

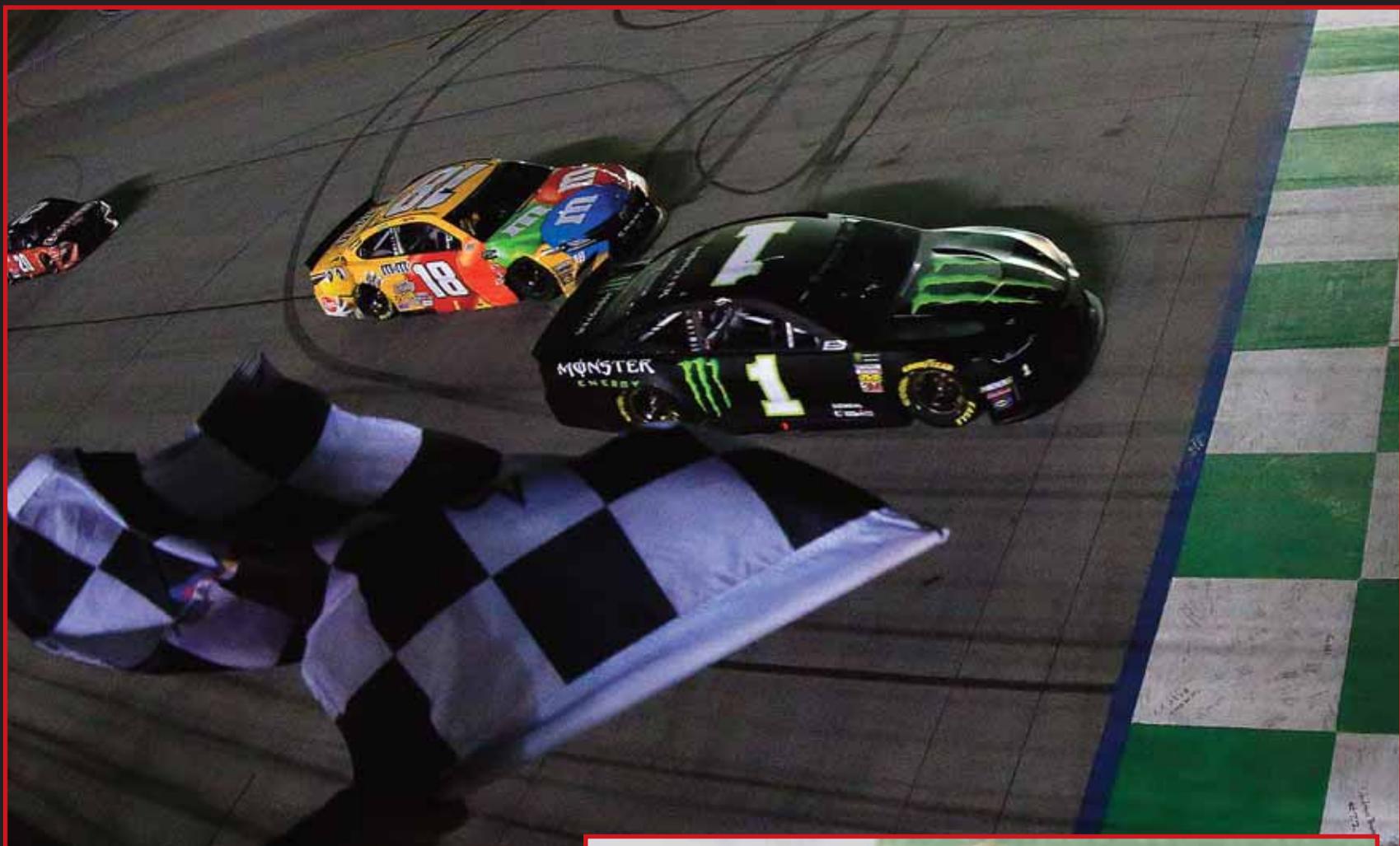


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Where Kurt Goes, Wins Follow

Kurt Busch has raced for six teams in his Cup Series career and he's made every one of them better.

So why is there a possibility he will be working for a seventh team next season?

Busch steered Chip Ganassi Racing into Victory Lane last Saturday at

the Kentucky Speedway. He clearly has been the most-consistent driver in the Chevrolet camp this year, and he's returned a little of Ganassi's swagger in a season dominated by the Toyota's at Joe Gibbs Racing and Ford's at Penske Racing.

Busch's current deal is for one year. He's working on his third of three one-year contracts. Not only is he trying to win races and compete for a championship, he's got to work behind the scenes to find work for 2020.

While it's impossible to know the details, it's clear Busch isn't worried.

"I had always talked about 2019 and it being my 20th full-time year, that's a number I had in my mind," Busch said.

But don't expect Busch to slow down. He was at the 24 Hours of Le Mans last month to watch Ganassi's Ford GT sports car program. An opportunity to drive one of the premier cars in IMSA would be tempting for most, but Busch continued to prove he's still one of the premier drivers in stock cars.

If you need proof, watch a replay of the final two laps of last Saturday's race.

Busch restarted fourth in an overtime finish. His younger brother, Kyle, squirted from the pack to quickly take the lead. The older brother, who got a push from Ganassi teammate Kyle Larson, gave chase.

The two battled side-by-side for two laps – Kyle on the inside; Kurt battling inches from the outside wall. They banged a couple times going through the fourth turn. Their cars fish-tailed with smoke belching from the wheel wells as Kurt finally inched ahead for the win.

"Well, I was on the outside position, so he was in the offensive spot

to cross the line and go into that category of sparks flying, tire rubs, wrecking somebody," Kurt said. "I was in the vulnerable spot. But I had almost zero intention of lifting in Turns 3 and 4, and if I bounced off the fence, I probably would have then bounced off of him.

"It was magic the way it worked out, and I think it was two racers putting it out on the line, and we went as far as we could possibly go without wrecking each other, and that's what it's all about, when you can have a solid finish like that and two brothers going at it, and to put on a show, that's the best possible outcome. If both of us would have been in a pile in a steaming heap and third place would have won it, that would have been big. That would have been bad."

Instead, it was the kind of finish that will help define the 2019 season.

After winning six races in five years at Stewart-Haas Racing, including the 2017 Daytona 500, he couldn't strike a deal for another extension.

His deal with Ganassi took 30 minutes to complete.

"Whether you're knocked down or whether it's a lateral move or whether it was an upgrade, you can look at it in many different ways," Busch said. "When the contract was struggling at SHR to come together, I called Chip Ganassi, and it took 30 minutes, and it was done. And away we went.

"To me that meant respect. It meant that I was wanted. And when you have that, that's that extra desire to push and to make this group a winner."

Ganassi doesn't play games. He only surrounds himself with winners.

"So, I think anytime you can have a veteran guy like that, that A. knows how to win races, but B. is a good guy in the locker room per say, I think that brings something to our team that I think will only enhance a young guy like a Larson or any of the other young guys we have that maybe don't have the years of experience that put a little gray hair on me from time to time," Ganassi said after signing Busch.

While nobody questions Busch's ability to win races, he hasn't always been an easy sale. Monster



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KURT BUSCH
(GETTY IMAGES)

Energy has been a loyal sponsor for the 40-year-old driver from Las Vegas for years, but the company is re-evaluating its place in NASCAR. It already announced it was removing its name – and dollars – at the end of the year as the signature sponsor for the Cup Series.

There also was a 2005 traffic stop at Phoenix. Police said he was driving 60 mph in a 45-mph zone, and they smelled alcohol on his breath. Hours later, he was fired at Roush Racing. He eventually was cleared of DUI and was ordered to pay a \$50,000 fine for reckless driving.

Busch then was fired from Penske Racing after the 2011 season after he berated a television reporter after the season-finale at the

Homestead-Miami Speedway. Shell Pennzoil reported told car owner Roger Penske to decide between Busch or its sponsorship dollars. Penske took the money and ran.

He also was suspended for three races in 2015 while Delaware Family Court authorities investigated claims of domestic violence against his girlfriend, Patricia Driscoll.

Busch was cleared of all charges and Driscoll eventually was convicted of stealing from a veteran charity. She is awaiting sentencing.

Since then, Busch has been a model citizen in the garage. But it's clear race teams now are reluctant to make a long-term commitment.

Ganassi's no-nonsense approach just may be the structure Busch needed most.

"You've got to be straight up with him. There's no BS with Chip," Busch said. "I like that, and I think that's the way that he's treated all of his racing programs over the year with sports car, IndyCar, and with the NASCAR program.

"It's a fun atmosphere to be part of, but also Chip is pretty tough. He's got that old-school, yeah, you screw up, [he'll] let you know."

For now, as long as Busch continues to make Chip Ganassi Racing a better team, things are going smoothly for both – at least until the end of the 2019 season.

What happens next is anybody's guess.

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Down the Stretch

With the triple-header at the Kentucky Speedway in the record books, the top three divisions of NASCAR look to the stretch drive to the playoffs. With Kentucky being the final 1.5-mile track the teams will race on until the playoffs, a variety of tracks and challenges will welcome the contenders for the playoffs in the next several weeks.

The NASCAR Monster Energy Cup Series still has seven races to determine the sixteen drivers who will compete for the 2019 championship. However, the race for those sixteen

positions is far from over. Eight different drivers have won at least one race to insure their playoff position. Kyle Busch, Martin Truex Jr., Brad Keselowski, Joey Logano, Denny Hamlin, Chase Elliott, and Alex Bowman were joined by Kurt Busch as 2019 MECS victors. The list of challengers to win and earn their guaranteed playoff spot is large and very competitive.

With the likes of Kevin Harvick, Kyle Larson, Jimmie Johnson, Aric Amicola, Clint Bowyer, Ryan Blaney, William Byron and others looking to visit victory lane for the first time this season, the playoff roster will obviously not be determined until the checkered flag at Indianapolis on September 8th. And, don't forget that several drivers will earn their playoff position by finishing the highest in the point standings of those who haven't won a guaranteed spot.

Races at New Hampshire (this weekend), followed by Pocono, Watkins Glen, Michigan, Bristol, Darlington, and Indy will determine the MECS playoff grid. And, you can bet that the pressure just to make the playoffs will provide some outstanding competition and strategy moves the closer the cutoff for the playoffs comes.

The Xfinity Series has nine races left to determine their playoff drivers. Only four drivers have earned guaranteed playoff positions in the Xfinity Series heading to New Hampshire. Cole Custer, Christopher Bell, Tyler Reddick, and Michael Annett have won this

season and have a secure playoff spot. With only twelve playoff positions up for grabs, the battle for the remaining eight positions should be furious. Austin Cindric, Justin Allgaier, Noah Gragson, Chase Briscoe, John Hunter Nemechek, Justin Haley, Ryan Sieg, and Brandon Jones currently occupy the eight remaining positions. However, with three road course races (Watkins Glen, Mid-Ohio, and Road America), two short tracks (Iowa, Bristol), and the always tough Darlington remaining prior to the playoffs, a surprise winner and challenger for the playoffs is certainly possible.



DENNIS PUNCH

Probably the most entertaining race to the playoffs exists in the Ganders Truck Series. Only three races remain until their playoffs begin. Pocono, Eldora, and Michigan will be the last chances for non-guaranteed drivers to earn a playoff position. Five drivers – Brett Moffitt, Austin Hill, Johnny Sauter, Tyler Ankrum, and Ross Chastain have won this year to earn a guaranteed playoff spot. But, here's where the excitement begins.

Grant Enfinger is the current Truck Series point leader even though he has not won a race. Stuart Friesen and Matt Crafton would occupy the final three positions if the playoffs began tomorrow.

However, drivers such as Harrison Burton, Ben Rhodes, Todd Gilliland, and Sheldon Creed are certainly poised to give each one of them a "fight to the finish" for the final playoff spots.

When you take a look at the three remaining truck events and the drivers involved in the playoff battle, several strong contenders surface. After an off weekend next week while the MECS and Xfinity race at New Hampshire, the trucks resume their intense battle at Pocono. Ironically, no current Gander Outdoors Truck Series driver has won at Pocono. Previous Pocono winners have either been Cup drivers or drivers who were competing in the truck series before moving up to compete. And, when you consider those several of the contenders for the playoffs have never raced trucks at Pocono, the pressure rises.

Following Pocono, the trucks go to the only dirt track race on their



Tyler Ankrum, celebrating in Kentucky Speedway's victory lane, became the one of the five drivers guaranteed to have a playoff position in the NASCAR Gander Outdoors Series. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

schedule, Eldora Speedway, for their annual battle. Of the current non-winners, Matt Crafton has scored a win at Eldora in 2017. He also has earned two top-five and six top-ten finishes at the historic dirt track.

Friesen has two top-fives in three races at Eldora, and Enfinger two top-fives in his two dirt starts. There's no question that Eldora could be the "wild card" and see an underdog score the victory and earn a playoff berth.

The truck series at Michigan has seen Brett Moffitt win twice ('16, '18) and Johnny Sauter ('14) once. The two-mile track has also been very good for Enfinger, Friesen, and Crafton. Enfinger has three top-ten finishes in three starts. Friesen has one top-ten in two races, and Crafton three top-fives and eight top-tens in seventeen races at Michigan.

I realize that the favorites to win the three titles in the top divisions of NASCAR have probably already earned their playoff position. But, that's what makes the "stretch run" to the playoffs so exciting and challenging. Not only are wins important, but playoff points are very valuable as well. Battles for the final playoff positions in each division will, no doubt, be settled by a mere few points.

If you think that predicting the final playoff grid is an easy task, let me remind you of the past few weeks of NASCAR racing. In the MECS the last three races have been won by Kurt Busch, Justin

Haley, and Alex Bowman. Busch won his first race of the year at Kentucky while Haley and Bowman won their first career MECS races at Daytona and Chicago. I know Haley is not eligible for the MECS playoffs, but his win goes to show that almost anything can happen at any given time.

While the Xfinity Series has been dominated by the "Big Three" – Custer, Bell, and Reddick – Ross Chastain scored the victory at Daytona in what some consider a mild upset. Again, I know Chastain is racing for the truck title, but his win further showed how unpredictable racing can be.

Even though Brett Moffitt has won two of the last four (one after Chastain was disqualified), the truck series has truly been wide open most of the season. Chastain came back after his issues at Iowa to win and get him back in the title hunt. Of course, Chastain had to get in the top twenty in points to qualify for the playoffs. His Kentucky finish now has moved him inside that cutoff. Tyler Ankrum's win at Kentucky had to be a surprise to many. While the young, talented driver has been very competitive, I doubt there were more than a few who thought he won his way into the playoffs.

Warm weather, challenging race tracks, tight points battles, fierce competition, and an opportunity to race in the playoffs for one of three major NASCAR championships will provide race fans with an exciting series of races. Should be fun!

Kurt Busch Wins Thrilling Battle of the Brothers in Overtime at Kentucky

Denied victory at Daytona by an inopportune pit call last Sunday, Kurt Busch drove like lightning in a two-lap overtime dash to the finish to win Saturday night's Quaker State 400 at

Kentucky Speedway.

Swapping sheet metal with brother Kyle Busch as the siblings battled for the victory throughout the overtime, Busch collected his first victory of the season in the No. 1 Chip Ganassi Racing Chevrolet. The 2004 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series champion won for the first time at Kentucky and the 31st time in his career.

Kurt Busch beat his brother to the finish line by .076 seconds, the closest margin of victory at a 1.5-mile intermediate speedway this season.

It was also the first Cup triumph for a Chevrolet at Kentucky, which began hosting races in NASCAR's premier series in 2011. It was also the first victory for Busch's crew chief, Matt McCall.

"Hell yeah! Hell yeah!" Busch exulted after climbing from his car on the frontstretch. "I'm proud he (Kyle) gave me a little room on the outside. He could have clobbered us against the wall, and he proba-

bly would have got it."

Busch was running fourth, nine seconds behind then-leader Joey Logano, when Bubba Wallace spun in Turn 2 with six laps left in regulation. Logano, third-place Erik Jones, the Busch brothers and Denny Hamlin stayed out on older tires for the overtime, with Kurt Busch having fresher rubber on his left side, thanks to a four-tire pit stop under green on Lap 213 of a scheduled 267.

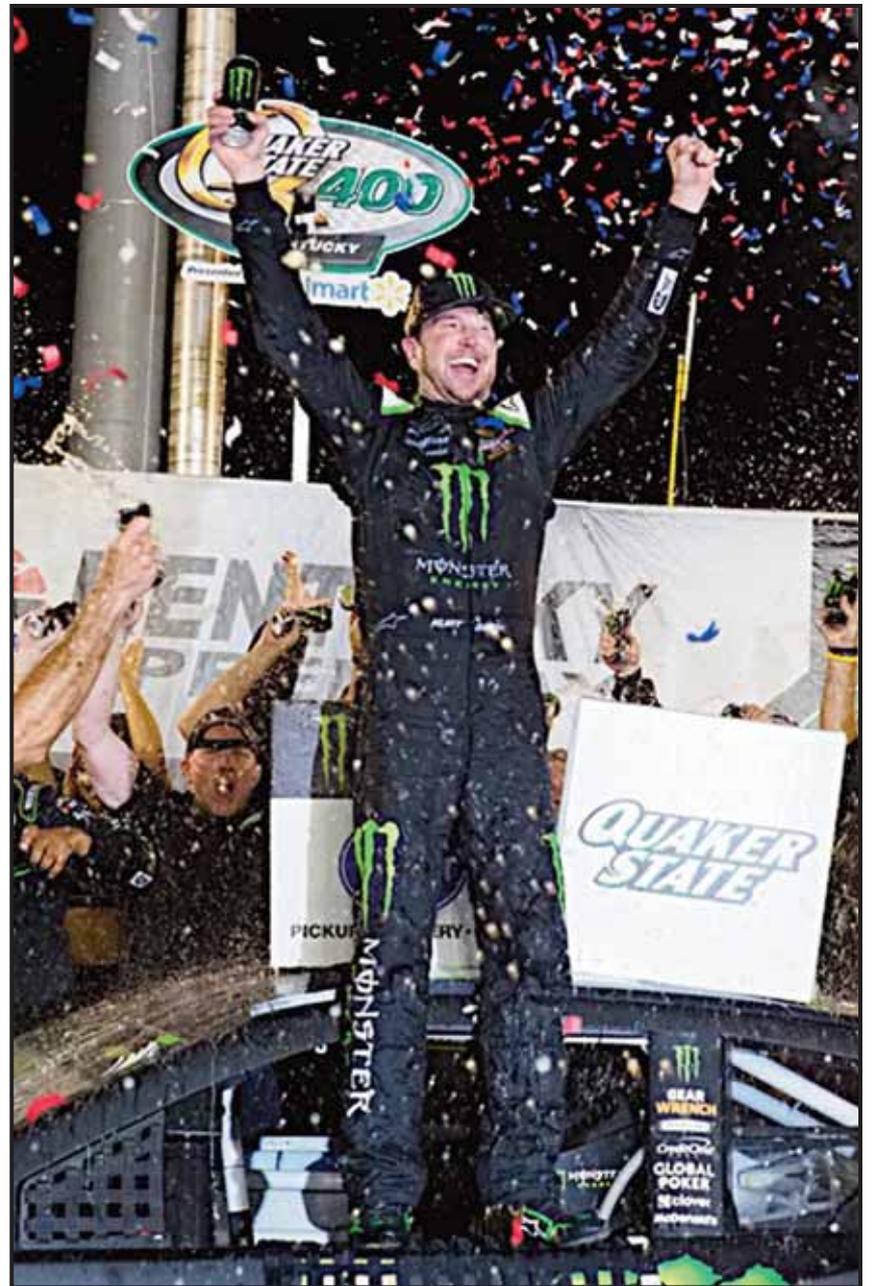
That caution helped balance the scales of fortune. Last Sunday at Daytona, Busch pitted from the lead when NASCAR gave the one-lap-to-go signal, only to have a lightning bolt within the eight-mile range return the race to caution. After rain hit the track, Justin Haley, who stayed out, got the victory.

The misfortune at Daytona, made Busch relish his Kentucky win all the more.

"What an awesome run," Busch said. "Whatever last week was, we got the 'W' now! That was epic. I was hopeful that we would get a shot, just one more restart. We got that yellow... with my little brother—it's the best guy in the world to go race against."

For the first time, Kurt beat his younger brother in a 1-2 finish.

"I'm glad it was a thriller," Kyle Busch said. "Just unfortunately we



Kurt Busch celebrates his first win of the season after beating out his brother at the start-finish line. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

were on the wrong end of the deal for everybody at M&M's and Toyota, Interstate Batteries, all the

folks that get us to where we're at.

"But congratulations to Kurt and Chip and (sponsor) Monster and all the guys over there. It's obviously cool to put on great races and great finishes, and (I've) been a part of a lot of them and not very many—in fact none with my brother like that, so that was a first. No hard feelings, and we move on."

In a one-year deal with Ganassi, Kurt Busch has been weighing his future in the sport. Saturday's win may influence his decision.

"I thought this year might be my last, but we're having so much fun, we'll have to see how things go," he said.

Jones finished third, followed by Chip Ganassi Racing's Kyle Larson, who pitted for tires before the overtime. Hamlin held fifth, putting three Joe Gibbs Racing drivers in the top five.

Clint Bowyer, Logano, polesitter Daniel Suarez, Ryan Newman and Chris Buescher completed the top 10.



Battling back and forth, race winner Kurt Busch (1) edges ahead of his brother Kyle Busch (18) during the final laps of the Quaker State 400 at Kentucky Speedway. (NIGEL KINRADE/NKP photo)

Cole Custer Picks Up Fifth Win with Dominating Run at Kentucky

Christopher Bell was dominant in the daytime, but when the sun set over Kentucky Speedway on Friday, Cole Custer turned out the lights on his NASCAR Xfinity Series competition.

Under the lights at the end of a 104-lap green-flag run to the conclusion of the Alsco 300, Custer's No. 00 Ford crossed the finish line 1.651 seconds ahead of Bell's No. 20 Toyota. Custer had taken the lead from Stewart-Haas Racing teammate Chase Briscoe on Lap 111 of 200 and held it the rest of the way, save for three laps during a cycle of green-flag pit stops midway through the final run.

Bell charged from fifth to second after a restart on Lap 97 but had nothing for Custer at the end.

"It's been unbelievable," said Custer, who won for the first time at Kentucky and the fifth time this season, breaking a tie with Bell for most in the series. "This one just goes to my team. That car was just

unbelievable, and they knew exactly what to do with it when the track changed, and I was just lucky to drive it there at the end."

The victory was the seventh of Custer's career, it was in doubt only when Custer pitted on Lap 151, three laps after Bell had come to pit road for fuel and tires. In the interim, on fresh rubber, Bell had cut Custer's lead from three seconds to

a half-second, but Bell never got close enough to attempt a righteous pass for the lead.

"I think I was a little too conservative on my green-flag pit stop," said Custer, who led a race-high 88 laps. "It worked out good. He got closer, and I was definitely sweating a little bit.

"But we had a fast car and were able to pull away at the end."

After winning the first two stages and leading 72 laps, Bell and his team perhaps got a bit complacent.

"We just kind of got worse there," Bell said. "My car was driving really good. Probably just got a little to comfortable there, needed to free it up a little bit.

"But our Ruud Supra was really fast. We were able to win two

stages, so we got a couple more Playoff points. We've just got to work on a couple more things, and we'll be good."

Tyler Reddick ran third, albeit 12.808 seconds behind Custer, as the Xfinity Series' Big Three took all three podium positions. Collectively, Custer, Bell and Reddick have won 12 of the 17 races so far this season.

Michael Annett was fourth, and Briscoe fifth in the No. 98 Ford, the last car on the lead lap. Reddick leads second-place Bell by 67 points in the series standings, after Bell trimmed 10 points off Reddick's post-Daytona advantage.

Noah Gragson, Justin Allgaier, Ryan Truex, Ryan Sieg and Justin Haley completed the top 10.

Cole Custer (00) tries to put some distance between himself and Christopher Bell (20) and Chase Briscoe (38). (DANIEL SHIREY/GETTY IMAGES photo)



Cole Custer gets comfortable in Kentucky Speedway's victory lane after winning the Alsco 300. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY)

Tyler Ankrum Grabs Playoff Spot with Maiden Truck Series Win

In a week that started with Justin Haley's remarkable upset win at Daytona on Sunday, 18-year-old Tyler Ankrum added another on Thursday night at Kentucky Speedway—and simultaneously threw a wrench into the NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series Playoff standings.

Driving the No. 17 DGR-Crosley Toyota, Ankrum inherited the lead in the Buckle Up In Your Truck 225 at the 1.5-mile track when Brett Moffitt ran out of fuel on the next-to-last lap. Ankrum crossed the finish line 7.373 seconds ahead of runner-up Stewart Friesen, who started last in a backup truck after NASCAR confiscated his primary No. 52 Chevrolet because of an issue with the rear firewall.

"I was driving my butt off—holy cow," said Ankrum, who led a race-high 40 laps in three stints out front to earn his first victory in the series. "I think I was holding my breath for the last three laps there. Holy cow, that was awesome... I just don't know what to say. I cannot believe I just did this..."

"Honestly, one of my biggest faults is I've always doubted myself, and I kind of saw all of that wash away."

Having turned 18 on Mar. 6, Ankrum has a Playoff eligibility waiver from NASCAR and grabbed



First time winner 18-year old Tyler Ankrum enjoys the walk in front of the crowd with his well-earned checkered flag at Kentucky Speedway. (RUSSELL LABOUNTY/NKP photo)

a spot in the postseason on a night that proved disastrous for Playoff hopefuls Ben Rhodes, the defending race winner, and Todd Gilliland.

Rhodes hit the outside wall on Lap 127 of 150 and pitted with a flat left rear tire eight laps later. He finished 19th, nine laps down.

Gilliland had engine issues and ran 17th, five laps down. He and Rhodes ended the night outside the Playoff grid, perilously close to must-win situations in the next three races.

Sheldon Creed started beside Grant Enfinger, the pole winner, and grabbed the lead going into

"I lost my air and wrecked it, trying to make something happen."

After the incident, Matt Crafton won the stage under caution. Where the first stage ran green from start to finish, Stage 2 was peppered with four yellows that reduced the number of contenders for the win.

Turn 1. From that point Stage 1 was no contest, with Creed pulling out to a lead of more than two seconds over Enfinger and more than nine seconds over third-place Ross Chastain.

Creed won the stage wire-to-wire, with Enfinger running second—the 15th consecutive stage in which the driver of the No. 98 ThorSport Ford has finished fourth or better.

That streak ended abruptly and ignominiously with five laps left in Stage 2. Enfinger was chasing leader Brandon Jones, who had driven forward from his 27th starting position after a restart on Lap 65. Enfinger steered to the inside and drove hard into Turn 3 to pull alongside Jones' Toyota.

But Enfinger didn't have enough momentum to complete the pass. His Ford slid up the track and carried Jones' Toyota into the fence, eliminating both trucks from the race.

"It's all on me," Enfinger said after exiting the infield care center.

Creed had pitted before the end of the second stage and didn't lead a lap thereafter. After a litany of troubles in the late going, he finished 21st in a race that saw only seven trucks on the lead lap at the end.

Harrison Burton ran third and is currently one position out of the Playoffs, ahead of Rhodes and Gilliland, respectively. Ross Chastain ran fourth, followed by Dylan Lupton, who joined DGR-Crosley teammate Ankrum in the top five.

Moffitt pitted for fuel only 10 laps after Ankrum came to pit road in the final stage, but after a one-can stop, Moffitt's crew chief, Jerry Baxter, calculated his driver was two laps short and instructed him to save. Moffitt slowed his paced but couldn't save enough.

"I was just backing it up as much as I could," Moffitt said. "We were just a lap short. It's tough. We had a good-sized lead. I've never run great here, so it was fun to get up front and dice it out, and Jerry called a great race."



Tyler Ankrum (17) battles with Brett Moffitt (24) before Moffitt pitted for fuel with 10 laps to go. (NIGEL KINRADE/NKP photo)



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Curtis Gerry Scores Another PASS Super Late Model Victory at OPS

OXFORD, ME - Curtis Gerry of Waterboro, Maine is a hard man to beat when he gets his Super Late Model dialed in at Oxford, and he scored his first points-counting Pro All Stars Series Super Late Model race of the season Sunday night at Oxford Plains Speedway.

Gerry, who has three race wins in Saturday night Budweiser Championship Series Super Late Model competition this year at Oxford, also won last Sunday's PASS Open 100-lapper and has five Super Late Model triumphs to his credit this season at the historic Route 26 oval track.

"We needed this one" Gerry claimed in victory lane. His rivals would beg to differ. At times it looked like a couple of his fellow competitors might have something for Gerry, as a partial cloud cover saw track conditions change several times during the 150-lapper.

Ben Rowe, nine times a PASS champion, appeared poised to break his dry spell, took a turn or two in front of the field and waged a couple of great battles for the top spot with both Nick Sweet of Barre, Vermont and Pittston, Maine's Ben Ashline.

Ashline, in Ajay Picard's 99, looked like the man to beat early in the 150, but behind Gerry the late-race entertainment was a Rowe/Sweet clash for runner-up honors, won by Rowe. Sweet, right in the thick of the PASS North Super Late Model championship battle, brought another trophy home to the Green Mountain State after a third-place run.

Eddie MacDonald of Rowley, Massachusetts crossed the finish line in fourth spot. Reid Lanpher of Manchester, Maine completed the top-five rundown. Ashline, in his first OPS Super Late Model start of the year, was sixth in the Picard car, with six-time PASS North kingpin Johnny Clark of Farmingdale, Maine seventh.

Garrett Hall of Scarborough, Maine had a couple rivals cut into his slim lead in the championship standings after ending up in eighth position. Travis Benjamin or Morrill, Maine and Atlantic Canadian Super Late Model champion Cole Butcher

of Hantsport, Nova Scotia rounded out the top ten.

Tyler King of Gray nailed down his first PASS Mods victory, using the outside groove early and often in the 40-lap race to earn the top step on the podium in just his fourth race in the open-wheel class. King took the lead away from eventual runner-up Justin Larsen of Peru, also in just his fourth PASS Mods appearance.

Waterford's Spencer Morse was third under the checkered flag, good enough to remain atop the PASS Mods championship point standings. Freeport's Jarriet Harrison was the fourth-place finisher, followed by Matty Sanborn of Windham.

Kyle Hewins led almost all the way to earn his first Street Stock victory of the year in the 50-lap Honey Badger Bar & Grill Series race. Hewins, a Leeds native now calling Oxford home, battled former Street Stock champion Billy Childs, Jr. of Leeds early in the race, then outran long-distance specialist

Gary Babineau of Hollis to the checkered flag.

Matt Dufault, the weekly racing series champion from Turner, earned third-place money. Childs ended up in fourth position, good enough to remain atop the Honey Badger Bar & Grill Street Stock Series standings.

Jordan Russell who won the third round of the series of 50-lap events, rounded out the top five and remained second in the series rankings.

The next event for the Pro All Stars Series Super Late Models is this Saturday night, July 20 at White Mountain Motorsports Park in North Woodstock, New Hampshire. Post time is 6:00 p.m. For more information visit oxfordplains.com, proallstarseries.com or call (207) 539-8865.

Oxford Plains Announces the Grand Marshall for the 2019 Oxford 250

NAPLES, ME - Pro All Stars Series (PASS) President and Oxford Plains Speedway owner Tom Mayberry is pleased to announce the 2019 Grand Marshall for the Oxford 250. Bob Bahre, former owner of

Oxford Plains Speedway, has agreed to serve as the Grand Marshall for this year's event.

Bob Bahre purchased Oxford Plains Speedway in 1964. He ran it with his brother Dick Bahre until they sold it in 1987. It was under Bob's leadership that the first Oxford 250 came to be. It began in 1974 as a 200 lap event, being expanded to 250 laps the following year.

Bob and his family made many improvements to the track under his ownership. Bob is known as a successful businessman in the Oxford Hills area and beyond.

"We are extremely honored that Bob will be this year's Grand Marshall, 55 years after he took ownership of the track," said Tom Mayberry, the current owner of Oxford Plains Speedway.

Following his time at Oxford Plains, Bahre went on to build New England's only superspeedway in Loudon, NH, the New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

The 46th Annual Oxford 250 will be held on August 23-25 and nearly 50 PASS Super Late Models are currently entered.

For additional information, please go to OxfordPlains.com or ProAllStarsSeries.com.



Curtis Gerry celebrates in victory lane after racing for the win at Oxford Plains Speedway Sunday evening. (proallstarseries.com photo)

Chandler Smith Scores Third ARCA Menards Series Win of 2019 with Dominant Performance at Elko

Chandler Smith recovered from a mid-race spin to win the ARCA Menards Series Menards 250 at Elko Speedway on Saturday night. Smith, who started seventh, was dominant throughout the race, able to drive way to a full straight-

away lead on several occasions on his way to his third series victory of the season.

Although he had the dominant car, Smith did have to work for it. He slid in oil laid down in turn one by another competitor and spun on lap 146 and dropped to the tail of the lead lap. By virtue of a fast car and numerous mid-race cautions that continued to jumble the running order, Smith was able to knife his way back to the lead by lap 209. From there, he was able to drive away to nearly a full straightaway lead crossing the stripe 4.147 seconds ahead of second-place finisher Ty Gibbs.

"I was so mad when I spun down there in one," Smith said post-race. "I was the only one riding the top groove at that point and there was oil all over the place. It just went around so slow, like it was in slow motion. I thought we might have had a tire go down or maybe even got hit. I was just mad. You definitely didn't want to hear our radio traffic after that happened."

For his part, Gibbs thought he could have challenged Smith for the win but lost track position on the final restart and couldn't ever close the gap.

"Everyone jumbled up on the final restart," Gibbs said. "We lost a ton of track position and just couldn't make it up."

Sam Mayer finished third.

"It was a crazy night out there but we don't have any scratches on the car," he said.

"We'll take it. We have some K&N Pro Series races coming up over the next month so we won't be back until Salem and Indy in the fall, but we think we'll be able to come back and get us a win in one of those two races."

Michael Self finished fourth by inches over Corey Heim. Self was racing for position with General Tire Pole Award winner Christian Eckes

on the final lap when the two made contact, sending Eckes for a smoky spin off turn four coming to the checkered. Eckes would finish eleventh, the final driver on the lead lap.

"Right now I can't think of anything else from this race but the last lap," Self said afterwards. "I absolutely hate that we got into Chris-

tian on the last lap. He's not only my teammate but he's one of my best friends. It puts a real damper on the night."

The race was action-packed, with a slew of cautions for incidents throughout the middle stages of the race. One of those cautions involved championship contenders Bret Holmes and Travis Braden. The two made contact on the frontstretch on lap 198, with Holmes catching a piece of the wall and Braden receiving body damage to the rear end of his car. Four laps later the two came together again with Braden spinning. Holmes finished ninth while Braden

finished 12th.

Next up for the ARCA Menards Series is the Fans with Benefits 150 at Iowa Speedway on Friday, July 19. Practice is set for 12:45 pm ET/11:45 am CT, General Tire Pole Qualifying follows at 4:45 pm ET/3:45 pm CT, and the Fans with Benefits 150 will go green at 9 pm ET/8 pm CT.

The race will be televised live on MAVTV. ARCA for Me members can access live timing & scoring, live user chat, and live track updates for free at ARCARacing.com.

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Chandler Smith takes the checkered flag at Elko Speedway to win the Menards 250. (arcaraacing.com photo)

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Chase Burda Gets Second Straight Victory Custom Trailers CRA Junior Late Model Series Feature Win

SALEM, IN - Chase Burda, from Columbiaville, Michigan, had to work a little harder than last weekend's win at Baer Field Motorsports Park, but he worked his way from the back of the field after some contact with the leader and went on to get his second straight win with the Victory Custom Trailers CRA Junior Late Models at the Indianapolis Speedrome on Sunday afternoon.

"I had to work a little harder for this one," remarked Burda in victory lane. "The cars got a little damage, I was worried after the contact that it wouldn't be right, but I took my time and worked my way to the front to get our second late model win. It feels great to get this win. I'm already looking forward to the next race!"

The Victory Custom Trailers CRA Junior Late Models is a new racing series in 2019 to focus on a youth movement for short track stock car racing that will see 10 to 15-year-old drivers compete amongst themselves for both experience and recognition in full size late models with an economical drive train and suspension alternatives. Saturday's race was the third of eight scheduled events for the series in 2019.

The Victory Custom Trailers CRA Junior Late Models teams participated in two practice sessions on Sunday, Burda was the fastest in the first practice session and the second session, which was also their group qualifying. Burda claimed his third straight MPM Marketing Fast Qualifier Award. From there the first of two heat races rolled off as the drivers were participating in their first ever races for CRA at the Indianapolis Speedrome. Burda got the win in the first heat, he now has three heat wins on the season. 11-year-old Dawson Knaul got the early lead and pulled away to get the win in the second heat race, it was his first heat race victory with the series.

Charlie Keeven got the early lead in the 25 lap feature from his pole starting position after the three car inverted start, leading his first

ever series feature lap before contact from Burda spun both cars giving the lead to Birch Run Speedway event winner Luke Wilhelm. Wilhelm led to lap 10 before being passed by his younger brother Zach Wilhelm, who got to lead his first ever series feature laps. Burda quickly closed on Zach Wilhelm, and patiently waited for an opening, which he got on lap 17 to get by and take the lead for good.

Zach Wilhelm finished in second and picked up the AR Bodies Cool Move of the Race for his pass of his brother to get the lead. Luke Wilhelm finished in third place. Katelyn Hettinger finished in fourth place with Keeven in fifth place.

The next Victory Custom Trailers CRA Junior Late Models event be a return visit to Baer Field Motorsports Park on Saturday, July 27th. More information on the Victory Custom Trailers CRA Junior Late Models is available at www.cra-racing.com.

Tunny Wins Van Hoy Oil CRA Street Stock Crown Four Crown Event at Indianapolis Speedrome

SALEM, IN - Indianapolis native Ben Tunny has been a regular visitor to victory lane at the Indianapolis Speedrome, mostly in the track's tough Figure 8 Division, but on Sunday, Tunny got the win in his first ever Van Hoy Oil CRA Street Stocks start, taking car owner Shawn Smith to his first ever series win in the series first \$3000 to win Four Crown event of the 2019 season battling the heat and a tough group of racers at the series' first ever event on the tight 1/5th mile track.

"This is one of the toughest wins I've ever gotten", remarked a very overheated Tunny in victory lane. "It was hot out there and 200 laps is a lot of laps around this track. At the break we talked about Shawn getting in and doing the second 100 laps, but I decided I started this race and I want to finish it, and we parked it in victory lane. I appreciate Shawn letting me drive his car and all the support of my fans, sponsors and everyone who helped us today!"

Louisville, Kentucky native Alan Williams Jr. grabbed the early lead from his pole starting position after Allstar Performance Fast Qualifier Jason Atkinson drew a six for the events invert. Williams led until lap 27 when Jason Thompson worked his way by, Williams car faded quickly with some mechanical issues. Atkinson was glued to Thompson's bumper through out the laps leading up to the 100 lap break, Thompson held off Atkinson on several restarts is the first 100 laps. The racing was tight and furious through out the field in the first 100 laps.

Thompson continued to lead at the drop of the green flag on the start of the second 100, while Atkinson was shuffled back several positions on a restart just past the 100 lap halfway mark. Series regular Andrew Teepe, who had been in a tough battled through out the top five through out the early stages of the race, got by Tunny on a restart to get second place and closed quickly on Thompson. On lap 122, Teepe made contact with Thompson in turns one and two, sending Thompson around causing a yellow flag, putting both drivers to the tail of the lead lap and handing the lead to Atkinson who had worked his way back to the front.

Tunny had also been shuffled back on a restart but had worked his way to Atkinson's back bumper and looked to have the better handling car as he caught Atkinson on the longest green flag run over the last 75 laps of the event. Tunny got under Atkinson whose car was slipping up the track. Tunny made the winning pass for the lead on lap 175 and cruised to the win by a little over three seconds. For his pass to get the lead, Tunny earned the AR Bodies Cool Move of the Race Award.

Atkinson would hold on to get second. Thompson battled his way back to finish in third and received the KRJ Race Products Sweet Move of the Race Award. Brandon Roberts battled in the top ten throughout the race and got a fourth-place finish in his series debut. Series regular J.J. Schafer also battled hard in the top ten through out the event to get a fifth-place finish.

2018 Four Crown Champion Jake McElfresh came from his 20th place starting position to finish in sixth and earned the TCI Hard-charger Award. Teepe would regroup and finish in seventh. Former series Champion Jimmy Kirby finished in eighth. Local Thunder Car competitor Josh Garr finished in

ninth. Alex Ware finished in 10th in his series debut.

The next Van Hoy Oil CRA Street Stocks event will be the second Four Crown event of the season at Mt. Lawn Speedway on Sunday, July 28th. More information on all the CRA Series is available at www.cra-racing.com.

Coe Gets First Vore's Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman Feature Win at Baer Field

SALEM, IN - Fort Wayne, Indiana's Austin Coe, turned around a season beginning streak of bad luck to get his first ever Vore's Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman powered by JEGS win Saturday night at Baer Field Motorsports Park. Coe had a battery go dead in the series season opener at Anderson Speedway, then had a suspension part break at Mt. Lawn Speedway on June 30th putting him in the turn one wall causing heavy damage to his car. The team rolled out the backup car Saturday and it was the class of the field getting the win in the Crown Jewel 75.

"It feels really good to end the bad luck we have been having with a win here at my home track," remarked Coe in Victory Lane. "The car was good in practice and I knew it would be good in the feature. To beat Tommy Cook here is always an accomplishment, he's tough! I have to thank my dad and my whole team for all their hard work. I also want to thank Coe nation, we have a great group of fans who support us, it makes this win even more special with them here!"

After an afternoon shower, single car qualifying was cancelled for the series and practice results from earlier in the day were used to set the line-up. Coe was fastest in practice and drew a five for the invert putting Brian Janes and Cory Setzer on the front row. Setzer was able to use the outside line to grab the early lead after he and Janes raced side by side at the drop of the green flag. Cook and Coe quickly moved to the front with Cook taking the lead from Setzer on lap five.

Coe took second from Setzer and started to track down Cook. Coe caught Cook and made the inside pass to take the lead on lap 17, as his car stuck in the bottom groove on the 3/8's mile track at Baer Field better than anyone else. Coe continued to stretch out his lead until the caution flew on lap 47

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Josh Berry Scores Victory in Wild Crystal Coast 125

PELETIER, NC - JR Motorsports driver Josh Berry picked up the victory in a frantic Solid Rock Carriers Crystal Coast 125 at Bobby Watson's Carteret County Speedway on Saturday night, a consequential race for the CARS Tour which excited fans and frustrated many competitors.

Berry took the lead away from pole-sitter on Chad McCumbee on lap 73 and never looked back at the chaos that unfolded behind him. Among the casualties of the chaos were Berry's main championship rival, last year's CARS Tour champion Bobby McCarty, and reigning Carteret County Speedway track champion Brandon Clements.

After the race, Berry, who was involved in a late-race skirmish in last year's Crystal Coast 125, was elated about his victory.

"We've had a really good car all weekend since we got here," Berry said. "We thought it would be best to ride around for a bit, but at halfway, we decided to make a move at it, and I was able to get the lead. Luckily we were in front of all that mess."

Behind Berry, a donnybrook ensued, which included a multi-car accident on lap 109 which swept up many contenders - including McCarty, Layne Riggs, Justin T. Carroll, Clements, and Joshua Yeoman.

In the lap 109 incident, eventual

runner-up Deac McCaskill attempted to throw a black on McCarty, but McCarty had already gotten within a position to make the pass. The two drivers made contact, triggering the race's most notable incident which resulted in Brandon Pierce nearly going airborne.

"He just came all the way down on me," a perturbed McCarty said after the crash. "I don't know what he was thinking, but it was just some bull crap. I'm not playing these games anymore. I've been doing this for 21 years and I know what I'm doing, and I'm done playing the nice guy. If I have a fifth-place car, and I have a shot to take everyone out to win it, that's what I'm going to do."

McCaskill, who won the series championship in 2016, was apologetic after the melee.

"My initial reaction was that I didn't want to get turned into the wall," McCaskill said. "I came off a lane and Bobby was there. Unless I see something different on the replay, I'm sorry for what happened. I hate tearing stuff up, and I can't really enjoy this finish here."

Carteret County was once again impactful in the CARS Tour championship picture. Entering Saturday night's race, Berry had only a one-point advantage in the CARS Tour championship point standings. After Saturday, Berry will have a comfortable lead in the standings as the series heads to a track Berry has had a lot of success.

"We had a good lead a month ago, so these things can evaporate



Josh Berry stands on his car in victory lane after winning the Solid Rock Carriers Crystal Coast 125 at Carteret County Speedway. (CCS photo)

quick," Berry stated. "You have to stay on it and keep working hard every day to try and stay upfront. To hold off [McCarty], we're going to have to be in the Top 3, so we're just going to keep racing hard and be up there at the end."

For his part, McCarty feels the lap 109 incident may have cost him a second consecutive CARS Tour championship.

"I was racing for a championship, and he just took every bit of that from me," McCarty explained. "We are done in the points. This literally handed it to Josh. It's frustrating because these guys worked really hard all weekend trying to get it right, and it was all taken away by somebody that I respected a lot up until this point."

The late-race chaos allowed Sammy Smith to race his way into a third-place finish. Layne Riggs was able to rebound to finish fourth, his worst-ever finish at Carteret County, while Justin S. Carroll, Trevor Ward, Tyler Matthews, Camden Gullie and Chad McCumbee rounded out the top-10.

Jonathan Kornegay came away with the victory in the Charger race, passing Joshua van Winkle on lap 13. Michael Tucker led wire-to-wire in the 35-lap Carolina Mini-Stock Challenge feature.

The 2019 season resumes at Bobby Watson's Carteret County Speedway on Saturday, July 27th with Harley Davidson of New Bern Summer Jam. Limited Late Model racing headlines the event.

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for a huge wreck in turn one that ended the day for Tanner Jack, Clay Curts and Neal Richardson.

Coe was able to hold off Cook on the restart and go on to grab his first Vore's Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman win by almost four seconds over Cook. Coe picked up the AR Bodies Cool Move of the Race for his winning pass of Cook. With his

win Coe joins series Mt. Lawn Speedway event winner Zachary Tinkle as drivers locked into the se-

ries 2019 Chase for the Championship, as long as they compete in 70% of the series races leading up to the Chase.

Janes dropped back several positions at the start of the race but came back through the field to pass Cook and get a second-place finish. Cook finished in third. 2007 series Champion Billy Hutson came from his 12th place starting position after mechanical issues in practice to finish in fourth earning both the KRJ Race Products Sweet Move of the Race Award and the Spillers Towing Hardcharger Award. Local racer John Gatton Jr. finished in fifth place.

Setzer finished in sixth with series Rookie of the Year competitor Brian Demland in seventh, giving Fort Wayne natives the top seven

finishing positions. Jeremy Wallen, a late addition to the field, finished in eighth.

The Vore's Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman return to Baer Field Motorsports Park for their next event on Saturday, July 20th for the second event of the series Triple Crown, which will be contested on the 1/2 mile track. More information on all the CRA Series is available at www.cra-racing.com.

Owosso Event Removed from JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour 2019 Schedule

SALEM, IN - Officials from Champion Racing Association (CRA) Powered by JEGS an-

nounced today that the previously scheduled JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour presented by Chevrolet Performance event at Owosso Speedway on August 10th has been removed from the schedule. The agreement to have the race was made with previous ownership, while new ownership had hoped to continue the event in 2019. Unfortunately, new ownership is not prepared to host the event this, their first year of overseeing the track. CRA officials will continue to communicate with Owosso officials with the hope of the event returning to the 2020 Schedule. No dates will be added to replace the 2019 Owosso event.

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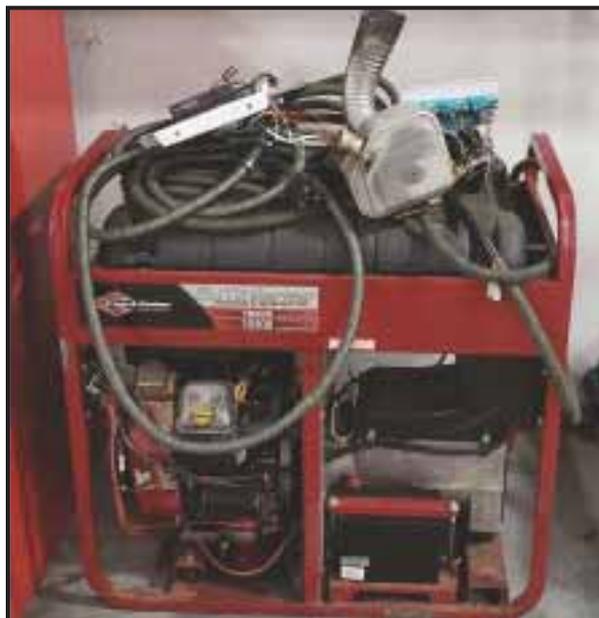
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Donny Schatz Dominates at Wilmot Raceway

WILMOT, WI - Donny Schatz couldn't hold back the emotion any longer.

With his arms raised and cheeks pushed up by a grin, Schatz yelled with a childlike giggle "Hell yeah, I won at Wilmot! That's off the books."

The 10-time World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series champion and now 287-time Series winner claimed his first victory at Wilmot Raceway Saturday night – and fourth win of the season.

"The older you get, you probably put more of a fine-tooth comb on places you haven't won at and this was one of them," Schatz said.

Schatz and his Tony Stewart/Curb-Agajanian Racing team unloaded Saturday evening with the finest comb they could build. He set the pace in Hot Laps and then Qualified second behind Series points leader Brad Sweet.

In his Drydene Heat race, Schatz won by 1.4 sec. He backed that performance up by winning the DIRTVision Fast Pass Dash with a 2.7 sec. lead at the finish.

Dominating the night was not enough to convince Schatz he would excel in the Feature, though. He admitted he didn't know what to expect from the 1/3-mile track, anticipating lap times to drop during the Feature.

On the initial start, outside pole-sitter Daryn Pittman made a charge at Schatz for the lead. He kept pace with the reigning champion down the back stretch and dove underneath him in turn three. The two entered turn four side-by-side – the closest anyone came all night to passing Schatz. But the Fargo, N.D.-native had the better run off the corner and cleared Pittman down the front stretch.

For the remaining 39 laps, the only time drivers got close enough to see the bumper of Schatz's Toco Warranty No. 15 car was during a caution on Lap 13 for a car going off track in turn two. After that, Schatz spent his night methodically navigating lap traffic.

However, Friday night's Feature winner at Hartford Speedway, David Gravel, was not going to let Schatz cruise to the victory. Gravel, Sweet and Pittman traded positions in the top-four all night.

After battling side-by-side for several laps, having to be gentle on the throttle through the tight slick corners, Sweet eventually passed Pittman for second on Lap 16. Gravel did the same a lap later, moving past the Roth Motorsports No. 83 car for third.

With 10 laps to go, Gravel finally put together a strong enough lap to work his way by Sweet and try to track down Schatz.

At that point there was about a two second gap between Schatz and second-place. Gravel slowly closed it lap by lap. Every lap car that halted Schatz's momentum was a few more tenths of a second gained by Gravel.

By the time the white flag came out, Gravel had made up close to a second on Schatz. It wasn't enough, though. He ran out of time.

"I couldn't get by Daryn very quick and then couldn't get by Brad," Gravel said. "Then it was just a little too late to make a charge a Donny."

He and his Jason Johnson Racing team were happy with the run, though, leaving the weekend with a win and runner-up finish.

By taking the win Schatz finally broke his winless streak he's had since the end of May when he won at Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway.

"I'm sure somebody was coming there at the end," Schatz said. "I was kind of hanging. We could get through a few lap cars, but then when I had to move around in (turns) one and two I wasn't as good. But glad to get a win. It's been a while. Always feels good to get the win, especially here in Wisconsin."

Schatz's win put a small dent in Sweet's point lead over him – he's



Donny Schatz celebrates his first win at Wilmot Raceway and his fourth win of the season Saturday night. (DB3Inc. photo)

now 38 points behind the Kasey Kahne Racing driver.

Sweet still leads the Series as the winningest driver with nine wins, so far. Schatz's fourth victory of the year ties him with Gravel as the third winningest driver, behind Logan Schuchart, who has five wins.

For the past four years, Schatz has had double digit wins at this point in the season. He's also amassed 20 or more wins in a year since 2013. After winning at Wilmot, he acknowledged the level of competition in the World of Outlaws right now makes those statistics hard to live up to.

"I don't know how many guys there are capable of winning 20 races in a year," Schatz said. "There's some. But it's hard to live up to them standards and there's a lot of fast race cars out here right now. The parity in this sport is pretty crazy and to keep up with it is even more so."

That hasn't stopped he and his team from striving to do so, though. They continue to make changes and try new things with the car, he said.

At the moment, they've found a feel Schatz likes. He's now eager

to carry his winning momentum into the upcoming weeks of prestigious and big paying races. And with another grin and a chuckle, Schatz said he's even looking forward to going to Tri-State Speedway in October – another track he hasn't one at.

David Gravel Makes Late Race Pass to Win at Hartford Speedway

HARTFORD, MI - Repeated speeches about strong podium runs and satisfying runner-up finishes became commonplace for David Gravel the past two months. A fourth win of the year was in his grasp on several occasions but lost in the closing stage of the race.

The same story was playing out again in the final three laps of the World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series Feature at Hartford Speedway Friday night. But behind the façade of being content with another podium was the raging fire to win again.

"You never want to finish second. You want to win these races," Gravel said.

On the final restart of the race, with three laps to go, Gravel let the fire loose. He had worked too hard to put himself in a winning position and lose it again.

Gravel won his Drydene Heat race and finished second in the DIRTVision Fast Pass Dash – putting him on the front row for the 30-lap Feature. He had an advantage over the entire field, too – he's the only driver to have won on the track's 3/8-mile configuration.

On the initial start Gravel lost second-place to 10-time Series champion Donny Schatz, who snuck under the Watertown, Conn.-native in turn one and cleared him down the back stretch. However, the red flag came out before a lap



David Gravel celebrates with his son in victory lane after winning at Hartford Speedway. (DB3Inc. photo)

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was completed.

Several cars were involved in an accident on the back stretch, including Series points leader Brad Sweet. The lengthy red flag period – to tow three cars off the track – allowed Sweet's Kasey Kahne Racing team, along with team members from several other teams, to get the NAPA Auto Parts No.

49 car fixed and back on track before the race went green again.

Since a lap was not complete, drivers lined back up in their initial starting order, putting Gravel back in second-place. This time, his lesson was learned. When the green flag flew again Gravel dove to the bottom of turn one, blocking any attempt by Schatz for another pass. It also allowed him to get a run underneath leader Carson Macedo down the back stretch and into turn three.

Gravel had his nose in front of Macedo exiting turn four, but Macedo had the better run off the corner and charged back to the lead down the front stretch.

From there, Macedo held command of the lead for the next seven laps before the caution flew again for a slowed Bill Balog. When the

race restarted, Gravel, again, put pressure on Macedo. Inches were left between their bumper for the next two laps. Gravel dived underneath the rookie in turn three but like before Macedo prevailed.

They stayed first and second, respectively, to the halfway point of the Feature. In that time, Logan Schuchart quietly worked his way from ninth to third with the top two in sight.

With 14 laps to go, Gravel, not willing to settle for second, capitalized on a strong run. While Macedo searched for traction on the high side, Gravel had already found it on the bottom. He powered by Macedo and officially took the lead with 13 laps to go.

"Carson had a good pace. I think he just got free halfway through," Gravel said. "I just kept working him, working him, trying to keep the pressure up, hoping he would spin his tires and kind of wear his stuff out. Luckily we were able to get by him."

Gravel's fortunes looked to have finally turned in his favor. Instead of losing the race in the second half of the event, he was on track to win it. However, with nine laps to go, the "dun dun" of an imaginary bass played in your head. The Shark Racing No. 1s of Logan Schuchart was closing. Fast.

Cruising around the high side of the track, Schuchart caught Gravel with four laps to go and sped around him with ease through turns one and two. Before Schuchart

could run away with his fifth win of the season, the caution came out again for Tim Kaeding coming to a stop in turn four.

With three laps to go and Schuchart now backed up to Gravel, the Jason Johnson Racing driver had one last chance to harness his fire to win.

Gravel timed the restart just right, sneaking a nose underneath Schuchart as they raced down the front stretch. On their charge into turn one, Gravel dove to the bottom leaving no time for Schuchart to attempt a block. They exited turn two side-by-side and remained that way down the backstretch.

When they made it to turn three Gravel, again, launched his car into the corner, pulling ahead of Schuchart, and maintained the run off turn four to clear Schuchart for the lead.

He could throw away the runner-up speech. The win at Hartford Speedway was his.

"We've been wanting to win so bad," Gravel said. "Finally getting the win, we've been so close. As a driver I've let a couple of wins get away. Just happy I can get another win. You never know when your next one is going to be."

While Gravel celebrated a special victory – which he got to do with Jason Johnson's son, Jaxx, for the first time this year in Victory Lane – Schuchart had to settle for another runner-up finish.

"That stings a little bit," Schuchart said. "We had one like

that last week, we lost the race at the end and did it again tonight. Last week I feel like I blame that on myself. Tonight, the guys did a fantastic job... We qualified bad, didn't give up and raced hard all night."

He didn't leave Michigan without some kind of win, though. His charge from ninth to second earned him the KSE Hard Charger award.

Sweet also had an impressive charge after getting involved in the wreck – which required his front axle to be replaced and his top wing to be replaced – at the start of the race. He restarted at the back of the field and methodically made his way to sixth-place by the end of the race.

"Had a pretty nasty vibration. I think we bent a rear axle," Sweet said. "Honestly, a good salvage for us. Hung in there and tried not to shake my teeth out... Luckily, we were able to overcome it. I think that's a good sign for us to overcome that adversity tonight."

He maintains his points lead over Schatz – who finished third – now 44 points over the reigning champion. Gravel still sits third in points – 130 points behind Sweet.

Gravel's win at Hartford was his second at track – the first driver to win more than one race at the speedway – his fourth win of the season and 43rd career World of Outlaws win – placing him 16th on the all-time wins list.

"Hopefully we'll get some more (wins) and get this thing rolling for the month of money," Gravel said.

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Junghans Breaks Through in Mid-Season Form to Win at Red-Cedar

MENOMONIE, WI - The last time the World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Model Series saw Chase Junghans in Victory Lane, a shortage of confetti in the cannon put a minor damper on his glorious moment in the winner's circle. But after the checkered flag dropped in Sunday's Series debut at Red Cedar Speedway, Junghans had never been happier to climb atop his ShopQuik Convenience Stores Rocket Chassis to a big confetti shower after driving away from Shane Clanton and Ricky Weiss to pick up his first victory of the season.

"We've been close all year," a tired, but smiling Junghans said after the race. "We just finally got to put a complete night together."

And what a complete night it was for the driver from Manhattan, Kansas. Picking up the win in Drydene Heat race number two, Junghans redrew the pole, took the lead from Clanton on the very first lap and never broke his concentration once throughout the 50 laps he led. Not even a late-race caution that re-stacked the field and put 13-time winner Brandon Sheppard on his rear bumper could shake his poise out front.

For 21 straight laps, Sheppard chased Junghans through lapped traffic, pressuring him to make a mistake on the top side. But that mistake never came, and Sheppard faded back a bit as the laps clicked off. Junghans was flawless.

"I only saw the [Rocket] 1 car one time out of the corner of my eye," Junghans said. "But those guys are damn good, and it feels really good to beat them. They'll be on their A-game when we start racing again, so we've just got to keep our heads down and keep on chugging along."

Junghans spent almost the entire race on the high side, leaning on the cushion in every corner. Nobody seemed to be able to work the top groove quite like he did or use it to get through several packs of lapped traffic in the way that he made it work. The race's only caution didn't come until lap 40, and Junghans found himself in lapped traffic by lap 10.

"There were lapped cars left and right, and I was trying to look at my crew guy to see how big of lead I had at one point," he said. "But when you're on the top and you're bouncing off that cushion, it's hard to be consistent. But this car was phenomenal tonight."

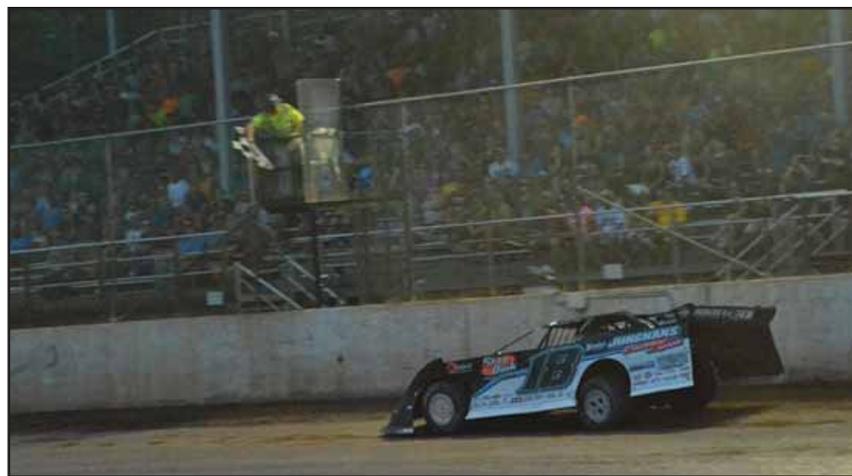
Multiple times, Junghans drove it a bit deeper into the corner and switched to the bottom lane to get around traffic racing in his way on the high side, even threading the needle in between a pair of slower cars to make the move at one point. With the competition that he knew was behind him, Junghans had zero time to waste.

"With any of these races today, you have got to go," he said. "You can't hesitate. At one point, I was thinking 'I need to save tires,' but once that caution came out, I started weaving to keep heat in them, and they felt good. We restarted well, and it was all over by then."

Overall, a stellar performance by the entire team. It's not always easy to come into a new track and find success right out of the gate, and what a statement win they made on Sunday night in their 3rd trip to World of Outlaws Victory Lane and first since Eriez Speedway last August.

"There's a bunch more we can do to make this thing even faster, so I think we're going in the right direction," Junghans said.

Make it four-straight top-fives now for Shane Clanton, crossing the line in second on Sunday night. Starting on the pole, he was unable to contain Junghans at the drop of the green but held it in the top three all race long and backed up his Saturday night victory with another spot on the podium.



Chase Junghans takes the checkered flag for the win at Red Cedar Speedway. (Chad Marquardt photo)

Using that bottom lane, much like he did in his victory at Ogilvie the night before, "The Georgia Bulldog" swiftly made his passes in lapped traffic to keep a steady pace behind the other two leaders. But it was the middle groove on the lap 40 restart that did the trick to get around Sheppard. His only regret was not freeing up the setup a bit more before the Morton Buildings Feature.

"We were a little tight," Clanton said. "We tightened it up a little too much, thinking that it was going to be slick all over. We were just a little too tight across the middle to get to the traction on the bottom that we needed to run with [Junghans]."

Even though the setup wasn't exactly where he wanted it, Clanton and his new team once again showed just how quickly they've settled in together and a sign of things to come with yet another podium finish.

"I've got good help, that's the good thing," Clanton said of his Skyline Motorsports crew. "I don't have to worry about working on my car, I can tune on the racecar. When you can tune on the car, you can make things happen."

It might not have been that pesky first World of Outlaws win that he was looking for, but Ricky Weiss's hot streak is certainly alive

and well after his third-place effort on Sunday night.

Weiss ran comfortably in fourth for 31 laps of the race and used the restart opportunity on lap 40 to pull the trigger on a slidejob for third underneath Sheppard coming out of turn four. His tires, still with grip in them, unlike the night prior, fired off on the restart well and he was able to gain the extra spot.

"We've had some issues with our tires sealing up the last few nights," Weiss said. "But we tried something different and it definitely helped."

UP NEXT: The Outlaws will get a 9-day break from competition before the next show at the 1/2-mile Davenport Speedway in Iowa on July 24. Then, just two days later, Fairbury Speedway will host the World of Outlaws in the 30th edition of the Prairie Dirt Classic, presented by Bank of Pontiac on July 26-27.

Clanton Scores Big First Win with New Team, Knocks Off Red-Hot Sheppard

OGILVIE, MN - When Skyline Motorsports was left without a driver to field its second car back in mid-June, Shane Clanton was there to answer the call. Fast forward to Saturday night at Ogilvie Raceway and he turned it into a winning decision.

Clanton outran Brandon Sheppard and Jimmy Mars to give Skyline Motorsports its first World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Model Series victory, halting Sheppard's five-race win streak.

It certainly didn't come easy for the Zebulon, Georgia-native. He charged up to the front from his ninth-place starting spot and broke into the top-five by the fifth circuit. Clanton chose to hug the bottom line throughout the entire race and

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Shane Clanton races around Ogilvie Raceway to get the win over Brandon Sheppard. (Jacy Norgaard photo)

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made it stick better than any of the cars in the field, driving underneath Sheppard for second on lap 22 and polesitter Ricky Weiss for the lead on lap 29.

In lapped traffic, Clanton was spectacular as well, masterfully maneuvering to the inside of a pack of four slower cars to keep his lead over Sheppard with under 20 circuits remaining.

"We were good in lapped traffic," Clanton said. "They could scoot and I could feel the gap, that's how I got by Jimmy [Mars] and [Ricky] Weiss. They slipped and our car was good enough to take advantage and fill the hole."

But "The Georgia Bulldog" had yet to face what was potentially his biggest challenge of the night – a restart with 15 laps to go and a hungry Sheppard on his rear bumper. Forced to try and outrun the Rocket1 Racing guru, Clanton stuck to his guns on the low side and simply drove away from Sheppard and Mars in the closing laps to earn his 44th career World of Outlaws victory and first since Screven Motor Speedway back in early February.

Earlier this year, Clanton picked up a huge win in a Dirt Late Model Dream preliminary feature at Eldora Speedway under then-car owner Ron Davies in his signature black-and-yellow #25. Now, just eight races into driving under the new team, Clanton has picked up his first win for car owner Greg Bruening. And what a turnaround time it's been for the pairing, having to replace former Skyline driver Chris Madden who, ironically, won the last two World of Outlaws visits at Ogilvie.

Altogether, Clanton is just happy to be back in Victory Lane with Capital Race Cars. The new team is clicking, and Clanton has more time now to focus on the little tweaks to his setup while his dedicated crewmembers take care of the rest. And that might have been all Clanton needed to get back to the winner's circle – just a bit more time spent in the pits fine-tuning his ride.

"We just got some better help and the crew is just gelling," he said. "With as much help as I've got, I get to concentrate on making adjustments to, instead of working

on, my racecar, so that means a lot."

But this triumphant effort wasn't just any ordinary win. Sheppard and the Rocket1 Racing team have been on an incredible hot streak that still seems endless, sitting 192 points ahead of second-place and on an unheard of 21 top-fives in 22 starts. Clanton's been around the block too many times to not grasp the magnitude of what he accomplished on Saturday night – catching, passing and then holding off the blue #1.

"The 1 car had won five-in-a-row, so if all of them other guys thought they could outrun him, just come do it," Clanton said. "It's tough. That's probably the best team in the sport, hands down, year after year. This roll they've been on this past month is tough. But we've been working and tweaking on our car, and it showed tonight how good we can be."

Even though he fell short of the record-tying six Morton Buildings Feature wins in-a-row, Sheppard as well drove a great race on the bottom, giving chase to Clanton and applying heavy pressure all race long to earn himself a runner-up finish that he and the team are happy with.

In the grand scheme of things, Sheppard said Rocket1's error occurred earlier in the program, when he was only able to muster a 10-place time-trial effort, costing him a few starting spots in his Drydene Heat Race.

"I just got us behind in Qualifying, I didn't run the right line and that put us starting fourth in the Heat Race," Sheppard said. "We ran third in the Heat and had to start seventh, but that's where we messed up tonight, having to start

back in the Feature."

A lot of mutual respect is shared in the pit area between these two Dirt Late Model giants. Mark Richards has been fielding racecars on the World of Outlaws circuit next to Clanton and his operation for over 15 years, and Sheppard has been in that equation for almost three of them. Plenty of their own side-by-side moments have been seen in the last few seasons as well, and that unwavering admiration for one another was again put on display. No rough driving, no disregard for racing room. Just a good, clean race to the checkered.

"Once again, we had a really great racecar and are definitely not disappointed with second," Sheppard continued. "We had a car capable of winning and that's all that we can ask for. We know we're not going to win all the races. Shane did a really good job and he's been out front every night on this trip, so congratulations to him."

Bagging yet another podium with the Outlaws on Saturday night was the Menomonie, Wisconsin, driver, Jimmy Mars. "The Iceman" pulled a three in the redraw and made that starting spot count over 50 laps, keeping it in the top-five for every circuit en route to his third-place finish.

Sheppard Remains Undefeated in July, Notches 5th Consecutive Victory

GRAND FORKS, ND - Brandon Sheppard's torrid, unprecedented winning ways continued Friday night at River Cities Speedway when he charged from third to his 13th World of Outlaws Morton

Buildings Late Model Series victory of the season.

If anyone in the River Cities pit area was going to be strong enough to take down the Goliath of Rocket1 Racing, it was looking like former local regular and current Rookie of the Year points leader Ricky Weiss had a shot, but after chasing Sheppard around the quarter-mile bullring for half the race, Weiss came up just one spot short as Sheppard earned his fifth consecutive checkered flag and the 50th win of his World of Outlaws career.

Weiss was right there the whole race. Coming from his sixth-place starting spot, Weiss jumped up to the fourth spot by the first lap and put a move on Shane Clanton to take the runner-up spot on a lap 19 restart. Once he cleared the Skyline Motorsports #25, Weiss was on a mission to catch the blue #1.

"Sheppard was just so strong tonight, he would have had to slip up for us to get by him," he said.

Indeed, Sheppard was very strong. On the top, in the middle, on the bottom, it just didn't seem to matter where he put the car, it cut through lapped traffic like a hot knife through butter. And there was quite a bit of traffic to deal with, as "The Rocket Shepp" faced multiple waves of it through 50 laps on the tacky racing surface.

"Our car has just been so good and maneuverable," Sheppard said. "That was key right there, to be able to be maneuverable when I got to lapped traffic and so I could get around Shane [Clanton]."

Sheppard originally took the race lead away from Clanton on the ninth lap and held it through the next 41 laps, thanks to a great setup by his crew and car owner Mark Richards. This victory marks Sheppard's first in the state of North Dakota and Richards' second at River Cities. His only other win in Grand Forks was exactly one decade and two days ago with Sheppard's predecessor aboard the Rocket Chassis house car, Josh Richards.

With all of his previous experience racing at River Cities and on other tracks of comparable size, Richards has taken a note or two on how to set the car up for success on any racetrack the team goes to.

"We've got a good baseline that allows us to unload almost anywhere and be in the ballpark," he said. "Then we just make fine-tune adjustments from there. But Brandon is an incredible driver who

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Brandon Sheppard continued his hot streak, celebrating in victory lane at River Cities Speedway. Sheppard took home the victory at ABC Raceway earlier in the week as well. (Mike Spieker photo)

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gives us incredible feedback, which enables us to tune the car to make it go like it does."

Weiss's mission to catch Sheppard, both in and out of traffic, may have fallen short again, but what a streak the Rookie standout has been on as of late. Three consecutive podium finishes has given the Headingley, Manitoba-native a great boost of

confidence heading into Ogilvie Raceway on Saturday and Red Cedar Speedway on Sunday.

"The momentum's great," Weiss said. "It just helps our team get the car better, get our tires prepared and try to get ahead of the game. It's a little bit of a truck out there tomorrow, but we don't have too much work to do on the car. Just an oil change – our Vic Hill engine ran great."

River Cities was formerly one of Weiss's proving grounds – a place where he built a fanbase amongst his fellow WISSOTA Late Model drivers before hitting the road this year to tackle the World of Outlaws tour with eyes on the Rookie of the Year title. So far, his campaign is going swimmingly, racking up nine top-five Morton Buildings Feature finishes and sitting just 32 points out of second place in Series points.

And how his fans have noticed. Immediately after the race's completion on Friday night, Weiss's pit stall became flooded with a sea of his most adoring fans, best friends and supportive racing family. Some of which came quite a distance from home to get a bit of new merchandise, have a chat with their favorite Canadian driver and see him earn another great finish.

"It's pretty cool, I can't thank everyone enough for all of their support," Weiss said, in the middle of signing an autograph.

"There's so many people that don't get to see us too much now throughout the year. But the people that came up to me tonight told me they've been buying DIRTvision and just doing anything to watch us race."

"When they're able to come, they're traveling hundreds of miles to see us," Weiss continued. "It's pretty cool to know the support we've got, and to see your name on the t-shirts too."

Completing the podium and picking up his best finish aboard the World of Outlaws tour this year on Friday night was none other than "The One-Man Band," Dennis Erb Jr. Coming from the fifth starting spot, Erb drove his usual line around the bottom and made steady passes on Jimmy Mars and Shane Clanton to earn a spot on his first podium finish with the Outlaws this year.

"When they went out and re-worked the racetrack, the bottom was there for a little bit," Erb said. "The car worked real good tonight and I was really happy with everything, so to get up there and finish third tonight, I'm really pleased with that."

Erb is coming off of a bit of DIRTcar Summer Nationals tour competition that features a few tracks similar in size and shape to River Cities, the major difference being the amount of banking that River Cities has.

Known for his success on the "Hell Tour" as a three-time champion, Erb used a bit of those notes and knowledge to aid his efforts on Friday night.

"This track here fits some of the stuff that we raced on back home, just a little bit more banking to it," Erb said. "We took some notes from there and put them together for tonight, and it worked out well for us."

Sheppard Holds Off Clanton and Wet Weather in Series Debut at ABC

ASHLAND, WI - Brandon Sheppard has been so good this year, not even a mid-race rain shower on Tuesday night at ABC Raceway could slow him down. In fact, the rain that halted the World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Model Series Feature after 18 laps might have actually helped him out, altering the track surface enough that when action resumed, he was even better.

Sheppard charged to his fourth consecutive victory and 12th win of the year, holding off Shane Clanton and Ricky Weiss in the Series' debut at ABC Raceway.

Pulling onto the racetrack at 7:45pm central for the inaugural Red's Auto Badgerland 50, in an incredible effort by World of Outlaws and ABC officials to beat the weather, Sheppard took the lead from the pole and smoothly led the first 18 laps with Weiss and Clanton following behind him. At no

point in the contest did lapped traffic give Sheppard any major fits, but Weiss was closing the gap in traffic and even took a peek to the inside by the time the first caution was thrown for rain on lap 19.

The field paced under yellow for a handful of laps before the rain paused and went back to green, briefly. A three-car tangle in turn three broke out on the second attempt at a restart, signaling a track too wet to continue as the rain fell once again.

Once the then-soaked racetrack was evacuated, drivers and crews used their time in the pit area to make adjustments for a freshly packed and tacky racing surface until the rain stopped. Quite an improvement came out from underneath most of the leaders, as Sheppard turned the fastest lap of the race on the next restart, and Clanton shot out of a cannon to get by Weiss and challenge Sheppard for the lead.

It took less than four circuits for Clanton to get a run going to the inside of Weiss for the runner-up spot, as they drag raced down the frontstretch for position, completing lap 22. At that point, Clanton was on a mission to catch the Rocket1 Racing car out front, who was just over two seconds ahead and heading into lapped traffic.

"The Georgia Bulldog" reeled in the leader by lap 35 and assaulted the topside in an effort to gain an advantage. He and Sheppard switched lines in the final ten laps as Clanton began diving deep into turns three and four to try and get by on the bottom. But it was of no use; Sheppard was too strong on the top side. "The Rocket Shepp" led every lap on en route to his first victory at ABC and 49th of his World of Outlaws career.

The added moisture to the racing surface seemed to play right into the hands of the leaders, as Sheppard was able to move around to move his line around equally before and after the rain delay.

"The track changed a little bit after the rain, but they did a good job of keeping it sealed up," Sheppard said. "The track guys did a really great job, and I thought it was pretty nice all night long. It's just another one on the list of places I'd like to come back to, definitely a lot of fun out there."

Clanton also benefitted from the rainfall and used the downtime to make the necessary adjustments to make the pass on Weiss.

"The rain actually helped me, because we got to adjust on the car

a little bit," Clanton said. "We were probably going to be a third or fourth-place car before the rain. But we got to adjusting on the car and made it as it was in the Heat race."

Things have really been looking up for the 2015 Series champion, just weeks into his Skyline Motorsports venture. Two Drydene Heat race wins in the last two events after totaling just three in his previous 18 starts, 33 laps lead last in last weekend's Gopher 50 and now a runner-up to a man who's been dominating the circuit all year shows just how well he and the Greg Bruening-owned team are gelling. Heading into a few places he's also familiar with this weekend, Clanton has a positive outlook on his chances to pick up his second win of the season.

"If we make the right adjustments at the right time, we can one of these things – maybe a couple of them," he said.

Mark yet another solid podium finish on the board for Rookie contender Ricky Weiss, who now stands second in top-three finishes only to Sheppard. Despite a result that put him back into a tie with Chase Junghans for third in Series points, Weiss seemed to be one of the few drivers that didn't benefit from the rainfall.

He's said it many times before – the longer a race stretches, the better his car gets. With the 20-minute delay to deal with,

"The track was just getting to our liking, it was starting to blow off when the rain fell," Weiss said. "That made it a lot faster. We're good, but not quite as good when it's fast like that."

Series Announcer Rick Eshelman certainly doesn't call him "Slick Rick" for nothing. And if the stellar charge, yet sour ending to his Firecracker 100 run last month at Lernerville Speedway wasn't an indication of how he prefers racing conditions, let Tuesday's race be an example. The longer the distance, the better he does.

"50 laps is a long time, but I prefer 100," Weiss said. "Our car seemed to fire off good, then it faded a bit in the middle and came on at the end."

Now, it's crunch time for the Headingley, Manitoba-native. He's got one big thing still left to prove as an Outlaw in his Rookie year, and that still sits in Victory Lane after 50 laps.

"There's a lot of people supporting me on social media right now," Weiss said. "Hopefully, the bad luck has left us and we can continue these top-three runs."

Davenport Dashes to Diamond Nationals Finale

WHEATLAND, MO - Jonathan Davenport picked up his second-career CMH Diamond Nationals – Presented by Super Clean on Sunday night at the Lucas Oil Speedway.

It was not easy for the defending Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series National Champion as he had to hold off a hard-charging

Mike Marlar to pick up the \$15,000 victory. Davenport's only other win in the annual July event was in 2015.

Marlar managed to pass Davenport for the lead as the two came out of turn two on lap 52 but a caution for Tyler Erb negated the pass for the top spot. Davenport opened up a couple of car lengths advantage over Marlar on the restart. Marlar closed the gap in the final two laps, but came up just short at the finish line.

Shanon Buckingham started alongside Marlar in row number five and went on for another impressive run for the second night in a row as he captured the third finishing position. Tim McCreddie, who led the first ten laps of the race, finished in fourth followed by Billy Moyer.

Davenport and McCreddie started on the front row. McCreddie got the jump on Davenport and took the early lead. Davenport passed McCreddie for the lead on lap 11 and held a comfortable lead for a large portion of the race as McCreddie held the second spot.

As the checkers grew closer, Marlar started to make his move by taking the second spot away from McCreddie on lap 45. Marlar then tracked down Davenport but lost all momentum, after clearing Davenport just before the caution for Erb came out. Davenport led the last seven laps to record his ninth series win of 2019.

"The track started to clean up at the end we were trying to move around," said the 35-year-old Georgia native. "We were trying to find a line that would work. My line kept going away at the top, so I moved back to the bottom. I guess that caution saved us. Mike [Marlar] has been really good here lately. He has been really consistent. We finally got some speed back in this thing."

"Steve Martin is here from Nutrien Ag Solutions," Davenport added. "We have had a heck of a week so far. I want to thank my crew Jason, Tyler, and Matt. They made this car a whole lot better for the feature. We just all put our heads together and we got the results we wanted here tonight. I would like to get another championship for Lance Landers Motorsports."

"We would have had the pass of the night," said Marlar who recorded another strong finish with the series. "I am not going to whine about it. I got paid to drive a race car tonight so things aren't so bad. I really enjoy coming out here. It is such an awesome facility. It is always a great crowd here. There's a lot of electricity in the air. We had an awesome weekend."

Buckingham who is one of 11 drivers to win an LOLMDS race this season had his best ever finish at Lucas Oil Speedway. "This place is super nice. How could you not like this place? For whatever reason this track just fits my driving style. My crew worked themselves to death to get us a podium finish here tonight. Those cautions killed me, if we could have had the last 19 laps all green, I think we would have been up there challenging for the win."

The winner's Lance Landers Motorsports-owned, 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, Spartan Mowers, and Hawkeye Trucks.

Completing the top ten were Josh Richards, Scott Bloomquist,



Jonathan Davenport raced his way to victory lane at Lucas Oil Speedway for his second-career CMH Diamond Nationals win. (Paul Arch photo)

Stormy Scott, Will Vaught, and Devin Moran.

Jimmy Owens Rules Diamond Nationals Opener

WHEATLAND, MO - Jimmy Owens continues his mastery of Lucas Oil Speedway by capturing the first night of the CMH Diamond Nationals – Presented by Super Clean on Saturday night.

In a race that saw three different leaders, Owens fought off several challenges from Earl Pearson Jr. to secure his second straight Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series victory and his fourth-career Diamond Nationals. Saturday night's \$15,000-to-win event marked Owens' 63rd LOLMDS win.

Scott Bloomquist; the defending CMH Diamond Nationals winner; started from the pole and led the first 10 laps until Owens charged to the lead after starting fifth. Pearson moved by Bloomquist on lap 20 using the top groove and within just a few laps caught the front-running Owens.

Owens and Pearson then du-

eled side-by-side for several laps as the two went back-and-forth for the top spot. Owens eventually pulled away from Pearson in heavy lapped traffic and he went on the record his ninth career win at Lucas Oil Speedway.

For the second night in a row, Pearson ran second to Owens. Mike Marlar edged out Bloomquist in the waning laps to secure the third spot. Bloomquist was fourth, with current LOLMDS point leader Jonathan Davenport coming home in fifth after starting in 13th.

"We are rolling right now," Owens said. "This is a big win for us! My car owner Leon Ramirez is here. My crew has worked their tails off in the last week. I didn't want to see any cautions. We are still struggling on restarts. It'll be awesome to get to back here tomorrow night and race. The crew is pumped up. It's a great feeling to get back to victory lane at Lucas Oil Speedway."

"We couldn't get off the corner," commented Pearson. "Everybody knows that Jimmy is so good here. He has won countless times here

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Jimmy Owens raced his way to victory lane on night one of the CMH Diamond Nationals. Owens won the night before at Tri-City Speedway as well. (Paul Arch photo)

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before. We tried to run with him for 12 to 15 laps. He could move around a lot better than us. We finished second to Jimmy last night and again here tonight. We'll come back tomorrow night and give it another shot."

Marlar continued his streak of solid finishes with the LOLMDS by coming home in third. "We changed some stuff

on the car before the feature. It was a fun track to race on tonight. We went with something out of the ordinary and it worked. Congrats to Jimmy on the win, he deserves this win. It was good to race against Scott [Bloomquist] again, and it's good to see him back. He and I battled the whole race."

The winner's Leon Ramirez-owned, Rocket Chassis is powered by a Durham Racing Engine and is sponsored by: Rhino Ag, Boomtest Well Service, Reece Monument Company, Tommy Pope Construction, FK Rod Ends, Sunoco Race Fuels, Integra Shocks, Red Line Oil, and Midwest Sheet Metal.

Completing the top ten were Shanon Buckingham, Billy Moyer, Jesse Stovall, Rick Eckert, and Hudson O'Neal.

Owens Holds Off Richards at Tri-City

GRANITE CITY, IL - Jimmy Owens fought off challenges from both Shannon Babb and Josh Richards to win the NAPA Know How 50 - Presented by Schoenfeld Headers on Friday night at Tri-City Speedway.

Owens earned his first-ever win at the Kevin and Tammy Gundaker-promoted facility. It was Owens' second Lucas Oil win of the season and the 62nd of his career for the 3-time national champion.

Owens held the point for the first 11 laps of the race until Babb forged ahead for a lap. Owens and Babb went back-and-forth until just past the half-way mark of the race. Babb held the second spot until he suddenly slowed on the 32nd lap and retired from the race.

Richards picked up the challenge for the lead as he pulled even with Owens on several occasions, but never managed to take the top spot. Earl Pearson Jr. charged by Richards to take the runner-up po-

sition on the final lap. Pearson and Richards joined Owens on the podium as Stormy Scott recorded his best career series finish by taking fourth ahead of 23rd starting Devin Moran, rounding out the top five.

"I want to thank all of my crew, my car owner Leon Ramirez and his family for giving me this opportunity to drive their car. Thanks to the fans for coming I hope they enjoyed the show. This will give us a lot of momentum heading to Wheatland tomorrow night. We have been leading a lot this year and things have happened. We had a good car last night. We made a few tweaks for tonight and everything went our way."

Pearson topped off a spirited run with his last lap pass of Richards. "I got too tight around the bottom, so I went to the top. I could run right through the middle and the car wasn't so tight. To come home second after starting 15th, we worked hard to get there. I really love this track; it's been good to us in the past. It races so good."

Richards, who came into the weekend with back-to-back second place finishes was pleased with his third-place run. "Last night we got into the tire barrier and it cost us a good finish. I felt like tonight I should have moved up sooner. Jimmy had a good car. I felt like I could have got him, but he was just better tonight."

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Completing the top ten were Tim McCreddie, Michael Norris, Gordy Gundaker, Scott Bloomquist, and Hudson O'Neal.

Tyler Erb Does it Again at Tri-City

GRANITE CITY, IL - Tyler Erb emerged victorious after battling Jimmy Owens and Mike Marlar to win his fifth Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series event of the season on Thursday night at Tri-City Speedway.

The Hoker Trucking Best in the Business 50 - Presented by Schoenfeld Headers was also Erb's second consecutive Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series victory. Tim McCreddie came on strong to finish third just ahead of Owens and Earl Pearson Jr.

Erb started the day by setting fast time, then went on to earn the PFC Brakes Pole Award for the main event. Owens grabbed the early lead and held the point for the first 22 laps of the race. The next six laps saw a back-and-forth race for the lead between Owens and Erb. Erb took the lead for the first time on lap 23, but Owens fought back to regain the top spot. The two raced side-by-side with Erb regaining the lead on the 30th circuit.

Marlar took over the second spot on lap 39 after he and Owens had battled side-by-side for several circuits. A caution came out with five laps to go, which gave Marlar one more opportunity to sneak by Erb. On the restart Erb used the clean air in front of him to open up a slight lead, and went on to cross 3/4 of a second ahead of Marlar at the finish line for his sixth career LOLMDS victory.

"I really didn't want to see that last caution because I had gotten into a rhythm," said Erb. "I was kind of kicking myself when Jimmy got back by me for the lead. I knew when Mikey was behind me that things were going to be tough. I could hear Jimmy under me and then the same thing with Mikey. I just kind of let it go for broke in the last four laps. About a month ago I was in the same position and I wasn't going to let what happened last time, happen again."

With the win, the 22-year-old Texan not only keeps his points lead in the Rookie-of-the-Year chase but also cut into point leader Jonathan Davenport's championship point lead. Davenport fin-

ished 18th after pulling off the track due to heavy damage to his race-car.

"That was a pretty exciting race! Thank you to Jimmy and Mikey for racing me clean. We are really looking forward to racing again here tomorrow night. I really like this place. They do a great job preparing it. You can really move around all over it."

For Marlar, the runner-up finish continued his strong run of podium finishes since the first of June in the LOLMDS. "This was an awesome race-track tonight, we could run anywhere on it. I ran the top, but I felt the car working better on the bottom. I have always enjoyed coming here, but I have never had much success here. Glad to come here tonight and get the monkey off of our back."

McCreddie stayed in the top five and grabbed the third spot at the finish. "This was a good run. It's Phillip's [Crew Chief Phillip Snellen] birthday today. We are still working on a lot of things and we are getting closer. We started with a new shock company for the team and they had been out of racing for a long time, but we keep making strides and hopefully we can get a win soon."

The winner's Eric and Kelly Brock-owned, Best Performance Motorsports, Rocket Chassis is powered by a Durham Racing Engine and is sponsored by: Industrial Resourcing Group.

Completing the top ten were Devin Moran, Chris Simpson, Hudson O'Neal, Scott Bloomquist, and Stormy Scott.

Southern All Stars Magnolia Motor Speedway Event Postponed

FAYETTEVILLE, TN - The Southern All Stars Dirt Racing Series sponsored by Max Fab along with Magnolia Motor Speedway officials have postponed the Governor's Cup set for Saturday July 13th in Columbus, MS.

The Southern All Stars as well as Magnolia Motor Speedway have suffered several rain outs this season and with the high heat indexes forecasted this weekend as well as the uncertainty of the weather system that is currently forecasted to be in the Gulf of Mexico officials decided

that it was best now to postpone the race and try to find another suitable date to rescheduled the event.

Johnny and the staff at Magnolia are like us here at the Southern All Stars we have fought rain basically all year long and with the forecast looking more and more likely with each update of rain over the area during the weekend along with the high heat indexes we just thought it would be better to postpone it and start looking on a reschedule date." said Southern All Star GM Lynn Acklin.

For more information concerning the Southern All Stars contact Lynn Acklin - General Manager: 256-924-4546 www.sasdirt.com.

Miles Paulus Leads The Way With The ASCS Warrior Region at Lake Ozark Speedway

ELDON, MO - Leading start to finish at Lake Ozark Speedway on Saturday night, Miles Paulus went to Victory Lane for the third time in his career with the Racinboys.com ASCS Warrior Region presented by Impact Signs,

Awnings, and Wraps.

While Paulus led the way, the battle on the track for second drew attention as Jonathan Cornell worked to hold off veteran shoe, Randy Martin. Able to keep the No. 14 at bay, Martin came under fire in the closing laps for third as Bryan Grimes flew to the final podium stop on Lap 23 with Martin retaking the position through the closing turns of the A-Feature. Bryan Grimes settled for fourth with Steven Russell making up five spots to grab fifth.

Taylor Walton was sixth with Rusty Potter seventh. Zach Davis in eighth had Evan Martin and Kory Bales in tow to complete the top ten.

The next outing for the Racinboys.com ASCS Warrior Region presented by Impact Signs, Awnings, and Wraps is slated for August 17 at I-70 Speedway. Races scheduled for July 20 at Heartland Motorsports Park have

been canceled as several overlapping schedules in the area made track and series officials reconsider the date in order to keep from further diluting car counts.

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, log onto www.ascsracing.com, follow on Facebook, on Instagram, and on Twitter (@LucasOilASCs).

Wood Victorious at 81-Speedway In ASCS/NCRA Triple Crown Finale

PARK CITY, KS - Working the low side of 81-Speedway to perfection, Danny Wood worked past Zach Chappell in the early stages of Saturday's American Bank of Oklahoma ASCS Sooner Region vs. NCRA A-Feature for his ninth career victory with the Oklahoma based series.

Taking off from the seventh starting spot, the wily veteran was patient around the bottom of the famed Park City oval, with his run coming just over five laps into the A-Feature. Unchallenged once getting the lead. Andrew Deal worked to second with Zach Chappell slipping to third. Moving up from 13th, Jeremy Campbell landed in fourth



Miles Palus celebrates in victory lane with his crew after winning at Lake Ozark Speedway. (ASCs photo)

with Kyle Clark making up ground from 16th to complete the top five.

Sean McClelland in sixth had Danny Jennings in pursuit in the closing laps with the No. 1j settling for seventh. Don Droud, Jr., Alex Sewell, and Tanner Berryhill, from 20th, made up the top ten.

The final round of the ASCS Sooner/NCRA Triple Crown, Sean McClelland was the overall winner of the three-race series, followed by Alex Sewell, Zach Chappell, Kyle Clark, and Andrew Deal. The American Bank of Oklahoma ASCS Sooner Region presented by Smiley's Racing Products hits the track again on August 17 at Lawton Speedway with the ASCS Lone Star Region.

Sean McClelland Is The Man In ASCS Sooner/NCRA Showdown at Creek County Speedway

SAPULPA, OK - For the second time in 2019 at Creek County Speedway, the D&E Supply No. 22 of Sean McClelland was the cream of the crop with the two-time champion of the American Bank of Oklahoma ASCS Sooner Region presented by Smiley's Racing Products padding his point's lead this past Friday night.

Marking another win to the ASCS Sooner Region in Friday's showdown with NCRA, the triumph is Sean McClelland's 19th overall victory with the American Bank of Oklahoma ASCS Sooner Region presented by Smiley's Racing Products, putting him one win away from tying Kevin Ramey for the

most wins with the series.

Chasing Zach Chappell to start the Pizza Express of Oklahoma A-Feature, McClelland battled with Alex Sewell for the third spot as Kyle Clark gave chase in the runner-up position. Racing for the lead on an early restart, Kyle Clark railed the cushion of the quarter-mile as Chappell maneuvered the hub with the No. 50z able to keep pace.

Watching from the third spot, McClelland made his move to the runner-up spot on Lap 7. Quickly around the bottom groove the following lap, McClelland saw his chance as Zach Chappell adjusted his line up the track; leaving the door open for Sean McClelland to race to the lead off the fourth turn.

A caution just after taking over the lead, Sean pulled away from the race for second with Clark taking the position after Chappell made contact with the wall. Allowing Alex Sewell the run to third, the No. 8 chased Kyle Clark for several laps before taking second on Lap 18. Trailing Sean McClelland by a straightaway, the crafty veteran began moving around the track as traffic came into the mix.

Caution on Lap 19 for Casey Wills, the restart pitted Kyle Clark against Alex Sewell with Clark again going top shelf several times, but with no success as Sean McClelland pulled away.

Catching lapped traffic with two laps to run, the caution flew as the field was set to see the white flag displayed. Able to fend off Alex Sewell on the restart, Sean McClelland grabbed the win by 0.836 seconds. Alex Sewell finished

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Danny Wood celebrates in victory lane after racing to the win at 81-Speedway Saturday night for the ASCS Sooner Region vs. NCRA A Feature event. (ASCs photo)

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second with Zach Chappell rebounding to third. Layne Himebaugh was fourth with Kyle Bellm racing out of the B-Feature to fifth.

Kyle Clark slipped to sixth in the closing laps with J.D. Johnson in seventh, after starting 13th. Joe Wood, Jr. eighth was followed by Noah Harris from 17th. Tanner Berryhill completed the top ten.

Paul White Returns To ASCS Elite Non-Wing Victory Lane at Big O Speedway

ENNIS, TX - Taking off from the pole of Saturday's A-Feature with the ASCS Elite Non-Wing Series presented by Abilene Powder Coating, Waco's Paul White held on for his first victory of the season, and ninth overall with the wingless tour.

Moving up from sixth, Stephen Smith raced to second with Bryan Debrick third. Nathan Moore and Josh Hanna made up the top five. From 10th, Chase Parson was sixth with Michelle Melton in tow. Ryan Hall crossed eighth after starting 14th. J.D. Fry in ninth had Brad Wesp trailing to complete the top ten.

The ASCS Elite Non-Wing Series presented by Abilene Powder Coating goes green again on July 26 at West Texas Raceway in Lubbock and July 17 at Route 66 Motor Speedway in Amarillo.

Jason Howell Rules ASCS Elite Non-Wing at Monarch Motor Speedway

WICHITA FALLS, TX - Making it a half-dozen first-time winners with the ASCS Elite Non-Wing Series presented by Abilene Powder Coating in 2019, Ft. Worth's Jason Howell picked up two positions in Friday's Monarch Motor Speedway showdown to position his No. 44 in Victory Lane.

Becoming the 26th different driver to top the wingless Sprint Car series, Howell was followed to the finish by Steven Shebestor, who slipped back on from his pose starting position.

Kade Taylor was third with Paul White and Weston Gorham making up the top five.

Mason Smith grabbed sixth over T.J. Herrell with Cody Carter, Stephen Smith, and Michelle Melton completing the top ten.

Sam Hafertepe, Jr. Dominates Opening Night Of The Grizzly Nationals at Gallatin

BELGRADE, MT - Several times denied by as much as a single lap at the NAPA of Montana Grizzly Nationals, Sam Hafertepe, Jr. made sure there was no question who was going to win at Gallatin Speedway as the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network point's leader won by a staggering 7.722 seconds on Friday night.

Hafertepe's sixth win on the season, the victory is his first at the Gallatin Speedway, making Sam the fourth different winner at the



Sam Hafertepe Jr. celebrates winning night one of the Grizzly Nationals at Gallatin Speedway. (ASCS photo)

Belgrade oval. The triumph is also Sam's first with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network in the state of Montana.

Getting his time in Saw-Blade.com Victory Lane with Adam the Grizzly Bear, Sam was all smiles as the 900lbs Bear made his way to the right rear of his No. 15h, "This is the one race all year that Pam [Hill] wanted us to win so this win is for her, but we had an awesome car. Really, the best car we've had all year," stated Hafertepe.

Battling early with Kelly Miller for the lead, the two traded lines but not positions on the opening laps, which was barely completed when the red lights came on for Scott Bogucki who flipped wildly over the wall in the fourth turn after contact with Harli White while racing for fifth. Bogucki was unharmed, but not able to continue.

Adjusting his line to the cushion on the restart, Hafertepe pulled the field as Miller held off the advance of Matt Covington for the silver position. Finding traffic by Lap 7, Hafertepe methodically picked his way around the backmarkers, while continuing to put distance between himself and the Prevost Racing No. 2jr.

Racing to second on Lap 10 with the help of slower traffic, Matt Covington made little advance on the Hills Racing No. 15h. Still, under pressure from Kelly Miller for second, Covington starting getting some breathing room as the race came to the white flag.

Striking under the checkered flag, Hafertepe lapped just shy of the top-ten as the race for second turned to Kelly Miller as Matt Covington's right rear exploded off the final turn. Able to limp the T&L Foundry No. 95 across third, fourth went to John Carney II who was

challenged several times by Harli White, who settled for fifth.

The night's Hard Charger in a Jimmy Jones tuned machine, Montana's Jeremy McCune picked up eight spots to sixth with Blake Hahn seventh after starting 10th. Trever Kirkland, Roger Crockett, and Tony Bruce, Jr. completed the top ten.

A field of 31 drivers assembled for Night 1 of the NAPA of Montana Grizzly Nationals. Breaking down into four SCE Gaskets Heat Races, with wins going to Harli White, Trever Kirkland, Sam Hafertepe, Jr., and Matt Covington. The night's BMRS B-Feature was topped by Jake Helsel. A Frontier Regional Provisional was used by Damon McCune.

Grizzly Nationals Finale at Gallatin Falls To Rain

BELGRADE, MT - For the ninth time in 2019, Mother Nature has stepped in and put an early end to racing action with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network with the final night of the Grizzly Nationals at Gallatin Speedway falling to rain.

A field of 30 drivers drew in just before the rain moved in. All drivers in attendance have received show-up points. The race will not be rescheduled.

The next event on the lineup for the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network is another pairing with the Brodix ASCS Frontier Region at Big Sky Speedway for the Battle at Big Sky on Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20. Two-day discounted passes are on sale at www.trackenterprises.com. Raceday prices are \$25 per night with kids 12 and under admitted free into the grandstands.



Paul White celebrates in victory lane with his crew after winning the A-Feature with the ASCS Elite Non-Wing Series. (ASCS photo)

Brock Zearfoss Dominates Lebanon Valley Speedway for Second All Star Victory of 2019

WEST LEBANON, NY - For the second time in his career, and for the second time in the state of New York, the 'Jonestown Jet' Brock Zearfoss is an Ollie's Bargain Outlet All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 main event

winner, doing so by leading all 25 circuits on Sunday night at Lebanon Valley Speedway in West Lebanon, New York, and crossing under the final checkers by a margin of victory pushing three seconds.

Impressive enough, Zearfoss, driver of the Premier Motorsports No. 70 sprint car, nearly swept the entire program at 'The Valley of Speed,' first winning his respective heat race, then cruising to a dash victory, each before conquering the half-mile for a \$7,000 payday.

Although a dominating performance in Upstate New York, Brock Zearfoss and Premier Motorsports did face a serious challenge; forced to perform an engine change just after heat race competition was completed. As a result, Kevin Zearfoss, Brock's father, was forced to participate in the evening's dash redraw while Brock helped his crew swap motors; Kevin pulled the number one.

"I really can't say enough about this team right now. They work so hard and they never give up. I owe this win all to them," Brock Zearfoss explained, who is currently fifth in the All Star Circuit of Champions point standings.

Starting from the pole position, Zearfoss never faced a serious threat. The only real momentum change during the 25-lapper was a pair of stoppages due to red flag incidents, one on lap three and another on lap 16.

In addition, the 'Jonestown Jet' did encounter a period of traffic, the catalyst for the second red flag incident involving Aaron Reutzel and Justin Peck; who were battling for positions three and four at the time of the incident. Hung up in traffic, the pair made contact in turn four and Reutzel ended his evening upside-down. Peck was also forced to retire. Both drivers were unharmed.

Davie Franek ended up chasing

Zearfoss to the final checkers, followed by Danny Dietrich, Gerard McIntyre, and Cory Eliason.

Tony Stewart's All Star Circuit of Champions will take a weekend off before resuming their 2019 campaign on Thursday through Sunday, July 25th-28th. The Series will march through the upper-Midwest during their four-day trek visiting Plymouth Dirt Track, Jackson Motorplex, Knoxville Raceway and 34 Raceway. The weekend will be headlined with the Rayce Rudeen Foundation Race; a \$26,000-to-win blockbuster at 34 Raceway.

Danny Dietrich Scores \$10,000 During Visit to Orange County Fair Speedway

MIDDLETOWN, NY - New York has certainly been kind to Danny Dietrich, as the current Central PA sprint car point leader utilized a near-flawless performance on Saturday night at the 'House of Power' - Orange County Fair Speedway - to score a second Ollie's Bargain Outlet All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 victory in 2019, his second with the All Stars in the Empire State. Adding some flare to his Middletown score, the Series triumph earned 'Double-D' a \$10,000 top prize.

Impressive enough, Dietrich, who nearly swept the evening program at Orange County Fair Speedway by winning his respective heat race, the evening's dash, and finally the 25-lap main event, now owns four All Star Circuit of Champions victories in the state of New York.

Despite crossing under the final checkers by a margin of victory exceeding four seconds, Dietrich did not take command for good until lap 19, taking advantage of Gerard McIntyre's misfortune after the All Star Rookie of the Year contender made contact with the outside retaining wall while leading. In fact, McIntyre led the majority of the 25-lapper, actually controlling 17 circuits, including the first, while attempting to keep Dietrich in his rearview mirror. Dietrich did slip by McIntyre to lead lap 12, but the New Oxford, Pennsylvania-native battled back instantly to regain control the following circuit.



Brock Zearfoss raced his way to victory lane at Lebanon Valley Speedway for his second All Star win of the season. (Paul Arch photo)

Although Dietrich was in pursuit of McIntyre from the drop of the green, the battle between the lead duo started to intensify on lap 11. McIntyre was in control ripping the top, but Dietrich was utilizing the shorter way around the speedway, closing-in on McIntyre inch by inch as the laps clicked off the counter. By lap 12, Dietrich was in position to make a bid for the top spot, eventually sliding through turns three and four to sneak by McIntyre as the pair raced back to the flagstand. McIntyre retaliated in a hurry, quickly returning to the top-side to drive back around 'Double-D' to lead lap 13.

With heavy traffic coming into play by lap 15, things really started to heat up between McIntyre and Dietrich, actually translating into a near-nose to tail battle during the next three circuits. Lap 19 is when trouble struck for McIntyre, slipping up the track just enough in turn two to make contact with Orange County's unforgiving retaining wall.

After inheriting the top spot, the main event quickly turned into the 'Dietrich Show,' ending the contest with a four second advantage and a \$10,000 prize.

Aaron Reutzel Gets by Tony Stewart to Earn Utica-Rome Speedway Win

VERNON, NY - Aaron Reutzel has been on a tear, officially adding Utica-Rome Speedway in Vernon, NY, to his recent success streak that now includes four victories during his last six Ollie's Bargain Outlet All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 starts. Impressive enough, Reutzel's Utica-Rome triumph on Friday night was accomplished from the outside of row two, mastering an uncharac-

teristic, lightning-fast surface while maneuvering around the likes of Justin Peck, Paul McMahan, and Tony Stewart.

Reutzel's All Star victory bumped his season total to six, now with a 22-point advantage over Dale Blaney in the All Star driver title chase.

During only the third Utica-Rome Speedway appearance in All Star Circuit of Champions history, the first since 2012, Aaron Reutzel made his efforts look easy. After being forced to maintain patience through a pair of cautions during the initial start, the defending All Star champion achieved the jump that he needed. With just one circuit recorded, Reutzel was second, next setting aim on the tailtank of Tony Stewart. Although Stewart was able to balance the very top-side of the speedway, maintaining a pace well-under the preexisting track record, it was an early dose of lapped traffic that proved to be Smoke's downfall.

By lap six, it was apparent that slower cars were going to be an issue, it was just a matter of when. As Stewart and Reutzel were racing into turn one to begin lap seven, Stewart choked up, instantly losing momentum while trying to carefully navigate around a slower roadblock. It was during that period that Reutzel made his winning move, actually driving right by Stewart on the bottom of the speedway as the pair raced off of turn two.

Although action was halted yet again on lap 16, there was no match for Reutzel's pace, instantly opening up his advantage as soon as green flag action returned. Reutzel would eventually cross under the final checkers with an advantage pushing two seconds, keeping Stewart, Justin Peck, Paul McMahan and Cory Eliason in tow.

Kyle Cummins Has Victory Number Six

HAUBSTADT, IN - Tri-State Speedway presented the 2019 version of the Sprint Stampede Saturday night.

The MSCS feature paid \$2,500 to win. Twenty drivers started the 25 lap contest. It was a competitive race with three drivers battling for top honors. Kendall Ruble made a very strong run after starting on the pole. He shot into the lead as the green flag waved! The Vincennes, IN, driver led lap after lap in a fast three to five car procession. Kyle Cummins had passed Dakota Jackson and went to work to overtake Ruble. Stephen Schnapf moved up and was pressuring Cummins for second. The racing tightened and Cummins took the lead on lap 19. Ruble finished a strong second, Schnapf held third at the checkers. Chase Stockon and Dakota Jackson rounded out the top five.

Kyle Cummins increased his points lead in the BRANDEIS MSCS Standings. The Princeton, IN, driver also notched his 18th MSCS career feature victory. The win was the sixth in MSCS competition this season. It was his third in a row at Tri-State Speedway. Cummins pilots the Rock Steady Racing Marc 1 sprint owned by Hank Byram. The team effort is sponsored by Debra Corn Foster Care, Tim Mason RE/MAX, and Greenwell Auto Body.

The second five at the finish of the MSCS feature included Kent Schmidt, Brian Karraker, Chet Williams, Garrett Aitken, and Critter Malone. Kent Schmidt had set the fastest lap of the 25 who qualified with a lap of 13.996 seconds. Schmidt was the only driver of the 25 that qualified that got around the quarter mile oval in less than 14 seconds. Brian Karraker had his passing game working as he earned the Certified Rentals Hard Charger Award worth an additional \$100. Donny Brackett was eleventh on the field and thus received the Wilwood Tuff Brakes Award.

Four drivers made their first appearance of the season with the series. Of those four, Braxton Cummins was quick enough to make the feature but had the misfortune to have to retire from the

race. Flames emerging from under his car had to be extinguished once it was taken to the work area.

The three ten lap heat races were victories earned in succession by Kendall Ruble, Dakota Jackson, and Kyle Cummins. Brady Short won the B Main. Ironically Short needed to run the B in order to transfer to the A after he flipped while leading the first heat. A last lap three wide battle overtook lapped traffic and the closure rate created a problem in turns three and four. James Lyerla and Chayse Hayhurst finished second and third in the B-Main.

The MSCS Sprint Car Series will be idle until August. The series will then compete in the 15th annual Hoosier Sprint Nationals at Tri-State Speedway followed by a second 2019 visit to the Terre Haute Action Track. These two races are on Saturday and Sunday August 10th & 11th.

Bilbee Tops The Rumble at the Fair

TERRE HAUTE, IN - Sprint Car competitor Nick Bilbee won the RUMBLE AT THE FAIR Wednesday night at the Terre Haute Action Track. The mid-week special event was sanctioned by the BRANDEIS Midwest Sprint Car Series and held as an attraction during the Vigo County Fair.

Bilbee started fifth in the field of cars that was set for the feature during two heat races. The Indianapolis driver took the lead in the feature on lap 10. Pole sitter Landon Simon had lead the first lap. Then Mitch Wissmiller moved into the lead and held it the next 8 laps before mechanical issues caused him to drop out of the race. Bilbee continued to lead with Max Adams finishing second. Landon Simon claimed third. Dakota Jackson and Chase Stockon rounded out the top five.

The Feature victory was the first for Nick Bilbee in the MSCS series.

Bilbee's move to the front included just enough passes to merit him receiving the Certified Rentals Hard Charger of the Race Award. That added another \$100 to his \$3,000 victory check.

The second five at the finish of the feature included Isaac Chapple in sixth place to be followed by Aric Gentry, James Lyerla, Brandon Mattox, and Stephen Schnapf.

In preliminary action the two heat

races were swift victories for Dakota Jackson and Nick Bilbee. Jackson started on the pole and held off group one fast qualifier Max Adams. Nick Bilbee won the second heat from a fourth starting spot. Bilbee was also the fastest qualifier in the second group which then started a perfect night at the races.

Bill Gardner Sprintacular Day One to Cummins, Day Two to Rain

PUTNAMVILLE, IN - Kyle Cummins took a major step in the effort to capture the Mid Season Championship for the BRANDEIS Midwest Sprint Car Series. Cummins won the 30 lap feature held Friday night to conclude Day One of the Bill Gardner Sprintacular at Lincoln Park Speedway. He took home \$3,000 and earned an another 75 series points.

The Princeton, IN, driver kept the Rock Steady Racing sprint car in front of the pack throughout the main event. Meanwhile a battle for second and the other top five spots was waged behind him. Fans observed as drivers competed in close side by side racing.

Shane Cottle drove the Tony Epperson sprint car to a second place finish. Jordan Kinser was third giving him a podium finish for the second night in a row. Brady Short was fourth. Thomas Meseraull finished fifth. Dakota Jackson led a second five to the finish line followed by fast qualifier Max Adams, veteran Bill Rose, Shane Cockrum, and Koby Barksdale.

The \$100 check for Certified Rental Hard Charger of the Race went to Koby Barksdale who started 20th and improved 10 spots. The Wilwood Tuff Brakes Award was presented to Garrett Aitken who just missed a top ten finish.

The B Main winner was Harley Burns. Burns finished in front of Donny Brackett, Garrett Aitken and 17 other contestants for the last 5 transfer spots to the main. Thirty-seven cars total were entered into competition for the first night of the two day show. Five other preliminary racing events were held. These heats were winning runs for Travis Berryhill, Shane Cottle, Kyle Cummins, Jordan Kinser, and Dakota Jackson. Rod End Supply serves as a contingency sponsor for the MSCS heat races.

DAY TWO: Thirty-three drivers were present to race again at Lincoln Park Speedway on Saturday

night. That would prove to be a losing battle against Mother Nature. It rained just after three in the afternoon. The track crew went to work. There was a necessary delay before hot laps started. After group qualifying was completed another storm moved over the facility and the program was rained out. Day Two of the Bill Gardner Sprintacular could not be completed.

A.J. Hopkins Wins at Paragon on Independence Day

PARAGON, IN - A. J. Hopkins took the special Independence Day Event which was held Thursday night at the Paragon Speedway. Hopkins moved past leader Jordan Kinser on the 28th lap of the BRANDEIS Midwest Sprint Car Series feature and was able to keep the advantage until all 30 laps were completed.

Before finishing second in the feature, Jordan Kinser had maintained a lead despite efforts by Josh Hodges and Dakota Jackson to catch him. As racing continued and other drivers inched forward, Hodges dropped back out of the top five. Hopkins began challenging Jackson for second and there was contact in turn two. Jackson's chance at a possible victory was over. Hopkins continued on. Veteran Dave Darland claimed third place at the wheel of the Cunningham 17. Brandeis MSCS Points leader Kyle Cummins was fourth. Shane Cottle brought the Epperson 2E around in fifth.

The Certified Rentals Hard Charger of the Race was Bill Rose. Rose finished sixth after starting 20th on the feature field. Thomas Meseraull was seventh followed by Josh Hodges, Chris Babcock, and Chase Stockon. Andrew Prather received the Wilwood Tuff Brakes Award after finishing eleventh.

During the feature there were two caution periods and two red flag situations. Garrett Aitken was running in fourth place when he flipped in turn four on lap 12. A second red flag was flown later for the Hopkins and Jackson incident in turn two.

The four heat races held were won by Josh Hodges, Chris Babcock, Jordan Kinser, and Dakota Jackson in that order. Babcock and Hodges were both making their first appearances of the season with the series. Thomas Meseraull captured the B-Main over 16 other competitors. Brady Short was second.

Bristol Motor Speedway

BRISTOL, TN -

Quad Chaos driven by Aaron Cain claimed the Racing Eliminations victory Saturday at Bristol Motor Speedway during the Beef 'O' Brady's Monster Truck Madness event, ending the recent domination by BIGFOOT, which had won the last six racing titles at this event. Meanwhile, Jester, driven by Matt

Pagliarulo, put on quite a show to take the Freestyle title, ending the two-race run by Steve Sims in Stone Crusher in the fan-favorite competition.

In the racing portion, Quad Chaos qualified second with a time of 29.85 seconds and had to take on top qualifier and teammate Dirt Crew, driven by Tim Missentzis, in the final round. In a close final race, Quad Chaos crossed the finish line just in front of Dirt Crew. Dirt Crew took the top qualifying spot with a quick time of 29.43 seconds.

Quad Chaos defeated Kraken driven by Nick Pagliarulo in the opening round and then raced past No. 3 qualifier Jester in the semifinals.

Dirt Crew got a bye in the first round when Bad Company driven by Georgia's John Gordon broke during qualifying. Dirt Crew then powered past Stone Crusher driven by Steve Sims in the semis.

"Thank you to the fans," said Cain, who had won the Freestyle competition here in 2016. "This is the first time I've won the racing portion here but I've won freestyle before. I'm going to see if I can go for both tonight. No matter where we go whether it's the greatest race track in the country like here at Bristol or a small county fair we drive hard. Tell your friends how much fun you've had tonight. We worked all night to get these trucks ready to race hard and it paid off."

In Freestyle, two-time defending winner Sims in Stone Crusher made a charge at the end to get the three-peat but his truck tipped over and had to be put back on all four by the rescue lift. He resumed his run and drove it hard but the drivetrain caught fire at the end following some of his big air stunts and he finished fourth with a score of 25.

It was Jester's night in Freestyle as he caught the biggest air of all the trucks and did several big



Quad Chaos ended BIGFOOT's six-year Bristol winning streak, taking home the victory in the racing portion of Beef 'O' Brady's Monster Truck Madness. (BMS photo)

wheelies to get the fans on their feet. He finished with a winning score of 33.

"We had a great time tonight," Jester driver Pagliarulo said. "We came here last year for the first time and it's such a great venue. When we came back here this time I really wanted to do it in Freestyle. This is awesome."

Dirt Crew was second in Freestyle with a score of 31 and Racing Eliminations winner Quad Chaos finished third with a score of 30.

The night also featured plenty of hair raising stunts, highlighted by the wild freestyle motocross jump exhibitions, the intense action of the East10DriftCars and the legendary Megasaurus dismantling a junked car.

Prior to the event, guests of all ages showed up for the pre-show Beef 'O' Brady's Pit Party where guests were able to meet their favorite monster truck drivers as well as get autographs, pictures and a close up view of their favorite trucks. Also on-hand was the monster truck ridealong bus Sasquatch, which provided rides to fans before and after the event.

New Hampshire Motor Speedway

LOUDON, NH - On Sunday, July 21, Chris Wagner, forward for the Boston Bruins, will trade the ice for asphalt to take on his new role as the official Toyota Camry pace car driver for the Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. Wagner will lead NASCAR's best to the green flag as 40 Monster Energy NASCAR

Cup Series drivers race down the frontstretch to start the Foxwoods Resort Casino 301.

"I'm very excited and honored to drive the pace car for the race on the 21st," said 28-year-old Massachusetts native Wagner. "It should be an awesome experience and I can't wait to get behind the wheel at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway."

Wagner will become the third Boston Bruin to fill this official role following in the footsteps of Bruins legend Brad Park in September 2014 and Tim Schaller in 2016. Noel Acciari, Frank Vatrano and Brandon Carlo also joined Schaller for his visit making Wagner the sixth Bruin to attend a NASCAR race at "The Magic Mile."

In his first season in Boston, Wagner notched career highs in goals (12), points (19) and plus/minus (+3) over 76 regular season games. The six-foot, 198-pound forward also led the Bruins with 247 hits.

"Wagner really showcased that hard-nosed, blue-collar New England vibe this past season," said David McGrath, executive vice president and general manager of NHMS. "Many of our race fans are huge hockey fans as well, so I'm sure they'll get a thrill of seeing a hometown hero behind the wheel on "The Magic Mile" as he leads the drivers to the green flag to start the Foxwoods Resort Casino 301."

Wagner scored

two goals in the 2019 Eastern Conference Final series win over the Carolina Hurricanes. He was injured blocking a shot at the end of Game 3 of that series to help preserve the 2-1 win.

Wagner is joining a strong lineup of New England athletes who have served as the official Toyota Camry pace car driver for NASCAR Cup Series races including Patriots safety Patrick Chung (July 2018), Patriots offensive tackle Matt Light (Sept. 2016), Bruins forward Tim Schaller (July 2016), Patriots linebacker Rob Ninkovich (July 2015), Bruins legend Brad Park (Sept. 2014) and Patriots wide receiver Julian Edelman (July 2014). Other notables include Richard Rawlings of Discovery Channel's "Fast N' Loud" (Sept. 2017), Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels (July 2017), Dave Matthews Band bassist Stefan Lessard (July 2016) and Olympic triathlete Sarah True (Sept. 2015).

For ticket information for all 2019 events at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, including the July 19 Friday Night Dirt Duels presented by New England Racing Fuel, 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.

Talladega Superspeedway

TALLADEGA, AL - In honor of Talladega Superspeedway's 50th anniversary event, NASCAR's "Super" Superspeedway, which opened its doors in Alabama in 1969, announced today a special ticket package that includes a "\$69" ticket for the 1000Bulbs.com 500 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series event (Oct. 13) and a commemorative 1969 'Dega T-shirt.

The \$69 ticket and T-shirt package, which is offered for a limited time, gives fans the opportunity to experience the most competitive racing on the planet while decked out in official 'Dega swag. To take

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advantage, fans can visit www.talladegasuperspeedway.com/1969 or call 855.518.RACE (7223). The 50th anniversary package includes the following:

- One (1) Lincoln Grandstand Ticket (between the exit of Turn 4 and the entrance to pit road) for the 1000Bulbs.com 500, the second event in the Round of 12 in the series playoffs.

- Anyone holding a Sunday ticket will also have access to the traditional Saturday Night Infield Concert featuring Alabama native and country artist Riley Green.

- One (1) commemorative, one-of-a-kind 50th anniversary Talladega Superspeedway T-shirt.

Fans must present their ticket(s) and T-shirt Voucher(s) at the Main Ticket Office during regular race week operating hours in order to redeem their shirt. For fans who have already purchased a ticket to the 1000Bulbs.com 500 and would like to add the T-shirt to their existing order can call 855.518.RACE (7223) to purchase a T-shirt directly. This exclusive 50th anniversary T-shirt will not be sold onsite during race weekend or online at PitShopGear.com, fans must purchase directly from the track. It is available to package purchasers and existing ticket holders only.

The 1000Bulbs.com 500 will be part of the NASCAR Playoffs doubleheader weekend (Oct. 11-13) that will also feature the Sugarlands Shine 250 for the NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series, a staple at the historic track since 2006. The Talladega tradition began on September 14, 1969, when the track – then known as Alabama International Motor Speedway – hosted its first NASCAR premier series event with Richard Brickhouse coming home the winner in a winged Dodge built for speed.

In addition to celebrating 50 Years of Speed, the culmination of Transformation – The Talladega Superspeedway Infield Project presented by Graybar will occur this October and will allow fans to be immersed into the sport of NASCAR with the one-of-a-kind Talladega Garage Experience (TGE). It will feature “up-close” access, interactive attractions and enhanced amenities and will offer

FREE Wi-Fi presented by Xtreme Concepts, Inc. Fans with a TGE admission will also be treated to incredible \$4 or less Value-Priced Concessions (with the exception of the \$9 Big One Meatball). For more information on Transformation, visit www.talladegasuperspeedway.com/transformation.

Charlotte Motor Speedway

CONCORD, NC - With the second annual Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 approaching as quickly as Jimmie Johnson on a last-lap charge, Charlotte Motor Speedway officials on Friday announced a special promotion that will give race fans the opportunity to relive the drama of NASCAR's newest thriller in first-person fashion.

The “Ride the ROVAL™” promotion grants fans the chance to secure two tickets to the Sept. 29 Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 – the cutoff race in Round 1 of NASCAR's playoffs – for just \$60. All fans who buy the package, or any Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 tickets, will get to feel the excitement of Charlotte's 17-turn, 2.28-mile road course oval from behind the wheel of their personal cars, as ticketholders are eligible to drive their personal cars for three paced laps around the ROVAL™ on July 20 or Aug. 17. Rides will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 20 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 17.

“As Charlotte Motor Speedway prepares for the second running of the Bank of America ROVAL™ 400, we wanted to give our fans the opportunity to see the race for an affordable price and to witness the ROVAL™ from a driver's perspective,” said Greg Walter, the executive vice president and general manager of Charlotte Motor Speedway.

“This year's race will provide a serious challenge to every driver who attempts to tackle the ROVAL™. Our ‘Ride the ROVAL™’ promotion will provide the same experience for fans in their personal cars. Every turn matters on the ROVAL™. Our fans are about to see that for themselves.”

TICKETS: Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 tickets, weekend passes and upgrades can be purchased by calling 800-455-FANS or visiting online at www.charlottemotorspeedway.com/tickets.

KEEP TRACK: Connect with Charlotte Motor Speedway on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram or get all the latest news and information with the Charlotte Motor Speedway

mobile app.

Michigan Int'l Speedway

BROOKLYN, MI - The action is nonstop during the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Consumers Energy 400 weekend on Aug. 9 – 11. And now the entertainment is just as thrilling in the fan plaza and campgrounds at Michigan International Speedway. With more than 35 performers and 80 performances, NASCAR's Most Entertaining Track provides something for every guest.

The entertainment starts on Thursday in the campgrounds and goes through the checkered flag for the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Consumers Energy 400. In the campgrounds, guests can enjoy music from the bands, tour the infield on the pedal bar or listen to tunes from the dueling pianos.

The fan plaza is the place to be starting on Friday. MIS has developed a town center area that will feature food trucks, stylish lawn furniture and picnic tables with umbrellas to provide shade. Guests can watch the performances on the stage while eating the tasty food. For our younger guests they can get their face painted, stand in awe of the magician or play in the Kids Zone.

“We are always looking at ways to continue to enhance the guest experience at NASCAR's Most Entertaining Track,” MIS President Rick Brenner said. “For the Consumers Energy 400 event weekend we will have entertainment in each of our campgrounds, in the fan plaza and during Sunday's pre-race! We will also have our free Saturday post-race concert that will feature Michigan's own, Grand Funk Railroad!”

Guests will want to be in their seat early to see the human cannon ball before the Consumers Energy 400. Don't miss David "The Bullet" Smith AGT, the World's Most Accomplished human cannonball, as he flies through the air above the tri-oval. Smith has been featured on America's Got Talent and is a Guinness World Record holder.

In the fan plaza, fans can experience an impressive display of athletic prowess in the Flippenout's Extreme Trampoline Show. The athletes will perform acrobatic single, double and triple flips. The shows keep the hype up with an awesome soundtrack, and is action packed from start to finish. Every show ends with their world famous sky high belly drops.

In-Campground Entertainment:

- Late Night Party – Nightcap is the place to be late into the night. Guests can be sprayed by paint and foam while listening to the DJ.

- Concerts – Musical performances all weekend long throughout the campgrounds.

- Pedal Bar – Grab your friends for a drink on the pedal bar.

- Dueling pianos – Watch as two dynamic piano players entertain the crowd.

- Bingo – Campers have the opportunity to lay claim to being the best at MIS.

- Face Painters – Kids can get their faces painted.

- Magician – Be in awe as a magician roams the campground.

- Church Service – Brooklyn Trails, Brookfest Acres, Graves Family and the Infield campgrounds will have a non-denominational service on Sunday morning.

Fan Plaza Entertainment: The track created a Town Center area in the middle of the fan plaza for guests to sit and enjoy all the entertainment.

- Grab a bite to eat at one of the food trucks lining the Town Center area.

- Relax on the patio furniture as bands and strolling performers provide entertainment.

- Picnic tables with umbrellas provide the perfect spot for guests to sit and enjoy their food and beverages.

- Escape the sun in the large tented area where you can view the Fan Plaza entertainment.

- Aerial Acts – Look skyward as performers test the limits of gravity with aerial straps.

- Trampoline Shows – Flippenout's Extreme Trampoline Stunt Shows utilizes top professional athletes from all around the country. Its shows keep the hype up with awesome soundtracks and is action packed from start to finish.

- Ann Arbor Hands on Museum – The track is now an educational opportunity for your children. The museum will have six STEM-related opportunities to provide hands-on experiences.

- ZOOperstars! – A one of a kind, hilarious mascot inflatable entertainment show.

- Bands – Fans can sit back and listen to music from a different band each day.

- Great Lakes Timber Show – The Lumberjack show features chainsaw carving, axe throwing, wood chopping, one and two-man crosscut sawing, modified chain sawing, log rolling and loads of clean family humor.

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- Timber Art – Checkout what can be created from a wood log by professional wood carvers.

- Chalk Artists – Two professional artists will decorate the fan plaza pavement.

- Corn hole – Prove that you are the best at playing corn hole.

- Strolling Street Performers – Variety of acts including stilt

walkers, contact jugglers, object manipulation and cube spinning.

- Face Painters – Kids can get their faces painted on Sunday.

- Magician – Be prepared to be amazed in the pit road suites when the magicians visit.

- Go-Karts – Get the need of the speed through the go-kart course professionally designed in the fan plaza by Jackson Speedway.

- Mad Chad – A professional chainsaw juggler will entertain the crowds.

- Dynamo Dogs – Dogs and their human flying disc throwers will compete in events such as distance catching and somewhat choreographed freestyle catching.

Pre-Race

- Nonstop rolling performances on the tri-oval prior to the pre-race ceremonies, including Mad Chad, Dynamo Dogs and ZOOperstars! to entertain the crowds leading to the race.

- The human cannonball will fly over the tri-oval.

Sunday ticket holders can stick around on Saturday for a free post-race concert. Michigan's own, Grand Funk Railroad, will celebrate its 50th anniversary of entertaining crowds at Michigan International Speedway. Skid Row and Sawyer Brown will keep the music going after the checkered flag waves for the NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series Corigan Oil 200 on Aug. 10.

Tickets start at \$39 for the Consumers Energy 400 on Aug. 11. Fans can find the perfect campsite for their families and friends in any of the different campgrounds at the track starting at \$130. Fans can purchase tickets and campsites at www.mispeedway.com or by calling 888-905-7223.

Bristol Motor Speedway

BRISTOL, TN - As guests descend upon East Tennessee for the

excitement of August's Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race, Bristol Motor Speedway continues to enhance the famed facility in preparation for the one-of-a-kind under the lights experience of America's Night Race, where sparks fly and tempers flare.

New amenities and experiences include:

- Drink rails at all seats in the Richard Petty Terrace, which will allow fans a better place for their beverages and snacks without sacrificing their view. Not only that, the rails will provide additional leg room and storage space underneath for guests. In addition to the drink rails, the concourse level of Petty Terrace will be re-themed, highlighting the iconic blue colors of the famed No. 43 driven by the seven-time NASCAR Cup Series champ and three-time Bristol winner Richard Petty.

- Diehard fans of Kyle Busch and Chase Elliott can now hang out with their fellow fans in style at the Super Fan Suites. The climate-controlled boxes feature comfortable theater-style seating in a suite themed to a specific driver. Other amenities for the Super Fan Suites include a parking pass (for every two tickets purchased), one FanVision Scanner and headset per guest, a driver-themed gift and much more. Adult and kids pricing is available. For more information and pricing, visit <https://www.bristolmotorspeedway.com/tickets/super-fan-suites/>.

- Earlier this year, BMS announced High Banks & Heels, the first official women's club in NASCAR. After a soft launch during the Food City 500, the High Banks & Heels suite is officially on-sale for the Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race. The suite is open to members of BMS' women's club and includes NASCAR celebrity appearances, a parking pass (per two tickets purchased), pre-race track walk pass and much more. Additional suite seats may be purchased for family and/or guests of a High Banks & Heels member. For more information, visit <https://www.bristolmotorspeedway.com/fans/womens-club/>.

- A unique amenity on the NASCAR circuit, the Jeff Gordon Terrace Half Moon tables feature seating for four or more guests with one of the most unique views in racing. Concessions, restrooms and more are just steps away and everyone receives a free FanVision unit. For more information, visit <https://www.bristolmotorspeedway.com/tickets/jeff-gordon->

[terrace-half-moon-seats/](https://www.bristolmotorspeedway.com/tickets/jeff-gordon-terrace-half-moon-seats/).

"The race experience at Bristol Motor Speedway is second to none and we want to exceed customer expectations each and every time they visit us," said Jerry Caldwell, executive vice president and general manager of Bristol Motor Speedway. "We're excited about these new additions and look forward to seeing our guests enjoy these amenities during the Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race weekend."

Tickets start at just \$65 for the Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race and kids 12-and-under are only \$10. To purchase tickets to the Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race, please call 423-BRISTOL or buy them online at www.BRISTOLTIX.com. Tickets can also be purchased directly from any neighborhood Food City store.

Pocono Raceway

LONG POND, PA - Pocono Raceway announced today they will add traction compound in all three corners of 'The Tricky Triangle' for the upcoming Gander RV 400 race weekend. The traction compound, also known as PJ1, will be applied to the third lane in Turn 1, the second lane in Turn 2 and the third lane in Turn 3.

Pocono Raceway has been collaboratively working with NASCAR and Speedway Motorsports, Inc., to enhance the on-track action for their upcoming Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series (MENCs,) NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series (NGOTS) and ARCA Menards Series (AMS) event weekend.

Nick Igdalsky, Pocono Raceway CEO: "Pocono Raceway will always do everything we can to put our fans first. The addition of the traction compound in all three Turns should allow for more side-by-side racing in the corners with more lane choice for drivers. In the end, we want fans attending and watching on NBCSN to see a competitive and enjoyable race."

Scott Miller, NASCAR Senior Vice President of Competition: "We are constantly looking at ways to improve racing across all tracks and series. Nick Igdalsky at Pocono Raceway shares the same goal – to give our fans the best experience and racing possible. After conversations with our drivers, teams, and Goodyear, we felt that the application of PJ1 in all three corners at Pocono would help put on the

best race for our fans."

Joey Logano, driver of the No. 22 Shell Pennzoil Ford for Team Penske: "Pocono Raceway has consistently gone out of their way to make race weekends exceptional experiences for the fans. Working with NASCAR, Goodyear and with input from the teams, they're going to take that dedication to the track with the application of PJ1. As a driver, I certainly applaud their efforts to enhance the racing. I'm looking forward to getting back up to 'The Tricky Triangle' and seeing how the compound impacts the racing."

Denny Hamlin, driver of the No. 11 FedEx Toyota Camry for Joe Gibbs Racing: "I've been an advocate for using traction compound at Pocono for a while now. It gives us more lane options as drivers, and that's what this current aero package needs. I think this will help put on a better show for the fans."

The Gander RV 400 race weekend will feature three days on on-track action at Pocono Raceway from July 26-28. Friday's event will include AMS practices and the qualifying, NGOTS practice and qualifying and the FORTS USA 150 AMS race. Saturday's events will include MENCs practices, the Gander RV 150 NGOTS race and MENCs qualifying. Sunday's Gander RV 400 MENCs race is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. ET.

For tickets and more information, visit www.poconoraceway.com or call 1-800-RACEWAY (1-800-722-3929).

Texas Motor Speedway

FORT WORTH, TX - Enrollment is now open for Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex elementary schools interested in participating in Texas Motor Speedway's award-winning Speeding To Read educational program for the 2019-20 school year.

Speeding To Read utilizes motorsports, NASCAR and INDYCAR drivers, and races at Texas Motor Speedway to incentivize elementary school students to read more frequently through a reading competition among individuals, classrooms and schools that participate in the program.

Speeding To Read enters its ninth year of competition and is coming off a 2018-19 school year

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where 14 schools from six of DFW's 25 largest school districts took part.

Since the program's inception in 2011 with one pilot school, Speeding To Read has had 78 schools and 43,393 students participate, and they collectively have read more than 5.5 million books.

The program is free and the schools that have previously participated range from affluent areas to economically disadvantaged communities with a diverse student make-up.

The competition is multi-layered with individuals, classrooms and schools competing against each other to read the most books and earn the title of Speeding To Read World Champion.

The Speeding To Read competition runs through the majority of the school year and it is split into four turns (or quarters) with the top readers being rewarded at each of those turns.

At the conclusion of the competition, the individuals and classrooms that read the most books cumulatively, along with the school that had the highest percentage of its student body meet the year-long reading goals, are crowned world champions.

The champions are rewarded with a variety of items, including trophies, NASCAR and INDYCAR race tickets, driver school visits, ice cream and frozen custard parties, and motorsports merchandise, among others, for excelling in the program.

The program has a dedicated website, www.speedingtoread.com, that features results, news stories, photos and videos from the competition and associated events that is available to faculty, parents and general public.

For those schools seeking more information on the program or wanting to enroll, please contact the Texas Motor Speedway Media Relations Department at pr@texasmotorspeedway.com or 817.215.8520.

Texas Motor Speedway's Speeding To Read program is supported by the following partners: Speedway Children's Charities-Texas, NASCAR, NTT IndyCar Series, Lionel Racing, Speedway World, Levy Restaurants, The Speedway

Club, aai Trophies and Awards of Plano, Jostens, Woolley's Frozen Custard and Team Texas High Performance Driving School.

New Hampshire Motor Speedway

LOUDON, NH - Not only is "The Magic Mile" jam-packed with racing action during the upcoming Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 race weekend (July 19-21) at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, but Speedway Children's Charities New Hampshire Chapter has a full lineup of fun events that help children in need across New England.

"Race week is a very important week for Speedway Children's Charities New Hampshire Chapter," said Hillarie Scott, director of Speedway Children's Charities New Hampshire Chapter. "With race fans traveling from all over New England, the events are built to keep them entertained and give them memorable experiences throughout the week, all while donating to help the children in need in their own backyard. We're so thankful for the help from all of the drivers and volunteers who donate their time to help make these events extra special."

Event Schedule:

- Wednesday, July 17 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. - Laps for Charity: For a \$30 donation, drive your own car or sit shotgun in the NHMS Pace Car as it takes three "fast laps" around "The Magic Mile."

- Thursday, July 18 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Charity Clay Shoot presented by NRA: Join NASCAR Xfinity Series drivers Matt Mills and Vinnie Miller for a fun day of clay shooting and enjoy the great outdoors of New Hampshire. Cost is \$300/person or \$1,000/four-some.

- Friday, July 19 at 8:00 a.m. - Champions Breakfast: Celebrate the 2018 NASCAR champions including Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series champion Joey Logano, NASCAR Xfinity Series champion Tyler Reddick and NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Justin Bonsignore at a breakfast emceed by five-time NHMS winner and NBCSN commentator Jeff Burton and long-time NASCAR pit reporter, magazine editor and 2020 Squier-Hall Award for NASCAR Media Excellence recipient Dick Berggren. Registration is \$50/person.

- Friday, July 19 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. - Wicked Good Live Auction: Don't miss your chance to bid on NASCAR memorabilia and other exciting items including Monster

Energy NASCAR Cup Series sheet metal and racing gear from many of your favorite drivers. This free event will be held at the Trackside Live Stage, located next to the infield tunnel.

- Saturday, July 20 from 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. - Track Walk presented by PPG: Walk a lap around "The Magic Mile" with Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series driver Ryan Blaney. Registration is \$20/person online at SpeedwayCharities.org through July 18 and \$25/person starting July 19 at the Speedway Children's Charities booth in the Fan Zone. Children 16 and under are free with a paid adult.

- Saturday, July 20 & Sunday, July 21 - Red Bucket Brigade: Keep an eye out for the red buckets making their way through the grandstands in search of spare change and loose bills to add to the weekend's fundraising efforts.

Each December, Speedway Children's Charities New Hampshire Chapter distributes grants to nonprofit organizations in the region. In 2018, 55 grants were distributed totaling \$75,190, and since its inception in 2009, New Hampshire Motor Speedway and SCCNH have distributed more than \$1.7 million supporting more than 749,000 children across New England.

For more information about upcoming events for Speedway Children's Charities New Hampshire Chapter, call Hillarie Scott at (603) 513-5738 or visit SpeedwayCharities.org/NewHampshire.

For ticket information for all 2019 events at New Hampshire Motor Speedway visit the speedway website at NHMS.com or call Fan Relations at (603) 783-4931.

Talladega Superspeedway

TALLADEGA, AL - After every Hoar Construction worker on site signed it with a permanent marker, the last overarching steel beam was raised high in the air and put into place today for the massive Open Air Social Club, the centerpiece of the Talladega Garage Experience that will debut during the track's NASCAR Playoffs doubleheader weekend (Oct. 11-13).

Phase II of the approximate \$50 million Transformation - The Talladega Superspeedway Infield Project presented by Graybar was in high gear Wednesday as history was made.

Part of a construction tradition and a project milestone is putting the last structural steel beam on a building. Thus, every construction crew member for Hoar Construc-

tion (based in nearby Birmingham, AL) at the 2.66-mile venue placed his autograph on the final piece of steel that will create the roof, which at its highest point will measure 34 feet.

The new Open Air Social Club, which is 300 by 265 feet total, will be lined on both sides by two garages that will house the top 22 drivers (11 in each) in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series. Featured in the first bay Wednesday was a Kyle Busch No. 5 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet that competed in 2005, and is normally showcased in the next door International Motorsports Hall of Fame.

Fans who purchase a Talladega Garage Experience (TGE) admission will receive access inside the Open Air Social Club, where they will be just a few steps away from the "up-close" fan viewing walkway and under the same roof where the race cars are being prepped by the race teams.

The 35,000 square foot area will also be complete with an array of ample, comfortable seating, a bar and a 41-foot diagonal video screen where entertainment enthusiasts will be able to immerse themselves into the sport of NASCAR like never before. Not too far from the Open Air Social Club will be the new Gatorade Victory Lane, which will allow fans to be a part of the winner's celebrations.

The one-of-a-kind TGE, which will have FREE Wi-Fi presented by Xtreme Concepts, Inc., will stretch from the center of the Tri-Oval all the way down near the start-finish line, and will be ready at the world's greatest racing venue during October's 1000Bulbs.com 500 (Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series) and Sugarlands Shine 250 (Gander Outdoors Truck Series).

In addition to the "up-close, locker room" access, the TGE will feature interactive attractions and enhanced amenities for fans, sponsors, teams and stakeholders in the iconic Talladega infield, PLUS fans will be treated to incredible \$4 or less Value-Priced Concessions (with the exception of the \$9 Big One Meatball).

Fans can learn more about the project and view the progress 24/7 via the construction cam by visiting www.talladegasuperspeedway.com/transformation.

For ticket information on the track's NASCAR doubleheader playoffs weekend, and all things on Transformation and the TGE, log onto www.talladegasuperspeedway.com or call 855-518-7223 (RACE).

Bowman Gray Stadium

WINSTON-SALEM, NC - Jonathan Brown showed up on Saturday to make a statement at Bowman Gray Stadium.

He claimed the checkered in the O'Reilly Auto Parts 100 for the Brad's Golf Cars Modified Series – and with double points on the line, Brown moves up from fourth to second in points standings.

Lee Jeffreys of Wallburg was the fastest qualifier and opted to take on the Fans' Challenge, starting in the rear for a chance to win \$3,000. When the remaining competitors drew for starting position, Jason Myers of Walnut Cove and former champ Danny Bohn of Huntersville were set to start first and second.

On the initial start – and for the first two double-file restarts – Jason Myers held off Danny Bohn to maintain the lead. In their final battle, Myers and Bohn made contact – knocking Bohn off the pace enough to get him caught on the outside row. Bohn fell back while Jonathan Brown of Winston-Salem moved up to second.

Brown took the first opportunity he got to choose the outside during a restart, hoping to steal the lead away from Myers. As the two tangled, they collided. Jonathan Brown began to spin, but Myers himself lost control and started a pileup. With the track blocked due to the wreckage, Jonathan Brown had just enough time to slam the gas and steer into the lead. James Civali moved into second.

Civali began immediately pressuring Brown, hammering his bumper at every possible chance. Defending champ Burt Myers of Walnut Cove moved up to third and raced back and forth with Civali for second. Myers briefly claimed second until a stiff shot from an aggressive Civali relegated him back to third.

The car of Civali slowed as the race went on, with Myers repeatedly shoving his bumper. Brown took the opportunity to distance himself from Civali and Myers. With no restarts coming in the final 20 laps of the race, Myers wasn't given a chance to line up double-file with Civali. Brown took the win. Civali finished second, with Myers taking third.

"This is a very emotional win –



Jonathan Brown (22) leads the way with James Civali (79) close behind in second. (ERIC HYLTON PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

the first time I've won as a car owner," said Brown. "We've worked our butts off on this car. Everybody else took a break and didn't work on their stuff for two weeks. We took this thing down to a bare chassis, put it together – we didn't even practice this morning because we knew we had a hot rod."

Brown feels confident that he would still be in Victory Lane even if Civali's car had held strong or even if Burt Myers would've passed Civali and began to challenge Brown for the lead. "Even if Burt would've been second, I would've gapped them – this things was good," said Brown. "I wasn't running but about 40% the whole race, and these boys got their hands full the rest of the season."

In the McDowell Heating & Air Sportsman Series, Dylan Ward of Winston-Salem held off Justin Taylor of Kernersville to take the victory for the first 20-lapper. That brings his winning streak to an impressive four weeks in a row. Ross Dalton of Liberty claimed the checkered in the second Sportsman race.

Corey Rose of Trinity was the winner of the 20-lapper for the Law Offices of John Barrow Street Stock Series. And in the Q104.1 Stadium Stock Series, Brandon Brendle of Winston-Salem and Joel Stewart of Mocksville each brought home a victory trophy.

Dodge City Raceway Park

DODGE CITY, KS - Current series points leader Kip Hughes overcame some early adversity to race to Dodge City Raceway Park victory lane as the Sooner Late Model Series made its first appearance atop the 3/8-mile clay oval on Saturday night.

Hughes battled past early leader Adam Schrag on the 11th round and led the remained of the 25-lapper for his fourth series win of the year.

While Hughes topped the Late Model forces, Clay Sellard added his second consecutive IMCA Modified win, Alex Wiens scored his first career DCRP win in IMCA

Sport Modifieds, Mike Petersilie bested the IMCA Stock Cars and Reagan notched his third IMCA Hobby Stock win of the year.

In Sooner Late Model action, the night started off with Kip Hughes suffering engine problems in hot laps and missing out on heat race action.

"We hurt a brand new motor in hot laps, fortunately we had some spares with us and were able to get it changed out pretty quick," Hughes explained.

Adam Schrag jumped into the early lead, but soon had Hughes pressuring him for the point. Hughes finally slipped under to take command on the 11th round and held point until the race's only caution flew with ten laps to go when Schrag came to a stop on the track.

Back under way, Hughes paced the final ten rounds ahead of Adam Popp with Steven Hawkins outlasting Scott Phillips over the closing circuits for the show position and Mark Brill rounding out the top five.

In the 20-lap IMCA Modified feature, Bucklin's Clay Sellard broke into the lead on the second lap and le the rest of the way to make it two

in a row.

It wasn't without challenge though, as reigning track champion Nick Link closed in and pulled alongside on the bottom on the 13th lap. Sellard was able to fend off the challenge and took Link's line away to secure the win.

Link settled for second with current points leader William Nusser in third while Trent Gray nipped Ryan Heger at the line for fourth.

The 15-lap IMCA Sport Modified turned into a showdown between the Wiens brothers Alex and Kyle, both from Newton.

A. Wiens gunned into the initial lead from the pole position but soon had K. Wiens pressuring for the point. After some side-by-side battling along the way, A. Wiens prevailed for his first DCRP score with K. Wiens in second. Bart Baker crossed the stripe third with Mike Lunow and Brian May also in the top five.

A past IMCA Modified winner at DCRP, Hoisington's Mike Petersilie outdueled Troy Burkhart to get his first 20-lap IMCA Stock Car win atop the 3/8-mile clay oval.

After Robbie Perkins and Donald Kaup traded tuns leading the initial handful of circuits, Burkhart battled into the lead with Petersilie moving in to challenge for the point.

The duo battled wheel-to-wheel for several round before Petersilie battled into the front on the 11th round. Petersilie kept Burkhart at bay the rest of the way to secure the win with Burkhart, Chris Oliver, Michael Pepper and Donald Kaup rounding out the top five.

Bucklin's Reagan Sellard raced around Matt O'Hair on the 11th of
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Sooner Late Model Series race winner Kip Hughes joins family and friends in Dodge City Raceway Park's victory lane. (DCRP photo)

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15 laps to pick off his third IMCA Hobby Stock feature win in the last four events.

O'Hair had wrestled the lead away from Dion Priddy on the fourth lap and then held off Sellard until the final handful of rounds. The two-time and defending track champion raced on to victory lane ahead of O'Hair with Priddy, Cody Ghumm and Brett Copeland round-

ing out the top five.

While current points leader R. Sellard padded his Hobby Stock points lead and William Nusser maintained his Modified points lead, a pair of points leaders ran into feature issues with both Angel Munoz (Stock Cars) and Jeff Kaup (Sport Modifieds) both exiting a lap into their respective features after being collected in incidents.

Action resumes at Dodge City Raceway Park next Saturday, July 20, with a full card of championship chase action including Precise Racing Products DCRP Sprint Cars, IMCA Modifieds, IMCA Sport Modifieds, IMCA Stock Cars and IMCA Hobby Stocks. The 1/7-mile DCRP clay oval will then round out the weekend with Round Five of Micro Sprint and Kart competition getting under way on Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

Those with ticket stubs from tonight's July 13 event can present that stub to get into the Saturday, July 20, event for just \$5.

Hickory Motor Speedway

After two of the most exciting nights of racing in the history of Hickory Motor Speedway and a quick week off for everyone to regroup, the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series rolled back into the Catawba Valley for a great action filled evening of racing on Coca-Cola Night at the Races.

Rolling off first would be the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Late Models in the first of their twin 40 lap features. Hickory Motor Speedway points leader Thomas Beane in the #31 would set fast time in qualifying and start from the point with Chris Hudspeth in the #28 to his outside. Row two would be made up of Connor Mosack in the #18 and Nolan Pope in the #1. Beane and Hudspeth would battle side by side for the early lead until Beane would finally nose ahead



Chris Hudspeth takes the checkered flag in the first of the two twin Late Model features at Hickory Motyor Speedway Saturday night. (SHERRI STEARNS photo)



Nolan Pope is surrounded with family and friends after winning the second Late Model feature at Hickory Motor Speedway. (SHERRI STEARNS photo)

after several laps. Pope would take the third position away from Mosack and look to catch the lead duo. Several laps later Mosack would make the pass on Pope. Pope would bring his car to pit road with the crew making repairs for race two. After twenty laps Beane would have a sizable lead, but Hudspeth wasn't ready to give up. Lap 30 would see Hudspeth on Beane's rear bumper and making his move for the lead. After a hard fought battle Hudspeth would emerge with the lead. Hudspeth would drive on to the win. Beane would finish a close 2nd while Mosack would be closing on the leaders at the end finishing 3rd. Gracie Trotter in the #2 would finish 4th with Chris Honeycutt in the #83 finishing 5th.

The Carolina Custom Golf Cart Super Trucks would roll off next for their 35 laps feature. The #26 of Charlie Neill would take top spot in qualifying with Travis Baity in the #71 to his outside. Allen Huffman in the #51 and Joey Shuryan in the

#30 would make up the second row for the start. Neill would take the early lead as Baity would be close behind. Huffman and Shuryan would have a spirited battle for third until Huffman would slow and pull to pit road on lap 25. Dennis Trivette in the #28 would move around Shuryan for third and bring Zach Hale in the #97 with him to fourth, both looking to catch the lead duo. The caution would fly with 6 laps to go. Neill would get the better of the restart and maintain the lead. Trivette would pressure Baity for second and make the move under him with two laps to go. Trivette would make the pass and Hale would once again follow his tracks around for third. Neill would drive on to the win. Trivette would finish 2nd with Hale taking home 3rd. Baity would finish 4th while Joe Simpson in the #86 would finish 5th.

Round 7 of the Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Racing Challenge and 50 laps would be next for the Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models. Mitch Walker in the #43

would lead time trials and start from the top spot with the #18 of Cody DeMarmels to his outside. Row two would see Dexter Canipe Jr in the #5 and Josh Kossek in the #44 side by side for the start. Walker would take the early with a great start. DeMarmels would have to battle Canipe to maintain second place on the track. Stevie Johns Jr in the #91 would be the man on the move as he would move from his fifth place starting position to second place by lap five. Walker and Johns would be nose to tail for ten laps until Johns would make his move to the lead. Walker would keep Johns within striking distance until he would slow suddenly coming off of turn two on lap 40. The restart would see Johns and Canipe make up the front row. The restart would be a dead heat with Canipe nosing slightly ahead. But Johns wasn't ready to give up the lead and kept the inside line in a great 10 lap, side by side battle for the win. Canipe would hang on to the top spot and win by half a car length. Johns would have to settle for 2nd and Hickory Motor Speedway points leader DeMarmels would finish 3rd. Walker would battle his way back after the pit stop to finish 4th while Mason Ludwig in the #12 would finish 5th.

The Street Stocks would be the next to hit the famed 3/8 mile oval for their 30 lap feature. The front row would be made up of Jesse Clark in the #5, who would set fast time in qualifying, and Kevin Eby in the #03. Clark and Eby would duel for the point with Clark pulling ahead after several laps. Clark would flex his muscle and build a sizable advantage as the field would battle for second and on back. Mark Johnson in the #28 would break free from the pack and set his sights on the leader, Clark. With five laps to go Johnson would catch Clark and pressure him for the win. The lead pair would go side by side for the closing laps and as the checkered flag would fall only a few inches would be the margin of victory as Johnson would take the win. Clark would settle for 2nd and Derek Fowler would finish 3rd after a hard fought battle with Kevin Eby in the #03. Eby would finish 4th and Drew Cox in the #21 would round out the top five in 5th.

The Renegades would be the next to hit the track for 20 exciting laps. Spencer Dickinson in the #6 and Robbie Hollifield in the #51 would make up the front row for the start. Before the race could start Dickinson would withdraw from the

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event. Justin Austin in the #1 would lead the field to the green flag with Hollifield to his outside. The front row would battle hard and lap 2 would see Hollifield spin and collect the #72 of Zachary Mullins. Both cars would require the assistance of the wrecker crew and Mullins would be done racing for the night. Austin and Kyle DiVanna in the #71 would be the front row for the restart. Austin would get the better start, but see DiVanna make his way around for the top spot on lap five. Lap seven would see the caution fly as Rodney Elkins in the #95 would spin. Austin would pull in under caution as he would experience mechanical issues. DiVanna and Charlie Neill, who replaced Dickenson in the #6, would make up the front row for the restart. Neill would move to the lead on lap 9. Neill would drive on to the win with DiVanna finishing 2nd. Brian Larkin in the #7 would finish 3rd, Austin would finish 4th, and Elkins would finish 5th.

The NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Late Models would finish out the night's events with the second of their twin 40 lap features. The invert from the finishing order of race one would see Nolan Pope in the #1 and Chris Honeycutt in the #83 make up row one. Row two would see the #2 of Gracie Trotter and the #18 of Connor Mosack taking the green flag side by side. Pope would get the better start and take the early lead. The #31 of Thomas Beane and the #28 of Chris Hudspeth would work their way into the top three on lap 9 and begin to give chase to the leader Pope. Beane would catch the leader with three laps to go and pull up to his rear bumper. Beane would look to make a move under Pope coming off of turn two, but get sideways on corner exit. Beane would save the car, but give Pope enough breathing room to drive on to the victory. Beane would finish 2nd while Hudspeth would finish 3rd. Trotter would finish 4th and Mosack would round out the top five in 5th.

The NASCAR Whelen All-American Series is back in action next week with a full slate of racing excitement.

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Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGROVE, PA - Blane Heimback drove across town for a rare appearance at his home track and picked up the 19th Annual Mach 1 Chassis National Open for 360 sprint cars after a thrilling duel with Mark Smith of Sunbury.

The \$5,000 win in the 30-lap championship event was Heimback's fourth career in the race at the wheel of the Creasy Signs/Goff Racing No. 12.

Jim Bernheisel of Lebanon returned to Victory Lane when he wired the field for his fifth career win in the 25-lap super late model race. Bernheisel became the division's ninth different winner this season.

Shaun Lawton of Bloomsburg made it five feature wins in a row in the 15-lap pro stock race.

Selinsgrove Speedway will be back in action at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 27, with an open wheel doubleheader featuring the 360 sprint cars, PASS/IMCA 305 sprint cars plus limited late models and roadrunners. Gates will open at 5 p.m.

The speedway will not be racing Saturday, July 17, for summer break.

Blane Heimback jetted to the early sprint car lead from the pole leading Adam Carberry, Mark Smith, Mike Walter and Curt Michael.

Carberry dogged Heimback until lap three when Smith moved to second. One of the early race favorites, Chad Layton's engine started to show heavy smoke and he retired to the pits early.

As Heimback negotiated the heavy traffic, Smith drew to his tail. Smith used a lapped car to shoot by Heimback for the lead on lap 11 but Heimback came right back.

By the middle part of the race Kyle Reinhardt started his charge from the back, taking over fifth place and continued to move forward.

Smith started to open a lead as Heimback again drove through traffic but as laps wound down, Heimback was back on Smith's nerf bar. Heimback retook the lead on lap 26 and started to pull away.

A spin by third running Derek Locke on lap 29 brought out the caution flag and gave Smith one last shot in a battle of former track champions.

Reinhardt tried to slingshot by Smith on the restart but Smith held

him off. This allowed Heimback to pull away and win by just .7 seconds over Smith, Locke, Reinhardt and Carberry.

Sprint car heats were won by Keller, Smith and Heimback.

Jim Bernheisel, Donnie Schick, Dave Brouse Jr. Kenny Trevitz and Danny Snyder made up the top five to start the late model feature.

The two veterans Bernheisel and Schick with scores of wins between them started to pull away from the rest of the field.

By the midway point Bernheisel was running with a comfortable lead as Brouse started to close on Schick.

Bernheisel led the rest of the distance winning by 3.11 seconds over Schick, Brouse, Kenny Trevitz and Snyder.

Late model heats went to Jim Bernheisel and Danny Snyder

Five cars made an early bid for the pro stock lead with Corey Long just nosing ahead of Brandon Moser, Tommy Dawson, Kyle Bachman and Shaun Lawton. Moser took the lead in the first turn but a melee collected Dawson bringing out the caution.

On the restart, Lawton got by Bachman for second. Lori Croop found the second turn wall on lap four, requiring a wrecker.

Moser and Lawton battled side by side for the lead. Moser up top and Lawton on the low side. The battle for the lead put Bachman right on Lawton's tail in third when the yellow flag came out again on lap nine.

Lawton again used the restart to duck low and go side by side and was able to get by on lap 10. Once in the lead Lawton started to open some daylight while Bachman pressured Moser.

Lawton led the rest of the way,

winning his fifth consecutive race by 1.276 seconds over Moser, Bachman, AJ Stroup and Long.

Bachman and Lawton won the pro stock heat races.

South Boston Speedway

SOUTH BOSTON, VA - Defending South Boston Speedway champion Peyton Sellers of Danville, Virginia took another step forward in defending last season's track championship Saturday night with a sweep of the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center NASCAR Late Model Twin 75s.

Saturday night's pair of wins gives Sellers three wins in a row and a total of six wins this season at "America's Hometown Track."

Looking to pick up passing points to aid in his quest for the South Boston Speedway title, Sellers started last in the field, picked his way through traffic, and sped past former NASCAR Whelen All American Series national champion Lee Pulliam of Alton, Virginia on lap 53 to take the lead.

Once in front, Sellers had everything his way, and edged Pulliam by 2.738 seconds to take the win. Austin Thaxton of South Boston, Virginia, Nicholas Sanchez of Cornelius, North Carolina and Thomas Scott of Efland, North Carolina rounded out the top five finishers in the opener.

Starting 10th in the nightcap, Sellers again threaded his way to the front of the field. It was on the second of two bids Sellers made for the lead against Pulliam that he succeeded in taking the lead. Just like in the first race, once Sellers took the lead on lap 51 he had everything go his way.

Pulliam finished 1.819-second behind Sellers with Scott taking
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Peyton Sellers won both races on the twin bill Saturday night at South Boston Speedway. (SBS photo)

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third place, Thaxton taking fourth place and Jeb Burton of Halifax, Virginia completing the top five finishers.

Burton, who recorded a Top-10 finish in Thursday night's NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series race at Kentucky Speedway, won the pole for Saturday night's opening Late Model Stock Car Division race driving a car out of the Sellers Rac-

ing stable. He finished 13th in the first race after taking the car to pit road following an early-race spin.

There were two lead changes between Pulliam and Sellers in the opening race and two lead changes among three drivers in the nightcap with Mike Jones of South Boston, Virginia, Pulliam and Sellers taking a turn at the front of the field.

Eversole, Willis split Limited Sportsman Division Twinbill: J.D. Eversole of Richmond, Virginia and Danny Willis Jr. of South Boston, Virginia split wins in Saturday night's twin 25-lap Limited Sportsman Division races.

Eversole's victory was his first win at South Boston Speedway since the 2014 season. Willis' win in the nightcap was his third victory of the season at the .4-mile oval.

In the opening race, Eversole edged Willis for the win by .338-second, with Drew Dawson of Nathalie, Virginia, Jason Myers of Hurt, Virginia and Daniel Moss of Danville, Virginia rounding out the top five finishers.

Dawson finished second to Willis in the nightcap, with Jacob Borst of Elon, North Carolina, finishing third, Eversole taking fourth place and Myers completing the top five finishers.

Pickrel Takes Win In Budweiser Pure Stock Division Race: Jordan Pickrel of Keeling, Virginia took the lead from Justin Dawson of Nathalie, Virginia on the 17th lap and sped to victory in the 30-lap Budweiser Pure Stock Division race.

The win was the fourth victory of the season for Pickrel at South Boston Speedway.

Randy Hupp of Halifax, Virginia finished in the runner-up spot, with Dawson and Halifax, Virginia residents Bruce Mayo and Jimmy Wade rounding out the top five finishers.

Currin Declared Winner In Budweiser Hornets Division Race: Kevin Currin of Chase City, Virginia crossed the finish line behind Jared Dawson of Nathalie, Virginia in the 15-lap Budweiser Hornets Division race, but was declared the winner after Dawson's car failed to pass a post-race technical inspection.

The victory was the second of the season for Currin at South Boston Speedway.

Steven Layne of Nathalie, Virginia, Josh Dawson of Halifax, Virginia and South Boston, Virginia residents Aaron Cash and Andrea Ruotolo Sarnataro rounded out the top five finishers.

Next Race At South Boston Speedway: NASCAR racing returns to South Boston Speedway on Saturday night, July 27, with the 7 p.m. running of the Italian Delight Family Restaurant Presents "National Night Out" NASCAR Late Model 100 racing program.

A 100-lap race for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Model Stock Car Division competitors will highlight the five-race program. The Limited Sportsman Division competitors will battle it out in a 50-lap race. Twin 15-lap races are set for the Budweiser Pure Stock Division and a 15-lap race is on tap for the Budweiser Hornets Division competitors.

Registration and pit gates open at 2 p.m., practice runs from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. Grandstand gates will 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. Kids ages 12 and under are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult.

There will be \$5 admission for all emergency services personnel showing proper ID.

For additional information about the Italian Delight Family Restaurant Presents "National Night Out" NASCAR Late Model 100 racing program or any other events at South Boston Speedway, please visit the speedway's website at www.southbostonspeedway.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 July 12 as part of the Bud Light Open Modified 80 program. The SK Modified® division ran their regularly scheduled 40-lap feature as well as the 2nd Annual TC 13 Shootout, a 13 lap race contested between the top-13

finishers from the 40-lap feature that paid the winner an extra \$1,313 from a purse of nearly \$7,000. Stephen Kocik won the 40-lap SK Modified® feature and Keith Rocco came up the big winner of the TC 13 Shootout. Other feature winners included Tom Fearn in the Late Model feature, Bryan Narducci in the SK Light feature, Alexandra Fearn in the Limited Late Model feature, and Zack Robinson in the Street Stock feature.

In the 40-lap SK Modified® feature event, Nick Salva took the early lead with Matt Galko quickly moving up to a side by side fight with Michael Christopher, Jr. for second. Marcello Rufrano was fourth with David Arute and Tyler Hines side by side for fifth. Doug Meservey, Jr.'s car dropped off the pace with smoke coming from underneath the car and Michael Gervais, Jr. spun on the backstretch to bring the caution out with 4 laps complete.

Salva and Galko were side by side for the lead on the restart with Christopher and Rufrano side by side for third and Arute and Eric Berndt were side by side for fifth in a high speed pace lap. Ed Spiers spun coming out of turn 4 to bring the caution out with 7 laps complete.

Christopher shot into the lead on the restart with Salva in second. Galko and Arute were side by side for third with Joey Cipriano up to fifth. Rufrano had a poor restart and slid back to 11th in line. Christopher's great run ended abruptly as he pulled down pit road from the lead under green on lap-12 where his crew went under the hood of his #82 car. This handed the lead back to Salva with Galko in second. Dan Wesson spun in the middle of turns 3+4 to bring the caution out with 13 laps complete.

Galko charged to the lead on the restart with Cipriano moving up to second as Salva slid back to a side by side battle with Ronnie Williams for third when the caution came back out with 15 laps complete for a spin by Tyler Jones in turn 3.

Galko took the lead on the restart but his time out front was short as Cipriano took over the lead on lap-16. Williams followed Cipriano by Galko to move into second with Galko now locked in a side by side duel with Salva for third. Williams went to the outside to get around Cipriano on lap-19 to take over the lead. Stephen Kocik worked his way into third with Salva in fourth and Keith Rocco was up to fifth behind Williams and Cipriano.

Kocik continued his charge as he got by Cipriano on lap-26 to move into second. Rocco had gotten around Salva to move into fourth as Williams continued to lead. Rocco took to the outside lane to pass Cipriano for third on lap-28 while Galko and Arute took a spin through the turn 4 grass to bring the caution out with 28 laps complete.

On the restart Dan Avery spun to bring the caution right back out. The next restart saw Williams take the lead with Rocco and Kocik side by side for second and Todd Owen and Cipriano side by side for fourth. Kocik got clear from Rocco and Owen got clear from Cipriano on lap-30 and Kocik then pulled alongside Williams in a fight for the race lead. Kocik got clear to the lead on lap-33 with Rocco and Williams now side by side for second behind Kocik with Owen on the back bumpers of Williams and Rocco.

Williams cleared Rocco for second on lap-34 and was all over Kocik's bumper looking to retake the lead. Williams dove to the inside of Kocik into turn 3 on lap-37 but couldn't make the pass. Rocco and Williams were side by side for second coming to the white flag and Rocco took the spot at the line. Rocco couldn't get around Kocik as he took down his first win of the 2019 season. Williams finished third with Owen and Glen Reen rounding out the top-5. Following the completion of the 40-lap feature, Ted Christopher's niece Nicole redrew the number 7 to invert the top-7 of the 13 cars transferring into the TC Shootout.

In the 13-lap TC Shootout, Joey Cipriano took the lead on lap-1 with Eric Berndt and Todd Owen side by side for second. By lap-3 Owen was in the lead, Cipriano and Keith Rocco were side by side for second, Berndt was fourth and Glen Reen was fifth. Rocco took the lead from Owen on lap-5 but Owen wasn't going away quietly. Owen ran side by side for a lap with Rocco before nearly executing a crossover move on lap-7. Owen was able to get to the inside of Rocco on lap-8 and he had the lead at the line. Rocco came back to Owen's inside on lap-10 and took the lead by a nose at the line. Reen was third with Kocik up to fourth and Cipriano fifth.

The cars came to the white flag with Owen glued to Rocco's back bumper. Rocco held off Owen's last ditch effort to take the checkered flag and the \$1,313 winner's

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purse. Kopicik finished third behind Rocco and Owen with Cipriano and Berndt rounding out the top-5.

In the 30-lap Late Model feature event, Tyler Leary took the early lead with Michael Bennett in second. Michael Wray was third with Cliff Saunders in fourth and Darrell Keane in fifth. Tom Fearn was on the move early on in the race and he took fifth

from Keane on lap-3 while up front Cliff Saunders took third from Wray on lap-4 and Fearn followed him through to drop Wray back to fifth.

Saunders got out of shape on lap-8 and slid backwards to ninth place. Leary was still in command of the race with Fearn now in second, Bennett third, Wray fourth, and Keane fifth.

At the halfway point of the race Leary had a comfortable lead over Fearn in second with Bennett still in third and Wray and Keane rounding out the top-5. Adam Gray was hounding Keane for the fifth position with Ryan Fearn right on Gray's back bumper. Gray was finally able to make a pass on lap-18 to take fifth from Keane. Ryan Fearn followed Gray through but Keane made contact with Ryan Fearn to send him spinning into the frontstretch grass and bring the caution out with 18 laps complete. Keane was sent to the rear of the field under the caution for the contact with Fearn.

Leary took the lead back under green with Tom Fearn in second. Gray and Bennett were side by side for third with Kevin Gambacorta up to fifth. Tom Fearn took the lead from Leary with a pass in turn 2 on lap-19 with Gray getting clear to third. Al Saunders was up to fourth as Gambacorta got stuck in the outside land and slid back to outside the top-10 as Wray took fourth, Al Saunders fifth, Bennett sixth, Paul Arute seventh, Wayne Coury, Jr. eighth, Trace Beyer ninth, and Ryan Fearn tenth. Ryan Fearn spun coming out of turn 4 to bring the caution back out with 26 laps complete and set up a four lap sprint to the finish.

Fearn took the lead on the restart with Gray and Leary side by side for second. Gray took the spot on lap-218 with Al Saunders now on the inside of Leary in a fight for third. Saunders took third as the

field came to the white flag but nobody had anything for Fearn as he locked down his second consecutive win and fifth win in the last seven Late Model races. Gray finished second with Al Saunders, Wray, and Bennett rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap SK Light feature event, Sami Anderson and Bob Charland ran the first lap side by side for the lead before Anderson's car got loose and she did a half spin in turn 2 and slid back to outside the top-10 as Charland took the lead, Wesley Prucker was second and Mikey Flynn was third. Alina Bryden spun to bring the caution out with 3 laps complete.

Charland bobbled on the restart and fell back several spots as Flynn was the new leader with Prucker on his back bumper in second. Charland was side by side with Nick Anglace for third for a lap before getting clear on lap-6. Mark Bakaj was up to fourth and Noah Korner was fifth with Joey Ferrigno and Anglace side by side for sixth.

Bryan Narducci was starting to make his presence know at the front as he took sixth from Ferrigno on lap-10, went by Bakaj for fifth on lap-11, and took third from Korner on lap-12. Narducci continued his charge by taking third from Charland on lap-14.

With 5 laps to go, the top-3 of Flynn, Prucker and Narducci were in a 3-car train for the lead. Narducci made a move to the inside of Prucker for second on lap-18 and as they came to the white flag Flynn had Prucker on his outside and Narducci on his bumper. Narducci was able to slide by Flynn in turns 1+2 on the final lap to move into the lead and he led Prucker and Flynn back to the checkered flag to pick up his second consecutive and fourth overall win of the 2019 season. Charland finished fourth with Korner 5th.

In the 15-lap Limited Late Model feature event, Alexandra Fearn took the lead at the drop of the green with Gary Patnode coming up to second. Patnode's car dropped off the pace on lap-5 and he slid back to 7th place as Matt Clement took third, Duane Provost fourth, and David Tefft fifth as Fearn and Jeremy Lavoie were leading the field.

With 3 laps to go, Lavoie was right on the back bumper of Fearn and was applying heavy pressure for the lead. Clement, Provost, and Tefft were by themselves running in third, fourth, and fifth.

Lavoie couldn't get close enough to Fearn to make a move

as Fearn took down her first win of the 2019 season. Clement finished third with Provost and Tefft rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap Street Stock feature event, Tyler Trott took the lead at the drop of the green with Adrien Paradis, III and Tess Beyer side by side for second. Travis Hydar was fourth in line with Zack Robinson and Dave Secore side by side for fifth.

Paradis got loose on lap-5 and slid back in the field allowing Hydar to move up to second, Robinson third, George Bessette, Jr. fourth and Meghan Fuller fifth. The caution flew with 10 laps complete as Bessette spun in turn 1 while Fuller and Trott got into the turn 1 wall.

The restart saw Bessette, Vince Gambacorta, and Tim Morse all spin at the entrance of turn 3 to bring the caution right back out before another lap could be completed. The next restart saw Jason Lafayette nearly make a 3-wide pass for the lead but he backed out to leave Robinson and Hydar side by side for the lead. Robinson got clear to the lead on lap-12 with Nicole Chambrello third, Beyer fourth and Bessette back up to fifth. Lafayette slid back to eighth after his 3-wide bid for lead.

Hydar couldn't get close enough to Robinson as Robinson scored his fourth win of the 2019 season. Chambrello finished third with Beyer and Bessette rounding out the top-5.

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Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Stafford Speedway hosted the 2nd Annual Bud Light Open Modified 80 with tour style modifieds taking center stage for an 80-lap race around the Connecticut half-mile. Ronnie Williams came home as the big winner, holding off Matt Swanson in a four lap sprint to the finish.

The Bud Light Open 80 took the green flag with Tommy Barrett, Jr.'s car immediately dropping off the pace and coming to a stop in turn 1 to bring the caution out before a lap could be completed. Matt Galko and Todd Owen were side by side on the restart with Galko taking the lead by a nose at the line at the end of lap-1. Keith Rocco was third with Eric Goodale in fourth and Michael Christopher, Jr. in fifth. Ronnie Williams was sixth with Anthony Sesely, Cam McDermott, Chase Dowling, and Joey Cipriano

rounding out the top-10. Jeff Gallup came to a stop against the turn 4 wall with a flat tire to bring the caution out with 7 laps complete.

Galko took the lead back under green with Owen and Rocco side by side for second and Christopher and Goodale side by side for fourth. Things settled into line with Galko leading Owen, Rocco, Christopher, and Dowling. McDermott was sixth followed by Williams, Goodale, Cipriano, and Sesely. Williams took sixth from McDermott on lap-14 and Owen got by Galko to take the lead on lap-14. Sesely spun coming off turn 2 to bring the caution out with 30-laps complete and the order still Owen, Galko, Rocco, Christopher, and Dowling.

Owen took the lead with Swanson moving up to second and Williams to third on the restart. Dowling was fourth with Goodale in fifth. Molleur was sixth line followed by Galko, Rocco, Rufrano, and McDermott. Goodale took fourth from Dowling and Goodale was now challenging Dowling for fifth on lap-51. Galko completed the pass while Williams was starting to search high and low for a way to get by Owen for the lead.

With 10 laps to go, Williams was slowly stretching out his lead over Goodale in second while Swanson got by Owen to move into third. Dowling was now looking to get by Owen to take fourth with Rocco right behind Dowling. Dowling took fourth on lap-73 and Rocco took fifth from Owen on lap-74 as Williams continued to pull away. Williams' advantage was erased by the caution for a spin by Kopec in the middle of turns 3+4 at lap 75.

Williams took the lead on the restart with Goodale in second. Owen drifted up the track in turn 4 to lose a couple spots but the race stayed green until a multi car spin brought the caution back out with 76 laps complete.

Williams took the lead while Swanson pulled alongside Goodale for second. Swanson cleared Goodale on lap-78 with Rocco in fourth and Galko in fifth. Goodale and Swanson touched wheels with Goodale going through the grass and rejoining the track to keep the race under green. Williams led Swanson to the checkered flag to pick up the win. Rocco finished third with Galko and Christopher rounding out the top-5.

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