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**LATE-RACE DRAMA:** Dave Darland (2b) avoids a flipping Robert Ballou on the last lap to capture Sunday's USAC National Sprint Car Series feature at Kokomo (Ind.) Speedway.





SPRINT-CAR TITANS: Daryn Pittman (21) battles Jason Meyers for track position Sunday at Ohio's Eldora Speedway.

# Pittman Adds Name To List

# With Prestigious Kings Royal Triumph

By Jim Morrison

ROSSBURG, Ohio — For the second time this year, a blown tire cost Joey Saldana a victory at Eldora Speedway. But Sunday night's misfortune on the 27th lap handed a \$50,000 paycheck to Daryn Pittman for winning the prestigious 25th-annual Kings Royal sprint-car race.

# **WOO SPRINTS**

Pittman, almost speechless in victory circle, believed he would have been

unable to catch Saldana without the early leader suffering some type of mechanical problem. After taking the lead, Pittman concentrated on keeping the car straight until the check-

"I knew the 14 car (Jason Meyers) was definitely there and probably had a faster race car," said Pittman. Saldana was quicker than Pittman on an open track. When they first encountered lapped traffic, Saldana lost some speed trying to work around

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CROWNED: Daryn Pittman and wife Mandy enjoy victory lane after Sunday's \$50,000-to-win Kings Royal at Eldora Speedway.

Who Decides Which Items Are Historical And Which Ones Are Just Plain Old?

otorsports museums have proliferated in recent The National Speedway Directory lists more than 60 museums

and collections of interest to the racing enthusiast. The most lavish of all, the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte, N.C., is just over the horizon, with a target opening in the spring of 2010.

By AL ROBINSON **NSSN CORRESPONDENT** 

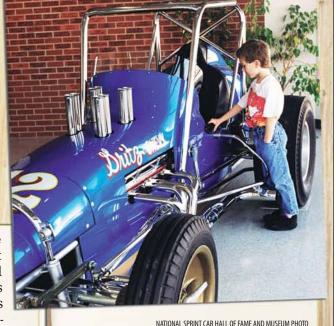
**INSIDE LOOK** 

All claim the vehicles, personal memorabilia, documents, artwork and even twisted sheet metal they exhibit pos-

sess historical significance. They all may be correct, but what really is "historical" in motorsports?

Even if an artifact has undoubted significance, how can you be sure it is the real thing? There are snakeoil salesmen in the motorsports-memorabilia market, just like any other collectables market. Everyone would like to display Tony Stewart's first TQ midget or Parnelli Jones's last sprint car, but how do you prove the authenticity of the automotive holy grail?

The likelihood that historical vehicles have been preserved varies widely with time and circumstance.



ON DISPLAY: A young race fan checks out an exhibit in the lobby of the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame and Museum at Knoxville (Iowa) Raceway

Since the Marmon Wasp in 1911, Indy 500 winning cars have been recognized as timeless treasures, and more than 30 are on display at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum. The same is generally true of Formula One cars and prototype sports cars, even if they continue to be raced in vintage events. On the other hand, many short-track cars of great significance have been left in the weeds to rust.

When found, the latter may be almost unrecognizable, or nearly beyond restoration, or both. On occasion, a genuine body and chassis may have been separated along the way, so that when each is restored it can be claimed, with some truth, to be "the original."

The lore of classic cars, whether race cars or

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The Week In Motorsports

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# No Pits, No Problem: Miscue **Gets Dixon To Victory Lane**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — One of the hallmarks of Scott Dixon's stunning success as an IndyCar driver is his near-flawless

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ability behind the wheel combined with equally superb race strategy at Target Chip Ganassi Racing. But in Saturday night's Firestone

Indy 200 at Nashville Superspeedway, Dixon won by making an uncharacteristic mistake.

# Point Leaders Clean Up In **Mopar Mile-High Nationals**

MORRISON, Colo. — Five-time POWERade Series world champion Tony Schumacher raced to his sixth triumph this season at the 29th-

annual Mopar Mile-High Nationals. Tim Wilkerson, Greg Anderson and **PAGE 30** Matt Smith also won in their

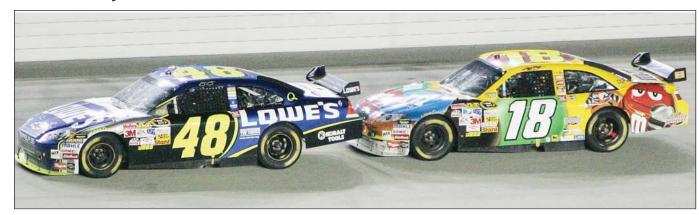
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# Kyle KOs Chi Town



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GO TIME: Kyle Busch (18) pushes leader Jimmie Johnson on the final restart of Saturday night's LifeLock.com 400 at Chicagoland Speedway. Busch drove his Toyota around Johnson's Chevrolet to notch his seventh victory of the season.

# Busch Sweeps Chicago Races With Late-Race Move

By Ron Lemasters, Sr. **NSSN CORRESPONDENT** 

— Jimmie Johnson almost ended Kyle Busch's Chicagoland Speedway hot streak.

Almost.

But for a bold move by Busch and a wrong decision by Johnson, the

**SPRINT CUP** 

outcome could have been different in the final two the NASCAR laps of Sprint Cup LifeLock.com 400.

As it turned out, it was business as usual and Busch took the No. 18 M&M's Toyota to the high side to pass Johnson's No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet for his seventh victory of the year.

"I gave up on it. I didn't think I could do it. I don't know how I did that (win). This is just an amazing season. I can't believe it."

#### KYLE BUSCH

Except for the final 17 laps, it was strictly Busch at the front of the field. The 23-yearold led 165 of the first 250 laps and appeared to be headed for an easy payday.

But Johnson wrested the lead from Busch on a restart after 250 laps and appeared to have the upper hand. Busch was almost convinced of that fact, admitting that he had

conceded victory to the defending Sprint Cup champion.

When David Gilliland lost an engine, Busch had new life and responded to a challenge from crew chief Steve Addington to attack Johnson on the high side of the race track on the restart with two laps to go.

The strategy paid off and Busch arrived in victory lane two laps later to a mixed reaction from the full-house crowd.

Busch's radio comments when Johnson passed him on lap 251 of the 267-lap race indicated that he felt it was over.

"Race over," was his first comment once the pass was completed. He added further

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CHANGING TIMES: Tony Stewart addresses the media Thursday at Chicagoland Speedway.

# Stewart Leaving Gibbs To Team With Haas CNC

By RON LEMASTERS, SR. NSSN CORRESPONDENT

JOLIET, Ill. — It was one of the worst-kept secrets in NASCAR, but it is official now.

Two-time Sprint Cup champion Tony Stewart is leaving Joe Gibbs Racing for a chance to be a NASCAR team owner. The announcement drew an overflowing crowd at the Chicagoland Speedway media center Thursday.

**SPRINT CUP** 

Stewart made it official that he will become 50-percent owner of the twocar Haas CNC team, to be campaigned in 2009 as Stewart Haas Racing.

"Obviously, this is a huge day for me," said Stewart, who also owns shares in three short tracks and multiple open-wheel race teams. "This is a huge turning point in my career.

Stewart apologized for what seemed a long process once word got out, pointing out that details needed to be

"The opportunity to have ownership in a race team was something that was, in my opinion a once in a lifetime opportunity," he said. "It was obviously a huge decision-

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# **Beatriz Notches First Female Lights Win**

By Bruce Martin **NSSN CORRESPONDENT** 

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Move over, Danica Patrick, the Indy Racing League has another female race win-

Ana Beatriz of Brazil became the first female driver to score a victory

**INDY LIGHTS** 

in the IRL-sanctioned Firestone Indy Lights Series

with a win in Saturday evening's Sunbelt Rentals 100.

Beatriz started second and passed Sam Schmidt Motorsports teammate and polesitter James Davison on lap 33. She led the remainder of the race.

Five other women have competed in Firestone Indy Lights events since the series began in 2002, including Mishael Abbott, Sarah McCune, Veronica McCann, Leilani Munter and Cyndie Allemann.

Beatriz's previous best finish was third, three times this season.

"I just can't be more thankful for Choice/Sam Motorsports for bringing me to the U.S.," she said. "I thought I would win at St. Pete; we were almost there. It's hard work. I'm with the best team and they have so much information on ovals. I won my first race on an oval. It's amazing."

It was the 25th win for Sam Schmidt Motorsports, including its third this season. Richard Antinucci won at St. Petersburg and Watkins Glen.

"We had the rain this afternoon, so the track was green again, and I wanted to make sure it was fine." Beatriz said, "It was great, and I was able to have a car that was really, really good, catch my teammate and pass him. . . I was two- or three-tenths faster than my teammate, but I was very deliberate to get good exits to pass him. I was able to do that perfectly and pull away from him.

It is also the fourth victory for Sam

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QUEEN BEA: Brazil's Ana Beatriz celebrates her first Firestone Indy Lights victory Saturday at Nashville Superspeedway.

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# **EXCLUSIVE**

# **Drivers' Helmets Have Become More Than Just Protection**

Safety remains as the primary function of the racing helmet, but that is no longer its only function.

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In a sport that very often has paint schemes, logos and signage relentlessly dictated by sponsors on cars, caps and uniforms, drivers use

their helmets to convey as well as protect what is in their heads.

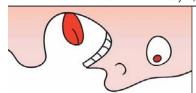
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#### THE FINISH

"When you do something that you're privileged to do, you should try to give back at every opportunity."

**DAN WHELDON** 

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# PUBLIC FORUM

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# **No Comparison**

NASCAR, please drop the Kyle Busch-Dale Earnhardt, Sr. comparisons. As far as I know, Kyle has yet to win a championship. Kyle couldn't carry Big E's helmet bag.

Dale was a hard-nosed racer who gave as well as received, and I cannot remember him whining about the quality of his car. Dale knew how to find victory lane and didn't need to put on a drifting exhibition or take a bow beforehand.

Speaking of NASCAR, is there anybody out there who can broadcast a race in understandable English and not remind everyone of how good it used to be? We don't care. A commentator who does not talk over his broadcast partners for 400-500 laps without yelling would be nice.

Please find something off air for Kenny Wallace and Kyle Petty to do.

Rik Mansfield Ponte Vedra, Fla.

#### Who's A Menace?

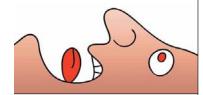
Did Scott Dixon call Danica a "menace?" Hal Knight Grand Terrace, Calif.

#### In Praise Of Ethanol

In 2007, the IndyCar Series transitioned to 100 percent fuel-grade ethanol. The "greening of racing" was applauded by racing teams and fans for its innovation and continued commitment to performance. These high-tech, multi-million dollar, state-of-theart vehicles perform to the same high standard they performed at using methanol in the past, and it's done using ethanol, a clean-burning, 100-percent renewable fuel.

Ethanol reduces harmful tailpipe emissions, grows in the fertile farmlands of American, generates American jobs and is renewable. It was a responsible and forward-thinking decision made by the IndyCar Series to pursue a renewable fuel source. Ethanol has proven itself week after week

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# Is NASCAR Worried?

# Decline In Sprint's Business Is Making Headlines

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print-Nextel, the telecommunications giant that sponsors NASCAR's premier racing series, is in difficult financial condition, according to a headline article last week in the Business Section of *The New York Times*. Plagued by unhappy customers leaving the company for rival telecom entities, Sprint is suffering markedly reduced revenues and profits. Though no mention of Sprint's involvement with NASCAR appeared in the story, one has to draw the conclusion that the sponsorship, believed to cost millions of dollars annually, may well be on shaky ground.

They keep coming. The huge business park in Brownsburg, Ind., a stone's throw west of Indianapolis, which is home to

#### **EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK**



**CHRIS ECONOMAKI** 

many racing-orientedbusinesses and teams, got its newest racing tenant recently when Vicki O'Connor moved her Atlantic Racing Series headquarters there from Indy's northwest side. Known for its Formula Atlantic development series, O'Connor has overseen the series its entire 35year life. Over its life-

time this open-wheel beginner series has graduated dozens of stellar drivers, including Indy 500 winners  $\bf Bobby\,Rahal,\,Danny\,Sullivan,\,Sam\,Hornish,\,Jr.\,$  and  $\bf Dan\,Wheldon.$ 

It is interesting to note that the recent meeting between Indy Racing League officials and representatives of several engine manufacturers to discuss the 2010 IRL engine specifications was hosted by Honda, currently the exclusive engine supplier to the Indy Racing League and signatory to an agreement extending this supply through 2013. Does Honda now want out? Garage-area speculation has turbochargers likely retuning in the 2010 regulations. The current IRL engine is a 3.5 liter (213.5 cubic inch) normally aspirated V-8 Honda. Much talk is being heard about the possibility of turbochargers coming back in the 2010 formula. Stay tuned.

Long-time followers of NASCAR racing will remember — some fondly, some not — the late **Bill Gazaway**, who served — often controversially — as VP for competition. Gazaway is among many from the state named to the 2008 class of inductees for the Georgia Automobile Racing Hall of Fame.

The American Le Mans road-racing series has added "Green Challenge" to its events. This race-within-a-race twist is to



PHIL CAVALI PHOTO

**INTO THE SUNSET:** The field for Saturday night's NASCAR Sprint Cup Series event at Chicagoland Speedway races into the sunset at the 1.5-mile track.

reward fuel efficiency. It will begin with this year's running of the Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta in September. We didn't see any ALMS people at Audi's recent Northern New Jersey reception honoring its winning Le Mans 24 hour team. On hand were drivers **Dino Capello** and **Emanuele Pirro** along with the winning 24-hour R-10 diesel. Ye Ed asked two questions; how many gear changes per lap at Le Mans? and what does TDI, the boldly splashed legend on the sides of Audi's racing diesels, mean? Try as he did, Pirro could not answer the gear-change question, saying new fingertip "paddle shifting" precludes counting. In paddle shifting, the driver selects the gear, but the physical change is effected mechanically. The long emblazoned TDI, in large type on Audi's diesel-engined cars without further explanation, stands for Turbo Direct Injection, we were finally told.

Before its race track was removed, the huge Minnesota State Fair in St. Paul originally had a one mile oval, later cut in half, which attracted the finest open-cockpit fields in this country, originally IMCA followed by the AAA and lastly USAC. No more, but during this year's running of the fair Aug. 20-Sept. 2, a display of racing cars and memorabilia is planned. Want to

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# Are TV Ratings Worth A Little Jail Time?

**JOHN CLAYTON** 

**ALL THE MARBLES** 

HARRISBURG, N.C.

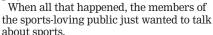
as it just a month ago that professional sports was reeling a bit?
NASCAR had been slapped with a
\$225 million lawsuit by Mauricia Grant, a
former Nationwide Series official who
claimed racial and sexual discrimination
against her former employer with tales of
institutional racism and sexism within
NASCAR. On top of that, a great NBA Finals
was being dwarfed by the accusations of a
disgraced former referee who said some
NBA refs are "company men" who have at

least occasionally helped orchestrate the outcomes of games for the sake of TV ratings and match-ups that are more desired by the league

Then, Dale Earnhardt, Jr. won a race for the first time in what seemed like a decade. Junior Nation sighed relief — and probably, so did some NASCAR officials who would like to see all the talk of lawsuits just fade away.

It kind of worked that way for the NBA, too. The Celtics, its most storied franchise, returned to glory by beating the Lakers. Oh, and Tiger Woods won the U.S. Open so dramatically with a bum knee, beating would-be Cinderella-man Rocco Mediate in a

playof



I can't blame them.

But it is dangerous to allow the end of Junior's 76-race winless streak to bury the story of Grant. It is dangerous for a professional sports league to shrug its shoulders at accusations that are so severe that they make you shake your head in disbelief if you're jaded and disgust if you're not.

One columnist wrote of the NBA that no one would risk federal prison for the sake of TV ratings. Oh, really? When TV ratings relate directly to money? And when some of the things talked about occurred prior to the

league's recently signed TV package?

But let's relate that argument to the case of Grant, an African-American woman who some say set up NASCAR with tedious

note-taking of every affront.

This is 2008. America is more litigious than any society in the world. Workers at all levels have been warned time and again of

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# A Bunch Of Teenagers And A Legend

CONCORD, N.C.

t was with thoughts of Eldora Speedway and the Kings Royal that we made the short drive from the house to Concord Motorsport Park for Saturday night's ASA Late Model Series Southern Division round.

Our fondness for sprintcar racing is no secret, but for various reasons, we didn't head to the Buckeye

state this year, and instead of staying home and watching another NASCAR parade on the tube, we decided to check out some asphalt latemodel action at our neighborhood short track.

Upon arrival just prior to qualifying for the traveling circuit operated by Michigan's Ron Varney, we felt like we were watching a race at a ghost town. However, as the sun set and the temperature cooled, a decent crowd paying \$15 a head filed into the unique tri-angular shaped three-eighths-mile oval.

What they got to see was an entertaining 100-lapper (only green-flag laps counted), that aside from the frequent crashing that seems to dominate all of today's auto racing, provided an excellent glimpse at the future, past and present of stock-car racing.

ent of stock-car racing.

The 26-car starting field featured 12 drivers age 19 and younger, including two 14 year olds

— Casey Caudill and Logan Ruffin. Also in the field was one of short-track racing's most successful drivers, 56-year-old Butch Miller, a three-time champion in the now-defunct ASA National Series and a many time NASCAR Craftsman Truck, Nationwide Series and Cup Series starter.

In fact, Miller ended up starting on the front row alongside 15-year-old Drew Brannon, who one week earlier conquered one of the country's toughest short tracks — I-70 Speedway in Odessa, Mo. — to become the youngest winner in ASALMS history.

Asked about the prospects of racing against so many youngsters, Miller quipped, "I've been racing for more than 30 years, but this year I've only raced once, and I'm scared."

Jimmy Lang entered the event having gone

FROM THE DESK



**MIKE KERCHNER** 

three-for-three in the series for the season and was on his way to the front when a flat tire sent him to the rear of the field. The 19-year old fought back to finish third behind Brannon and 25-year-old winner Colt James.

Defending ASA Late Model Series Northern Division champion Trent Snyder, who made the trip from Minnesota, and

Southern Division champion Jeff Choquette were each in the field. Snyder, however, did not win the long-tow award, as Scott Rueschenberg, a frequent winner at Tucson (Ariz.) Raceway Park, drove in from Mesa, Ariz., to make his series debut.

Seventeen-year-old female racer Jessica Murphy also made her series debut at Concord. Outside of Miller, the best-known racer in the field was Hendrick Motorsports development-driver Landon Cassill, who returned to the series that put him on the map and drove to a fifth-place finish.

The well-groomed race cars, which carry GM Crate engines, were lightning quick at the CMP track, with local-racer Preston Peltier, who works as a fabricator at Hendrick Motorsports, setting the fast time with a 16.036-second lap.

Prior to the main event, all of the ASA drivers and their cars were assembled on the frontstretch for a mandatory autograph session.

Race fans of all ages came onto the track to obtain signatures, chat with and have their pictures taken with the drivers. It was particularly entertaining to watch the teenage girls line up to be photographed with their teenaged driving counterparts.

In the end, James, a Texas transplant, who calls nearby Troutman, N.C., home, was a popular and emotional winner after having to pass Brannon twice during the 100-lap distance.

It was a low-key evening with no hassles, no prima donnas and some good old-fashioned fender-to-fender racing.

And it didn't rain, which it did at Eldora.

# Looking Backward & Forward

ABBOTSTOWN, PA.

incoln Speedway opened Pennsylvania Speedweek June 28. A thunderstorm moved over the track during the third sprint-car heat. It rained hard for a while, but Lincoln officials waited, ran the speedway back in and completed the show.

It was about two in the morning when Doug Esh

took the checkered flag with most of the crowd still in place. The race would have been over sooner if not for a couple of red flags. I've heard people say since then Lincoln should have canceled to avoid a late show. I disagree.

I believe what Lincoln did was the right decision. The fans and teams were all there and the program was started. The officials knew the storm wasn't going to last long and they also knew they had the track crew to get the surface back in shape. It was the second time in a month that Lincoln ran into the early morning thanks to a rain delay. The other was a race sanctioned by the All Stars.

The fans and teams are paying more money than ever to get to the races, and speedways need to make every attempt to get a race in once the fans and cars are there, especially for big shows, such as Speedweek and the All Stars.

It's a tougher call for tracks located in the middle of town like Port Royal. Lincoln is in a very rural setting with only a few very close neighbors just across the road.

There's big money on the line in the Keystone State this week as the World of Outlaws sprints return. The Don Martin Memorial Silver Cup was set for Lernerville Speedway, near Pittsburgh, on Tuesday (July 15). The race pays \$40,000 to win. Then the focus will shift to Williams Grove Speedway for the Summer Nationals. The Friday preliminary night pays \$8,000 to win and the finale on Saturday pays \$20,000.

Rahmer and Esh will lead the Posse against the Outlaws. The Posse has been beating the Outlaws at least one time a year recently.

**CHASING THE POSSE** 



**TODD HEINTZELMAN** 

Rahmer had a win in the Summer Nationals a few years ago and Esh won the National Open two years ago. Brian Leppo won the preliminary last year. Not making any predictions, but a Posse victory is not out of the question.

Rahmer, once again, won the Speedweek title, which was no surprise. The surprise came when he set

fast time in four of the five races.

Fast Freddie has not been known as a great qualifier in his career and may not have had four fast times in the first 17 Speedweeks combined. He credited some testing the team did as his recent time-trial success.

Rahmer is closing in on 400-career sprint-car wins and 500-career racing wins. He has 392 victories in a sprint car and another 99 in a modified.

He has 12 triumphs this season and an amazing 11 runner-up finishes.

Doug Esh is back! Esh won two big features this weekend, earning him \$10,600. Esh has had a tough season racing the No. 30 sprinter for Dick and Leslie Leach and Pancho Lawler. Things appear to be turning around now. Esh said he is comfortable in the car again and the results show.

Never leave a speedway early before the checkered flag waves, even if you think you know who's going to win. Nate Hammaker was running third when the white flag waved in the 358 sprint-car feature at the Grove on Friday night. Hammaker ended up passing the leader coming off the fourth turn to win the

It was great to see Cris Eash win some races a few weeks ago at Lincoln Speedway. Eash retired after the 2005 racing season, but came back last year. He started out racing for someone else, but was back in the family owned car by mid-season.

Eash's return to victory lane was amazing as he won two features in one night and the next week made it three in a row by beating the All Stars.

# Gas Prices Are Putting The Hurt On Weekly Racers

# VALLEY STREAM, N.Y.

'm hardly a political pundit, but it looks like the coming presidential election is very important. Not only is the way we live our mundane lives on the line, but the future of racing is in the balance.

Of course, I'm talking about the ridiculously high gas prices. Some think that it may skyrocket to seven bucks a gallon by the end of the year.

My own opinion is we must start offshore drilling. When we start supplying our own oil, the prices will go down for sure. Right now, the Republicans are for it and the Democrats are against it. The trouble is with all the flip-flopping politicians do, who knows who to vote for.

The high gas prices not only affect that part of our budget, but everything since practically everything we

buy is shipped by truck. All costs are going up. The thieves in the Middle East and the oil companies are holding us hostage.

The racing contingent is hurt, too. Weekly short trackers, while using expensive racing gas, don't use that much of it to have a major setback. The big cost is getting to the track. Haulers, often running on diesel—the highest priced fuel—get poor mileage. Race fans who live a distance from their favorite track may have to cut back.

If smaller crowds don't hurt promoters enough, it also means that on threatening nights, people not wanting to risk wasting money on a rainout will stay home.

I read that GM may dump or sell off either or both Buick and Pontiac lines. Meanwhile, Ford may do likeRACING JOURNAL



**GARY LONDON** 

wise to its Mercury line. We already lost stalwarts Plymouth and Oldsmobile.

The recent Pennsylvania Speedweek had three rainouts and three shows run under threatening skies. This business is going through enough tough times. Let's hope some new faces running this country can make life more feasible again.

- My sincere thanks to National Sprint Car Hall of Fame curator Tom Schmeh for inviting me to partake in the Knoxville Nationals. It really hurts that I can't make it. I think this is one event that won't be hampered by the gas prices because sprint-car fans are so religious about this great event. This event is slated Aug 6.9
- I think Tony Stewart is tired of answering to others and is interested in calling his own shots. I also feel he wants free reign to run in the Indy 500. He wants to win it badly.
- I find Kyle Petty to be a breath of fresh air in the TV booth. His line about someone being as sideways as "teacups in Disneyland" was a classic. There was nothing classical about Bill Weber laughing during the

last-lap crash at Daytona.

- I'm only a casual follower of drag racing, but I agree with Chris Economaki; the quarter-mile distance has been their tradition for almost 60 years. There are other ways to make the sport safer.
- The IRL at Watkins Glen (N.Y.) Int'l unfortunately reminded me of the old CART days. The only pass for the lead came on a restart.
- The International Cricket Commission will spend \$300 million to further its sport in the U.S. It's too bad racing doesn't have such a benefactor. Well, there is NASCAR, which has billions of dollars in its coffers, but won't help anybody.
- Trying to fit this column in a template at 25 Emerson Place Valley Stream, N.Y. 11580. E-mail to Racewri771@AOL.com.



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**MAS TEQUILA!:** David Brabham and co-driver Scott Sharp took the Highcroft Patron Acura ARX-01B to victory at the American Le Mans Series Northeast Grand Prix at Lime Rock Park in Connecticut Saturday.

# **ALMS Victory Shot To Brabham**

By Dan Jack

LAKEVILLE, Conn. — David Brabham drove his Highcroft Patron Acura ARX-01B around the outside of the Penske Porsche RS Spyder of Timo Bernhard with less than two

ALMS

minutes to go to take the win at the American Le Mans Series Northeast

Grand Prix at Lime Rock Saturday. In his attempt to fend off Brabham, Bernhard spun off at Big Bend, but recovered to finish second ahead of the other Penske Porsche of Sascha Maassen. These LMP2 machines were the only cars on the lead lap, covering 168 laps around the 1.51-mile, 10-turn road course in the two hour, 45 minute timed event.

Fourth, and first in LMP1 class, was the Audi R10 of Marco Werner and Lucas Luhr.

At the start of the race, Maassen's teammate, Patrick Long, got a great start from his third place on the grid,

taking the lead on the first lap and leading the first seven laps. At that point, the Audi of Emanuelle Pirro took the lead. Pirro started eighth, but used the blinding speed of the Audi to take a lead he held for 56 laps.

At that point, Pirro pitted, handing over the lead to the Long/Maassen Porsche. Nine laps later, the sister Penske Porsche of Romain Dumas and Timo Bernhard took the point and held it until lap 165 when Brabham made his winning move. Brabham took over for Scott Sharp at the one-hour mark when the first yellow came out, something of a surprise considering that the ALMS cars didn't seem to be able to make three laps without a red flag during practice Friday. The race ran fairly clean, with only four full-course cautions for 22 laps.

Both of the Dyson Racing Porsche RS Spyders were primed for a good result, but neither finished the race. First, Guy Smith, having taken over for Chris Dyson, tangled with the Flying Lizard Porsche of Darren Law and spun into the Armco on No Name Straight, resulting in heavy damage.

With the laps winding down, the other Dyson Porsche, driven by Butch Leitzinger, was hit from behind at the reconfigured West Bend and pulled off the track with a damaged suspension. At one point, there were five cars on the lead lap, and two of them were from the Dyson stable.

In GT1, the Corvette of Johnny O'Connell and Jan Magnussen cruised home ahead of teammates Olivier Beretta and Oliver Gavin.

In GT2, Jorg Bergmeister won his third ALMS race at Lime Rock, this weekend teaming with Wolf Henzler. They were a lap better at the end than the Porsche of Dirk Werner and Richard Westbrook, with the Risi Ferrari of Mika Salo and Jamie Melo in third.

After a seven-week hiatus while many of the teams and drivers competed at Le Mans, it will be a quick turn around as the teams head to Mid-Ohio this coming weekend.

# Lime Rock Changes Aren't Enough

By Dan Jack

LAKEVILLE, Conn. — Immediately following the Memorial Day Grand Am GT event, Lime Rock Park closed

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for five weeks while major changes were made to the track.

The sweeping corner at the bottom of the Uphill was

changed to a right-left-right complex, and another sweeper, West Bend, had the approach changed to slow the cars down before they dive down the hill that leads to the front straight. The entire track was milled down and repaved. While all the drivers appreciated the smoothness, many were outspoken about the changes, and they were not happy with them.

"Every year we come here, more than a million dollars in cars are torn up," said Corvette driver **Johnny O'Connell**, who has been outspoken about the dangers of the track in his other career as a television commentator. "The track's involvement with the sanctioning body and teams is lacking. But the asphalt is really good!"

"West Bend was one of the best corners we had in the series and they took it away," offered LMP1 winner Lucas Luhr. "I like the new pavement — less bumpy — but everything is covered with sand and mud."

O'Connell added, "If you polled all the drivers and we had to drop one race, most drivers would say this one, and it's only because it's dangerous."

■ When practice started, the lap times started to come down by two or three seconds a lap, and officials discovered that drivers were cutting off the new corners, with all four wheels on the wrong side of the curbing. Between qualifying and the race, stacks of tires were strategically placed to force the drivers to stick to the track. Several drivers, including the LMP1 Audi of Emanuele Pirro, were penalized for shortcutting the course in qualifying.

■ Speaking of penalties, the Andretti Green Acura was moved to the back of the grid due to the fact that driver Marco Andretti didn't do any practice laps on Friday. Andretti was in Nashville, qualifying for the IRL race. Andretti was fastest in the morning warm-up and made headway to the front before turning over to co-driver Franck Montagny. The team finished seventh overall.

This is Dyson Racing's 25th anniversary in professional sportscar racing and before the start of the race, the organization was honored by IMSA. Rob Dyson brought out the Porsche 962 that Drake Olson drove to victory in the 1985 Camel GT event. Prior to the race, Rob took a lap in the 962, while being trailed by son Chris in the Porsche RS Spyder, which was painted in the color scheme from the 1985 race. Former long-time Dyson Racing driver James Weaver, who retired after the 2006 season, was on hand for the celebration.

# Ferrari, McLaren Settle Disputes

By Dan Knutson

**NSSN** CORRESPONDENT

LONDON — McLaren and Ferrari agreed to bury the hatchet and bring closure to their remaining disputes over last year's spy scandal. The FIA

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fined McLaren \$100 million and stripped the team of its constructor points for illegally obtaining confidential Ferrari

data

"In light of the formal closure in December 2007 of the FIA and FIA World Motor Sport Council proceedings against McLaren, and of McLaren's public apology to Ferrari which we have reiterated, Ferrari and McLaren have agreed to bring the various disputes between them in relation to this matter to a final conclusion," McLaren said in a statement. "McLaren has also agreed to the reimbursement of Ferrari's costs and expenses relating to these matters and a concluding payment."

Ferrari issued its own statement:

"Ferrari acknowledges McLaren's reiterated apology for the well-known events which occurred during the 2007 F-1 Championship and, in the best interests of Formula One and taking into account the formal closure in December 2007 of the FIA and FIA World Motor Sport Council proceedings against McLaren, it confirms that it has accepted to put an end to all outstanding controversies between the two teams. Ferrari will donate to charity the concluding payment received from McLaren."

However, Ferrari added that it will continue its legal proceedings against former employee **Nigel Stepney**, whom it alleges passed the secrets to McLaren's **Mike Coughlan**.

■ NASCAR Vice Chairman **Jim France** paid a visit to McLaren's Formula One headquarters in England

"I am very impressed by what I see here at the McLaren Technology Center," he told *Autosport*. "I have seen a lot more technology than I would in the garages at the NASCAR and IRL levels where, obviously, they are also dedicated racers and working with whatever materials they have. However, I am impressed by the level of manufacturing capability at the McLaren Technology Center, and the development and engineering that goes on at this facility"

- $\blacksquare$  Takuma Sato says he refused offers to race in other series because he wants to stay in F-1.
- Bernard Cahier, the well-known French photographer who covered F-1 and other forms of motorsport from 1950s into the 1980s, died at the age of 81
- FIA President Max Mosley spent much of last week in a London courtroom. He is suing the British tabloid News of the World for a breach of privacy after the paper revealed that

Mosley engaged in an S&M orgy and splashed out the news under the lurid headline "Formula 1 Boss Has Sick Nazi Orgy With 5 Hookers."

Mosley vehemently denies any Nazi

"A Nazi theme would be abhorrent to me," he said, "and I suspect none of the women would wish to take part."

The women testified in court, but were only identified as Woman A, Woman B, etc. Woman E, who allegedly received \$40,000 from the paper to film the orgy, failed to appear in court because she claimed she was under too much stress. The case continues this work

- All 10 teams tested at Hockenheim last week as they prepared for this weekend's German Grand Prix. Lewis Hamilton was quickest on the first two days in his McLaren Mercedes while Ferrari's Felipe Massa was fastest on the final day.
- David Coulthard, who will retire from F-1 at the end of the season, says he has no intention of racing anything else.

"The only reason I said I haven't hung up my helmet is because in six months or one year if there is an opportunity to race something that I think could be interesting, then everybody will say he is coming out of retirement," he said.

- McLaren chief **Ron Dennis** has denied rumors that there is any tension between him, Lewis Hamilton and Hamilton's father and manager, **Anthony**
- Organizers of the Donington circuit unveiled their plans to update the facility now that the track has the contract to host the British Grand Prix starting in 2010. However, the organizers have yet to apply for planning permission.

"Our approach will be dictated by the need to get things right for such a major global sporting event, while at the same time addressing whatever needs and concerns arise among the local residents," council spokesman lan Hill told *The Guardian*. "Of course the sheer scale of this project is such that we will be working closely with the highways agency and the police authorities from the very start."

- Bernie Ecclestone says that the British Grand Prix will be at Donington from 2010 and, if not, the country will not have a F-1 race.
- Constant rumors of Toro Rosso being sold temporarily upset its employees, but team co-owner **Dietrich Mateschitz** stepped in to assure them.

"The message we have from Dietrich Mateschitz is clear: For 2009 everything will remain stable, not just in terms of employment but also in terms of the budget," team principal Franz Tost said. "Then, from 2010 we will see what happens."

McLaren and Toyota are the latest teams to try out a "shark fin" airbox similar to that used by Red Bull.

# Ethanol Fuels Ryan Hunter-Reay to Victory at Watkins Glen!

Ryan Hunter-Reay won the Camping World Grand Prix at The Glen, giving the #17 Rahal Letterman Racing Team Ethanol entry it's first trip to Victory Lane. This is the second season the IndyCar® Series is racing on 100% fuel-grade ethanol. It's fitting that the win took place over the Independence Day weekend using domestically-produced, renewable fuel. Ethanol is the fuel of champions on the raceway and on the highway. Congratulations, Ryan!





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NO EXIT: Brady Smith (2) crosses the finish line inside the lapped car of Joey Pederson (7p) as Shannon Babb climbs the outside wall on the final lap of Friday night's World of Outlaws Late Model Series feature at River

# **Brady Smith Out-Battles Babb**

GRAND FORKS, N.D. - Brady Smith will always remember his firstcareer victory in the World of Outlaws Late Model Series.

The Solon Springs, Wis., driver came out on top of a classic 50-lap feature Friday night at River Cities Speedway, holding off a frenetic last-lap bid by Shannon Babb that had the quartermile oval's big crowd holding their collective breath.

Concluding a battle that raged for virtually the entire distance, Smith and Babb crossed the finish line straddling a lapped car. Babb blew off the outside of turn four with a head of between the slower machine and the outside wall, but he ran out of room and flashed under the checkered flag with the right-front wheel of his Bowyer Dirt Motorsports car climbing the concrete.

The 31-year-old Smith hit the stripe on the inside of the track a scant .121 second before Babb, while rubbing doors with the lapped car driven by Joey Pederson.

Shane Clanton finished less than a second behind the leaders in third, and Kelly Boen registered a careerbest WoO LMS finish of fourth after overtaking point-leader

"That race had to be exciting for the fans," said Smith, who earned \$10,650, including the \$500 WoO LMS Bonus Bucks prize for being the highest-finishing driver who had never won a tour event and wasn't ranked among the top 12 in the standings. "I know it was an exciting race for me. I worked hard for it.'

Canadian Ricky Weiss, 19, upset the star-studded assemblage by setting fast time with a lap of 12.179 seconds.

The finish:

Brady Smith, Shannon Babb, Shane Clanton, Kelly Boen, Darrell Lanigan, Josh Richards, Steve Francis, Rick Eckert, Jimmy Mars, Tim Fuller, Clint Smith, Chub Frank, Vic Coffey, John Blankenship, Brad Seng, Joe Isabell, Mike Balcaen, Joey Pederson, Jeff Isabell, Jr., Sean Beardsley, Dustin Hapka, Ricky Weiss, Tom Corcoran, Harold Schill, Jr., Al Purkey.

# Smith Makes It A WoO Winning Streak

ESTEVAN, Saskatchewan — Brady Smith has suddenly become the hottest driver in the World of Outlaws Late Model Series.

Twenty-four hours after capturing his first victory on the tour in a downto-the-wire thriller, Smith made it two straight with an utterly dominant performance Saturday night at Estevan Motor Speedway.

Smith, 31, mastered the outside groove in the first WoO LMS event held in Saskatchewan. He drove forward from the 14th-starting spot to take the lead from Darrell Lanigan on lap 27 and sailed away from the field, beating Lanigan by a commanding 5.792 seconds — one of the largest victory margins of WoO LMS season.

Defending WoO LMS champion Steve Francis finished third, followed by 13th-starter Clint Smith and Al Purkey, who registered a career-best tour finish driving Smith's backup

"To win two World of Outlaws features is an accomplishment," said Smith. "But winning two in a row is just awesome. Doing this against the competition on this series. I couldn't

be more proud for our team."

Driving his familiar Amsoil-sponsored Bloomquist Chassis machine. Smith side-stepped a multi-car tangle on the opening lap that eliminated such top contenders as Shannon Babb, Rick Eckert and Shane Clanton and soon found himself sitting in fifth place. He proceeded to make mincemeat of the field following the race's third and final caution flag on lap 14, powering around the outside of the three-eighths-mile oval in peerless fashion.

"I shot up to fifth fairly early, and then I kinda rode around for a while," said Smith, who pocketed \$10,150. "Then, that caution came out (on lap 14) and I had to restart on the outside. so I thought, 'This is a perfect time to try the top (groove).

"And man, our car just worked like gangbusters up there. It was just unbelievable."

The finish:

Brady Smith, Darrell Lanigan, Steve Francis, Clint Smith, Al Purkey, Josh Richards, Jimmy Mars, Tim Fuller, Chub Frank, John Blankenship, Brad Seng, Mike Balcaen, Dustin Hapka, Joe Isabell, Ricky Weiss, Sean Beardsley, Ed Turnbull, Troy Heupel, Dave Smith, Jeff Isabell, Jr., Gary Webb, John Winge, Rick Eckert, Shannon Babb, Kelly Boen, Shane



**Brady Smith** 

# Home, Sweet Home

# Fuller Gets Another North Dakota Victory In The Series' First Visit To Williston Basin

WILLISTON, N.D. — Tim Fuller may consider taking up residence in North Dakota.

After running the outside line to a convincing victory in Sunday night's caution-free 50-lap World of Outlaws Late Model Series feature at Williston Basin Speedway, Fuller owns twocareer wins on the tour - both in North Dakota.

"It is unbelievable that the two races we've won have been in North Dakota," said Fuller, whose previous WoO LMS triumph came on June 12, 2007, at River Cities Speedway in the eastern portion of the state. "I can't explain why this is the place we've had this success, but I hope that now we can duplicate it everywhere else we go.

Fuller, 40, of Watertown, N.Y., busted out of a frustrating sophomore slump in the WoO LMS in a big way. He slipped back two positions from the fifth-starting spot early in the event, but soon discovered a high lane around the third-mile track and used it to blast by the six cars ahead of him in a matter of nine stirring laps.

The winning pass came on lap 15 when Fuller surged ahead of Josh Richards, who led from the initial green flag after starting on the pole. Fuller dominated the remainder of

the distance, artfully negotiating lapped traffic with his Gypsum Express Rocket No. 19 to cross the finish line nearly a straightaway ahead of Richards.

Clint Smith made a strong high-side charge forward from the 11th-starting spot to finish third, hot on Richards's rear bumper at the checkered flag. WoO LMS point-leader Darrell Lanigan continued to roll with a fourth-place run and Shannon Babb placed fifth.

The victory was a welcomed dose of relief for the 2007 WoO LMS Rookie of the Year, who entered the Wild West Tour with just three top-five finishes to his credit this season in the

"It helps the bank account and it helps everybody's spirits," said Fuller, who pocketed \$10,150 for capturing the inaugural WoO LMS event at Williston Basin. "Hopefully, we can ride this momentum for the rest of the year."

Vic Coffey was the quickest in time trials, turning a track-record lap of 13.774 seconds.

The finish:

Tim Fuller, Josh Richards, Clint Smith, Darrell Lanigan, Shannon Babb, Chub Frank, Shane Clanton, Vic Coffey, Al Purkey, Steve Francis, Kelly Boen, Rick Eckert, Darryn Waldo, Ricky Weiss, John Blankenship, Troy Heupel, Gary Webb, Dustin Hapka, John Winge, Sean Beardsley, Joe Isabell, Jeff Isabell, Jr., Brady Smith, Brad Seng, Jimmy Mars.

# Birkhofer Digs Deep, Dominates Gopher 50

SPRING VALLEY, Minn. — Brian Birkhofer surged into the lead at the initial green flag and never looked back, rolling to a flag-to-flag victory in the 29th annual Featherlite Trailers Gopher 50 charity late-model race July 9 at Deer Creek Speedway.

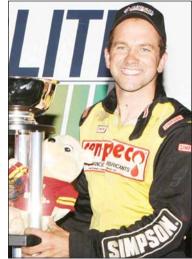
The 36-year-old from Muscatine, Iowa, was clearly the dominant force as the World of Outlaws Late Model Series Wild West Tour opened before a near-capacity crowd at the threeeighths-mile oval.

"I've had a hard time even finishing races here in the past," said Birkhofer, who earned \$10,250 for his first triumph at Deer Creek and second WoO LMS checkered flag of 2008. "But this is a fun place and it's only three-and-a-half hours from home, so I'm pumped to finally win one hereespecially against the caliber of drivers that were here tonight.'

Birkhofer was never seriously threatened after using his outsidepole starting spot to outgun defending WoO LMS champion Steve Francis for the lead when the race began. He was slowed only by two caution flags for minor incidents — both on lap 13 en route to a 2.016-second victory over point-leader Darrell Lanigan.

Clint Smith started and finished third, less than a half-second ahead of fourth-place Shane Clanton. Josh Richards finished fifth.

Birkhofer's win was the sixth of his



**Brian Birkhofer** 

career in the WoO LMS. He became the fourth repeat winner in 19 WoO LMS events this season, joining Richards (four wins), Billy Moyer of Batesville, Ark., (four), and Lanigan (two).

Clanton was the fast qualifier for the 46-car field.

The finish:

Brian Birkhofer, Darrell Lanigan, Clint Smith, Shane Clanton, Josh Richards, Rick Eckert, Jimmy Mars, Shannon Babb, Chub Frank, Brady Smith, Kerry Hansen, Danny Johnson, Tim Fuller, Vic Coffey, Mike Prochnow, John Blankenship, Tyler Bruening, Joe Isabell, Dennis Hillson, Denny Eckrich, Jeff Provinzino, Dustin Hapka, Chad Simpson, Steve Francis, Andrew McKay, Nick Herrick.

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# **Sprint Cup**

1. Kyle Busch	2,881
2. Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	2,619
3. Jeff Burton	2,590
4. Carl Edwards	2,509
5. Jimmie Johnson	2,494
6. Jeff Gordon	2,384
7. Greg Biffle	2,318
8. Matt Kenseth	2,317
9. Kevin Harvick	2,308
10. Tony Stewart	2,305
11. Kasey Kahne	2,295
12. Denny Hamlin	2,283
13. Clint Bowyer	2,256
14. Brian Vickers	2,188
15. David Ragan	2,185
16. Ryan Newman	2,094
17. Martin Truex, Jr.	2,050
18. Kurt Busch	2,038
19. Bobby Labonte	1,905
20. Juan Pablo Montoya	1,863

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i. Cilii bowyei	2,903
2. Brad Keselowski	2,782
3. David Reutimann	2,748
4. Carl Edwards	2,711
5. Kyle Busch	2,633
6. David Ragan	2,613
7. Mike Bliss	2,603
8. Mike Wallace	2,376
9. David Stremme	2,325
10. Jason Keller	2,278

#### **Craftsman Truck**

1. Ron Hornaday, Jr.	1,742
2. Matt Crafton	1,715
3. Todd Bodine	1,688
4. Johnny Benson	1,686
5. Rick Crawford	1,668
6. Mike Skinner	1,629
7. Erik Darnell	1,605
8. Jack Sprague	1,578
9. Terry Cook	1,553
10. Chad McCumbee	1,514

#### IndvCar Series

1. Scott Dixon	420
2. Helio Castroneves	357
3. Dan Wheldon	351
4. Tony Kanaan	339
5. Danica Patrick	266
6. Hideki Mutoh	254
7. Marco Andretti	253
8. Ryan Briscoe	243
9. Ryan Hunter-Reay	232
10. Ed Carpenter	222

# Indy Lights

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1. Richard Antinucci	325
2. Raphael Matos	310
3. Ana Beatriz	286
4. Dillon Battistini	276
5. Arie Luyendyk, Jr.	273
6. J.R. Hildebrand	267
7. Jeff Simmons	241

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1. Lewis Hamilton	48
1. Felipe Massa	48
1. Kimi Räikkönen	48
4. Robert Kubica	46
5. Nick Heidfeld	36
6. Heikki Kovalainen	24
7. Jarno Trulli	20
7. Mark Webber	18
9. Fernando Alonso	13
10. Rubens Barrichello	11

# **WoO Sprints**

1. Donny Schatz	4,24
2. Jason Meyers	4,11
3. Craig Dollansky	4,11
4. Joey Saldana	4,06
5. Steve Kinser	3,88
6. Jac Haudenschild	3,87
7. Kerry Madsen	3,75
8. Chad Kemenah	3,70
9. Shane Stewart	3,65
10. Terry McCarl	3,63

# **WoO Late Models**

1. Darrell Lanigan	3,02
2. Josh Richards	2,97
3. Rick Eckert	2,90
3. Chub Frank	2,90
5. Steve Francis	2,89
6. Clint Smith	2,85
7. Shane Clanton	2,85
8. Shannon Babb	2,85
9. Tim Fuller	2,73
10. John Blankenship	2,65

# **NHRA Top Fuel**

1. Tony Schumacher	1,179
2. Antron Brown	904
3. Larry Dixon	867
4. Cory McClenathan	78
5. Rod Fuller	77
6. Brandon Bernstein	737
7. Hillary Will	719
8. Doug Herbert	666
9. Doug Kalitta	560
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# **NHRA Funny Car**

1. Tim Wilkerson	978
2. Robert Hight	763
3. Tony Pedregon	750
4. Ashley Force	739
5. Cruz Pedregon	720
6. John Force	695
7. Ron Capps	632
7. Gary Densham	632
9. Mike Neff	600
10. Jack Beckman	530

# NHRA Pro Stock

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1. Greg Anderson	996
2. Kurt Johnson	900
3. Jason Line	828

# 7. Ron Krisher 9. Greg Stanfield 10. Warren Johnson

# **NHRA Pro** Motorcycle

4. Jeg Coughlin 5. Allen Johnson

6. Mike Edwards

1. Andrew Hines	6
2. Matt Smith	6
3. Chip Ellis	5
4. Chris Rivas	5
5. Eddie Krawiec	4
6. Matt Guidera	4
7. Angelle Sampey	4
8. Craig Treble	4
9. Steve Johnson	4
10. Hector Arana	3

# **ARCA RE/MAX**

1. Ricky Stenhouse, Jr.	2,49
2. Scott Speed	2,36
3. Matt Carter	2,34
4. Frank Kimmel	2,31
5. John Wes Townley	2,20
6. Justin Allgaier	2,16
7. Tom Hessert III	2,12
8. Tayler Malsam	2,08
9. Patrick Sheltra	2,07
10. Dexter Bean	2,04

# **Badger Midget**

1. IVIINC LICSS	1,03
2. Brandon Waelti	93
3. Scott Hatton	91
4. Jerry Coons, Jr.	83
5. Aaron Fiscus	73
6. Davey Ray	67
7. Joe Wipperfurth	63
8. David Gough	63
9. Chad DeSelle	60
10. Bubba Altig	57

# **National Midget Driver Of The Year**

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2. Bobby East	59
3. Jerry Coons, Jr.	58
4. Brad Loyet	56
5. Tracy Hines	51
6. Mike Hess	45
7. Kody Swanson	40
8. Brad Sweet	37
9. Cole Whitt	37
10. Brady Bacon	35

# **NASCAR West**

1. Eric Holmes	1,33
2. Jason Bowles	1,26
3. Mike David	1,21
4. Jeff Barkshire	1,18
5. Jim Inglebright	1,16
6. Austin Cameron	1,13
7. Moses Smith	1,08
8 Mike Gallegos	1 0

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# **NeSmith Dirt LM**

1. Chip Brindle	8
2. Larry Boutwell	7
3. Chris Tays	7
4. Scott Knowles	7
5. Hunter Peacock	6
5. Jason Hiett	6
7. Eric Cooley	6
8. Ted Lackey	6
9. Matthew Turner	6
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1. Chuck Hossfeld	10
2. Ted Christopher	9:
3. Todd Szegedy	8
4. Matt Hirschman	8.
5. Eric Beers	7:
6. Mike Stefanik	78
7. Ed Flemke, Jr.	7
8. Rowan Pennink	7
9. Ronnie Silk	7:
10 Duan Dressa	

# **Sprints on Dirt**

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1. Brett Mann	1,3
2. Ben Rutan	1,3
3. Dain Naida	1,2
4. Tim Norman	1,2
5. Ryan Grubaugh	1,1
6. Joe Bares	1,1
7. Gregg Dalman	1,0
8. Gary Fast	1,0
9. Dustin Daggett	9
10. Louie Carufel	8

# **URC Sprint Series**

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1. Curt Michael	1,087
2. Dave Ely	965
3. Chris Coyle	954
4. J.J. Grasso	917
5. Davey Sammons	802
6. Becca Anderson	763
6. Ed Aikin	763
8. Mark Bitner	738
9. Robbie Stillwaggon	733
10. Kyle Purks	650

# **USAC National Sprint Car**

- P	
1. Levi Jones	761
2. Cole Whitt	724

3. Jerry Coons, Jr.	71
4. Tracy Hines	68
5. Brady Bacon	65
6. Darren Hagen	650
7. Dave Darland	64
8. Shane Cottle	62
O. Damion Cardner	E7

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10. Brad Sweet

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1. Jason Johnson	2,531
2. Gary Wright	2,509
3. Wayne Johnson	2,465
4. Zach Chappell	2,381
5. Garry Lee Maier	2,232
6. Eric Baldaccini	2,075
7. Nick Smith	1,930
8. Kenneth Walker	1,855
9. Jack Dover	1,648
10 Travis Rilat	1 638

# **ASCS Rebel**

1. Kenny Adams	1,46
2. Matt Tiffany	1,39
3. Bryn Gohn	1,37
4. Samantha Taylor	1,35
5. Red Stauffer	1,32
6. Gavin Thomas	1,19
7. Michael Miller	1,10
8. Tyler Godwin	76
9. Matt Kurtz	72
10. Frank Beck III	66

# **Lucas Oil ESS**

1. Steve Poirier	1,15
2. Lance Yonge	1,04
3. Justin Barger	93
4. Alain Bergeron	89
5. Jeff Cook	83
6. Michael Parent	78
7. Tim Kelly	76
8. Brian McDonald	68
9. Lee Ladouceur	63
10. Anthony Cain	56
Lucas Oil I M	

# Lucas Oil LM

1. Earl Pearson, Jr.	4,30
2. Steve Casebolt	4,00
3. Bart Hartman	3,95
4. Billy Drake	3,66
5. Justin Rattliff	3,63
6. Dan Schlieper	3,53
7. Terry Casey	3,48
8. Scott James	3,43
9. Freddy Smith	3,17
10. Wayne Chinn	2,89

# **ASCS Rocky Mtn.**

1. Derrik Ortega	1,28
2. Chad Corken	1,25
3. Jeremy McCune	1,17
4. Bob Schaeffer	1,15
5. Jake Ossenfort	1,07
6. Colt Treharn	1,03
7. Danielle Ossenfort	1,02

# **ASCS Gulf South**

1. Chris Sweeney	1,63
2. Greg Rilat	1,60
3. Brandon Berryman	1,57
4. Gary Watson	1,56
5. Channin Tankersley	1,55
6. Tommy Bryant	1,49
7. Travis Elliott	1,48
8. Brandon Corn	1,47
9. Terry Monroe	1,31
10. Travis Knighton	1,23

1. Nic Faas	45
2. Robby Josett	38
3. Scott Pierovich	35
4. C.J. Sarna	35
5. Ernie Bartley III	28
6. Josh Ford	28
7. Shannon McQueen	26
8. Paul Zimmerly	21
9. Joey Fabozzi	20
10. Randi Pankratz	20

1. Bryan Howland	1,3
2. Jared Zimbardi	1,3
3. Chris Muhleisen	1,2
4. Bubba Broderick	1,1
5. Bobby Breen	1,0
6. Don Adamczyk	9
6. Blake Breen	9
8. Scott Kreutter	9
9. Chuck Hebing	9
10. Mike Stelter	9

_1	1. Jeremy Sherman	2,18
2	2. Charles Davis, Jr.	2,0
3	3. Mike Martin	2,0
4	4. R.J. Johnson	2,0
5	5. Nathan High	2,0
6	5. Josh Pelkey	1,9
7	7. Andrew Reinbold	1,9
8	3. Mike Leslie	1,8
9	9. Justin Fisher	1,8
10	D. Thomas Ogle	1,5

1. Brian Brown	59
2. Jack Dover	57
3. Billy Alley	54
3. Natalie Sather	54
5. Mike Boston	53
6. Bobby Becker	52
7. Jay Russell	4
8. Gregg Bakker	27
9. Don Droud, Jr.	27

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1. Chris Sweeney	1,63
2. Greg Rilat	1,602
3. Brandon Berryman	1,578
4. Gary Watson	1,56
5. Channin Tankersley	1,55
6. Tommy Bryant	1,49
7. Travis Elliott	1,489
8. Brandon Corn	1,47
9. Terry Monroe	1,31
10. Travis Knighton	1,23

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# **ASCS Patriot**

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1. Bryan Howland	1,3
2. Jared Zimbardi	1,3
3. Chris Muhleisen	1,2
4. Bubba Broderick	1,
5. Bobby Breen	1,0
6. Don Adamczyk	9
6. Blake Breen	9
8. Scott Kreutter	9
9. Chuck Hebing	9
10. Mike Stelter	9

# **ASCS Canyon**

1. Jeremy Sherman	2,18
2. Charles Davis, Jr.	2,09
3. Mike Martin	2,02
4. R.J. Johnson	2,00
5. Nathan High	2,00
6. Josh Pelkey	1,98
7. Andrew Reinbold	1,90
8. Mike Leslie	1,89
9. Justin Fisher	1,87
0. Thomas Ogle	1,58

# **ASCS Midwest**

1. Brian Brown	5
2. Jack Dover	5
3. Billy Alley	5
3. Natalie Sather	5
5. Mike Boston	5
6. Bobby Becker	5
7. Jay Russell	4
8. Gregg Bakker	2
9. Don Droud, Jr.	2
10. Ryan Anderson	2

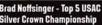


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# **THIS AND THAT**

# >> PHOTO OF THE WEEK



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BUCKLED IN: NASCAR President Mike Helton gets ready for a ride around Chicagoland Speedway with Richard Petty, who is celebrating the 50th anniversary of his first NASCAR start.

# >> Hill Climb Time

No longer held on its traditional July 4 weekend date, the 86th-annual Pikes Peak Int'l Hill Climb is scheduled this week at the world renowned mountain located near Colorado Springs, Colo.

With practice and qualifying runs in the days leading up to the event, the Race To The Clouds will officially be held on Sunday (July 20).

This year, officials are offering a \$25,000 bonus for the first sub-10 minute run up the 12.42-mile course that includes 156 turns.

The race begins at the 9,390-foot mark and concludes at the mountain's summit at 14,110 feet. Last year's winner, Nobuhiro Tajima in a Suzuki XL7, completed the distance in 10 minutes and one second.

Eleven classes of vehicles and nearly 200 competitors are expected.

# **BOOK OF THE WEEK**

#### Penske Racing Team, **40 Years Of Excellence**

By Allan Hummel

Released during the summer of 2007, this book documents the history of one of racing's most diverse and successful operations.

From its beginnings, with Roger Penske's road-racing career as a driver through participation in CART, IRL and NASCAR competition, this 270-page collection, which includes numerous color and black-and-white photo-

graphs, gives readers an up-close look at the team and how it achieved its many accomplishments.

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"I can understand wanting to reunite with General Motors if that's where your heart truly lies, and maybe you really wanted a new challenge...But Haas CNC? Couldn't you have picked some other Chevrolet group to team up with? Are you really going to be able to turn that team around into a race-winning organization? If you wanted a challenge, you've certainly got one on your plate now." — **Sheena Baker, July 9 blog** 

■ Peter Sospenzo will take over as crew chief for

NASCAR Sprint Cup rookie Michael McDowell at Indy.



**THE GOOD STUFF:** Eric Holmes scored his fourth NASCAR Camping World West Series victory of the season Friday night after setting a track record at Douglas County Speedway.

# Flat-Out Holmes Wins

ROSEBURG, Ore. — Eric Holmes rebounded from a flat tire to battle past Jason Bowles with seven laps left to win Friday night's NASCAR Camping World Series West event at

Douglas County Speedway.

**CW WEST** 

Although Holmes had the dominant car, he had to make late charge through the field to secure his fourth

victory of the season.

Holmes was strong throughout the event, setting a track record of 90.168 miles per hour in winning his fourth pole of the season. He led the first 98 laps, but his run at the point came to a halt when he suddenly slowed with a flat right-front tire on his Toyota.

Holmes managed to stay on the lead lap, however, dashing to the pits as the caution flag waved. The 2006 champion quickly returned to the track and began a blistering charge through the field. He was up to second in the late

stages of the event and began nipping at the back bumper of Bowles, who was attempting to score his third-consecutive win.

Sparks flew as Holmes charged to the inside going into turn one on lap

143. As Bowles slid through turn two. Holmes pulled awav.

leaned everybody a little bit and they gave me plenty of room," Holmes said. "They knew I was faster. Jason Bowles did an

**Eric Holmes** awesome job pro-

tecting his line. He did everything he could. He was making it really tough on me. I got my nose under him two times. I had to go for it. Once I committed, I had to go, That's good hard racing on a good old short

Bowles had a different perspective on the incident, however. "I knew Eric had a good car and I knew he was coming," Bowles said. "But there was no way he was getting by me without moving me. When he tried to turn me down the straightaway, there was not much I could do."

Johnny Borneman also got by Bowles to take second. Bowles was third, with David Mayhew and Jeff Barkshire rounding out the top five.

Holmes extended his lead in the standings to 71 points over Bowles. The finish:

The finish:
Showing driver, car, laps completed and money won: 1. Eric Holmes, Toyota, 150, \$9,050; 2. Johnny Borneman, Ford, 150, \$4,000; 3. Jason Bowles, Ford, 150, \$3,400; 4. David Mayhew, Chevrolet, 150, \$3,300; 5. Jeff Barkshire, Dodge, 150, \$3,565; 6. Jim Inglebright, Chevrolet, 150, \$3,000; 7. Moses Smith, Toyota, 150, \$2,750; 8. Jim Warn, Chevrolet, 150, \$2,700; 9. Jonathan Gomez, Chevrolet, 150, \$2,100; 10. Jack Sellers, Chevrolet, 150, \$3,555; 11. Mike Gallegos, Chevrolet, 148, \$2,250; 12. Daryl Harr, Chevrolet, 147, \$2,630; 13. Jason Patison, Ford, 144, \$2,030; 14. Paul Pedroncelli, Jr., Chevrolet, 142, \$1,450; 15. Jamie Dick, Chevrolet, 137, \$1,925; 16. Jeff Jefferson, Chevrolet, 102, \$1,900; 17. Mike David, Ford, 69, \$2,475; 18. Austin Cameron, Toyota, 68, \$1,850; 19.

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athan Hale, Chevrolet, 66, \$1,350.

# **Hirschman Capitalizes** On Stefanik's Mishap

WILLIAMSON, N.Y. — Matt Hirschman reached victory lane for the first time in his NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour career Saturday night at Spencer Speedway when he led 79 laps and won the Mason Farms 100.

**NASCAR MODS** 

Hirschman, who won the second of two 25-lap heat races earlier in the

evening, led four times throughout the 100-lap main and was the car to beat all night. After Mike Stefanik moved through the field and took the lead on lap 89, the veteran was caught up in an accident and Hirschman took back a lead he would never relin-

Hirschman's first victory came in

his 45th-career NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour start.

Ronnie Silk was the runner-up to Hirschman in the race, which marked his third top-10 finish in a row. Chuck Hossfeld, who won the first heat, came home third and has yet to finish outside the top five in six races this

Jimmy Blewett followed Hossfeld across the finish line, while Stefanik was fifth.

The finish:

Matt Hirschman, Ronnie Silk, Chuck Hossfeld, Jimmy Blewett, Mike Stefanik, Glen Reen, Todd Szegedy, Wade Cole, Danny Sammons, Bobby Grigas III, Anthony Sesely, Rowan Pennink, Glenn Tyler, Joe Hartmann, Jake Marosz, Ed Hemke, Jr., Eric Beers, Ken Heagy, Ted Christopher, Bill Hebing, Jamie Tomaino, Tom Abele, Jr., Richard Savary, Erick Rudolph, Ryan Preece, James Civali, Kevin Goodale, Jim Storace, Mike Leaty, Buck Catalano, Jan Leaty



**Matt Hirschman** 

# **Erb Clinches Second-Consecutive Summer Nationals Championship**

# July 9

CANTON, Ill. — It's safe to say Darren Miller likes to leave no questions unanswered.

The Milledgeville, Ill., standout took the lead from the outside pole at the start of the July 9 40-lap UMP DIRTcar Summer Nationals event at Spoon River Speedway and never looked back en route to his third victory of the tour.

Miller swept the night, registering the fastest lap (14.330 seconds) in the time-trial session and winning his heat before winning the feature. His third Summer Nationals triumph made him the tour's winningest driver in 2008.

'We hit it right on the nose tonight," said Miller. "That thing was good right from the drop of the green.'

After battling for the runnerup spot for the length of the event, Kevin Weaver edged Wes Steidinger for second place. Jeep VanWormer and Steve Sheppard, Jr. completed the top five.

The finish:

Darren Miller, Kevin Weaver, Wes Steidinger, Jeep VanWormer, Steve Sheppard, Jr., Will Vaught, Eric Smith, Randy Korte, Scott Bull, Dennis Erb, Jr., Rickey Frankel, Brian Shirley, Kevin Cole, Ryan Unzicker, Jim Felker, Jr., Jason McBride, Jordan Bland, Brian Allen, Jason Feger, Brad Denney, Joe Harlen, Tim Lance.

# **Thursday**

LA SALLE, Ill. — A late-afternoon thunderstorm swamped La Salle Speedway, creating the second rainout during the final week of the UMP DIRTcar Summer Nationals.

Neither event will be made up and it was the seventh event cancelled because of weather during this year's tour.

# **Friday**

BROWNSTOWN, Ind. Brian Shirley says he thinks of everything he needs to do to win 10 minutes before a race.

The Chatham, Ill., driver's pre-race ritual paid off Friday night, helping him to a thrilling victory in the 40-lap UMP DIRTcar Summer Nationals event Brownstown Speedway.

With the triumph, Shirley moved to within four points of defending Summer Nationals champion Dennis Erb, Jr. entering Saturday's finale at Oakshade Raceway.

Shirley started sixth and ran a patient race until the late going.

"I was paying attention to what was going on," said Shirley, who earned \$10,000 for his third triumph of the 2008 Summer Nationals. "I saw it was really hard to get by lapped traffic. Luckily, my car stuck through the middle."

Polesitter Don O'Neal led the first 30 laps, but Jeep VanWormer used lapped traffic to pass O'Neal on the high side on lap 31.

VanWormer and through VanWormer and drove through the middle groove as the leaders worked lapped traffic, grabbing the lead on lap 37.

From there, Shirley was gone, with VanWormer, O'Neal, Erb and Kevin Claycomb follow-

The finish:

Brian Shirley, Jeep VanWormer, Don O'Neal, Dennis Erb, Jr., Kevin Claycomb, Wes Steidinger, Darren Miller, Terry English, Jordan Bland, Kevin Weaver, Ryan Unzicker, Jason Feger, Brad Neat, Matt Miller, Greg Johnson, Derek Fisher, Steve Sheppard, Jr., Shannon Reed, Cody Mahoney, Mike Jewell, Randy Korte.

# **Saturday**

WAUSEON, Ohio — The third time was indeed the charm for Matt Miller on Saturday night at Oakshade Raceway, where the Waterville, Ohio, driver emerged victorious in the 60lap UMP DIRTcar Summer Nationals birthday race.

Meanwhile, Dennis Erb, Jr.

registered a third-place finish in the Summer Nationals points finale to clinch his second-straight tour championship. He outdistanced Brian Shirley, who finished 19th after entering the event trailing Erb by only four points.

Erb started third and held his position throughout the event to claim the \$25,000 Summer Nationals championship.

"I was able to get third and win a championship," said Erb. "That was the main goal. Right now, we're going to enjoy this one."

After running just "OK" in two other Summer Nationals appearances this year, Miller hit on all cylinders for the \$10,000 top prize.

throughout Saturday's feature before making his move late to claim his first 2008 Summer Nationals victory.

The finish:

Matt Miller, Jeep VanWormer, Dennis Erb, Jr., Doug Drown, Casey Noonan, Kris Patterson, Jon Henry, Ky Harper, Jason Feger, Zac Davis, Rody Schroyer, Jason McBride, Steve Sheppard, Jr., Kevin Reeve, Dusty Moore, Rusty Seaver, Ronnie Perrine, Jr., Zack Ogler, Brian Shirley, Wes Steidinger,



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# **POWER RANKINGS**

NSSN ranks the top 10 drivers from all forms of motorsports.

# **Kyle Busch**

No. 18 Toyotas, NASCAR Sprint Cup/Nationwide Series Busch's sweep of Chicago solidified his spot atop the rankings.

NO. 1

Busch earned his seventh Sprint Cup victory of the season under the lights at Chicagoland Speedway, one night after running away with the Nationwide Series race there. He now has 13 victories among NASCAR's top-three series this season.



PHIL RIDER PHOTO

# **REST OF THE BEST**

#### 2. Scott Dixon

No. 9 Target Chip Ganassi Dallara-Honda, IndyCar Series
A gamble delivered another victory and another Gibson Guitar for
the IndyCar Series point leader Saturday night in rainy Nashville, Tenn.

# 3. Tony Schumacher

U.S. Army Top Fuel Dragster, NHRA
A mile high or 1,000 feet? It doesn't matter to Sarge, who captured
his sixth Top Fuel Wally of the season Sunday night.

# 4. Donny Schatz

No. 15 J&J Sprint Car, World of Outlaws In three races, including The Kings Royal, Schatz did not finish outside the top five — two fourths and a fifth.

#### 5. No. 20 Nationwide Series Team

No. 20 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota, NASCAR Nationwide Series With nine victories on the season, Tony Stewart drove the No. 20 to a ninth-place finish Friday at Chicagoland.

#### 6. Scott Pruett/Memo Rojas

No. 01 Telmex Ganassi Lexus Riley, Grand Am Grand Am's dominant duo will go for its sixth victory of the season at this weekend's Porsche 250 at Barber Motorsports Park in Alabama.

#### 7. Greg Anderson

KB Racing Pontiac GXP, NHRA Pro Stock Anderson is in search of a fourth Pro Stock championship and now has three-straight victories after a win in Colorado.

#### 8. Lewis Hamilton

No. 2 Vodaphone McLaren Mercedes, Formula One Hamilton is coming off arguably the best drive of his young career as he prepares for this weekend's German Grand Prix.

#### 9. Billy Moyer

No. 21 Victory Circle Late Model, Dirt Late Models Moyer's season-victory total remained at 13 this week as the veteran garnered a runner-up finish in Lucas Oil Late Model Series action.

#### 10. Jason Meyers

No. 14 KPC Sprint Car, World of Outlaws

Meyers picked up win No. 7 of the season and earned a second-place
finish in Sunday's Kings Royal at Eldora.

# **Honorable Mention**

Freddy Smith, 61, scored a Lucas Oil Late Model Series victory Friday at North Alabama Speedway, the 784th victory of his career... Ana Beatriz became the first woman to win an Indy Lights event.

# **Last Week**

Scott Dixon moves up from fourth to second thanks to his win at Nashville, while Donny Schatz falls to fourth and the No. 20 to fifth. Jason Meyers re-enters the rankings at No. 10.

# **Belle Isle Construction Under Way**

Grand Prix To Host IndyCar, ALMS, Speed Challenge GTs

DETROIT, Mich. — Construction began last week on the Raceway at Belle Isle Park in preparaton for the 2008 Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix Aug. 29-31.

The 2.07-mile, 14-turn street course will host the IndyCar Series, the American Le Mans Series and the SCCA Speed Worth Challenge GT class for this year's grand prix.

In order to transform the island streets into a race course, workers must move into place about 2,000 concrete-barrier walls and assemble six massive grandstands around the circuit.

# Penske Racing Mourns Loss Of Employee

JOLIET, III. — This past weekend at Chicagoland Speedway, all three Penske Racing NASCAR Sprint Cup Series entries carried a special decal in memory of Penske South employee Bill Passwater. The decal was also on Penske IndyCar Series entries at Nashville Superspeedway and the American Le Mans Series entries at Lime Rock.

Passwater, 33, passed away July 9. He is survived by his wife, Heather, and their baby daughter, Lyla Grace.

He had been employed at Penske Racing since 2005. He was the transportation coordinator for the NASCAR Cup Series teams.

"We lost a valued member of the Penske Racing family, Billy Passwater," said Tim Cindric, president of Penske Racing. "Billy came to our organization in 2005 and we will miss him as we all appreciated his personable nature, sense of humor and his commitment to do the right thing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Heather and Billy's families."

# Hensley Joins BHR As Competition Director

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Veteran crew chief Jeff Hensley joined Bobby Hamilton Racing as the director of competition for the race team's two-truck stable of Dodges Rams, including the No. 4 Dodge Dealers Dodge driven by Stacy Compton and the No. 18 Tahoe Dodge driven by Dennis Setzer.

Hensley takes over the role formerly filled by Charlie Wilson, who is moving into "a more hands-on-role" with Dodge Engineering and the No. 18 team.

Hensley is no stranger to the Dodge Research and Engineering team. Before making the jump to Bill Davis Racing in 2004, he spent two years as an engineer at Arrington Manufacturing, helping with the development of the Dodge NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series engine. In four short seasons at BDR, he served as crew chief of the No. 5 Toyota driven by Mike Skinner and led his team to eight NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series victories, 28 pole awards and 37 top-five finishes.



SHAWN PAYNE/IRL INDYCAR PHO

**DARREN MOVE:** Darren Manning navigates a turn in front of a fountain on the street course at Belle Isle during last year's Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix.

# Annual Women's Luncheon Scheduled

INDIANAPOLIS — The sixth-annual Women in the Winner's Circle Luncheon is scheduled for July 24 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

A reception is to begin at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at noon. The luncheon is hosted by former driver Lyn St. James and motorports television reporter Jamie Little. It is held each year in order to raise funds to sustain the Women in the Winner's Circle Foundation programs, which support, educate and train aspiring young female drivers.

The recipients of the inaugural Leadership Awards will be announced and awarded to individuals who have shown support to women's motorsports programs. Also, the Mildred Marcum Pioneer Award will be presented to two female drivers as well as the USAC Kara Hendrick Spirit Award and the Opportunity Award, which will be given

to a race team or sponsor that created a significant opportunity for a female driver to excel in the industry.

# Open Wheel Week Offers Up \$20,000

LINCOLN, Neb. — Set for July 27-Aug. 3, SpeedwayMotors.com Open Wheel Week offers sprint-car and midget drivers a chance to win more than \$20,000 in prizes and awards.

The week kicks off with four nights of racing in Nebraska. The Kornhusker Midget Klassic is set for July 27-28 at Eagle Raceway in Lincoln, Neb., and on July 28 at Butler County Motorplex in Rising City. The Cornhusker Midget Challenge follows July 29-30 at Junction Motor Speedway in McCool Junction, Neb. The finale is set for the Speedway Motors Belleville Midget Nationals in Belleville, Kan., Aug. 1-2.

Sprint-car action begins July 31 as the O'Reilly All Star Circuit of Champions kicks off its Thunder Through the Plains

series at the Belleville High Banks. From there, the 410 sprint cars head to Thunderhill Speedway in Mayetta, Kan., Eagle Raceway and South Dakota's Huset's Speedway.

# ECO Racing Adds Three U.S. Races

What's making news in motorsports

ROCKINGHAM, England — The environmentally inspired British racing team, ECO Racing, is set to race its production-engined bio-diesel sports, prototype race car in three American Le Mans Series races, including the final two races of the season at Road America, Road Altanta and Laguna

Between the Road America and Atlanta events, the team will also race in the final round of the European Le Mans Series, the 1000k-classic at Silverstone Sept. 13-14.

The four-hour races at Road America and Laguna Seca, the six-hour test at Silverstone and the 10 hours of Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta constitute a unique 24-hour challenge that will stretch Eco Racing's LMP1 race car and production V10 engine to the limits of endurance.

The drivers of the ECO Racing Radical LMP1 sports prototype will be announced in the coming weeks.

# Illinois Fall Nationals Returns To WoO Slate

LA SALLE, III. — The 17th-annual Best Western Illinois Fall Nationals Sept. 14 at La Salle Speedway will return to the World of Outlaws Late Model Series schedule this season.

A fixture on the dirt late-model scene in the "Land of Lincoln" for nearly two decades, the Illinois Fall Nationals will be run over a 40-lap distance and offer a \$7,000 top prize.

The La Salle date will create a WoO LMS doubleheader with I-55 Raceway in Pevely, Mo., which is scheduled to run its annual Pepsi Nationals under the national tour's banner Sept. 13.

# **NUTS AND BOLTS**

USAC Western States midget driver **Darrin Bolton** has signed a representation and management agreement with Representation For Racers. . . Veteran NHRA Communications Dept. members

Michael Padian and Lachelle Seymour received promotions last week.

Padian was promoted to director of public relations, and Seymour was promoted to senior media relations manager. . . Each of the Playboy Mazda MX-5 Cup's eight 2008 races will be televised thanks to a TV package with DirecTV and the Dish Network. Each of the races will be broadcast in an expanded 60-minute format and will be aired multiple times on several different channels, including MavTV, Time Warner Sports Net, Comcast 900 Sports, LoneStar Sports Net, AmericaOne Network and AMGTV. . . Dates for NASCAR's **Camping World Series East** and **West** championship banquets have been set. The West will hold its banquet Nov. 1 at the Sacramento (Calif.) Convention Center. The East's banquet is scheduled for Dec. 12 at the Mohegan Sun Resort in Uncasville, Conn. . . West Coast 500cc Formula 3 stalwart **Bob Wenz** had his name added to the Autobooks-Aerobooks Harry Morrow Award on Saturday. Wenz, 81, was a close friend and racing associate of the late Harry Morrow, the founder of Autobooks and one of the leading lights of early small-bore formula road racing in California. The award is aimed at recognizing exemplary service in the cause of 500cc formula car racing, now and in the past.



LONNIE WHEATLEY PHOTO

REBOUND: Gary Wright (9) battles with Matt Covington during Saturday night's 16th-annual ASCS Sizzlin' Summer Speedweek action at I-30 Speedway in Arkansas.

# **Gary Gets Wright At I-30**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Just one night after surrendering the O'Reilly American Sprint Cars on Tour National point lead, Gary Wright rebounded

**ASCOT** 

in strong fashion by winning round two of

the 16th annual ASCS Sizzlin' Summer Speedweek at I-30 Speedway Saturday night.

Wright snatched the lead away from Zach Chappell on the 13th round and led the rest of the way in the 30-lapper, taking top honors in the 100th Speedweek event in ASCS history aboard the Wesmar-pow-Richwood struction/Whiteco mercial Funding No. 9 Maxim.

"Last night was disastrous," Wright explained of a rare DNF and his first of the season that dropped him behind Jason Johnson in the standings. "We can still get there, we've just got to start winning some races. I think we've got the car for it now."

Wright only managed to chop four points off of Johnson's advantage on Saturday night though, as Johnson emerged from a last-lap scrum with

Zach Chappell to take the runner-up slot in front of 12thstarter Travis Rilat and Wayne Johnson, with Chappell relegated to fifth.

Wright snapped a 14-race winless streak with his 121stcareer ASCS National Tour triumph and 28th-career Speedweek triumph.

Johnson escaped with a 22point lead over Wright.

The finish:

Gary Wright, Jason Johnson, Travis Rilat, Wayne Johnson, Zach Chappell, Zach Pringle, Claud Estes, Kenneth Walker, Gary Taylor, Brad Bowden, Justin Sturch, Lee Sowell, Nick Smith, Garry Lee Maier, Sean McClelland, Joe Young, Eric Baldaccini, Jamie Passmore, J.J. Hickle, Matt Covington, Bryce Vowan, Gavin Punch, A.G. Rains, Channin Tankersley.

# Taylor Sizzles In Texarkana

TEXARKANA, Ark. — There was a new face in O'Reilly American Sprint Cars on Tour National victory lane Friday night, as Gary Taylor wired the field in

**ASCOT** 

the opening round of the 16th annual

Tovota Tundra ASCS Sizzlin' Summer Speedweek at Sixtv-Seven Speedway.

The Washington native led all 30 laps of the quarter-mile oval for his first ASCoT triumph aboard Mike and Megan Eubanks's Wesmar-powered Tel-Star Communications No. 5\* Triple-X.

While the former ASCS Rocky Mountain Region champion had the race well in hand much of the way, Wayne Johnson closed in as lapped traffic became a factor in the final 10 rounds. And when Justin Sturch and Brad Bowden tangled and spun directly in front of the leaders on the 24th lap, it nearly spelled disaster for Taylor.

"I had to get on the brakes so hard to keep from getting into them that I about locked it up," Taylor explained. "The rear end actually did lock up for just a split second, I was just thinking, 'There it went.' I was about ready to reach up and flip the switch and then it got going again.'

With a clear track over the final seven circuits, Taylor, who already won three ASCS Sooner region events this season, cruised to victory.

Wayne Johnson finished second, while Jason Johnson romped from 18th-starting position to finish third. Nick Smith and Garry Lee Maier rounded out the top five.

With Gary Wright dropping out while running second, J. Johnson claimed the series point lead.

The finish:

Gary Taylor, Wayne Johnson, Jason Johnson, Nick Smith, Garry Lee Maier, Matt Covington, Kevin Ramey, Zach Chappell, Jamie Passmore, Travis Rilat, Eric Baldaccini, Sean McClelland, Justin Sturch, Brad Bowden, J.J. Hickle, Kathryne Minter, Channin Tankersley, Claud Estes, Ryan Hall, Gary Wright, Zach Pringle, Kenneth Walker, Mark



**Gary Taylor** 

# Lapped Traffic Helps Linder

WOODSTOCK, Ga. — Matt Linder saved the best for last in taking top honors during Saturday night's 25-lap American Sprint Car Series Rebel Region feature event at Dixie Speedway.

Linder took advantage of

**REBEL** 

lapped traffic on the final round denv

point-leader Kenny Adams his sixth ASCS victory of the season. Linder pocketed the \$2,000 winner's share for his efforts.

Adams took the lead away from initial pacesetter Matt Tiffany on the fourth lap. Weathering several cautions along the way including a red flag after nine laps for a Matt Kurtz flip, Adams appeared to be on his away to another Rebel score.

But Linder had other ideas, shooting into the lead for the win on the final lap when Adams found himself boxed in behind a pair of lapped cars. Adams settled for second, with Gohn in Australian shoe Stephen Lines was fourth, with Tiffany rebounding from an early scrape to round out the top five.

The finish:

Matt Linder, Kenny Adams, Bryn Gohn, Stephen Lines, Matt Tiffany, Tyler Godwin, Gavin Thomas, Michael Miller, Samantha Taylor, Brian Thomas, Nick Defeo, David Adkins, Brad Wickham, Bob Auld, Matt Kurtz, Jeremy Scott, Red

# Ortega Nabs Victory No. 2

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. — Albuquerque's Derrik Ortega made the most of his 700-mile journey to the Cornhusker state by racing to victory lane in Saturday night's 25-lap American Sprint Car Series

**ROCKY MTN.** 

Rocky Mountain Region feature

Lincoln County Raceway.

The 18-year-old padded his series point lead in the process with his second victory of the season aboard the Wesmarpowered Hodges Automotive/Ortega's Appliance Service No. 35 Maxim.

Ortega took the lead away from early pacesetter Jeremy McCune on the sixth lap and survived a close call in lapped traffic 11 laps later to secure the victory.

McCune settled for runner-up honors, with fellow Montana shoe Jerry Brey taking the show position. Jeff Heffner was fourth with Bob Schaeffer rounding out the top five.

The finish:

Derrik Ortega, Jeremy McCune, Jerry Brey, Jeff Heffner, Bob Schaeffer, Danielle Ossenfort, Chad Corken, Tommy Williams, Michelle Dodge, Joe McCarthy, Tim West, Bob Dvorak, Justin Wolf, Zach Merritt, Tom Belsky, Gary Herbst, Roger Sundquist, Mark Sweet, Billy Pate, Jake Oss



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**FIRST TIME:** Benny Gordon (66) holds Mark McFarland (81) back en route to his first victory of season in the Hooters Pro Cup Championship Series Kmart 250 at Virginia's Motor Mile Speedway.

# **Gordon Turns Things Around**

RADFORD, Va. — If the Kmart 250 at Motor Mile Speedway Saturday night was any indication of what the Hooters Pro Cup Championship Series is going to be like, race fans will be in for a treat.

HOOTERS PRO CUP Benny Gordon, the Sears Auto Center Northern Division pointleader, and Mark

McFarland, the Greased Lightning Southern Division point-leader, battled down to the finish of the 250-lap event before Gordon inched away for his first victory of the season.

"We had a lot of changes on the team this year, and it just takes a little while to build back to where we have been," said Gordon, driver of the No. 66n Samuel Metals Ford. "I could see the momentum in the shop and the enthusiasm in the guys. I was really thinking it was going to turn around tonight"

Though the premonition may have buoyed Gordon's confidence, Motor Mile is a track that he needs little extra incentive.

With his win Saturday night, Gordon has now won four races in seven starts at the .416-mile track.

"I don't what it is about this track,

but I love it," said Gordon, who took home \$11,000 for his win. "I grew up racing on a track that reminds me of this track, and I remembered a lot of secrets about how to set the car up and race the track."

After starting third in the 32-car field, Gordon took the lead from pole-sitter Clay Rogers on the 19th circuit and held on until pitting on lap 38. Most of the leaders followed Gordon's decision to short pit and came to pit road behind the No. 66 Ford.

Tim Bainey, Jr. and Allen Purkhiser took turns at the point until Jay Fogleman made his presence known at his former home track, taking the lead on lap 97.

Once out front, Fogleman, driver of the No. 4n Speedco/The Works Ford, built a lead of two seconds over the field before Gordon began to reel him in around lap 175.

Gordon ducked under Fogleman for the lead on lap 189. A caution negated the pass, but Fogleman decided to give up the lead and come to pit road.

With Fogleman trying to rally from the back, Gordon's focus turned to holding off McFarland.

McFarland, driver of the No. 81s Sears Auto Center Chevrolet, lurked around in the top three all night before pressuring Gordon for the win over the final 30 laps. McFarland closed to within a car length on several occasions, but he came up .305 second shy of his third victory in a row.

"My car was as good as it was all night at the end, handling-wise," said McFarland. "We were having brake problems all race and the (brake) pedal went soft. I really didn't know what I had each lap until I got to the corner; it was kind of scary. I didn't want to go in there and wipe Benny out."

Fogleman came home third, while Brandon Ward and Jeff Agnew filled the top five.

The finish:

Showing driver, car, laps completed money won: 1. Benny Gordon, Ford, 250, \$11,200; 2. Mark McFarland, Chevrolet, 250, \$6,000; 3. Jay Fogleman, Ford, \$7,400; 4. Brandon Ward, Ford, 250, \$5,000; 5. Jeff Agnew, Ford, 250, \$3,500; 6. Gary St. Amant, Chevrolet, 250, \$4,300; 7. Joey Coulter, Ford, 250, \$2,600; 8. Mart Nesbitt, Ford, 250, \$2,900; 9. Jason Sarvis, Chevrolet, 250, \$2,700; 10. Allen Purkhiser, Ford, 250, \$2,200; 11. Sam Fullone, Chevrolet, 250, \$2,500; 12. Derrick Kelley, Ford, 249, \$2,200; 13. Kerek Kale, Chevrolet, 249, \$2,300; 14. Tim Bainey, Jr., Ford, 248, \$1,800; 15. Tyler Young, Chevrolet, 246, \$3,100; 16. Travis Miller, Chevrolet, 244, \$1,600; 17. Michael Kidd, Chevrolet, 237, \$1,600; 18. Ronnie Souders, Chevrolet, 236, \$1,600; 19. Danny Abold, Chevrolet, 221, \$1,600; 20. Dwayne Tatman, Chevrolet, 205, \$1,600; 21. Donnie Rush, Jr., Chevrolet, 191, 14,00; 22. Matt Merrell, Chevrolet, 167, \$1,400; 23. Joe Harrison, Jr., Chevrolet, 159, \$1,400; 24. Danny Jackson, Chevrolet, 157, \$1,800; 25. Mike Marpton, Ford, 125, \$1,200; 26. Tim Kerr, Ford, 152, \$1,200; 27. Mike Hampton, Ford, 125, \$1,200; 28. Brett Butler, Ford, 105, \$1,200; 29. Ray Love, Jr., Chevrolet, 47, \$1,200; 30. Clay Rogers, Chevrolet, 47, \$2,200; 31. Scott Leach, Chevrolet, 7, \$1,200; 32. Caleb Holman, Chevrolet, 250, \$1,200.

# **Speechless James Victorious At Concord**



**Colt James** 

BY MIKE KERCHNER
SENIOR EDITOR

CONCORD, N.C. — It's not very often a race driver is speechless after a big victory, but that was the case Saturday night at Concord Motor-

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sport Park after Colt James topped the Supersonic 100 for the ASA Late

Model Series Southern Division. Racing in front of a huge contingent of family and friends, the Texan, who now calls Troutman, N.C., home, claimed a hard-fought, emotional victory at the three-eighths-mile asphalt oval.

"I don't know what to say," the 25year-old driver said while wiping tears from his eyes. "This is for my dad. He pours so much money into this operation and he really believes in me."

James battled with 15-year-old Drew Brannon, who had become the youngest winner in ASALMS history the previous weekend at I-70 Speedway in Missouri, throughout the 100-lap event.

Brannon led from the pole, but James moved ahead on lap 26. However, Brannon used a three-wide move through lapped traffic to regain the point on lap 34.

James was finally able to retake the lead on lap 68 and held on for the victory. Brannon finished second.

Point-leader Jimmy Lang, who won the first three events of the season, finished third after a flat tire sent him to the rear of the field during the first third of the event. Rookie-driver Blake Lehr was fourth, while NASCAR Nationwide Series driver Landon Cassill, who also came back from a flat right-front tire, finished fifth.

The finish:

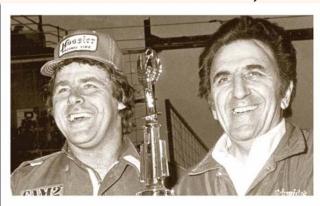
Colt James, Drew Brannon, Jimmy Lang, Blake Lehr, Landon Cassill, Brandon Johnson, Jeff Choquette, Butch Miller, Justin Larson, Jeremy Gerstner, Victor Pfluger, Logan Ruffin, A.J. Fulgenzi, Jerick Johnson, Chap Pierce, Casey Caudill, Dustin Dunn, Preston Peltier, Jessica Murphy, Bobby East, Scott Rueschenberg, Will Hannah, Todd Bradberry, Trent Snyder, Brian Blum, David Odell.

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**50 GRAND:** Kenny Brightbill (left) and late promoter Lindy Vicari are shown here in 1982. The following year, Brightbill won Vicari's \$50,000-to-win event at Nazareth, Pa.

# Fifty Grand At Nazareth Was A Unique Racing Event

By AL ROBINSON

Thirteen years before the Indianapolis 500 faced competition from a same-day rival, the U.S. 500 at Michigan Int'l Speedway on Memorial Day weekend 1996, the same scenario played out in the Northeastern big-block modified ranks.

Former Reading Fairgrounds promoter Lindy Vicari had resurrected the long-dormant 1.125-mile dirt Nazareth National Motor Speedway two years earlier, and as his crown jewel he scheduled a Columbus Day weekend spectacular in October, paying \$50,000 to win in cash — directly opposite Super DIRT Week at the Syracuse Mile, about 180 miles to the North.

The event had no title sponsor, in fact it never really had a name — NSSN's report labeled it the Lehigh Valley 200, but thousands of bumper stickers merely said, "I'm Going To Nazareth for \$50,000 To Win On October 9, 1983." In most respects the Vicari promotion was a clone of Glenn Donnelly's Syracuse event. It included a big-money sprint-car race, but instead of the Saturday attraction in New York, Nazareth's was to run Sunday before the modified event. And it was to feature 33 sprint cars starting in rows of three.

Will Cagle, Jack Johnson and Danny Johnson were the only major names to defect from Syracuse, but Jimmy Spencer, soon to be a NASCAR modified champion on pavement, was there as a teammate to big Tom Hager. With Reading only recently closed, Flemington in its heyday and the still-operating Bridgeport and U.S. 13 Speedways to draw from, there were a ton of big blocks in the Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Delaware region and plenty of regionally popular drivers. Nearly 150 modifieds took time, along with nearly 50 sprint cars.

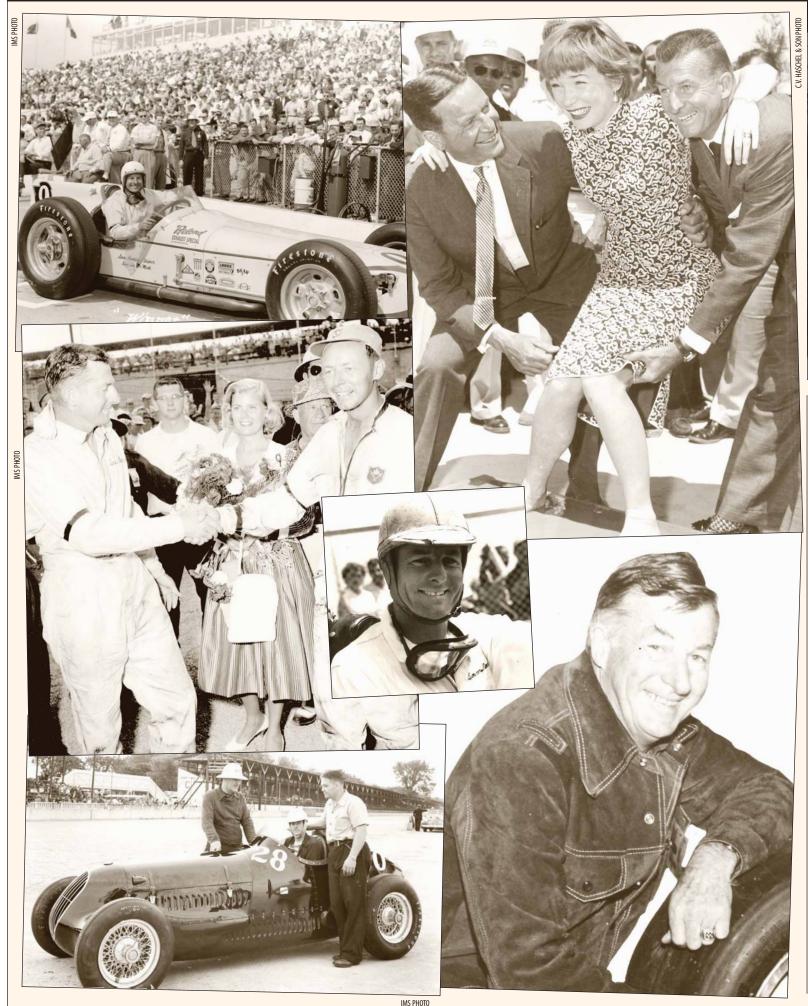
A near-capacity crowd watched the sprint-car feature take the green flag. Seconds later, they watched most of the field implode in a mammoth first-turn pileup. Several cars flipped. Remarkably, no one was seriously hurt and the 22 cars able to resume, starting in the normal rows of two. Frankie Kerr, a 23-year-old newcomer, passed Van May with four laps to go to win the \$10,000.

The long delay to clean up the sprint-car crash meant the October afternoon was well along when the 56 modified drivers were introduced with full pomp and circumstance. The sun was low in the sky when the 125-lapper was flagged off at a track with no lights.

Pole-winner Harold Bunting and Cagle exchanged the lead early in the event that saw 17 yellow flags eat up 65 of the 125 scheduled laps. Kenny Brightbill took over at the 100-lap mark, but a late yellow flag created more yellow flags and with the green-white-checkered rule in effect, the race was finally finished after 132 circuits, with Brightbill the \$50,000 winner in almost complete darkness.

The Fifty Grand at Nazareth remains unique.





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# **SAM HANKS**

California racer Sam Hanks won his first championship in 1937 and quickly became a successful midget, sprint-car and championship-car driver, racing all across the United States.

Hanks won the 1949 AAA national midget championship, the 1953 AAA

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big-car championship and claimed the Pacific Coast championship for USAC stock cars in 1956 and 1957.

Hanks raced in the Indianapolis 500 13 times and retired at the age of 43 after winning the presti-

gious event in 1957.

Hanks died in 1994 at age 79. He is a member of the National Midget Racing Hall of Fame, National Sprint Car Hall of Fame and Motorsports Hall of Fame of America.

Featured here (clockwise from top left): Aboard the winning car after the 1957 Indy 500; With the help of the late Indianapolis Motor Speedway owner Tony Hulman (left), helping actress Shirley MacLaine make her footprints at the speedway in May 1958; In June 1978; Ready for his first Indianpolis 500 start in 1940; Shaking hands with runner-up Jim Rathmann (right) after winning the 1957 Indianpolis 500; The multi-time champion ready to race.

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A quick look at what's on television this week: July 17-20.

# **Thursday**

- "NASCAR Now," 12 a.m., ESPN2
- Classic Drag Racing: 2005 NHRA Toyo Tires Nationals, 11 a.m., ESPN Classic
- NASCAR Sprint Cup Lifelock.com 400 (taped), 12 p.m., Speed
- Indy Lights from Nashville SuperSpeedway, 2:30 p.m, ESPN2
- "NASCAR Now," 6 p.m., ESPN2

# **Friday**

- "NASCAR Now," 12:30 a.m., ESPN2
- F-1 German Grand Prix practice, 8 a.m., Speed
- Classic Drag Racing: 2005 NHRA Americquest Nationals, 11 a.m., ESPN Classic
- NASCAR Whelen Modified Series from Loudon, N.H. (taped), 12 p.m., Speed
- NASCAR Camping World Series West from Irwindale, Calif. (taped),
- 1:30 p.m., Speed ■ ARCA RE/MAX Series Kentucky 150
- qualifying, 4:30 p.m., Speed ■ "NASCAR Now," 6 p.m., ESPN2
- NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Built Ford Tough 225 practice, 6:30 p.m., Speed
- NASCAR Nationwide Series Missouri-Illinois Dodge Dealers 250 practice, 7 p.m., ESPN2
- ARCA RE/MAX Kentucky 150, 8 p.m., Speed
- Prelude to the Dream (taped), 10 p.m., Speed
- USAR Hooters Pro Cup Kmart 250 (taped), 11 p.m., Vs.

# **Saturday**

- "Formula One Debrief," 12 a.m., Speed
- "Inside Grand Prix," 1 a.m., Speed
- ARCA RE/MAX Kentucky 150 (taped) 1:30 a.m., Speed
- "Inside Drag Racing," 6 a.m., Ion
- Inside Grand Prix," 7:30 a.m.,
- Speed ■ F-1 German Grand Prix qualifying,

# TUNE IN TO ...

The American Le Mans Series Acura Sports Car Challenge from Lexington, Ohio, starting at noon Sunday on NBC.

8 a.m., Speed

- World of Outlaws from Eldora Speedway (taped), 1 p.m., Speed
- "NCTS Midyear Report," 3 p.m., Speed
- NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Built Ford Tough 225 qualifying, 3:30 p.m., Speed
- NASCAR Nationwide Series Missouri-Illinois Dodge Dealers 250 qualifying, 5 p.m., ESPN2
- "NCTS Setup," 6 p.m., Speed
- NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Built Ford Tough 225, 7 p.m., Speed
- NHRA Schuck's Auto Supply Nationals qualifying, 8 p.m., ESPN2
- "NASCAR Countdown," 9 p.m., ESPN2
- NASCAR Nationwide Series Missouri-Illinois Dodge Dealers 250, 9:30 p.m., ESPN2

# Sunday

- GP2 Championship from
- Hockenheim, Germany, 11 a.m., Speed ■ "NHRA Race Day," 11 a.m., ESPN2
- American Le Mans Series Acura Sports Car Challenge, 12 p.m., NBC
- Formula One Preview," 12:30 p.m.,
- F-1 German Grand Prix, 1 p.m., Fox
- IndyCar Series Honda Indy 200, 1:30 p.m., ABC Grand Am Rolex Porsche 250, 3
- p.m., Speed
- "Inside Drag Racing," 5 p.m., Ion
- "Speed Report," 7 p.m., Speed
  "NASCAR Confidential," 8 p.m.,
- Speed
- NHRA Schuck's Auto Supply Nationals, 9 p.m., ESPN2
- "Wind Tunnel with Dave Despain," 9 p.m., Speed

# **MOTORSPORTS CALENDAR**

July 16 World of Outlaws Late Model Series vay, Gillette, Wvo., Late Models

July 16 Advance Auto Parts Super DIRTcar Series

July 16 Northeastern Midget Ass'n

July 16 ASCS Northwest Region

Willamette Speedway, Lebanon, Ore., Sprint Cars July 17 USAC Lucas Oil National Sprint Car Series

Kamp Motor Speedway, Boswell, Ind., Sprint Cars July 17 O'Reilly American Sprint Cars on Tour

Devil's Bowl Speedway, Mesquite, Texas, Sprint Cars

July 17 ASCS Northwest Region
Sunset Speedway, Banks, Ore., Sprint Cars

July 17 ASCS Northern Plains Region

July 17-20 Speed World Challenge Series

Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, Ohio, Sports Cars July 18 World of Outlaws Late Model Series

July 18 ARCA RE/MAX Series

Kentucky Speedway, Sparta, Ky., Stock Cars

July 18 USAC Lucas Oil National Sprint Car Series

July 18 Lucas Oil Late Model Series

Tri-City Speedway, Pontoon Beach, III., Late Models

July 18 O'Reilly American Sprint Cars on Tour State Fair Speedway, Oklahoma City, Okla., Sprint Cars

July 18 Golden State Challenge Ocean Speedway, Watsonville, Calif., Sprint Cars

July 18 United Racing Company
Big Diamond Raceway, Minersville, Pa., Sprint Cars

July 18 Empire Super Sprints

July 18 Interstate Racing Ass'n Hancock County Speedway, Britt, Iowa, Sprint Cars

July 18 O'Reilly United Sprint Car Series

July 18-19 Advance Auto Parts World of Outlaws

July 18-19 ASCS Northwest Region

July 18-20 National Hot Rod Ass'n Pacific Raceways, Kent, Wash., Dragster.

July 18-20 International Hot Rod Ass'n

July 19 NASCAR Nationwide Series

July 19 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series

July 19 American Le Mans Series

Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, Ohio, Sports Cars July 19 USAC Lucas Oil National Sprint Car Series

Tri-State Speedway, Haubstadt, Ind., Sprint Cars July 19 USAC Western Sprint Car, Midget Series

July 19 USAC-CRA Sprint Car Series
Perris Auto Speedway, Perris, Calif., Sprint Car.

July 19 NASCAR Camping World West Series

July 19 Hooters Pro Cup Series

n National Raceway Park, Kenly, N.C., Stock Cars

July 19 ASA Late Model Series

Salem Speedway, Salem, Ind., Late Models

July 19 Grand Am Koni Challenge
Barber Motorsports Park, Birmingham, Ala., Sports Car.

July 19 NASCAR Camping World East Series Music City Motorplex, Nashville,

July 19 Lucas Oil Late Model Series Lucas Oil Speedway, Wheatland, Mo., Late Models



TARGET SPOT: Scott Dixon leads Sam Hornish, Jr. (6) and Darren Manning last season at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course.

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# July 20, IRL IndyCar Series Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio

Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, Ohio, Indy Cars

The IRL IndyCar Series makes its second stop at the 2.258-mile, 13-turn Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course for the fifth event in the series' six-race summer stretch. Last season, Scott Dixon notched his third-straight victory and used the momentum to challenge series point-leader Dario Franchitti for the championship.

July 19 UMP DIRTcar Racing Summer Nationals

July 19 O'Reilly American Sprint Cars on Tour

July 19 ASCS Midwest, Northern Plains Regions

July 19 ASCS Gulf South Region
Gator Motorplex, Willis, Texas, Sprint Cars

July 19 ASCS Sprints on Dirt

July 19 ASCS Southwest Region
USA Race Park, Tucson, Ariz., Sprint Cars

July 19 All Star Circuit of Champions

July 19 Interstate Racing Ass'n

July 19 O'Reilly POWRi National Midget Series

July 19 Golden State Challenge Antioch Speedway, Antioch, Calif., Sprint Cars

July 19 United Racing Company

July 19 Empire Super Sprints Brockville Ontario Speedway, Brockville, Ontario, Sprint Cars

July 19 O'Reilly United Sprint Car Series

July 19 Bay Cities Area Racing Ass'n Madera Speedway

July 19-20 Indy Pro Series Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, Ohio, Indy Cars

July 20 IRL IndyCar Series Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, Ohio, Indy Cars July 20 Formula One World Championship

July 20 Advance Auto Parts World of Outlaws Lebanon Valley Speedway, West Lebanon, N.Y., Sprint Cars

July 20 World of Outlaws Late Model Series Belleville High Banks, Belleville, Kan., Late Models

July 20 Grand Am Rolex Series Barber Motorsports Park, Birmingham, Ala., Sports Cars

July 20 ARCA Lincoln Welders Truck Series

July 20 American-Canadian Tour

July 20 Badger Midget Series

Angell Park Speedway, Sun Prairie, Wis., Midget Cars

July 21 World of Outlaws Late Model Series

July 22-23 Advance Auto Parts World of Outlaws

July 23 USAC K&N Silver Crown Series erre Haute Action Track, Terre Haute, Ind., Silver Crown Cars July 24 World of Outlaws Late Model Series

Muskingum County Speedway, Zainesville, Ohio, Late Models July 24 USAC Silver Crown and Midget Series

O'Reilly Raceway Park, Clermont, Ind., Silver Crown and Midget Cars July 25 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series

O'Reilly Raceway Park, Clermont, Ind., Stock Cars July 25 Advance Auto Parts World of Outlaws
1-96 Speedway, Lake Odessa, Mich., Sprint Cars

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# **Darland Survives** Wild One At Kokomo

KOKOMO, Ind. — Dave Darland won the Bob Darland Memorial Indiana Sprint Week race in dramatic fashion Sunday night at Kokomo Speedway.

Darland passed Robert Ballou on the final lap, but what transpired before and after the checkered flag in the 30lap USAC National Sprint Car Series event provided the drama.

Jon Stanbrough jumped out front early, while Darland moved from seventh to second. Ballou took second from Darland on lap seven and chased Stanbrough.

As the white flag waved, Brett Burdette spun in turn one and Chad Boespflug was also involved. Stanbrough was bearing down on the melee and could not avoid clipping Burdette. As a result, Stanbrough flipped and the red flag appeared.

Reverting back one lap created a two-lap race to the finish, with Ballou, Darland, Cole Whitt, Tracy Hines and Darren Hagen in line.

Ballou and Darland raced side by side, with Darland on the low side and Ballou high. As the white flag waved a second time, it remained the same with the entire crowd on its feet.

Coming out of four. Darland gained the slight advantage and Ballou hit the wall, flipping wildly. As Darland took the checkered flag, Levi Jones collided with the disabled Ballou car, and Jones tumbled down the frontstraight. All drivers emerged unhurt.

Darland became the fourth winner in four nights.

Cole Whitt was credited with second spot, while Tracy Hines, Jones and Darren Hagen completed the top five.

The summary: Qualifications: 1. Brad Sweet, Kahne 9, 12.932; 2. Damion Gardner, Leffler 71, 13.052; 3. Tracy Hines, Stewart 21, 13.073; 4. Jon Stanbrough, Fox 53, 13.098; 5. Jerry Coons, Jr., Dynamics 69, 13.109; 6. Jeff Bland, Jr., Bland 21s, 13.129; 7. Dave Darland, 2B Racing 2b, 13.146; 8. Robert 13.440; 16. Levi Jones, Stewart 20, 13.453; 17. Daron Clayton, R & B 10 13.483; 18. Brett Burdette, Burdette 17b, 13.486; 19. Thomas Meseraull, 13-49-7, 10. Nett Obligette, Judicette, Judicette, 14, 15-40-7, 15-40-7, 15-10-7, 15 13.659; 27. Shane Cottle, Contos 4, 13.698; 28. Scotty Weir, Edison 10e, 13.711; 29. Chris Windom, Triple Crown 1h, 13.746; 30. Bret It Mellenherndt 97 13 750: 31 Casev Shuman Hazen 57x



#### **Dave Darland**

71k. 13.803: 34. Chad Boat. Boat 30. 13.816: 35. Cole Carter. Carter 7 7.18, 13.819; 36. Zach Martini, Rose 6, 13.832; 37. Josh Spencer, Batheldon 66, 13.899; 38. Kyle Cummins, Cummins 1c, 13.915; 39. Kyle Robbins, Robbins 17r, 13.922; 40. Ted Hines, Hines 12, 13.959; 41. Cory Kruseman, Kruseman 21k, 13.979; 42. Sammy Imel, Imel 35, 14.000; 43. Kent Christian, Christian 1x, 14.022; 44. Gary Rooke, Concept Motorsports 42a, 14.110: 45. Henry Clarke, Kruseman 5k, 14.122: 46. Kevin Studley 14.10; 45. Reinty Clarke, Nuserilai 3k, 14.122; 46. Revini Studiey Studiey 57, 14.136; 47. Anthony Peterman, Peterman 7p, 14.210; 48. John Memmer, Memmer 4m, 14.260; 49. Graig Dori, Shoestring 38, 14.340; 40. Rex Norris III, Norris 63, 14.352; 51. Chris Urish, Urish 77u, 14.368; 52. Brent Beauchamp, B & B 112, 14.372; 53. Kevin Thomas, Jr., Thomas 9k, 14.380; 54. Casey Riggs, Riggs 37, 14.465; 55. Matt Goodnight, Goodnight 39, 14,561,

Goodnight, Goodnight 39, 14.561.
First Qualifying Race (8 laps): Kruseman, Clarke, Mero, Robbins,
Christian, Peterman, Thomas, Goodnight, Spencer, Urish, Dori, Carter.
Second Qualifying Race (8 laps): Boat, Imel, Te. Hines, Martini,
Memmer, Norris, Studley, Rooke, Beauchamp, Cummins, Riggs.

First Heat (10 laps): Morgan, Windom, Schuerenberg, Sweet, Bacon, Clayton, Coons, Fitzpatrick, Kruseman, Mero.

Clayion, Louis, Frizpatrick, Nuberhair, Meto.
Second Heat (10 laps): Whitt, Boespflug, Gardner, Burdette, Robbins,
Mellenberndt, Bland, Pace, Wissmiller, Clarke.
Third Heat (10 laps): Cottle, Darland, Shuman, Meseraull, Tr. Hines,
Hagen, Boat, Clauson, Te. Hines, Shepherd.

Fourth Heat (10 laps): Weir, Jones, Gaines, Stanbrough, Hockett,

Semi (12 Japs): Tr. Hines, Clauson, Coons, Bland, Hagen, Ballou, Bacon, Hockett, Clayton, Boat, Pace, Mellenberndt, Anderson, Dennis, Kruseman, Imel, Robbins, Clarke, Martini, Shepherd, Wissmiller, Te. Hines, Mero.

rnues, Metu.
Feature (30 laps): Darland, Whitt, Tr. Hines, Jones, Hagen, Coons, Bacon, Clauson, Gardner, Morgan, Weir, Bland, Ballou, Stanbrough, Burdette, Boespflug, Cottle, Windom, Shuman, Gaines, Meseraull, Pace,

GASSIN' AROUND: Cole Whitt outwitted the competition Friday night at Gas City I-69 Speedway during USAC

# **Smooth Whitt Captures Gas City Laurels**

By MIKE O'LEARY NSSN CORRESPONDENT

GAS CITY, Ind. — Cole Whitt captured the third round of Indiana Sprint Week for USAC's National Sprint Car Series, pacing a one-two finish for Keith Kunz Motorsports. The victory was Whitt's second USAC triumph of the season and third at Gas City I-69 Speedway. He was followed by teammate Darren Hagen, Brad Sweet, Jon Stanbrough and Shane Cottle

Whitt credited the triumph to being smooth and to the preparation of the Keith Kunz Motorsports Ferguson-Red Bull Bullet.

"I knew it would be hard for everyone else to hit their marks and I just figured if we kept our cool and stayed calm, I figured we'd be pretty good," the 16-year-old driver said. "I just counted the laps down in my head."

Keeping up with a changing race track was key to a successful night. Ultimately, the popular line was around the bottom, not because it was fast, but because it was the shortest.

While Damion Gardner and Whitt showed the way early, Brady Short found out how quickly you can slip from the penthouse to the outhouse in the sprint-car game. After winning Thursday night, Short used a provisional to start the feature and flipped on the second lap.

While Whitt pressured Gardner on the restart, Hunter Schuerenberg moved to the top and began battling his way steadily forward. On the seventh lap, Gardner slipped wide in the second turn, and Whitt quickly shot through the hole, building a three-car length advantage before the end of the lap.

Whitt maintained his lead while working through slower cars at the halfway point, but the caution came out just a couple laps later.

Following the final restart, Whitt reestablished his advantage, and as the leaders staved in a line on the bottom, scored a straightaway-length victory. While he, Hagen and Sweet started in the first three rows, Stanbrough battled from the seventh row to fourth, while Cottle raced from 19th to finish fifth.

"We just had to hit the bottom perfect," Hagen said. "Cole started third and we started fifth, and I was watching him go through there and I tried the same thing. But he never missed his mark, he hit it perfect every lap."

Whitt said that the victory was huge, following his wins in the two previous local events at the track. "Those were big shows and we won two in a row, so we knew that we'd be good here," he "It was kind of nice coming in the pit gate, we kind of had our heads held up a little high, so that was

The summary:
Qualifications: 1. Scotty Weir, Edison 10e, 12.464; 2. Darren Hagen, Kunz 67, 12.489; 3. Brad Sweet, Kahne 9, 12.499; 4. Cole Whitt, Kunz 67k, 12.502; 5. Kenny Biro, Biro 22, 12.534; 6. Tracy Hines, Stewart 17, 12.539; 7. Damion Gardner, Leffler 71, 12.557; 8. Hunter Schuerenberg, Walker/Guiducci 11, 12.600; 9. Daron Glayton, R. 8, B 10, 12.610; 10. Jeff Bland Bland 11, 12.1615; 11, 12.000; Bland, Bland 21s, 12.615; 11. Dave Darland, 2B Racing 2b, 12.629; 12. blatti, Datrid 21s, 12.015; 11. Dave Darland, 2b racting 2b, 12.025; 12. Jerry Coons, Jr., Dynamics 69, 12.649; 13. cases Shuman, Burkey 57b, 12.656; 14. Steve Barth, Barth 14b, 12.664; 15. Levi Jones, Stewart 2b, 12.666; 16. Thomas Meseraull, R & B 10t, 12.697; 17. Kyle Cummins (1.2712; 18. Chris Gurley, Gurley 12g, 12.717; 19. Josh Spencer, Batcheldor 66, 12.722; 20. Jon Stanbrough, Fox 53, 12.752; 21. Sammy Imel, Imel 35, 12.781; 22. Cory Kruseman, Kruseman 21k, 12.819 23 Blake Fitznatrick Fitznatrick 10f 12 823: 24 Jesse Hockett VKCC 75 2.5. Blake PitZpatrick, PitZpatrick Tuf, 12.825; 24. Jesse Hockett, VRLC 1.5, 12.873; 25. Steve Ott, Ott Ot, 12.880; 26. Chris Windom, Triple Crown 1h, 12.887; 27. Bret Tripplett, Tripplett Tx, 12.898; 28. Austin Mero, Kruseman 71k, 12.924; 29. Shane Cottle, Contos 4, 12.926; 30. Brady Bacon, Kahne 99, 12.929; 30. Zach Martini, Rose 6, 12.933; 32. Ryan Pace, Pace 44, 12.945; 33. A.J. Anderson, Baldwin 5, 12.961; 34. Kyle Wissmiller, Price 0 12.972: 35. Kyle Robbins, Robbins 17r, 12.982: 36. Ted Hines, Hines 12. 1.29/2; 33. Nye Robonis, Robonis 7, 12.396; 36. Ice nines, nines 12, 12.992; 37. Brett Burdette, Burdette 17b, 13.003; 38. Matt Goodnight, Goodnight 39, 13.014; 39. Robert Ballou, MPHG 81, 13.015; 40. Neil Shepherd, Shepherd 4n, 13.039; 41. Kevin Thomas Jr., Thomas 9k, 13.054; 42. Chad Boat, Boat 30, 13.07; 48. Brady Short, Short 36, 13.085; 44. Chad Boespflug, Gatten 98, 13.117; 45. Rex Norris III, Norris 63, 13.131; 46. John Memmer, Memmer 4m, 13.148: 47. Henry Clarke, Kruseman 5k. 40. John Memmer, Memmer Am, 13. 148; 47. Henry Clarke, Nuseman Sk, 13.205; 48. Anthony Peterman, Peterman 7p, 13.205; 49. Bret Mellenberndt, Mellenberndt 97, 13.288; 50. Brent Beauchamp, Beauchamp 112, 13.332; 51. Kevin Studley, Studley, 57, 13.367; 52. Craig Dori, Shoestring 38, 13.503; 53. Jonathan Hendrick, Hendrick 68, 13.528. First Qualifying Race (8 Japs): Anderson, Robbins, Mellenberndt, Ballou, Hendrick, Short, Burdette, Clarke, Thomas, Studley.

Bailou, Hendrick, Snort, Burdette, Clarke, Ihomas, Studiey. Second Qualifying Race (8 Japs): Te. Hines, Wissmiller, Boat, Goodnight, Boespflug, Memmer, Peterman, Beauchamp, Dori, Shepherd. First Heat (10 Japs): Cottle, Ott, Anderson, Imel, Weir, Clayton, Shuman, Cummins, Mellenberndt, Biro. Second Heat (10 Japs): Windom, Bacon, Kruseman, Bland, Gurley, Tr. Higgs, Hang, Path Buller, Path Live.

Hines, Hagen, Barth, Ballou, Robbins.
Third Heat (10 laps): Darland, Jones, Gardner, Boat, Martini,

Titizatrick, Sweet, Te. Hines, Tripplett, Spencer.
Fourth Heat (10 Japs): Coons, Schuerenberg, Hockett, Stanbrough,
Pace, Meseraull, Wissmiller, Goodnight, Mero, Whitt.
Semi (12 Japs): Weir, Hagen, Sweet, Whitt, Tr. Hines, Clayton, Cummins, Ballou, Martini, Gurley, Pace, Barth, Fitzpatrick, Mero, Shuman, Robbins,

Tripplett, Goodnight, Mellenberndt, Meseraull, Te, Hines, Wissmiller, Feature (30 laps): Whit, Hagen, Sweet, Stanbrough, Cottle, Tr. Hines, Darland, Jones, Coons, Windom, Weir, Bacon, Schuerenberg, Boat, Clayton, Kruseman, Imel, Gardner, Pace, Ott, Hockett, Anderson, Bland,

# Short Knew From The Beginning That He Would End Up Winning

By MIKE O'LEARY **NSSN CORRESPONDENT** 

LAWRENCEBURG, Ind. — Just two laps into Thursday's USAC National Car Series event Lawrenceburg Speedway, Brady Short knew he was going to win.

With a machine that responded anywhere he drove it, Short led all 30 laps of the second stop of 2008 Indiana Sprint Week. Hunter Schuerenberg, Shane Cottle, Jerry Coons, Jr. and Dave Darland filled the top five.

Short said that the car was perfect for the track conditions and after flipping during the feature the night before, admitted that the victory gave the crew a big boost. "These guys worked hard all night," he said. "Two of them didn't sleep at all last night.

They do all of that just for this."

Short quickly built a three-second advantage and his Indiana Stone Works-sponsored Maxim untouchable. With nearly everyone else staying close to the inside, Schuerenberg worked around Cottle to take second on lap four.

Several yellow flags slowed the pace and Short admitted that he'd rather not see the caution flag.

"I'm kind of a rhythm guy and once I start going, I run the same pace and I'm hard to mess up," he said. "But those yellows were making me a little bit nervous. You never know, somebody can go in there and slide up in front of you, hit you and wreck you. But it all paid off and I'm glad that it's over now.

The three-eighths-mile oval was uni-

formly fast and overtaking was difficult. Drivers trying to pass on the outside frequently lost several spots. With the exception of Schuerenberg and Cottle, the first five took the checkers in the same order they completed the first lap. Meanwhile, Cole Whitt romped from 17th to finish

Schuerenberg was pragmatic after finishing second. "The cushion was really, really tall and it wasn't the type of cushion that you could run up there for 30 laps, stay consistent and make up ground without upsetting the car or bikin' it," he said.

The track was significantly slower for early qualifiers and several drivers who ran well the night before found themselves in unusual situations. Tracy Hines, who had to come

through the non-qualifiers race, then from the tail of his heat, battled from 22nd to 15th. He noted that the field was 22 deep with good racers, adding. "It was just hard to get through the

The summary:
Qualifications: 1. Dave Darland, 2B Racing 2b, 13.319; 2. Blake Qualintations: 1. Dave Darlanty, 2.6 nating 20, 15.319; 2. Blade Fitzpatrick, 10f, 13.411; 3. Hunter Schuerenberg, Walker/Guiducci 11, 13.460; 4. Jerry Coons, Jr., Dynamics 69, 13.527; 5. Brady Short, Short 36, 13.537; 6. Neil Shepherd, Shepherd 4n, 13.598; 7. Shane Cottle, Contos 4, 13.618; 8. Chris Windom, Triple Crown 1h, 13.642; 9. Brad Sweet, Kahne 9, 13.646; 10. Daron Clayton, R.&. B 10, 13.651; 11. Tim Spindler, Rock Steady 2c, 13.702; 12. Darren Hagen, Kunz 67, 13.706; 13. Scatts Midel, Edica 10, 21.701, 18. Earth Malespeerd, Michalespeerd 13. Scotty Weir. Edison 10e, 13.740: 14. Bret Mellenberndt, Mellenberndt 13. Scotty Weif, Edison Ive, 13.740; 14. Bret Meilenbermat, Meilenbermat 97, 13.752; 15. Sammyl Imel, Billa 35, 13.783; 16. Brady Bacon, Kahne 99, 13.810; 17. Chad Boat, Boat 30, 13.823; 18. Zach Martini, Rose 6, 13.826; 19. Ryan Pace, Pace 44, 13.828; 20. John Memmer, Memmer 4m, 13.838; 21. Kyle Robbins, Robbins 171, 13.877; 22. Levi Jones, Stewart 20, 13.899; 23. Damion Gardner, Leffler 71, 13.926; 24. Jeff Bland, Bland 21s, 13.928; 25. Dustin Morgan, M & M 93x, 13.955; 26. Brett Burdette 13-26; 25. Justin Morgan, M. 493K, 13-953; 26. Brett Burdette; 181, 13-958; 27. Thomas M Seserauli, R. 8 B. 101, 14.011; 28. Cole Whitt, Kunz 67k, 14.038; 29. Josh Spencer, Batcheldor 66, 14.116; 30. Kyle Wissmiller, Price J. 41.125; 31. Joss Polockett, VKCC 75, 14.208; 34. Brad Kuhn, Riggs 37, 14.218; 35. Kevin Thomas, Jr., Thomas 9k, 14.223; 14.271; 38. Shain Mathews, Mathews 1m, 14.390; 39. Brent Beauchamp, Beauchamp 112, 14.396; 40. Joss Moffatt, Moffatt 5j, 14.457; 41. Ted Hines, Hines 12, 14.510; 42. Derek Franks, Law 77, 14.531; 43. Kevin Studley, Studley 57, 14.707; 44. Shawn Westerfeld, Westerfeld 89, 14.713; 45. Chad Boespflug, Gatten 98, 14.788; 46. Austin Mero, Kruseman 71k, 15.001; 47. Matt Goodnight, Goodnight 39, 15.041; 48.

Mike Weber, Weber 22w, 15.621.
First Qualifying Race (8 laps): Hockett, Beauchamp, Boespflug, Thomas, Clarke, Goodnight, Te. Hines, Studley.
Second Qualifying Race (8 laps): Tr. Hines, Kuhn, Moffatt, Mero, Franks,

Mathews, Westerfeld, Weber, First Heat (10 laps): Spencer, Robbins, Sweet, Darland, Boespflug.

Nokett, Boat, Weir, Short, Morgan.
Second Heat (10 laps): Wissmiller, Jones, Clayton, Martini, Mellenberndt, Fitzpatrick, Shepherd, Thomas, Burdette, Beauchamp.
Third Heat (10 laps): Stanbrough, Gardner, Cottle, Tr. Hines, Meseraull,

Imel, Schuerenberg, Spindler, Moffatt, Pace. Fourth Heat (10 laps): Whitt, Bland, Ballou, Bacon, Windom, Coons,

Fount near (10 rap); white, brains, ballou, bason, whiteburn, cools, Hagen, Kuhn, Mero, Memmer.
Semi (12 laps): Coons, Schuerenberg, Short, Fitzpatrick, Windom, Weir, Hagen, Shepherd, Boat, Meseraull, Boespflug, Imel, Hockett, Beauchamp, Spindler, Mero, Mellenberndt, Thomas, Moffatt, Burdette,

Feature (30 laps): Short, Schuerenberg, Cottle, Coons, Darland, Whitt Hagen, Bacon, Windom, Weir, Jones, Bland, Boat, Fitzpatrick, Tr. Hines, Sweet, Martini, Spencer, Hockett, Robbins, Stanbrough, Ballou, Gardner,

NOT SO BLAND: Jeff Bland, Jr. slides through a turn during the USAC Indiana Sprint Week opener at Lawrenceburg (Ind.) Speedway July 9.

# Bland, Jr. Is Spicy In **Sprint Week Opener**

Jeff Bland, Jr. started on the pole and drove to victory lane on the opening night of USAC Indiana Sprint Week at Lawrenceburg Speedway July

But his drive to his first USAC National Sprint Car Series triumph was far from

# **USAC SPRINTS** the

Bland led first seven laps, but gave up

the point to Robert Ballou on lap eight. Ballou had the field covered on the quarter-mile oval until the left-rear tire on his No. 81 went flat during a vellow flag on lap 24 after Jon Stanbrough stopped on the track with a flat right-rear tire.

Bland inherited the lead for the restart and paced the remainder of 30-lap event, keeping point-leader Levi Jones, who was also the fast qualifier, at bay during the closing laps.
Damion Gardner finished

third, with Shane Cottle, who started 18th, and Dave Darland rounding out the top five.

The summary: Qualifications: 1. Levi Jones, Stewart 20, 12.926; 2. Tracy Hines, Stewart 21, 13.222; 3. Cony Kruseman, Kruseman 21k, 13.246; 4. Neil Shepherd, Shepherd An, 13.314; 5. Robert Ballou, MPHG 81, 13.334; 6. Ted Hines, Hines 12, Robert Ballou, MPHc 81, 13.334; 6. led Hines, Hines 12, 13.343; 7. Damion Gardne, Leffler 71, 13.386; 8. Jeff Bland, Bland 21s, 13.390; 9. Scotty Weir, Edison 10e, 13.399; 10. Chris Windom, Triple Crown 1h, 13.414; 11. Brad Sweet, Kahne 9, 13.442; 12. Cole Whitt, Kunz 67k, 13.455; 13. Jerry Coons, Jr., Dynamics 69, 13.485; 14. Dave Darland, 2B Racing 2b, 13.487; 15. Jesse Hockett, VKCC 75, 13.506; 16. Daron Clayton, R & B 10, 13,506; 17, Thomas Meseraull, R & B 10t. 13.537: 18. Chad Boat. Boat 30. 13.539: 19. Josh Spencer, Batcheldor 66, 13.546; 20. Jon Stanbrough, Fox 53, 13.557; 21. John Memmer, Memmer 4m, 13.616; 22. Hunter Schuerenberg, Walker/Guiducci 11, 13.645; 23. Shane Cottle, Contos 4, 13.650; 24. Brady Bacon, Kahne 99, 13.699; 25. Brett Burdette, Burdette 17b, 13.705; 26. Ryan Pace, Pace 44, 13.705; 27. Brady Short, Short 36, 13.710; rndt. Mellenberndt 97, 13,727; 29. Jin Bret Mellenberndt, Mellenberndt 97, 13./27; 29, Jimmy Light, Light 23, 13.778; 30. Zach Martini, Rose 6, 13.799;
 Darren Hagen, Kunz 67, 13.800; 32. Blake Fitzpatrick, Fitzpatrick 10f, 13.816; 33. Brad Kuhn, Riggs 37,13.847; 34.
 Cole Carter, Carter 7, 13.897; 35. Matt Goodnight, Goodnight 39, 14.013; 36. Kyle Robbins, Robbins 176. Goodnight 39, 14:013, 30. Nyle Robbills, 174, 14.052; 37. Mat Neely, Ellis 73, 14.053; 38. Mike Weber, Weber 22w, 14:071; 39. Derek Franks, Law 77, 14.089; 40. Kevin Studley, Studley 57, 14:117; 41. Sammy Imel, Imel 35, 14:154; 42. Kyle Wissmiller, Price 0, 14:166; 43. Dustin Morgan, M & M 93, 14.221; 44. Chad Boespflug, Gatten 98, 14.265; 45. Shain Mathews, Mathews 1m, 14.494; 46.



#### Jeff Bland, Jr.

Henry Clarke, Kruseman 41k, 14.641: 47, Austin Mero Kruseman 71k, 14.659; 48. Kevin Thomas, Jr., Thomas 9k

Kruseman 71k, 14.659; 48. Kevin Thomas, Jr., Thomas 9k, 14.697.
First Qualifying Race (8 laps): Kuhn, Imel, Mero, Mathews, Goodnight, Neely, Franks, Morgan.
Second Qualifying Race (8 laps): Robbins, Boespflug, Carter, Wissmiller, Thomas, Weber, Studley, Clarke.

First Heat (10 laps): Coons, Meseraull, Weir, Ballou, Jones

Kuhn, Memmer, Burdette, Mero, Light.
Second Heat (10 laps): Darland, Schuerenberg, Pace,
Windom, Boat, Tr. Hines, Mathews, Te. Hines, Imel, Martini. Third Heat (10 laps): Short, Hagen, Cottle, Gardner, Hockett, Sweet, Robbins, Spencer, Carter, Kruseman.

Fourth Heat (10 laps): Bacon, Stanbrough, Whitt, Bland, Boespflug, Fitzpatrick, Clayton, Shepherd, Wissmiller, Mellenberndt.

Semi (12 laps): Tr. Hines, Shepherd, Sweet, Jones, Hockett, Boat, Memmer, Spencer, Robbins, Kuhn, Imel, Boespflug, Fitzpatrick, Carter, Burdette, Te. Hines, Wissmiller, Mero, Mathews, Clayton, Mellenberndt

Feature (30 laps): Bland, Jones, Gardner, Cottle, Darland, Hines, Sweet, Bacon, Schuerenberg, Hagen, Coons, Windom, Weir, Hockett, Pace, Ballou, Meseraull, Boat, Clayton, Stanbrough, Whitt, Morgan, Shepherd, Short,

# Five Winners Taste Victory In Dakota Swing

ESTEVAN, Saskatchewan -Two familiar foes from north-

**IMCA** 

made international trip to

decide round two of the Big Dog Chassis Dakota Classic Tour for IMCA modifieds.

Jay Noteboom regained the lead from fellow Mike Hansen on the 25th of 30 laps July 7 at Estevan Motor Speedway, and led the rest of the distance.

David Murray, Jr. was third ahead of Aaron Turnbull and Shawn Strand in the top five.

The finish:

Jay Noteboom, Mike Hahnsen, David Murray, Jr., Aaron Turnbull, Shawn Strand, Marlyn Seidler, Hank Berry, Jay Steffens, Will Brack, Stacey Wilhelm, David Emmel, Devin Agyandr, Les McLenehan, Joren Boyce, Noel Dube, Troy Heupel, Tyson Turnbull, Mike Hagen, Dan Carl, Dennis Knudson, Rich Lewerke, Wyatt Olson, Robby Haines, Ben

# July 8

WILLISTON, N.D. — Once he made it to the front spot, there

was no catching Will Brack on night three of the Big Dog Chassis Dakota Classic Tour for IMCA modifieds.

Brack made his way into the July 8 feature at Williston Basin Speedway by winning his B main. He started 13th in the 30-lap feature and won in convincing fashion.

Hank Berry started from the pole, but lost the lead to Brack on lap 17 and settled for second place. Reese Coffee, Mike Hansen and Troy Heupel followed Berry across the stripe.

The finish:
Will Brack, Hank Berry, Reese Coffee, Mike Hansen, Troy
Heupel, Ben Seidler, John Flory, Jay Noteboom, Wayne
Johnson, Joren Boyce, Robert Hellebust, Shawin Strand, Eric Folstad, Jav Steffens, Chris Abelson, Stacev Wilhelm, Stever Pfeifer, John Barber, David Murray, Jr., Marlyn Seidler, Matt Brack, Rich Lewerke, Les McLenehan, Robby Haines.

#### **July 9**

WILLISTON, N.D. — Rich Lewerke saw his luck turn around on night four of the Big Dog Chassis Dakota Classic Tour.

Lewerke borrowed Robbie

Haines's backup car and led all 30 laps of the IMCA modified feature July 9 at Williston Basin Speedway

Lewerke crashed on opening night at Minot, then followed with 21st- and 22nd-place finishes before turning things around.

Will Brack was second, followed by Marlyn Seidler, Mike Hansen and Troy Heupel.

The finish:

Rich Lewerke, Will Brack, Marlyn Seidler, Mike Hansen, Troy Heupel, Steve Pfeifer, Davin Emmel, Reese Coffee, Shawn Strand, Robert Hellebust, Hank Berry, Matt Brack, Dan Carl, Chris Abelson, Jay Steffens, Joren Boyce, Thomas Lea Deta Brail, Drug Christings Let Mid-packs Bustle. Lee, Pete Bradley, Drew Christianson, Les McLenehan, Rusty Corneliusen, Mike Hagen, Jay Noteboom, John Flory.

#### Thursday

DICKINSON, N.D. — A homestate driver won Thursday night's Big Dog Chassis Dakota Classic Tour feature IMCA modifieds at Southwest Speedway.

Ben Seidler, who took the lead for the final time on lap 24, became the fifth different winner in as many events.

Robby Haines was second, ahead of Devin Raynard, Dan Carl and Troy Heupel.

The finish:

Ben Seidler, Robby Haines, Devin Raynard, Dan Carl, Troy Heupel, Will Brack, David Murray, Jr., Jarret Wold, Les McLenehan, Eric Folstad, Stacey Wilhelm, Darrel Bauer, Mike Hansen, Jeff Decker, Pete Bradley, Shawn Strand, Troy Hollinger, Steven Kuntz, Marlyn Seidler, Drew Christianson, Jay Noteboom, Mark Dahl, Rich Lewerke, Jeff Hooker.

#### Saturday

MANDAN, N.D. — Everything that needed to happen for Hank Berry to win the Big Dog Chassis Dakota Classic Tour championship did.

Berry led Saturday's 30-lap IMCA modified feature at Dacotah Speedway from start to finish.

Ben Seidler was second. Matt Brack, Jay Noteboom and Jeff Decker filled the top five.

The finish:
Hank Berry, Ben Seidler, Matt Brack, Jay Noteboom, Jeff Decker, Steve Pfeifer, Mike Hansen, Shawn Strand, David Murray, Jr., Toy Heupel, Martyn Seidler, Drew Christianson, Robert Hellebust, Jay Steffens, Rusty Corneliusen, Dan Carl, Joren Boyce, Eric Folstad, Will Brack, Darryn Schuler, Aaron Turnbull, Wyatt Olson, Mark Dahl, Darrell Bauer.

# Young Kenseth Tops Big 8

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis. — Ross Kenseth became the second-youngest driver to win a BRP Big 8 Late Model feature

**BIG8LM** 

Saturday night when earned he his first

series victory at Golden Sands Speedway.

At 15 years, 48 days old, Kenseth, the son of NASCAR driver Matt Kenseth, is one day older than Michael Bilderback was when he notched his first victory on Oct. 1, 2006.

Kenseth took the lead from Jim Duchow with five laps remaining.

The veteran Duchow settled for second ahead of Eric Klawitter. Jeremy Miller took fourth place and the series points lead, while Bilderback completed the top five.

The finish:

Ross Kenseth, Jim Duchow, Eric Klawitter, Jeremy Miller, Michael Bilderback, Steve Dobbratz, Brady Liddle, Ryan Miles, Skylar Holzhausen, Brian Back, Jimmy Ganski, Rich Schumann, Jr., Wes Coon, Ryan Carolson, Becca Kasten, Nathan Oppliger, Ed Szelagowski, Jr., Scott Broughton, Tim Sargent, Brad Keith, Tyler Bauknecht, Kenny Richards, Bernie Fritz, Matt Byrne.





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# **HISTORY:**

# Museums Have Important Task Of Telling Sport's History

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street machines, is permeated with stories of "barn finds" — supposedly lost cars discovered and rescued one step from the junkyard. Dick Trickle's A&W Root Beer Mustang, which won more than 60 features on Wisconsin and Illinois paved tracks in 1972, now restored and owned by Ken Schrader, is a real-life example. Are there any more still to be found?

'Sure, there are cars out there that have been locked in barns and garages for 40 years untouched. We hear about them every year," said Tom Schmeh, curator of the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame and Museum in Knoxville, Iowa. When it comes to validating such a discovery, "The most important thing is the frame and chassis. If you can authenticate that, you understand that some of the other parts will have to be reproduced," he added.

Schmeh emphasized that those whose task it is to preserve the history of the sport need to recognize the importance of contributors who are not household names. "Our Hall of Fame is intended to honor the highest achievers in sprint-car racing. Our museum honors the entire sport, from the all-time greats to the grass-roots sprint-car racer," he explained.

When it comes to authenticating cars and other artifacts like helmets and uniforms, "Photographs are the best source," Schmeh declared. "There was a Jan Opperman helmet with a distinctive paint scheme. When it was brought to us, we were able to authenticate it based on the contemporary photos of Opperman.'

The geographical expanse of the sprint-car universe, with separate centers of activity in Pennsylvania, the Midwest and the West Coast, puts a premium on local knowledge. Fortunately, there are preservationists like Lynn Paxton of the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing in York



NATIONAL SPRINT CAR HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM PHOTO

BACK IN TIME: The National Sprint Car Hall of Fame and Museum at Knoxville (Iowa) Raceway features, among other displays, a recreation of sprint-car builder Johnny Gerber's garage.

Springs, Pa., who combine technical expertise in restoration with vast experience on the track and personal acquaintance with the drivers, owners, builders and mechanics who made them famous.

Buz McKim, historian for the NASCAR Hall of Fame, pointed out that the collections and exhibits he is in the process of assembling need to appeal to the widest possible audience, just as the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland reaches beyond hard-core music fans.

'We can preach to the choir all we want, but we have to reach the nonrace fan, to show them and explain to them why this sport has become so big and why it is important," explained. As an example, McKim cited an obscure driver in the first

NASCAR road race at Linden, N.J., in 1954 listed as "J. Christopher." An amateur racer who concealed his identity to avoid SCCA banishment for accepting prize money, research showed "J. Christopher" to be the pseudonym of jazz musician and actor Conrad Janis, later to gain popculture fame as the father on the 'Mork and Mindy" TV series.

"One advantage we have is that many of the people who made the history are still alive, going all the way back to (pioneer stock-car owner) Raymond Parks, who was there even before NASCAR," McKim noted, pointing out that for many who have passed away, family members or friends remain as caretakers of their

As director of the most famous rac-

ing museum in the U.S.A., Ellen Bireley of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum is approached with offers to donate memorabilia on a regular basis. "A lot of times we get contacted by families who have had a loved one pass away, and they will come to us and say that in cleaning out they found some memorabilia. We follow every inquiry because you can always find a gem," she explained.

"The majority are photos and programs and tickets that people want to go to a good home. We ask them to provide us with a list of what they Bireley continued, "If it's something that we've never seen before, or if it's a photo from a different angle, we'd be very interested in it. If it's something we already have

we would then lead them toward some of the collectors who can give them a price should they wish to sell it. With programs, we see if it is in better condition than what we already have," she added.

At the other end of the spectrum are the historic cars for front-and-center display, the stars of the show which bring people to the speedway museum the 45 weeks a year when there is not practice, qualifying or racing in progress. "Our most recent acquisition is Danica Patrick's rookie car that was donated to us. With her current media frenzy, that was very important to the museum," Birelev

Like the Sprint Car Hall of Fame, the IMS museum keeps a close eye on historic vehicles around the country. "There were many car builders who raced here at Indianapolis who were from California and their roots are there, so we're constantly watching what goes on out there. We track and keep tabs on collections as dealers are buying and as collections, for one reason or another, are sold or split up,' Bireley concluded.

It is ultimately the public that decides what aspects of racing history appeal to them. Traditionalists will study Wilbur Shaw's Maserati or Bill Vukovich's Fuel Injection Special Kurtis roadster from every angle. For those whose interests emphasize the drivers, the Opperman collection in Knoxville or the faithfully reconstructed shop of Tommy Hinnershitz at the EMMR in York Springs, Pa., can hold greater fascination.

For the newcomer, interactive displays like the planned two-story ramp at the NASCAR Hall of Fame, with its pitch rising to the 33-degree angle of the banking at Talladega Superspeedway while displaying 18 historic cars from Red Byron's coupe to the Car of Tomorrow along the way, may bring the sport's history into focus most effectively.

The men and women who acquire, authenticate, decide to exhibit and finally, put on display all these aspects of racing history carry a heavy responsibility and deserve recognition for their contributions to keeping the rich past of motorsports alive.

# **FEMALE:**

# **Beatriz Is First Woman** To Win Indy Lights Race

**CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3** 

Schmidt Motorsports Nashville. The team won with Thiago Medeiros in 2004, Jaime Camara in 2005 and Alex Lloyd in 2006.

Beatriz was brought to the United States by former CART driver Andre Ribeiro, who serves as her manager.

"It's hard work, but Sam Schmidt has taught me everything about ovals and I was able to win my first race on an oval," Beatriz said. "I'm really, really happy to win as a driver, not so much as a driver of my gender.

"I look forward to having a great career in America."

Bobby Wilson finished second with Arie Luyendyk, Jr., third.

"I was trying to work on Ana scorcher out there.

"We had a downforce package that wasn't great in traffic, but it was in clean air," Luyendyk said.

The finish:

THE HHISH.
Showing driver, laps completed, money won: 1. Ana Beatriz, 77, \$32,500; 2. Bobby Wilson, 77, \$25,000; 3. Arie Luyendyk, Jr., 77, \$21,000; 4. J.R. Hildebrand, 77, \$17,000; S. Raphael Matos, 77, \$16,000; 6. Logan Gomez, 77, \$15,000; 8. Sean Guthrie, 77, \$15,000; 8. S 514,500; 9. Andrew Prendeville, 77, \$14,000; 10. Pablo 514,500; 9. Andrew Prendeville, 77, 514,000; 10. Palob Donoso, 77, 513,000; 11. Bernt Sherman, 77, 514,000; 12. Richard Antinucci, 75, \$11,500; 13. Cyndie Alleman, 75, \$10,500; 14. Robbile Pecorari, 75, \$10,000; 15. Simmons, 73, \$9,500; 16. James Davison, 44, 95,000; 17. Jonny Reid, 43, \$8,500; 18. Chris Festa, 39, \$8,000; 19. Dillon Battistini, 23, \$8,500; 20. Micky Gilbert, 9, \$5,500.

there lap after lap, and stay out of trouble," Wilson said. "I tried not to make any mistakes, and that got us up to second. It was all about timing for me. That's how I made the passes. I didn't have much of a problem with that. It was a

The high heat and humidity made Luvendyk's third-place finish harder work than his runner-up finish at Iowa last

# IRL Axing Nashville In 2009?

By Bruce Martin NSSN CORRESPONDENT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — After eight years of loyal fan support, including sold-out or near sell-out crowds, Nashville Superspeedway is about to fall off the IndyCar Series schedule.

**IRL INDYCAR** 

Although fans of the Tennessee track have been very supportive of the series, the con-

crete surface does not lend itself to a competitive IndyCar Series race, making it a one-groove track.

Combine that with one of the lowest sanctioning fees in the series and IndyCar Series officials are prepared to replace the 25,000-seat facility on next year's schedule in order to make room for some new venues

"There are a lot of tracks that I think want IndyCar races," said driver Dan

Wheldon.

That means one of IndyCar racing's coolest trophies — a specially-painted Gibson Guitar — may have been awarded for the final time to Scott Dixon on Saturday night.

"The guitar trophy is the only thing I will miss about this place," said Tony Kanaan. "It's one groove, really hard on the equipment. The concrete is really abrasive and you have a lot of marbles out there and cannot run two lines. When it is difficult, we have a tendency to not like it and I don't like it very well at all.

Ironically, the track is in the home area of Firestone, which makes it a very important market for IndyCar's tire supplier. It is also the one track that eats up tires because of the abrasive concrete

Third-place finisher Helio Castroneves believes it will be a shame to leave a track that had some solid fan support.

There is nothing we can do about it," Castroneves said. "Obviously, this place is great. You see folks out there. If the series sees the best interest in not coming back, there's nothing we can do. Certainly, the drivers like to be

"Definitely the concrete, I believe, is the issue. Firestone has been doing fantastic trying to make better tires. But it's just the concrete, which has a lack of grip. Our cars, it's tough for us. We depend a lot on the downforce as well. When the tire is gone, basically for us, it's difficult to stay right behind another guy or try a second groove.

IndyCar will add a street race in Toronto to the schedule next season and possibly a return to the ovals at New Hampshire Motor Speedway and Las Vegas Motor Speedway.



SIDEWAYS: Jason Johnson wheels his No. 41 sprint car under Mike Brecht (7c) at Ohio's Eldora Speedway during heat-race action for the Ollie's Mart 360 Challenge July 8.

# hatz Denied As Johnson Wins

**By Jim Morrison** 

ROSSBURG, Ohio -- It seemedearly in the Ollie's Mart 360

**OLLIE'S 360** 

Challenge July 8 at Eldora Speedway

that Donny Schatz had an easy drive to a \$56,000 payday.

That went up in smoke as his engine gave up on the 27th lap, handing Jason Johnson his first victory at the high-banked half-mile dirt track.

When the race was restarted on lap 26 for the final four green-flag laps, moved easily ahead.

"This is my first win at Eldora," Johnson said. "This is sweet.

Schatz, who drives for Eldora Speedway-owner Tony Stewart on the World of Outlaws circuit, would have won \$6,000 for winning the 30-lap feature and \$50,000 for being the first driver to repeat in victory lane in the three-race series that includes Sharon Speedway, Williams Grove Speedway and Eldora Speedway

Schatz won the opening round at Sharon Speedway.

Johnson and Schatz are the drivers eligible for the bonus at the Aug. 19 finale at Williams

World of Outlaws regular Sam Hafertepe, Jr. finished second, ahead of Fred Rahmer, Greg Wilson and Kasey Kahne.

A disappointment for some fans was the absence of Tony Stewart from the competition. Eldora Speedway posted a notice on its Web site mid-day

July 8 that the two-time NASCAR Cup champion would be unable to compete.

The action was delayed by some 30 minutes because of rain earlier in the day.

Action was stopped for several minutes after Luke Hall hit the wall between the first and second turns and flipped. Hall was placed on a backboard and transported to a local hospital.

Forty-three cars were on hand with Rahmer, Hafertepe, J.R. Stewart, Schatz and Brian Brown winning heats. The B mains went to Dale Blaney and Danny Smith.

The finish:

Jason Johnson, Sam Hafertepe, Jr., Fred Rahmer, Greg Wilson, Kasey Kahne, Dustin Daggett, Tony Bruce, Jr., Dave Blaney, Tim Shaffer, Chad Kemenah, Dale Blaney, Danny Smith, Butch Schroeder, Terry McCarl, Trevor Lewis, Kent Wolters, Ron Blair, Brian Brown, Joey Saldana, Donny Schatz, J.R. Stewart, Mike Brecht, Cap Henry, Darren Long.

# Decker, Hearn, Planck Score In Canada

# **Thursday**

BROCKVILLE, Ontario – Billy Decker put the flashy red LJL Racing

**DIRT MODS** 

No. Bicknell entry

Advance Auto Parts Super DIRTcar Series victory lane for a third-straight show Thursday night at Brockville Ontario Speedway.

The 30-car starting field never knew what hit it after Decker took the lead from Pat O'Brien on lap four and cruised to another \$6,000 score.

"So far, so good. I'm surrounded by good people and a good race team as they give me a gun to drive every night and I'm very appreciative of that,' said Decker.

Jimmy Phelps trailed by six car lengths in finishing second. Steve Paine followed Phelps to the checkers with Dale Planck and Frankie Caprara filling out the front five.

The finish:
Billy Decker, Jimmy Phelps, Steve Paine, Dale Planck,
Frankie Caprara, Billy Dunn, Matt Sheppard, Gary Tomkins,
Danny O'Brien, Brett Hearn, Alan Johnson, Ryan Phelps,
Justin Haers, Jessica Zemken, Mike Adderley, Mario Clair,
Scott Parliament, Stephane LaFrance, Larry Wight, John
Lazore, Yan Bussiere, Jason Potter, Adam Moore, Pat
O'Brien, Danny Johnson, Todd Stewart, Kyle Dingwall, Ryan
Poole Clavron Repedict Ruyen Ropers Poole, Clayton Benedict, Bryan Rogers,

# **Friday**

GRANBY, Quebec Reigning Mr. DIRTcar Brett Hearn found his way back to the throne Friday night after registering the 99th Advance Auto Parts Super DIRTcar Series triumph of his career at Autodrome Granby.

Hearn's narrow victory on foreign soil was his seventh at Granby, where no other driver has reached the winner's circle more often than Hearn since the "Great Canadian Tour" began in 1990.

"Quebec has been very good to me...the people have been very good and the tracks have been very good, so it feels even better to finally pick up our first win here," said Hearn.

Hearn held off a race-long rally by Jimmy Phelps to move within one win of the milestone mark of 100 on DIRTcar Racing NorthEast's premier traveling tour for big-block modifieds.

Despite settling for his second-straight runner-up finish, Phelps was nearly content after charging from 22nd. Dale Planck, current Advance Series point-leader Billy Decker and Gary Tomkins filled out the top five.

The finish:

The finish:
Brett Hearn, Jimmy Phelps, Dale Planck, Billy Decker,
Gary Tomkins, Matt Sheppard, Billy Dunn, Yan Bussiere,
Frankie Caprara, Kayle Robidoux, Justin Haers, Alain
Boisvert, Claude Brouillard, Alan Johnson, Ryan Phelps,
Michel Dusseault, Dominic Dufault, Martin Roy, David
Langlois, Carl Labonte, Steve Paine, Mario Clair, David Hebert, Larry Wight, Alex Fortier, Danny Johnson, Steve Bernard, Eric Landry, Martin Gagne, Yannick Ledoux, Jasmine Leveille, Dany Bilodeau.

# **Saturday**

DRUMMONDVILLE, Quebec - Staging his most dominant performance in Advance Auto Parts Super DIRTcar Series competition, Dale Planck led flag to flag and staved off a late race-challenge by tour pointleader Billy Decker to capture the 31st-annual Hyundai 100 at Autodrome Drummond on Saturday.

The third extra-distance bigblock modified victory for Planck was worth \$6,000.

'I was lucky there at the end, I didn't know who was coming on the outside and I just kept getting slower and slower on the bottom," said Planck. "I was lucky to hang on with the same tires we used for 100 laps last night at Granby, so we definitely got our money's worth out of these rear tires."

Planck set the tone early, blasting from third to first on the opening circuit before the 31-car starting field even reached the back straightaway.

Decker finished second ahead of Steve Paine in third. Gary Tompkins and Brett Hearn completed the top five.

The finish:

Dale Planck, Billy Decker, Steve Paine, Gary Tomkins, Brett Hearn, Frankie Caprara, Jimmy Phelps, Matt Sheppard, Justin Haers, Kayle Robidoux, Ryan Phelps, Mario Clair, Dany Bilodeau, Billy Dunn, Alan Johnson, Michel Chicoine, Danny Johnson, Alex Boisvert, Frederic Gamache, David Hebert, Yan Bussiere, Claude Broullard, Steve Bernard, Carl Labonte, Larry Wight, Wallace Stacey, Sebastien Gougeon, Martin Gagne, Alan Therrien, Michel Dusseault, Dominic Dufault.

# **Experience Pays Off For Worley In VA Sprints**

MANASSAS, Va. — Veteran Satch Worley drew upon his years of experience to fend off

**VSS** 

challenges from second-running Jerald

Saturday as the Virginia Sprint Series made its

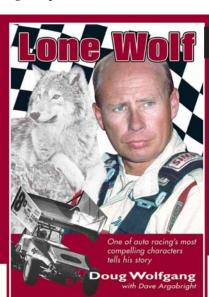
return to the asphalt of Old Dominion Speedway.

Harris challenged Worley on every corner as the laps wound down, but Worley reached the stripe first with Harris on his tail and with third-running French Grimes a second

Scott Vasbinder and Mike Marr completed the top five as the VSS made its second appearance on asphalt this season.

The finish:

Satch Worley, Jerald Harris, French Grimes, Scott Vasbinder, Mike Marr, Glenn Worrell, Billy Norfleet, Bill Rice, onds, P.J. White, Anthony Linkenhoker, Ron



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# Crawley Just Misses 10 Grand In Lucas Challenge

WEST MEMPHIS, Ark. — O'Reilly United Sprint Car Series Mid-South Thunder point-leader Tim Crawley got two-thirds of the way to the \$10,000 top prize in the Lucas Oil Triple Crown Challenge at Riverside Speedway on Thursday night.

The \$10,000 bonus was offered to any driver that could win the USCS

USCS

sprint-car feature, USCS modified feaand local stock-car feature in

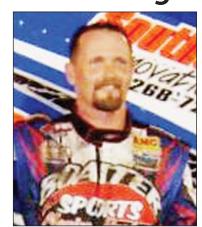
the same night.

Crawley easily won the 15-lap stockcar opener, putting him in position for the triple.

Next to the track was the sprint-car feature, which Crawley had to start 18th after struggling in his heat. While ARCA RE/MAX Series pointleader Ricky Stenhouse, Jr. paced the sprint-car feature. Crawley was blasting Mike Ward's No. 88 through the field.

He finally caught Stenhouse and took the lead on the 26th tour of the quarter-mile oval. He led the rest of the way, with Stenhouse, Terry Gray, Eddie Gallagher and Marshall Skinner rounding out the top five.

The huge midweek crowd went wild as Crawley took his sixth USAC triumph of the season.



**Tim Crawley** 

Crawley started fourth in the modified event and quickly moved to third, but he spun exiting the fourth turn, damaging his ride and ending his night.

Hunter Rasdon ended up earning his first USCS modified triumph, leading all 25 laps and beating Duke Palasini to the checkered flag.

The finish:

THE HITISH:
Tim Grawley, Ricky Stenhouse, Jr., Terry Gray, Eddie Gallagher, Marshall
Skinner, Errie Ainsworth, Anthony Nicholson, Kenny Coke, Jeff Swindell,
Lee Sowell, Don Young, Henry Gustavus, Justin Carver, Raymond Stull,
Chris Williams, Tim Sites, Andy McElhannon, Joe Young, Ronny Howard,
DeWayne Prince, Jon Stinson, A.G. Raines, Greg Merritt.

# Barger, Sparks Strike Back **In Empire Sprint Weekend**

**Friday** 

By AL ROBINSON **NSSN** Correspondent

MACKEYVILLE, Pa. — Justin Barger conducted a seminar in traffic driving Friday night at Clinton County Raceway,

**ESS** 

scoring the Empire Super Sprints feature win before a

capacity crowd in the first sanctioned sprint-car race at the scenic quartermile oval.

With the last 18 of the 25 laps run consecutively under green, lapped cars were a constant companion to the leaders. Barger, who started fourth, swung to the outside to pass leader Blaine Heimbach in turn two on lap 14, and Bobby Howard soon followed.

The remaining laps were a game of cat and mouse with Howard trying to set up Barger and Barger finding a way out of every trap. At the checkered flag, it was Barger by a couple of car lengths as Colby Wormer caught Heimbach on the last lap for third.

George Suprick took hard-charger honors by racing from 13th at the start to fifth at the finish. Winner Barger was the only ESS driver in the top five. Howard, Heimbach and Suprick are Clinton County regulars Wormer calls Selinsgrove Speedway home.

The finish:

Lustin Barger, Bobby Howard, Colby Wormer, Blaine Heimbach, George Suprick, Lance Yonge, Adam Gordon, Steve Poirier, Matt Heimbach, Andy Haus, Anthony Cain, Alain Bergeron, Brian McDonald, Cory Sparks, Lee Ladouceur, Bubby Kerrick, Bill Schoffstall, Roger Fickett, Michael Parent, Matt Miller, Jeff Cook, Tim Kelly.

# **Saturday**

**By AL ROBINSON NSSN CORRESPONDENT** 

WOODHULL, N.Y. — Cory Sparks said he planned to run the outside around Woodhull Raceway's high banks in Saturday night's 25-lap Empire Super Sprints feature, and only went to the bottom when he was squeezed down in traffic. Once there, he never left the inside in scoring his first-career sprint-car win.

Staying glued to the bottom after a lap-11 restart, fourth-place starter Sparks took second from Chuck Hebing, then grabbed the lead from Brian McDonald at the halfway sign. George Suprick, up from 11th on the grid, moved into the picture shortly before the final slowdown with five laps to go.

These final circuits saw Hebing shift from the high line to the ultrahigh line, almost going over the edge in turn four coming to the two-to-go sign. Suprick was able to get under Hebing, giving Sparks the break he needed.

At the checkered flag, it was Sparks by a couple of car lengths with Suprick just failing to catch Hebing for second.

Point-leader Steve Poirier took fourth and early leader McDonald held on for fifth.

The finish:

Cory Sparks, Chuck Hebing, George Suprick, Steve Poirer, Brian McDonald, Gary Troutman, Jeff Cook, Lance Yonge, Anthony Cain, Bobby Howard, Alain Bergeron, Gordy Button, Michael Parent, Matt Heimbach, Jeff VanDusen, Lee Ladouceur, Milke Steller, Howard Singer, Bubby Kerrick, Tim Kelly, John Smith III, Jeff Frasier, Justin Barger.



GOING ON 30: Scott Hatton en route to his Badger Midget Series victory Sunday at Angell Park Speedway. It was his 30th feature win at the track.

# **Waelti & Hatton Share Badger Glory**

Saturday

By Bryan Gapinski

BEAVER DAM, Wis. — Brandon Waelti scored his second feature vic-

**BADGER** 

tory of the season, winning round three of the Duel at the Dam Badger Midget Series feature Saturday night

at Charter Raceway Park. Due to curfew regulations, the

event's final seven laps were not com-

Chad DeSelle moved from outside of row two to take the lead on the opening lap followed by Brad Loyet, who improved two positions. The first seven laps of the race were slowed by four caution flags, including a five-car accident on lap seven involving series point-leader Mike Hess. On the restart, Dan Mecum flipped, but escaped injury.

The turning point of the event came on lap 11 when Waelti moved into second position. One lap later, Waelti took the lead from DeSelle. Waelti maintained a three car-length advantage over Loyet when a multi-car spin occurred on lap 23, forcing the completion of the event due to curfew regulations

Waelti finished ahead of Loyet. Matt Smith scored a career-best feature finish, coming home in third place. Aaron Fiscus and Hess, who recovered from the lap-seven accident, completed the top five.

Brandon Waelti, Brad Loyet, Matt Smith, Aaron Fiscus, Mike Hess, Scott Brainout Wateri, Batt Dyek, Mart Limith, Amont Francis, Mike Fless, State, Hatton, Chad DeSelle, Robbie Ray, Tim Noble, David Gough, A.J. Fike, Joe Wipperfurth, Dakoda Armstrong, Davey Ray, Kris Hoegsted, Jason Dull, Bryon Walters, Buddy Luebke, Jake Slotten, Michael Pickens, Dan Mecum, Nick Lundgreen, Bobby East, Jim Fuerst, Zach Daum, Derrick

Sunday

#### By Bryan Gapinski

SUN PRAIRIE, Wis. — Scott Hatton won the 50-lap Badger Midget Series feature Sunday night at Angell Park Speedway. The win marked the 30thcareer feature victory at the track for Hatton, who is seventh on the track's all-time feature-win list.

Hatton took over the point from Bobby East on lap 10 and by running the cushion on a rough track increased his lead each lap. He led by one-third lap when the red flag appeared on lap 26 for a flip involving fast-qualifier Nick Lundgreen.

On the restart, Hatton quickly pulled away from the field again and was lapping cars by lap 35.

Robbie Ray flipped on lap 48 and the race ended under the red flag due to curfew regulations. Ray was unin-

Brandon Waelti settled for second place ahead of Brad Loyet in third, Mike Hess in fourth and Matt Smith in fifth.

The finish:

Scott Hatton, Brandon Waelti, Brad Loyet, Mike Hess, Matt Smith, Robbie Ray, Joe Wipperfurth, A.J. Fike, Chad DeSelle, Dakoda Armstrong, Joey Moughan, Rob Keelan, Jim Fuerst, Kurt Mayhew, Bobby East, Nick Lundgreen, Tim Noble, Steve Irwin, Bryon Walters, Michael Pickens, David Gough, Jake Slotten.

# **Kaiser Rolls To New Paris Victory**

NEW PARIS, Ind. — Fast-qualifier Geoff Kaiser took the victory

HOSS

Saturday as the Hoosier Outlaw Spring Series made its lone visit of the season to New Paris Speedway.

Kaiser took the lead from Eddie Kelly on lap 22 and held on for the vic-

Aaron Pierce finished second ahead of Kelly in the 30-lap feature, which took six minutes, 59 seconds to complete under green. Jerry Caryer and Hank Lower rounded out the top five.

The finish:

Geoff Kaiser, Aaron Pierce, Eddie Kelly, Jerry Caryer, Hank Lower, Greg Wheeler, Ron Koehler, Sam Davis, Chris Jagger, Kris Leming, John Witter, Dale Wood, Matt Rademaker, Steve Ball, Keith Ousley, Jim Dolph, Jim

# Kristan Finally Breaks Through With IRA Win

BEAVER DAM, Wis. — The long wait is finally over for Brian Kristan. Brian Kristan won his first Bumper to Bumper IRA Outlaw Sprint Series

IRA

feature by capturing round three of Charter Raceway Park's Duel At The

Dam Series Saturday at Charter Raceway Park.

The second-generation driver drove the bottom of the banked third-mile to perfection, holding off multiple challenges by runner-up Donny Goeden. But Kristan, aboard his Weiland Racing Enerprises/J&J Powdercoating Maxim, opened up a comfortable margin at the checkered.

Goeden came home a strong second over series point-leader Billy Balog, with the charging duo of Bill Warren and Scott Biertzer completing the top five.

THE THILSTI.

Brian Kristan, Donny Goeden, Billy Balog, Bill Warren, Scott Biertzer,
Mike Kertscher, Tommy Sexton, Mike Reinke, Kurt Winker, Todd Hepfner,
John Haeni, Johnny Fahl, Scotty Neitzel, Scott Uttech, Scott Youing, Kim
Mock, Tim Vandervere, Dave Uttech, Russel Borland, Ryan Irwin, Steve
Meyer, Billy Hafemann.

# 'Jersey Jet' Grasso Owns New Egypt For 3rd URC Prize

for the third-straight time this season at New Egypt Speedway, dominating the 25-lap Rislone URC sprint feature Saturday night.

**URC** 

was Grasso's third URC victory in nine 2008 races. He took the

lead after a lap-six restart and pulled away as battles for position went on behind him.

Chris Coyle won the battle for the runner-up spot ahead of Ed Aikin in third. Billy Pauch finished in the fourth spot and Gary Gollub was fifth.

J.J. Grasso, Chris Coyle, Ed Aikin, Billy Pauch, Gary Gollub, Becca Anderson, Curt Michael, Dave Ely, Mark Bitner, Trevor Lewis, Robbie Stillwaggon, Danny Massey, Joey Biasi, Josh Weller, Jason Clauss, Davey Sammons, Chuk

# **Teen Dover Takes** 2nd In Midwest

CAMERON, Mo. — Jack Dover captured his second-career American Sprint Car Series Midwest Region fea-

**ASCS MW** 

ture Friday night at U.S. 36 Raceway. Starting from the pole, the 18-year-

old driver gunned into the lead at the outset and led all the way to take his third-overall ASCS triumph of the season aboard the Eckley-powered 3D Auto Transport No. 53 Eagle.

Dover was chased to the stripe by Billy Alley, Brian Brown, Bobby Becker and Kim Kennedy.

The finish:

Jack Dove, Billy Alley, Brian Brown, Bobby Becker, Kim Kennedy, Matt Fox, Mike Boston, Jason Schroeder, Randy Hibbs, Chris Walker, Jay Russell, Natalie Sather, Mike Lefholz.



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# NOT JUST FOR SAFET

These Days, Helmets Go Beyond Providing Protection







afety remains as the primary function of the racing helmet, but that is no longer its only function.

In a sport that very often has paint schemes, logos and signage relentlessly dictated by sponsors on cars, caps and uniforms, drivers use their helmets to convey as well as protect what is in their heads.

"Our helmet is the thing we get to personalize a little bit." said former IndvCar Series and Indianapolis 500 champion Dan Wheldon. "It can show a bit of who we are... It's nice to be able to design your own helmet pecause you really don't have any input on the car design because that's the sponsor's

Wheldon should know a thing or two about customized helmets — he wears a different one in every IndyCar Series race. While all of the helmets he wears carry similar graphic elements, the designs — ranging from powerful to whimsical — and color schemes change with Wheldon's input.

By John Clayton STAFF WRITER

"I kind of like to reflect somewhat my personality — a little different, kind

of funky, and I like to have special paint schemes for the races that are special to me, like Miami — where I've been very successful in the past — and, of course, Indianapolis."

And those two helmets, both customized by England-based JLF Designs, show two distinctly different sides of Wheldon, while keeping his two major design elements — the Jnion Jack and King Richard III (Richard the Lionheart) — on the helmets.

One of the Miami helmets includes palm trees and cartoon likenesses of King Richard III in armor next to a bikini-clad girl and a convertible with the license plate, "Dan 10."

On the other hand, Wheldon's Indianapolis 500 helmets have featured more dramatic likenesses of the Borg Warner Trophy, the track's famed pagoda-styled scoring stand and the yard of bricks mixed with a portrait-styled and serious armor-clad Richard III with the word "Lionheart" underneath.

The "Lionheart" tradition began when Wheldon was a young kart driver. His team owners — Terry Fullerton and Mark Rose commented on how Wheldon drove with such heart. A bit later, Fullerton took Wheldon's helmet to a local artist who painted Richard the Lionhearted there for the first time.

Wheldon now has the sponsorship clout of a former Indy 500 winner. A sponsorship arrangement with Bell Helmets allows him to acquire the helmets that later become works

And a tradition was born.

But some other drivers, who may "express themselves" through their helmet designs once a year instead of once per race, usually buy a blank shell from a helmet manufacturer and have it sent to their designer/artist of choice where it is customized before being sent back to the manufacturer for assembly.

Those helmets range in price starting around \$500 but can easily cost \$1,000 or more, depending on the model and manufacturer. The driver can then spend several hundred or several thousand dollars to have the helmet customized, depending on the artist/designer they choose and how elaborate their design becomes

Just as in the art world, the more in-demand an artist is, the more he or she can charge for his or her work.

"Every painter has a certain idea of prices of what their artwork is really worth," said artist Noah Ennis, who owns and operates Eagle Graphix based in Moravia, N.Y. "Some of them think what they do is worth a lot of money and have no problem charging \$500 to three grand.

"I've done a paintjob for three grand, but it was a very very expensive paintiob."

While some helmets are rather pricey, others have become priceless. For example, Wheldon's helmet for this year's IndyCar race at The Milwaukee Mile was designed by 9year-old Sophie Banker, a cancer patient at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent in Indianapolis.

Banker designed it after the blanket she carried with her during radiation and chemotherapy treatments. The helmet was to be auctioned with proceeds benefiting the hospital. Other helmets have been designed to raise awareness for other worthy causes. including autism, domestic violence and other children's charities.

"Sophie had a lot that she had to get through, and the way she did it was very inspirational to me," Wheldon said. "It's just a nice way of giving back and seeing what it did for Sophie and her family. It will be a memory that hopefully Sophie will cherish. When you do something that you're privileged to do, you should try to give back at every opportunity.

Ennis counts among his clientele sprint-car drivers Robert Ballou and Daron Clayton as well as the King of Indiana Sprint Series, which contracted Ennis to design and produce the custom helmet presented to its champion as trophy

After some problems with the first designer hired for the job, Ennis took over and turned out the first KISS championship helmet, which was won by Jon Stanbrough last year

"It was quite an honor that they even asked me," said Ennis, a life-long race fan, adding that the majority of his business comes from Midwest-based race-car drivers, "It was very different than every other helmet I'd done. Because it was a trophy, I wanted to capture the whole essence of Indiana and what sprint-car racing is all about in Indiana."

Stanbrough was presented the helmet at a gathering following last season. He wore it in the KISS season finale last month as he once again clinched the KISS crown.

"That was the one and only time I'll wear said Stanbrough. "Now, it will go up on

There, he will have to make room for the 2008 helmet, which Ennis said he was able to spend significantly more time on. The 2008 KISS helmet was gold-dipped in 24-karat

chrome and incorporates once again the KISS

logo and a roadmap motif, highlighting the

This year's KISS helmet was a little flashier

than those he usually wears because

Stanbrough generally designs helmets that

reflect his admittedly low-key personality,

something Ohio-based artist Clay Kehm of

tracks that contest KISS races.

CA Kustoms knows well

"Jon's personality is kind of reserved, so we

Karasinski, fueler for the No. 99 over-the-wall

**HEAD GEAR:** Former IRL IndyCar champion Dan Wheldon is known for his unique racing helmets, which always feature the Union Jack and King Richard III. (Opposite page) Noah Ennis customizes race helmets for drivers.

20 hours or more producing a custom helmet, something he couldn't have imagined doing regularly back when helmets came only in colors.

"When a Bell helmet came out with little blue pinstripes on it back in the '80s, everybody had to have one of them," Kehm said. "Now, it seems like most drivers are identified by what they wear on their helmets, which is

While large companies may use computer don't go whole-hog on his stuff, but we like to graphics to spice up helmet design to mass give him a little style, too," said Kehm, who consumption. Kehm said most of what has has designed helmets for the similarly dispochanged at his shop over the years has been sitioned Frankie Kerr as well as more draan improvement in the quality of paints, but matic Office Depot-inspired examples for Joe

team of Carl Edwards in NASCAR's Sprint Cup Series.

Like Ennis, Kehm can easily spend 15-

other than that, "everything comes out of my

# **RACE REWIND**

Race 19 of 36: LifeLock.com 400, Saturday, July 12 Chicagoland Speedway, Joliet, Ill.

# **FINAL RESULTS**







Kyle Busch

Jimmie Johnson

Kevin Harvick

Fin.	St.	No.	Driver	Car	Laps	Money	Status
1	1	18	Kyle Busch	M&M'S Toyota	267	\$331,175	Running
2	5	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's Chevrolet	267	251,086	Running
3	13	29	Kevin Harvick	Shell/Pennzoil Chevrolet	267	219,436	Running
4	11	16	Greg Biffle	3M Ford	267	153,550	Running
5	12	20	Tony Stewart	Home Depot Toyota	267	164,011	Running
6	15	83	Brian Vickers	Red Bull Toyota	267	119,875	Running
7	9	17	Matt Kenseth	USG Ford	267	152,291	Running
8	14	6	David Ragan	AAA Insurance Ford	267	114,300	Running
9	19	1	Martin Truex, Jr.	Bass Pro Shops/Cub Cadet Chevrole	t 267	135,583	Running
10	17	12	Ryan Newman	Kodak/The Mummy Dodge	267	143,400	Running
11	6	24	Jeff Gordon	DuPont/Nicorette Chevrolet	267	146,811	Running
12	26	19	Elliott Sadler	Best Buy Dodge	267	124,870	Running
13	39	84	A.J. Allmendinger	Red Bull Toyota	267	95,525	Running
14	29	44	David Reutimann	UPS Toyota	267	95,700	Running
15	8	9	Kasey Kahne	Budweiser Dodge	267	125,241	Running
16	2	88	Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	AMP Energy Chevrolet	267	101,150	Running
17	16	8	Mark Martin	U.S. Army Chevrolet	267	126,608	Running
18	22	42	Juan Pablo Montoya	Wrigley's Juicy Fruit Dodge	267	119,658	Running
19	3	31	Jeff Burton	AT&T Mobility Chevrolet	267	132,958	Running
20	38	66	Scott Riggs	Haas Automation Chevrolet	267	115,958	Running
21	24	26	Jamie McMurray	Crown Royal Ford	267	98,100	Running
22	10	07	Clint Bowyer	Jack Daniel's Chevrolet	267	103,750	Running
23	30	22	Dave Blaney	Caterpillar Toyota	267	105,558	Running
24	40	96	J.J. Yeley	DLP HDTV Toyota	267	96,050	Running
25	31	7	Robby Gordon	Jim Beam Dodge	267	109,708	Running
26	27	15	Paul Menard	Menards/Quaker State Chevrolet	267	94,325	Running
27	43	70	Jason Leffler	Haas Automation Chevrolet	267	82,725	Running
28	18	2	Kurt Busch	Miller Lite Dodge	267	85,125	Running
29	20	43	Bobby Labonte	Cheerios/Betty Crocker Dodge	267	121,361	Running
30	42	10	Patrick Carpentier	LifeLock Dodge	266	83,675	Running
31	32	41	Reed Sorenson	Target/Maxwell House/Tums Dodge	266	108,689	Running
32	4	99	Carl Edwards	Office Depot Ford	266	128,700	Running
33	25	5	Casey Mears	Carquest/Kellogg's Chevrolet	266	100,025	Running
34	33	01	Regan Smith	Principal Financial Group Chevrolet	266	88,875	Running
35	37	21	Bill Elliott	U.S. Air Force Ford	266	98,995	Running
36	28	55	Michael Waltrip	NAPA Toyota	265	92,108	Running
37	35	77	Sam Hornish, Jr.	Mobil 1 Dodge	264	125,800	Running
38	36	45	Terry Labonte	Marathon American Spirit Dodge	264	89,547	Running
39	41	78	Joe Nemechek	Furniture Row Racing Chevrolet	264	79,800	Running
40	7	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Express Toyota	263	114,571	Running
41	21	28	Travis Kvapil	freecreditreport.com Ford	261	106,594	Running
42	23	38	David Gilliland	freecreditreport.com Ford	259	79,210	Engine
43	34	00	Michael McDowell	Champion Mortgage Toyota	259	79,377	Running

# **RACE STATISTICS**

Race time: 2 hours, 59 minutes, 20 seconds Average speed: 133.996 miles per hour Victory margin: .159 second Caution flags: Nine for 33 laps Lead changes: 16 among 10 drivers Lap leaders: Kyle Busch 1-43; Carl Edwards 44-49; Jeff

Gordon 50-55; Greg Biffle 56-91; Brian Vickers 92; Tony Stewart 93-103; Martin Truex, Jr. 104-105; Biffle 106-112; Vickers 113; Matt Kenseth 114-120; Kyle Busch 121-202; Edwards 203-211; Kyle Busch 212-227; Kurt Busch 228; Kyle Busch 229-250; Jimmie Johnson 251-265; Kyle Busch 266-267.

# TALK OF TIME TRIALS

Mother Nature won out in qualifying for Saturday's LifeLock.com 400, and the field was set by owner's points. Series point-leader Kyle Busch started on the pole in the No. 18 Toyota alongside Dale Earnhardt, Jr. in the No. 88 Chevrolet.

#### **STANDINGS**





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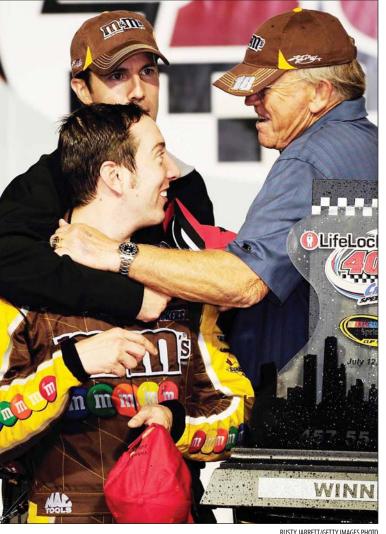
Kyle Busch

Dale Earnhardt, Jr.

# **Top 12**

1. Kyle Busch	2,88
2. Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	2,61
3. Jeff Burton	2,59
4. Carl Edwards	2,50
5. Jimmie Johnson	2,49
6. Jeff Gordon	2,38

7. Greg Biffle	2,318
8. Matt Kenseth	2,317
9. Kevin Harvick	2,308
10. Tony Stewart	2,305
11. Kasey Kahne	2,295
12. Denny Hamlin	2,283



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**TEAM MEETING:** Car-owner Joe Gibbs (right) and JGR President J.D. Gibbs congratulate Kyle Busch on his victory Saturday night in Joliet, Ill.

# **CHICAGO:**

# Busch Edges Johnson For Seventh Victory In '08

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evidence of his mindset moments later with a question: "Anyone ever seen Jimmie Johnson give one up? No."

"I gave up on it," Busch said of his second Chicagoland victory in two nights "I didn't think I could do it. I don't know how I did that. This is just an amazing season. I can't believe it." Johnson knew he had been dealt a fatal blow when Busch passed him for

the final time.
"There's no way, I thought. I couldn't

get away from him through (turns) one and two," Johnson said. "But as soon as he broke the plane of my bumper, I knew I was in trouble, and sure enough, I was."

Johnson, who led 15 laps, didn't get to the front until lap 251 when he was able to muscle past Busch. With clean air in front of him, he appeared in command until Gilliland's engine let go on lap 262.

The track was ready to race for the final two laps without the need for NASCAR to declare a green-white-checkered overtime.

Busch won the race by a scant .159 second, with Kevin Harvick trailing the two top combatants in third.

While Busch and Johnson were battling it out on the last restart. Harvick, sitting in third place, was considering his chances.

"I thought I was in a pretty good spot, to tell you the truth," said the driver of the No. 29 Chevrolet. "(Johnson) looked like his car was free and he needed to carry the moment all the way to the outside. (Busch) was there and made his car stick and made it happen. I thought we might stick one through there."

Busch led a race-record 165 laps Saturday night, but it looked for a time that the trio of Greg Biffle, Carl Edwards and Tony Stewart would be in the mix at the end. Biffle, who led 43 laps in the 3M Ford, wound up fourth.

Edwards, who suffered a flat tire that resulted in damage to the splitter on his Office Depot Ford, dropped a lap off the pace near the end of the race.

Stewart drove to a fifth-place finish in the Home Depot Toyota after leading 15 laps.

Busch pushed his Sprint Cup lead to 262 points over second-place Dale Earnhardt, Jr., who finished 16th at the 1.5-mile speedway.

It was the fourth Sprint Cup victory in a row for the Brothers Busch. Kyle won at Infineon Raceway to start the streak, but Kurt won at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. Kyle won again at Daytona Int'l Speedway, and made it two in a row by winning at Chicagoland.

The last time brothers won fourstraight races was in 1956 when Tim and Fonty Flock did it.

# **STEWART:**

# Two-Time Champ Entering Co-Ownership Of Cup Team

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making process, something that was not made overnight. It wasn't easy by any means and we weighed our options heavily as far as what was available out there and what our options were."

It was Stewart's talent and abilities behind the wheel, not his checkbook, that brought the deal to fruition. In fact, Stewart was given his half slice of the pie simply for signing with the

"I don't think an offer like this has ever been made to a driver in this series," he said. "I'm very honored that (Haas CNC general manager Joe Custer) and his organization have welcomed us aboard, not only as a driver but as an owner."

A number of decisions remain to be decided before the team begins the joint venture, but Stewart was already in rumor-squelching mode. Asked if it was true that Ryan Newman would drive the second car next season, Stewart pointed out that Scott Riggs has not been eliminated as the second driver.

Sponsorship, a choice of numbers, a crew chief and many other decisions remain to be made. Rumors are rampant, with the most prevalent being

that Office Depot will sponsor Stewart's car.

car.
The No. 20 that he has used for all of his 10 years at Joe Gibbs Racing won't be going with Stewart.

Asked about

"I don't think an offer like this has ever been made to a driver in this series."

TONY STEWART

that possibility at a later press conference, JGR President J.D. Gibbs had the definitive one-word answer: "No." Stewart made it clear that his coordinate in the course of the present in the course of the coordinate in the course of the coordinate in the course of the coordinate in the coordinate in

remained in the current season, underlining the fact that he is under contract to Gibbs until the end of the season.

"My dedication the rest of this year is to worry about doing everything I can for the Home Depot team and Joe Gibbs Racing to try to win races and try to win the championship this season," he said. "That focus isn't changing."

Stewart also made it clear that his ownership stake in the new team wouldn't jeopardize his race tracks or his open-wheel teams.

"None of the business ventures I'm currently involved in are going to change because of this," he said. "We have a pretty good staff. This is just another big candle that we'll be burning each week."

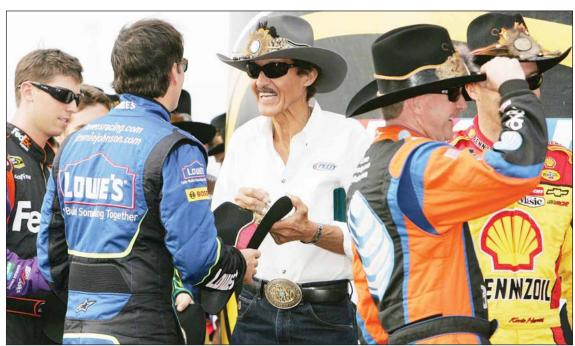
Whether this is the end of Stewart's expansion remains to be seen.

Asked if he would be interested in eventually owning an IndyCar team, Stewart left the door open at least a crack.

"I guess I've learned in this sport to never say never," he said, "because eight years ago, I said I'd never be a NASCAR owner."

# NASCAR SPRINT CUP RACE REWIND

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**THE KING AND HIS COURT:** Richard Petty (center) signs a cowboy hat for Jimmie Johnson prior to Saturday's LifeLock.com 400. Petty is celebrating his 50th anniversary in NASCAR.

# **Newman Out At Penske Racing**

By Ron Lemasters, Jr. NSSN Correspondent

JOLIET, Ill. — Speculation that Daytona 500 winner Ryan Newman will join two-time NASCAR champion Tony Stewart as the second driver at Stewart Haas Racing next season gained momentum Monday with the announcement from Penske Racing that Newman will not return to the team next season.

"We want to thank Ryan for his hard work and contributions to Penske Racing over the past nine

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years," said team owner **Roger Penske**. "We wish Ryan all the best for the future and we'll continue to focus

our efforts on making The Chase with Ryan and the Alltel Dodge team this season."

Newman, driver of the No. 12 Alltel Dodge Charger, is currently in his ninth season at Penske Racing.

"I appreciate Penske Racing and all they have done for me, but more importantly, I appreciate their friendship and what they have done for my career," said Newman. "I would also like to thank all of the sponsors, especially Alltel, who have supported me."

■ Richard Petty, who is celebrating his 50th anniversary in NASCAR racing, was joined on-stage Saturday before the start of the LifeLock.com 400 by the entire starting field, all decked out in official trademark-black Richard Petty cowboy hats. Petty was also presented a commemorative Steuben glass bowl from NASCAR President Mike Helton.

Petty's Sprint Cup career as a driver spanned 34 years and included 200 victories and seven championships.

"I went to the first NASCAR race in 1949, so I guess I've been there from the start." he said.

Petty joins **A.J. Foyt** in the 50-year

club. Foyt a frequent competitor — and winner — in NASCAR, celebrated his 50th season at the Indianapolis 500 last May.

■ As expected, NASCAR penalized the No. 1 team of **Dale Earnhardt**, Inc. for rules infractions found on its car July 4 at Daytona Int'l Speedway.

The car driven by **Martin Truex, Jr.**, was found to be in violation of Sections 12-4-A (actions detrimental to stock car racing); 12-4-Q (car, car parts, components and/or equipment used do not conform to NASCAR rules) and 20-3.8A (roof of the car does not conform to the specifications) of the 2008 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series rule book.

The car did not fit NASCAR's roof template, though team officials said it fit their own templates perfectly.

Truex Jr. and car owner **Teresa Earnhardt** have been penalized 150 championship driver and 150 championship owner points, respectively. Both the crew chief, **Kevin Manion**, and the car chief, **Gary Putnam**, have been suspended from the next six NASCAR Sprint Cup Series events, suspended from NASCAR until Aug. 27 and placed on NASCAR probation until Dec. 31. Additionally, Manion has been fined \$100,000.

The team is appealing the penalty.

Not only is he out of a Sprint Cupride, at least temporarily, 2007 Indianapolis 500 winner **Dario**Franchitti might have a niggling doubt about his decision to leave the IRL.

Or maybe not.

"I was thinking about that the other day," Franchitti said during an interview at Chicagoland Speedway on Thursday. "When I made the decision to leave Indy Car, it was because I felt I had run my course, but I didn't feel I was going to have the determination to get back in the (Indy) car again this year. I really felt it was time to do something else. Had I not

come to NASCAR, I would have done something else apart from Indy Car."

Still, it was a blow to have car owner **Chip Ganassi** parked the No. 40 Dodge for lack of sponsorship.

"It was a shock that it happened, but I understand that when there is no money, there is no money."

Franchitti said he would continue to look elsewhere in NASCAR while driving a Ganassi car in the Nationwide series.

- Veteran wrench Peter Sospenzo has been hired by Michael Waltrip Racing as the new crew chief for the No. 00 Toyota wheeled by Michael McDowell. Former crew chief Bill Pappas will become head of engineering for the team.
- Crew chief Jimmy Elledge found a new home at Team Red Bull, working with driver AJ. Allmendinger.
- Nationwide Insurance, in its first year as sponsor of a NASCAR series, has stepped up to be presenting sponsor of the NASCAR Foundation's third-annual bloodand-marrow drive.

The drive is a partnership involving the NASCAR Foundation, **Jimmie Johnson** Foundation, Hendrick Marrow Program and 30 NASCAR Nationwide, Sprint Cup and local tracks.

■ The Burton brothers will have an added topic of conversation come the Christmas holiday. Over turkey and plum pudding, they can talk

Jeff Burton, currently second in Sprint Cup points, will drive the No. 31 Caterpillar Chevrolet for Richard Childress Racing in 2009. A formal announcement of the new sponsorship was made last Thursday at Chicagoland Speedway. His brother, Ward, drove for Bill Davis Racing under Caterpillar sponsorship.

# Stewart, Zippy Moving On After 10-Year Union

JOLIET, ILL.

n the surface, Tony Stewart's move to acquire a 50-percent stake in Haas CNC racing for the 2009 racing season and beyond was strictly a business deal.

One part of it, however, the 37-year old Stewart likened to a divorce.

After 10 years together, he and longtime crew chief Greg Zipadelli will be on competing teams for the first time in Stewart's 10-year Sprint Cup career.

"I think this is the single hardest part of this whole thing. It was kind of like a marriage," Stewart said during a Chicagoland Speedway press conference. "He's been there for me professionally, and like a big brother on the personal side. That relationship is very important to me, not only now, but down the road. He knows me better than 99

percent of the girlfriends I've ever had in my life, I think."

Stewart and Zipadelli have combined to bring 32 Cup victories and a pair of championships

to Joe Gibbs Racing. They also won the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard twice

Zipadelli expressed a lot of those feelings from his side, but minced no words on the subject of professional loyalty.

"I don't want to get into that," he said of questions about Stewart's attempts to get him to go to work at Stewart Haas Racing next season. "This feels like the right deal for me and I think it's the right one for him. My loyalty is to Joe Gibbs Racing and to my guys, and that helped make my decision for me."

Zipadelli acknowledged the relationship was a partnership that both of them grew into.

"Even the bad times were good," he said, adding that Stewart's sometimes-mercurial emotions and his steadier hands both helped to make it work.

"In the early years, I was more stubborn than he was," Zipadelli said, "and in the end, it made us both better."

# THEN AND NOW



**RON LEMASTERS, SR.** 

Stewart admitted that his decision was a gamble of sorts and the indication in his remarks was that it was a gamble with which he was comfortable.

"There's no guarantee we'll be successful," he said, "but we'll do everything we can to make it work. We'll go down swinging."

Haas CNC Racing General Manager Joe Custer said the team's goal, in his view, was victory-oriented.

"We're in this sport to win," he said. "We're here to win. We want the trophies, not to make money, not for the fame or the glory."

A bit of the Tony Stewart humor bubbled to the top at that remark in

his response to his soon to-be partner.

"I kind of like the girl part of it," he grinned. "The fame and glory is kind of cool, too. If you don't want that, I'll be

glad to take it in my 50

percent."

"Even the bad

times were good."

GREG ZIPADELLI

CREW CHIEF, No. 20

On the subject of the cost of running a competitive Sprint Cup program, Stewart gave Custer some assurance of his experience in such matters.

"Don't worry," he said. "I'll show you how to spend money."

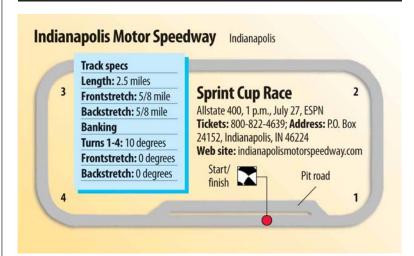
As a driver and soon-to-be Sprint Cup car owner, Stewart drew the line. Stewart was asked jokingly if he would be interested in also being the crew chief since Zipadelli is staying at Joe Gibbs Racing.

"If you're trying to put me in the hospital today, that will do it," he said in mock horror. "You couldn't pay me enough to be a crew chief."

While the move will also reunite Stewart with General Motors and Chevrolet, which pumps a great deal of money into Stewart's short-track teams, it will likely pair Zipadelli with up-and-coming 18-year-old driver Joey Logano.

And they say, the first step to recovering from a divorce is moving on.

#### **UP NEXT**



# RACE REWIND

Race 12 of 19: Firestone Indy 200, Saturday, July 12 Nashville Superspeedway, Nashville, Tenn.

#### **FINAL RESULTS**

**FIRST** 





**Scott Dixon Dan Wheldon** 

**Helio Castroneves** 

Fin.	St.	Car	Driver	Car	Laps	Status
1	5	9	Scott Dixon	Target Chip Ganassi Racing Dallara-Honda	171	Running
2	6	10	Dan Wheldon	Target Chip Ganassi Racing Dallara-Honda	171	Running
3	1	3	Helio Castroneves	Team Penske Dallara-Honda	171	Running
4	7	11	Tony Kanaan	Team 7-Eleven Dallara-Honda	171	Running
5	2	7	Danica Patrick	Motorola Dallara-Honda	171	Running
6	15	4	Vitor Meira	Delphi National Guard Dallara-Honda	171	Running
7	12	15	Buddy Rice	Dreyer & Reinbold Racing Dallara-Honda	171	Running
8	8	20	Ed Carpenter	Menards/Vision Racing Dallara-Honda	171	Running
9	18	14	Darren Manning	ABC Supply Co./A.J. Foyt Racing Dallara-Honda	171	Running
10	20	19	Mario Moraes	Sonny's Bar-B-Q Dallara-Honda	170	Running
11	14	8	Will Power	Aussie Vineyards-Team Australia Dallara-Honda	170	Running
12	10	06	Graham Rahal	Hole in the Wall Camps Dallara-Honda	170	Running
13	21	25	Marty Roth	Roth Racing Dallara-Honda	170	Running
14	3	27	Hideki Mutoh	Formula Dream Dallara-Honda	169	Running
15	22	18	Bruno Junqueira	Z-Line Designs Dallara-Honda	169	Running
16	17	5	Oriol Servia	KV Racing Technology Dallara-Honda	169	Running
17	16	23	Milka Duno	CITGO/Dreyer & Reinbold Racing Dallara-Honda	168	Running
18	13	02	Justin Wilson	McDonald's Racing Team Dallara-Honda	143	Running
19	4	17	Ryan Hunter-Reay	Rahal Letterman Racing Team Dallara-Honda	99	Contact
20	19	36	Enrique Bernoldi	Sangari Conquest Racing Dallara-Honda	66	Handling
21	23	34	Jaime Camara	Sangari Dallara-Honda	50	Handling
22	24	2	A.J. Foyt IV	Lilly Diabetes/Vision Racing Dallara-Honda	45	Handling
23	9	6	Ryan Briscoe	Team Penske Dallara-Honda	3	Mechanical
24	11	26	Marco Andretti	Blockbuster Dallara-Honda	2	Contact

\* All Indy Racing League IndyCar Series teams are guaranteed \$1.3 million for running all the races during the course of the season. In addition, each race winner receives a \$35,000 bonus. Other per race bonuses are \$25,000 for second, \$20,000 for third, \$15,000 for fourth and \$10,000 to the fifth-place finisher.

#### **RACE STATISTICS**

Race time: 1 hour, 30 minutes, 4 seconds Average speed: 148.072 miles per hour Victory margin: Under red Caution flags: Four for 37 laps Lead changes: Five among four drivers

Lap leaders: Helio Castroneves 1-54: Scott Dixon 55-62; Oriol Servia 63-67; Dixon 68-89; Tony Kanaan 90-148;

# **TALK OF TIME TRIALS**

Helio Castroneves turned in a four-lap average at 204.519 miles per hour to earn his second pole of the season in his Team Penske Dallara-Honda. Danica Patrick qualified second.



POLESITTER: Helio Castroneves danced his way to the pole for Saturday night's Indy 200 at Nashville.

#### **STANDINGS**

FIRST



SECOND





**Scott Dixon** 

**Helio Castroneves** 

**Dan Wheldon** 

# **Top 10**

Scott Dixon	420	6. Hideki Mutoh	254
Helio Castroneves	357	7. Marco Andretti	253
Dan Wheldon	351	8. Ryan Briscoe	243
Tony Kanaan	339	9. Ryan Hunter-Reay	232
Danica Patrick	266	10. Ed Carpenter	222

# **Dixon Keeps Going And Going**

By Bruce Martin NSSN CORRESPONDENT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — One of the hallmarks of Scott Dixon's stunning success as an IndyCar driver is his near-flawless ability behind the wheel combined with equally superb race strategy at Target Chip Ganassi Racing.

But in Saturday night's Firestone Indy 200 at Nashville Superspeedway, Dixon won by making an uncharacteristic mistake.

Dixon missed his call to pit until it was too late and that left him on the race track, high in the fourth turn. Realizing it was too late to pit as the rest of his main contenders pitted on lap 148, Dixon was in the lead on lap 149. When the green flag waved to restart the race on lap 152, he knew he would have to pit for fuel before the end of the race.

But the team's salvation came in the form of a storm that stopped the race after 171 laps of the 200 scheduled

After a brief delay, IndyCar officials flagged the race as complete and Dixon proved it's sometimes better to be lucky and good.

"You couldn't get more luck than what we had tonight," Dixon said. "It was a bit of a miscommunication on our pit call. That's the only reason I didn't come in. And it worked out for

Dixon got the checkered flag for the third year in a row at the 1.33-mile concrete oval in what is likely to be the final IndyCar Series race at the Tennessee track. IndyCar Series officials are expected to drop the track from the 2009 schedule in order to fit more street and road course races into its mix.

It was also the 100th auto-racing victory for team-owner Chip Ganassi, which includes 22 in the IndyCar

Before Dixon could claim his fourth IndyCar win of the season and the 14th of his career, he was fuming behind the wheel of his race car after the "miscommunication."

"I was pretty angry for a few laps," Dixon admitted. "But then when I saw that rain coming down, I thought, 'Oh, this might actually work out pretty good.'

"It was a fantastic night. T.K. (Tony Kanaan) was definitely very strong. I feel bad for him because he definitely got the worst part of it."



ALL SMILES: Scott Dixon's sponsor, the Energizer Bunny, wishes him good luck before the start of Saturday night's Indy 200 at Nashville.

Kanaan led the race one time for 59 laps, the most of any driver in the race before he finished fourth when he was unable to race his way to the 200th lap, which would have included one more pit stop for the Dixon.

"I support my team 100 percent," Kanaan said. "It was the right call to come in on Lap 148. Who can predict the rain? Unfortunately, the rain and I don't get along too well. But, the 7-Eleven guys have great momentum, and the guys at the front know we are coming. I'll take fourth place today.

"When it is your year, it is your year. You have to get a little lucky to win the championship, and I got my share of the luck in 2004.

Pole-winner Helio Castroneves led the first 54 laps of the race before finishing third, and Dixon led three times for 53 laps. Oriol Servia led the other five laps in the race.

Dixon finished ahead of teammate Dan Wheldon when the race was stopped to give Target Chip Ganassi Racing a one-two finish. It was the 26th time in IndvCar Series history that teammates have swept the top two positions. The last time was at Belle Isle in 2007 when Andretti Green Racing teammates Kanaan and Danica Patrick finished in the top two positions.

"I absolutely did not (have a secondplace car tonight), but sometimes it's better to be lucky than good," Wheldon said. "It's a great night for Target Chip Ganassi Racing in the end. To finish 1-2, and the rain seemed to be powered by Energizer Batteries because it kept coming down. I had a lot of drag in the car and it made it very difficult. I had to lift a lot in traffic, and as I said, sometimes it is better to be lucky than good."

Patrick rounded out the top five in Saturday night's race, which saw Dixon collect his third Gibson Guitar trophy in a row.

"Every year I keep saying I'm going to learn how to play them," Dixon said beneath an umbrella on pit lane as rain fell. "Every one of the guitars is very special. They are all very unique with the paint job. After winning the Indianapolis 500 this year this is the second-best trophy for an IndyCar driver.

"I'm definitely 'Singing in the Rain'

# Wheldon Stays With Target Chip Ganassi Racing

By Bruce Martin NSSN CORRESPONDENT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Another one of IndyCar's "big names" has agreed on terms to stay with his current team.

Wheldon confirmed on Saturday that he has agreed to terms to remain with Target Chip Ganassi Racing in the IndyCar Series. Wheldon, who won the 2005 IndyCar title for Andretti Green Racing, has been with the Target team since 2006.

"The deal has been agreed, it hasn't been signed," Wheldon said. "Racing is a very fickle business. I very much enjoy being part of this team, although the performance of myself and the 10 car is not to my liking right now. We have to improve, but we have to keep plugging away.

"I definitely want to keep scoring more victories in IndyCar racing."

Prior to unification, Wheldon talked about trying NASCAR, but said now that the IndyCar Series is whole, he plans on remaining an IndyCar driver.

"I think, obviously, the IndyCar Series is in a very good position right now where there's a lot of momentum that the league has created," Wheldon said. "I think you can obviously see the field is very competitive. You've got some great teams involved. You have people like Danica Patrick, who are mainstream media. You have Helio Castroneves, who can dance like the best of them.

Wheldon finished second to teammate Scott Dixon in Saturday night's Firestone Indy 200.

# INDY RACING LEAGUE RACE REWIND



RON MCQUEENEY/IRL

**LEADER:** Helio Castroneves leads the IndyCar Series field into turn one at Nashville Superspeedway at the start of the Firestone Indy 200 Saturday night.

# Viso's Mumps Cause Concern

BY BRUCE MARTIN
NSSN CORRESPONDENT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — After driver **E.J. Viso** was diagnosed with the mumps and was unable to participate in Saturday night's race at Nashville Superspeedway, participants, IndyCar Series officials and even the media that had contact with

the Venezuelan driver were affected by the rare outbreak.

NOTES IndyCar officials requested medical certification showing that an individual had been inoculated for the mumps, had the illness earlier in their lives, which made them immune, or had to give a blood sample to a member of the IndyCar medical staff to be tested.

So, when the series arrived at Nashville for Friday morning's practice, the race was already nicknamed the "Mumps 200."

"I just went and had my blood tested," said **Scott Dixon**. "Coming from New Zealand, it would have taken me a full week to try and get the paperwork back. So, I just went ahead and had my blood tested."

**Ryan Briscoe** said he never heard of any mumps cases in his lifetime.

"I just hope it doesn't spread through the paddock, but I got my shot when I was a little baby," Briscoe said.

"It's unfortunate for E.J.," said **Oriol Servia**. "It's one of those sicknesses, just like catching a cold. You don't know who you get it from." **Tony Kanaan** is another driver who got

**Tony Kanaan** is another driver who got shots when he was younger and was tested again when he got his Green Card to work in the United States.

**Vitor Meira** was ready to strangle Viso after the two were involved in a crash at Watkins Glen (N.Y.) Int'l. It's a good thing he didn't because Viso was diagnosed with the mumps the next day.

"It depends on which way you look at it, but what counts is we are here for one more day of racing," Meira said. "I kept thinking, 'Nobody gets the mumps anymore.' It's so ironic because I think he needed a penalty, so he ended up missing a race after all."

■ Graham Rahal said this is the first time he's lost a competitor to the mumps

"I hope I don't lose myself to the mumps because I know I shook the dude's hand and then bit my nails," Rahal said. "Justin Wilson did the same thing because he's the only other guy I know that bites his own nails."

■ Marco Andretti competed in two races in the same day on Saturday, competing in the American Le Mans Series race at Lime Rock, Conn., in the afternoon and then flying to Nashville for Saturday night's IndyCar race.

It didn't quite go as expected for the 21-year-old son of Michael Andretti, who ran 73 laps at Lime Rock in eighth place, one lap down before turning the car over to Franck Montagny. Andretti crashed on the second lap at Nashville when his car broke loose from the groove and ran into Ryan Briscoe, taking both cars out of the race.

"It was a little disappointing on my run," Andretti said of the ALMS race. "My radio wasn't connected right and I couldn't hear the team for a while. Then, I was able to run pretty well through the traffic after fixing the radio. It's very tough to come from behind here. I had to drive through all the GT cars. The P1 cars are very hard to pass too, because of their straightaway speed. The leaders got a huge gap early and we were running through traffic at the end, so that was difficult.

"It was fun to drive the Acura again."

■ After impressing the IndyCar Series when John Andretti was competing for the team at the Indy 500 and during the month of June, it appears the wheels have fallen off Roth Racing following some questionable decisions by owner/driver

Marty Roth

Andretti, who gave the team its best finish ever with an 11th place at Iowa Speedway, was let go by the team following the Richmond race last month, leading to speculation that Jay Howard was back in the seat.

But Roth shut down that side of the operation before the Watkins Glen race two weeks ago.

Roth then fired team engineer **Larry Curry** and is prepared to finish out the season as a one-car team with Roth as the driver.

"I offered some suggestions to Marty and his response was, 'I accept your resignation," said Curry, who has already been hired by Dreyer & Reinbold Racing. "We had built up a pretty good team with John Andretti, but it seemed like the better John finished, the more upset Marty became."

Ironically, Roth finished 13th, just one lap down to the race winner on Saturday night.

■ Dan Ellis, the starting goaltender for the Nashville Predators of the National Hockey League, was the grand marshal for the race.

"Bridgestone Firestone is such a great partner of our team and the NHL and when the opportunity arose I jumped at it," Ellis said. "I know these IndyCar Series cars are really, really fast machines and they put on a great show under the lights at Nashville Superspeedway. I'm excited to have the opportunity not only to serve as the grand marshal but to also get behind the scenes at the track, meet some of these talented drivers and just take in the action."

■ The Presidential Campaign made it to Nashville as **Cindy McCain**, the wife of Republican nominee Arizona Senator **John McCain**, arrived at Nashville Superspeedway before the race. McCain had a pace-car ride with three-time Indy 500 winner **Johnny Rutherford** and met with **Danica Patrick**, who lives in Scottsdale, Ariz. McCain also attended the drivers meeting.

# Blocking Controversy Again For Danica

NASHVILLE, TENN.

fter being accused of blocking at Iowa last month, Danica Patrick was on the receiving end of some blocking maneuvers at Nashville Superspeedway in Saturday night's Firestone Indy 200. Starting second on the grid, Patrick tried to pass polesitter Helio Castroneves early in the race, but a slippery concrete racing surface allows for only one racing groove.

So, Castroneves made sure he impeded Patrick's progress in order to protect his position.

"Once you get off line here, it is trouble,"
Patrick said. "Every time I tried something, I dropped back. In the beginning, I tried to pass Helio and he blocked me down low.
That's what everybody

is kind of doing. He did it quite a few times and I dropped back because I got checked up. I tried to pass some lapped traffic in turns three and four and the marbles are so had. I slid up the track

so bad, I slid up the track.
"Gambling here at this track doesn't pay off so well."

Patrick was able to dodge blocked cars, marbles on the race track and lightning to finish fifth in what was probably the final IndyCar Series race at Nashville.

"I've always done well here and I think it's a cool track," Patrick said. "We get a bunch of fans here, so I would like to see us come back. The best thing we can do as drivers is put on a good show. But it is a one-groove track and since it is not a side-by-side action kind of track, it brings the excitement down a notch. Trying to pass lapped traffic in turns three and four, you get up into the marbles and people go by, it's a different kind of excitement."

Patrick gave a weather report to her crew when she saw lightning approaching on lap 70. It was the impending storm that would ultimately end the race early with Scott Dixon in the lead.

But lightning wasn't as bad as being blocked early in the race by **LAST WORD** 



**BRUCE MARTIN** 

Castroneves.

"Gambling here at

this track doesn't

pay off so well."

**DANICA PATRICK** 

"I got to the inside of him and he just drove down," Patrick said. "He cut in front of me and washed me out and I was down to third gear, which is why I got passed by Scott Dixon and Tony Kanaan. It just didn't work out for me tonight. Helio was definitely blocking me.

"I'd be lying if I said I didn't par-

tially defend at times on restarts, driving down the inside. But the bottom line, it gets so thick here. It's not going to happen. It's all right if you are up front because you can pick them off here and there as traffic

comes. But if you have to pick up ground through traffic, it's always frustrating here."

Castroneves admitted he did what he had to do to protect his position. "It's tough to pass, but the crowd

always enjoyed having us here,"
Castroneves said. "Early in the race, they need to give us a break on blocking. I could see she was doing the same thing with the cars behind her. It's tough early in the race to not do that. There were times when I would have let her go, but it wasn't time yet."

With the abrasive concrete surface, the tires get worn down like a cheese-grater, which creates marbles on the track. Once a car gets into that marble area, it loses grip and creates treacherous racing.

So getting out of Nashville with a top-five finish is an accomplishment for any driver.

"With the way our season has gone, I guess I can walk away all right with a top five," Patrick said. "Tony Kanaan had a really strong car and I might have had the next strongest car if I had stayed up in the second position because Dixon's car struggled in traffic. But their gamble paid off by not pitting at the end."

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# **RACE REWIND**

Race 13 of 24: Mopar Mile-High NHRA Nationals, July 11-13 Bandimere Speedway, Morrison, Colo.

# **FINAL RESULTS**







**Tony Schumacher** 

Tim Wilkerson

**Greg Anderson** 

# **Top Fuel**

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FIRST	FIRST ROUND								
Qual.	Driver	E.T.	Speed	Def.	Qual.	Driver	E.T.	Speed	
9	Doug Kalitta	4.455	259.76	def.	8	David Grubnic	4.878	199.79	
11	Morgan Lucas	4.324	251.77	def.	6	J.R. Todd	4.591	205.57	
4	Antron Brown	3.995	298.21	def.	13	Rod Fuller	4.115	277.43	
1	Cory McClenathan	4.283	209.79	def.		Bye			
2	Tony Schumacher	4.032	299.53	def.	15	Steve Crisman	4.353	262.23	
3	Larry Dixon	4.064	285.65	def.	14	Steve Torrence	6.506	99.32	
12	Bob Vandergriff, Jr.	4.046	206.67	def.	5	Hillary Will	4.182	291.19	
7	Doug Herbert	4.035	295.46	def.	10	Brandon Bernstein	5.242	151.04	
SECON	D ROUND								
1	Cory McClenathan	4.197	270.59	def.	9	Doug Kalitta	4.403	237.38	
3	Larry Dixon	4.077	291.89	def.	11	Morgan Lucas	4.778	178.76	
4	Antron Brown	4.259	268.92	def.	12	Bob Vandergriff, Jr.	4.282	261.12	
2	Tony Schumacher	4.041	300.46	def.	7	Doug Herbert	4.290	231.40	
SEMIF	INAL								
4	Antron Brown	4.245	257.73	def.	1	Cory McClenathan	4.236	246.12	
2	Tony Schumacher	4.039	300.46	def.	3	Larry Dixon	4.146	288.95	
FINAL									
2	Tony Schumacher	4.007	304.05	def.	4	Antron Brown	4.173	276.97	

#### **Funny Car**

FIRST F	FIRST ROUND							
Qual.	Driver	E.T.	Speed	Def.	Qual.	Driver	E.T.	Speed
4	Tim Wilkerson	4.261	285.35	def.	13	Ashley Force	5.082	155.67
3	Cruz Pedregon	4.293	284.62	def.	14	Jerry Toliver	4.648	209.17
15	Gary Densham	4.301	286.80	def.	2	Melanie Troxel	4.321	288.95
16	Gary Scelzi	4.333	286.62	def.	1	Tony Pedregon	4.600	197.39
11	Ron Capps	4.525	241.41	def.	6	Bob Tasca III	4.560	225.71
12	Mike Neff	4.390	261.22	def.	5	John Force	4.412	277.03
10	Jack Beckman	4.296	292.33	def.	7	Tommy Johnson, Jr.	4.487	254.57
8	Robert Hight	4.235	293.09	def.	9	Del Worsham	4.682	192.11
SECONI	D ROUND							
4	Tim Wilkerson	4.322	285.47	def.	12	Mike Neff	4.410	273.00
10	Jack Beckman	4.362	281.77	def.	15	Gary Densham	4.345	285.71
3	Cruz Pedregon	4.388	276.18	def.	11	Ron Capps	5.330	143.69
8	Robert Hight	4.378	267.06	def.	16	Gary Scelzi	4.459	260.06
SEMIFI	NAL							
10	Jack Beckman	4.334	290.82	def.	3	Cruz Pedregon	4.474	278.46
4	Tim Wilkerson	4.260	280.84	def.	8	Robert Hight	4.316	284.03
FINAL						_		
4	Tim Wilkerson	4.398	262.23	def.	10	Jack Beckman	4.661	205.41

# **Pro Stock**

FIRST	FIRST ROUND							
Qual.	Driver	E.T.	Speed	Def.	Qual.	Driver	E.T.	Speed
9	Jeg Coughlin	7.040	194.32	def.	8	Justin Humphreys	7.044	194.77
7	Ron Krisher	7.046	194.86	def.	10	Jim Yates	23.793	29.90
6	Larry Morgan	7.045	195.05	def.	11	Dave Connolly	7.053	195.17
5	Kurt Johnson	7.050	195.53	def.	12	Rickie Jones	NO TI	IME*
13	Jason Line	7.032	195.56	def.	4	Greg Stanfield	7.036	195.39
15	Johnny Gray	7.107	194.27	def.	2	Mike Edwards	7.109	195.17
1	Greg Anderson	7.020	195.87	def.	16	V. Gaines	7.075*	193.88
3	Allen Johnson	7.030	195.45	def.	14	Warren Johnson	7.073	195.90
SECON	D ROUND							
7	Ron Krisher	7.071	194.80	def.	15	Johnny Gray	7.111	194.10
5	Kurt Johnson	7.048	195.56	def.	13	Jason Line	7.135	178.97
3	Allen Johnson	7.043	195.70	def.	6	Larry Morgan	7.062	194.86
1	Greg Anderson	7.046	195.70	def.	9	Jeg Coughlin	7.065	194.07
SEMIF	INAL							
1	Greg Anderson	7.031	196.10	def.	5	Kurt Johnson	7.052	195.36
3	Allen Johnson	7.050	195.17	def.	7	Ron Krisher	7.069	194.60
FINAL								
1	Greg Anderson	7.024	196.39	def.	3	Allen Johnson	7.028	195.79
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**ANOTHER ONE:** Tim Wilkerson earned his career-best fourth NHRA Funny Car triumph of the season Sunday at Bandimere Speedway in Colorado.

# Schu's Six-Pack Attack

MORRISON, Colo. — Five-time POWERade Series world champion Tony Schumacher raced to his sixth triumph this season at the 29th annual Mopar Mile-High Nationals.

Tim Wilkerson, Greg Anderson and Matt Smith also won in their respective categories in the 13th of 24 events on the POWERade Series schedule. This was the first NHRA event run at 1,000 feet for both Top Fuel and Funny Car.

Schumacher drove his U.S. Army dragster to a 4.007-second run at 304.05 miles per hour to defeat Antron Brown for his 47th victory and to pull within five victories of Joe Amato (52) for most Top Fuel wins all-time.

"It's still a good race," said Schumacher, referring to the change to 1,000 feet. "The key to this race was knowing it's hot out, knowing that there's water under the first 100 feet and knowing that if you don't get that car moving hard right there, you're done, you're not going to make it. And we knew that."

In Funny Car, Wilkerson drove his Levi Ray & Shoup Chevy Impala SS to a 4.398 at 262.23 to defeat defending event winner Jack Beckman and pick up his third win in five races. It's Wilkerson's fourth victory of the season, ninth of his career and first at Bandimere Speedway.

"We had a good car all weekend and went down the track every run," said Wilkerson. "I'm pretty proud of my



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**WINNING WAYS:** Despite the new 1,000-foot distance, Tony Schumacher romped to his sixth NHRA Top Fuel triumph of the season Sunday.

guys. They're doing a great job. It was good racing all weekend."

Anderson drove his Summit Racing Pontiac GXP to his third- straight win and fifth overall for the season, posting a time of 7.024 at 196.39, which proved strong enough to get past runner-up and defending event winner Allen Johnson. It is Anderson's 56th-career win and second in Denver.

"This track is so different than everything we do all year long," said Anderson. "We just ended up having a great weekend. We adapted great and I've probably learned more this year than I've ever learned out here."

In Pro Stock Motorcycle, Smith was able to ride his NitroFish Wear Buell to a 7.326 at 180.74 past Steve Johnson to pick up his second-consecutive win at Bandimere, second of the season and eighth of his career.

"The track is awesome," said Smith.
"This cooling system in the track was consistent all week long. We performed and we had a good bike, and I'm just glad to leave here with another win."

# **Drivers Support New 1,000-Foot Strip**

BY SUSAN WADE NSSN CORRESPONDENT

SEATTLE — Sixteen years ago, at the NHRA's 1992 Mid-South Nationals at Memphis, Funny Car icon-in-themaking John Force had a spectacularly nasty accident. After crawling from his burning, tire-blown wreck to safety, a stunned reporter asked him if he thought he was dead.

Quipped Force, "I saw Elvis at 1,000 feet."

No one reported seeing The King this past weekend at the Mopar Mile-High Nationals at Bandimere Speedway. But with some adjustments, fans and racers seemed satisfied with some decent side-by-side drag racing with a 1,000-foot finish line.

They included Force, who, after the tragic and near-tragic events of 2007, was ready for some safe passes. He was one of the proponents of shortening the course length for the first time in the sport's history from 1,320 feet to 1,000 following Scott Kalitta's death June 21. And Force stood by his opinion Friday, despite a bit of trouble remembering the new math.

"First of all, for all these years, I have been on fire so many times at 1,000 feet I am ready to get off it anyway. I'm excited. I think NHRA made the right call," he said.

"I was chasing (Tony) Pedregon and I forgot where we were at. I just trucked on down there and I thought, 'Man, I am going to catch him.' Then I realized I was out the back door."

His daughter, Funny Car sophomore Ashley Force, said, "I didn't know how the changes running to 1,000 feet would be, but it was actually better."

It left colleague Del Worsham reaching for a bottle of hair-coloring.

"The first day of 1,000-foot racing seems to have shown us one thing: that the new distance will tighten up the pack. Most of the variables on a stout track used to come in those last 320 feet, so now you look at the sheet and we're all pretty tightly bunched," Worsham said. "The racing is great and it's safer, so as far as I'm concerned, it's all good. I think the fans might end up loving this. But we'll all be getting gray hair."

Gary Scelzi said, "I still think it's a

Gary Scelzi said, "I still think it's a great idea. The only problem I've got is finding the 1,000-foot mark at night," he said. "I shut off two hundred feet early, so I'm not too happy about that on my part. I think we need to get something out there brighter so we can find it at night. Daytime, I don't have too much trouble, but I know [Ron] Capps shut off early. I know some people had trouble in the sunlight. I think we just need to find a little bit better way to mark it, but other than that I think it is going to be fine."

Capps said he wasn't alone. "I already talked to a few drivers who had a hard time finding the actual finish line at 1,000 feet," he said. "I'm hoping they'll put some lines across the track. There's a small reflector that they put on the guardrail, but it's

so hard to catch that during the day."
Capps said he liked "the lack of oildowns and the super-quick sessions that allowed the fans to get back to the pit area and see their drivers."

Tim Wilkerson, Sunday's Funny Car winner and one of the members of the Safety Task Force that NHRA announced this past week, said, "One thing that 1,000 feet is going to do for us is eliminate some carnage."

Cory McClenathan and Jerry Toliver are tolerating the change in the interest of safety.

McClenathan said, "You start getting these new situations like racing to 1,000 feet and in my eyes right now, it's the right thing to do. It might not be later — they may do something different — but, for right now, it's the right thing to do."

Toliver's opinion went a step further. "I don't like racing to 1,000 feet, but I'm all for going to 1,000 feet right now until they figure out a way to slow these cars down and make drag racing safer for us drivers. Do I want to race to 1,000 feet from now on? No, absolutely not. I want them to come up with a solution to slow these cars down and go back to the quarter-mile race track we are used to," he said. It's too early to tell whether that will happen or how soon it might happen. Wilkerson said, "I think the first

whitersoin satid, I think the lifts thing we're going to focus on is the safety of the race track and the ability of the driver to control his car a little better in the situation of a catastrophe."





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1,000 FEET: Double yellow lines mark the 1,000-foot finish line for the NHRA nitro classes at Bandimere Speedway over the weekend, 320 feet short of the traditional guarter-mile finish line.

# **New Hides Get Good Review**

Teammates Race Early; High Qualifiers Lose First

MORRISON, Colo. — Almost lost during the Mile-High Mopar during Nationals at Bandimere

Speedway in the commotion of 1,000-foot racing and new mandatory chassis was the fact that all nitro drivers were running on the newest Goodyear

compound. Funny Car driver Gary Scelzi, driver the Mopar/Oakley Dodge Charger, said, "This was the first time on the new Goodyear tires, and I don't think they've ever built a tire

as good as the one we have now. We're spinning the tire to the finish line, and there's not any shredding or chunking," he said. "They're round. They're balanced. They're fabulous. Kudos to Goodyear. They've done a great job and they need to be commended on it.

■ The first three Top Fuel pairings in Sunday's eliminations featured teammates against teammates. Doug Kalitta defeated Dave Grubnic.

Morgan Lucas beat 2006 event-winner J.R. Todd and Antron Brown knocked off last year's winner, Rod Fuller.

■ With economics knocking the car count to just barely 250 overall, including only 15 in the Top Fuel class, No. 1 qualifier Cory McClenathan took only the second bye of his career to advance to the quarterfinals. It was a fortunate break for McClenathan, who lost close pal Scott Kalitta June 21 and grandmother Dorothy Jones July 5.

"She recently had a hip replacement and died due to complications following the procedure," he said. "This is the third person who has died in my life in the last few weeks and nobody can be prepared for something like this. It has really rocked my world. She spent a lot of time with me when I was a kid, and I feel very lucky to have had her in my

■ In back-to-back pairings in the opening round of Funny Car action, the top-two qualifiers were out of the race. No. 15 qualifier Gary Densham dismissed No. 2 Melanie Troxel on her hometown track, and No. 16 and final qualifier Gary Scelzi upset reigning series champion Tony Pedregon. The upsets continued in succession: No. 11 Ron Capps over No. 6 Bob Tasca, No. 12 Mike Neff over No. 5 boss John Force, and No. 10 Jack Beckman over Tommy Johnson, the No. 7 starter and husband of Troxel.

■ John Force Racing had good news and bad news heading into eliminations. All four Ford Mustang Funny Cars qualified. What's wrong with that? John Force drew (and lost to) teammate Mike Neff in the first round, and all four Force Mustangs started on the same side of the lad-

That meant that in a best-case scenario, only one had the chance to reach the final round. None did. Tim Wilkerson, in his Levi, Ray & Shoup Chevy Impala, defeated JFR teammates Ashley Force, Mike Neff, and **Robert Hight** to advance to the final.

Only Tony Pedregon at Atlanta in 2006 had beaten three Force team cars at the same event. "It was pretty cool going against all the Force cars," Wilkerson said. "Those guys are always tough. You know when you race anything with the name of Force on it that it's going to be tough. But luckily for us, three of the Mustangs went down to our Impala...That stinking thing just goes right down the track.

■ Five first-round Pro Stock winners advanced with margins of victory that were six feet or fewer. Johnny Gray beat Mike Edwards by just three feet, and that's how close Allen Johnson. Jeg Coughlin won against Justin Humphreys by a mere four feet, while Larry Morgan ended Dave Connolly's day by just five feet. Jason **Line** beat **Greg Stanfield** by six feet.

■ The NHRA announced on the eve of the race that it changed its oildown policy. Monetary fines imposed on pro drivers for oil downs at national events will be eliminated until further notice. However, point deductions will still be enforced.

Sanctioning-body official Graham **Light** said the decision was "designed to ease the financial burden on the race teams, given the cooperation we've experienced by everyone in the racing community to minimize oil downs at national events," NHRA said it will monitor teams that experience chronic oildown problems and reserves the right to take further action, if necessary.

■ Schumacher Electric Suzuki Pro Stock Motorcycle rider **Chip Ellis** was among four who fouled out in the first round of eliminations. Not only were half of the first-round races decided at the Christmas Tree, but so were two of the four quarterfinal races. (One semifinal was no contest because Eddie Krawiec's Harley-Davidson broke after the burnout against Steve Johnson.)

"I think the track here has a short roll-out (the distance you can roll before the staging beam reconnects), because I red-lighted on every run except one in qualifying (red lights do not count in qualifying)," Ellis said. "All the red lights were within a hundredth of a second of each other and I told (crew chief) Steve Tartaglia this morning that I was concerned. When you see Funny Cars cutting .020- and .030-second reaction times (.000 is perfect) and the bikes all going double 0s, that's not typical.'

It was the first red light for Ellis since Memphis in 2007 and only his 10th-career foul start in 58 races.

# **IHRA & NHRA** Should Work Together For Safety

he inherent sickness of watching videos depicting fiery, nasty, spectacular motorsports accidents can be a subject for another day. Though we can thank God for the crashes that don't leave so much as a scratch, we need to recognize that some racers do not walk away.

Blaine Johnson didn't. Darrell Russell didn't. Eric Medlen didn't. Scott Kalitta didn't. Those are four precious lives, and they're four too many to lose.

John Force was battered and broken last September, and now we have one more championship Funny Car racer whose left leg was crushed, twisted and nearly severed.

Perhaps overlooked in the National Hot Rod Ass'n's news of safety initiatives, task force, mandatory upgraded Funny Car chassis, improved Goodyear tires and the advent of 1,000-foot racing was the news of longtime Funny Car driver Dale Creasy, Jr.'s severe leg injuries at the International Hot Rod Ass'n race July 4-7 at Edmonton.

The popular two-time defending IHRA champion known affectionately as "Peanut" underwent two surgeries last week to repair a left leg ravaged by a broken transmission housed underneath his calves and feet. He also suffered a broken right foot. Creasy said doctors told him it. might be six months before he can walk again. He is facing a rehabilitation period of six to nine months.

The incident wasn't lost on Graham Light, NHRA's vice president of racing operations. He phoned Creasy to express his concern and encouragement. Steve Creasy spoke with Light and, according to teammate and event winner Matt Hagan, he urged NHRA to address the issue of possible catastrophic transmission failures and the notion of mounting them in a safer position.

But that's precisely what the Professional Racers Organization, the new safety task force and individual racers and team owners need to do — tell NHRA how to run its business when it comes to safety. That can happen in a civil, productive way. Moreover, the IHRA should reach out to the NHRA, offer ideas and

#### THE STRAIGHTLINE



**SUSAN WADE** 

resources and join the effort.

Perhaps it can offer suggestions about what has been successful for the Norwalk, Ohio-based sanctioning body. Perhaps it can offer the use of its tracks for testing various pieces of equipment or experimental parts.

Perhaps it can arrange a meeting of its drivers and crew chiefs who have researched everything from alternative fuel (Mark Thomas) to perhapssafer chassis designs (Mike Kloeber) to the advancement of science and technology in education (Paul Lee) to the maybe more mundane, but effective art of decreasing parts attrition (Paul Smith). IHRA has its engineers, engine and chassis experts, machinists, construction workers and selfmade successes in business. They can contribute to the solutions.

The NHRA should reach out to the IHRA. Light did it with a phone call. That's a splendid start. Tom Compton, you're the NHRA president — call Aaron Polburn. He is as friendly as you are reserved, so why not let Polburn articulate your shared initiatives and pitch the concept to the individuals in Corporate America who might participate and provide some key input? Invite the IHRA to join in resource-pooling, perhaps even incentive programs for engineering students to lend their creativity in addressing some of the technical issues.

The NHRA, with its newly formed safety task force, has a chance to do what Eric Medlen's father, John (crew chief for John Force Racing Funny Car rookie Mike Neff), urged last summer: not to add any more names to the list of fallen drivers.

That's a sobering mission, and the men on that task force — chair Dan Olson and members Austin Coil, Jim Head. Alan Johnson, Jon Oberhofer, Mark Oswald and Tim Wilkerson are thoughtful, deliberate individuals capable of carrying out the responsibility.

But the accountability doesn't need to rest on only their shoulders. Everybody wins when everybody works together.

#### UP NEXT

Schuck's Auto Supply NHRA Nationals, July 18-20, Pacific Raceways, Kent, Wash.

1. Tim Wilkerson

2. Robert Hight

# **STANDINGS**

TOP FUEL



**Tony Schumacher** 

# Top Three

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1. Tony Schumacher	1,179
2. Antron Brown	904
3. Larry Dixon	867





**Tim Wilkerson** 



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<b>Greg Anderson</b>	

i. Greg Anderson	990
2. Kurt Johnson	900
3. Jason Line	828

# RACE REWIND

Race 20 of 35: Dollar General 300, Friday, July 11 Chicagoland Speedway, Joliet, Ill.

#### FINAL RESULTS







**Kyle Busch** 

**Denny Hamlin** 

**Brad Keselowski** 

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Fin.	St.	No.	Driver		Laps	Money	Status			
1	10	18	Kyle Busch	Z-Line Designs Toyota	200	\$84,845	Running			
2	41	32	Denny Hamlin	Hass Avocados from Mexico Toyota	200	63,175	Running			
3	13	88	Brad Keselowski	U.S. Navy Chevrolet	200	59,318	Running			
4	8	10	Brian Vickers	Dollar General Stores Toyota	200	38,275	Running			
5	1	99	David Reutimann	Aaron's Dream Machine Toyota	200	37,200	Running			
6	27	16	Greg Biffle	CitiFinancial Ford	200	30,450	Running			
7	9	2	Clint Bowyer	RVs.com/Camping World Chevrolet	200	28,500	Running			
8	7	29	Jeff Burton	Holiday Inn Chevrolet	200	27,450	Running			
9	2	20	Tony Stewart	Old Spice Toyota	200	28,210	Running			
10	5	5	Landon Cassill	National Guard Chevrolet	200	34,593	Running			
11	21	1	Mike Bliss	Miccosukee Resorts Chevrolet	200	34,618	Running			
12	22	47	Kelly Bires	Clorox Ford	200	30,918	Running			
13	3	6	David Ragan	Discount Tire Ford	200	25,700	Running			
14	33	11	Jason Keller	America's Incredible Pizza Chevrolet	200	29,858	Running			
15	24	59	Marcos Ambrose	Kingsford Match Light Ford	199	30,073	Running			
16	12	60	Carl Edwards	World Financial Group Ford	199	24,020	Running			
17	19	17	Matt Kenseth	Valvoline Ford	199	22,435	Running			
18	4	33	Kevin Harvick	Camping World RV Sales Chevrolet	199	22,925	Running			
19	14	25	Bobby Hamilton, Jr.	Eckrich Ford	199	28,433	Running			
20	17	7	Mike Wallace	GEICO Toyota	198	29,223	Running			
21	16	9	Elliott Sadler	Auto Value Part Stores Dodge	198	21,645	Running			
22	30	70	Mark Green	ForeTravel/BIOMET Chevrolet	198	30,003	Running			
23	18	64	David Stremme	Atreus Home & Communities	197	28,268	Running			
24	20	66	Steve Wallace	Jimmy John's Gourmet Chevrolet	196	27,758	Running			
25	34	22	Josh Wise	Supercuts Dodge	196	27,798	Running			
26	6	40	Dario Franchitti	Fastenal Dodge	196	27,513	Running			
27	11	38	Jason Leffler	Great Clips/comcast Toyota	195	27,403	Running			
28	37	28	Kenny Wallace	U.S. Border Patrol Chevrolet	195	27,283	Running			
29	31	55	Robby Gordon	Menards/MAPEI Dodge	194	20,665	Running			
30	15	27	Brad Coleman	Pull-Ups/Jewel-Osco Ford	194	27,273	Running			
31	39	81	D.J. Kennington	Mahindra Tractor/NPPL Dodge	192	26,888	Running			
32	36	24	Eric McClure	Hefty Chevrolet	190	26,778	Running			
33	42	01	Danny Efland	SponsorDavis.com Chevrolet	189	26,668	Running			
34	40	52	Kevin Lepage	Dale Jr.'s Whiskey River Chevrolet	109	26,558	Engine			
35	28	30	Stanton Barrett	Interush Chevrolet	57	26,448	Engine			
36	23	05	Burney Lamar	31W Insulation/CertainTeed Ford	47	26,338	Transmission			
37	43	90	Johnny Chapman	MSRP Motorsports Chevrolet	34	26,228	Overheating			
38	35	4	Derrike Cope	JVC Chevrolet	31	26,168	Overheating			
39	26	02	Andy Ponstein	StottClassicRacing.com Chevrolet	30	19,590	Engine			
40	29	31	Kenny Hendrick	Interush Chevrolet	30	19,480	Vibration			
41	38	61	Brandon Whitt	Unsponsored Ford	20	25,838	Driveshaft			
42	32	49	Kertus Davis	Unsponsored Chevrolet	9	19,190	Rear End			
43	25	0	Larry Gunselman	SponsorDavis.com Chevrolet	7	19,064	Vibration			
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# **RACE STATISTICS**

Race time: 2 hours, 4 minutes, 37 seconds Average speed: 144.443 miles per hour Victory margin: 3.120 seconds Caution flags: Three for 15 laps Lead changes: 10 among six drivers

Lap leaders: David Reutimann 1-53: Jeff Burton 54-58: mann 59-87; Burton 88-90; Brad Keselowski 91-94 Kyle Busch 95-148; Reutimann 149; Greg Biffle 150; Clint Bowyer 151; Burton 152-153; Busch 154-200.

#### **TALK OF TIME TRIALS**

David Reutimann earned his second-career Nationwide Series pole with a lap of 30.606 seconds at 176.436 miles per hour in the No. 00 Aaron's Dream Machine Toyota. Tony Stewart in the No. 20 Old Spice Toyota started second.

#### **STANDINGS**



**Clint Bowyer** 





**Brad Keselowski** 

**David Reutimann** 

# **Top 10**

1. Clint Bowyer	2,965	6. David
2. Brad Keselowski	2,782	7. Mike l
3. David Reutimann	2,748	8. Mike \
4. Carl Edwards	2,711	9. David
5. Kyle Busch	2,633	10. Jason

6. David Ragan	2,613
7. Mike Bliss	2,603
8. Mike Wallace	2,376
9. David Stremme	2,325
10. Jason Keller	2,278

# **Night Ranger**



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ON A ROLL: Kyle Busch celebrates his fifth NASCAR Nationwide Series victory Friday night at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill. It was the 13th victory for Joe Gibbs Racing this season.

#### By Ron Lemasters, Sr. **NSSN CORRESPONDENT**

JOLIET, Ill. — Kyle Busch won the first night race at Chicagoland Speedway Friday night, a feat he termed "unbelievable," but his victory in the NASCAR Nationwide Dollar General 300 didn't support his assessment.

It was the 13th victory in 20 Nationwide races for Joe Gibbs Racing, four of them by Busch, who led 101 of the 200 laps to score his fifth series win this season.

Gibbs Racing Sprint Cup Series teammate Denny Hamlin, who was driving for Braun Racing, chased Busch to the finish, 3.120 seconds behind, followed by Brad Keselowski in third. It was Keselowski's 12th top-10 finish in 20 Nationwide races this season.

"The car was tight early," Busch said of the No. 18 Z-Line Designs Toyota, "but (crew chief Jason Ratcliff) made a bunch of changes and the car came to life and took off all of a sudden."

A long green-flag run over the last half of the race dashed Hamlin's

hopes of victory.

Once out to a lead of 10 seconds, Busch confessed to backing off the pace and keeping an eye on Hamlin.

"I was working the traffic easily and trying to save the right-front tire in case I needed to get after it late in the race." Busch said.

For Hamlin, who was second in the Hass Avocados from Mexico Toyota after starting 41st, it was a frustrating finish for a number of reasons. However, it was Hamlin's ninth top-10 finish in 11 Nationwide races

'We had a good car, but we just had so many problem after we got here," he said. "We had just three laps of practice and a half-lap of qualifying."

Hamlin had a mechanical problem during qualifying that forced the team to make repairs, which sent him to the rear of the field for the start. By the end of the race, Hamlin was among the fastest cars on the track.

"We really ran the 18 car (Busch) down on that last run," he said. "He just got too far ahead and we couldn't make up the track position. We needed a late caution

Unfortunately for Hamlin, the final

106 laps ran caution free. Keselowski, who was third in the U.S. Navy Chevrolet, also felt he had a shot at winning.

"We had a car that was strong for

sure, great on the long runs," Keselowski said. "It was close to Kyle's, but he's pretty good and there's a reason he's winning all these races. Keselowski said a late caution wouldn't have helped him much.

"What we needed was about 50 laps less racing," he said. "I'm feeling miserable. It was a night race, but the car wasn't doing me any favors. It was pretty loose and that makes you work even harder."

Keselowski, second in the standings, cut Clint Bowyer's lead to 183 points.

For the first half of the race, it appeared that David Reutimann would have things his own way in the No. 99 Aaron's Dream Machine Toyota, leading 82 of the first 87 laps until the handling went away.

JGR's 13th-series victory of the season tied the record set by Richard Childress Racing in 2007 for the most victories by an owner in an NNS sea-

# Bayne Triumphs In Thompson Shootout

THOMPSON. Conn. — Seventeenyear-old Dale Earnhardt, Inc. development-driver Trevor Bayne scored his first-career NASCAR Camping World Series East victory Saturday night at Thompson Int'l Speedway.

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triumph The came in Bayne's sixth-career start.

Bayne took the lead from DEI teammate Jesus Hernandez on a lap-97 restart and won by a car length. Hernandez finished second, followed by veteran Brad Leighton, Marc Davis and Jeffrey Earnhardt in a third DEI Chevrolet.

Bayne and Hernandez swapped the lead five times over the second half of

"It was a great race for a great organization. Our cars were equal," Bayne added about the final shootout with Hernandez. "I had the preferred outside line on the final restart, and everything just fell into place."

The win topped off a huge day for Bayne, who won the pole earlier in the

Shadowed by Bayne, Hernandez took the lead on a lap-38 restart. The two waged a close-quarters battle for the win. On the race's final restart with three laps to go. Bayne took the lead and won the three-lap sprint to the finish.

# The finish:

Showing driver, car, laps completed and money won: 1. Trevor Bayne, Chevrolet, 100, \$8,815; 2. Jesus Hernandez, Chevrolet, 100, \$5,215; 3. Brad Leighton, Chevrolet, 100, \$2,700; 4. Marc Davis, Toyota, 100, \$3,000; 5. Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 100, \$2,500; 6. Jody Lavender, Ford, 100, \$1,950; 7. Matt Kobyluck, Chevrolet, 100, \$1,600; 8. Rogelio Lopez, Chevrolet, 100, \$3,050; 9, Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 100, \$1,520 10. Jeff Anton, Chevrolet, 100, \$1,500; 11. Max Dumarey, Chevrolet, 100 \$1,000; 12. Dustin Delaney, Chevrolet, 100, \$1,000; 13. Jonathan Smith Dodge, 100, 51,000; 14. Jamie Hayes, Chevrolet, 100, 51,500; 15. Eddie MacDonald, Chevrolet, 100, \$1,475; 16. Joe Polewarczyk, Chevrolet, 100, \$975; 17. Ricky Carmichael, Chevrolet, 100, \$1,450; 18. Peyton Sellers, Chevrolet 100 \$950: 19 Brian Ickler Chevrolet 100 \$1 425: 20 Alex Kennedy, Chevrolet, 100, \$925; 21. Ryan Duff, Chevrolet, 100, \$900; 22. Steve Park, Chevrolet, 100, \$1,400; 23. Eric Lux, Toyota, 100, \$900; 24. Craig Goess, Toyota, 99, \$900: 25, Bryon Chew, Chevrolet, 83, \$1,400: 26 nes Pritchard, Dodge, 73, \$900; 27. Joe Oliver, Chevrolet, 71, \$900; 28 Mike Johnson, Ford, 43, \$900

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# RACE REWIND

Races 28, 29 and 30: July 9 and July 11-13

#### FINAL RESULTS



**Jason Meyers** 

# July 9

Limaland Motorsports Park, Lima, Ohio

Qualifications: 1. Shane Stewart, Roth 83, 10.958; 2. Sam Hafertepe, Jr., Hafertepe 15h, 11.038; 3. Chad Kemenah, Hard Eight 8k, 11.069; 4. Joey Saldana, Kahne 9, 11.089; 5. Byron Reed, Reed 5r, 11.114; 6. Jason Meyers, Stockbridge 14, need 3, 11-14, 0. Jasam reyers, 3uokumige 1-9, 111.149; 7. Donny Schatz, Stewart 15, 11.162; 8. Jac Haudenschild, Carnahan 19, 11.166; 9. Kerry Madsen, Verlweer 55, 11.167; 10. Kraig Kinser, Stewart 20, 11.193; 11. Stewe Kinser, Kinser 11, 11.197; 12. Danny Smith, Smith 4, 11.238; 13. Jeremy Campbell, Ferkel 0, 11.258; 14. Tim Hunter, Hunter 2h, 11.265; 15. Chad Hillier, Hillier 5c, 11.267; 16. Tony Russel, R. Bursel, 11.308; 17. Gen Millow Marsingority 200. Bruce, Jr., Bruce 18, 11.308; 17. Greg Wilson, Warnimont w20, Bruce, Jr., Bruce 18, 11.308; 17. Greg Wilson, Warnimont w20, 11.311; 18. Paul McMahan, Parsons 6, 11.360; 19. Todd Wanless, Wanless 2w, 11.361; 20. Terry McCarl, McCarl 24, 11.371; 21. Stevie Smith, Smith 19, 11.372; 22. Jason Sides, Sides 75, 11.389; 23. Chris Andrews, Andrews 15c, 11.391; 24. Dale Blaney, Fisher 2b, 11.456; 25. Craig Dollansky, Woodward 2, 11.440; 26. Tim Shaffer, Call 83a, 11.459; 27. Rob Chaney, March 21.465; 26. March 21.465; 27. Rob Chaney, March 21.465; 28. March 21.465; 28. March 21.465; 29. March 21.46 2, 11.44y, Zo. IIII silarlet, Iall Io3, 11.43y, ZJ. VIII old Idlery, Hammer 24h, 11.466; 28. Mike Brecht, Brecht 97, 11.485; ZJ. Dustin Daggett, Mott 2m, 11.487; 30. Randy Hannagan, Hannagan 1x, 11.497; 31. Chad Blonde, Blonde 5b, 11.559; 32. David Harrison, Harrison 10, 11.636; 33. Toy Little, Little 20au, 11.686; 34. Brandon Martin, Martin 11m, 11.703; 35. Mike 11.080; 34. Brandon Martin, Martin 1 Im, 11.703; 33. Mike Dussel, Dussel 6x, 11.981; 36. Fred Rahmer, Clemens 51, 12.143; 37. Scott Curren, Curren 69, 12.853; 38. Daryn Pittman, Titan 21, no time; 39. Brock Mayes, SC 9x, no time. First Heat (10 laps): Madsen, Reed, Wilson, Dollansky, Stewart, S. Smith, Daggett, Campbell, Little, Curren. Second Heat (10 laps): K. Kinser, Meyers, McMahan, Pittman, Hunter, Martin, Shaffer, Hafertepe, Hannagan, Sides.

Third Heat (10 laps): S. Kinser, Schatz, Hillier, Kemenah. Chaney, Dussel, Blonde, Mayes, Andrews, Wanless

Fourth Heat (10 laps): Saldana, Bruce, Rahmer, laudenschild, D. Smith, McCarl, Brecht, Blaney, Harrison. Crane Cams Dash (8 laps): Saldana, Meyers, Madsen,

Reed, Schatz, S. Kinser, K. Kinser, Kemenah, Bruce, Stewart

Reed, Schatz, S. Kinser, K. Kinser, Kemenah, Bruce, Stewart.

C Main (6 laps): 1. Little; 2. Blonde; 3. Martin, \$125; 4.

Dussel, \$125; 5. Mayes, \$125; 6. Curren, \$100; 7. Andrews, \$100; 8. Blaney, \$100; 9. Harrison, \$100.

B Main (12 laps): 1. Hafertepe; 2. Campbell; 3. McCarl; 4.

S. Smith, 5. Sides, \$200; 6. Shaffer, \$180; 7. Little, \$175; 8.

Blonde, \$160; 9. Daggett, \$150; 10. Brecht, \$150; 11. Wanless, \$130; 12. Hangaran, \$130.

Feature (40 laps): 1. Meyers, \$10,000; 2. S. Kinser. \$5.500: Saldana, \$3,200; 4. Stewart, \$2,800; 5. Schatz, \$2,500; 6. Madsen, \$2,300; 7. Haudenschild, \$2,200; 8. Dollansky, \$2,100; 9. McMahan, \$2,050; 10. Kemenah, \$2,000; 11. Reed, \$1,500; 12. D. Smith, \$1,200; 13. Bruce, \$1,100; 14. McCarl, \$1,050; 15. Hafertepe, \$1,000; 16. Wilson, \$900; 17. Campbell, \$800; 18. K. Kinser, \$800; 19. Hillier, \$800; 20. Pittman, \$800; 21. S. Smith, \$800; 22. Hunter, \$800; 23. Chaney, \$800; 24. Rahmer, \$800.

#### WINNER



Joey Saldana

# **Friday**

July 11, Eldora Speedway, Rossburg, Ohio

Qualifications: 1. Kenny Jacobs, Jacobs 59, 13.523; 2. Joey Saldana, Kahne 9, 13.543; 3. Terry McCarl, McCarl 24, 13.588; 4. Jason Meyers, Stockbridge 14, 13.608; 5. Paul McMahan, Parsons 6, 13.686; 6. Jac Haudenschild, Carnahan 119, 13.752; 7. Ed Lynch, Jr., Lynch 2L, 13.766; 8. Craig Dollansky 7. Ed Lynch, Jr., Lynch 2L, 13.76b; 8. Craig Dollansky, Woodward 2, 13.766; 9. Donny Schatz, Eswart 15, 13.771; 10. Steve Kinser, Kinser 11, 13.775; 11. Stevie Smith, Smith 19, 13.779; 12. Rob Chaney, Hammer 24, 13.790; 13. Shane Stewart, Rohf 83, 13.809; 14. Brock Mayes, Mayes 11b, 13.816; 15. Dale Blaney, Fisher 2b, 13.830; 16. Daryn Pittman, Titan 21, 13.852; 17. Jason Sides, Sides 7s, 13.856; 18. Sam Hafertepe 13.852; 17. Jason Sides, Sides 7s, 13.856; 18. Sam Hafertepe, Ir., Hafertepe 15h, 13.860; 19. Kerry Madsen, VerMeer 55, 13.860; 20. Brian Paulus, P&P 28, 13.863; 21. Dustin Daggett, Mott 2m, 13.865; 22. Greg Wilson, Warnimont w20, 13.892; 23. Tim Hunter, Hunter 2h, 13.928; 24. Tony Bruce, Jr., Bruce 18, 13.944; 25. Randy Hannagan, Hannagan 1x, 13.945; 26. Chad Hillier, Hillier 5c, 13.958; 27. Kraig Kinser, Stewart 20, 12.376; 28. Section 24.076; 20.072, 20.073, 20.07 Lidad Inilitet, Inilite 7, 153-96, 27. 153-96, 27. 153-96; 28. Jeremy Campbell, Ferkel 0, 13.987; 29. Caleb Griffith, Griffith 12, 13.994; 30. Tim Shaffer, Call 83a, 14.013; 31. Chad Kemenah, Hard Eight 8k, 14.046; 32. Lee Stark, Stark 16, 14.062; 33. Chad Blonde, Blonde 5b, 14.068; 34. Kevin Huntley, Brecht 97, 14.259; 35. Ryan Myers, Myers 56r, 14.318; 36. Todd King, King 97k, 14.343; 37. Kevin Nouse, Nouse 7k 14.528: 38. Bruce White, White 96au, 14.562: 39. Todd Nanless, Wanless 2w. 14.584; 40, Scott Curren, Curren 69

First Heat (8 laps): Schatz, Stewart, McMahan, Jacobs, Sides, Hannagan, Daggett, Blonde, Griffith, Nouse. Second Heat (8 laps): Saldana, S. Kinser, Hafertepe,

Mayes, Shaffer, Hillier, Wilson, Huntley, Haudenschild, White

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Third Heat (8 laps): Blaney, Smith, McCarl, Lynch, K.

Kinser, Madsen, Kemenah, Hunter, Myers, Wanless.

Fourth Heat (8 laps): Chaney, Meyers, Pittman, Dollansky,
Paulus, Bruce, Stark, Campbell, King, Curren.

Crane Cams Dash (6 laps): Chaney, Blaney, Saldana,

Meyers, S. Kinser, Schatz, Stewart, Smith, McCarl, Jacobs.

C Main (8 laps): 1. Blonde; 2. Huntley; 3. Wanless, \$125; 4.

King, \$125; 5. White, \$125; 6. Curren, \$100; 7. Myers, \$100; 8.

Nouse, \$100.

14. Hulley, \$100. **Feature (30 laps)**: 1. Saldana, \$10,000; 2. Meyers, \$5,500; 3. Blaney, \$3,200; 4. Schatz, \$2,800; 5. Dollansky, \$2,500; 6. Stewart, \$2,300; 7. Haudenschild, \$2,200; 8. McCarl, \$2,100; 9. Smith, \$2,050; 10. Jacobs, \$2,000; 11. Pittman, \$1,500; 12. McMahan, \$1,200; 13. Kemenah, \$300; 14. Madsen, \$1,050; 13. Tim Shaffer, \$1,000; 16. Chaney, \$900; 17. K. Kinser, \$800; 18. Hannagan, \$800; 19. S. Kinser, \$800; 20. Hafertepe, \$800; 21. Mayes, \$800; 22. Hillier, \$800; 23. Sides, \$800; 24. Paulus,

#### WINNER



**Daryn Pittman** 

# Sunday

July 13, Eldora Speedway, Rossburg, Ohio

Qualifications: 1. Kenny Jacobs, Jacobs 59, 13.801; 2. Terry McCarl, McCarl 24, 13.817; 3. Joey Saldana, Kahne 9, 13.846; 4. Sam Hafertepe, Jr., Hafertepe 15h, 13.910; 5. Jason Meyers, Stockbridge 14, 13.919; 6. Donny Schatz, Stewart 15, 13.952; Jac Haudenschild, Carnahan r19, 13,984; 8. Shane Stewart 7. Jac Haudenschild, Carnahan (19, 13-944; 8. Shane Stewart, Roth 83, 13-944; 9. Brian Paulus, P&P 28, 13-3995; 10. Paul McMahan, Parsons 6, 14.000; 11. Ryan Myers, Myers 56r, 14.013; 12. Daryn Pittman, Titan 21, 14.032; 13. Dale Blaney, Fisher 2b, 14.056; 14. Chad Kemenah, Hard Eight 84, 14.045; 15. Stevie Smith, Smith 19, 14.066; 16. Rob Chaney, Hammer 24, 14.068; 17. Steve Kinser, Kinser 11, 14.070; 18. Kraig Kinser, Stewart 20, 14.077; 19. Chad Hillier, Hillier 5c, 14.093; Kinser, Stewart 20, 14.0/7; 19. Chad Hillier, Hillier Sc, 14.093; 20. Kerry Madsen, Verfiwer SS, 14.108; 21. Chad Blonde, Blonde 5b, 14.128; 22. Butch Schroeder, Brecht b20, 14.174; 23. Tim Shaffer, Call 83a, 14.174; 24. Bill Rose, Rose 6r, 14.191; 25. Dustin Daggett, Mott Zm, 14.195; 26. Craig Dollansky, Woodward 2, 14.244; 27. Randy Hannagan, Hannagan 1x, woouward 2, 14,244, 27. halloy hallingaln, nalingaln 1x, 14,251; 28. Tong Bruce, Jr., Bruce 18, 14,255; 29. Todd Kane, Kane 6x, 14,293; 30. Danny Smith, Smith 4, 14,302; 31. Jason Sides, Sides 7s, 14,309; 32. Caleb Griffith, Griffith 12, 14,328; 33. Tim Hunter, Hunter 2h, 14,330; 34. Lee Stark, Stark 16, 14,341; 35. Greg Wilson, Warnimont w20, 14,427; 36. Bruce White, White 96au, 15.648.

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First Heat (8 laps): Meyers, Blaney, Paulus, Jacobs, Blonde,
S. Kinser, Hunter, Daggett, Kane.
Second Heat (8 laps): Schatz, McMahan, Kemenah,
McCarl, K. Kinser, Dollansky, Schroeder, Stark, D. Smith.
Third Heat (8 laps): Saldana, S. Smith, Hillier,
Haudenschild, Hannagan, Shaffer, Myers, Wilson, Sides.
Fourth Heat (8 laps): Pittman, Stewart, Chaney, Madsen,
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Crane Cams Dash (5 laps): Saldana, Meyers, Blaney,
Pittman, Schatz, Stewart, McMahan, Smith.

B Main (12 laps): 1. S. Kinser; 2. Shaffer; 3. Blonde; 4.
Hafertepe; 5. Smith; 6. Hannagan; 7. Bruce, \$600; 8. Wilson,
\$550; 9. Sides, \$500; 10. Daggett, \$450; 11. Hunter, \$400; 12.
White, \$350; 13. Schroeder, \$350; 14. Dollansky, \$300; 15. K. Kinser; 16. Griffith, \$300; 17. Stark, \$300; 18. Kane, \$300; 19.

Nilset, 10. drilliti, 5300; 17. Stark, 5300; 18. Kaile, 5300; 19. Rose, 5300; 20. Myers.

Feature (40 laps): 1. Pittman, \$50,035; 2. Meyers, \$12,535; 3. Kemenah, \$7,535; 4. Schatz, \$5,535; 5. S. Kinser, \$4,640; 6. Jacobs, \$3,835; 7. S. Smith, \$3,335; 8. Madsen, \$2,835; 9. McMahan, \$2,685; 10. Haudenschild, \$2,585; 11. Stewart, \$1.635; 24.K. Kinser, \$1.690.



MR. OPPORTUNITY: Jason Meyers (14) looks to the outside of Joey Saldana during the Brad Doty Classic July 9 at Limaland Motorsports Park.

# Meyers Steals Doty Classic

# As Kinser Gets Stuck In Traffic On Last Lap

LIMA, Ohio — Jason Meyers never had the pleasure to see Brad Doty race, but he heard countless stories about him and also had gotten to know the Hall of Famer very well over the last number of years.

Heading into the 20th edition of the Ohio Logistics Brad Doty Classic July 9 at Limaland Motorsports Park, Meyers wanted nothing more than to pick up a win in a race honoring a living legend of the sport.

He did just that in thrilling fashion aboard the GLR Investments KPC before a very large and enthusiastic crowd at the quarter-mile oval, which is owned and operated by the University of Northwestern Ohio. Mevers used a slide job on Steve Kinser in the third and fourth turns and a powerful charge down the front straightaway to win by .247

Meyers has now won six times in Advance Auto Parts World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series competition in 2008. He has 24 career WoO victories.

"We needed this one," said Meyers.
"The guys have been working really really hard here lately and we just haven't been getting the job done at the end of the night. Everyone has stood behind us 100 percent and hasn't wavered one bit. I really have to thank everyone for sticking behind me and kind of picking us up when we were down a little bit. That's what has brought us back to this point. The Month of Money is coming up and we are ready."

As the leaders took the white flag, Kinser had a few-car-length lead over Meyers and looked to have the race in check, until he was caught up by some lapped cars. This gave Meyers the opening he needed, which he took

full advantage of, to lead the last few feet of the 40-lap contest.

"I knew I had to be close to have an opportunity," Meyers noted. "I saw the white flag wave, and I knew I had to be good in (turns) one and two to have something for him in (turn) three. If there was a hole there, I had a shot at it. I didn't know if there would be or not, but it just opened up enough and I was able to get across.

able to hold him off coming off of turn four."

The car stuck right through the middle

there, and I was

Meyers was presented the \$10,000 winner's check by Doty.

"It means a lot to Jason Meyers me," Meyers said. "I have gotten to

know Brad over the years and he is a great individual. He is a great all-around person, not just for the sport, but as a guy to know.

special and something I will always Meyers led the first 18 laps, but Joey Saldana slid into the top spot on lap 19. The lone yellow flag of the event

To put our name on that list is very

came on lap 20. Kinser passed Meyers for second with nine laps remaining in the 40-lap race and began chasing Saldana. Kinser grabbed the lead on lap 36, with Meyers taking second from Saldana, setting up the final-lap showdown.

finished second, with Kinser Saldana third. Shane Stewart and point-leader Donny Schatz rounded out the top five.

# **STANDINGS**



# SECOND





**Donny Schatz Jason Meyers** 

**Craig Dollansky** 

# **Top 10**

1. Donny Schatz	4,24
2. Jason Meyers	4,11
3. Craig Dollansky	4,11
4. Joey Saldana	4,06
5. Steve Kinser	3,88

6. Jac Haudenschild	3,873
7. Kerry Madsen	3,752
8. Chad Kemenah	3,700
9. Shane Stewart	3,651
10 Terry McCarl	3 633

# **UP NEXT**

July 18-19, Williams Grove Speedway, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

July 20, Lebanon Valley Speedway, West Lebanon, N.Y.

July 22-23, Ohsweken Speedway, Ohsweken, Ontario

July 25, I-96 Speedway, Lake Odessa,

July 26, K-C Raceway, Chilicothe, Ohio July 28, Paducah Int'l Raceway, Paducah, Ky.

July 30, 34 Raceway, West Burlington, lowa

Aug. 1, Wilmot Speedway, Wilmot, Wis. Aug. 2, Charter Raceway Park, Beaver



RICK SHERER PHOTO

JOE KNOWS: Joey Saldana took WoO win No. 36 Friday at Eldora Speedway.

# Saldana Snags Eldora Score

ROSSBURG. Ohio — Two-time Kings Royal winner Joey Saldana put himself in prime position to win the prestigious event for a third time, winning the Night Before the Kings Royal Advance Auto Parts World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series feature Friday night at Eldora Speedway.

Saldana used a classic Eldora slide job on former Kings Royal winner Dale Blaney to take the lead on the 14th lap, and held off Jason Meyers to earn the \$10,000 victory, which was the 36th of his WoO career. "We needed this one," said Saldana.

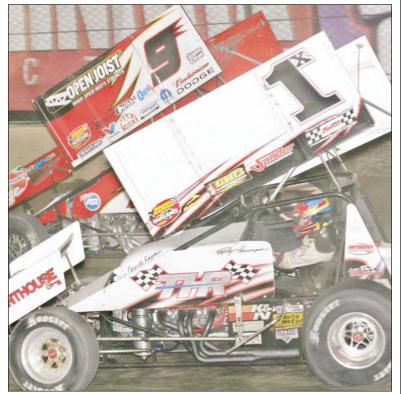
"We have been struggling here lately. It's nice to win a race at Eldora. They talk about the Knoxville Nationals, but the Kings Royal is just as big. It certainly deserves its mark in sprintcar racing. It's nice to run good the night before and hopefully, we can run well tomorrow.'

Saldana lined up third in the Budweiser/Open Joist Mopar-powered JEI and moved into second on the opening lap, as he got around polesitter Rob Chaney when Blaney took the lead.

A five-car accident in the third turn on the sixth lap right in front of the leaders led to a very tense moment for Blaney. He found a small opening to dive through after getting on the brakes as hard as he could. Saldana followed him through unscathed. A red flag ensued.

Blaney led Saldana into lapped traffic, which set up Saldana's pass for the lead on lap 14.

"It was tough in traffic," noted Saldana. "A lot of them want to race you, and they are not even racing the guy ahead of them in the running order. I had to do my job in traffic because I have been beat a lot in traf-



RICK SHERER PHOTO

OPEN FOR BUSINESS: Joey Saldana (9) races Randy Hannagan on his way to victory lane Friday night at Ohio's Eldora Speedway.

fic this year and I didn't want to have that happen again. It gets old after a

Saldana began to pull away once he got in traffic, which gave Meyers a chance to close in. Meyers made a final-lap run at Saldana, but came up .267 second short.

The victory was the second of the year for Saldana at Eldora, where he

has 16-career victories.

'We have kind of gone back to what everyone else is doing and it's clearly better for our race car right now," he explained. "We are rolling around the track a lot better lately."

Meyers was second in the GLR Investments KPC, with Blaney, pointleader Donny Schatz and Craig Dollansky rounding out the top five.

# **PITTMAN:**

# Saldana's Probelms Worth \$50,000 To Pittman

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the slower cars.

"I got real excited," said Pittman. "I thought I was going to slide him for the lead as the red came out."

When the race restarted, Saldana did not allow Pittman another opportunity to pass. After inheriting the lead, Pittman hoped for a late-race yellow to bunch the field and deny Meyers an opportunity to pull the same move he himself tried earlier on

"I didn't think that in open traffic he would have the speed to try to slide me," said Pittman.

Instead, Pittman found himself behind the slower cars of Rob Chaney and Brian Paulus, and facing one of his biggest decisions of the race. If he tried to pull off a slide job, it would kill his momentum. If he maintained his line, it could give Meyers the chance to snatch away the victory.

On the white-flag lap, Pittman put a slider on the slower cars. It worked, though he did see the nose of Meyers's car before pulling away.

"Luckily, it was the right decision," said Pittman.

Though Pittman collected a \$50,035 check and a new four-wheeler from Artic Cat, he said a dollar value could not be placed on joining the list of winners, which includes some of the top sprint-car racers of the last 25 years.

"To be able to put my name along with those is way better than money, way better than the four-wheeler and way better than the trophy," said Pittman.

The victory gives Pittman's Titan Racing team momentum heading into next month's Knoxville Nationals in Iowa. Reeve Kruck, the team owner, joined Pittman in victory lane wearing a crown on his racing cap. The Kings Royal winner is crowned during a ceremony initiated by track founder Earl Baltes when the event was created 25 years ago.

"It was a huge accomplishment for our whole team," said Pittman. "To say we were underdogs coming into the weekend would be a major, major understatement.'

The race was originally scheduled for Saturday night, but thunderstorms forced a postponement until

# **Brett's Got The Mann Power**

OWENDALE, Mich. — Brett Mann won Saturday's Engine Pro ASCS Sprints on Dirt presented by Victor Reinz feature during Super Race Day at Owendale Speedway.

**ASCS SOD** 

Mann avoided a first-lap pile up, battled with Ben Rutan and blasted

through lapped traffic to secure his first victory of the season and extend his point lead.

"I couldn't believe I missed the crash at the start," said Mann. "(Norman)

was up in the air and I closed my eyes because I thought he was going to take off the top wing. It was great racing with someone like Ben Rutan that you can run side by side like we did. It's been a tough vear, but this makes it worth it."

Mann held off Rutan, with Tim Norman, Dain Naida and Gregg Dalman following.

The finish:
Brett Mann, Ben Rutan, Tim Norman, Dain Naida, Gregg Dalman, Ryan
Grubaugh, Joe Bares, Gary Fast, Aaron Shaffer, Chris Pobanz, Jim Goetguluck, Ralph Brakenberry, Jim Lingar, Steve Irwin, Tank Brakenberry, Louie Carufel.

# **Howland Goes Back To Back**

BREWERTON, N.Y. — Up until last week, Bryan Howland had gone winless for two years. Now, two weeks into July, he has a pair of wins on the ASCS Patriot Tour.

# **ASCS PATRIOT**

Howland scored his second-straight ASCS Patriot triumph, dominating

the series' first stop at Brewerton Speedway.

In what was the first sprint-car race of any kind at the third-mile dirt track in 12 years, Howland took advantage of a May practice session at the track to find the quick way around.

"That helped a lot tonight, the track in the feature was a lot like what it was back in May," said Howland. "We knew the setup to use and the line we needed to run and it paid off."

Howland led all 25 laps from the pole, while Jared Zimbardi ran second the full distance. Chuck Hebing, Rick Wilson and Gordy Button rounded out the top five.

The finish:

Bryan Howland, Jared Zimbardi, Chuck Hebing, Rick Wilson, Gordy Button, Blake Breen, Mike Stelter, Bobby Breen, Tommy Wickham, Doug Norrie, Brandon Warner, Jessica Zemken, Geoff Quackenbush, Chris Muhleisen, Dave Wickham, Tim Devendorf, Robbie Shuttleworth, Daniel

# Johnson & Johnson Top URSS

JUNCTION CITY, Kan. — Veteran Kansas sprint-car driver Jon Johnson picked up his first United Rebel Sprint Series victory of the season, passing Corey Lutters for the lead

**URSS** 

Friday night at Whiskey Lake Raceway.

Lutters settled for second ahead of Cody Salem in third. Josh Fairbank took fourth, edging his cousin, Smokey Fairbank, for the

position by a matter of inches. Johnson also won the race's Weld Racing Wheels Hard Charger Award coming from ninth to get the victory.

#### **Saturday**

HAYS, Kan. — C.J. Johnson won the inaugural United Rebel Sprint Series Wheatshocker Rebel Nationals Saturday night at RPM Speedway.

Riding in third, Johnson passed both leader Jeff Radcliffe and secondplace Randy Washburn to take the lead for good.

Johnson held off eventual runnerup Ray Seemann and Paul Flynn in third. Patrick Bourke finished fourth and Jon Johnson came from 16thstarting spot to finish fifth.

# Sherman Sets Ariz. Track On Fire

TUCSON, Ariz. — Jeremy Sherman reeled off his fourth Discount Tire Co. American Sprint Car Series Canyon Region victory in a row by

**ASCS CANYON** 

winning Saturday night's 30-lap feature at United Arizona Sports

Race Park.

Sherman took his seventh-series win of the season from the fourthstarting position aboard Fred Bryan's Wesmar-powered F&E Development

Sherman was chased to the stripe by Jay Ervine, with R.J. Johnson, Nathan High and polesitter Bobby Taylor rounding out the top five.

The finish:

Jeremy Sherman, Jay Ervine, R.J. Johnson, Nathan High, Bobby Taylor, Mike Leslie, Justin Fisher, Andrew Reinbold, Mike Martin, Jody Wirth, Carson Ditsch, Ronnie Clark, Derek Williams, Josh Pelkey, Steve Tellas, Charles Davis, Jr.

# Invaders No Match For Bobby Mincer

TIPTON, Iowa — Bobby Mincer dominated the night at the Ideal Ready Mix Sprint Invaders feature Sunday at Cedar County Speedway.

**INVADERS** 

Mincer won his heat race and came from the last row to win the Shake-Up Dash before drawing a four pill for the

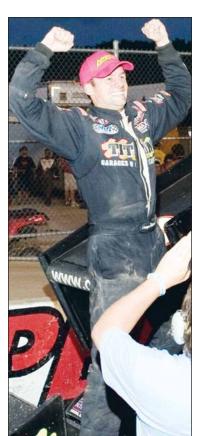
invert in the 25-lap main event. That put Ryan Jamison on the pole

for the feature. Jamison led at the outset of the feature event, but Mincer

stormed up from his fourth-place starting spot, disposed of Jamison in the opening laps of the race and led the rest of the way.

Jerrod Hull passed Jamison to get the second spot. Jamison finished third. Nick Eastin was fourth and John Schulz rounded out the top

Bobby Mincer, Jerrod Hull, Ryan Jamison, Nick Eastin, John Schulz, Korey Weyant, Mark Shirshekan, Natalie Sather, Josh Schneiderman, Jimmy Davies, Matt Harms, Matt Rogerson, Andy Huston, Tim Moore



**Daryn Pittman** 



# A weekly report of action from across America



Indiana Illinois Kentucky Michigan Minnesota Missouri Ohio Wisconsin

# Rockford Speedway

Rockford, III. July 9, 2008

Matt Mangjaracina Natt Mangiaraci
 Alan Bekielewski
 Roger Schultz

Figure-8
1. Chris Gantz

2. Tom Schneide 3. David Russell

**Legends** 1. Maxx McNamara

2. Matt Booker 3. Michael Cooter

Allison Legacy
1. John Beinlich

RoadRunner

1. Alex Papini 3 Charlie Frisch

2. Laura Siarkiewicz

Trumbull County **Fairgrounds** 

Cortland, Ohio July 10, 2008

 Bobby Powell
 Mike Pegher, Jr. 3. Dennis Lunger, Jr.

Stock Car 1 Alan Dellinge 3. Dave Ferringe

# **Anderson** Speedway

Anderson, Ind. July 9, 2008 Midget
1. James Robertson

Travis Young
 Justin Overfelt

Kenyon Midget

1. Jeff Wimmenau

2. Drew Charlson

Ford Focus Midget

Allison MacLeo
 Kyle Hamilton
 Any Nock

#### **Anderson** Speedway

Anderson, Ind. July 11, 2008 Figure-8 1. Nick Warner 2. Andy Keller 3. Ronnie Phipps

. Travis Burge

Mini Cup 1. Tim Phillips 2. Geoff Gerline 3 Chad Varne ront-Wheel Ar Jeff Saxon

Kevin Harmon
 Chuck Gossett

Lebanon Midway Speedway

July 11, 2008 1. Rex Merritt 2. Eric Turner 3. Jamie Ragland

Factory Stock 1. Mark Bourey 2. Jody Tillman 3. Bryan Tillmar

B-Mod 1. Jason Otto 2 Rilly Street

3. Kris Jackson Bomber 1. Shawn Strong 2. Brandon Knudtson 3. Jerry Lankton

Super Stock 1. J.C. Newell

Kil-Kare Speedway

(enia, Ohio July 11, 2008 Late Model

1. Justin Alsip 2 Tim Allensy

3. John Vallo

Modified 1. Bill Burba

Brad Yeltor 3. Mike Carroll **Sport Stock** 1. Tom Williams

Compact 1. Chris Boggs 2. Tim Haeri 3 Ron Sac

ARCA Truck
1. Paul Hahn
2. Mike Young 3. Nick Gullatta

**Ponderosa** Speedway

Junction City, Ky. July 11, 2008 Late Model 1. Benji Lee 2. Tim York 3. Randy Turpin 1. Bartley Grant
2. Gerald Haynes, Jr.
3. Rick King

**Calumet** County Speedway

Chilton, Wis. July 11, 2008 **Grand Nationa**l . Randy Brunett Terry Van Roy
 Tim Warner Street Stock 1. Matt Vetting 2. Matt Reinke

3. Ryan Muellei **Challenger** 1. Brad Ruh 2. Steven Ruh

1. Tom Schneide Ryan Turba
 Jake Meyer

Speedrome

1. Rodney Sizemor 2. Eddie VanMeter

Speedrome

Indianapolis, Ind. July 11, 2008 1. Dillon Bassett

Hornet 1 Roh Mink Sr

2. David Plummer. J 3 Ion Wilson

2. Mason Kelle 3. Jacob Garrigus

Paducah Int'l Raceway

Paducah, Ky. July 11, 2008 Late Model . John Tindal 2. Randy Sellars
3. Tim Brown
Modified
1. Randle Sweeney 2. Todd Miller

3. Jason Behnke CCRA 4

**Indianapolis** 

Indianapolis, Ind. July 12, 2008 Late Model

 Rex Rutter
 Tim Cunningham **Grundy County** 

Speedway

Street Stock

1. Randy Weese

Four Cylinder

1. Steve Doherty

2. Kyle Lindermuth

**Attica Raceway** 

3. Jim Beasley

Park

Attica, Ohio July 11, 2008

305 Sprint Car 1. Bryan Sebetto 2. Stuart Brubake

3. Shaun Valenti

3. Dusty Moore

Dirt Truck

1. Alex Weichman

Cory Ward
 Dan Hennig

Jackson

Jackson, Minn.

July 12, 2008

360 Sprint Car 1. Scott Winters 2. Gordy Vogelaar 3. Brett Geldner

Sprint
1. Mike Blomstrom

2 Frank Phinns

3. Nate Eakin

Stock Car 1. Roger Tripp

2. Jason Mickelson

3. Trent Schroder

Speedway

Late Model

1. Jon Henry

2 Curtis Dei

2 Chad Ravuk

1. Trov English

2. Matt Liner 3. Tommy Williams Street Stock Pancho Elder 2. Paul Howard

3. Rvan Humphrey

1 Matt Hartman Jeffrey Bailey
 Keaton Downing

**Vintage** 1. Mark Moore

July 11, 2008 **Late Model** 1. Eddie Hoffma 2. Brett Sontag 3. Tom Smith

3. Doug Greig

**Indianapolis** 

2. Ty Rose 3. Ben Rhodes

2. Jess Holliday
3. Daniel Enlow
Faskart
1. J.D. Blankenship

Junior Faskart

Crate Late Mode

Ken Odegaard
 Justin Schuder
 Matthew Looft
 Hobby Stock

B-Mod

 John Briggs
 Chris Harris 3. Dan Strandberg

Galesburg Speedway

Galesburg, Mich. July 12, 2008 **Late Model** 1. Scott Rugg

2. Harry Foot 3. Luke Krick

**Sportsman** 1. Jim Woodin 2. Jeff Vochaska 3. Kyle Rombaugh Street Stock

1. John Foote, Jr. 2. Bob Methen 3 Scott Flsev Mini Stock

1. Shane Clark

Sportsman

1. Jake Finney

2. Jason Kolbe

3. Ron Vandermeir, Jr. 2. Wayne Kline 3. Justin Stephens Burg Stock

1. Robert Mason

Madison Int'l **Speedway** 

Oregon, Wis. July 11, 2008 **Super Late Model** 1. Nathan Haseleu

2. Steve Rubeck 3. Frank Kreye

2. Steve Dickson 3. Darrell Garman Bandit 1 Chester Ace

2. Kyle Padfield 3. Cory Skolaski Legends
1. Max McNamara

2. Alex Arelano 3 Aaron Move Short Tracker

1. Randy Nottestad

2. Steve Allman

3. Derek Bettenhauser 1. Cavlie Duncanso

Eldora **Speedway** 

Rossburg, Ohio July 11, 2008 **360 Sprint Car** 1. Butch Schroeder 2. Dale Blaney

Veteran stock-car driver John Vallo recently posted his 300thcareer feature victory, winning the late-model main event at season-ending injuries he sustained during a sprint-car crash in April 2007 with a July 5 358 sprint-car victory at Selinsgrove (Pa.) Speedway...Roger Maynor scored the 90th victory of his career in the Figure-8 main event July 5 at Riverhead (N.Y.) Raceway... Mike Kellner won the July 6 late-model feature at Pennsylvania's year-old Chris Hile got back to victory lane July 4 by driving the pink No. 2k Kreis Motorsports entry in the Mr. DIRTcar Sportsman Kane. "She's fast, color doesn't matter and it looks real good anyway," said Hile. . . At Nebraska's Dawson County Raceway July 6, Jack **Sherman** came out of the pits late in the early stages of a hobby win the race. . . In a unique bit of cross-promotion, Moler Raceway Cheapbowlingballs.com to sponsor its modified division for the

remainder of this season and 2009. Aside from its virtual location,

Cheapbowlingballs.com is located in nearby Kettering, Ohio.

# REGIONAL NOTES

Columbus (Ohio) Motor Speedway. "I was thinking of quitting when I got to 300, but now I'm not," said Vallo, who leads the standings at CMS...Steve Cannon completed his recovery from Grandview Speedway, a race his father, Jon Kellner, Sr., won four times... Nick Pecko and Billy VanInwegen, both 15-year-old competitors on the Weikel Racewear Tour, were approved for competition at New Egypt Speedway by the New Jersey State Police...21-Championship Series at Brewerton (N.Y.) Speedway. The pink car was built in honor of team-owner **Ernie Kreis's** granddaughter, Katelyn stock B feature. By lap five, he had passed everyone in the field to return to the lead lap. He was then able to pass everyone again to Park in Williamsburg, Ohio, has teamed with

Tomahawk, Wis. July 11, 2008 Midwest Modified

2. Jimmy Barttelt, Sr. 3. Jimmy Barttelt, Jr. Street Stock

Chris Rindfleisch Pure Stock 1. Wally Laffin

2 Kevin Adams 3 Keith Tourville Super Stock

1. Jason Forehand

3. Greg Wilson

Rice Lake, Wis

July 12, 2008

Late Model

. Paul Brus

2. Duane Mahde 3. Todd Gehl

1. Mike Anderson

**Rice Lake** 

**Speedway** 

2. Aaron Wilson 3. Eric Olson Midwest Modified 1 Mark Gerth

2. Matt Leer 3. Mark Clemer Street Stock 1. Clark Swartz

2. Jimmy Randall 3. Scott Clark Pure Stock
1. Darwin Brown
2. Danny Richards 3. Dusty Brown

Cedar Lake Speedway

New Richmond, Wis July 9, 2008 Late Model 1. Ashley Anderson
2. Eric Breeschoten
3. Rick Hanestad

Modified 1. Dave Cain 2. Ken Schrader 3. Craig Thatcher

Cedar Lake **Speedway** 

New Richmond, Wis. July 12, 2008 Late Model . Brent Larsor 2. Rick Hanestac 3. Rick Egersdorf

. Dave Cair Super Stock 1. Greg Nippoldt 2. Rich Bishop 3. Tim Borgeson

Midwest Modified 1. Dan Wheeler 2. Shawn Phillips 3. Clark Perry Street Stock Shawn Kami

**Tomahawk Speedway** 

1. Chad Boettche

2. Jared Gross 3. Jeff Heintz

Friday night at Big Diamond Raceway in Minersville, Pa.

2. Jay Wilberding
Four Cylinder Bandit
1. Kyle Hahn Jayme July
 Adam Andersor

**Bloomington** Speedway

Bloomington, Ind. July 11, 2008 Midget
1. Tate Martz

2. Joey Paxsor 3. Terry Goff **Super Stock** 1. Lee Hobbs 2. Jeremy Hines 3. Winston How

Modified . Shelby Miles

3. Ray Humphrey I-96 Speedway

Lake Odessa, Mich. July 12, 2008 Mini Sprint 1. Jason Holibaugh 2. David Price 3. Curtis Edrev. Jr.

**Berlin Raceway** Marne, Mich. July 12, 2008 Late Model

2. Caleb Biskacy 3. Ross Meeuwser Pro Stock 1. Ryan Schnabel 2. Ryan Meldrum 3 Rrian Tillema Super Stock

1. Dave Lake

2. Ray VanAllsburg

1 Tom Thoma

La Crosse **Fairgrounds** Speedway

West Salem, Wis July 12, 2008 Steve Carlson
 Brent Kirchner 3. Kevin Nuttlemar Sportsman

1. Jimmy Gilster
2. Jerimy Wagner
3. Branden Berg
Thunderstox
1. Jason Schaller 2. Jason Stark 3. Adam Moore Queen Bee

Heather Hutchenrider
 Kim Eckelberg
 Stephanie Derleth

Illiana Motor Speedway

BACK IN BLACK: Brad Brightbill (19) races inside of Tom Brennan during modified action

Schererville, Ind. July 12, 2008 Late Model 1. Jeff Cannor 2 Mike White

3. Mike Monroe Limited Late Mod 1. Anthony Danta 2. John Senerchia 3. John Nutley

Turbo Stov 1. Eddie Ligue 2. Pat O'Rourk 3. Bobbie Jean Wal Legends
1. Max McNamara

2. Chris King 3 Van Dru Pure Stock

1. Mike Lindemulder 2. Dave Jacobs

3. Bob Rohwede

**Butler Motor** Speedway

Butler, Mo. July 13, 2008 Factory Stock

1. Brice Elniki

2. Drew Hendre

3. Ty Page **Sprint Car** 1. Mike Taylor 2 Mike Watter

1. Johnny Fennewald 2. Eddie Bray, Jr. 3. Chris Wunder Street Stock 1. Eddie Fox

2. Jeff Douty 3. Mark Selson Late Model 1. Jack Simmon 2. Eric Anderson
3. Dustin Beisley

Skyline **Speedway** vart Ohio July 11, 2008 410 Sprint Car 1. Cole Duncan 2. Danny Smith 3. Josh Davis Late Model 1. Cory Conley
2. Chris Carpente
3. Larry Bond

1. Jeremy Berwange 2 Mark Dickson Pure Stock
1. Jeremy Blake
2. Daron Roush 3. John Powell, Jr. Four Cylinder 1 Tom Adkins

2. Ted Christoph 3. Tony Plaughe Mini Wedge 1. Ron Picken: 2 Miriah Mille

3. Kyle Bond **Owosso** 

1. Travis Eddy

2. Laci Donner 3. Jason Parish Late Model

1. Mark Welch

2 Tim Felver

Street Stock

Leo Smith

2. Chris Beaa

Pure Stock

1. Kevin Adkins

2. Fred Atkins

3. Jim Gokee

Mini Stock

1. Alex Donne 2. Dan Gokee

3. Shaun Conne

Sycamore, III.

July 11, 2008

**Spectator**1. Chris Ricker

3. Rvan Decker

Figure-8
1. Gabe Alvarado

1. Anthony Hansford

3. Courtney Brancecum

Powder Puff

2. Stacy Roach

**Compact** 1. Mike Gossett

**Sycamore** 

Speedway

Super Late Model

1. Nick Kuipers

2. Reno Markham

3. Charlie Olson

1. Mike Crowe

2. Chris Parke

3. Paul Ermel

2. Jimmy Steph Powder Puff

1. Amy Memoli

3. Stacy Roach

Compact Feature No. 1 1. Tim Runge

2. Lance Bonnell

3. Mike Gossett

1. Mike Hansen

2. Matt Fabrizius

2. Courtney Brand

Michael Brancecum

Spectator

Sycamore, III.

July 12, 2008

2. Michael Swidersk

Sycamore

Speedway

3. Lindsay Fauset

**Speedway** July 12, 2008 Owosso, Mich. July 12, 2008 Super Late Mode 1. Mike Marlar

2. Don O'Neal
3. Kevin Claycomb
Street Stock 1. Willie Edelen 2. Terry Greenwell

3. Jason Priddy Modified 3. Benji Lee

Bluegrass

Speedway

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**Flat Rock** Speedway

Flat Rock, Mich July 12, 2008 **Figure-8** 1 Dennis Whisma

2. Robbie Loving 3. Jerry Lee Late Model Dennis Strickland 2. Ricky Kargel 3. Scott Girou

Street Stock
Feature No. 1
1. Randy Demaggio 2. Dan Ford, Jr. 3. Steve Cronewett, Jr Feature No. 2

1 James Rae

 Rich Abel
 Joe Gramlich **Double X** Speedway

California, Mo. July 13, 2008 **Sprint Car** 1. Jonathan Cornell 2. Curtis Evans 3. Bradley Roberts Street Stock 1. Joe Miller 2. John Clancy, Jr.

3. Greg Holdren Hobby Stock 1. Jeremy Gordon
2. Mike Schrader
3. Krissi Herrbach
Micro Sprint

1. Brian Beebe

2. T.J. Muths

**Eagle Valley** 

**Modified** 1. Jake Hartung Super Stock

Speedway

2. Kevin Adams 3. Rich Loftus Curt Myers

Jim Falls, Wis. July 13, 2008

Midwest Modifi

1. Ronnie Rihn

2. Matt Leer

3. Shane Halopka Street Stock Feature No. 1

1. Jay Kesan
2. Tommy Richards
3. Clark Swartz

Feature No. 2

Danny Richards
 George Richards
 Austin Galloway

**Hornet** Feature No. 1 1. Travis Anderson

2. Rocky Kempe 3. Mike Peters Feature No. 2 1. Travis Anderson 2. Bob Andersor 3. Brittany Olson

## **Auto City Speedway**

Flint, Mich. July 12, 2008

1. Craig Curtis 2. Chad Goff 3. Mike McMai

Super Stock
1. John Turnbull, Jr. 2 Norm Wilcox 3. Terry Bogus

2. Robby Johnston 3. Kvle Havden Led Sled

Lonnie Saumier, Jr.
 Chris Stearns
 Ricky Plamondon

1. Andrew Abbott 2. Jeremy Snelenber 3. Dustin Crawford Figure-8
1. Lonnie Saumier, Jr.

2. Duane Damon 3. Chad Lamson

# Slinger Super Speedway

Slinger, Wis. July 13, 2008 Late Model 1. Nick Schumacher
2. Lowell Bennett
3. David Prunty

**Limited Late Mode** 1. Michael Bilderback 2. Rob Braun

3 Dave McCardle

2. Jeff Holtz 3. Mike Graczkowski Thunderstock

1. Aaron Cain 2. Al Stippich 3. Bernie Leona

Slinger Bee 1. Ken Schraufnagel 2. Tom Berens 3. Mike Lang

# Toledo Speedway

Toledo Ohio

2. Matt Brazeau 3. David Price Factory Stock 1. Landon Schuster 2. Cory McCaughey 3. Eric Huston Figure-8 1. Jeremy Miller

2. Dennis Whismai 3. Jeremy Vanderhoo

2. Jim Frolng

# **Deer Creek Speedway**

Spring Run, Minn July 12, 2008 Junior Slinasho 1. Lucas Schott 2. Parker Hale Pee Wee Slingshot

Spartan 1. Dustin Sorens Speedway 2 Garrett Koster Lansing, Mich. July 11, 2008

3. Lexi Schott Slingshot
1. Jordan Yaggy
2. Parker Hale

Jeremy Paulson Modified 1. Tim Donlinger

2. Jason Cum 3. Brad Waits Late Model 1. Joe Ludermann 2. Nick Herrick

3. Keith Foss Midwest Modified

1. Bryan Hernandez

2. Joel Alberts

3. Jared Boumeester Street Stock 1. Karl Hewitt, Jr.

2. Danny Hans 3. Jesse Stahl **Super Stock** 1. Ryan Siegle 2. Chris Klinge 3. Kevin Hage

# Midway Speedway

2. Bruce Takach

1. Josh Farmer 2. Chad Starkey 3. Naaman Heis

Four Cylinder

2. Greg King
3. C.J. Crosson

Beginner Mini Wedge
1. Levi Bowen

Levi Bowen
 Bryant Worthy

3. Jacob Colebridge

Expert Mini Wedge

1. Dakota Wyer

Shawano

Speedway

Late Model

1. Terry Anvelink

2 Justin Ritchie

3. Tim Buhler Modified

. Julie McDermid

2. Brandon Czarpata

3. Jason Czarpata

Rod Snellenberg
 Dan Michonski

Crate Late Model

2. Brett Swedberg

3. Craig Bartz
Sport Mod
1. Tim Jorgenso

2. Marcus Yarie

3. Greg Magsam

Corbin

Corbin, Ky.

July 12, 2008

Late Model

2. Tim Howard

3. Marty Taylor

Vintage 1. Brian Voiles

3. John Davis

1. Randy Frasure 2. Clif Partin 3. Steve Brock Pure Street 1. Ed Murray

2. Josh Brock

Chevette

3. Anthony Wagers

Doug Miracle
 Anthony Wagers
 Scottie Smith

**Slammer** 1. Marvin Helton

2. Ron Troxtell

Mini Slamn

3. Jason Strunk

Clifford Wager
 Steve Decker
 Stacy Harrison

**Legends** 1. Chance Rice

3. Chris Perry

2. Brandon Mahoney

Thunderhill

Raceway

Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

2. Preacher Bowen

Sportsman / Super Truck

1. Russell Smith

Speedway

1. Jeff Curtin

Stock Car

1. Brian Hall

Pure Stock

3. Brandon Hittle

3. Travis Cain Street Stock Crooksville, Ohio 1. Aaron Thornto July 12 2008 Jeremy Wiitala
 Dennis Weidner 1. D.J. Cline
2. Michael Davis
3. Sam Lovejoy 1. Tony Everard 2. Kipp Burlo Modified 3. Kasev Gross 1. Jesse Wisecarve 2. Doug Henry
3. Robin Dustin
Limited Late Mo
1. Terry Hinkle

#### **I-94 Raceway**

July 12, 2008

1. Sean Jerovetz
2. Shawn Kilgore
3. Todd Dart

Stock Car

1. Greg Gretz 2. John Heinz

3. Jeff Lautenbach

Sport Mod

1. Rod Solem

3 Matt lun Hobby Stock

1. Dave DeGrave

2. Robert Waechter, Jr.

Sauk Center, Minn. July 12, 2008 **Super Late Model** 1. Tyler Sjoman 2. Nick Panitzke 3. Joey Johnson Modified 1. Kevin Woeste 2. Joey Johnson 3. Shawn Koranda Thunder Car 1. Dustin Karl 2. Doug Olmscheid 3. Kyle Kirberger **Pro-4 Truck** 

1. Matt Peterson 2. Dean Petersor 3. Anneke Jenkins 4-Tracko 1. Josh Christy
2. Andy Heying

3. Barrett Woida Just 4 Fun Tom Gjerstad
 Michael Lofquist

Kokomo **Speedway** 

Kokomo, Ind. July 13, 2008 Thundercar 1. Tony Bowman 2. Allen Davis 3 Gerald Armfield Street Stock
1. Glen Gamlin
2. Arnie Prather
3. Bill Lewis



Connecticut Maine Massachusetts New Hampshire New York Vermont

# **Thunder Road** Int'l Speedbowl

Barre, Vt. July 10, 2008 Late Model 1. Matt White 2. Shawn Fleury 3 Dennis Den Tiger Sportsma

1. Lance Allen

2. James Hebert 3. Joel Hodgdon Street Stock 1 Vern Woodard 2. Lloyd Blakely 3. David Allen Junkyard Warn

3. Travis Hull **Brockville Ontario** Speedway Brockville, Ontario

1. Scott Weston 2. Chad Brown

July 10, 2008 **Sportsman** 1. Chris Raabe 3. Tyler McPhersor

#### Waterford Speedbowl

Waterford, Conn. July 9, 2008 Legends
1. Jason Palmer Shaun Buffingtor

Super X Cars

1. John Yagmin 2. Greg Moran, Jr.

3. George Correia
X Cars
1. Curt D'Addairo, Sr.
2. John Bowes
3. Brad Voglesong X Modified

1. Wayne Arute 2 Dean Christense 3. Kevin Shea Flamboro Speedway Freelton, Ontario Can-Am Midget 1. James Grav 2 Daniel Rois 3. Greg Smulders

#### Waterford Speedbowl

Waterford Con July 12, 2008 SK Modified 1. Keith Rocco 2. Rob Janovic, Jr. 3. Jeff Pearl Late Model 1. Vin Esposito
2. Tom Metcalf
3. Bruce Thomas, Jr.

Sportsman 1. Al Stone III 2 Ronnie Oldham Ir 3. Walt Hovey, Jr. Mini-Stock 1. Ken Cassidy, Jr.

2. Randy Churchill, Jr. 3. Phil Évans 1. Jay Palmer 2. Art Moran, Jr. 3. Michael Gervais, Jr.

# **Ohsweken** Speedway

Ohsweken, Ontario July 11, 2008

Sprint Car

1. Rvan Hunsinge 2. Keith Dempste 2. Kevin Job **Ihunder Stock** 1. Terry Osmond 2. Jeremy Bean 3. Brian Pescetti Mini-Stock 1. Abel Casteleir 2. Mitchell Brow Steve Hess Fun Stock 1. Karl Sault

2 Lee Hils

3. Trevor Deboer

# Canandaigua Speedway

Weedsport, N.Y. July 12, 2008 PureStox 1. George Lavare, Jr. 2. Roger Bush 3. Bryan Faulkner Street Stock 1. Mike Welch 2. Andy Fisk 3. Chris Fisher Sportsman Modified

1. Steve Gray 2. A.J. Lewis 2. A.J. Lewis
3. Kevin Ridley
Big-Block Modifier
1. Todd Burley
2. Derrick Podsiadlo

# **Oxford Plains Speedway**

Oxford, Maine July 11, 2008 1. Jeff Lillibridge 3. Kyle Metivier Star Champ

1. Stephen Beattie 2. Mike Ricker Gold Plate

1. Spencer Morse 2. Josh Brown

3. Kyle Metivier

1. Josh Annis

 Dylan Boutwell
 Michael Keddy Tiger Sprint – Di 1. Dylan Rock

2. Ashley Boutwell 3. Jake Fitzgerald

# **Oxford Plains Speedway**

Riuo Piato

Purple Plate

Zachary Rich
 Brandon Varne

3. Evan Armingto
Box Stock

1. Kyle Mooney

3 Chase Stanles

Oxford, Maine

2. Brandon Varney

. Chris Staples, Jr.

Spencer Thompson
 Jacob Hendsbee

July 12, 2008 Late Model

1. Ricky Rolfe

2. Shawn Martin

3. Billy Childs Strictly Stock

1. David Tripp

2. Kim Tripp

3. Chris Burgess

Mini Stock

Feature No. 1 1. Justin Karko 2. Shane Kaherl 3. Ashley Marshall Feature No. 2 1. Bill Childs, Sr. 2. Matt Moore 3. Butch Keene

Running Rebel Feature No. 1 3. Kyle Hewin

Feature No. 2 1. Josh Childs 2 7ach Audet 3. Derek Cool Feature No. 3 Jamie Leavitt 2. David Cook 3. Larry Melche

Sport Truck

1. Jake Burns

2. Ross Spurling

3. Ryan Farrar Legends 1. Max Zachem 2 Adam Polyiner

# **Sugar Hill** Speedway

Weare N H 1. Dylan Payea 2. Nate Parkhurst 3. Eric Williams

Junior Sportsma 1. Austin Brehio 2. Jack Lithgow 3. Jonathan Lemay Junior Outlaw 1. Josh Annis 2. T.J. Jeski

3. Mike Murphy Junior Champ 1. Brittney Burant 2. Stephen Morsillo 3. lan Beliveau Senior Outlaw

1. Josh Annis 2. Parker Mullins 3. Brad Zahensky **Tiger Sprint – Division B** 1. Jack Rogers

night's late-model feature at Bill Sawyer's Virginia Motor Speedway.

# **Riverhead** Raceway

Riverhead, N.Y. July 12, 2008 1. John Fortin
2. Justin Bonsignore
3. Tom Rogers, Jr.

Late Model 1. Johnny Gloor, IV 2. Shawn Patrick 3. Doug Wholey Figure 8 1. Tom Kraft

2. Paul Specht 3. Carl Baxter Blunderburst Tommy Walkov
 Tom Pickerell
 Ed Mistretta Enduro

1. Ray Fitzgerald 3. John Cozza

# Thompson Int'l Speedway

Thompson, Conn July 12, 2008 **Pro** 1. Rick Martin 2. Derek Ramstron 3. Johnny Clark Late Model 1. Pete Yetman 2. Rick Gentes 3. Jeff Zuidema

**Limited Sports** 1. Joe Arena 2. Frnie Larose 3 Chris Doute

Mini Stock
1. Danny Fields
2. Scott Michalski 3. Chuck Rogers

## **Oswego** Speedway

Oswego, N.Y. July 12, 2008 1. Dave McKnight, Jr 2. Jerry Curren 3. Otto Sitterly **PathFinder** 1. Tim Barbeau Kevin Knopp
 Dave Gruel

# Speed

Mike Pow Street Stock

1. Mark Ferguson
Thunder Cat

1. Don Marcoux Jacques LeBlance
 Denis P. LeBlanc **Tiger Cat**1. Daniel Gautreau

2. Pierre Gautreau 3. Martin Landry

# **Orange County** Fair Speedway

Middletown, N.Y. July 12, 2008 Modified Richie Eurich
 Chris Whitehead
 Mike Kolka

Sportsman . Mike Ruggiero 2. John Lieto 3 Rich Coon: Pro Stock

1. Bob Waters, Ja

2. Wayne Taylor 3. Rob Rowe Veteran Pure Stock 1. Jay Pepin 2. Tim McCarthy 3. Greg Kurtzma

Amateur Pure Stock 1. Stan Vishinski, Jr. 2. Tom Shortwa

3 Charles Donals **Vintage Modifi** 1. Rob Rowe 2. Ray See, Sr.

West Lebanon, N.Y.

#### 3. Mike Gray **Lebanon Valley** Speedway

July 12, 2008 1 Eddie Marshall J.R. Heffner
 Andy Bachetti 358 Modified 1. J.R. Heffner 2. Andy Bachetti 3. Steve Hough Sportsman 1. Chris Tryon 3. Andrew Bickford

2. Chris Kokosa 3. Kolby Schrode Pro Stock 1. Jim Langenback
2. Matt Shadic
3. Paul LaRochelle
Limited Pro Stock

1. Tim Sayers 2. Jery Helms, Sr. 3 Scott Kilme Pure Stock Feature No. 1 1. Jim Fachini 2. Johnny Lane 3. Chad Ársenault Feature No. 2
1. Tom Murphy
2. Mark Webb
3. Jeff Douglass

Feature No. 3

1. Mike Eichstedt

2. Ray Hall, Sr. 3. Al Relyea Pure Stock Clash

**Centre For** 

Shediac, New Brunswick July 12, 2008

1. Phil Wood 2. Al Relyea 3. Ray Hall, Sr.

THREE'S A CROWD: Scott Adams (22), Eddie Groome (G6) and Brett Carlton battle three-wide during Friday

Speedway Williamson, N.Y. July 12, 2008

Spencer

Modified 1. Daryl Lewis, Jr. 2. Andy Lewis

3. Jeff Polaski **Street Stock** 1. Phil Alhart, Jr. 2. Don Steven: 3. Dan Scott

Super Six

1. John Semmle

2. Kris Hillegeer

# Chemung

Speedrome Chemung, N.Y. July 11, 2008 Bobby Osgood
 Tony Hansbury
 Zane Zeiner

Super Stock

1. Jeff Goodwi 2. Bill Chandler, Jr 3. Dylan Terry

Legend

1. Matt Kurzejewski

2. Matt Priscott

3. Mike Alcaro

Four Cylinder . Phil Haner 2. Tom Knapp

Mod Lite
1. Jody Buckley 2. Joe Lane 3. Paul Brinckman

> 1. Jesse Kent 2. Zach Curren 3. Mike Ferris Bandolero 1. Ryan Polenz 2. A.J. Hamilton

# **Black Rock Speedway**

1. Jack Ayers

2. Brad Rathbur

3. Terry Povoski

1. Dvlan Ceece

Dundee, N.Y. July 11, 2008 Sportsman 1. Dan Sellen 2. Darvl Hilkert 3. Craig Gardne Late Model Dave DuBois
 Rich Karlnosk 3. Brandon Smit Street Stock 1. Rich Talada 2. Chris Fisher 3 Nate Peckha Florida

#### 3 David Ahouse Lowe's Motor Stock Car Modified Speedway 1. Paul Casti

2. John Applebee

Vintage Sports

1. Shirley Morden

2. Ray DeMolin

3 John Blanchard

Seekonk

Seekonk, Maine July 11, 2008 SYRA 600

1. Kyle Kuchta

2. Derryk Anderson, Jr. 3. Nick Ladyga SYRA 750

1. Carl Medeiros, Jr.

2. Dave Hutchins

3 Jake Snillers

1. Bob Hinckley

2. Randy Morett

3 Scott Cestodic

1. Bethany Stoeh

. Maria Panciocco

Pumper Kart

1 Peter Pancioco

Seekonk

Seekonk, Maine July 12, 2008 Street Stock

1. Jeff Amaral

2. Paul Lallier

3. Crystal Serydynski **Sport Truck** 1. Charlie Rose, Jr.

2. Hugh Bowser

Late Model

1. Gerry DeGasp

2. Jeramee Lillie

1. Fred Astle, Jr. 2. Tom Scully, Jr.

3. Ryan Vanasse

3. Randy Burr

Pro Stock

3. John Paiya

**Speedway** 

Junior Kart

Senior Kart

1. Kris Porter

Kid Kart

Pure Stock

**Speedway** 

3 Roh William

Concord, N.C. July 8, 2008 Legends Pro
1. Daniel Hemric
2. Chris Buescher 3. Tyler Green

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Legends Master
1. Clay Hair
2. Hoyt Demis
3. Eddie Harwell Legends Semi-Pro

1. Jordan Penninge 2. Sam McAulay 3 Austin Hill

2. Devin Jones 3. Austin Leitnes Bandolero Outlav Bailey Daniels
 Chris Morgan
 Kayla Turner

# **East Lincoln Speedway**

Stanley, N.C. July 12, 2008 **Grand Am Stock** 1. Mickey Anderson 2. David Holland

R Fahian Anderson LM Modified Sport

1. Jeff Mundwiler

2. Blane Huffman

3. Ronnie White Micro-Sprint Car 1 Brian Roseman

Open-Wheel N . Jamie Kuntz 2. Everette Dunlan 3. Rob McLaughlir

Rookie Four

1. Justin Moody

2. Lee Oiler 3. Michael Williams Star of Tomorro 1 Rrett Myers

2. Shanan Major 3. Brian Toler Stock Four Adam Vandive 2. Tony Paladino 3 Jamie Major



Georgia North Carolina South Carolina Tennessee

# **Bowman Grav**

. Junior Miller Tim Brown
 Lee Jeffreys Sportsman Feature No. 1 1. Scott Hall 2. Tommy Nea 3. Mitch Gales Feature No. 2 1. Jim Shoaf 2 Gene Pack 3. Taylor Branch Street Stock 1. John McNeal



**PLAINS** 

#### Concord Motorsport Park

3. Jason Asbury

Concord, N.C. July 9 2008 Ford Focus Midget

1. Rick Fedrizzi Bryce Burden
 Shane MacMillan

# **Citrus County** Speedway

July 12, 2008 Super Late Mode 2 Scott Millar 3. Richie Smitl Street Stock 2. Jason Murphree 3. Tim Ouick

1. Richie Power 2. Steven Smith 3. Clint Foley

Mini Stock

Pure Stock 1. Rick Shahid 2 Chad Markland 3. John Drye

V8 Thunder Stock

1. Derek Grey 2. Jamie Shahid 3. Randy Werstein

Figure-8 School Bus
1. Jay Seykora
2. Dwayne Fults 3. Brent Fults

Rookie Figure-8 School Bus 1. Richard Dinkins 2. Kenny Darby

3. Ryan O'Neal Camper/Boat Trailer 1. Larry Welter, Sr. 2. Don Welter 3. Larry Triana

# **Antioch** Speedway

Morganton, N.C. July 12, 2008 Late Model Brian Carswell
 Jimmy Milsaps

3. Wesley Cheste Super Stock V-8
1. Freddie Frady

2 Devin Harris 3. Grant Hutchins
Super Stock Fou Jimmy Milsaps

2. Ed Brittain 3. Michael Sheets

Pure Stock

3. Chris Barker Stock 1. Brad Laws 2 Indy Adams

3. Jason Ledford Young Gun 1. Brandon Marshall

2. Kyle Barus

3. Joseph Hodges Road Rage

1. Christie Watson

# **Travelers Rest Speedway**

Travelers Rest, S.C. July 12, 2008 Young Gun

1. Zeke Whitman 2. Chris Goodmar 3. Spencer Pridgen Renegade 1. Donnie Leonard

3. Greg Dodgens

# Crossville Raceway

Crossville, Tenn. Late Model Sportsman 1. Brandon Williams 2. Sam Williams 3. Lynn Selby Modified Gregg Brown 2. Billy Palmer

3. Joey Whittenburg



Pure Mini
1. Jonathan Norris
2. Robert Stone Carl Griffith Mini Sprint 1. Justin Rapp

2. Brian Nan

3. Dewayne Emberton Volunteer

Speedway Bulls Gap, Tenn. July 12, 2008

Super Late Model

1. Jeff Maupin 2. Vic Hill

3. Shanon Buckingham

Crate Late Model

Jeff Maupin
 Shanon Buckingha
 Dale Ball

Hobby Stock

1. Eddie Morris

2 Dustin Shave

2. Jerry Broyles

3. Wayne James **Mini-Stock Car** 

1. Kevili Atwell 2. Chuck McMahar 3. Kurt Owens

Altamahaw N C

. Speedy Faucette

2. Dean Fogleman

3. Rodney Čook

. Josh Nichols

1. John Moore

2. Bobby Griffin

2. A.J. Sanders

3. Jason Cook

Keith Snake

Keith Brame
 Jerry Kernod

Mini Cup 1. Ed Peters

2. Doug Barnes

Nashville, Tenn

July 11 2008

Sportsman 1. Jeffery Belt 2. Lee Goddard

3. Lloyd White Late Model

1. Andy Johnson
2. Michael House
3. Chevy White
Super Truck
1. Daniel Bolden

2. Bobby Buttrey

3. Blake Williams

**New Smyrna** 

**Speedway** 

New Smyrna Beach, Fla. July 12, 2008

1. Rich Clouse

3 David Gibbs

Mini Stock
1. Jared Allisor
2. Cody Blair

3. Todd Haught

1 Arnold Honake

. Timothy Todd, Jr

2. Donald William:

3 John Nushaum

Strictly Stock

1. Steve Pierce

2. Richard Goodrich

3. Brent Bruner

**Super Stock** 1. Edward Barbei

2 Todd Allen

Truck

3. Scott Smith

Logan Bordeau
 Zachary Jarrell

Modified

Sportsman

2. Chad Akins

**Music City** 

Motorplex

Xtreme

Limited Sportsman

Modified

July 11, 2008 Late Model

Ace Speedway

1 Kevin Atv

3. Jon Coook

Open-Wheel Mod

1. Stanley Donahoo

Utah Wyoming

Colorado

Idaho

lowa

Kansas

Montana

Nebraska

Oklahoma

North Dakota

South Dakota

# **Adams County Speedway**

Hobby Stock 1. Jesse Sobbing Brad Derry
 Matt Hudsor Pro Street

1. Steve Churchill Greg Miller
 Mike Garner Modified

1. Jeremy Tibben
2. Jesse Dennis
3. Ryan Peckham
Late Model Chris Spieker 2. Trent Jackson 3. Leon Zeitner

# Mid-Neb. Speedway

Doniphan, Neb. July 12, 2008 Junior Hornet 1. Ben Hobbs 2. Matthew Ford 3. Michael Wiese Happy Hornet

1. Jason Ummel 2. Darick Lamber 3. Richard Crow **Hobby Stock** 1. Andy Gregg 2. Jim Buss 3. Jarred Hackler Modified

1. Chad Dolan 2. Jimmy Pearce 3. Jacob Anson **Grand National** 2. Josh Leonard

# **Lincoln County** Raceway

North Platte, Neb July 12, 2008 **Sprint Car** 1. Derrik Ortega 2. Jeremy McCune 3. Jerry Brey Modified 3. Andrew Dillenburg Mini-Sprint Car 1. Andy Farley
2. John Webster
3. Brian Wilke
Mod Lite 1. Berry Richards

# Brad Bayne Tracy Bayne **Junction Motor**

Speedway McCool Junction, Neb July 12, 2008

Late Model

1. Kyle Berck

2. Bill Leighton 3. Chad Humston Kyle Berck
 Brandon Blochlinger
 Robert Wilson Stock Car Kerry Foster
 Randy Weaver

3 Rryon Roerser

Hobby Stock

1. Shane Schne

2. Zach Reicks

3. Nick Topil

# 1. Brent Kassik/John Miller 2. Tyler Mark/Brian Klein 2. Tyler Mark/Brian Nein 3. Jarrod Aspegren/Tom Dunker Four Cylinder 1. Cale Wiarda

2. Lance Hiebner 3. Dillon Burklund

# Knoxville **Raceway**

Knoxville, Iowa July 12 2008 410 Sprint Car 1. Davey Heskin 2. Billy Alley 3. Danny Lasosk 360 Sprint Car 2. Jon Agan 3. Josh Higday

#### **Tri-State** Speedway Pocola Okla

1. Andrew Bohanan 2. Cody Jones 3. Dakota Bandy

Mini Stock

1. Brian White

2. Randy Norris 3. Wesley Bourne **Economy Modified** 

1. Rodney Nobles 2. Clav Julian 3. Martin Hemphill

Super Stock Brandon Hunter 2. Richard Kunze 3. Roy Roberts

Modified 1. Larry Campbell 3. William Gould Front-Wheel Drive

Cory Clark
 Raymond Bieker

Culbertson **Speedway** Culbertson, Neb

1. Bryan Hagan 2. John Huffman 3. Ronnie Wallace

Stock Car Larry Pollmann
 Casey Werkmei
 Lloyd Meeske Hobby Stock 1. Cody DeWester 2 Austin Davis

Classic Modified

1. Matt Matson 2. Max Pollmann

3. Billy Aeby Mini Truck

Mitch Hamilton
 Bud Wasson
 Jake Sahm

# **Davenport** Speedway

Davenport, Iowa July 11, 2008 1. Terry Neal 2. Andv Nezworski

1. Bob Dominacki 2. Thad Wilson 3. John Bull Street Stock

1. Jeremy Mare Jeremy Marq
 Cary Brown
 Randy Exline

B-Mod 1. Pat Fennelly 3. Craig Crawford

**Legends** 1. Eric Barth 2. Warren Ropp 3. Dennis Begyr 4 Stock 1 Chuck Schmitz

2. Steve Schuell 3. Chris Zrostlik Midwest Jalopie 1. Terry Mattly 2 Chris Gillmor

# 3 Dan Haack **Outlaw Motor Speedway**

Oktaha, Okla, July 12, 2008 Super Modifie 1. Greg Skaggs 2. William Gould 3. Jeran Frailey

Modified 1. J.D. Jackson

Hobby Stock Dale Richardsor

2. Kerney Weaver 3. Brookin Stephe Pure Stock

1. Jason Ward 2. Kay Burris 3 Roh Lewis

> Lakeside Speedway Kansas City, Kan

1. Tim Karrick 2. Kerry Davis 3. Scott Crystal

Grand National

. Paul Lanfermanı 2. Jim Baker 3. Mike Taylor, Jr. Factory Stock Michael Taylor
 Joe Smith, Jr.
 Mike Taylor

# Miller Speedway

Miller, S.D. July 11, 2008 Super Stock 1 Dustin Arthu

2. Chad Dearbor Lorin Johnson Modified 1. Kevin Bliese

2. Lorin Johnson
3. Charlie Bloomenrader
Street Stock 1. Chris Serr

2. Robert Ross 3. Doug Songer U-Car 1. Jim Danburg

2. Mike Miller 3 Michael Hammil

# **Decatur County** Speedway

Oberlin, Kan July 13, 2008 I. Jason Schoenberger 2. Beau Speicher

3. John Huffman Hobby Stock

 Kelly Karnopp
 Jason McIntyre 3. Bret Conness Classic Modified 1. Max Pollmann 7 Rick Touslee

**Mini Truck** 1. Mitch Hamilton 2. Loyd Schoen

# Magic Valley Speedway

Twin Falls, Idaho July 12, 2008 Premier 1. Cliff Chester 2. Kris McKean

Super Stock
1. Jonathon Gome
2. Kris McKean 3. Jeff Pohlman

Thunder Stock Spencer Meye
 Steve Edens 3. Jim Shirley **Pro Truck** 

1 leff Pohlmar Kenny Vanderha
 Alan Larson



Delaware Maryland New Jersey Pennsylvania Virginia West Virginia

## **Tyler County Speedway**

Middlebourne, W.Va July 12, 2008 Super Late Model 1 Rick Aukland

1. Brian Probst 2. Thomas Sigle 3 Louie Krushansk Crate Late Mode

1. Joel Prosser

2. Zac Dohm 3. Tim Furgeson Pure Stock leff Fornash Danny Thomas
 Brad Thomas

Mod Lite
1. Robert Stackpole Tony Tatgenhorst
 Chris Kincaid

# Winchester Speedway

Winchester Va July 12, 2008 Late Model 1. Bo Feathers 2. Tommy Armel 3. Mike Hardy Semi Late Mode

Rrad Ritter

Pure Stock David Kaiser 2. Mike Rose 3 Eddie McClellar Four Cylinde

 Roger Whitlock 2. Delmas Moreland 3. Chuck Johnson

1. Greg Keister
2. Chuck Johnsor
3. Mark Digges
U-Car Feature No. 1

 Eric Morris
 David Moseley 1. Bryan Kerns 2. Michael Carte

# 3. Buddy Wilson **Tri-City** Speedway

Franklin, Pa. July 13, 2008 1. Brian Swartzland 2. Joe Crawford 3. Russell King Late Model

 Bobby Powell
 Chad Myers
 Bobby Whitlin Economy Modific 1. Carl McKinney 2. Shawn Shingledeck

3. Evan Taylor 1. Dave Ferringer
2. Jason Reagle
3. Denny Crawford Thundercar 1. Curtis E. Bish 2. Charlie McMillen

# **Bedford** Speedway

Bedford, Pa. July 11, 2008 Super Late Moo 1. Jason Covert 2. Jeremy Miller 3 Donnie Morar Limited Late Mode 1. Mike Shoemak 2. Rick Singleton

3. Derek Byler Hobby Stock 1. Chuck Wevan Charlie Walter
 Bill Replogle

# **Dog Hollow Speedway**

Late Model 1. Rick Strong 3 Paul Dominick 3. Chris Angeicchio Street Stock

# **Allegany** County

2. John Mazey 3. Marshall Detwile 1 Merle Rolette

# Hagerstown Speedway

Hagerstown, Md. July 12, 2008 Late Model 1. Jeremy Mille 2 Jason Covert 3 Dan Stone

2. Jim Boyer 3. Mike Laughard

Sidewinder

Late Model Spor 1. Wayne Walls, Jr. 2. Brian Lessley 3. Ashley Barrett

Pure Stock 1 Hans Stamberr 2. Steve Lowery
3. Jim Snyder

# Mercer **Raceway Park**

Mercer, Pa. July 12, 2008 **Modified** 1. Eric Gabany 2. Frank Guidac

3. Gary Smoker

## **Eastside** Speedway

Waynesboro, Va July 12, 2008 Late Model 1. Joe Leavell 2. Greg Roberson Street Stock 1. Cecil Cash

2 Shaun Wetze 3. Larry Martin
Sportsman . Jeremy Coffey 2. Mike Dudley 3. Ricky Fox

# Hesston Speedway

Hesston, Pa. July 12, 2008 Limited Late Model 1. Mike Shoem Brad Kling
 Rance Garlock

Sprint Feature No. 1 1. Mark Watkins 2. Mike Heckman 3. Cliff Conner Feature No. 2

1. Mike Freet 2. Roger Irvine 3. Erin Stoatler Street Stock 1. Khi Swange 2. Bill Henney

1. Carl Snare

2. Joe Dearmitt

3. Chris Chaney

# Mahoning Vallev Speedway

Lehighton, Pa. July 12, 2008 1. Chip Santee 2. Earl Paules 3. Bud Drehei

Late Model . Travis Fisher 2. Geno Steigerwalt 3. Frankie Althous Street Stock Lonnie Behler
 Kristy Morone

2. Scooter Grave

3. Duane Eidem Four Cylinder

1. Brian Kunkel

2. Gene Bowers

3. Dan Freundt

Super Mod 1. Wes Gilbert

2. Mike Renn

3. Mike Crispo

Pro4 Late Model 1. Chris Kuronya 2. Jeremy Mille 3. Mike Stofflet Factory Stock 1. Jason Frev

Strongstown, Pa. July 11, 2008 2. Shawn McGarvey Fastrak Late Model

1. Kyle Drum

2. Gary Stahl 1. Tyler Hite

# Speedway

Cumberland Md July 12, 2008 Street Stock 1. Mike Harvey 2. Rick Wright 3. John Whitfield

Hobby Stock

 Steve Fadley
 Marcius VanMe
 David Puckett Four Cylinder 1. Nathan Carpe 2 leff Tuel 3. Dwain Rhodes
Six Cylinder
1. Wade Peer

2. Ray Shepherd 3. Joé Readd **Limited Late Model** Matt Sponaugl
 Matt Cosner
 Cory Houck

# Pittsburgh's Pa. Motor

**Speedway** Imperial, Pa. July 12, 2008 Crate Late Model
1. Tommy Schirnhot
2. Mike Pegher

3. Laura Lukon Young Gun 1. Sean Graham 2 Tyler Atkinso 3. Daniel White

# Grandview Speedway

Bechtelsville, Pa July 12, 2008 1. Jeff Strunk 2. Jason Hamilton 3. Craig VonDohrer

1. Bill Henning 2. Wayne Pfeil 3. Ed Trimbur Legends

1. Jason Rochelle 2 Scott Houdeschell

**New Egypt** Speedway New Egypt, N.J. July 12, 2008

1. Billy Pauch 2. Rick Weaner 3. Jim Robertson 1. Rich Scagliotta Rocco Infa

3. Ray Woodall Sprint Car 1. JJ Grasso 2 Chris Covle 3 Ed Aiki Crate-1 Sports

2. Ron Barnstead 3. Lee Allen Outlaw
1. Rich Reider

#### 3. Spider Ensinge **Trail-Way** Speedway

Hanover, Pa. July 12, 2008 600cc Micro Sprint Issac Sneeringer
 Tim Glatfelter 3. Jimmy Brookens 270cc Micro Sprint 1. Billy Laughman 2. Jim Still

3. Shawn Crunkilton Six Cylinder

1. Brad Kress

Douglas Smith
 Broc Lawrence

3. Sean McAndrey 1 Bill Brown Ir 2. Brian Diehl 3. Al Daniels Scramble Car Feature No. 1 . Steve Holling 2. Rusty Warnick 3. Bo Sheeler Feature No. 2 1. Jim Jacobs 2. Chase Eckert 3. Ricky Weaver, Jr Four Cylinder

1. Wes McDaniel

2. Daryl Hanson

# **South Boston Speedway**

July 12, 2008

Late Model

3. Justin Johnson

1. Justin Johnson

Wayne Ramse
 Deac McCaskil

Sportsman

1. Bruce Anderson

2. Lee Pulliam

3. George Spence Pure Stock

1. Jarrett Milam 2. Michael Jones 3. Joe Allred III

Legends 1. Sparky West

2. Christian PaHud

**Jennerstown** 

**Speedway** 

Jennerstown, Pa. July 12, 2008 **Super Late Model** 

1. Jason Mignogna

Street Stock
1. Andrew Kostelnik
2. Adam Kostelnik

3. Bryan Awtey

**Hobby Stock** 

1. Steve Lond

2. Eugene Zerfoss
3. Douglas Zerfos
Mini Cup
Feature No. 1

1. Matthew Custer

3. Ken Stabley

3. Mark Lockcuff

**Trail-Way** 

Speedway

Hanover, Pa.

July 11, 2008

Thundercar 1. Todd Miller

2. Brad Shank

3. Gary Calimer, Jr. Limited Stock

. Chad Weave

2. Joseph Flanary

**Old Dominion** 

**Speedway** 

3. Daryl Hanso

Manassas, Va.

July 12, 2008

Late Model

Ray Terczak
 Robert Bruce
 Adam Brenne

Sprint Car 1. Satch Worley

2. Jerald Harris

3 French Grime

Mini Cup

1. Steven Teter
2. Steven Cox

3. Joseph Bissom

Mini Modified

1 Robby Able

2. Mike Carte 3. Scott Gore

1. Bryan Fox

3. Billy Ingle

TQ Midget Feature No. 1

1. Matt Janisch 2. Austin Fehr 3. Robin Johnsto

Feature No. 2

1. Ryan Tidmar

2 Randy Cahral

3. Matt Janisch

. Brian Woznia

2. Elliott Wohl

3. Rich DiMarco

Four Cylinde

358 Late Model

1. Gene Knaub 2. Bobby Beard 3. Tyler Armstrong

2. Heath Hendershot

Feature No. 2 1. Matthew Custer 2. Heath Hendershot

2. Barry Awtey

3. Garry Wiltrout

Feature No. 2

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1. Jeff Biegley 2. Jake Oswald 3. Jess McGlynn South Boston, Va. Feature No. 2 Jess McGlynn Jeff Biegley
 Bil Verwys, Sr. Feature No. 1

1. Wayne Ramse

2. Deac McCaskill

# Langley Speedway

Hampton, Va. July 12, 2008 **Late Model** 1. Nick Smith Danny Edwards, Jr. 3. Greg Edwards Super Truck 1 Charlie Barcla

ommy Nixor U-Car 1. Matt Hockaday 2. Allen Dail 3. Randy Prillama

Pro 6

1. James Williams Warren Smigo

# Williams Grove

Mechanicsburg, Pa. July 11, 2008 Sprint Car 1. Nate Hamma 2. Mark Coldren

July 12. 2008 Sportsman Feature No. 1

Feature No. 2 3. John Garman 358 Late Mode

2. Craig Wagaman 3. Tyler Armstrong Street Stock Feature No. 1 1. Doug Hoffmar 2. Kory Sites 3. Jim Salisbury

Kory Sites 3. Gary Welsh Four Cylinder Rrian Wentze 2. John Stoll, Jr 3. Joe Jakubic

3. Tracy Gregory Sportsman

# 3 Frank Payr 600 Modified . Butch Getz

Mountain Speedway Bob Vivona St. Johns, Pa July 12, 2008 Modified
1. Rusty Smith
2. Brian DeFabo 3. Andy Walko

# Speedway Park

. Robbie Davis

3. D.J. Watson

# Speedway

1. Doug Esh 2. Fred Rahmer 3. Lance Dewease Limited 358 Sprint Car

# **Williams Grove** Speedway Mechanicsburg, Pa

1. Dylan Cisney David Socks, III 3. Carmen Perigo, Ji

. Bobby Beard

# Penn Can Speedway

Susquehanna, Pa July 11, 2008 1. Dan Vauter 2. Bill Miller 3. Bobby Trap . Dave Zona 2. Dan Snyder

Nick Petrilak 2. Mike Nagel, Jr **Super Pure** 1. Tom Herman 2. Carl Heater

# **Path Valley**

Mini Stock 1. Leroy Lang
2. Ricky Harper
3. Frank Gordon

# Spring Run, Pa. July 11, 2008

270 Sprint 1. Brian Marriott 2. Sean McAndrew 3. Colby Dice 305 Sprint
1. Todd Spangler
2. Craig Laudermilch 3. Michael Wagner 1000cc Sidewinde

Bobby Santos Sacks Stafford

STAFFORD, Conn. — Coming

from the 10th-starting posi-

tion, Bobby Santos III had the

lead by lap 10 and went on to a

Northeastern Midget Ass'n

feature at Stafford Motor

Speedway's Carquest Xtreme

Santos took the inside route past Jeremy Frankoski head-

ing into turn one to take the

point and held off Randy

Cabral for Santos's second

NEMA victory of the season

and his third-straight midget

victory at the Stafford half-

mile. Frankoski held on for

third with Jeff Horn and Erica

Santos completing the top five.

The finish:
Bobby Santos III, Randy Cabral, Jeremy Frankoski, Jeff

Horn, Erica Santos, Greg Stoehr, Joey Payne, Jeff Abold, Nokie Fornoro, William Hall, Mike Horn, John Zych, Jr., Andy

Shlatz, Mike Luggelle, Doug Cleveland, Kevin Park, Brian Cleveland, Aaron Wall, Paul Luggelle, Lee Bundy, Abby Martino, Neil Blatt, Adam Cantor.

**Heistand Struggle** 

**Ends With Accord** 

NEMA

on July 8.

convincing

victory in

the caution-

free, 30-lap

- 2. Ryan Gretg
  3. Stanley Flen
  Thunder Car
  1. Terry Smith
- 2. Denny Scofield 3. Bill Kennedy
- 600 Sprint
  1. Rodney Glass
  2. Kevin Steele
  3. Tim Glatfelter

#### Virginia Motor Speedway

Late Model 1 Austin Hubbard

 Sommey Lacey, Jr.
 Ben Bowie Sportsman

Roger Jamerson 2. Tim Shelton

- 3. Tony Wood Modified . Matt Marshal
- 3. Page Harriso
- Craig Folmar
   Daren Bolac

# Lernerville **Speedway**

Sarver, Pa. July 11, 2008 **Sprint Car** 1. Rod George

2. Brian Ellenberger 3. Kevin Schaeffe

Super Late Model

1. Sam Stile

2. Alex Ferree

3. Jared Miley

Modified 1. Jim Weller, Jr. 2 Jeremiah Shingledecker

3. Kevin Bolland

Street Stock 1. Joe Kelley 2. Wayne Carbo



Alabama Arkansas Louisiana Mississippi

# **Grand Prairie Speedway**

Grand Prairie, Texas July 11, 2008 Modified

1. Bobby Malcus 2. Darrell Dawson 3. Kirk Acord

Sport Modified

1. Greg Frazer
2. Jacob Pirkle
3. Tory Yant
Street Stock

1. Clint Fridley

2. Robert Hill 3 Ted Ford

. Wes Miliorn, Jr. Randy Corn 3. Aaron Davis

# Crawford County

Speedway Van Buren, Ark.

July 12, 2008 Front-Wheel Drive

2. Mike McMahon 3. Jimmy Richesin Grand National

1. Hank Long
2. Charles Parker
3. Donald Ellenbarger
Modified

1. Steven Snow 2. Victor Pinkerton Robby Murray
 Remington Watson
 Young Gun
 Again Dean
 Matt Ballan

2. Matt Bolton 3. Brody Young

Mini Stock
1. Kyle Ledford
2. Edward Boyster
3. Daniel Nicholson

# Texana **Raceway Park**

Edna, Texas July 12, 2008 **Modified** 1 Steve Whiteaker In

2. Nick Hardcastle

3. Lawrence Mikulencak
Limited Modified 1. Aaron Hudgeons 2. Ray Allen Kulhanek

3. Mickev Helms Super Stock 1. Jed Rollins . Eric Floyd

Hot Stock Truck 1. Bob Ort Jimmy Rogers
 Chris Shafer

2. Danny Bennett 3. Montv Chamberlain

Mini Stock 1. Jason Bloom 2. Garrett Hayes 3. Jacob Burnett

# **Heart O'Texas** Speedway

Elm Mott, Texas July 11, 2008 1. Chase Jupe 2. Jason Honey

3. Ben Kettema SportMod 1. Ricky Heckel Brandon Stewart

3. Eric Tomlinson Hobby Stock
1. Chase Neil
2. Jeremy Hendrix
3. Charles Cosper

Street Stock 2. David Khoury

3. Jason Gauntt 2. Jeff Shepperd

3. David Andrews leff Williams

Junior Mini Stock 1. Dillon Payne 2. Alex Norris 3 Brandon Kreder

Winged Modified
1. Ronnie Reese
2. Ritchie Robins

# **Grayson County Speedway**

Bells, Texas July 12, 2008 **Hot Stock** 

1. Dennis Roger 2. Billie Potts 3. Michael Pyle Modified

1. Robert Daniels 2. David McKav

3 R I Raze

2. Don Tomlinson 3. Keith Nottingham . Buck Spears

z. Snawn Clay 3. Josh Halliburtor

Cowtown Speedway

Fort Worth, Texas July 12, 2008 **Sprint Car** George White
 Marvin Lough

3 Kolt Walke . Troy Taylor

2. Brandon Houl 3. Sean Jones Wing Mini Sprint

1. Hunter Jones

2. Tyson Hall
3. Steven Mann
Limited Modified 1. Troy Taylor 2. Kevin Řamev

Street Stock
1. Eric Lawrence
2. David Bonham

3. Jason Smith 1. Trev Smitherman Hunter Birmingham
 Candace Elliott

# **Thunderbird Speedway**

Crandell, Texas July 12, 2008 Mini Stock 1. James Watsor 2. Jon White, Jr. 3. Casey Morris

1. Cody Smith
2. Tommy Davis, Jr.
3. Ronny Sigman
Junior Mini Stock

1. Dustin Mooney 2 Dakota Raines 3. Kylar Smith Street Stock 1. Gary Blackwell

3. Clint Frideley

1. Aaron Davis
2. Chad Roden
3. Glen Pace
Limited Modified 1. Michael Martin 2. Tommy McManus

3. Gary Blackwell



Arizona California Nevada New Mexico Oregon Washington

# **Silver Dollar** Speedway

Chico, Calif July 11, 2008 410 Sprint Car 1. Jonathan Allard 2. Brett Miller 3. Kevin Sharrah

Wingless Sprint Car

2. Doug Butterfield 3. Travis Moore Street Stock 1. Jeff Olschowka

2. Steve Hammet 3. Scott Rogers

# Silver Dollar Speedway

Placerville, Calif. July 12, 2008 **Sprint Car** 1. Sean Becker 2. Herman Klein 3. Kyle Hirst Pure Stock 1. Mike McClure 2 Eddie O'Rourke

Modified

1. Mark Abouzeid 2. Mike Compton

3. Derick Colvin Pro Stock
1. Dan Brown, Jr.
2. Tom Arbogast
3. Ray Trimble Spec Sprint

1. Keith Bloom

2 Mason Mevers

# Marysville **Raceway Park**

Marysville, Calif. July 13, 2008 Winged Sprint 1. Jeremy Burt 2. Korey Lovell Wingless Sprint 3. John Anderson Mini Stock
1. Damian Merritt
2. Misty Castleberry

**Orange Show** Speedway

San Bernardino, Calif. July 12, 2008 Super Late Model 1. Dustin Ash

2. Linny White 3. David Ross Modified 1. Scott Winters 2. Andrew Phipps

3 Tim Morse ASA Factory Four 1. Duane Blay 2. Drew Reed 3. Benjamin Mahan

ASA Pro-4 1. David Glidewell 2 Chuck Becker II 3. Kyle McGrady **Legends** 1. Brian Tyczki

2. Chase Catania

3. Broc Murphy

**Red River Co-**Op Speedway

Winnipeg, Manitoba July 10, 2008 Sprint Car
1. Mark Dobmeier
2. Wade Nygaard
3. Lou Kennedy, Jr.

# Skagit Speedway

Alger, Wash. July 12, 2008 410 Sprint Car 1. Barry Martinez 2. Colton Heath 3. Eric Fisher 360 Sprint Car

1. Brian Kirkpatrick 2. Corv Chamberlair 3. Alan Munn portsman Sprint

Kelsey Carpenter

3. Bill Rude **Outlaw Hornet** 1. Ben Gunderson

# Evergreen Speedway

Monroe, Wash July 12, 2008 Bomber 1. Frank Cowgill 2. Lane Sundholm

 Darrel Lutovsky Mini Stock

1. Kris Harriss

2. Chuck Richard

3. Michael Fritz Stinger Eight 1. Bill Wade 2. Joselyn Lafleur 3. Josh Young

**Figure-8** 1. Nick Gunderson 2. Nick Dunham 3. Bill Wade Super Stock

1. John Zaretzke

2. Fred Hall 3. Naima Lang **Altamont** 

Motorsports Park Tracy, Calif. July 12, 2008 Late Model Feature No. 1

1. Jason Gilber 2. Kyle Gottula 3. Guy Guibor 1 Jason Gilher 2. Guy Guibor 3. Justin Philpott Stock Car 1. Tim Rappa

 Brian Vosburg
 Richard Harp Limited Sprint

1. David Goodwill 2. Pat Ariaz

3. Rob Hammond Modified 1. Todd Lynch 2. Todd Lewis 3. Robert Kenn Development Series
1. Colby Potts 2. Cameron Millard

1. Bob Wilson

# Ventura Raceway

Ventura, Calif. July 12 2008

USAC Ford Focus

1. Bobby Michnow

2. Walt Johnson

3. Wally Pankratz Sprint Car Clark Templeman III

2 Richard McCormick 3. Troy Rutherford
Pro Dwarf Car 2. Angel Figueroa

Senior Dwarf Car 1. Tom Bellinger 2. Kevin Alversor 3. Ron Capodieci

Junior Focus Midge 1. Tyler Edwards 2 Ándrew Mulhearn 3. David Perry, Jr.

Junior Midget

1. Luke Boles

Cameron Dougan 3. Tyler Jerman Mińi Dwarf Supercharge 1. Cody Major
2. Jimmy McDonald
3. Devin McCree
Mini Dwarf Piston

Cameron McCauley
 Joe Snyder

3. Destyn Garcia

#### Madera **Speedway** Madera Calif

July 12, 2008 **Enduro** 1. David Pabst 2. Allen Deabenderfei 3. Ryan Strmiska Destruction Derby

**New Mexico Speedway** 

Las Cruces, N.M. July 12, 2008 Limited Late Model 1. Jonathan Ortega 2. Curt Barnett 3. Gary Boles

Xtreme Modified

 Tom Connor 2. Todd Harper 3. Dusty Rigg 3. Dusty Riggs
Street Stock
1. Jimmy Ray
2. Vanessa Robinson
3. Brandon Cruise
Renegade Sprint Car

# Canyon Raceway

1. Kyle Sager

2 Lorne Wofford

Peoria, Ariz. July 12, 2008 **Dwarf** 1. Taylor Cuziak 2. Todd Bennett

# 3. Chris Snyder **Toyota** Speedway

Irwindale, Calif. July 12, 2008 Super Stock

1. Greg Crutche Bryan Harrell
 Rich DeLong III

Leaends 1. Eric Grunderson 2. Brandon Toy 3. Gary Scheurell

Thunder Roadste

1. Justin Johnson

2. Jared Carpenter 3. Gary Scheuerell Tyler Rogers
 Daryl Scoggins
 Rich Garver

Bandolero

1. Andrew Porter 2. J.A. Junior Santa Maria

Santa Maria, Calif. July 12, 2008 **Midget** 1. Chuck West 2. Scott Dobson 3. Bruce Hiroshima

Speedway



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SHOCK & AWE: Chris Perley (11) pulls in front of Bentley Warren during the Carquest Stafford Xtreme ISMA race July 8.

# Perley 'Surprised' By Latest Victory

surprise to race fans that Chris Perley won the Carquest

ISMA

Stafford Xtreme

was a surpise to Perley. Perley, who started in his

ISMA race July 8, but it

usual 12th on the grid, would come to battle old rival Russ Wood for the win, but had luck been kinder to Kelly Miller or Mike Lichty, Perley and Wood might have been battling for third and fourth. Lichty lost a tire while leading and Miller blew an engine, leaving Wood and Perley in a déjà-vu fight up

"I really didn't think we'd be here tonight," said Perley in victory lane. "Right from the start of the race I thought I'd be going backwards. I am real-

ly surprised.' Wood settled for second ahead of Bentley Warren in third. Jeffrey Abold and Jeff Holbrook rounded out the top

The finish: Chris Perley, Russ Wood, Bentley Warren, Jeffrey Abold, Jeff Holbrook, Robbie Summers, Joey Payne, Dave McKnight, Mike Ordway, Jr., Bob Bond, Bobby Haynes, Jr., Kelly Miller, Scott Martel, Jamie Timmons, Mike Keeler, Dave Trytek, Frank Polimeda, Mike Lichty, Vern Romanoski, Artie Pau Johnny Renson Jr. Justin Relfiore John Torrese Mark Sammut, Ray Graham, Jr., Jon McKenndy

# ACCORD, N.Y. — Heistand's recent struggles ended with the ARDC's return Accord Speedway, the series's first **ARDC**

appearance there since 1986.

Heistand dashed from his fifth-starting spot to the lead soon after the race went green. From there, the remaining battle was left for second place and eventually won by P.J. Gargiulo, who charged from ninth to pressure Brett Arndt

Arndt settled for third ahead of Nick Wean, who finished fourth after starting 15th, and Steve Lenig in fifth.

The finish: THE HITHSH.

Drew Heistand, P.J. Gargiulo, Brett Arndt, Nick Wean, Steve Lenig, Donnie Trent, Randy Monroe, Stephanie Stevens, Steve Craig, Shane Penny, Tiacy Readinger, Jimmy Commock, Chris Zrinski, Tommy Tomasko, Fred Schell, Tony Montesi, Scott Zipp, Scott Viets, Ryan Smith, Justin Grosz, Bethany Viets, A.J. Ernesto, Carey Becker, Bruce Buckwalter,

ROCHESTER, Wash. — Evan Margeson won Saturday's

**WMRA** 

Ass'n stop at South Sound Speedway.

took the lead on lap five and led the rest of the way, fending off Mark Atkinson in the runner-

up spot. Fast-qualifier Brea Lopez charged from the rear of the field to finish third ahead of early leader Tony Seidelman in fourth and Mitch Hoffses, whose crew spent a large chunk of the day repairing a broken rear end, in fifth.

Fvan Margeson, Mark Atkinson, Brea Lopez, Tony Seidelman, Mitch Hoffses, Logan Forler, Rick Brown, Kerstin Smutny, Darren Linder, Spence Gatrell, Doug Kammerzell, Dan Fisher, Dave Hoene.

# Lee, Marlar Pick Up **Big Bluegrass Bucks**

JUNCTION CITY, Ky. Victor Lee picked up his second Battle of the Bluegrass late-model victory of the sea-

**BOB LM** 

son Ponderosa Speedway 'riday night, winning the 13th-annual

Pete Abell Memorial. Lee dominated the 40-lap event, leading from flag to flag and lapping all but the top-10 finishers.

He pocketed \$3,000 for his

fifth BoB late-model victory of the season. Mike Marlar settled for second place ahead of Dustin Linville in third. Jason Keltner was fourth and Chris Combs came home fifth.

The finish:

Yictor Lee, Mike Marlar, Dustin Linville, Jason Keltner, Chris Combs, Tim Tungate, Michael Chilton, Tyrel Todd, Michael England, Jeff Watson, Eric Wells, Royce McGowan, Larry Gray, Zach Carney, Arnie Fields, Ricky Arms, Doug Smith, Jesse Lay, April Farmer, Duke Whiseant, David Webb,

# Saturday

BARDSTOWN, Ky. — Mike Marlar took home the \$5,000 winner's share at Saturday night's 10th-annual Kentuckiana Klash, a Battle of the Bluegrass DIRTcar Series

event at Bluegrass Speedway. It was Marlar's second series victory of the year and the series-leading 12th of his career. He started seventh in the 40-lap feature and claimed the lead for good on lap 26 after a two-lap battle with Kevin Claycomb.

Marlar pulled away over the final 10 laps as Don O'Neal and Claycomb battled for second place. O'Neal won the battle, relegating Claycomb to third as Marlar cruised to the victory Brad Neat finished fourth and Victor Lee fifth.

The finish:

Mike Marlar, Don O'Neal, Kevin Claycomb, Brad Neat, white mallad, John Veal, Nevili Calycollib, Bradi Neal, Victor Lee, Michael England, Tyrel Todd, Joey Kramer, David Webb, Dustin Linville, Mike Jewell, Jordan Bland, Chris Combs, Aaron Hatton, Larry Gray, Eric Wells, Bryant Woodcock, Jeff Watson, Zach Carney, Jason Keltner, Tim Tungate, Scotty Earl, Dustin Neat.

# for most of the race.

Frank Polimeda, Andy Martin.

# Margeson's Sound

Washington Midget Racing

Margeson

The finish:

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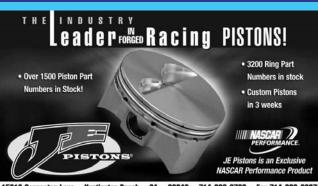




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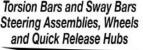
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Speedway. The track's Saturday night point leader led all 75 laps after starting on the pole, but it might have been different had he not had a wingman to pro-

tect him from trouble lurking behind. With the first 19 laps going caution-free, Weaver lapped several cars including RoC point runner-up Rick Laubach, who started 27th on a series provisional, but was capable of

an open track. That's just what he did the rest of the way, keeping pursuers Stewart Friesen and

running at the leaders' pace on

clear run at the leader. Only on the final lap did runner-up Friesen nose ahead of Laubach, too late to do anything about Weaver.

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Behind Weaver, Friesen and Johnson, Brett Hearn flashed the form that made him the king of special events at the Southern tier quarter-mile in the early 1990s by charging from 24th to fourth. RoC champion Pat Ward was fifth, while journeyman Dave Calaman provided the biggest surprise by racing with the touring pros all night to take sixth after starting on the

Mike Loney prevailed in the RoC sportsman 40 lapper over Brad Alger.

The finish:

Brian Weaver, Stewart Friesen, Danny Johnson, Brett Hearn, Pat Ward, Dave Calaman, Mitch Gibbs, Joev Grammes, J.R. Hurlburt, Tommy McGurrin, Larry Wight, Mike Colsten, Rick Laubach, J.R. Crouse, Carl Nagel, Jackie Brown, Jr., Willy Decker, Jeff Rudalavage, Billy Decker, Tim Votra, Jeff Strunk, Bobby Trapper, Billy Van Pelt, James Cornell, Kenny Titus, Darwin R. Greene, Jerry Higbie, Jr.

# 1 For The Ages

# Smith, 61, Strikes Lucas Oil

# **Friday**

TUSCUMBIA, Ala. — In one of the most stirring victories in the history of the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series, Hall of Famer Freddy Smith won his first LOLMDS event Friday night at North Alabama Speedway.

The 61-year-old driver earned the 784th victory of his illus-

**LUCAS OIL LM** 

trious career, as he withstood a last-lap chal-

lenge from Earl Pearson, Jr. Smith became the 17th different winner in the series this

The race got off to a ominous start for Smith, who started from the pole for the 40 lapper as he got sideways in turn two and was turned around by another car which forced him to spin in front of the field. Both drivers resumed their starting spots in the line-up on the restart, with Pearson taking the lead on the second restart of the race.

Pearson set the pace early despite several caution flags. Jimmy Owens used a lap-30 restart to take the lead from Pearson.

As Owens completed lap 36 the right-rear wheel sheared off and he broke a hub coming out of turn two, leaving Owens helpless and giving the lead to

On the restart, Pearson charged around Bart Hartman for second and began chasing Smith, But Smith held off Pearson, with Hartman taking third. Terry Casey and Billy Drake rounded out the top five.

'I thought I was done-for early when I got spun around and got into that tire on the inside of the track. I really enjoy coming here to race and I don't know what to say I've

tried so hard every time to win Lucas race, we just don't have the funds that some of the other guys have, but we're thankful for this win," said Smith, who is in his 42nd season of racing.

The finish:

Freddy Smith, Earl Pearson, Jr., Bart Hartman, Terry Freddy Smith, Earl Pearson, Jr., Bart Hartman, Ierry Casey, Billy Drake, Steve Casebolt, Eddie Rickman, Justin Rattliff, Chris Ragan, John Mason, Anthony Burroughs, Jimmy Owens, Bub McCool, Billy Moyer, Michael Walker, Mark Tice, Josh Putnam, Jerry Jackson, Jason Fitzgerald, Scott Bloomquist, Wayne Chinn, Dan Schlieper, Jamie Elam,

# Saturday

COLUMBUS, Miss. — For the second-straight night, a member of the National Dirt Late Model Hall of Fame won a Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series event, as Scott Bloomquist became the 18th different winner of a LOLMDS event in 2008.

Bloomquist captured the \$10,000 to win 10th annual James Nickoles Memorial on Saturday night at Columbus Speedway. Bloomquist won the event for the second year in a row. Another Hall of Famer, Billy Moyer, finished second, followed by Jimmy Owens, Chris Wall and 12th-starting Terry Casev.

Bloomquist started on the outside of the front row alongside of his fellow Team Zero driver Jimmy Owens. Owens took the lead at the green flag and led Bloomquist through turns one and two, but coming down the backstretch Bloomquist made a move to the inside of Owens, passing him as they headed into the third turn. He led the rest of the way. Moyer was the fast qualifier for the 32-car field.

The finish:

Scott Bloomquist, Billy Moyer, Jimmy Owens, Chris Wall, Terry Casey, Billy Drake, Bart Hartman, Earl Pearson, Jr., Wayne Chinn, David Breazeale, Chris Ragan, Freddy Smith. Scott James, Steve Casebolt, Jason Cliburn, Justin Rattliff, Dean Carpenter, John Mason, Eddie Rickman, Neil Baggett, Bub McCool, Jeremy Glasgow, Randy Weaver, Chad Thrash.

# Laperle Scores Sizzler Repeat

FRASERVILLE. Ontario -Patrick Laperle turned in a repeat performance in the American-Canadian 200 at Summer Sizzler

ACT

Kawartha Speedway Sunday, winning the

event for the second-consecutive year.

The Montreal racer drove from 15th-starting position to lead the pack, and was part of a sensational see-saw battle with fellow Quebec-native Karl Allard for the victory.

Laperle took the lead from Allard on lap 190, three laps after the race's eighth restart, barely holding off Allard and ACT Late Model Tour pointleader Scott Payea, who slipped by for second after the final restart on lap 197. Laperle pocketed \$5,000.

Payea earned his fifth topfive finish in eight races in with his runner-up result. Allard's third-place finish came in his first ACT Late Model Tour start of the year. Nineteen-year-old Joey Polewarczyk, Jr. finished in fourth place, just ahead of Brent Dragon in fifth.

The finish:

The finish:

Patrick Laperle, Scott Payea, Karl Allard, Joey
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# New Car Brings Same Result For Tim Kaeding

CHICO, Calif. — Tim Kaeding returned to his familiar spot in Golden State

GSC

Challenge Series victory lane, but drove a new car to get there.

Kaeding, driving the Roth Motorsports No. 83jr, won the GSC main event Saturday night at Silver Dollar Speedway in his first

"(Car owner Dennis Roth) told us to just go out and have some fun and try to get as many wins as we can," said Kaeding.

start aboard the Roth mount.

Kaeding moved around early leader Tyler Walker as the two made their way

through lapped traffic. Walker settled for second.

Brad Bumgarner collected a career-best third-place finish, but spun GSC pointleader Jonathan Allard, who recovered well enough to finish seventh and hold onto the championship lead.

Mike Henry in fourth and Kevin Sharrah in fifth rounded out the top five.

The victory was Kaeding's fourth of the season and his 38th overall in GSC competition.

The finish:

Tim Kaeding, Tyler Walker, Brad Bumgarner, Mike Henry, Kevin Sharrah, Evan Suggs, Jonathan Allard, Shane Golobic, Mason Moore, Bud Kaeding, Chris Masters, Tyler Wolf, Mark Hall, Dan Simpson, Brandon Carey, Brent Kaeding, Mike Stallings, Mark Workentine, Jason Statler, Jason York, Ken Fredenburg, Brent Bjork.

# Hahn Makes It 5 Out Of 6

XENIA, Ohio — Paul Hahn padded his point lead with yet another victory in the ARCA Lincoln Welders Truck Series Friday night at Kil-Kare Speedway.

**ARCA TRUCKS** 

Hahn, in the Hahn's Powder

Coating-Fox Auto Parts-Howe Racing Chevrolet Colorado, passed Mike Young on lap 72 of the 100-lap event and stayed out front for the duration to earn his 20th-career series victory and his fifth in his last six races this season. The win also places Hahn just four victories shy of Chad Guinn's all-time victory mark of 24. Hahn also

inched closer Speakman's all-time mark of 14 poles after earning his 12thcareer 2BKool Quick Time award earlier in the day.

Young, in the Dave White Chevrolet, finished second after leading 29 laps, earning his second-consecutive runner-up finish. Nick Gullata finished third ahead of two-time series champion Robbin Slaughter in fourth and Bill Withers, another two-time series champion, in fifth.

The finish:

Paul Hahn, Mike Young, Nick Gullata, Robbin Slaughter, Bill Withers, Norm Weaver, Kenny Kirsch, Ash Hawkins, Tim Schafer, Tommy Adams, Michael Risley, Ron Wells, Kurt McLennan, Duane Bischoff, Steve Christman, Mark Otting,

# Bagwell Bags 2nd Dash Triumph

DILLON, S.C. — Danny Bagwell collected his second victory of the 2008 ISCARS Dash Touring season Saturday,

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winning the Charles Ray III Diabetes

Ass'n 150 at

Dillon Motor Speedway.

Bagwell avoided disaster earlier in the day when flames erupted from under his hood during a practice session due to a loose fuel line leaking gas that was ignited by a spark. Emergency crews were on the scene, so the fire was extinguished before it could cause irreparable dam-

Near the midway point of the race. Bagwell took the lead from Joey Miller. From there it became a two-car race as Bagwell and Miller moved away from the pack. A late caution set up a 15-lap dash to the finish.

Miller settled for second ahead of Chelsea Schiillig turning a career-best thirdplace finish. Jake Hobgood finished fourth ahead of Garv Young in fifth.

# **Phillips Bests Fraise For Firecracker**

BUCKNER, Mo. — Terry Phillips won Sunday night's O'Reilly Midwest Late Model Racing Ass'n Firecracker 40 at

MLRA

Phillips took the lead on lap eight and

survived a late charge by Tony Fraise to pick up the victory.

Fraise, who also raced to a runner-up finish earlier in the modified feature, settled for second. Dave Eckrich, Mark Voight and David Turner completed the top five.

Polesitter Denny Woodworth was forced to retire after two laps due to mechanical problems.

The finish: Terry Phillips, Tony Fraise, Dave Eckrich, Mark Voight, David Turner, Ricky Frankel, Sam Harroun, Shad Badder, Bill Koons, J.D. Hubert, Jason Bodenhamer, Bill Koons, Jr., Reid Millard, Jeremy Payne, John Anderson, Chris Smyser, Richard Weber, Brantlee Gotschall, Chad Frewaldt, Sonny Finling, Larry Clawson, Danny Lorton, Denny Woodworth.

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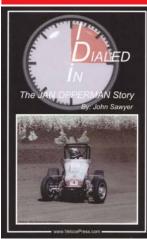
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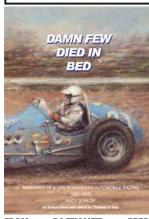


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# Faas Races In **USAC** West To Midget Score

SANTA MARIA, Calif. Point-leader Nic Faas romped to victory in Saturday night's USAC Western Midget Series feature at Santa Maria

**USAC WEST** 

Speedway. Faas took the lead from Ryan

Kaplan on the 23rd tour of the third-mile dirt track and led the remainder of the 30-lap event to claim the victory.

Kaplan finished second, ahead of C.J. Sarna, who led the first 10 circuits. Justin Grant and Robby Flock rounded out the top five.

The finish:

Nic Faas, Ryan Kaplan, C.J. Sarna, Justin Grant, Robby Flock, Matt Streeter, Shannon McQueen, Robby Josett, Ernie Bartley III, Randi Pankratz, David Prickett, Jimmy Christian

# **Robertson Wires** Anderson Field

ANDERSON, Ind. — James Robertson led every lap to win the July 9 USAC Regional Midget Series feature at Anderson Speedway.

**USAC MW** 

Robertson kept his No. 42 ahead of the field

throughout the 30-lap event on the quarter-mile asphalt oval, beating point-leader Travis Young to the checkered flag.

Justin Overfelt, Marietta and Stephanie Mockler rounded out the top five.

The finish:
James Robertson, Travis Young, Justin Overfelt, Mario
Marietta, Stephanie Mockler, Brian Olson, Mike Murgoitio,
Zach Daum, Jon Laski, Alison MacLeod, Zach Schiff, Doug Dietsch, Kyle Hamilton, Adam Schuyler, Dave Fuhrmar Chris Phillips, Joe Liguori, Jeremy Warren, Dakoda Armstrong, Parker Klingerman, Danielle Dickson.

# Lemley Conquers Castrol On 1st Try

EDMONTON, Alberta Despite having never seen Castrol Raceway before, Brock Lemley captured the 2008 Alberta Sprint Tour Gold Cup there Sunday.

**AST GOLD CUP** 

Lemley, the Skagit (Wash.) Speedway

champion who turned 28 on Thursday, made a final-lap, last-corner pass of leader and 2005 Gold Cup champion Sean Moran as Moran encountered lapped traffic.

Lemley charged to the checkers as Jason Solwold edged Moran for the runner-up spot by .001 second. Gord Kynoch finished fourth and Marc Duperron rounded out the top five.

The finish:

Brock Lemley, Jason Solwold, Sean Moran, Gord Kynoch, Marc Duperron, Joe Ramaker, Jeff Hodgson, Daniele Huson, Rocky Borys, Jessie Dakus, Kyle Fedyk, Kelly Miller, Colton Akerstrom, Justin Bienert, David Miller, Karalyn Miller, Trevor Turnbull, Drew MacDonell, Chris Schmelzle, Casey Adams, Dennis MacEachern.

# **Pit Plan** Pays Off

# Jurkovic Rocks Plymouth

PLYMOUTH, Ind. — Boris Jurkovic's tire strategy paid off and helped deliver the vic-

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tory Sunday's CRA Super Series Mid-

Summer Championship 200 at Plymouth Speedway.

Jurkovic decided not to take tires at the lap-100 break, a strategy that put him in the lead to start the second half of the race. From there, Jurkovic held off series-rookie Aaron Pierce for his second CRA Super Series victory in his last three races and the fourth of his career.

"We didn't change anything at the break other than taking two pounds of air out of the right-front tire," Jurkovic said. "The car was really good, and we just cruised for a while out there."

Like Jurkovic, Pierce also elected for track position over tires for the second segment of the race, as did Eddie Hoffman in third place.

Jack Landis finished fourth on newer tires after outdueling NASCAR Nationwide Series regular David Stremme for the position. Stremme settled for fifth.

The finish:
Boris Jurkovic, Aaron Pierce, Eddie Hoffman, Jack Landis,
David Stremme, Terry Fisher, Jr., Zach Taylor, J.R. Roahrig,
Steve Campbell, Cory Presice, Donny Klotz, Jason Shively,
Jesse Smith, Sean Matthuis, Scott Hantz, Doug Hayes, Tyler Jeses Billind, Seal Mactituis, Stott Halitz, Doug Hayes, Jyet Goahrig, Rick Turner, Doug True, Adam Purdy, Brian Nester, Jason Dietsch, Kenny Tweedy, Jeff Cannon, Robert Maynor, Tommy Cook, Brent Jack, John VanDoom, Tim Curry, Michael Thayer, Rich Segvich.

# Penalty Delivers Rowe In TIS Go

NAPLES, Maine — The Pro All Stars Series North super late models made their annual to Thompson Int'l trip

**PASS** 

Speedway Saturday night for a 75-lap

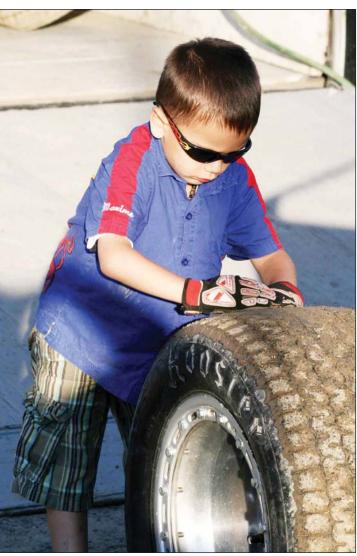
shootout won by Ben Rowe after a green-white-checkers finish.

Rick Martin raced across the stripe first, but was penalized by race officials for jumping the final restart, handing the victory to Rowe. Martin settled for second after being penalized one spot.

Johnny Clark finished third ahead of Trevor Sanborn in fourth. Derek Ramstrom, who appeared poised to capture his first PASS victory, took fifth after making contact with Martin, brushing the wall and bringing out the yellow flag during the first attempt at a green-white-checkers finish.

The finish: Ben Rowe, Rick Martin, Johnny Clark, Trevor Sanborn, Derek Ramstrom, Travis Benjamin, Richie Dearborn, Adam Bates, Bobby Tripp, Walt Hammond, D.J. Shaw, Andy Johnson, Mike Thomas, Walter Sutcliffe, Matt Frahm, Gary Bellefleur, Corey Williams, Harry Olson, Cassius Clark, Steve Desmarais, Darryl Stampfl, Steve Berry, Mike Rowe, Dave Silvia. 46 NATIONAL SPEED SPORT NEWS - July 16, 2008 SUBSCRIBE: 1.866.455.2531 - www.nationalspeedsportnews.com





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**STARTING EARLY:** A young crew member helps clean a tire during Advance Auto Parts Super DIRTcarw Series action Friday at Autodrome Granby in Granby, Quebec.



MUDDY MESS: Les Hare blasts into turn one during hot laps at Hagerstown (Md.) Speedway.



RON MCQUEENEY/IRL INDYCAR PHOTO

**READY, SET:** IRL IndyCar Series point-leader Scott Dixon sits aboard the No. 9 Target Chip Ganassi Dallara Honda on pit road Friday at Nashville Superspeedway.



HORSEPOWER: Defending NHRA Funny Car champ Tony Pedregon's pass of 4.212 seconds at 286.50 miles per hour Friday night at Bandimere Speedway was good enough to earn his second pole of the season and the 33rd of his career.



# **ECONOMAKI:**

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Thinking about moving and living in a nice new home? Then consider Nazareth, Pa., and the 12,000-square foot six-bedroom home built by Michael Andretti in 1986 that is now on the market. It is on a 10-acre lot with a six-hole golf course and six-car garage, located next door to his father Mario's residence. Asking price? \$3.4 million, which means \$35,817 in annual real-estate tax bills.

# **CLAYTON:**

# The Court Of Public Opinion Is Important As Courtroom

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the dangers and results of sexual harassment in the workplace. NASCAR, an entity that has tried so hard to make itself appeal to corporate sponsors by coaching, caioling and fining its drivers to be as inoffensive (dare I say vanilla?) as possible, would certainly be no place for men and managers who still live in 1950someplace. Right?

I mean, no one would expose himself to a co-worker. No one would use the name "Nappy Headed Mo" even in an ill-conceived attempt at humor, not even behind someone's back. Right?

If you believe Grant, who was allegedly called "Nappy Headed Mo," and who was allegedly in a hotel when one of her co-workers purposefully exposed himself in a hallway, then you're probably pretty dumbfounded by it all.

Who do I believe? I honestly don't know. I do know that two of Grant's former co-workers were suspended by NASCAR soon after those charges came to light.

I do know that NASCAR President Brian France didn't help his cause by going on the attack several weeks ago, while, no doubt, praying that Earnhardt would win a race to help all this unseemly business go away for a while.

And I know that if the NASCAR officials accused of saying and doing these things did indeed say and do them, then shame on them because that's wrong. And it's not a joke, not unless everybody's laughing. You know it's wrong because maybe you learned it in Sunday school or maybe you learned it in grade school or maybe in some corporate seminar designed to save the reputation of a corporation or a company and to stop \$225 million lawsuits from happening, if not to save someone's feel-

NASCAR caught a break with a little Junior-created slight of hand. And now Tony Stewart is leaving Joe Gibbs Racing for an ownership stake in Haas-CNC Racing, so the talk of lawsuits is somewhere off in the back pages

It's a big thing, a bad thing — and the NASCAR leadership has to tread carefully in the court of public opinion before it ever gets to a court of

This business is not going away for good — no matter how many races Earnhardt wins or how many teams Stewart buys into — just like every questionable foul call in a big game will never be seen quite the same way by NBA fans.

# 2009 NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series Schedule

Feb. 5-8	Auto Club Raceway	Pomona, Calif.
Feb. 20-22	Firebird Raceway	Chandler, Ariz.
March 12-15	Gainesville Raceway	Gainesville, Fla.
March 27- 29	Houston Raceway Park	Baytown, Texas
April 2-5	The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway	Las Vegas, Nev.
April 16-19	Atlanta Dragway	Commerce, Ga.
May 1-3	Gateway Int'l Raceway	Madison, III.
May 15-17	Bristol Dragway	Bristol, Tenn.
May 29-31	Heartland Park Topeka	Topeka, Kan.
June 4-7	Route 66 Raceway	Joliet, III.
June 11-14	Old Bridge Township Raceway Park	Englishtown, N.J.
June 25-28	Summit Racing Equipment Motorsports Park	Norwalk, Ohio
July 10-12	Bandimere Speedway	Morrison, Colo.
July 17-19	Pacific Raceways	Seattle, Wash.
July 24-26	Infineon Raceway	Sonoma, Calif.
Aug. 13-16	Brainerd Int'l Raceway	Brainerd, Minn.
Aug. 20-23	Maple Grove Raceway	Mohnton, Pa.
Sept. 2-7	O'Reilly Raceway Park	Clermont, Ind.
Sept. 17-20	zMax Dragway	Concord, N.C.
Sept. 24-27	Texas Motorplex	Ennis, Texas
Oct. 2-4	Memphis Motorsports Park	Millington, Tenn.
Oct. 9-11	Virginia Motorsports Park	Dinwiddie, Va.
Oct. 29 - Nov. 1	The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway	Las Vegas, Nev.
Nov. 12-15	Auto Club Raceway	Pomona, Calif.

# Purse Increase, 24 Events For 2009 NHRA Campaign

released its 24-event 2009 NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series schedule

and announced a \$1.3 million purse increase.

NHRA

Beginning

2009, national-event winners in both Top Fuel and Funny Car will each receive \$50,000, an increase of 25 percent. Pro Stock national-event winners will receive \$25,000, while Pro Stock Motorcycle winners will receive \$10,000. At the most prestigious drag racing event in the world, the 55th running of the Mac Tools U.S. Nationals, winners in the top two nitro classes will receive a check for \$100,000, while Pro Stock and Pro Stock Motorcycle winners will earn \$50,000 and \$20,000, respectively

Increases at national events also were announced for runners-up. semi-finalists and second-round finishers, with the total increase coming to \$1,353,700 for the season.

The 2009 NHRA Full Throttle Drag

Racing Series returns to the same venues as 2008, with only slight changes to the dates due to the change of holiday weekends.

The season will begin and end at historic Auto Club Raceway at Pomona in Southern California, with the 49th annual NHRA Winternationals, Feb. 5-8 and the NHRA Finals Nov. 12-15. The U.S. Nationals at O'Reilly

Raceway Park are set for Sept. 2-7. The six-race Countdown to 1 will feature a challenging four-week stretch of back-to-back races beginning with the NHRA Nationals in Concord, N.C. (Sept. 17-20).

ESPN2 will once again provide exclusive television coverage, on a same-day basis, for all 24 NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series events featuring action from Saturdav's qualifying rounds and Sunday's race.

Earlier this year, NHRA announced that Full Throttle, The Coca-Cola Company's energy drink, will replace POWERade as the series sponsor beginning in 2009.

# **FORUM:**

# **Alternative Fuel Gets** The Readers Writing

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in the most demanding motorsports environment. It is a high-performance demonstration of the many benefits ethanol brings to American consumers. Ethanol suppresses gas prices at the pump and supports the drive toward energy independence. And the production of corn ethanol is a bridge to research in other areas like cellulosic ethanol, which uses plant waste and non-grain stocks to produce energy.

By making the transition ethanol, the IndyCar Series has been at the forefront of the drive for a more secure energy future. We applaud the choices of the IndyCar Series and the American Le Mans Series to be the leaders in adopting future fuel technologies and encourage other sanctioning bodies to follow suit.

> Joanna Schroeder **Director of Communications** Ethanol Promotion and Information Council (EPIC) Omaha, Neb.

#### **Another Vote For Ethanol**

I've been a reader of NSSN and been involved in racing for 30-plus years.

I don't consider myself an expert on the politics of the prices of fuel, but I have a pretty good idea that politics plays a big part of it. After reading that ethanol isn't the answer in the public forum recently, I had to write a rebuttle.

I know corn-based ethanol is not 100 percent the answer to America's energy problems, but it is the beginning of the development of other forms of bio mase-based fuel.

The field grass miscanthis produces three times the alcohol of sweet corn and is in the near future works by American farmer scientists today.

This field grass doesn't need to be replanted every year, doesn't need near the water or fertilizer to produce and is a step in the right direction in freeing America from the stranglehold foreign oil has on our great country.

The country of Brazil imports zero oil from OPEC nations, and with the help of Volkswagen supplying the industry for flex-fuel automobiles, they have freed themselves from the economic stranglehold of OPEC.

If the tree huggers and our liberal congressmen would allow the opening of our own oceans and oil-producing lands, let us build and catch up with our much-needed refineries, we could stop the importing of the 30 percent of our oil we get from the Middle Eastern oil-producing countries.

If all of our American racing was done on homegrown alcohol, it would show the world we racers do not need their foreign OPEC oil. We can free ourselves from them.

America was, is and will always be on the forefront of independent grassroots ingenuity on this planet. Our country and Western Europe will scientifically overcome any problems the world will face, always will, if we can just get past the political red tape. For now, we need to drill and refine, and do it now.

That and miscanthis grass and bio-diesel would stop foreign oil from controlling our country's economic future. If these things aren't done soon, the future for hard-working American racers is bleak, not to mention the middle-class rac-

Bio-mase alcohol is the racers's answer to freeing us from OPEC. Grassroots racing could be just that — grass (miscanthis) roots racing.

Rodney L. Plant Boise, Idaho

# Perfect Pair For WoO

Bobby Gerould and Brad Doty are a perfect fit for Speed's World of Outlaws sprint-car telecasts. I was pleased to see that the officials at Speed made the right call when they chose Bobby and Brad to handle the play-by-play and color commentary. They provide informative and entertaining insights.

Gerould brings a life-long exposure to sprintcar racing and genuine enthusiasm. Many race fans recall him accompanying his dad, Gary Gerould, as Gary announced at West Coast venues, including Capital Speedway/West Capital Raceway, Silver Dollar Speedway, Calistoga and San Jose among others.

In a Public Forum letter, Jim Schmitt has complaints aplenty about the live Speed WoO sprintcar telecast from the Dirt Track @ Lowe's Motor Speedway. If Mr. Schmitt is going to be so critical of Bobby and Brad, he should at least show them the respect to spell their names properly. It's Gerould, not Gerald.

> Alan Messick Carmel, Calif.

# **Declining Speed**

It's very disappointing to witness the gradual decline of the racing coverage presented by Speed. The most recent and egregious example of Speed's decline was the bare-bones coverage of the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

In year's past, Speed offered comprehensive coverage of the biggest sports-car race in the world. This year's coverage ammounted to a glorified highlight show with announcers constantly working to catch viewers up on nine hours worth of developments.

After covering the start of the race, Speed promptly left Le Mans to cover nearly three hours of Sprint Cup practice. After detailing nearly every critical air-pressure change in those crucial final hours of Cup practice, Speed trotted out the standard Craftsman Truck Series pre-race show. The truck broadcast was followed by ARCA, a taped NASCAR performance show, another taped feature and something called the Continental Ice Racing Series.

Speed's trunchated Le Mans coverage is another example of the network marginalizing any non-NASCAR racing coverage in favor of game shows and reality programs. It also underscores the disturbing trend of networks hurding viewers toward their Web sites to view live events. The Web sites should augment television coverage, not replace it. Speed's coverage of Le Mans was like ripping the middle 100 pages out of a 300-page book and trying to make sense of it all

The programming choices made by Speed executives are indefensible. I am puzzled as to why the network refuses to simply give in and re-badge itself "The NASCAR Network." I guess they are reluctant to completely embrace a diet of only NASCAR coverage for fear of discarding popular programming like "Pinks," "Living the Low Life," "Whips" and "Pass Time." And who among us can't wait for the July debut of "Wrecked," a long-overdue show chronicling the daily trials and tribulations of tow-truck drivers

The bulk of Speed's "racing" programming is redundant, stale, overly scripted NASCAR propaganda served up by spineless shills who would rather gush about the CoT than report on the discrimination lawsuit NASCAR is facing. Robin Miller, the one true journalist employed by Speed, is woefully under-utilized.

USAC, World of Outlaws, A1GP and other series could all find a niche in the Speed lineup. But fear not, we've only got 340 more days until Speed's live coverage of the NASCAR All Star Race.

> Steve Heck Reading, Pa.

# Payne Cops Larry Phillips Memorial Loot

LEBANON, Mo. — Jeremy Payne, a member of Team Phillips, celebrated

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the second annual Larry Phillips Birthday Bash, a DLRA/MARS Late

Model Challenge event, with a victory Friday night at Lebanon Midway Speedway Friday night.

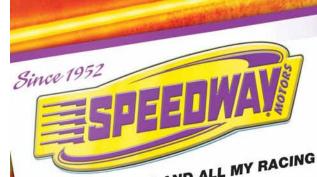
After starting eighth, Payne picked his way through traffic, passing Tony Jackson, Jr. for the lead on lap 18, checking out on the field after a lap-20 restart.

Will Vaught finished second with Steve Rushin in third. Jackson settled

for fourth ahead of Brandon McCormick in fifth.

The finish:

Jeremy Payne, Will Vaught, Steve Rushin, Tony Jackson, Jr., Brandon McCormick, Chris Smyser, Jack Sullivan, Bill Frye, Bret Kreke, Dustin Mooneyham, Jeremy Kelly, Ken Essary, Justin Wells, Chris Jones, Reid Millard, Dusty Johnson, LeRoy Johnson, Larry Jones, Chance Hines, Wendell Wallace, Patrick Johnson, Leslie Essary, Terry Phillips.



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