johns would take the 3rd spot after a hard fought battle. Mansch would finish 4th and Huffman would hang on for 5th.

The Renegades would be the next to roll off with their 20 lap feature. Winner of the last Renegades feature Spencer Dickinson in the #6 would start from the top spot while current point leader Robbie Hollifield in the #51 would be close behind in qualifying and start second. Dickinson would move to the early lead and Brian Larkin in the #7 would move to second. The caution would fly on lap 3 as contact between Justin Austin in the #40 and the #97 of Danny Crump Jr would send both spinning. The restart would see Dickinson move to the front once more and battles would continue throughout the field. Lap 9 the caution would fly once again due to contact between Austin and Crump. Crump would continue but Austin would retire his ride for the night. Dickinson would move back to the front as the green flag flew. Caution would fly on lap 15 as the #69 of Megan Campbell would have mechanical problems and the track cleanup crew would be needed. One last restart would see Dickinson pull back to the lead

and drive on to the win. Larkin would finish 2nd and Hollifield would come home in 3rd. Crump would finish 4th and Zachary Mullins in the #72 would finish 5th.

Next up would be the 4-Cylinders for their 25 lap feature. 2018 Champion Brian Mundy in the #6 would set the fast time and start from the point with the #25 of Dennis Ward starting to his outside. The green flag would see Mundy and Ward looking to battle into turn one, but Mundy suddenly slowed at the flagstand and coasted back around to the pits. Ward would move to the lead. Lap 9 would see caution as Don Wardo in the #59 would spin on the front stretch. Ward would move back to the lead on the restart, but see the caution fly again as Wardo would spin on the front stretch on lap 11. The restart would see Ward move to the lead with Robert Trivette in the #11 giving chase. Ward would hold on for the win with Trivette finishing 2nd. Cody Combs in the #9 would finish 3rd, Ashton Trivette in the #21 would finish 4th, and Allison Houston in the #29 would finish 5th.

The NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Late Models would finish out the night's events with their second 40 lap feature. With the nine car invert of the finishing order from race one Julia Landauer in the #2 would start from the top spot with Jake Crum in the #12C to his outside. The second row would be made up of Connor Mosack in the #18 and the #6 of Mike Darne. As the green flag would fly Landauer and Crum would race hard for the top spot. Landauer would nose ahead and take the lead. Crum would drop to second, but a few short laps later seize the first opportunity and move to the inside and pass Landauer for the lead. Darne would also use the opening and move around the #2 for second. Battles would rage throughout the field with good hard racing but no caution flags. Darne would catch Crum with ten laps to go and the pair would go side by side for the remainder of this exciting race. The pair would bring the fans to their feet with an epic battle that would culminate with Crum taking the win by a nose. Darne would race the leader hard but clean and take home 2nd. Thomas Beane in the #31 would cap off a good points night with another 3rd place finish on the evening. Bradley McCaskill in the #07 would finish 4th and Vince Midas in the #14 would cap off a good night after winning race

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one with a 5th place finish in race two.

Next week, May 25th, the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series returns to Hickory Motor Speedway with a full slate of racing action for 321 Lawnmower Night at the Races featuring Twin 40 lappers for our Late Model Stock Cars.

In two weeks, June 1st, the ever popular Knights of Destruction rolls back in to America's Most Famous Short Track for a fun-filled night of excitement.

For more information check us out at www.hickormotorspeedway.com, on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Or you can give us a call at 828-464-3655.

Lake View Motor Speedway

LAKE VIEW, SC - Hope Mills, NC's Daniel Parker took an early lead and led the rest of the way Saturday night for the Open Wheel Modified win in the Dirt Cup Challenge at Lake View Motor Speedway. The second-generation racer brought home \$3,000 for the biggest win of his career.

"We learned a lot Friday night and made some changes that worked pretty good," said Parker in victory lane. "The car was just hooked up tonight and I'm glad we were able to get this win."

In qualifying, Andy Boahn was the fastest qualifier with a lap of 18.454 seconds. Boahn struggled to a fourth-place finish in heat one, while Shawn Martin, Parker, and Wayne Gray claimed the wins in each of their respective heat races.

At the drop of the green flag for the main event, Martin got the advantage over Parker entering turn one to take the lead. The first caution of the night would wave on lap three when top five runners Christian Thomas and Ryan Ayers spun in turn four. Following the restart, Parker challenged Martin for the lead when the two made contact in turn three and Martin went spinning.

Willie Milliken and Boahn battled hard throughout the race for third until lap 24 when contact would send Milliken spinning out of contention. Parker led the rest of the way to take the Dirt Cup Challenge win over Gray, Boahn, Justin Haley,

and David Taylor. Rounding out the top 10 were Thomas, Ayers, Austin Holcombe, Brayton Haws, and Maverick Varnadore.

Shaun Harrel continued his mastery of Lake View Motor Speedway to take another Late Model win over Willie Milliken, Dean Bowen, Chris Miller, and Johnny Pridgen.

Zackary Tate took the lead at the drop of the green flag and led the rest of the way for his first SportMod win of the season. Rounding out the top five were Cameron Norris, IV, Josh Fields, Cameron Norris, III and Jim Manka.

Myrtle Beach, SC's Benji Thompson got the advantage over pole sitter Chris Powers to take his first Limited Sportsman win of the season. Greg Cain finished second over Powers, Ron Pope, and Scott Lewis.

In Friday night action, Justin

Stingerz and Sharp Mini Late Models. Be sure to "Like" Lake View Motor Speedway on Facebook, follow @LakeViewDirt on Twitter to keep up on all that's going on in 2019 or visit lakeviewmotorspeedway.com.

Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINSGROVE, PA - Mason Ziegler of Chalk Hill looked like he was going to make his four hour tow payoff in a big way Saturday night at Selinsgrove Speedway but it was Rick Eckert of York who made a late-race pass on the 49th of 52 laps to take the win and \$11,000 that was posted for the Ron Keister Memorial for super late models.

Keister, a rookie driver who was killed in April of 1976, was honored by the speedway and his family.

The victory was Eckert's seventh career at the famed Snyder

In the early laps, Eckert got by Frye as Hardy followed. By lap 10 Ziegler had run into traffic and Eckert drew to his rear bumper. Hardy and Greg Satterlee soon joined the front runners.

Ziegler continued to slice through traffic while Eckert, a former World of Outlaw Champion stayed in contact but did not pressure him. Satterlee got by Hardy for third and was soon tracking down Eckert.

With the first 41 laps run without a caution, a planned competition yellow was thrown to allow for an 11 lap shootout in honor of Keister's former car number.

The cars restarted using the Delaware restart with Ziegler choosing the bottom lane. As Ziegler took off, Dylan Yoder used the restart to drive into third. Eckert stayed glued to Ziegler's bumper and tried to test him high but on the 49th lap Ziegler came off the fourth turn high. Eckert drove low and into the lead.

Almost immediately the caution came out as Jeff Rine, Ken Moreland, Jim Yoder and Shaun Jones got together in the third turn.

After a lengthy caution because a bumper got caught in the guardrail the race resumed for a green-white-checkered showdown.

Eckert checked out winning by .448 seconds over Ziegler, Yoder, Satterlee and Jared Miley.

Late model heats went to Ziegler, Alex Feree, Eckert and Frye. The B-Mains were won by Kenny Trevitz and Gene Knaub. Satterlee set fast time of 19.355 seconds over the 36-car field.

Mallie Schuster rocketed into the sprint car lead from the pole position. He was followed by Derek Locke, Michael Walter, Jason Shultz and Kyle Reinhardt.

Locke took the lead on the next go around and the race was cau-tioned on lap three for a spin by Dave McGough and Jim Schuster.

Walter, Schuster, and Shultz raced the next lap three wide before Walter grabbed second and Shultz settled into third.

Shultz running low and Walter racing high in a side by side race allowed Locke to open a lead by over four seconds when he slowed and pulled off the track on lap 19.

"I saw him go low and pull in," Walter said. "My engine was getting hot and I was hoping it would hold up just a few more laps. We've tried and failed so many times it feels great to win this one."

Walter was followed by Shultz, Layton, Reinhardt and Mallie

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Daniel Parker takes the turn at Lake View Motor Speedway. (LAKEVIEW MOTOR SPEEDWAY photo)

Haley was the Open Wheel Modified winner over Andy Boahn and Ryan Ayers. Joey Wilkes claimed his second Renegade win this year over Michael Butler and Chandler Fowler. Eric Bentley won his first SportMod win of the year over Zackary Tate and Mike Manes.

Glenn Register scored his second Stingerz win this year ahead of Derek Kemper and Kyle Jenkins. Kenny Dobbs was the Sharp Mini Late Model winner, but a wild crash by Albert Brayfield that resulted in him flipping three times outside of the track caught everyone's attention. Brayfield emerged from the wild incident uninjured.

The next event at Lake View Motor Speedway will be the 2nd Annual Sandra Miller Memorial on June 1 for the Late Models. Also in action will be the Limited Sportsman, Renegade, SportMod,

County half-mile oval.

Michael Walter of Selinsgrove scored his first career 360 sprint car win in the 25-lap feature that was worth \$2,000.

Kyle Bachman of Selinsgrove capped off the night with his second win of the season in the 15-lap pro stock feature.

Selinsgrove Speedway returns to action at 7 p.m. next Saturday, May 25th, with the United Racing Club Jack Gunn Memorial for 360 sprint cars along with limited late models, pro stocks and roadrunners. Track gates will open at 5 p.m.

Starting on the pole in what was his first ever race at Selinsgrove Speedway, Mason Ziegler slid underneath Coleby Frye for the early lead in the late model race. The pair were followed by Rick Eckert, Randy Christine Jr. and Kyle Hardy.

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The win was Walter's first at the speedway after starting his career on the 1/5th mile inner oval and the third generation of his family to race at the speedway.

Sprint car heats were won by Locke and Layton

Shaun Lawton blasted to the front of the pro stock feature followed by Kyle Bachman, Brandon Moser, AJ Hoffman and Tommy Dawson.

Bachman pulled even with Lawton and the pair ran side by side until lap eight when Bachman inched into the lead.

A last lap caution for Dawson and Wayne Shaffer bunched the field on Bachman's rear but the defending track champion won his second race of the season over Moser, Lawton, Hoffman and AJ Stroup.

Kyle Bachman and Brandon Moser won the pro stock heats.

South Boston Speedway

SOUTH BOSTON, VA - The depth in the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Model Stock Car Division at South Boston Speedway has been getting better with each week of the 2019 season.

It took another step in that direction Saturday night when Trey Crews of Halifax, Virginia scored his first career NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Model Stock Car race win in the Bojangles NASCAR Late Model 100.

Crews, the outside pole starter, held off former NASCAR national champion Lee Pulliam of Alton, Virginia and Nick Sanchez of Miami, Florida in a 37-lap sprint to the finish following the race's final caution period to capture his first win. His margin of victory was .748-second.

The Halifax, Virginia resident took the lead at the outset, and held a lead of almost a quarter of a lap over Pulliam and Sanchez when a caution flag flew for an incident on lap 63. Pulliam and Sanchez gave Crews a hard run for a handful of laps after the restart, but Crews was able to gradually pull away as Pulliam and Sanchez engaged in a close side-by-side battle for second place, a battle Pulliam won by about two car lengths.

Austin Thaxton of South Boston,

Virginia finished fourth and Mike Looney of Catawba, Virginia rounded out the top five finishers in the race that took just over an hour to complete.

Moss, Willis Split Limited Sportsman Division Twinbill: Daniel Moss of Danville, Virginia and Danny Willis Jr. of South Boston, Virginia split wins in Saturday night's twin 25-lap Limited Sportsman Division races. The wins marked the second victory of the season for both drivers.

Moss took the lead from Willis with three laps to go as they battled on the restart following the last of the race's three caution periods and held off Willis to win by .415-second. Drew Dawson of Nathalie, Virginia finished third with Jason Myers of Hurt, Virginia and Brent Younger of South Boston, Virginia rounding out the top five finishers.

Willis started on the outside of the front row in the second race, took the lead from Myers on the second lap and drove to a .685-second win over Moss, who got around Myers to take second place on the next-to-last lap of the race.

Eric Winslow of Pelham, North Carolina and Dawson rounded out the top five finishers in the night-

15-lap races, edging Pickrel by a slim margin of .338-second. Scott Phillips of Halifax, Virginia finished third, with Bruce Mayo of Halifax, Virginia and Randy Hupp of Halifax, Virginia.

Crews and Pickrel exchanged the lead three times in the opening race, with Crews taking the lead for good with eight laps to go to capture his third win of the season.

Pickrel started on the front row and led the entire way in the second race that was marred by a multi-car incident on the opening lap. Justin Dawson's car was destroyed and Hupp's car was totaled when it overturned on the frontstretch. Neither driver was injured.

A good jump on the start allowed Pickrel to pull away from the field, and with no challenges, he sped to a three-second win over runner-up Jarrett Milam of Keeling, Virginia. Mayo finished third with Kenny Mills Jr. of Alton, Virginia and Crews running out the top five finishers.

Dawson Takes Hornets Division Win: Josh Dawson of Halifax, Virginia scored his first career win Saturday night in the 15-lap Budweiser Hornets Division race. With the vic-

Next Race At South Boston Speedway: NASCAR racing action returns to South Boston Speedway on Saturday night, June 1 with the 7 p.m. Running of the NASCAR Late Model Twin 75s racing program.

The six race program will be headlined by twin 75-lap races for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Model Stock Car Division competitors. Also on tap are a 50-lap Limited Sportsman Division race, a 30-lap race for the Budweiser Pure Stock Division, a 15-lap race for the Budweiser Hornets Division and a 25-lap race for the regional touring Southern Ground Pounders series.

Registration and pit gates open at 2 p.m. Practice goes from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Grandstand gates open at 5:30 p.m. and qualifying starts at 6 p.m. The first race gets the green flag at 7 p.m.

Admission is \$10 for adults with children ages 12 and under admitted free with a paying adult.

For additional information about the NASCAR Late Model Twin 75s racing program or any other events at South Boston Speedway please visit the speedway's website at www.southboston speedway.com or telephone the speedway at 434-572-4947 or 1-877-440-1540.

Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Stafford Speedway returned to NASCAR Whelen All-American Series racing action on May 17 with the BFF Friday / Scout Night program. Glen wired the field to take the 40-lap SK Modified® feature, Al Saunders followed up his twin brother Cliff's feature win last week with a win of his own in the 30-lap Late Model feature, Bryan Narducci took down his second win of 2019 in the 20-lap SK Light feature, Duane Provost took the 15-lap Limited Late Model feature, Zack Robinson won the 20-lap Street Stock feature, and 5-year old Madelyn Boudreau from Stafford won the Kids Big Wheel race that was held on the frontstretch as part of Scout Night.

In the 40-lap SK Modified® feature event, Glen Reen took the early lead with Tyler Hines and David Arute giving chase. Stephen Kopcik was fourth in line with Nick Salva in fifth. Kopcik took third from Arute on lap-5 and he took second from Hines on lap-9 as Reen was still in command of the race.

Michael Christopher, Jr. took sixth from Todd Owen on lap-15
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Trey Crews of Halifax, Virginia is all smiles as he is congratulated in Victory Lane by Bojangles representatives Shane Cullen (left) and Bill Sam (right) following his win in Saturday night's Bojangles NASCAR Late Model 100 at South Boston Speedway. (SOUTH BOSTON SPEEDWAY photo)

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Crews, Pickrel Pick Up Wins In Pure Stock Division Twins: Nathan Crews of Long Island, Virginia and Jordan Pickrel of Keeling, Virginia split wins in Saturday night's twin 15-lap Budweiser Pure Stock Division races.

Crews fended off Pickrel in a close battle in the first of the pair of

tory, Dawson became the third different winner in the four races run in the division thus far this season.

Aaron Cash of South Boston, Virginia finished second with Micah Pacifico of Providence, North Carolina, Steven Layne of Nathalie, Virginia and Kevin Currin of Chase City, Virginia completing the top five finishers.



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with Reen still leading the pack of Kopcik, Hines, Arute, and Salva. At the halfway point of the race Reen was still out front with Kopcik, Hines, Salva, Christopher, Owen, Michael Gervais, Jr., Arute, Keith Rocco, and Joey Cipriano making up the top-10. Jeff Malave spun coming out of turn 4 to bring the caution out with 28 laps complete.

Reen took the lead on the restart with Hines and Kopcik going side by side for second. Salva was fourth with Christopher in fifth. Cipriano spun coming out of turn 2 and collected several others cars including Tony Membrino, Jr. and Andrew Molleur to bring the caution back out with 30 laps complete.

Reen took the lead back under green with Kopcik taking second. Christopher took third with Owen moving into fourth and Salva was side by side with Hines for fifth before taking the spot while Christopher also got by Kopcik to move into second as Reen began to stretch out his advantage on lap-33. Eric Berndt brought the caution back out with 36 laps complete with a spin coming out of turn 4.

There was a pileup of several cars mid-pack as the cars were coming back to green that kept the caution flag out. The next restart saw Reen take the lead with Christopher glued to his back bumper. Kopcik and Owen were side by side for third with Kopcik taking the position on lap-38. Reen led Christopher to the checkered flag to pick up his first win of the 2019 season. Kopcik finished third with Owen and Gervais rounding out the top-5.

In the 30-lap Late Model feature event, Chase Cook took the lead at the green and set the early pace out front. Paul Varricchio, Jr. was second with Al Saunders, Paul Arute, and Tom Fearn lined up behind him. Varricchio lost second to Al Saunders on lap-5 and he slid back to seventh in line as Arute, Fearn, Cliff Saunders, and Michael Wray all followed Al Saunders by.

Al Saunders continued his charge to the front as he took the lead from Cook on lap-9. Arute was now third behind Cook with Fearn in fourth. Fearn got sideways on lap-10 coming out of turn 4 with Wray moving into fourth and

Kevin Gambacorta taking fifth as Fearn slid back to sixth. Greg DeMone brought the caution out with 10 laps complete with a spin in turn 3 with Cliff Saunders also coming to a stop against the wall in the middle of turns 3+4.

Saunders took the lead on the restart with Arute taking second. Fearn moved up to third with Michael Bennett and Kevin Gambacorta going 3-wide with Michael Wray for fourth place. Scott Cook spun in turn 3 to bring the caution back out with 12 laps complete.

Saunders took the lead back under green with Fearn and Arute going side by side for second. Fearn took the spot one lap after the restart and both Bennett and Gambacorta also got by Arute with Gambacorta also taking third from Bennett in the process. Arute settled back into line in fifth with Wray just behind him in sixth.

Fearn was starting to apply heavy pressure to Saunders' bumper on lap-18 and with 10 laps to go, there was virtually no space between the two cars as they raced into turn 1. Fearn touched bumpers with Saunders on lap-22 but Saunders was able to keep the lead. Gambacorta was now working Fearn over for second and he was able to charge his way by Fearn in turn 3 on lap-24.

Gambacorta couldn't get close enough to Saunders to make a move as Saunders took the checkered flag to follow his twin brother's win from one week ago. Fearn finished third with Bennett and Arute rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap SK Light feature event, Wesley Prucker made a 3-wide move at the start to pass both Todd Douillard and Nathan Pytko and take the early lead. Douillard slotted into second with Mikey Flynn quickly working his way around Pytko to take third and then Douillard to move into second on lap-3. Flynn was leading Prucker, Pytko, Douillard, and Joey Ferrigno when the caution came out with 4 laps complete for Amanda West, who came to a stop in turn 2.

The field completed one lap before the caution came back out for Robert Bloxsom, III, who spun in turn 4.

Flynn and Prucker took the top-2 spots on the restart with Pytko and Douillard side by side for third until Douillard got loose in turn 3 on lap-8 and slid back outside the top-10. A multi-car crash in turn 3 involving the cars of Bloxsom, Douillard, Bob Charland, Alexander Pearl, and Glenn Korner brought the caution back out with 9 laps

complete.

Flynn took the lead back under green with Ferrigno taking second. Pytko was third in line with Prucker fourth and Glenn Griswold was up to fifth. Bryan Narducci was on a charge in the outside lane as he streaked his way past Griswold, Prucker, and Pytko to take second just before the caution came out for Douillard, who spun in the middle of turns 3+4.

Narducci continued his outside lane charge on the restart as he powered his way into the lead with Flynn settling into second. Ferrigno was up to third with Griswold and Pytko side by side for fourth place. Pytko got clear to fourth on lap-16 with Prucker and Mark Bakaj also getting by Griswold to drop him back to seventh. Norm Sears and Nick Anglace both spun through the frontstretch infield grass to bring the caution out with 16 laps complete.

Narducci took the lead on the restart with Flynn right behind him in second. Ferrigno was third in line with Prucker in fourth. Narducci led the field back to the checkered flag to pick up his second win of the 2019 season. Flynn finished second with Ferrigno third. Bakaj got the better of a side by side duel with Prucker to take fourth at the line.

In the 15-lap Limited Late Model feature event, Gary Patnode took the early lead with Alexandra Fearn quickly looking to his inside in a bid to take the lead. Kyle Casagrande spun coming out of turn 4 to bring the caution out with 1 lap complete.

Last week's winner Matt Clement pulled off the track early with a loose wheel and was finished for the evening.

Fearn took the lead from Patnode on the restart with Jeremy Lavoie slotting into third. Duane Provost was fourth with Kyle Casagrande in fifth. Provost took third from Lavoie on lap-5 as Patnode was hounding Fearn for the race lead.

Fearn got loose coming out of turn 4 on lap-6 which allowed Patnode to pull alongside and he took the lead with a pass in turn 3 on lap-7. Lavoie was now coming back to the inside of Provost in a fight for third with Casagrande still holding down fifth place.

Provost moved into second on lap-9 and his move opened the door for Lavoie to follow him through and drop Fearn from second back to fourth. Casagrande was also able to get by Fearn on lap-10 to move into fourth and drop

Fearn back to fifth in line.

Provost was stalking Patnode for the lead and as they took the white flag Provost pulled alongside Patnode for the lead. They raced side by side through turns 1+2 and down the backstretch. They were still side by side through turns 3+4 with Provost edging Patnode at the line by a nose to take down his first win of the 2019 season. Lavoie finished third with Casagrande and Fearn rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap Street Stock feature event, Chris Danielczuk spun in turn r4 on the opening lap which collected the cars of Vince Gambacorta and Dave Secore, Jr. to bring the caution out before a lap could be completed.

Jason Lafayette took the early lead back under green with Nicole Chambrello, Zack Robinson, Steve Kenneway, and Adrien Paradis, III lined up behind him. Armand Cote, Jr.'s. car blew an engine in turns 1+2 to bring the caution out with 1 lap complete.

Lafayette took the lead on the restart with Zack Robinson making a 3-wide move to roll into second. Kenneway was third with Chambrello fourth and George Bessette, Jr. up to fifth. Meghan Fuller went by Paradis on lap-6 to move into sixth place as Robinson was looking high and low for a way to get by Lafayette to take the lead.

Lafayette took the lead back under green with Robinson still glued to his back bumper in second. Chambrello was third in line but she lost that position to Bessette on lap-13. Fuller was fifth in line just behind Chambrello. Up front, Robinson was able to get alongside Lafayette and he took the lead on lap-15 with a pass in turn 4. Bessette was now third with Fuller up to fourth and Chambrello back to fifth. Just behind Chambrello in sixth was Travis Hydar. Bessette and Fuller made contact with Fuller spinning in turn 2 to bring the caution out with 18 laps complete. Bessette was sent to the rear of the field by NASCAR officials for making contact with Fuller.

Robinson took the lead on the restart with Chambrello moving into second. Lafayette was third with Hydar in fourth and Paradis in fifth. Robinson led Chambrello to the checkered flag to pick up his first win of the 2019 season. Lafayette finished third with Hydar and Paradis rounding out the top-5.

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