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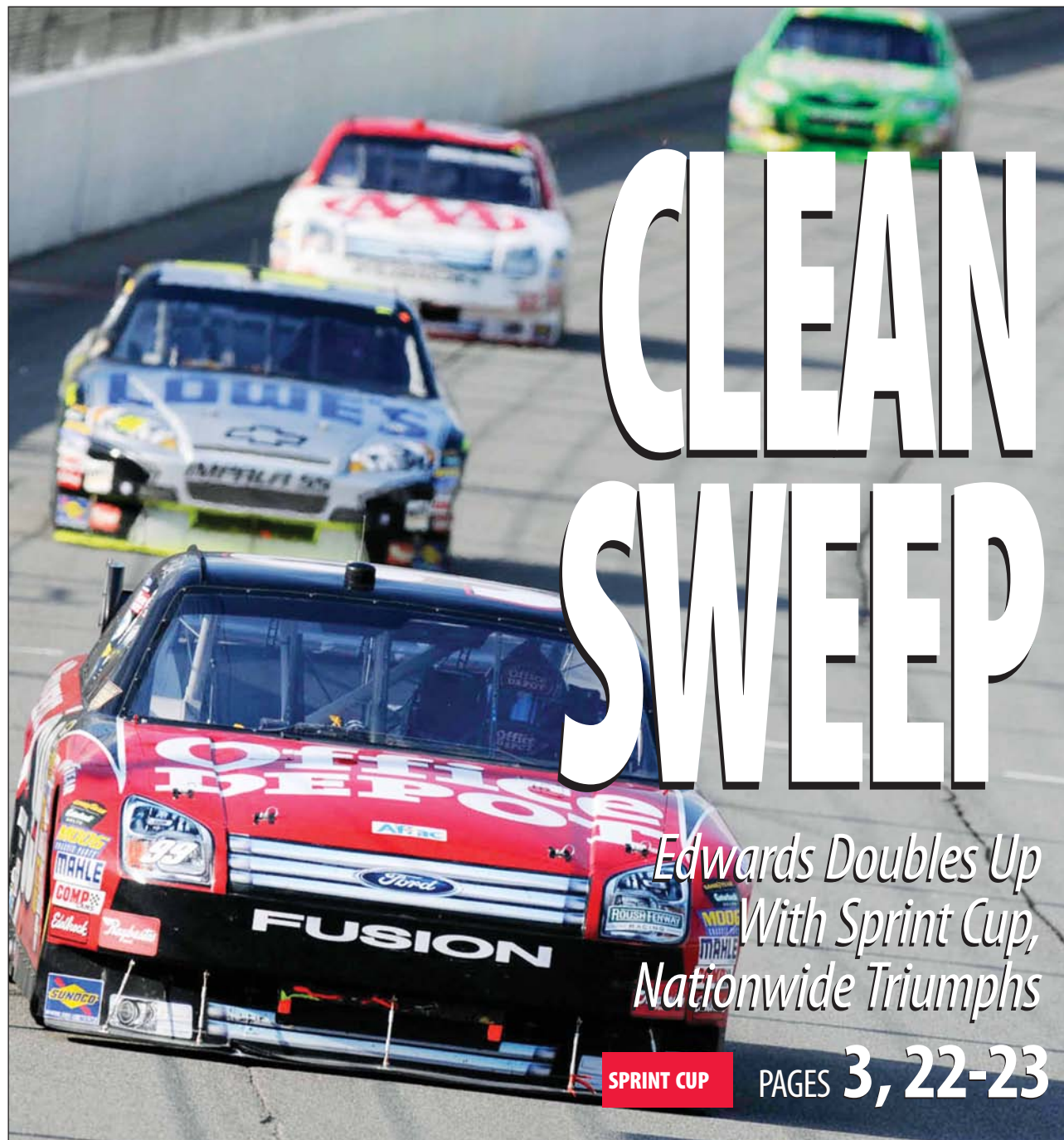
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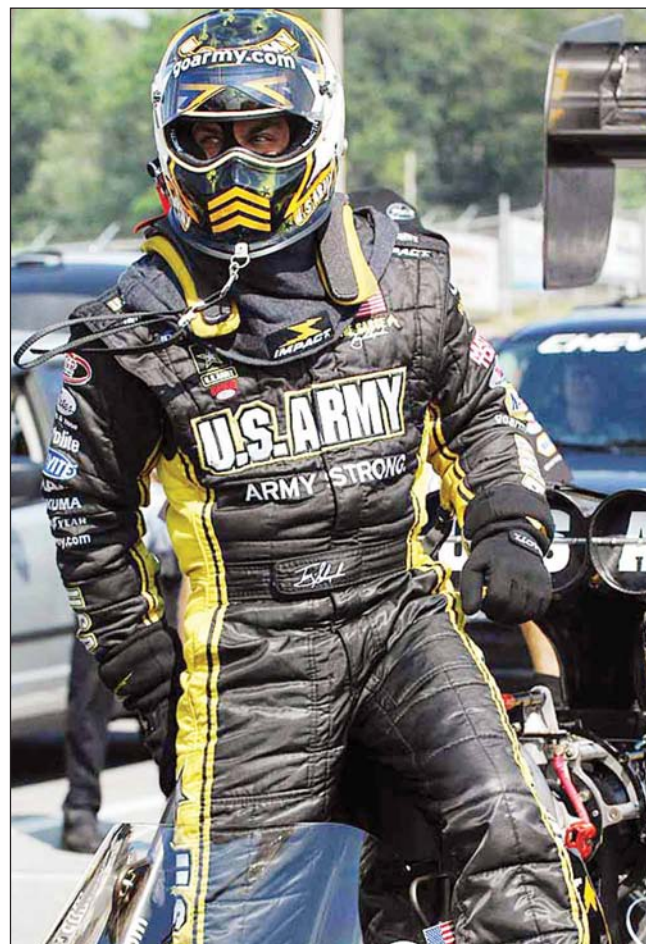
CLEAN SWEEP

Edwards Doubles Up With Sprint Cup, Nationwide Triumphs

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CRUSIN' CARL: Carl Edwards leads Jimmie Johnson, David Ragan and Kyle Busch en route to his fifth Sprint Cup victory of the season and his second win in as many days Sunday at Michigan Int'l Speedway.



HARRY CELLA PHOTO

ARMED FORCE: Tony Schumacher scored his 10th Top Fuel victory of the season — his fifth straight and 51st of his career — Sunday at Pennsylvania's Maple Grove Raceway.

Schu's Army Unstoppable

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ORANGE EMPIRE

New York Speedway Still Going After 90 Years

It's often said of an old school building or courthouse, "If these walls could talk, what tales they would tell." The same is true of Orange County Fair Speedway in Middletown, N.Y., which recently observed its 90th anniversary of racing.

Officially, the first race on the ancient oval, measured today at five-eighths-mile, took place in August 1919, although some sources claim evidence of a contest as early as 1913. Either way, it ranks second in seniority among active speedways on the East Coast, trailing only the New York State Fairgrounds at Syracuse. It is also the oldest facility hosting weekly events in 2008, although a handful of tracks have a longer continuous weekly tradition. Its walls, and its grandstands, its back straight drive-in terrace and the bar on the mid-

By AL ROBINSON
NSSN CORRESPONDENT

INSIDE LOOK

way, The 31st Lap, have witnessed the full spectrum of short-track racing through good times and bad.

As recorded by legendary track announcer Ray Martin in his 1969 history, "Hard Clay at Orange County," the first official race on Aug. 15, 1919 was sanctioned by the AAA and the 20-lap feature paid \$75 to win. Jim Benedict walked away with that princely sum, setting a lap record of 33.45 seconds in the process.

Between the World Wars, the track presented the usual fair-week events, joined in 1946 by midgets on a long-since removed paved fifth-mile in the infield. Stock cars arrived in 1948, with Rocky DiNatale recording the first victory. Weekly Saturday racing started in 1950 and has continued without interruption for 59 seasons, initially as Victory Speedway, but always known to the racers simply as "Middletown."

The sportsman were supplanted by the modifieds as the headline division in 1962. The same year, the forefather of all late-season, long-distance races was born, the Eastern States Championship, from which Super DIRT Week in Syracuse and a dozen others draw their inspiration. In its 1970s heyday, the Eastern States brought 150 modifieds together for one very long day of heats, consolations and a 200-lap feature.

While extended to a three-day weekend with time trials and support divisions today, it remains second only to Syracuse in money and prestige for the dirt-track modified fraternity.

There has only been one great generational change

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Brett Hearn at Orange County Fair Speedway

HARRY CELLA PHOTOS



IVAN VELDHIJZEN PHOTOS

THREE WHEELER: Robert Ballou gets some air time during Saturday's finale to the O'Reilly Sprint Bandits Tour 'N Topless Midwest Swing.

Bandit Ballou

Ballou Claims Second-Straight Championship

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Robert Ballou cashed in on the biggest O'Reilly Sprint Bandits Tour 'N Topless payday of the week in Saturday night's 30-lap Ron Shuman Classic at Lakeside Speedway.

Ballou battled past Brady Bacon in the final circuits around the half-mile clay oval to claim the \$10,000 payday and the coveted pedal-car trophy for the second year in a row aboard Dallas Mulvaney's MPHG Promotions No. 81 Maxim.

SPRINT BANDITS

INSIDE
Bacon sizzles during O'Reilly Bandits Midwest Swing.

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Rebounding from a heat-race crash on Friday, Ballou was the evening's top point earner and gridded sixth. Gunning for his fourth win in as many nights, Bacon jumped into the early lead and stretched out nearly a straightaway advantage over second runner Dave Darland in the opening 10 rounds.

Ballou was on the move though, taking fourth from Bryan Clauson by the seventh lap, disposing of Cole Whitt for third two laps later and then battling past Darland for the runner-up slot at the stripe on the 10th lap.

Bacon's advantage held up until the 21st lap. Ballou had Bacon within striking distance and three laps later he had closed to his rear bumper before racing into the lead on the 25th round.



Robert Ballou

Bacon fought back by reclaiming the top spot on the 27th circuit, only to have Ballou return the favor the next time around as he led the final three circuits to post his second TNT win of the week.

Bacon held on to second, with Darland close in third in Scott Benic's Gaerte-powered RWB No. 2b Maxim. Darland and Benic earned the \$2,000

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NSSN RACING LINE

The Week In Motorsports For August 20, 2008

Fair Play: Tyler Top Dog In Bettenhausen 100

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Brian Tyler led wire to wire to win Saturday afternoon's Tony Bettenhausen 100 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds.

SILVER CROWN PAGE 8 The victory in the 100-mile USAC K&N Silver

Crown race presented by Optima Batteries was worth \$10,500 for the veteran open-wheel racer.



GORDON GILL PHOTO

Ronnie's Smooth As Silk En Route To Thompson Score

THOMPSON, Conn. — For the second time this season, NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour driver Ronnie Silk reached victory lane at Thompson Int'l Speedway.

NASCAR MODS PAGE 10 Silk led 35 laps en route to the checkered flag Thursday

night in the New England Dodge Dealers 150 presented by Budweiser.

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Michigan Perfection

Edwards Notches Fifth Win With Weekend Sweep

By **RON LEMASTERS, SR.**
NSSN CORRESPONDENT

BROOKLYN, Mich. — The two miles of asphalt that is Michigan Int'l Speedway made a large handful of NASCAR Sprint Cup drivers look like also-rans in the 3M Performance 400 presented by Bondo Sunday afternoon.

One who didn't was Carl Edwards, who persevered during the second half of the race to cap a big birthday weekend with his second MIS victory in as many days.

Edwards, who turned 29 Friday, also won Saturday's Carfax 300 Nationwide Series race.

All Edwards had to do was hold off eight-time winner and point-leader Kyle Busch to complete the sweep, and that's what he did. Aware of Busch's ability to make perfect restarts, Edwards said he was prepared when the green flag waved two laps from

the finish.

"I didn't want to have to go through that pain (of having Busch blow past to victory), so I did everything I could to have the best restart I could, and it worked out great."

Edwards started 27th. By lap 33, he was fifth and was no lower than fourth for the final 160 laps of the 200-lap race.

"We're getting to the point where I feel, personally, that we can win at any race track we go to," Edwards said. "My psyche and mentality is pretty much fixed on the fact that I'm the greatest race-car driver to ever live. David Pearson once told me that if I didn't think that, I didn't belong in a race car."

Making it even better was that he whittled points off Busch's lead. He gained 20 points over Busch to cut the lead to 222 points.

"It was a decent run for us here," Busch said. "At least we were running up front. We just didn't have enough for (Edwards) there at the end. It came

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AUTOSTOCK PHOTO

FLIPPING OUT: Carl Edwards performs a backflip after winning Sunday's 3M Performance 400 at Michigan Int'l Speedway, his fifth victory of 2008.

Former Indy Champ Interested In Buying Davis Outfit

By **BRUCE MARTIN**
NSSN CORRESPONDENT

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Danny Sullivan, the spin-and-win driver who won the 1985 Indianapolis 500, has put an offer together to purchase Bill Davis Racing.

SPRINT CUP

Sullivan, one of the most popular IndyCar drivers when he raced for team owners Roger Penske and Rick Gales, said Friday he has discussed a deal with Bill

Davis, a longtime NASCAR team owner.

Davis confirmed those discussions Saturday afternoon at Michigan Int'l Speedway.

"I've been pursuing it, but haven't gotten a response from him (Bill Davis)," Sullivan said in a telephone interview. "He's still dreaming on the price."

"I have a partner who has lined up the money to do this and we've been kicking around on some stuff. He (Davis) is off on the numbers and had some bigger people chasing it. The last time I talked to him

(Davis), I had the money, but I didn't get the documents that we requested."

Davis confirmed the conversations with Sullivan, but expressed some curiosity over some of Sullivan's statements.

"We've had some conversations," Davis said. "I just heard some of those quotes and I was pretty amazed by them. We've continued to talk to Danny. We've talked to several people, yes. All we've ever

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Topless McCreddie Nets 25Gs At B-Ville

T-Mac Gets Monkey Off Back, Snares \$25,000 In Crown Jewel Event

LOCUST GROVE, Ark. — Leading all 100 laps, Tim McCreddie marched to the biggest win of his dirt-late-model racing career Saturday night at Batesville Motor Speedway.

The 34-year-old son of legendary modified driver "Barefoot" Bob McCreddie earned his second Lucas

LUCAS OIL LM Series victory of the season and took home \$25,000

for winning the 16th annual COMP Cams Topless 100.

Brian Birkhofer finished second, followed by Brady Smith, Jeremy Payne and John Blankenship.

The event ran in its entirety on Saturday after rain on Friday forced a schedule change.

Defending COMP Cams Topless 100 winner Jimmy Mars started on the pole with McCreddie alongside. McCreddie grabbed the lead on the three-eighths-mile oval and led all 100 laps of the prestigious event.

"I finally was able to get the monkey off my back and win one of these crown-jewel races. We felt like we had the car several times to win one of these races and I finally was able to pull it off," said McCreddie, who captured the Chili Bowl Nationals in 2006. "I only had one crew man here this weekend (Al Stevens), and the car was just super thanks to Rocket Chassis and Pro Power Engines. Bill (Schlieper) got me on his program a year or so ago, and it paid dividends here tonight. The race track was super all night and thanks to all the fans for coming out this weekend."

McCreddie held off a furious late-race challenge from Birkhofer to claim the victory.

The finish:
Tim McCreddie, Brian Birkhofer, Brady Smith, Jeremy Payne, John Blankenship, Wendell Wallace, Terry Phillips, Jimmy Mars, Earl Pearson, Jr., Terry Casey, John Anderson, Bart Hartman, Jack Sullivan, Billy Drake, Jon Mitchell, Darren Miller, Scott Bloomquist, Billy Moyer, Ray Cook, Billy Moyer, Jr., Gary Stolba, Kyle Beard, Brad Neat, Jimmy Owens, Matt Miller, Jason Utter.

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EXCLUSIVE

Carpenter Is Enjoying His Best Season In IndyCar Series

It is unlikely Joe Walsh had Ed Carpenter in mind when he sang the 1980s hit "Ordinary Average Guy" because Carpenter was just a kid at the time.

ORDINARY GUY
PAGES 24-25 But the song fits the IndyCar Series driver perfectly.

Of all the drivers in the IndyCar Series, Carpenter is the type of guy one could find at a bowling alley or mowing the yard.

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ISMA	Lou Cicconi	Waterford, Conn.	20
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"My psyche and mentality is pretty much fixed on the fact that I'm the greatest race-car driver to ever live..."

CARL EDWARDS



► PUBLIC FORUM

Let your voice be heard

Linne Was A Giant

A lot of us lost a good buddy Aug. 2. Howard Linne was a USAC Hall-of-Famer and a giant in the midget world. He helped a lot of racers.

I raced my late model out of his shop for many seasons. When he came to Arizona for the winter, he was at my shop, and we did a lot together.

Dave Argabright probably has hundreds of stories about Howard.

Just a little advice to our young racers: Take some time and ask your heroes for some stories about Howard. He will be missed by the whole racing community.

Jack Ickes
Gilbert, Ariz.

Sub-Par Broadcast

Is there a network at present that can present a sprint-car race worthy of watching? Speed leaves a lot to be desired, and this was proved last Saturday night at Knoxville.

If this is the biggest sprint-car race, why not bring the A-team?

The old ESPN with Jenkins and crew is still the best ever. Remember Larry Nueber, Gary Lee and Larry Rice?

Jim Schmitt
Liberty, Mo.

Iowa Was Heavenly

Wow! What an awesome facility.

We are a relatively new racing family, but I must say we were very impressed with Iowa Speedway and the Casey's General Stores 100 USAC Silver Crown race. We felt like we were at a special event from the moment we parked Friday night until we departed Sunday evening.

The people at the truck stop outside the track were excited about the weekend's rac-

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Beautiful Blonde Buys Own Booze

Times Have Changed At The Motorsports Hall Of Fame Of America

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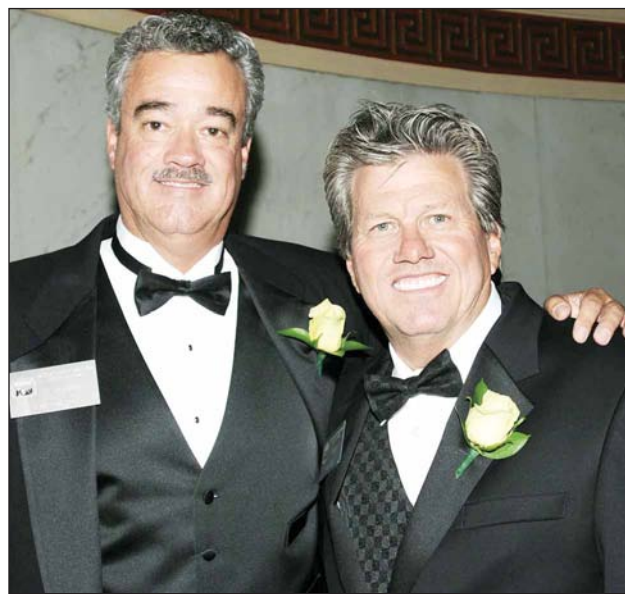
The turnout in the Motor City for last week's 20th annual Motorsports Hall of Fame induction ceremonies and dinner was the largest in history. The burgeoning social side was infectious and — in one sense — surprising. At one of the many informal gatherings in the lobby bar of the headquarters Hotel Sheraton-Detroit Novi, the bar tab was presented, not to a male member of the group, but to **Jennifer Revson**, the curvaceous blonde sister of **Doug** and **Peter Revson**, both of whom died abroad years ago in road-racing accidents. This year's HOF gathering saw **Michael Andretti**, **Buddy Baker**, **John Force**, **Ritchie Ginther** (deceased), **Paul Goldsmith**, **Wayne Rainey** and **Betty Skelton** inducted and car owner **Carl Haas** receive the special **Bob Russo** award. All living inductees except Rainey attended, his reason for absence said to be his great disappointment — as the only

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK



CHRIS ECONOMAKI

world champion in the group — at not being listed at the head of the roster of this year's inductees. **Bill (Impact) Simpson**, a former inductee constantly munching on spicy-hot Wasabi peas, said he wonders if Rainey knows our alphabet, as the inductee roster was in alphabetic order. Prior to the evening formalities at the downtown Detroit Fillmore, tours of local sites of motoring interest were provided guests. Ye Ed chose the **Walter P. Chrysler** Museum tour and was enthralled by examples of what that company produced for our military during WWII. A shining example was the tank engine created by rotating five six-cylinder production engine blocks around a common crankcase to provide a tank engine of more than 1,000 horsepower. Eye catching was the original toolbox of **Walter P. Chrysler**, overflowing with his personal turn-of-the-century hand tools. Classiest dresser among the hall of famers was **Hershel McGriff**, winner of the very first Mexican road race in 1950, whose custom-decorated tuxedo jacket had a brilliant and original design. The annual HOF banquet attracted a record 170 diners. Give and take with the old timers was of great interest to Ye Ed, who had many sparkling conversations, one with Mississippi sports car grad and now investment maven **Charlie Kemp**; another with former Lowe's Motor Speedway head man **Humpy Wheeler**, who is opening his own business; while Hall of Fame head man **Ron Watson** allowed there is no new news about the HoF Museum's possible relocation. A lengthy chat with drag racing standout **Don Prudhomme** was very informative in that he confirmed nitromethane (said to be a by-product of the manufacture of paint thinner), which is now used in many forms of U.S. motorsport, comes from China and there are deep



NHRA PHOTO

FAST FRIENDS: NHRA President Tom Compton (left) poses with John Force upon his induction into the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America in Novi, Mich.

concerns of a possible supply interruption. The Beijing plant, from which all U.S. nitro comes, was among those factories ordered closed some time ago by the Chinese government to alleviate the smog problem facing Beijing as the Olympics loomed. It is possible this nitromethane supply shortage could affect drag racing's U.S. Nationals coming up Labor Day weekend and other stateside racing events as well. At dinner Ye Ed was seated at the NHRA table, opposite President **Tom Compton** and flanked by **Shirley Muldowney** (who told me she is a great fan of **Susan Wade's** writings in this newspaper) and **Linda Vaughn**, wearing a bodice-busting gown. There were two empty chairs at this circular table for eight and at evening's end when we rose to depart, each of the two bottles of wine provided at sit-down time — one each red and white — were only half empty. Change indeed!

The fifth annual Legends of Ascot memorabilia show extolling the virtues of the now long-gone Ascot Speedway of greater Los Angeles is scheduled at California's Perris Auto Speedway Oct. 18. Organizer **Don Weaver** has done a superb job of recalling the joys of Ascot in the four events which have

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Greg Weld Left One Unique Legacy

FISHERS, IND.

He leaves a vast legacy, one that spans years and miles and millions of dollars. Greg Weld died a few days ago, taken from us suddenly after 64 eventful years on earth. He was the last of a four-person family group that became a Kansas City dynasty, shaping people and places in a way that is difficult to compare.

I thought of Greg last week as I walked along the black surface of Knoxville Raceway, quietly recalling that this was the place that truly gave birth to his fame. It was one of the qualifying nights at the Knoxville Nationals, with the overhead lights serving as a beacon in the Iowa night.

The night was finally growing quiet; the roar of sprint cars had been replaced by the teeming chatter of spectators and competitors. The place buzzed with excitement, and everything seemed focused only on the here and now, not on the great history forged by men like Greg Weld.

I looked across the sweeping expanse of turn four and imagined Greg steering his sprint car through this corner at the 1963 Nationals, driving directly toward the checkered flag.

AMERICAN SCENE



DAVE ARGABRIGHT

Perhaps the old wooden grandstand creaked as the audience stood, eyes wide and taking it all in, thinking of the unbounded future that lay before this great young racer. He was just 19 years old on that night; it's still difficult to fathom such a young man winning such a significant event. Yet, his status as a Knoxville icon wasn't so much reflected in that victory as the near riot he sparked one year later in a dispute with race officials. Just before the 1964 championship race, Weld parked his damaged car on the front straightaway, refusing to yield, going toe-to-toe with officials while a breathless crowd watched the heated exchange as his crew repaired the car. In the end, he prevailed and finished second to his younger brother Kenny — who one-upped Greg by winning the Nationals at age 18 — to forever seal his family's legacy at Knoxville as the "Kansas City mafia."

Walking along that great track last week it was sad to realize that such an accomplished man, a man who embodied the very history of sprint car racing, was gone. So many great stories

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The Posse Makes A Difference Off The Track

LIVERPOOL, PA.

Sprint-car drivers in central Pennsylvania do a lot of great things on the track and lately, they've been doing a lot of great things off the track.

For a couple of hours on Aug. 1, the sprint-car teams at Williams Grove Speedway put racing on the back burner and focused on children with special needs who are in need of adoption.

Sponsor names came off the wings and vinyl coverings went on. Each wing showed a Pennsylvania child that is looking for a family. Fifty-six cars had at least one wing panel devoted to a child.

There were around 40 children present for Diakon Adoption and Foster Care Night. They got to meet the drivers, get pictures taken and climb into the sprint cars. Teams gave the children shirts, hats and other gifts.

The children had wish lists and the teams and numerous devoted sponsors presented the children with items from the wish lists.

The racing went on and one of the kids even waved the green flag to start hot laps.

Last year at the Grove, a family came out of the stands and began the process of adopting a child at the speedway that night.

CHASING THE POSSE



TODD HEINTZELMAN

The child is now a part of their family.

Twenty-two children have been adopted through adoption night. It was the fifth year the event has been held.

"Everybody is working toward a common goal," said driver Greg Hodnett. "If one child gets into a good home, then it's all worth the effort. The competitors get behind one great cause. The drivers, teams and sponsors will do anything if they can."

Diakon can be reached by calling (800) 723-7038 or on the Web at www.diakon.org.

Williams Grove General Manager Justin Loh continues to make every effort to get youth involved at the speedway. Along with adoption night, it was kids night. All children under the age of 12 received prizes, played games and even got to race their big wheels and bicycles on the speedway.

Prior to kids night, Loh invited children from the local YWCA to the speedway for an introduction to racing. Several drivers were on hand and spoke about their cars and racing. The kids got to ask questions and climb into the cars and get a hands-on lesson in racing.

■ The Posse had a terrible trip to the Knoxville Nationals this season. The only highlight was Doug Esh being named Rookie of the Nationals. No Pa. drivers made the A main. Hodnett came within one spot, as he finished fifth in the B main. Jeff Shepard suffered a serious head injury and remains hospitalized in Iowa.

■ Pennsylvania driver Lucas Wolfe is back with the World of Outlaws. Wolfe was out for nine weeks recovering from a broken back. Wolfe got back in the seat at Williams Grove and Lincoln Speedway before rejoining the Outlaws Aug. 12 at Red River Valley.

■ Two years ago, Cris Eash, 42, was retired from sprint-car racing and watching from the stands. Now, Eash is the point leader at Lincoln Speedway. He has four wins including two in the same night and one against the All Stars.

■ Former car owner Al Hamilton has been back at Williams Grove lately.

On adoption night, Hamilton had a secret list of drivers and if one of them won the feature, he would present him with a \$1,000 bonus. John Westbrook won the feature, but wasn't one of Hamilton's secret drivers. Hamilton gave him the money anyway, plus another grand to Diakon.

The following week he gave a \$1,000 hard-charger award to the driver who passed the most cars during the night. Hamilton's former driver Fred Rahmer won that money and split it with crew chief Tim Elwell.

Struggling Hebing Is Well-Respected 360 Racer

BALLSTON SPA, N.Y.

When a sprint-car driver wins 12 of 30 starts, it represents a great year. Unfortunately for Chuck Hebing, known around the Northeast as "The Cobra," it also represents last year.

This year hasn't been as much fun for the 360 sprint-car competitor.

"The caution flags have been coming at the wrong time this year. And there's not enough yellows most nights. The other guys have gotten so good that they get strung out too fast," Hebing explained of the handicapped starts employed by the ASCS Patriot Sprints and the Empire Super Sprints. "When you start in the back, you need a yellow to get the leaders in your sights and get the adrenaline going.

"I've also got a couple of engines that are hurt. That got me into Bud Burtlew's car and then Jeff Cook's spare car too. I've run those two and mine, and I don't really have a preference

between the Patriots or ESS. I'll go anywhere there's a race, but with my own car, the Patriot deal's easier travel wise from where I live."

When asked about racing against Hebing, ESS kingpin Lance Yonge definitely sounds like a Cobra fan.

"Chuck was better last year than this

THE LONG LOOK



RON HEDGER

year. He's lost a couple of good motors, but he can really wheel a race car," Yonge said. "He can jump into anything and get it to the front. You know he'll run you hard but he always runs you clean."

Like a number of other area sprint stars, Hebing raced modifieds in the central New York DIRT wars before trying sprint cars. And while he's 43, he's as aggressive as any of the kids he races against. He didn't score his 27 ASCS victories by waiting for things to come to him.

"It comes with a lot of years watching Danny Johnson and Brett Hearn go through the field," said Hebing. "I got a little more subtle with time and you have to keep the wheels on the car, but I love passing cars, especially on the top. Sometimes on a slippery track you can roll around the top when everyone else is parked on the bottom. You have to make a choice on your setup and live with it and I usually go that way."

When asked to describe Hebing's talent, ESS President Chuck Miller answered with two words, then elaborated.

"Utica-Rome! Last year he started in the back and got the lead in two laps without any yellows," Miller said. "He runs it where he has to get to the front."

"Last year he was on top of his game everywhere. He won in his car. He won in Burtlew's car, then the first time he was in Cook's No. 10 he won with that. He always puts on a show. Sometimes he crashes, but he's a lot of fun to watch. He only runs a third to half of our races because he doesn't travel too far with his own car, but we'd love to have him full-time. It's a good looking car and he's really fast."

One reason Hebing stays close to his Rochester area home is his business. Countless race car trailers are hauled by his Cobra toterhome conversions.

"Lately, I've been busy adding units that carry two motorcycles under the bedroom area of custom motorhomes instead of building race car haulers," explained Hebing. "With the high fuel costs they're not spending on haulers. They're putting their money into the race car and fuel for the hauler they already have."

Hebing is upbeat about the future of 360 racing in the Northeast.

"The racing is already good and it's going to get better," Hebing says. "There are a lot of new kids coming along who'll be big stars in the future. The only problem is selling races in 'modified country.' The DIRT promoters need to put us on their cards more, though I guess they're just trying to survive, too."

Maybe that's why Hebing is such a success. He's both a racer and a businessman and sees things from both perspectives.

Greg Weld Always Had A Clear Vision

HAZELWOOD, MO.

The passing of Greg Weld sadly concluded one family's generation of sterling racing results, be it on countless tracks or in the creative construction of any number of modifieds and sprint cars.

Greg had a cherubic face and was of fair stature, but behind the wheel of a race car, he was one of the most determined drivers seen by many fans during the late 1950s through the early 1970s.

The Weld family's involvement in racing lasted a number of years and in the process they established a Knoxville (Iowa) Raceway legacy among other things. One account described the Weld operation as the "most formidable in the Midwest." Greg, whose dad, Taylor (oft-times referred to as Pappy), became addicted to the sport, and his Kansas City garage became something of a mecca for area racers.

Taylor's primary task dealt with working on passenger cars, yet evenings were devoted to working on supermodifieds. The cars were to be driven by his sons — Jerry, Greg and Kenny. Greg, born in 1944, started off his career while still in his teens, competing at tracks in and around the Kansas City region.

With a clear vision, Greg determined early on that he did not want to be a mechanic, but an engineer. However, within the Weld "environment," he started racing and found it fulfilling, so he continued competing.

Driving family-owned cars, the Weld brothers quickly began establishing remarkable accomplishments.

Greg Weld won the 1963 Knoxville Nationals at age 19. It proved to be a splendid example of Weld's determination. We might note that brother Kenny, a year younger, won the Knoxville Nationals four times.

Greg Weld moved onto win the IMCA rookie of the year in his only season of competition with the organization. In 1965, he graduated to the USAC sprint-car division and finished second in the standings, just two and a half points behind Johnny Rutherford.

While Greg preferred to drive his own car, he received a call from Illinois car owner, Dr. Ward Dunseth to drive his car in 1967. The doctor agreed to the following arrangement — \$200 to Greg for each track appearance, a significant percentage of any winnings, all trophies and the doctor paying all travel expenses. The deal paid off with the USAC sprint-car championship. It made Weld, USAC's youngest champion at age 23.

As with other open-wheel drivers, Greg wanted to run the Indy 500. Although he passed the rookie test with ease, he failed to make the field for several years for one reason or another.

In 1966, he hooked up with Andy Granatelli at Indy, who had entered the STP four-wheel drive Novi/Lotus. The car was beset with mechanical issues, and there were several wall-smacking episodes. On the last day of qualifying, Greg was running hot and heavy when one of the eight u-joints let go, and it landed in the car's cockpit between his legs.

As a consequence, the Granatelli Novi had reached the end of the famed race car's career, making Weld the last of an outstanding group of speedsters to handle the legendary Novi. Greg Weld returned to the Speedway and made the show for the first time in 1970.

Greg Weld started a racing wheel business in 1967, while still engaged in racing. In doing so, another dream was to be fulfilled. Under Greg's guidance, Weld Racing Wheels grew into a highly regarded and nationally known racing-wheel manufacturer.

Years later, Greg Weld accepted an offer to sell the firm. Greg Weld was also involved in the Kansas City real estate market until his death Aug. 4.

The Weld era is over as Jerry died in a Kansas City street accident and Kenny succumbed to cancer. Yet, the Weld family racing history remains strong and vivid.

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Rain Can't Stop Matt Kobyluck

By DAN JACK

LAKEVILLE, Conn. — Matt Kobyluck loves racing at Lime Rock Park.

Coming into the NASCAR Camping World Series East Mohegan Sun 200 at the seven-turn road course, Kobyluck had won the pole for the race three times and won the race twice. As well, he entered the only road-course race for the series on a two-race winning streak.

With qualifying rained out, Kobyluck, the series point leader, started from the pole. Kobyluck dominated the race that was slowed by seven yellow flags and a 75-minute rain delay. Kobyluck beat Marc Davis to the checkered flag by 1.636 seconds, with Peyton Sellers third.

While Kobyluck led the first 11 laps, the first caution saw Kobyluck and many of the frontrunners dive into the pits, and the field was jumbled for a while, as several drivers took a turn at the front.

After running just past the half way point in the 82-lap race around the 1.53-mile circuit, the skies finally opened up, with a light rain and

lightning bringing the field to the pits under a red flag. At the time, Brian Ickler was in the lead, with Kobyluck on his rear bumper. When they restarted, Kobyluck pressured Ickler, who went off course at turn nine, and Kobyluck cruised from there. In the end, Kobyluck led half the laps, continuing his supremacy at the track.

"We have a really good package here," Kobyluck said. "Once you find the total car package — the springs, the shocks, all those things — it builds confidence. You look forward to it on the schedule." Jesus Hernandez was fourth, with Mike Olsen in fifth.

The finish:

Showing driver, car, laps completed and money won: 1. Matt Kobyluck, Chevrolet, 82, \$11,150; 2. Marc Davis, Toyota, 82, \$6,500; 3. Peyton Sellers, Chevrolet, 82, \$5,800; 4. Jesus Hernandez, Chevrolet, 82, \$4,800; 5. Mike Olsen, Chevrolet, 82, \$3,400; 6. Eric Curran, Chevrolet, 82, \$4,225; 7. Steve Park, Dodge, 82, \$2,600; 8. Max Dumarey, Chevrolet, 82, \$1,900; 9. Jeff Anton, Chevrolet, 82, \$2,880; 10. Alex Kennedy, Chevrolet, 82, \$1,850; 11. Jamie Hayes, Chevrolet, 82, \$2,330; 12. Ricky Carmichael, Dodge, 82, \$2,615; 13. Mike Johnson, Ford, 82, \$1,780; 14. Eddie MacDonald, Chevrolet, 82, \$2,100; 15. Ryan Duff, Chevrolet, 82, \$1,550; 16. Tim Cowen, Ford, 82, \$1,500; 17. Trevor Bayne, Chevrolet, 82, \$1,970; 18. Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 82, \$1,960; 19. Brian Ickler, Chevrolet, 82, \$1,950; 20. Larry Moloney, Ford, 82, \$1,450; 21. Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 82, \$1,950; 22. Dustin Delaney, Chevrolet, 82, \$1,950; 23. Jody Lavender, Ford, 82, \$1,950; 24. Scott Bouley, Chevrolet, 81, \$1,450; 25. Dale Quarterly, Chevrolet, 78, \$1,450; 26. Bryon Chew, Chevrolet, 71, \$1,450; 27. Jason Holehouse, Toyota, 38, \$1,450; 28. Alessandro Giompi, Chevrolet, 33, \$1,450; 29. Chase Mattioli, Chevrolet, 23, \$1,450; 30. Justin Lofton, Toyota, 9, \$1,450; 31. John Salemi, Chevrolet, 9, \$1,450; 32. Jonathan Smith, Dodge, 1, \$1,450.



SCCA PHOTO

BLACK MAGIC: Chris Castagna leads Saturday's VW Jetta TDI Cup event at Connecticut's Lime Rock Park.

Castagna Jets To Lime Rock Score

By DAN JACK

LAKEVILLE, Conn. — Chris Castagna took round four of the VW Jetta TDI Cup at Lime Rock Park Saturday. This race marked the series' first visit to the 1.53-mile road course.

Mark Pombo chased Castagna the entire 25 laps, but came up .393 second short at the end. Josh Hurley was third in the race for identically prepared clean-diesel machines. With

full mufflers and the diesel engines, the race was quite quiet; even the tires didn't seem to make much noise.

"I was kind of disappointed in the first three races, and am glad to finally pull out the win here on my home track," said Castagna of South Boston, Mass.

The finish:

Chris Castagna, Mark Pombo, Josh Hurley, Caleb Kenney, Michael DeNino, David Jurca, Timmy Megeenier, Jimmy Underhill, Liam Kenney, Chris Holman, Taylor Broekemeier, Juan Pablo Sierra Lendle, Wyatt Dallenbach, Chris Kuenning, Derek Jones, Andrew Cordeiro, David Heinz, Chad Brassfield, Adam Love, Adam Crepin, Jake Dallenbach, Ryan Buetzer, David Richert, Gary Williams, Jr., Noah Arundel, Andy Lee, Adam Kretschmer, Evan Pfluck, Nick Mancuso, John Shim.

Hamilton: I'm In Good Position

By DAN KNUTSON
NSSN CORRESPONDENT

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — Championship leader Lewis Hamilton is approaching the final seven races of the season with a mixture of wariness and confidence.

"I'm wary of making predictions," the McLaren Mercedes driver said. "The race in Hungary showed just how unpredictable F-1 can be, and that's one of the reasons why it's such a fascinating sport. Clearly, though, I am still in a good position to challenge for the World Championship and that remains my aim."

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"We still feel confident about our chances. We know our rivals will be strong, but we've worked hard to improve the car and are confident we'll be competitive this weekend. The most important thing is to finish consistently in the points."

Hamilton says that this year's championship chase differs from the hard-fought 2007 campaign.

"2007 was very intense and consistency was incredibly important," he explained. "This year everybody's results have been more varied, and every driver who has won a race has also failed to score on at least two other occasions. That's made getting strong results even more important, but I think we'll see consistency becoming crucial as we head towards the end of the season."

■ Finland will issue a series of postage stamps in September honoring 2007 World Champion Kimi Raikkonen.

■ The F-1 fraternity is looking forward to the European Grand Prix that will be held on the new street circuit around the Spanish port city of Valencia and the Juan Carlos I marina that staged the America's Cup in 2007.

The track leads across a bridge that links the North and South Marina.

On the south side, the cars drive along the quayside, past the historic fish market and towards the suburb of Grao. They then briefly follow the course of the River Turia before braking into a hairpin bend, after which the route snakes back towards the waterfront.

"One of the key aspects is that it is going to be very windy," Honda's Ross Brawn says. "The America's Cup is held in Valencia for this very reason, however such conditions could make achieving a good balance on the cars quite tricky."

■ Renault's former director of aerodynamics Dino Toso passed away after losing his battle with cancer. He was 39 years old.

"Dino was instrumental in building one of the sport's most successful aerodynamics departments, which helped the Renault F-1 team win double drivers' and constructors' titles in 2005 and 2006," Renault said in a statement.

■ Force India owner Vijay Mallya says Giancarlo Fisichella and Adrian Sutil will remain with his team in 2009.

"The experience of Giancarlo is invaluable to me and Adrian has lots



STEVE ETHERINGTON PHOTO

GETTING DOWN TO IT: Second-year driver Lewis Hamilton says he's in a good position as the Formula One point leader with seven races to go.

of talent," he said. "I am quite happy with them. More importantly, they have a great attitude that will help me to face the challenges of tomorrow. And I think they will be very satisfied driving the 2009 car, which I personally am sure will be a significant improvement and a big surprise."

■ F-1 driver turned team owner Gerhard Berger believes Kimi Raikkonen is falling off the pace. "I must admit he has disappointed me," Berger told *Bild* magazine. "I don't think he has enough now to beat Hamilton."

■ Heikki Kovalainen says that his maiden F-1 victory in the Hungarian Grand Prix has not affected him.

"The win doesn't change too much, really," he said. "I still believe I am improving and learning more about the team and the car at each race. My aim for the last part of the season is to win more races and to perform regularly at the front. It's something I was able to do from time to time in the first half of the year, but I now feel more confident that I can be a consistent challenger in the remaining races, and I'm really looking forward to that."

■ Because of the ever increasing strain on families and personal lives due to F-1's intense and expanding travel schedules, McLaren plans to

rotate its staff that goes to the races in 2009.

■ Force India, Toyota and Renault all sent F-1 cars and drivers to participate in the annual motorsport festival held in the streets of the Dutch city of Rotterdam last weekend.

■ Some teams may choose not to run the new Kinetic Energy Recovery Systems in the early races of the 2009 season.

Developing any new car is a balancing act of priorities. Because of the rule changes, the teams have three major areas to focus on for 2009: KERS, the 30 percent reduction in aero downforce and changing from grooves to slick tires.

Because of the complexity of KERS and, initially, a relatively small performance gain, the teams may put more of their effort into the aero and tire work first.

"Those two items are more powerful than KERS," Honda team principal Ross Brawn said, "and I think that there will be a number of teams that probably won't take KERS to the flyaways at the beginning of the season."

"The performance differentiators for next year are the new aero package and the slicks and how you use them. Whether or not you have KERS at the beginning of the season is not likely to be the biggest factor."



KEVIN HORCHER PHOTO

DIRT DEVIL: Frank Kimmel won his seventh ARCA RE/MAX Series event at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield in the 46th running of the Allen Crowe 100. Kimmel tied ARCA legend Dean Roper for the most victories at the one-mile dirt track.

Kimmel Masters Dirt Again

*Seventh Victory At Springfield
Ends Yearlong Winless Streak*

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. — Nine-time ARCA RE/MAX Series champion Frank Kimmel cleaned up Sunday afternoon at the Illinois State Fairgrounds, ending a yearlong winless streak with a victory in the 46th Allen Crowe 100.

Kimmel, in his own Ford Drive One Ford, led 83 of 102 laps en route to his seventh triumph on the historic fairgrounds mile-dirt, tying the late Dean Roper for the most Springfield ARCA triumphs.

"What a great crowd of fans," said Kimmel. "This Ford Fusion ran well all day long. It's very cool to be named in the same category as Dean Roper. He was a hero of mine growing up, so

this is pretty cool. We've had some really good cars here over the years, but this one is probably the best ever. We can't wait to take the Ford Drive One Ford to DuQuoin."

Kimmel also smashed the one-lap track record earlier in the day with an average speed of 109.496 miles per hour, surpassing the old mark of 107.778 set by Damon Lusk in 2006.

Ricky Stenhouse, Jr., in the Roush Fenway Racing Ford, passed Brian Tyler on the final lap to finish second, five car lengths behind Kimmel.

"I was just trying to get every spot I could," said Stenhouse. "I would have liked to run up there with Frank [Kimmel]. We were a little tight in turn two all day. I headed into this race third in the point standings and it ended up being a pretty good points day today."

Tyler, who won the USAC Silver Crown Series race at Springfield the day before, settled for third.

"I thought I had second, but when I got

into turn three over there I let Ricky get underneath me," said Tyler. "I guess I'll settle for third today. It's fun to do these races. The car owner said if we keep it one piece today, we get to take it to DuQuoin, so that's good."

Rookie Matt Carter, in his first dirt-track race, finished fourth, followed by Tayler Malsam, who raced from 14th to finish fifth.

Point-leader Scott Speed, making his first dirt-track start, was eighth.

The finish:

Showing driver, car and laps completed: 1. Frank Kimmel, Ford, 102; 2. Ricky Stenhouse, Jr., Ford, 102; 3. Brian Tyler, Toyota, 102; 4. Matt Carter, Ford, 102; 5. Tayler Malsam, Dodge, 102; 6. Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 102; 7. Tom Hessert, Ford, 102; 8. Scott Speed, Toyota, 102; 9. Kelly Kovaski, Chevrolet, 102; 10. Doug Keller, Chevrolet, 102; 11. Bradley Riethmeyer, Dodge, 102; 12. Patrick Sheltra, Dodge, 102; 13. Ken Butler III, Dodge, 102; 14. Charlie Vest, Chevrolet, 102; 15. John Wes Townley, Ford, 102; 16. Donny Kelley, Chevrolet, 102; 17. Michael Phelps, Dodge, 101; 18. A.J. Henriksen, Ford, 101; 19. Mark Littleton, Chevrolet, 101; 20. Bryan Silas, Chevrolet, 100; 21. Lance Stott, Dodge, 100; 22. Mike Harmon, Chevrolet, 98; 23. Brad Smith, Ford, 98; 24. Justin Lofton, Dodge, 97; 25. Gabi DiCarlo, Ford, 97; 26. Darrell Basham, Chevrolet, 96; 27. Norm Benning, Chevrolet, 92; 28. Dale Shearer, Ford, 91; 29. Ron Cox, Chevrolet, 83; 30. A.J. Fike, Ford, 78; 31. Bob Strait, Ford, 69; 32. Dexter Bean, Chevrolet, 39; 33. Kyle Chady, Ford, 30; 34. Tim Mitchell, Ford, 22; 35. James Hylton, Dodge, 2; 36. Greg SeEVERS, Chevrolet, 1.

Tyler Wires The Field At Springfield



Brian Tyler

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. — Brian Tyler led wire to wire to win Saturday afternoon's Tony Bettenhausen 100 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds.

The victory in the 100-mile USAC K&N Silver Crown race presented by Optima Batteries was worth \$10,500 for the veteran open-wheel racer.

Tyler started second next to pole-winner Shane Hollingsworth, but took the lead on lap one and never looked back in his Toyota/Fatheadz Sunglasses Beast/Toyota.

Dave Darland finished second ahead of Hollingsworth, Ricky Stenhouse, Jr. and Bud Kaeding.

Point-leader Jerry Coons, Jr. finished sixth, taking a 41-point lead over Darland heading into the Aug. 31

Ted Horn 100 at the DuQuoin (Ill.) State Fairgrounds.

Johnny Parsons escaped injury when he hit the wall in turn three on lap 24.

The summary:

Qualifications: 1. Shane Hollingsworth, Nolen 20, 30.286; 2. Brian Tyler, Team Six-R 21, 30.325; 3. Levi Jones, Stewart 10, 30.473; 4. Kody Swanson, Team Six-R 19, 30.483; 5. Shane Cottle, Contos 4, 30.532; 6. Dave Darland, Foxco 56, 30.609; 7. Tom Capie, Capie 153, 30.725; 8. Tracy Hines, Stewart 22, 30.750; 9. Ricky Stenhouse, Jr., Edwards/RE 199, 30.824; 10. Jon Stanbrough, Baldwin 5, 30.858; 11. Donnie Beechler, McQuinn 14, 30.915; 12. Mat Neely, RW 17, 30.930; 13. Randy Bateman, Bateman 55, 30.969; 14. A.J. Fike, RFMS 32, 31.053; 15. Russ Gamester, Gamester 51, 31.102; 16. Kevin Huntley, SC97, 31.110; 17. Bud Kaeding, BK 29, 31.200; 18. Chris Urish, Urish 77, 31.256; 19. Paul White, Mucci/Matczak 99, 31.497; 20. Patrick Bruns, Quick Draw 81, 31.767; 21. Johnny Parsons, Nix 43, 32.055; 22. Craig Dori, Shoestring 38, 32.917; 23. Jeff Leka, Miller 36, 33.872; 24. Mike Stroehle, Stroehle 83, no time; 25. Derek Hagar, RE 35, no time; 26. Jerry Coons, Jr., RW 27, no time.

Feature (100 laps): Tyler, Darland, Hollingsworth, Stenhouse, Kaeding, Coons, Cottle, Capie, Swanson, Stanbrough, Hines, Fike, Jones, Gamester, Neely, Bruns, Bateman, Dori, White, Leka, Parsons, Beechler, Urish, Hagar, Huntley, Stroehle.

ARCA's Allgaier Gets First In POWRi Midgets At Macon

MACON, ILL. — Justin Allgaier has had his share of victories in late models and the ARCA RE/MAX Series, but Friday night he earned his first

POWRi

midget victory.

Allgaier passed Mike Hess with five laps to go to win the 30-lap O'Reilly POWRi presented by Lucas Oil midget feature at Macon Speedway.

Hess started on the pole at the fifth-mile dirt track, while Allgaier started Ebby Bergfield's Esslinger-powered Spike in the eighth spot.

Allgaier took second from Rich

Camfield on lap 12 and began chasing Hess. Caution flags bunched the field on lap 23 and gave Allgaier the opportunity to set up Hess. On lap 25, Allgaier passed Hess going into turn one, but Hess battled back in turn two.

Allgaier made the pass stick in turn three and led the final five laps.

Hess finished second ahead of Camfield, Brad Kuhn and Kevin Olson.

The finish:

Justin Allgaier, Mike Hess, Rich Camfield, Brad Kuhn, Kevin Olson, Brett Anderson, Tim Siner, Brad Loyet, Dereck King, Daniel Adler, Daniel Robinson, Austin Brown, Dave Camfield, Jr., Nick Knepper, Tyler Robbins, Bubba Altig, Tracy Hines, Derek Hagar, Tony Roney, Derrick Myers, Zach Daum, Ricky Ehrhoff.

Humpy Wheeler Starts Sports Consulting Firm

HUNTERSVILLE, N.C. — H.A. (Humpy) Wheeler, who recently resigned as president of Speedway Motorsports, Inc. and general manager of Lowe's Motor Speedway, has created The Wheeler Company.

The Wheeler Company will be a management consulting operation primarily focusing on professional sports, motorsports and general business.

Wheeler, a member of seven Halls of Fame including the International Motorsports, will serve as chairman while his son Howard III will be president. Trip, a vice president at Velocity Sports & Entertainment, a leading sponsorship marketing agency, will also continue to serve that company.

"We will also work closely with Wheeler Television, my daughter Patti's company, in a variety of support roles, as well as Velocity," Wheeler said. Wheeler Television is an Emmy award-

winning company that does production for major network sports telecasts as well as documentaries and special features.

"One of our goals will be to develop highly unique racing for television and work with clients who have a need for innovation. We will also work with major drivers in assisting with their careers as well as tracks, sanctioning bodies and companies involved in racing," said Wheeler.

After graduating from the University of South Carolina where he played football and was a championship amateur boxer, he operated dirt race tracks before working for The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company where he became Director of Racing. He took over then-Charlotte Motor Speedway in 1975 where he became known for his promotions and unique pre-race shows.

He became president of Speedway Motorsports, Inc. in 1994 when it became the first public company in racing to join the New York Stock Exchange.



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SLIDING: Brian Tyler throws his No. 21 Silver Crown car through the corner at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield Saturday afternoon.

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CHRIS COUGHLIN/NASCAR PHOTO

TRADEMARK: Andrew Ranger passes through Trois-Rivieres' arches during Sunday's NASCAR Canadian Tire Series race.

▶ SOUTHERN 500 RETURNS

The Southern 500 will return to Darlington Raceway when NASCAR Sprint Cup competitors make their annual visit to "The Lady In Black" in May 2009.

The traditional Labor Day weekend race at Darlington was called the Southern 500 beginning with the first running of the event in 1950 until the fabled track lost its second Cup date after Jimmie Johnson won the last Southern 500 in 2004.

"When I think of Darlington and the history of the track, the Southern 500 is what comes to mind," said Jeff Gordon, a five-time winner of the race. "I think it's great the Southern 500 is coming back to Darlington."

The Southern 500 moniker returns as Darlington celebrates its 60th year of competition. Tickets for the Southern 500 weekend, which also includes the NASCAR Nationwide Series Diamond Plywood 250, go on sale Sept. 20.

▶ BOOK OF THE WEEK

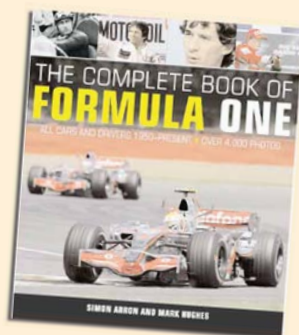
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By Simon Arron and Mark Hughes

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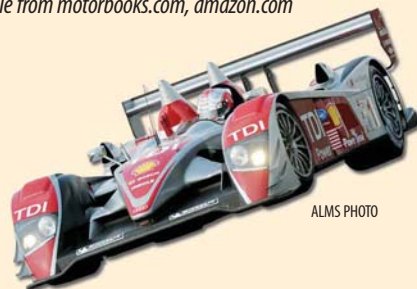
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"The fit with (Tony) Stewart and (Ryan) Newman should be a good one. In addition to the Indiana connection, they are friends off the track and get along — perhaps because of their differences as much as their similarities. Newman is a bit more cerebral, while Stewart has been known to, as they say, 'howl at the moon' on occasion."
— John Clayton, Aug. 14 blog

■ NSSN's Dave Argabright writes about one crucial item missing from the 2008 Knoxville Nationals — the pie!



CHRIS COUGHLIN/NASCAR PHOTO

TRES BIEN: Andrew Ranger celebrates his NASCAR Canadian Tire victory Sunday at Trois-Rivieres, Quebec.

Ranger Ready In Quebec

TROIS-RIVIERES, Quebec — Andrew Ranger took advantage of an opportunity and won the GP3R 100 after race-leader Scott Steckly and J.R. Fitzpatrick got tangled up in the final lap of Sunday's NASCAR Canadian Tire Series Grand Prix de Trois-Rivieres.

CANADIAN TIRE

The caution flag waved with just over a lap remaining in the event when Kent Nuhn's car suffered a flat right-front tire, setting up a green-white-checkered finish. Ranger, running in third, slipped through a hole created when Fitzpatrick made contact with Steckly in turn nine of the 10-turn, 1.53-mile temporary road course.

Fitzpatrick started on the pole and led the first 28 laps before Steckly was able to make the pass in turn one while Fitzpatrick was dealing with lapped traffic. Steckly had moved out to a comfortable lead, but the late caution erased that margin setting up the thrilling finish.

Ranger, a Quebec native, sent the very partisan, capacity crowd in

Trois-Rivieres home happy. Winning was not the only good news for Ranger on Sunday. Earlier in the day, he learned that he will be behind the wheel of a NASCAR Nationwide Series car from the Fitz Motorsports stable for seven races this season after making his debut in the car in Montreal.

"It's been a great day for me," said Ranger. "(Fitzpatrick and Steckly) left the door open and I took advantage. After being so close last season, it was great to get a win here in front of these awesome fans."

A season ago, Kerry Micks beat Ranger to the finish line by just .012 second.

Steckly was able to gather up his car in the final turn and finish second, his seventh podium finish in nine events this season. Jason Hathaway slipped by Fitzpatrick for third as did D.J. Kennington in fourth. Fitzpatrick settled for fifth.

The finish:

Andrew Ranger, Scott Steckly, Jason Hathaway, D.J. Kennington, J.R. Fitzpatrick, Jim Lapevich, Jean Francois Dumoulin, Kerry Micks, John Gaunt, Brad Graham, Peter Gibbons, Peter Klutt, Don Thomson, Jr., Andre Coursol, David Thorndyke, Jason White, Alex Tagliani, Kent Nuhn, Mark Dilley, Dave Whitlock, Ron Beauchamp, Jr., Derek Lynch, Robin Buck, Pierre Bourque, Dave Connelly, Anthony Simone, Jarrad Whissell.



DICK AYERS PHOTO

SILK MAN: Ronnie Silk (79) races inside Matt Hirschman Thursday night at Thompson (Conn.) Int'l Speedway.

Silk Smooth In Whelen Win

THOMPSON, Conn. — For the second time this season, NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour driver Ronnie Silk reached victory lane at Thompson Int'l Speedway.

Silk led 35 laps en route to the checkered flag Thursday night in the New England Dodge Dealers 150 presented by Budweiser. For Silk, the win brought his career total to three — all at Thompson. The Norwalk, Conn., driver was also a winner here earlier this season.

"Our car is just great here, that's for sure," Silk said. "We've had good cars other places as well. Spencer we were

second, Riverhead we were second. The breaks go our way here."

Matt Hirschman, who led nine laps on the evening, came home second for his best career finish at Thompson. Bobby Santos, Ted Christopher and Mike Stefanik rounded out the top five.

Chuck Hossfeld, who finished 16th in the race, maintained a 41-point lead over Ted Christopher in the season standings.

The finish:

Ronnie Silk, Matt Hirschman, Bobby Santos, Ted Christopher, Mike Stefanik, Glen Reen, Rowan Pennink, Danny Sammons, Jamie Tomaino, Bobby Grigas III, Richard Savary, Tom Abele, Jr., Anthony Sesely, Billy Pauch, Jr., Gary McDonald, Chuck Hossfeld, Ken Heagy, Woody Pitkat, Wade Cole, Todd Szegedy, Andy Seuss, Jake Marosz, Rick Fuller, Ryan Preece, Jimmy Blewett, Ed Flemke, Jr., Glenn Tyler, Renee Dupuis, Joe Hartmann, Reggie Ruggiero, Eric Berndt, Eric Beers, Kevin Goodale.

No Place Like Home For Bowles

California Hot Shoe Sweeps At Irwindale

IRWINDALE, Calif. — Jason Bowles led wire to wire to win the Pipe Careers 200 at Toyota Speedway at Irwindale Saturday night, giving him a sweep of the NASCAR Camping World Series West events at his home track this season.

His earlier victory there July 4 marked his first victory on an oval track. In his latest win, however, it looked like he owned the half-mile asphalt track, where the 25-year-old raced in the late-model class in 2006.

"I was pretty amazed that we led every lap," said Bowles. "I didn't expect that to happen at all. I thought for sure the (car No.) 21 (David Mayhew) was going to be good. I wasn't sure who else was going to be able to challenge me, but he was my biggest competitor last time we were here. Once I saw him in my mirror, I thought he might give me a run. But he never really put any pressure on me. We had a car that was just great all night."

The early laps of the event were similar to the last visit by the series to Toyota Speedway, with Bowles and Mayhew leading the way. But unlike the event six weeks before, Bowles never relinquished the lead. The only time he appeared threatened was as he worked lapped traffic.

"We were a bit free in the first half and I was just having trouble getting up off (the corners)," Bowles said. "I just couldn't get by the lapped traffic as quick as I wanted, but we tightened it up for the second half and I didn't seem to have any problems with them."

Bowles beat rookie Jeff Barkshire to the checkered flag by .674 second at a race-record average speed of 76.255 miles per hour. Bowles, who also won the pole, earned \$8,550.

Another rookie, Jason Patison, finished third. Brett Thompson and David Mayhew rounded out the top five.

The victory moved Bowles to within nine points of Eric Holmes, who leads the standings.

The finish:

Showing driver, car, laps completed and money won: 1. Jason Bowles, Ford, 200, \$8,550; 2. Jeff Barkshire, Dodge, 200, \$3,815; 3. Jason Patison, Ford, 200, \$4,000; 4. Brett Thompson, Chevrolet, 200, \$1,750; 5. David Mayhew, Chevrolet, 200, \$2,000; 6. Johnny Borneman, Chevrolet, 200, \$1,910; 7. Chris Johnson, Ford, 200, \$1,375; 8. Eric Holmes, Toyota, 200, \$1,850; 9. Moses Smith, Toyota, 200, \$1,800; 10. Andrew Myers, Toyota, 200, \$1,285; 11. Jim Inglebright, Chevrolet, 200, \$1,770; 12. Eric Richardson, Chevrolet, 200, \$1,250; 13. Terry Henry, Chevrolet, 199, \$1,225; 14. Mike David, Toyota, 199, \$2,311; 15. Jamie Dick, Chevrolet, 199, \$1,700; 16. Jeff Jefferson, Chevrolet, 198, \$1,675; 17. Jim Warn, Chevrolet, 198, \$1,650; 18. Luis Martinez, Jr., Chevrolet, 198, \$1,125; 19. Daryl Harr, Chevrolet, 197, \$1,610; 20. Billy Kann, Chevrolet, 196, \$1,100; 21. Johnathan Hale, Chevrolet, 194, \$1,090; 22. Jack Sellers, Chevrolet, 192, \$1,085; 23. Mike Gallegos, Chevrolet, 191, \$1,580; 24. Austin Cameron, Toyota, 149, \$1,575; 25. Don Holcomb, Chevrolet, 132, \$1,070; 26. Brian Wong, Chevrolet, 100, \$1,060; 27. Paul Pedroncelli, Jr., Chevrolet, 97, \$1,050; 28. Tony Toste, Chevrolet, 88, \$1,040; 29. Greg Pursley, Chevrolet, 81, \$1,030.

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POWER RANKINGS

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

Tony Schumacher

U.S. Army Dragster, NHRA Top Fuel
Schumacher's unparalleled dominance of the Top Fuel division has put the "Sarge" in a class by himself. The Army dragster's Wally count now stands at 10 on the season, including the last five. He hasn't lost since NHRA began racing to 1,000 feet in mid-July.

NO. 1



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REST OF THE BEST

2. Kyle Busch

No. 18 Toyota, NASCAR Sprint Cup
Busch only raced in Sprint Cup over the weekend, but followed his Watkins Glen win with a runner-up finish at Michigan Int'l Speedway.

3. Scott Dixon

No. 9 Target Chip Ganassi Dallara-Honda, IndyCar Series
Dixon has six IndyCar Series victories this season and has won three of four as the series heads to Infineon Raceway this weekend.

4. Donny Schatz

No. 15 J&J Sprint Car, World of Outlaws
Schatz followed his third-straight Knoxville Nationals title with a disappointing trip to his home state where he earned two fourths and a 10th.

5. Johnny Benson

No. 23 Toyota, NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series
With three-straight victories to his credit, Benson heads to Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway where he won last season.

6. Carl Edwards

Nos. 99/60 Fords, NASCAR Sprint Cup/Nationwide Series
Edwards swept the NASCAR Sprint Cup and Nationwide series events at Michigan Int'l Speedway.

7. Lewis Hamilton

No. 22 Vodaphone McLaren Mercedes, Formula One
Hamilton appears poised to capture the World Driving Championship that eluded him last season.

8. Scott Pruett/Memo Rojas

No. 01 Telmex Ganassi Lexus Riley, Grand Am
The duo will try and recover from a dreadful 13th-place finish two weeks ago as the series heads to Sonoma for the Armed Forces 250.

9. Jason Meyers

No. 14 KPC Sprint Car, World of Outlaws
Meyers recorded his seventh World of Outlaws victory of the season Sunday and didn't finish outside the top five in three races last week.

10. No. 20 Nationwide Series Team

No. 20 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota, NASCAR Nationwide Series
Stewart drove the No. 20 to a third-place finish, but the real story followed as the team attempted to bypass a NASCAR-ordered dyno test.

Honorable Mention

ARCA veteran Frank Kimmel returned from injury to get his first victory of the season on the dirt of the Illinois State Fairgrounds. . . Brady Bacon won three consecutive Sprint Bandit races.

Last Week

Schatz was in second powered by his Knoxville performance, but falls to fourth behind Busch and Dixon. Edwards jumps two spots, while Meyers re-enters the rankings.

Darland Out Of Nine Racing Seat

Team Signs Darren Hagen To Take Over No. 9 Ride

BROWNSBURG, Ind. — Darren Hagen will drive Nine Racing's No. 9 Team ASE/Oakley/Ed Pink Toyota for the remainder of the 2008 USAC National Midget Series season, replacing Dave Darland in the seat.

Hagen will make his Nine Racing debut at Wisconsin's Angell Park Speedway Aug. 23.

Darland recorded a team-high 25 victories after joining Nine Racing in 1999. He is currently ninth in the series point standings with one victory this season. Hagen is seventh in the standings and also has one victory.

Nine Racing owner Steve Lewis said the team has decided to go in a different direction in teaming Hagen with Kody Swanson.

Driver Section Tickets Offered At LMS

CONCORD, N.C. — Birds of a feather can now flock together at Lowe's Motor Speedway for the Oct. 11 Bank of America 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race thanks to the speedway's new Driver Select seating sections.

For the first time, Lowe's Motor Speedway officials are offering a \$69 two-day ticket package in six designated driver sections where fans can enjoy two NASCAR races surrounded by fans of their favorite driver. Seating sections include Jimmie Johnson, Jeff Gordon, Kyle Busch, Dale Earnhardt, Jr., Tony Stewart and Kasey Kahne.

Each ticket package includes a seat in a driver's section for the Dollar General 300 NASCAR Nationwide Series race on Friday night, Oct. 10, and the Bank of America 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race on Saturday night, Oct. 11. The \$69 price represents a savings of \$37 if the same tickets were purchased separately.

For more ticket information, visit www.lowesmotorspeedway.com or call (800) 455-FANS.

SGMP To Host January CRA Super Series Event

CECIL, Ga. — South Georgia Motorsports Park will kick off the 2009 racing season with a CRA Super Series-sanctioned late-model event scheduled for Jan. 23-25.

"We felt there was a need for a big late-model event at that time of year to get the 2009 racing season started," said Dennis Nixon, speedway manager of South Georgia Motorsports Park. "This event falls into our plan of developing signature events that will become yearly traditions for racers from all over the country to come and enjoy the great racing facility we have here at South Georgia Motorsports Park. We look forward to working with the CRA Super Series to promote this huge event."

More information is to be released about the January event as it becomes available and can be found at



PHIL RIDER PHOTO

TO THE NINES: Dave Darland (9), here at Winchester (Ind.) Speedway, is out at Nine Racing, which signed Darren Hagen to team with Kody Swanson (19) for the remainder of the 2008 USAC Midget season.

www.racesgmp.com and www.craracing.net.

Injured de Ferran Crew Member Released

INDIANAPOLIS — Injured de Ferran Motorsports crew member Keith Jones has been released from the Richard Fairbanks Burn Center at Wishard Health Services in good condition, according to Fairbanks Burn Center doctors.

Jones, who spent three weeks at the Fairbanks Burn Center, will continue his recovery at his Greenwood, Ind., home with outpatient rehabilitation at Wishard on a regular basis. Jones was injured in a pit incident in the American Le Mans Series race July 19 at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. Jones has been a veteran crew member of the ALMS and IndyCar Series for more than 10 years, including stints at Panther Racing, Andretti Green Racing and de Ferran Motorsports.

A special fund has been established to

assist Jones in his recovery process. Contributions can be made at any National City Bank or at the following address: Keith E. Jones Fund, c/o De Ferran Motorsports, 485 Southpoint Circle, Suite 900, Brownsburg, Ind., 46112.

Fremont Speedway Issues Sprint Challenge

FREMONT, Ohio — Fremont Speedway is challenging the drivers of the Advance Auto Parts World of Outlaws and the O'Reilly All Star Circuit of Champions to beat the 410 sprint-car regulars at the track in a \$15,000-to-win race.

The purse for the Sept. 20 410 sprint-car event, which is part of the Jim Ford Classic Season Championship Night, will be \$42,900, with \$500 paid to start the feature. Last year, former outlaw driver Stevie Smith came to Fremont Speedway and took home \$15,000.

Hawkeye Downs Inducts Economaki

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — *National Speed Sport News* Editor Chris Economaki has been elected to the Hawkeye Downs Raceway Wall of Fame.

The awards ceremony is set for Aug. 22 during the regular racing program.

The 2008 inductees also include Cliff Bundy, Lu Holland, Mike Schulte, Larry Kelley, W. Dale Gegner, Steve Kosiski, Gary "Grumpy" Gramblin and Leo Peiffer.

Hinchcliffe Stadium Car Show Scheduled

PATERSON, N.J. — A race-car show has been scheduled for Aug. 31 at the historic Hinchcliffe Stadium.

Show organizers are still searching for former area and Hinchcliffe drivers as well as cars owners who would like to be involved in the show. Drivers from the AMTQMA will also run a parade lap around the stadium track.

For more information, contact Ronny Dennis, Jr. at (718) 344-0502 or by e-mail at rode127@yahoo.com.

Stancill Signs Deal With TRG Motorsports

MOORESVILLE, N.C. — Ben Stancill has signed a driver-development agreement with TRG Motorsports that will move the 19-year-old to the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series for 2009.

Stancill will participate in a pair of test sessions in NASCAR trucks and compete in two ARCA RE/MAX Series races for TRG this season. After driving fulltime in Hooters Pro Cup in 2007, Stancill has competed in both the ARCA RE/MAX and NASCAR Camping World East series this season.

"We are really excited to bring Ben in as a development driver for TRG Motorsports," said TRG Principal Kevin Buckler. "Ben has shown an incredible amount of focus and ability."

NUTS AND BOLTS

The **Hoosier Midwest Sprint Car Series** has cancelled a pair of dates at Union County Speedway in Liberty, Ind. The Aug. 22 and Sept. 12 dates have been removed from the MSCS schedule due to safety concerns. Union County Speedway will run its regularly scheduled classes on those nights. . . **ZMAX Dragway @ Concord** will host a gala open house 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 23. The event is free and open to the public and will include a variety of games and activities along with tours of the 125-acre facility. The first 200 guests to register will be able to speed down the quarter-mile strip during the street-legal drag races. The venue will host the inaugural NHRA Carolinas Nationals Sept. 11-14. . . **James Spink** has been named USAC's director, developmental series, and will oversee more than 100 events annually. Spink, 31, has an extensive motorsports background, including directing more than 1,000 races throughout America. He spent the past eight years as general manager and regional executive for 600 Racing, Inc. . . A 50th-anniversary celebration and reunion for **Meadowdale Int'l Raceways** is scheduled for Sept. 13-14 at Raceway Woods in Carpentersville, Ill. Admission is free. . . **AAA Mid-Atlantic** has signed on as presenting sponsor of the Sept. 21 NASCAR Sprint Cup race at Dover Int'l Speedway. The race will be known as the Camping World RV 400 presented by AAA. . . Illinois driver **Jack Drews**, 72, was killed Saturday after crashing his 1961 Triumph while racing at Michigan's Grattan Raceway.

Five Winners In Five Nights Top USMTS

Aug. 11

BELLEVILLE, Kan. — John Allen proved that experience at the Belleville High Banks pays dividends as the 39-year-old scored a wire-to-wire victory in the Aug. 11 O'Reilly USMTS National Tour event.

The victory was the first on the tour for Allen since March. Jon Tesch, who won the Hunt opener two days prior, finished second ahead of Jason Krohn, Al Hejna and Ron Ver Beek.

The finish:

John Allen, Jon Tesch, Jason Krohn, Al Hejna, Ron Ver Beek, Scott Green, Jason Friesen, Jake Neal, Jon Thompson, Kenny Wallace, Kenny Shryock, Zack VanderBeek, Dereck Ramirez, Bryan Rowland, Justin Boney, Bob Timm, Steve Burch, Tommy Weder, Jr., Corey Dripps, Jason Hughes, Dustin Hyde, Dustin Huehl, Brandon Kenny, Alan Mondus.

Aug. 12

OSBORN, Mo. — Tim Donlinger took the lead on the eighth lap of the Aug. 12 O'Reilly USMTS National Tour \$2,000-to-win feature at U.S. 36 Raceway.

Tommy Weder, Jr. finished second ahead of Kelly Shryock. Zack VanderBeek and John Allen rounded out the top five.

The race was the third in the series' Hunt for the O'Reilly USMTS National Championship, and the runner-up finish was good enough to return Shryock to the top of the standings, five points ahead of VanderBeek.

The finish:

Tim Donlinger, Tommy Weder, Jr., Kelly Shryock, Zack VanderBeek, John Allen, Justin Boney, Jason Krohn, Scott Green, Brandon Kenny, Ron Ver Beek, Jake Neal, Dereck Ramirez, Alan Mondus, Jon Tesch, Dustin Hyde, Dennis Elliott, Kenny Wallace, Bryan Rowland, Carey Umbarger, Jason Hughes, Don Crnkovich, Bob Timm, Corey Dripps, Al Hejna.

Thursday

OWATONNA, Minn. — After a lengthy rain delay Thursday night at Steele County Speedway, Tommy Weder, Jr. worked overtime to capture his third O'Reilly USMTS National Tour victory in his last six starts.

After starting from the pole, Weder had to reclaim the point from Tim Donlinger, who passed Weder for the lead on lap 12. Weder fought back with three laps to go and held on for the \$2,000 victory.

Donlinger settled for second ahead of John Allen in third. Ron Ver Beek was fourth and Jon Tesch fifth.

The finish:

Tommy Weder, Jr., Tim Donlinger, John Allen, Ron Ver Beek, Jon Tesch, Dean Mahlstedt, Jason Cummins, Steve Weststein, Zack VanderBeek, Al Hejna, Brandon Kenny, Corey Dripps, Dereck Ramirez, Jason Hughes, Dan Bohr, Mark Noble, Jacob Dahle, Alan Mondus, Kelly Shryock, Scott Green, Bryan Rowland, Jason Miller, Tom Paulson, Bob Timm.

Friday

FOUNTAIN CITY, Wis. — The fifth event in the Casey's General Stores Hunt for the O'Reilly USMTS National Championship produced the fifth different winner Friday night as Al Hejna triumphed at Tri-Oval Speedway.

Polesitter Jake Neal led the first circuit and Dean Mahlstedt led the next four laps. But when Mahlstedt turned pitside, Hejna inherited the lead and led the final 25 laps.

Tim Donlinger, who scored his second straight runner-up

paycheck, was second, with Corey Dripps, Neal and Alan Mondus filling the top five.

The finish:

Al Hejna, Tim Donlinger, Corey Dripps, Jake Neal, Alan Mondus, Dereck Ramirez, Kelly Shryock, Zack VanderBeek, Scott Green, Jon Tesch, John Doelle, Mark Noble, Ron Ver Beek, John Allen, Brandon Kenny, Josh Angst, Tommy Weder, Jr., Bob Bautch, Jeff Rollinger, Hank Rollinger, Justin Boney, Dean Mahlstedt, Bob Timm, Quinn Arnoldy.

Saturday

DECORAH, Iowa — Zack VanderBeek notched his fourth O'Reilly USMTS National Tour victory of the season Saturday night at Upper Iowa Speedway.

VanderBeek out-dueled Kelly

Shryock in a caution-free 40-lap event that saw all 22 starters finish the feature race on the tricky quarter-mile oval.

VanderBeek took the lead from Shryock on lap 12 and led to the checkered flag. Shryock hung on for second. Jon Tesch

came from 10th to finish third. Al Hejna and Donlinger rounded out the top five.

The finish:

Zack VanderBeek, Kelly Shryock, Jon Tesch, Al Hejna, Tim Donlinger, Alan Mondus, Dereck Ramirez, Corey Dripps, John Allen, Darrin Walch, Richie Gustin, Jr., Mark Noble, Tommy Weder, Jr., Jake Neal, Brandon Kenny, Justin Boney, Jeff Schluetter, Doug Hillson, Mark Massey, Matt Sweeney, Kevin Pittman, Scott Green.

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ON PARADE: O'Reilly All Star Circuit of Champions drivers take a parade lap prior to the feature Saturday night at Riverside Int'l Speedway in West Memphis, Ark.

Ellenberger Ends Blaney's Streak

Aug. 13

WAYNESFIELD, Ohio — Dale Blaney continued to stretch his point lead in the O'Reilly All Star Circuit of Champions sprint-car series with a victory Aug. 13 at Waynesfield Motor

Sports Park.

Blaney led all 30 laps of the quarter-mile oval to bank \$5,000 in an event that was run without a yellow flag. It was Blaney's fifth All Star triumph of the season.

Second in points, Lance Dewease started on the pole and chased Blaney the entire distance. Dewease made a late charge, challenging Blaney during the final seven laps.

Tim Shaffer finished third, with Greg Wilson and fast-qualifier Randy Hannagan rounding out the top five.

The summary:

Fast time: Randy Hannagan, 10.569 seconds.
First Heat: Brock Mayes, Chad Blonde, Butch Schroeder, Randy Hannagan, Paul May, Caleb Griffith, Brandon Ferguson, Brian Lay, Chad Arthur.

Second Heat: Dale Blaney, Danny Smith, Brian Paulus, Cole Duncan, Tim Shaffer, Tim Hunter, Lee Jacobs, Ryan Myers, Scott Curran.

Third Heat: Byron Reed, J.T. Imperial, Brian Ellenberger, Jimmy Stinson, Cory Crabtree, David Harrison, Rob Chaney, Lee Stark.

Fourth Heat: Jeremy Campbell, Brandon Martin, Greg Wilson, Josh Davis, Lance Dewease, Dean Jacobs, Ed Neumeister, Caleb Helm.

B Main: L. Jacobs, Chaney, D. Jacobs, Hunter, Harrison, Stark, Helm, Ferguson, Griffith, Neumeister, Myers, Arthur, Curran, Lay.

Feature: Blaney, Dewease, Shaffer, Wilson, Hannagan, Smith, L. Jacobs, Reed, Mayes, Martin, Stinson, Chaney, Campbell, Schroeder, Blonde, May, D. Jacobs, Duncan, Davis, Ellenberger, Hunter, Imperial, Crabtree, Horton.

Friday

BENTON, Mo. — Dale Blaney won for the third time in the last four races in taking his sixth O'Reilly All Star Circuit of Champions sprint-car victory of the season Friday night at Benton Race Park.

Blaney, the fast qualifier for the 32-car field, started outside the front row and chased Tim Shaffer through the early laps. But Blaney moved George Fisher's No. 2 to the lead at the midway point in the race and was never headed the remaining distance.

Only one yellow flag, on lap 27, slowed the pace and Shaffer finished second to Blaney at the checkered flag.

Randy Hannagan, Jeremy Campbell and Lance Dewease rounded out the top five.

The summary:

Fast time: Dale Blaney, 11.654 seconds.
First Heat: Brandon Martin, Ryan Bunton, Kent Buckley, Tim Shaffer, Dale Blaney, A.J. Bruns, Tiffany Wyzard, Jimmy Brewer.

Second Heat: Sammy Swindell, Tyler Thompson, Greg Wilson, Jeremy Campbell, Lee Stark, Jerrod Hull, Jason Keith, Paul Hart.

Third Heat: Lance Dewease, Mark Shershekan, Ryan Myers, Steve Short, Brad Greer, Alex Shanks, Kody Kinser, Dylan Dejourmet.

Fourth Heat: Brian Ellenberger, Chad Blonde, Randy Hannagan, Tim Montgomery, Joey Moughan, Miranda Throckmorton, Randy Stille, Jimmy Hurley.

B Main: Shanks, Brewer, Hart, Kinser, Dejourmet, Stille, Hurley, Hull, Bruns, Throckmorton, Keith, Wyzard.

Feature: Blaney, Shaffer, Hannagan, Campbell, Dewease, Swindell, Wilson, Blonde, Martin, Bunton, Shanks, Myers, Thompson, Kinser, Greer, Brewer, Stark, Ellenberger, Moughan, Short, Shershekan, Buckley, Montgomery, Hart.

Saturday

WEST MEMPHIS, Ark. — Brian Ellenberger led all 30 laps from the pole to post his first O'Reilly All Star Circuit of Champions victory Saturday night at Riverside Int'l Speedway.

With the majority of the cars favoring the bottom, Ellenberger drove his No. 20e around the top of the quarter-mile dirt track.

Ellenberger battled Tim Shaffer during the early laps, but had to contend with Randy Hannagan during the middle stages of the event. Hannagan actually took the lead on lap 27, but a yellow flag negated the pass.

Ellenberger led the remaining laps, while Lance Dewease snagged second from Hannagan. Tim Crawley, who was the best finishing 360 sprint-car driver, and fast-qualifier Chad Blonde rounded out the top five.

The summary:

Fast time: Chad Blonde, 13.403 seconds.
First Heat: Joey Moughan, A.G. Rains, Randy Hannagan, Chad Blonde, Ryan Bunton, Lee Stark, Tim Sites, Brad Greer.

Second Heat: Brad Bowden, Brian Ellenberger, Greg Wilson, Jeremy Campbell, Justin Carver, Lee Sowell, Jeff Swindell, Dale Blaney.

Third Heat: Miranda Throckmorton, Tim Shaffer, Ryan Myers, Greg Merrit, Tyler Thompson, Ernie Ainsworth, Sammy Swindell.

Fourth Heat: Ronnie Howard, Brandon Martin, Jerrod Hull, Lance Dewease, Tim Crawley, Chris Williams, Jon Stinson.

B Main: S. Swindell, Blaney, Stark, Ainsworth, Williams, Sowell, Sites, Stinson, Greer.

Feature: Ellenberger, Dewease, Hannagan, Crawley, Blonde, Wilson, Hull, S. Swindell, Rains, Stark, Blaney, Bunton, Throckmorton, Campbell, Myers, Bowden, Martin, Carver, Howard, Thompson, Shaffer, Ainsworth, Moughan, Merrit.

Kertscher, Tatnell Split IRA Weekend

Friday

WILMOT, Wis. — Mike Kertscher overtook early leader Scott Biertzer and never looked back en route to winning the Bumper to Bumper IRA Outlaw Sprints sanctioned Kenosha County Fair headliner at Wilmot Speedway Friday night.

For Kertscher, who is racing a limited schedule aboard his Kistler-powered No. 80 Eagle, it was his first victory of the season.

While Kertscher ran much of the race with a fairly comfortable lead, the race throughout the top dozen

was incredible and kept the huge Friday-night fair crowd on its feet. Scott Biertzer won the battle for second, holding off hard-charging Billy Balog in a dash to the checkered flag.

Mike Reinke was fourth, with Todd Daun fifth.

The finish:

Mike Kertscher, Scott Biertzer, Billy Balog, Mike Reinke, Todd Daun, Brian Kristan, Scotty Neitzel, Brooke Tatnell, Donny Goeden, Steve Meyer, John Haeni, Tim Vanderveere, Scott Uttech, Russel Borland, Todd Hepfner, Bill Wirth, Tommy Sexton, Kris Spitz, Joe Symoens, Kim Mock, Patrick Haynes, Billy Hafemann.

Saturday

BEAVER DAM, Wis. — Brooke Tatnell captured the 30-lap Bumper to Bumper IRA Outlaw Sprints event at

Charter Raceway Park Saturday night.

Tatnell steered his No. 11au into the lead on lap five, overtaking early leader Donny Goeden. Tatnell then held off a late challenge from Mike Kertscher to grab his third IRA triumph of the season.

At the checkered flag, it was Tatnell and Kertscher with Goeden taking third over the fast-closing tandem of Scotty Neitzel and Steve Meyer in fourth and fifth, respectively.

The finish:

Brooke Tatnell, Mike Kertscher, Donny Goeden, Scotty Neitzel, Steve Meyer, Brian Kristan, Scott Biertzer, Billy Balog, Todd Hepfner, Mike Reinke, Tim Vanderveere, Matt Wasmund, Scott Uttech, Andy Hunt, Phillip Mock, John Haeni, Rusty Egan, Scott Young, Jason Johnson, Dave Uttech, Kris Spitz, Tommy Sexton.

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VICTORY LANE: Bill Slater enjoys victory lane after winning the 1965 National Open at Langhorne (Pa.) Speedway.

1965 Was A Magical Year For Modified Driver Bill Slater

By PETE ZANARDI

Promoters Al Gerber and Irv Fried paved the legendary Langhorne (Pa.) Speedway, a dirt oval since 1926, in 1965. Jim McElreath won in a champ car on June 20 and again Aug. 8. The modifieds got their chance in the \$23,000 National Open Oct. 12.

Gerber and Fried brought the National Open to Langhorne in 1951 and very soon it was seen as "the poor man's Indianapolis."

A few tons of asphalt wasn't going to change that. Sixty-two modifieds lined up behind polesitter Dutch Hoag.

Ron Lux set fast time, but Dutch Hoag's guaranteed starter status put him on the pin. A number of tracks sent "guaranteed starters" to Langhorne, a key in the event's stature.

Bill Slater survived a multitude of crashes to carry away the gigantic trophy. The final 20 laps were especially crazy. Coming from 18th, Slater, in the legendary V8, led only the final two of what turned out to be 128 laps because of the reds and yellows.

"Langhorne demanded a reliable car and it demanded patience. The race was 100 miles and I was determined to finish it," Slater said. Unsure of where he was in the late stages, he recalled suddenly becoming aware of having to pass Herbie Tillman. "At that point, I didn't remember him passing me, nor did I remember my passing him."

He got it done in the backstretch.

Slater and owners Bob Vitari and Vic Bombaci were enjoying a sensational season. NASCAR modified stalwarts, they had scored major wins at Norwood (Mass.), Thompson (Conn.), Malta (N.Y.) and Oxford Plains (Maine) and chased Ray Hendrick home at Trenton (N.J.). "Money was the reason we went to Langhorne," recalled Slater. "Those guys operated like a business and we went where the money was."

Reliability and patience were factors. Fortune also played a part.

Hoag, who had won three opens on the dirt, was heading for another when rain brought out the red flag with 80 laps complete. Hoag's dominance was interrupted by another red flag seven laps later.

Slater had to be getting weary at that point. He had left Langhorne late Saturday (after qualifying) and flown to Boston where he was battling for the championship at nearby Norwood Arena. After driving a borrowed car to second (and the championship), he drove back to Langhorne "in a '59 Chevy with 300,000 miles on it" in time "to get a couple hours of sleep."

Hoag got away again, but suddenly his engine soured. Freddy Adam inherited the lead, but his luck was equally bad. The advantage fell to Tillman.

Slater sneaked past with two laps left and accepted what was a controversial and contested victory. Stan Ploski also got by Tillman to claim second.

It capped off a \$49,000 season for the V8.

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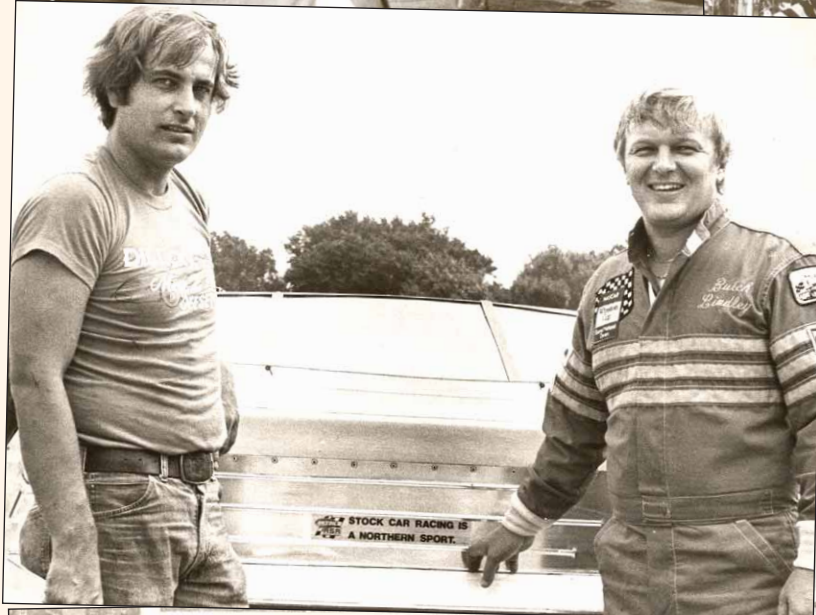
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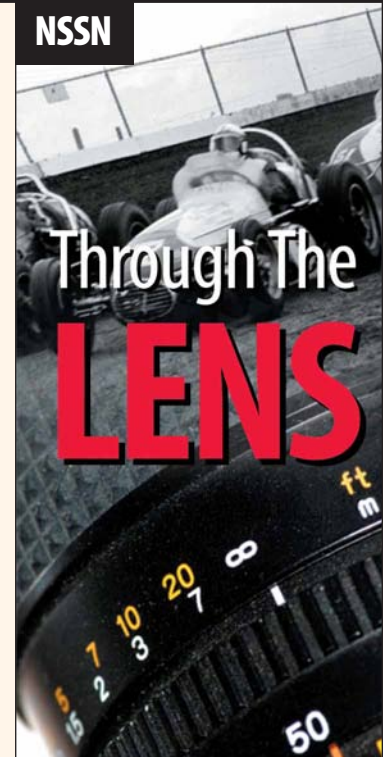
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BUTCH LINDLEY

Without question, Butch Lindley was one of the best short-track stock-car drivers in the history of the sport.

A native of Greenville, S.C., Lindley worked his way up through the ranks and made 41 NASCAR Nationwide Series starts with six victories and 22

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top-10 finishes. He also competed in 11 Cup Series races.

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Lindley died June 6, 1990 from the effects of a crash he suffered while leading a race at Bradenton, Fla., one month earlier. Lindley was 42.

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ON THE AIR

A quick look at what's on television this week: Aug. 21-Aug. 24.

Thursday

- SCCA Pro GT Championship from Road America (taped), 3 a.m., Speed
- SCCA Touring Car Championship from Road America (taped), 4 a.m., Speed
- Classic Drag Racing: 2003 NHRA Route 66 Nationals, 11 a.m., ESPN Classic
- NASCAR Sprint Cup 3M Performance 400 (taped), 12 p.m., Speed
- Classic NASCAR: 1985 Valleydale 500, 2 p.m., ESPN Classic
- "NASCAR Now," 5 p.m., ESPN2
- "Motorsport Hour," 5 p.m., Vs.

Friday

- "NASCAR Now," 12:30 a.m., ESPN2
- NHRA Toyo Tire Nationals (taped), 2 a.m., ESPN2
- F-1 European Grand Prix practice, 8 a.m., Speed
- NASCAR Sprint Cup Sharpie 500 practice, 12 p.m., Speed
- "NASCAR Confidential," 1:30 p.m., Speed
- "Trackside," 2:30 p.m., Speed
- NASCAR Sprint Cup Sharpie 500 qualifying, 3:30 p.m., Speed
- NASCAR Nationwide Series Food City 250 practice, 5 p.m., Speed
- NASCAR Sprint Cup Sharpie 500 practice, 6 p.m., Speed
- "NASCAR Countdown," 7:30 p.m., ESPN
- NASCAR Nationwide Series Food City 250, 8 p.m., ESPN
- "Trackside," 11 p.m., Speed

Saturday

- "Formula One Debrief," 12 a.m., Speed
- "Inside Grand Prix," 12:30 a.m., Speed
- NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series O'Reilly 200 (taped), 2 a.m., Speed
- "Inside Drag Racing," 6 a.m., Ion
- F-1 European Grand Prix qualifying, 8 a.m., Speed

TUNE IN TO ...

The American Le Mans Series Grand Prix of Mosport airing at 3 p.m. Sunday on Speed.

- "NASCAR Now," 10 a.m., ESPN2
 - "Trackside," 11 a.m., Speed
 - Star Mazda Series from Road America (taped), 12 p.m., Speed
 - World of Outlaws Late Models from Sarver, Pa. (taped), 1 p.m.
 - "Tradin' Paint," 3:30 p.m., Speed
 - "NASCAR Performance," 4 p.m., Speed
 - "NASCAR in a Hurry," 4:30 p.m., Speed
 - "NASCAR RaceDay," 5 p.m., Speed
 - "Motorsport Hour," 6 p.m., Vs.
 - "NASCAR Countdown," 7 p.m., ESPN
 - IHRA Canadian Nationals (taped), 7 p.m., Speed
 - NASCAR Sprint Cup Sharpie 500, 8 p.m., ESPN
 - "NASCAR Now," 11:30 p.m., ESPN2
- Sunday**
- NASCAR Sprint Cup Sharpie 500 (taped), 12:30 a.m., ESPN2
 - World of Outlaws Late Model Series from Sarver, Pa. (taped), 3 a.m., Speed
 - GP2 Championship, 6 a.m., Speed
 - F-1 European Grand Prix, 7:30 a.m., Speed
 - Grand Am Rolex Series Armed Forces 250, 12 p.m., Speed
 - NASCAR Sprint Cup Sharpie 500 (taped), 12 p.m., ESPN Classic
 - American Le Mans Series Grand Prix of Mosport, 3 p.m., Speed
 - "Inside Drag Racing," 5 p.m., Ion
 - IndyCar Series Grand Prix of Sonoma County, 5:30 p.m., ESPN2
 - "Speed Report," 7 p.m., Speed
 - "NASCAR Victory Lane," 8 p.m., Speed
 - "Wind Tunnel with Dave Despain," 9 p.m., Speed

— all times Eastern

MOTORSPORTS CALENDAR

- Aug. 20 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series
Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, Tenn., Stock Cars
- Aug. 20 Hooters Pro Cup Series
Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, Tenn., Stock Cars
- Aug. 20-21 World of Outlaws Late Model Series
Volunteer Speedway, Bulls Gap, Tenn., Late Models
- Aug. 21-24 Speed World Challenge Series
Mosport Int'l Raceway, Bowmanville, Ontario, Sports Cars
- Aug. 22 NASCAR Nationwide Series
Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, Tenn., Stock Cars
- Aug. 22 Lucas Oil Late Model Series
Lawrenceburg Speedway, Lawrenceburg, Ind., Late Models
- Aug. 22 ASCS Gulf South, Sooner Regions
Heart O' Texas Speedway, Waco, Texas, Sprint Cars
- Aug. 22 ASCS Rocky Mountain Region
Casper Speedway, Casper, Wyo., Sprint Cars
- Aug. 22 NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour
Caraway Speedway, Asheboro, N.C., Modifieds
- Aug. 22 United Racing Company
Williams Grove Speedway, Mechanicsburg, Pa., Sprint Cars
- Aug. 22 Interstate Racing Ass'n
Red Cedar Speedway, Menomonie, Wis., Sprint Cars
- Aug. 22-23 Advance Auto Parts World of Outlaws
Castrol Raceway, Edmonton, Alberta, Sprint Cars
- Aug. 22-24 International Hot Rod Ass'n
Tulsa Raceway Park, Tulsa, Okla., Dragsters
- Aug. 23 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series
Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, Tenn., Stock Cars
- Aug. 23 World of Outlaws Late Model Series
K-C Raceway, Alma, Ohio, Late Models
- Aug. 23 Grand Am Rolex Series
Infineon Raceway, Sonoma, Calif., Sports Cars
- Aug. 23 USAC-CRA Sprint Car Series
Perris Auto Speedway, Perris, Calif., Sprint Cars
- Aug. 23 NASCAR Camping World East Series
Mansfield Motorsports Park, Mansfield, Ohio, Stock Cars
- Aug. 23 NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour
Mansfield Motorsports Park, Mansfield, Ohio, Modifieds
- Aug. 23 ARCA Lincoln Welders Truck Series
DuQuoin State Fairgrounds, DuQuoin, Ill., Stock Cars
- Aug. 23 Lucas Oil Late Model Series
Bluegrass Speedway, Bardstow, Ky., Late Models
- Aug. 23 ASCS Canyon Region
Manzanita Speedway, Phoenix, Ariz., Sprint Cars
- Aug. 23 ASCS Gulf South, Sooner Regions
Devil's Bowl Speedway, Mesquite, Texas, Sprint Cars
- Aug. 23 ASCS Rocky Mountain Region
Sweetwater Speedway, Rock Springs, Wyo., Sprint Cars
- Aug. 23 ASCS Sprints on Dirt
Owendale Speedway, Owendale, Mich., Sprint Cars
- Aug. 23 All Star Circuit of Champions
Butler Battlegrounds, Quincy, Mich., Sprint Cars
- Aug. 23 Interstate Racing Ass'n
Rice Lake Speedway, Rice Lake, Wis., Sprint Cars
- Aug. 23 Bay Cities Area Racing Ass'n
King's Speedway, Hanford, Calif., Midget Cars
- Aug. 23-24 Indy Pro Series
Infineon Raceway, Sonoma, Calif., Indy Cars
- Aug. 23-24 USAC Midget National Championship
Angell Park Speedway, Sun Prairie, Wis., Midget Cars
- Aug. 23-24 Badger Midget Series
Angell Park Speedway, Sun Prairie, Wis., Midget Cars
- Aug. 24 IRL IndyCar Series
Infineon Raceway, Sonoma, Calif., Indy Cars
- Aug. 24 Formula One World Championship
Melia Plaza, Valencia, Spain, Formula Cars
- Aug. 24 American Le Mans Series
Mosport Int'l Raceway, Bowmanville, Ontario, Sports Cars
- Aug. 24 ASA Late Model Series
The Milwaukee Mile, West Allis, Wis., Late Models



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SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: Fans pack Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Sharpie 500.

MARK IT DOWN!

Aug. 23, NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Sharpie 500

Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, Tenn.

The NASCAR Sprint Cup Series heads to the famed half-mile, high-banked oval in the hills of East Tennessee for the Sharpie 500. The Saturday night 500-miler could have a dramatic impact on the series points standings with just a few weeks remaining until The Chase.

- Aug. 27-Sept. 1 National Hot Rod Ass'n
O'Reilly Raceway Park, Clermont, Ind., Dragsters
- Aug. 28 O'Reilly United Sprint Car Series
Greenville Pickens Speedway, Greenville, S.C., Sprint Cars
- Aug. 29 World of Outlaws Late Model Series
Bedford Speedway, Bedford, Pa., Late Models
- Aug. 29 O'Reilly American Sprint Cars on Tour
Checkered Flag Speedway, Hohenwald, Texas, Sprint Cars
- Aug. 29 ASCS Sprints on Dirt
Winston Speedway, Rothbury, Mich., Sprint Cars
- Aug. 29 ASCS Northern Plains Region
Superior Speedway, Superior, Wis., Sprint Cars
- Aug. 29 All Star Circuit of Champions
Lernerville Speedway, Sarver, Pa., Sprint Cars
- Aug. 29 Empire Super Sprints
Autodrome Granby, Granby, Quebec, Sprint Cars
- Aug. 29 O'Reilly United Sprint Car Series
Boyd Speedway, Ringold, Ga., Sprint Cars
- Aug. 29-30 Advance Auto Parts World of Outlaws
Skagit Speedway, Burlington, Wash., Sprint Cars
- Aug. 29-30 O'Reilly POWRi National Midget Series
DuQuoin State Fairgrounds, DuQuoin, Ill., Midget Cars
- Aug. 30 NASCAR Nationwide Series
California Speedway, Fontana, Calif., Stock Cars
- Aug. 30 American Le Mans Series
The Raceway at Belle Isle Park, Detroit, Mich., Sports Cars
- Aug. 30 USAC Western Sprint Car Series
Rocky Mountain Raceways, Salt Lake City, Utah, Sprint Cars
- Aug. 30 Hooters Pro Cup Series
Mansfield Motorsports Park, Mansfield, Ohio, Stock Cars
- Aug. 30 NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour
Lanier National Speedway, Braselton, Ga., Modifieds
- Aug. 30 ASCS Sprints on Dirt
Crystal Motor Speedway, Crystal, Mich., Sprint Cars
- Aug. 30 ASCS Coastal Region
Jackson Motor Speedway, Jackson, Miss., Sprint Cars
- Aug. 30 ASCS Southwest Region
Manzanita Speedway, Phoenix, Ariz., Sprint Cars
- Aug. 30 All Star Circuit of Champions
Attica Raceway Park, Attica, Ohio, Sprint Cars
- Aug. 30 Lucas Oil Late Model Series
Portsmouth Raceway Park, Portsmouth, Ohio, Late Models
- Aug. 30 Badger Midget Series
Angell Park Speedway, Sun Prairie, Wis., Midget Cars
- Aug. 30 Northeastern Midget Ass'n
Monadnock Speedway, Winchester, N.H., Midgets
- Aug. 30 United Racing Company
New Egypt Speedway, New Egypt, Pa., Sprint Cars
- Aug. 30 Empire Super Sprints
Autodrome Drummond, Drummondville, Quebec, Sprint Cars
- Aug. 30 O'Reilly United Sprint Car Series
Tri-County Racetrack, Murphy, N.C., Sprint Cars
- Aug. 30-31 World of Outlaws Late Model Series
Tri-City Speedway, Franklin, Pa., Late Models
- Aug. 30-31 USAC-CRA Sprint Car Series
Calistoga Speedway, Calistoga, Calif., Sprint Cars
- Aug. 30-31 ASCS Rocky Mountain Region
Thunder Mountain Speedway, Olathe, Colo., Sprint Cars
- Aug. 30-31 ASCS Northern Plains Region
North Central Speedway, Brainerd, Minn., Sprint Cars
- Aug. 31 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series
California Speedway, Fontana, Calif., Stock Cars

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PASS PHOTO

SUNDAY DRIVE: Johnny Clark (54) leads the way Sunday at Maine's Wicasset Raceway en route to a \$30,000 triumph.

Clark Cashes In For 30 Grand

NAPLES, Maine — A brand new car constructed by Johnny Clark's race team over the off-season proved its worth Sunday night as Clark collected the \$30,000 winner's check in the Pro All Star Series North Toyota Tundra 250 at Wicasset Raceway.

Clark, whose first big superlate model victory came at Wicasset when he was 17 years old, proved his mastery of the high banks once again as he survived a spate of late-race restarts to capture the victory.

D.J. Shaw passed Clark for the lead on lap 192, but Clark

came in for fresh tires at lap 198. Shaw chased down Shaw for the point on lap 217. He held on through four restarts, including one that led to a green-white-checked finish, to edge second-place Corey Williams by .0705 second. Shaw faded to 11th.

Steve Knowlton was third ahead of Scott Chubbuck in fourth. Randy Turner completed the top five.

The finish:

Johnny Clark, Corey Williams, Steve Knowlton, Scott Chubbuck, Randy Turner, Adam Bates, Paul White, Chuck LaChance, Richie Dearborn, Gary Smith, D.J. Shaw, Travis Benjamin, Trevor Sanborn, Kelley Moore, Charlie Colby, John Fleming, Mike Rowe, Ben Rowe, Joe Decker, John Phippen, Ryan Deane, Eddie McDonald, Fred Astle, Steve Berry, Scott Moore, Ricky Morse, Cassius Clark, Chad Dow, Allan Tardiff, Derek Ramstrom, T.J. Watson, Stan Meserve, Harry Olson, Donnie Whitten, Dale Cullinan, Marty Prevost, Scott King, Matt Lee.

Tire Strategy Pays Off For Beers In Chemung Triumph

By AL ROBINSON

CHEMUNG, N.Y. — Eric Beers dodged an accident, which eliminated leaders Jan Leaty and Matt Hirschman with 23 laps to go, and went to capture Sunday afternoon's 150-lap Dart Race of Champions Asphalt Series modified race

at Chemung Speedrome.

T.J. Potrzebowski chased Beers to the checkers with Brian DeFebo winding up in the third place no one seemed to want. The position was passed among Daren Scherer, Tony Hanbury, John Markovic and DeFebo before DeFebo took over for good with two laps remaining. Markovic edged Lee Sherwood by inches for fourth.

The first 100 laps on the tight third-mile were a chess game of tire strategy. Hanbury, Chemung's weekly point leader making a rare start in a four-type modified, took the lead on lap 50 and showed he planned to go the distance on one set of Hoosiers by passing up several opportunities to pit.

Jan Leaty and Jim Storace played the same card and ran

second and third ahead of John Markovic. Beers, Hirschman and Potrzebowski with 50 circuits to go, but couldn't hold on against fresher tires as the race wore on.

The finish:

Eric Beers, T.J. Potrzebowski, Brian DeFebo, John Markovic, Lee Sherwood, Rick Kluth, Daren Scherer, Pete Brittain, Tony Hanbury, Earl Paulus, Kyle Ebersole, Billy Putney, Todd Smith, Doug Reaume, Jimmy Zacharias, J.R. Kent, Matt Hirschman, Jan Leaty, Jim Storace, Dave Bellis, Rusty Smith, Steven Reed, Tommy Farrell III, Chris Whitenight, Kevin Lewis, Mike Leaty.



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IVAN VELDHUIZEN PHOTO

ON A ROLL: Brady Bacon races his way toward his third-straight victory of the O'Reilly Sprint Bandits Tour 'N Topless Midwest Swing Friday night at Lakeside Speedway in Kansas City, Kan.

Bacon Takes Three

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Brady Bacon snared his third O'Reilly Sprint Bandits Tour 'N Topless Midwest Swing victory in as many nights by topping Friday's 25-lap preliminary feature at Lakeside Speedway.

Bacon took full advantage of a late caution flag to overtake race-long leader Dave Darland on the 21st lap, ultimately beating Darland to the checkered flag with Damion Gardner and Bryan Clauson taking the final two guaranteed starting berths in Saturday night's \$10,000-to-win Ron Shuman Classic.

"I made all the adjustments I could make on that last caution and it worked. This car is working so great right now; it just seems like we can do no wrong," Bacon explained of Mike and Megan Eubanks' Wesmar-powered Tel-Star Communications No. 99 Triple-X.

Working forward from the ninth position, the caution that proved to be

Bacon's big break also negated Bryan Clauson's move around Darland on the high side for the lead and a possible win. Clauson still earned a lock-in position with a last-lap pass of R.J. Johnson for fourth in a wild scramble for position.

"A win tonight would have been nice, but at least we're locked in for tomorrow night. That's the one we want," Clauson commented.

While Darland outgunned polesitter Hunter Schuereberg for the lead at the start, Bacon went to work from the fifth row and cracked the top five after just a handful of circuits and took fourth after Schuereberg spun to a stop after 10 laps.

Following a lap-16 restart, Darland dropped to the bottom with Bacon surging past Johnson for second. Clauson powered by on the top side of the backstretch on the 21st lap only to have the caution flag wave for Dustin Morgan's disabled mount.

With Clauson back to third behind Darland and Bacon on the restart, Darland moved back to the upper groove and Bacon gobbled up the lead on the lower portion of the track, holding it to the checkered flag.

The summary:

First Heat (8 laps): Dustin Morgan, Gary Taylor, Daron Clayton, Darren Hagen, Robert Ballou, Kevin Swindell, Alan Billings.

Second Heat (8 laps): Dave Darland, Hunter Schuereberg, Coleman Gulick, Chris Morgan, Jesse Hockett, Mike Leslie, Jeff Wingate.

Third Heat (8 laps): Damion Gardner, R.J. Johnson, Casey Shuman, Brady Bacon, Kim Kennedy, Robert Bell, Dusty Murray.

Fourth Heat (8 laps): Cole Whitt, Bryan Clauson, Charles Davis, Jr., Bret Mellenberndt, Thomas Meseraull, Zach Goulden, Chris Parkinson.

First Qualifier (8 laps): Leslie, Johnson, Morgan, Gardner, Kennedy, Clayton, Windom, Billings.

Second Qualifier (8 laps): Clauson, Darland, Mellenberndt, Shuman, Wingate.

Third Qualifier (8 laps): Hockett, Bacon, Hagen, Whitt, Gulick, Murray, Bell.

Fourth Qualifier (8 laps): Meseraull, Schuereberg, Davis, Taylor, Morgan, Parkinson, Goulden.

B Main (10 laps): Clayton, Morgan, Gulick, Windom, Kennedy, Bell, Wingate, Parkinson, Billings, Murray.

Feature (25 laps): Bacon, Darland, Gardner, Clauson, Johnson, Whitt, Hagen, Taylor, Davis, Windom, Morgan, Hockett, Meseraull, Schuereberg, Leslie, Mellenberndt, Gulick, Kennedy, Clayton, Morgan, Bell, Shuman.

Bacon Sprints To Sooner State Score

OKLAHOMA CITY — Brady Bacon rarely gets the opportunity to race in his native state of Oklahoma. Prior to Aug. 13, he had never raced a non-wing 410 sprint car in the Sooner State.

The third-generation shoe made the most of his initial opportunity by capturing his first "traditional" 410 triumph in the O'Reilly Sprint Bandits Tour 'N Topless Midwest Swing event at State Fair Speedway.

Bacon battled past Jesse Hockett on the 18th lap to become the race's fourth different leader en route to capturing the checkered flag aboard the Wesmar-powered Tel-Star Communications No. 99 Triple-X entry owned by Mike and Megan Eubanks.

"There's been a lot of seconds and thirds. It's nice to finally get this one,"

Bacon commented after becoming the third different winner in as many nights.

With Bacon starting ninth, Dave Darland led the way to the green flag. Darland bicycled his car through turns one and two on both of the opening pair of circuits and fell to eighth by the time the first caution waved for Casey Shuman, who spun to a stop off the exit of turn four after contact.

After leading the initial three circuits, R.J. Johnson surrendered the point to Gary Taylor, who led three rounds until Hockett powered into the lead.

Bacon passed Taylor for the runner-up spot on the 13th round and promptly turned up the heat on Hockett before ducking into the lead on the 18th lap.

Hockett finished second, with Darland charging back through the field to finish third. Oklahoma teen Koby Barksdale was fourth, with Darren Hagen fifth.

The summary:

First Heat (8 laps): R.J. Johnson, Mike Leslie, Charles Davis, Jr., Kevin Swindell, Damion Gardner, Dustin Morgan, Mike Leslie, Tony Everhart.

Second Heat (8 laps): Chris Windom, Koby Barksdale, Cody Cordell, Kerry McAlister, Cory Kruseman, Brent Swift, Henry Clarke, Darren Hagen.

Third Heat (8 laps): Casey Shuman, Gary Taylor, Robert Ballou, Thomas Meseraull, Bret Mellenberndt, Ray Allen Kulhanek, Jeff Leep.

Fourth Heat (8 laps): Dave Darland, Brady Bacon, Andy Shouse, Jesse Hockett, Coleman Gulick, Danny Jennings, Alex Schutte.

First Qualifier (8 laps): Morgan, Meseraull, Bacon, Johnson, Clauson, Leep.

Second Qualifier (8 laps): Darland, Mellenberndt, Jennings, Davis, Shouse, Schutte, Swindell.

Third Qualifier (8 laps): Gardner, Gulick, Barksdale, Leslie, Windom, Cordell, Everhart.

Fourth Qualifier (8 laps): Hockett, Taylor, Hagen, Shuman, Kulhanek, Clarke, Ballou.

B Main (12 laps): Hagen, Jennings, Schutte, Leslie, Cordell, Kulhanek, McAlister, Leep, Everhart, Carter.

Feature (30 laps): Bacon, Hockett, Darland, Barksdale, Hagen, Meseraull, Taylor, Gulick, Shuman, Davis, Clauson, Schutte, Johnson, Shouse, Jennings, Kulhanek, Leslie, Mellenberndt, Windom, Gardner, Morgan, Cordell.

Sizzling Bacon Surges To Another Bandit Victory

SAPULPA, Okla. — The fourth round of the fourth annual O'Reilly Sprint Bandits Tour 'N Topless Midwest Swing was a classic shootout between Brady Bacon and Robert Ballou.

In the end, Bacon backed up his victory from one night earlier by emerging atop after a handful of lead changes in the final circuits of Thursday night's 30-lap event at Creek County Speedway.

Bacon first surged in front on the 23rd lap, but it wasn't until the 28th round that he put Mike and Megan Eubanks' Wesmar-powered Tel-Star Communications No. 99 Tripe-X in front for keeps.

Bacon and Ballou were chased to the stripe by early leader Thomas Meseraull. Daron Clayton, who started 17th and Jesse Hockett rounded out the top five.

"It was all about track position," Bacon said. "I thought if I could run good, clean laps around the bottom that I could keep him behind me."

Meseraull earned the pole and took the early lead, setting the pace until the eighth circuit when ninth-starter Ballou took over.

As Ballou set the pace, sixth-starting Bacon worked tirelessly to get around Meseraull, a feat he finally accomplished soon after the midway

point.

Bacon reeled in the leader and took over the top spot on the 24th lap, only to have Ballou return the favor a lap later. The scenario repeated itself until Ballou finally ran afoul of a lapped car on the 28th lap.



Brady Bacon

Bacon flashed under Will Hale's checkered flag before a standing-room-only crowd, with Ballou settling for runner-up honors.

The summary:

First Heat (8 laps): Coleman Gulick, Jesse Hockett, Casey Shuman, Tony Everhart, Justin Melton, Mike Leslie, Shane Pace, Frank Sudduth.

Second Heat (8 laps): Kevin Swindell, Bret Mellenberndt, Chris

Windom, Charles Davis, Jr., Danny Smith, Jamie Passmore, Henry Clarke.

Third Heat (8 laps): Brady Bacon, Dave Darland, Dustin Morgan, Daron Clayton, Bryan Clauson, Cody Cordell, Robert Ballou, Koby Barksdale.

Fourth Heat (8 laps): Thomas Meseraull, Damion Gardner, R.J. Johnson, Gary Taylor, Alex Schutte, Ray Allen Kulhanek, Andrew Felker.

First Qualifier (8 laps): Ballou, Swindell, Taylor, Mellenberndt, Sudduth, Melton, Gardner.

Second Qualifier (8 laps): Clauson, Darland, Davis, Bacon, Shuman, Cordell, Barksdale, Pace.

Third Qualifier (8 laps): Meseraull, Kulhanek, Schutte, Windom, Felker, Everhart, Morgan.

Fourth Qualifier (8 laps): Hockett, Smith, Gulick, Passmore, Johnson, Clarke, Clayton.

B Main (12 laps): Clayton, Morgan, Cordell, Passmore, Felker, Barksdale, Leslie, Sudduth, Pace, Schutte, Everhart.

Feature (30 laps): Bacon, Ballou, Meseraull, Clayton, Hockett, Morgan, Gardner, Darland, Shuman, Windom, Davis, Taylor, Cordell, Passmore, Barksdale, Mellenberndt, Gulick, Clauson, Smith, Felker, Kulhanek, Swindell.

Darland Hustles To I-80 Triumph

GREENWOOD, Neb. — For the second year in a row, Dave Darland left Nebraska Raceway Park's I-80 Speedway with a fistful of two-dollar bills.

Two thousand of them to be exact, as he collected the \$4,000 winner's share for winning the O'Reilly Sprint Bandits event at the track Aug. 12.

Darland fought off Brady Bacon much of the way and survived a late restart to take the checkered flag in front of Damion Gardner, Robert Ballou, 13th-starter Darren Hagen and Charles Davis, Jr.

Darland did more than "survive" the final caution that set up a three-lap dash to the checkered flag, as he checked out aboard Scott Benic's Gaerte-powered RWB No. 2b Maxim, winning by nearly a full second.

"That was a lot of fun," Darland exclaimed after his fifth victory in the past eight nights. "In one and two the top was the way to go, and in turns three and four the bottom was the quickest. I kept seeing a nose under me from time to time, so I knew I had to keep hustling."

Bacon grabbed the lead at the start, but Darland slid in front to take command on the third lap. Darland was unable to shake Bacon though.

Working through traffic, Darland cleared a group of cars on the 20th lap to break away from his chasers. And when the race's first caution flag waved on the 24th lap, Darland had already lapped up to ninth place.

As Darland took off on the restart, Bacon's mount stumbled and he pulled pitted. Gardner had taken second from Ballou by the time the red flag appeared when Mike Leslie flipped after 27 laps.



Dave Darland

Gardner was no match for Darland on the restart and had to settle for second.

The summary:

First Heat (8 laps): Bret Mellenberndt, Thomas Meseraull, Jesse Hockett, Chris Windom, Mike Leslie, Coleman Gulick, Robert Bell, Tim Kaeding.

Second Heat (8 laps): Dave Darland, Brady Bacon, Damion Gardner, Robert Ballou, Cory Kruseman, Alex Schutte, John Klabunde.

Third Heat (8 laps): Casey Shuman, R.J. Johnson, Levi Jones, Charles Davis, Jr., Darren Hagen, Gary Taylor, Henry Clarke.

First Qualifier (8 laps): Gardner, Bacon, Hagen, Meseraull, Johnson, Kaeding, Leslie, Bell.

Second Qualifier (8 laps): Ballou, Hockett, Jones, Schutte, Shuman, Gulick, Klabunde.

Third Qualifier (8 laps): Darland, Davis, Windom, Kruseman, Clarke, Mellenberndt.

Feature (30 laps): Darland, Gardner, Ballou, Hagen, Davis, Shuman, Hockett, Kruseman, Windom, Taylor, Johnson, Meseraull, Jones, Mellenberndt, Schutte, Gulick, Clarke, Bell, Kaeding, Leslie, Bacon, Klabunde.

Ballou Denies Darland On Opening Night

WHEATLAND, Mo. — Robert Ballou opened the O'Reilly Sprint Bandits Tour 'N Topless Midwest Swing in the same way that he finished on the 2007 version: by standing in victory lane.

Ballou wrestled the lead away from Dave Darland on the 21st lap and went on to capture his fifth TNT victory Aug. 11 at Lucas Oil Speedway, cashing in on a \$4,000 payday aboard Dallas Mulvaney's Don Ott-powered MPHG Promotions No. 81 Maxim.

Darland chased Ballou to the stripe, with Casey Shuman, Levi Jones and Gary Taylor rounding out the top five.

"Even though we argue all the time, we've still got a great team," Ballou joked, referring to the relationship between himself and crew chief Jimmy Jones. "The car just kept getting better and better as the race went on."

Ballou came from the fourth row outside to cool off the red-hot hand of Dave Darland, who was gunning for a fifth sprint-car triumph in a seven-day period.

Darland led from the start, but Ballou seemingly took command of second on the fifth round. Shuman battled

back two laps later to regain the spot. It wasn't until the race's midway point that Ballou finally recaptured second and set his sights on Darland.

With lapped traffic becoming a factor, Ballou reeled in Darland and raced by on the low side of turns one and two

to take command on the 21st circuit.

Darland settled for runner-up honors in Scott Benic's No. 2b.

The summary:

First Heat (8 laps): Jesse Hockett, Gary Taylor, Andrew Felker, Brady Bacon, Coleman Gulick, Jeff Wingate, Larry Carter, Mike Leslie, Charles Davis, Jr.

Second Heat (8 laps): Dave Darland, Casey Shuman, R.J. Johnson, Damion Gardner, Darren Hagen, Bret Mellenberndt, Tony Everhart, Steven Cross.

Third Heat (8 laps): Robert Ballou, Thomas Meseraull, Tim

Kaeding, Cory Kruseman, Levi Jones, Henry Clarke, Alex Schutte, Dustin Adams, Frank Brown.

First Qualifier (8 laps): Gardner, Johnson, Hockett, Ballou, Bacon, Davis, Wingate, Leslie, Everhart.

Second Qualifier (8 laps): Jones, Shuman, Taylor, Felker, Brown, Mellenberndt, Gulick, Cross, Carter.

Third Qualifier (8 laps): Darland, Kaeding, Kruseman, Meseraull, Hagen, Clarke, Schutte, Adams.

B Main (10 laps): Brown, Wingate, Cordell, Schutte, Clarke, Everhart, Adams, Leslie, Cross, Carter, Davis.

Feature (30 laps): Ballou, Darland, Shuman, Jones, Taylor, Hagen, Felker, Meseraull, Cordell, Hockett, Gulick, Kaeding, Johnson, Kruseman, Gardner, Brown, Clarke, Wingate, Mellenberndt, Everhart, Bacon, Schutte.



KEN SIMON PHOTO

ON THE MOVE: Robert Ballou (81) moves to the outside of Dave Darland to take the lead Aug. 11.

BANDIT:

Ballou Scores Second Victory Of Week

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championship share of the fourth annual O'Reilly Sprint Bandits TNT Midwest Swing point fund.

Jesse Hockett crossed the stripe fourth, with Whitt rounding out the top five. Casey Shuman turned in the race's top passing performance by charging from 20th to sixth.

The entire 30-lap feature distance ran off in approximately 11 minutes without a single caution, capping a night of competition that included just one quick caution during heat-race action.

The summary:

Prequalified drivers: Brady Bacon, Dave Darland, Damion Gardner, Bryan Clauson.

First Heat (8 laps): Cole Whitt, Kim Kennedy, Mike Leslie, Gary Taylor, Daron Clayton, R.J. Johnson, Jeff Wingate, Alan Billings.

Second Heat (8 laps): Darren Hagen, Robert Ballou, Coleman Gulick, Dustin Morgan, Chris Parkinson, Robert Bell, Kevin Swindell, Hunter Schuereberg.

Third Heat (8 laps): Jesse Hockett, Chris Windom, Charles Davis, Jr., Bret Mellenberndt, Casey Shuman, Chris Morgan, Thomas Meseraull, Mike Moore.

First Qualifier (8 laps): Johnson, Ballou, Morgan, Hagen, Shuman, Leslie, Wingate, Billings.

Second Qualifier (8 laps): Taylor, Clayton, Hockett, Davis, Windom, Schuereberg, Swindell, Bell.

Third Qualifier (8 laps): Mellenberndt, Whitt, Gulick, Morgan, Kennedy, Meseraull, Moore, Parkinson.

Pole Dash (5 laps): Clauson, Bacon, Darland, Gardner, Whitt, Ballou.

B Main (10 laps): Meseraull, Shuman, Morgan, Schuereberg, Swindell, Moore, Wingate, Bell, Parkinson, Billings.

Feature (30 laps): Ballou, Bacon, Darland, Hockett, Whitt, Shuman, Windom, Hagen, Davis, Clauson, Johnson, Swindell, Meseraull, Mellenberndt, Clayton, Morgan, Taylor, Gardner, Gulick, Moore, Leslie, Morgan, Kennedy, Schuereberg.

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LIQUID LOU: Lou Cicconi (10) drives underneath Bobby Haynes, Jr. during supermodified action Saturday at Waterford (Conn.) Speedbowl. Cicconi went on to win the event.

Cicconi Gets Back In Style, Shu II Takes 3

Friday

LEE, N.H. — Dave Shullick, Jr. had to fight off a lot of adversaries to win his third-career International Super-Modified Ass'n event Friday night at Lee USA Speedway.

Not only did he have 22 competitive drivers to contend with, he also had to beat the rain and a mid night curfew. And just at the

ISMA

stroke of midnight, Shullick brought the Booth No. 61 over the line for the win in the Ollie Silva Memorial 75. It was only his fifth feature start in the Booth car and the first he finished. The second-generation driver replayed the race in victory lane.

“Just before we came back out after the rain, Clyde (Booth, team owner) said something about at halfway it would be a complete show,” Shullick said. “So, I was trying to be a little more aggressive than I would have been. I wanted to try and keep it out front. I thought I could keep up the pace I was running the whole race. The car was just dynamite. I could just drive it through one and two with no problem at all. And I probably could have picked the pace up, but I never heard a challenger, so I didn't.”

Bobby Santos III made his first drive in the Soule Racing No. 32 a successful one, finishing second in the rain-delayed event on the quarter-mile asphalt oval.

Rob Summers, Chris Perley and Jeff Abold rounded out the top five.

The finish:
Dave Shullick, Jr., Bobby Santos III, Rob Summers, Chris Perley, Jeff Abold, Justin Belfiore, Mark Sammut, Scott Martel, Mike Ordway, Sr., Dave Trytek, Frank Polimeda, Artie Rousseau, Vern Romanoski, Mike Lichy, Jamie Timmons, Jeff Holbrook, Dave McKnight, Jr., Dave Sanborn, Bobby Haynes, Jr., Russ Wood, Jon McKennedy, Mike Ordway, Jr., Rick Wentworth.

Saturday

WATERFORD, Conn. — It had been almost a year since Lou Cicconi was behind the wheel of an ISMA supermodified, but he certainly didn't lose anything in that time.

Saturday at Waterford Speedbowl, he slipped behind the wheel of the Wentworth No. 10 and came home with a win at the Connecticut oval in what was probably one of the most exciting supermodified races in recent history.

After a very rough time getting the race started, 48 green flag laps were clicked off in the 10-minute range. In that short time, five different drivers took the lead with “Liquid Lou” the last one. Cicconi's last supermodified win came at the Star Classic in 2006. The Waterford victory was his second there in five ISMA appearances.

The large swarm around Cicconi in victory lane included car owners, Rick and Paula Wentworth, the crew and many well-wishers.

“I really have to thank Rick and Paula Wentworth for giving me this ride, and everyone who helped out,” Cicconi said. “This is really great. I won the first race we came to here. I think this is the fourth. Two out five.”

Mike Lichy, who lost his lead to Cicconi on lap 27, pursued him with all he had until the end, settling for second.

“It was a good day, better than yesterday at Lee. The whole PATCO team doesn't have much luck at Lee,” Lichy said.

Point-leader Chris Perley, Mike Ordway, Jr. and Bobby Santos III completed the top five.

The finish:
Lou Cicconi, Jr., Mike Lichy, Chris Perley, Mike Ordway, Jr., Bobby Santos III, Russ Wood, Jeff Abold, Mark Sammut, Brandon Bellinger, Scott Martel, Dave McKnight, Jr., Justin Belfiore, Bobby Bond, Dave Trytek, Jeff Holbrook, Artie Rousseau, Bobby Haynes, Jr., Dave Sanborn, Dave Shullick, Jr., Tim Adams, Mike Keeler, Rob Summers, Jamie Timmons, Vern Romanoski, Eric Emhoff.

Cabral's In Command

WATERFORD, Conn. — Taking command on the only restart on lap 11, Randy Cabral continued his mastery at Waterford Speedbowl, winning the 25-lap Northeastern Midget Ass'n's segment of Saturday night's Racing Against Cancer Wings and Wheels.

It was his seventh-career Speedbowl victory and the third in four starts this season in the Bertrand No. 47. It was his second-straight and fifth-overall win this season and the 17th of his career.

Mike Keeler held on for second ahead of Joey Payne, Greg Stoehr and early leader William Wall, who was fifth.

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The finish:
Randy Cabral, Mike Keeler, Joey Payne, Greg Stoehr, William Wall, Jeff Abold, Adam Cantor, Erica Santos, Jeremy Frankoski, John Zych, Jr., Doug Cleveland, Abby Martino, Lee Bundy, Howard Bumpus, Brian Cleveland, Paul Luggelle, Kelly Farrell, Jim Peruto, Paul Scally, Lou Ciccone, Jr.

Grant Bests 'Ageless' Alvis

BY ROBERT HAUGH

PETALUMA, Calif. — After overtaking seven-time BCRA champion Floyd “Ageless Wonder” Alvis on lap 11, 17-year-old Justin Grant surged to victory in the 29-lap Bay Cities Racing Ass'n midget feature at Petaluma Speedway Saturday.

Grant, the reigning BCRA champion, stalked Alvis for several laps before taking the lead. Alvis followed Grant to the stripe ahead of David Prickett in third. Pete Davis and Glenn Carson rounded out the top five.

BCRA

The finish:
Justin Grant, Floyd Alvis, David Prickett, Pete Davis, Glenn Carson, Scott Nail, Cole Peard, Jimmy Christian, Danny Parker, Nick Foster, Jr., Thomas Gray, Britton Bock, Mike Gehringer, Bill Lindsey, Rick Faeth, Doug Hunting, Scott Pierovich, Wes Gutierrez, Dave Stoltz, Rob Russell.

It's Gimmler's Go

INVERNESS, Fla. — Mark Gimmler visited victory lane as the Checkered Flag Sprint Series made its first appearance of the year at Citrus County Speedway Saturday night.

Scott Adema led the first lap on the three-eighths-mile asphalt oval, but Gimmler, who started fourth, took control on the second lap and led the rest of the way.

Adema finished second, followed by Brian Gingras, Keith Butler and Dakotah Stephens.

The finish:
Mark Gimmler, Scott Adema, Brian Gingras, Keith Butler, Dakotah Stephens, Gary Gimmler, David Slawiak, Ryan Partin, Bryan Riddle, Darrin Miller, Amanda Ferguson, Bobby Gordon, Wendy Mathis, Curtis Sutton, Geoff Styner, Jason Gillespie.



JEFF ARNS PHOTO

RAY DAY: Davey Ray (41) was back in victory lane at Wisconsin's Angell Park Speedway Sunday, marking the first victory for car owner John Jones.

Ray On Target, Delivers 1st Victory For Car Owner

BY BRYAN GAPINSKI

SUN PRAIRIE, Wis. — Former series champion Davey Ray captured the 50-lap Badger Midget Series feature Sunday night at Angell Park Speedway. It marked the first victory for car owner John Jones.

Joe Wipperfurth paced the initial two laps before Ray moved into the lead. As Ray took the lead, Jerry Coons, Jr. moved into fourth place after starting 12th. Two cautions appeared on laps six and seven for stalled cars.

On the second restart, Coons passed Ray for the lead on the backstretch. Tracy Hines passed Ray for second place on lap 12 and trailed Coons by nearly three seconds.

Martin On Mission At New Egypt

BY MARK KIELBLOCK

NEW EGYPT, N.J. — Andy Martin had a score to settle with New Egypt Speedway, and he drove like it Saturday night.

He simply dominated the field, holding off a late-race charge by Billy Pauch, Jr. to score his third American Racing Drivers Club midget triumph of the season.

“I'm probably the most unpopular guy here,” Martin joked. “I know most of the people here

ARDC

ANDERSON, Ind. — Geoff Kaiser led from flag to flag Saturday night as the Hoosier Outlaw Sprint Series made its second visit to Anderson Speedway.

Jeff Banyas followed Kaiser to the finish line

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One of the event's turning points took place on lap 28 when Hines pulled into the pit area with mechanical problems.

Coons pulled away from Ray and began increasing his advantage when Coons pulled off the track with engine problems on lap 35.

At that point, Ray reassured the lead. Ray led to the checkered flag despite a late charge from point-leader Mike Hess, who had stopped to change a flat tire during the second half of the race.

Hess finished second ahead of Brad Kuhn, Aaron Fiscus and Bubba Altig.

The finish:
Davey Ray, Mike Hess, Brad Kuhn, Aaron Fiscus, Bubba Altig, Joe Wipperfurth, Scott Hatton, Buddy Luebke, Kurt Mayhew, Dan Mecum, Brandon Waelti, Jerry Coons, Jr., Tracy Hines, Bobby East, Chad DeSelle, Pat Jones, Tim Noble, Byron Walters.

wanted to see Pauch win. I know he really wanted his first win, but I have to give him credit. He really raced me clean. He could have very easily taken it from me, but he didn't.”

Pauch finished second, while P.J. Gargiulo completed a hard drive through the field coming from 12th to finish third. A.J. Ernesto and Nick Wean filled the top five.

The finish:
Andy Martin, Billy Pauch, Jr., P.J. Gargiulo, A.J. Ernesto, Nick Wean, Bruce Buckwalter, Frank Polimeda, Chris Zrinski, Zack Martini, Brett Arndt, Greg Robinson, Paul Kline, Stephanie Stevens, Steve Lenig, Shane Penny, Scott Zipp, Drew Heistand, Carey Becker, Steve Craig, Tracy Readinger, Randy Monroe, Jr., Andrew Hannula, Jimmy Commock, Jack Spence, Steve Buckwalter, Brett Conkling.

Kaiser Rolls From Drop Of Green

with Jimmy McCune in third.

Fast-qualifier Kyle Flint finished fourth and Hank Lower followed to round out the top five.

The finish:
Geoff Kaiser, Jeff Banyas, Jimmy McCune, Kyle Flint, Hank Lower, Patrick Stewart, Jerry Caryer, Greg Wheeler, Sam Davis, Brandon Whited, Chris Jagger, Keith Ousley, Chris Hettinger, Ron Koehler, Jim Dolph, Tom Geren, Steve Ball, Grant Kenens, Jim Payne.

It's Tulsa Time

Area Duo, Sellers Take Weekend

Friday

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — A pair of Tulsa-area drivers swept American Bank of Oklahoma ASCS Sooner Region victory lane at State Fair Speedway

Chris Lloyd, Koby Barksdale, Andy Shouse, Zach Chappell, Eric Baldaccini.

Feature No. 2: Nick Smith, Zach Chappell, Kolt Walker, Strike Hill, Eric Baldaccini, Jamie Passmore, Brian McClelland, Darren Stewart, Matt Covington, Sheldon Barksdale, Chris Lloyd, Larry Neighbors, Sean McClelland, Robert Sellers, Joe Wood, Jr., Andy Shouse, Danny Smith, Terry Gray, Sherman Davis, Gavin Punch.

Saturday

LAWTON, Okla. — Robert Sellers earned his first American Bank of Oklahoma ASCS Sooner Region victory since 2001 Saturday night at Lawton Speedway.

Sellers took advantage of a last-lap miscue by past series champion Kevin Ramey to deliver the first Sooner Region feature win to veteran Sooner Region car owner Ronnie Davis.

Ramey held the point until tripping over the turn four cushion on the final circuit and getting upside down, handing the lead over to Sellers.

Terry Gray finished second ahead of Danny Jennings, Zach Chappell and Eric Baldaccini.

The finish:

Robert Sellers, Terry Gray, Danny Jennings, Zach Chappell, Eric Baldaccini, Sean McClelland, Sheldon Barksdale, Kolt Walker, Michael Brown, Justin Melton, Landon Brown, Brian McClelland, Matt Covington, Kevin Ramey, Sherman Davis, Joe Wood, Jr., John Ricketts, Jeff Dadd, Rick Barksdale.

Friday night as Sean McClelland and Nick Smith both earned 25-lap feature victories. McClelland, the 2005 ASCS Sooner Region champion, won the makeup feature from June 13 while Smith won the regularly scheduled feature.

In the opener, McClelland led from the start to post his second series win of the year and 10th of his career in front of Smith, Matt Covington, Danny Jennings and Kevin Ramey.

Smith wasted little time matching McClelland on both victory counts when he added his second win of the year and 10th career Sooner triumph in the nightcap main event.

Smith crossed the stripe in front of Zach Chappell, Kolt Walker, Strike Hill and Eric Baldaccini.

The finishes:

Feature No. 1: Sean McClelland, Nick Smith, Matt Covington, Danny Jennings, Kevin Ramey, Robert Sellers, Sheldon Barksdale, Joe Wood, Jr., Kolt Walker, Kyle Merriman, Brian McClelland, Danny Smith, Michael Brown,

Daggett Deals SOD Sweep

MERRITT, Mich. — Dustin Daggett completed a sweep of both Engine Pro ASCS Sprints on Dirt events at Merritt Speedway by winning Saturday's

take the lead.

While Daggett set the pace, Ryan Grubaugh made a charge through the field from his sixth starting spot and moving up to third on lap 15.

Grubaugh utilized a pair of cautions to move up to second, but could not catch Daggett. Dalman, Tim Norman and Dain Naida rounded out the top five.

The finish:

Dustin Daggett, Ryan Grubaugh, Gregg Dalman, Tim Norman, Dain Naida, Ben Rutan, Davey Brown, Brett Mann, Steve Irwin, Tim Champlin, Louie Garufel, John Gall, Joe Bares, Ernie Kuehneman, Chris Pobanz, Nathan Bevard, Tank Brakenberry, Mike Daggett, Jim Lingar, Ralph Brakenberry, Gavin Hunyadi.

25-lap feature.

Daggett started on the front row and drove away to his sixth ASCS SOD victory of the season in the Mott Motorsports car.

Gregg Dalman led the first five circuits before Daggett slid underneath him in turn one to



TERRY SHAW PHOTO

DESERT FLYER: Ben Gregg speeds around Manzanita Speedway en route to his ASCS Southwest victory Saturday.

Gregg Mans Up For Manzy

PHOENIX — The winged forces of the American Sprint Car Series Southwest Region took to Manzanita Speedway for the first

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time on Saturday night with Ben Gregg taking his sixth victory of the season.

After Mike Rux, Jr. led the opening handful of circuits, Gregg took the lead away from Billy Chester III on the 14th

round en route to victory.

Gregg was chased to the line by Rick Ziehl, who rebounded from a lap-10 spin, for runner-up honors. Chester claimed third with Steve Martin and Mike Martin rounding out the top five.

The finish:

Ben Gregg, Rick Ziehl, Billy Chester III, Steve Martin, Mike Martin, Ronnie Clark, Joshua Williams, Jessica Van Dyke, Shawn Sander, Cody Cambensy, John Gaston, Chuck Buckman, John Van Horn, Steve Lohn, Alex Pettas, Steve Stone, Josh Pelkey, Mike Rux, Jr., Davey Johnson, Dennis Krob, Bud Rowe.

Dakota Belongs To Dover

HARTFORD, S.D. — Nebraska's Jack Dover added another notch to the win column by topping the Aug. 13

25-lap American Sprint Car Series Northern Plains Region feature event at I-90 Speedway.

Starting from the third position, Dover gunned into the lead on the opening circuit

and led all the way to take the win aboard the Eckley-powered 3D Auto Transport No. 53 Eagle.

Dover was chased to the stripe by Scott Winters, with Donovan Peterson, Clint Garner and Casey Abbas rounding out the top five.

The finish:

Jack Dover, Scott Winters, Donovan Peterson, Clint Garner, Casey Abbas, Randy Droscher, Lee Grosz, Jake Peters, Robbie Wolfgang, Butch Hanssen, Ryan Bickett, Justin Jacobsma, Lee Goos, Jr., Eric Lutz.

Herrera's Perfect

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Johnny Herrera remained perfect in his 2008 American

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Region appearances by winning Friday night's 25-lap feature at Hollywood Hills Speedway.

Despite starting five rows deep, Herrera needed just a handful of laps to chase down

early pace setter and point-leader Derrick Ortega for the point.

Herrera led the rest of the way with Ortega, Chad Corken, James High and Colt Treharn rounding out the top five.

The finish:

Johnny Herrera, Derrick Ortega, Chad Corken, James High, Colt Treharn, Jody Williams, Billy Page, Bud Goodwin, Danielle Ossenfort, Scott Box, Kaylene Verville, Jake Ossenfort, Kyle Rayburn, Jesse Baker, Paul Whitehead, Brett Ream, Tim West, Chuck Jackson, Leighton Crouch, Jeff Heffner.

Tankersley Takes Third Of '08

BEAUMONT, Texas — Channin Tankersley notched his third American Sprint Car

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Series Gulf South Region victory of the season Friday night at Golden Triangle Raceway Park.

The 17-year-old took command five laps into the event and led the rest of the way to

secure the victory aboard the Griffith Trucking Equipment No. 71 Maxim.

Tankersley was chased to the line by Bruce Crockett, Travis Knighton, Tommy Bryant and Aaron Reutzel.

The finish:

Channin Tankersley, Bruce Crockett, Travis Knighton, Tommy Bryant, Aaron Reutzel, Greg Rilat, Gary Watson, Michael McNeil, Clint Angelette, Greg Coleman, Kathryne Minter, Chris Sweeney, Darryl Wills, David Noker, Travis Elliott, Brandon Berynman.

RACE REWIND

NASCAR SPRINT CUP

Race 23 of 36: 3M Performance 400, Sunday, Aug. 17
Michigan Int'l Speedway, Brooklyn, Mich.

FINAL RESULTS

FIRST



Carl Edwards

SECOND



Kyle Busch

THIRD



David Ragan

Fin.	St.	No.	Driver	Car	Laps	Money	Status
1	27	99	Carl Edwards	Office Depot Ford	200	\$226,075	Running
2	11	18	Kyle Busch	Interstate Batteries Toyota	200	136,925	Running
3	16	6	David Ragan	AAA Insurance Ford	200	119,950	Running
4	9	16	Greg Biffle	3M Ford	200	108,700	Running
5	14	17	Matt Kenseth	DeWalt Ford	200	134,516	Running
6	15	8	Mark Martin	U.S. Army Chevrolet	200	123,908	Running
7	1	83	Brian Vickers	Red Bull Toyota	200	99,800	Running
8	38	29	Kevin Harvick	Shell/Pennzoil Chevrolet	200	134,186	Running
9	3	19	Elliott Sadler	Stanley Dodge	200	117,620	Running
10	18	26	Jamie McMurray	Irwin Ford	200	94,900	Running
11	28	31	Jeff Burton	AT&T Mobility Chevrolet	200	123,858	Running
12	21	20	Tony Stewart	Home Depot Toyota	200	126,461	Running
13	26	28	Travis Kvapil	Carfax Ford	200	109,489	Running
14	7	44	David Reutimann	UPS Toyota	200	85,725	Running
15	10	66	Scott Riggs	Haas Automation Chevrolet	200	99,433	Running
16	25	1	Martin Truex, Jr.	Bass Pro Shops/Cub Cadet Chevrolet	200	110,533	Running
17	2	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's/Kobalt Tools Chevrolet	200	135,386	Running
18	29	5	Casey Mears	Kellogg's/Carquest Chevrolet	199	93,150	Running
19	42	55	Michael Waltrip	NAPA Toyota	199	94,608	Running
20	41	07	Clint Bowyer	Jack Daniel's Chevrolet	199	94,875	Running
21	20	12	Ryan Newman	Alltel Dodge	199	116,625	Running
22	23	77	Sam Hornish, Jr.	Mobil 1 Dodge	199	121,125	Running
23	4	88	Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	National Guard/AMP Chevrolet	199	91,800	Running
24	36	15	Paul Menard	Menards/Moen Chevrolet	199	85,025	Running
25	19	42	Juan Pablo Montoya	Texaco/Havoline Dodge	199	105,058	Running
26	40	38	David Gilliland	CitiFinancial Ford	199	90,408	Running
27	35	43	Bobby Labonte	Cheerios Racing Dodge	199	112,861	Running
28	33	84	A.J. Allmendinger	Red Bull Toyota	199	75,675	Running
29	8	01	Regan Smith	Principal Financial Group Chevrolet	199	83,500	Running
30	6	10	Patrick Carpentier	Tow Truck In A Box Dodge	199	72,925	Running
31	30	70	Tony Raines	Haas Automation Chevrolet	199	72,300	Running
32	17	45	Terry Labonte	American Spirit Motor Oil Dodge	198	86,358	Running
33	31	41	Reed Sorenson	Target Dodge	198	100,289	Running
34	34	78	Joe Nemechek	Furniture Row Racing Chevrolet	198	72,025	Running
35	22	00	Mike Skinner	Champion Mortgage Toyota	198	81,422	Running
36	13	2	Kurt Busch	Miller Lite Dodge	197	71,825	Running
37	12	7	Robby Gordon	Jim Beam Dodge	197	79,775	Running
38	43	96	Brad Coleman	DLP HDTV Toyota	197	79,675	Running
39	37	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Office Toyota	194	106,616	Engine
40	32	9	Kasey Kahne	Budweiser Dodge	162	101,566	Engine
41	24	22	Dave Blaney	Caterpillar Toyota	117	71,515	Accident
42	5	24	Jeff Gordon	DuPont Chevrolet	111	120,376	Accident
43	39	21	Marcos Ambrose	Little Debbie Ford	17	89,252	Engine

RACE STATISTICS

Race time: 2 hours, 51 minutes
Average speed: 140.351 miles per hour
Victory margin: .947 second
Caution flags: Seven for 27 laps
Lead changes: 18 among nine drivers
Lap leaders: Brian Vickers (Pole); Jimmie Johnson 1-7;

Dale Earnhardt, Jr. 8-23; Johnson 24-28; Earnhardt 29-48; Vickers 49-66; Earnhardt 67-73; Carl Edwards 74-86; Scott Riggs 87; Edwards 88-90; Greg Biffle 91; Edwards 92-140; Jeff Burton 141; Kyle Busch 142-165; Edwards 166; Vickers 167-169; Busch 170-179; David Ragan 180-182; Edwards 183-200.

TALK OF TIME TRIALS

In a surprise performance, Red Bull's Brian Vickers won the pole for Sunday's 3M Performance 400 with a lap of 38.189 seconds, 188.536 miles per hour, out qualifying former teammate Jimmie Johnson, who joined Vickers on the front row.

STANDINGS

FIRST



Kyle Busch

SECOND



Carl Edwards

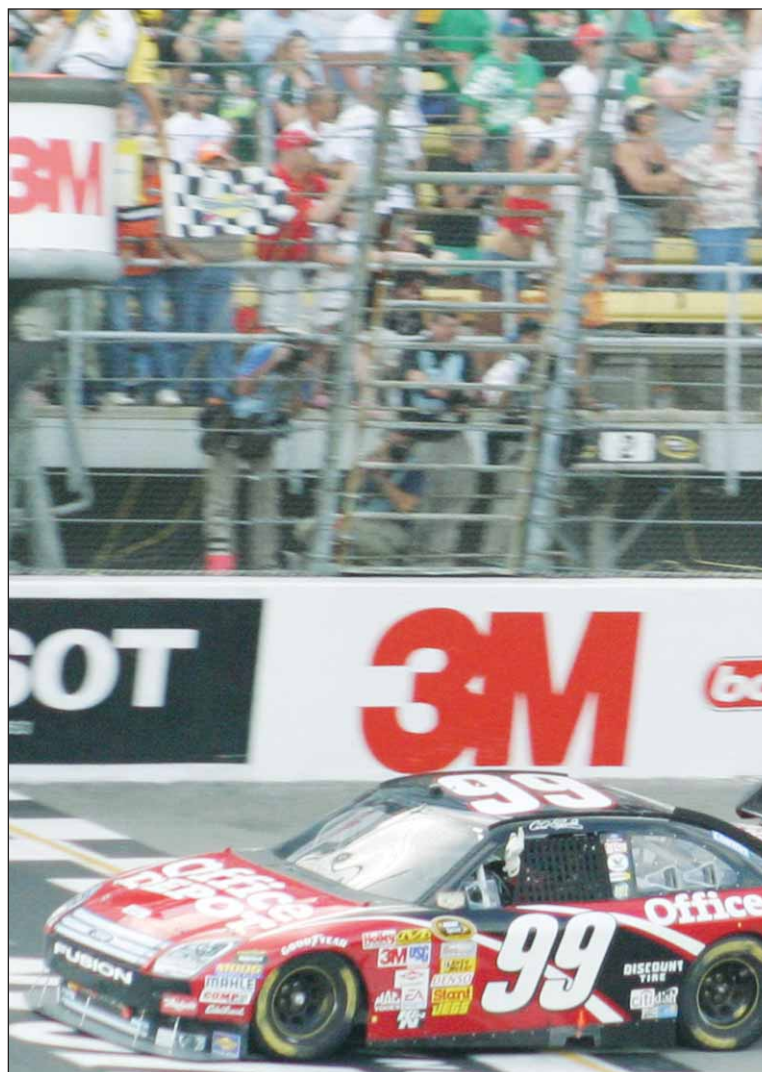
THIRD



Jimmie Johnson

Top 12

1. Kyle Busch	3,429	7. Greg Biffle	2,854
2. Carl Edwards	3,207	8. Kevin Harvick	2,812
3. Jimmie Johnson	3,127	9. Jeff Gordon	2,791
4. Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	3,084	10. Matt Kenseth	2,783
5. Jeff Burton	3,080	11. Kasey Kahne	2,756
6. Tony Stewart	2,871	12. Denny Hamlin	2,735



BOB BENKO PHOTO

DOUBLING UP: Carl Edwards takes the checkered flag to win Sunday's 3M Performance 400 at Michigan Int'l Speedway.

EDWARDS:

Roush Fenway Drivers Take Four Of Top-Five Spots

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down to him beating us off pit road (two laps from the end). That was it for us."

Busch was the first to mathematically clinch a spot in The Chase for the Cup, but he was still concerned that he lost 20 point to Edwards.

"He's right there, been there all year," Busch said. "Yeah, it's a 20-point swing, so we have to live with it, we have to take it and, hopefully, we can make up for it somewhere else."

Making it an even better day for car owner Jack Roush was a third-place finish for David Ragan in the No. 6 AAA Insurance Ford.

"We always knew we could run this way if we just went a whole weekend without making many mistakes," Ragan said. "Today was just a solid day from the get-go."

The finish moved Ragan into a tie for 13th in the standings with Clint Bowyer, one spot and 26 points out of The Chase

"It definitely would've been great to win, but you don't want to take an unnecessary risk and take out a top-five finish," Ragan said.

Two more Roush Fenway drivers, Greg Biffle and Matt Kenseth, round-

ed out the top five.

"We weren't quite as fast as the leaders," he added. "We were just a little bit off of those guys, but we worked hard at it. I thought we might have had a chance at a second-place finish."

Drivers who normally are at the front of the field, battling with Edwards, who was winning for the fifth time in 2008, had more than their share of problems.

Defending Sprint Cup champion Jimmie Johnson suffered a cut tire and drove a loose race car to finish 12th.

Hendrick Motorsports teammates Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt, Jr. fared worse.

Gordon finished 42nd after crashing the No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet just before the halfway point of the race. He dropped three places to ninth in the standings.

Earnhardt, who led 43 laps early, had overheating and handling problems, and later brushed the wall and finished 23rd.

Kasey Kahne and Denny Hamlin also lost three spots each in the standings, to 11th and 12th, respectively, because of engine problems. Kahne was 40th and Hamlin 39th.

Brian Vickers was the surprise pole winner for Sunday's race, outrunning former teammate Jimmie Johnson for the top spot. Vickers put the Red Bull Toyota on the pole with a lap at 188.536 miles per hour.

It was Vickers' fifth Cup pole, but his first of the season.

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Team Owner Open To Sale Due To Costs Of Racing

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talked about with anybody is the entire operation.

"We wouldn't be talking about that in public. It's not to that stage yet. That would be a question for Danny, what his plan is."

Davis admitted the only reason he is open to selling his team is the skyrocketing costs involved in keeping a competitive NASCAR Sprint Cup team on the track during the grueling season. Davis also has a highly successful NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series operation.

Both teams are part of Toyota's NASCAR empire.

"Like I've said all along, the days of the small teams are very, very numbered," Davis said. "Anything we can do to improve ourselves we'd be interested in talking about. We are open to anything."

When asked if he would remain involved in the operation if the team was sold, Davis acknowledged he would like to be part of it.

"I would like to be involved," Davis said. "I'd prefer to stay. I'm not ready to quit by any means."

"It's pretty hard to do this every week. The little teams, the little guys, those teams are very, very numbered. Our sport has taken a different direction."

Sullivan admitted that when Caterpillar decided to leave Bill Davis Racing and sign with Richard Childress Racing for the 2009 season, it had an economic impact on the amount Sullivan's group is prepared to offer Davis for the team that includes drivers Dave Blaney in the Cup Series with Johnny Benson and Mike Skinner in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series.

"I am always interested in the right deal, but with CAT gone they don't have a sponsor," Sullivan said. "There is a meeting going on right now (regarding Bill Davis Racing), so it does have some potential."

Davis said he is optimistic he can find a sponsor to replace CAT.

That has left Blaney's status in limbo. His contract with the team runs out at the end of this season.

"I know there is a group floating around that has Danny Sullivan involved in it that wants to buy a team. I don't know for sure if it is this team or another team or who they are looking at and talking to," Blaney said. "I know one of the guys involved in that group. I have seen Danny Sullivan and know another one of those guys in that group."

"The problem in this sport is Bill Davis has to bring in more money to get this team to compete, no doubt. Somehow, some way, the smaller teams have to generate income and it is hard with sponsors who want to be lined up with the three or four big teams that have all the cars lined up front. It is making it harder on the smaller teams."

"To compete, it's all about being able to afford the right people and keep the right people."



AUTOSTOCK PHOTO

TEACHER AND PUPIL: NASCAR veteran Mike Skinner (left) talks to rookie Michael McDowell at Michigan Int'l Speedway. Skinner was tapped to evaluate the No. 00, usually driven by McDowell, in three races.

Newman Joins Stewart Haas

Michael Waltrip Racing Taps Skinner To Evaluate No. 00

By **RON LEMASTERS, SR.**
NSSN CORRESPONDENT

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Not much in **Tony Stewart's** move to the ownership side of NASCAR Sprint Cup racing has been a secret the past several months. And Friday morning's announcement at Michigan Int'l Speedway was no different.

NASCAR NOTES There weren't many in the media center — and not many fans on the grounds — who didn't know that the press conference was to announce **Ryan Newman** would drive the No. 4 Chevrolet for Stewart Haas Racing next year.

The official coupling of the two Hoosier drivers who share a similar open-wheel background in USAC's sprint car, midget and Silver Crown divisions also brings together two of the more intense drivers in NASCAR.

But in the MIS media center, it sounded more like an audition for a comedy team.

Asked about the competitive side of the two sometimes-volatile drivers, Stewart opined that the stiffest competition would probably involve fishing, an activity they both enjoy.

"The first time he gets me in a boat and we get out about 50 feet and says, 'Alright, we're fishing for paychecks today,' I'm swimming back to shore," Stewart said.

Several questions remained unanswered. Prime among them was sponsorship for Newman's car.

"We're all seeing the effects of the economy from the sponsorship side," Stewart said.

Another concern is crew chiefs for both cars. Newman said he had talked to **Matt Borland**, his first crew chief at Penske Racing. Borland is currently employed by Haas CNC Racing.

"I talked to him a couple of times, on and off," Newman said. "He's still a great friend of mine."

Borland has not yet been named crew chief for either team for 2009. There is a name that has surfaced in the search for crew chiefs for the Stewart Haas combine. Reports circulating at MIS say **Darien Grubb**, engineering manager for the Nos. 5 and 88 Chevrolets at Hendrick Motorsports, has been offered the crew chief job for Stewart. Neither team would comment on the rumor.

Stewart said it's no secret he and his team are looking for more top personnel. "We're working to not get just one crew chief, we're working to get a pair of crew chiefs that...are going to work well together," he said.

■ The victory Sunday at MIS by **Carl Edwards** was the 19th at what car owner **Jack Roush** calls his backyard. Edwards gave Roush his 18th victory here on Saturday, winning the Carfax 300 Nationwide Series race, then sweeping the weekend in the 3M Performance 400.

Roush has won 11 Sprint Cup races and four each in the Nationwide and Craftsman Trucks series at the two-mile oval.

■ **Tony Stewart, Jeff Gordon** and **Jimmie Johnson** found themselves three-wide in turns three and four Sunday at MIS. The result was three-

way fender banging, the aftermath of which was a DNF for Gordon, who later crashed, a 12th place for Stewart and a 17th for Johnson.

"We're ultimately responsible because our pit stops have just been terrible today," Gordon said. "You know we finally had an awesome race car and just didn't have the total package."

"We get the pit stops awesome and we can't get the car right. I'm relieved and now we just don't worry about anything. We can just drive as hard as we can, do anything we possibly can...and see where we wind up."

■ In a continuing effort to improve his NASCAR Sprint Cup program, team owner/driver **Michael Waltrip** put veteran **Mike Skinner** in the No. 00 Champion Mortgage Toyota in place of rookie **Michael McDowell**.

"We have asked Mike to evaluate areas where we can improve our on-track performance," Waltrip said. "I thought he did a really nice job of working with Red Bull and **A.J. Allmendinger** earlier this year."

Skinner finished 35th. He will also drive the car at Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway and Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif., before turning it back to McDowell for the event at Richmond (Va.) Int'l Raceway.

■ UPS, which is leaving Michael Waltrip Racing at the end of the season, appears headed to Roush Fenway Racing, where it would replace AAA as sponsor of **David Ragan's** No. 6.

■ **Brad Coleman** made his Sprint Cup Series debut with Hall of Fame Racing Sunday and finished 38th.

Hendrick Teammates Go On Defensive

BROOKLYN, MICH.

Life at the top is seldom the dream it seems.

Even if you drive NASCAR Sprint Cup cars to victory lane on a regular basis. Just ask Hendrick Motorsports poster boys **Jeff Gordon** and **Dale Earnhardt, Jr.**

The nature of the sport being what it is, both have been called on to answer their recent absence from post-race celebrations.

Add to that the recent phenomenon of having to defend their crew chiefs from criticism when late-race strategies go awry.

Much of it comes from the NASCAR media — often disguised as inquiries from "concerned" fans.

One writer at Michigan Int'l Speedway last week asked Gordon to explain why his Chevrolet has been performing so poorly this season.

"I think (crew chief) **Steve Letarte** is doing an awesome job," Gordon told the writer, adding that the team's performance at Watkins Glen (N.Y.) Int'l was not a great one.

"We've had that happen this year," he said. "It's just been one of those years. The fans just have to be patient, and I remind everybody of what we did last year."

Unfortunately for drivers and crew chiefs, fans are often short on patience.

Gordon hinted that the oft-cursed Car of Tomorrow might be a key part of the puzzle.

"You can actually have a good car and just lose track position and be done," he said.

It was an answer that Earnhardt could have used after the Glen as well.

When Earnhardt stayed out too long on a fuel run while leading late in the race and got caught out with a yellow flag that put him at the end of the pack, it appeared that crew chief **Tony Eury, Jr.** was to blame.

"It ain't fair," he said of the criticism aimed at Eury. "I know that nobody always makes the right calls

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and I know that everybody has to take responsibility for their actions. He's in that position, and he knows as well as anybody that there is going to be some criticism.

"But I don't know, man; it is pretty harsh sometimes for a guy who has given everything he has given to the sport. I wish it wasn't like that for Tony because he doesn't deserve it. But I guess, working for me, those are the breaks."

Earnhardt's take on the relative lack of trips to victory lane was simple.

"It's just the race tracks we've been going to," he offered. "I don't have good finishes at those race tracks — a couple road courses, Pocono. It's typically just not a good part of the season."

Earnhardt confessed to trying to make it a little less hard on Eury.

"I was going backward as it was," he said of the late running at Watkins Glen after leading early,

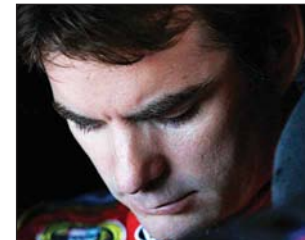
"so, it wasn't like we screwed ourselves on pit strategy. The car wasn't that good. We just stayed out there longer than anybody else. It was fun leading, and I didn't want to pit."

Earnhardt let it be known that he appreciated Eury's efforts and will continue to defend him.

"I didn't have a problem with his strategy," Earnhardt said. "In hindsight, it was the wrong call to make, but even if we had made the right call and stayed on the same strategy with the other guys, we had a 25th- or 30th-place car at best."

"I like the way the man does his job and I'm glad he's helping me. I have his back and he's got mine."

Neither Gordon nor Earnhardt found victory lane at Michigan Int'l Speedway Sunday either: Gordon was involved in a crash and credited with 42nd place, while Earnhardt brushed the wall and finished 23rd.



Jeff Gordon

UP NEXT

Bristol Motor Speedway

Bristol, Tenn.

Track specs

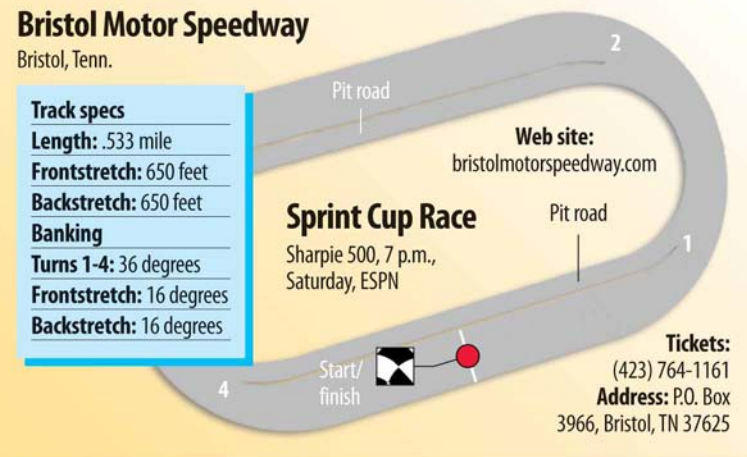
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Frontstretch: 650 feet
Backstretch: 650 feet
Banking
Turns 1-4: 36 degrees
Frontstretch: 16 degrees
Backstretch: 16 degrees

Web site: bristolmotorspeedway.com

Sprint Cup Race

Sharpie 500, 7 p.m., Saturday, ESPN

Tickets: (423) 764-1161
Address: P.O. Box 3966, Bristol, TN 37625





BUILDING SOMETHING STRONG

'Ordinary Guy' Ed Carpenter Having Best Year In IndyCar

It is unlikely Joe Walsh had Ed Carpenter in mind when he sang the 1980s hit "Ordinary Average Guy" because Carpenter was just a kid at the time. But the song fits the IndyCar Series driver perfectly.

Of all the drivers in the IndyCar Series, Carpenter is the type of guy one could find at a bowling alley or mowing the yard. Instead of going on fancy vacations to exotic locales, Carpenter

spends his off weekends fixing up houses that he owns and rents out.

No "Tiki Bar" for Carpenter; he'd rather have some hammers, a nail and a saw fitting of his last name.

Fun for Carpenter is watching the Indianapolis Colts from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Suite at the new Lucas Oil Stadium.

OK, so maybe he's not so ordinary after all, but you get the point.

"I'm definitely more ordinary than most of the competitors," Carpenter said. "It doesn't take much to entertain me."

"Rebuilding houses started out as a hobby, but lately it has become a lot of work. I'm spending a lot of my free time doing it to get done with it, but it is still fun at times."

Carpenter, along with his wife, Heather, and young daughter Makenna could be the couple down the street.

Carpenter continues to search for his first IndyCar victory, but it is obvious he is making serious progress.

"We started off the year really strong, opened up at Homestead really good and

thought we had a front-row start, but that didn't work out," Carpenter said. "The early part of the schedule on the ovals

we've shown well there. We've been a top-five contender a lot and have had shots at wins, but it hasn't work out. On the road courses, both A.J. (Foyt, IV — his teammate) and myself are both better than we were last year, but the competition on road and street racing is a lot more intense, so it is harder to see the improvement, but I think it is there."

"That makes me the most happy that I'm having my best year in a year where the sport has grown a lot and the competition has increased."

Carpenter qualified for the Indianapolis 500 on the first day of qualifications, when only the top 11 drivers were locked into the field.

"The previous two years we've put a lot of energy trying to get in on the first day in the new format and I've been 12th and 13th the two years before," Carpenter said. "It was really agonizing not getting in, so this year getting in the top 11 was nice. Going into the month, we had our sights set a lot higher than where we qualified but in the end, it was still a good accomplishment. Getting in that first day definitely helps the rest of your month, too and lets you spend more time on your race car and it helped us on race day with a fifth-place finish. We had a better car than fifth, but the month of May was the strong point of our season so far."

Carpenter was in the lead late in the race when he was on the wrong "fuel map" on a restart, which allowed Vitor Meira to split



STEVE SHODDY/IRL INDYCAR PHOTO

Carpenter and Dixon's car on the frontstretch in a bold move. Dixon won convincingly.

But Carpenter's accomplishment was impressive as the "Ordinary Average Guy" from Speedway, Ind., finished fifth for Vision Racing, a team that has made dramatic improvements since it began in 2005.

Vision Racing doesn't get the credit it deserves, perhaps because its team owner is Tony George, the founder and CEO of the Indy Racing League.

George happens to be married to Carpenter's mother, Laura, which led to cries of favoritism and that Carpenter's stepfather had bought him a ride.

"I try not to worry too much about what people are saying," Carpenter said. "More people have talked about us than in years past. I think we are getting some credit. But I'm paying more attention to what is going on with the team and getting better and improving."

When George told Carpenter that he was going to purchase the assets of Kelley Racing in early 2005 and form an IndyCar team, Carpenter wasn't so sure it was the right thing to do.

"It was one of those things where there were a lot of factors with the family situation," Carpenter admitted. "It's tough business being in racing on the promotion and race track side of things, let alone owning a race team. I was leery about it and wasn't sure it was the right thing to do."

"Looking back, I'm glad I trusted Tony's judgment. It's been a lot of fun and we are starting to see the full potential of the team. We are getting closer to more sponsorship, better funded and those are the things we need to take the next steps forward as a team."

While some may have unfairly believed that Carpenter wouldn't have a ride in IndyCar if it hadn't been for George owning the team, he is the only driver left in the series who came from the United States Auto Club. That was originally supposed to be the proving ground for future IndyCar drivers, although big teams leaving CART and Champ Car, the arrival of Honda, the addition of road and street courses to the schedule and ultimately unification has changed all of that.

Carpenter remains as the embodiment of what the IRL was originally supposed to be about. And even though he is the last remaining USAC driver, he has developed into a solid IndyCar racer.

"There are always going to be people that are going to say what they are going to say and think what they are going to think," said Carpenter, who got his first midget car when he was 16. "I've been dealing with it my whole career. It's the same as what A.J. has had to deal with. We both go out and race as hard as we can and be as fast as we can and not think outside of that environment."

This year, Carpenter has dealt with the sudden departure of Larry Curry, the original general manager of Vision, who was

released after Carpenter's and Foyt's cars had their speeds disallowed in qualifications at Homestead because of infractions to the rear wing.

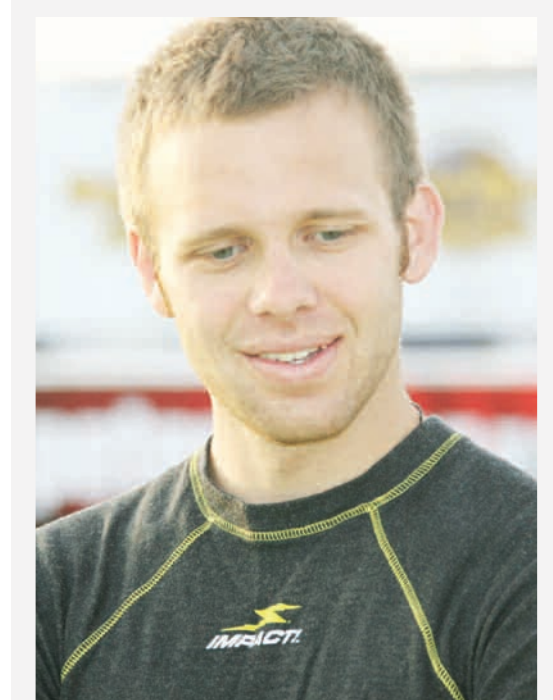
Kevin Kukuliwicz, otherwise known as "Kevin Kaye," took over the operation and the "Vision Quest" continues.

Vision was a three-car team in 2006 and 2007 with Tomas Scheckter, Carpenter and Foyt, but this year the focus has been on Carpenter and Foyt.

Carpenter, the self-described "Hillbilly from Marshall, Ill.," grew up on the farm and learned how to drive a tractor by sitting in his grandfather's lap and taking over the steering wheel when he was just a youngster.

As a USAC driver, he was friends with Kasey Kahne and Bud Kaeding. He is still close to Kaeding, but doesn't hear much from Kahne since he moved over to NASCAR and became a "name" driver.

But there is also another side to Carpenter. As a member of "The Family," he realizes that long after his days as a race driver are over, he will be the next generation of leaders at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, continuing the Hulman-George legacy that began when the late



CHRIS JONES/IRL INDYCAR PHOTO

ED CARPENTER

- Age: 27
- Hometown: Indianapolis
- Wife: Heather
- Children: Daughter Makenna
- IndyCar starts: 77
- Wins: 0
- Top 10: 21
- Graduate of Butler University
- Winner in the USAC National Midget and USAC National Sprint Car Series
- Winner of the inaugural Freedom 100 for the Indy Lights Series at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 2003
- Winner of two national quarter-midget championships

Tony Hulman purchased the Speedway from Eddie Rickenbacker in November 1945.

"With myself and my brother Tony and my sister Lauren and cousins Jared (Krisiloff) and Kyle (Krisiloff), there is another generation starting to mature and we are all involved in parts of the business," Carpenter said. "We are all being groomed to help take over. I look forward to that in the future. It's a family business. It's not just something we do; it's what we do. It's what makes us a family, really. I wouldn't see it any other way." "But I'm definitely happy doing what I'm doing now."

DAN HERZEL/IRL INDYCAR PHOTO

RACE REWIND

NATIONAL HOT ROD ASS'N

Race 17 of 24: Toyo Tires NHRA Nationals, Aug. 14-17
Maple Grove Raceway, Mohnton, Pa.

FINAL RESULTS

TOP FUEL



Tony Schumacher

FUNNY CAR



Jack Beckman

PRO STOCK



Jeg Coughlin

Top Fuel

FIRST ROUND

Qual.	Driver	E.T.	Speed	Def.	Qual.	Driver	E.T.	Speed
9	Brandon Bernstein	3.858	310.84	def.	8	Hillary Will	3.929	300.33
7	Antron Brown	3.909	309.06	def.	10	Cory McClenathan	3.922	305.56
13	Clay Millican	3.967	298.01	def.	4	J.R. Todd	4.208	258.86
2	Rod Fuller	3.934	307.87	def.	15	Doug Kalitta	3.987	302.21
1	Tony Schumacher	3.877	312.13	def.	Bye			
14	David Grubnic	3.905	307.87	def.	3	Doug Herbert	4.225	231.24
5	Morgan Lucas	3.921	305.15	def.	12	Bob Vandergriff, Jr.	4.014	306.33
6	Larry Dixon	3.871	310.48	def.	11	Doug Foley	3.940	305.77

SECOND ROUND

13	Clay Millican	3.994	292.58	def.	5	Morgan Lucas	3.963	289.32
7	Antron Brown	3.943	305.49	def.	2	Rod Fuller	4.308	247.38
6	Larry Dixon	3.935	304.74	def.	14	David Grubnic	6.723	91.31
1	Tony Schumacher	3.894	301.60	def.	9	Brandon Bernstein	3.926	303.64

SEMIFINAL

6	Larry Dixon	4.007	258.02	def.	7	Antron Brown	5.761	112.34
1	Tony Schumacher	3.928	306.40	def.	13	Clay Millican	3.945	298.21

FINAL

1	Tony Schumacher	3.845	313.88	def.	6	Larry Dixon	3.891	302.35
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Funny Car

FIRST ROUND

Qual.	Driver	E.T.	Speed	Def.	Qual.	Driver	E.T.	Speed
2	Frank Hawley	4.355	247.57	def.	15	Melanie Troxel	4.670	214.66
13	Jack Beckman	4.219	296.31	def.	4	Tim Wilkerson	4.279	253.23
1	Cruz Pedregon	4.191	283.49	def.	16	Gary Densham	4.213	288.46
3	Mike Neff	4.259	274.05	def.	14	Robert Hight	5.299	144.71
5	John Force	4.241	296.57	def.	12	Ron Capps	6.007	110.95
6	Ashley Force	4.237	273.11	def.	11	Tommy Johnson, Jr.	5.515	166.07
9	Del Worsham	4.232	288.39	def.	8	Bob Tasca III	4.282	288.46
7	Tony Pedregon	4.234	280.37	def.	10	Jim Head	4.268	291.07

SECOND ROUND

3	Mike Neff	4.239	273.77	def.	6	Ashley Force	6.040	117.78
13	Jack Beckman	4.185	290.51	def.	5	John Force	4.295	281.30
2	Frank Hawley	4.211	289.76	def.	7	Tony Pedregon	4.223	288.95
1	Cruz Pedregon	4.172	288.77	def.	9	Del Worsham	4.230	290.76

SEMIFINAL

2	Frank Hawley	4.237	284.39	def.	3	Mike Neff	4.294	276.75
13	Jack Beckman	4.192	292.65	def.	1	Cruz Pedregon	4.235	288.21

FINAL

13	Jack Beckman	4.183	291.57	def.	2	Frank Hawley	6.967	95.08
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Pro Stock

FIRST ROUND

Qual.	Driver	E.T.	Speed	Def.	Qual.	Driver	E.T.	Speed
8	Dave Connolly	6.668	207.02	def.	9	Warren Johnson	6.683	208.30
10	Larry Morgan	6.671	206.99	def.	7	Ron Krisher	6.678	206.10
11	Jeg Coughlin	6.675	207.34	def.	6	V. Gaines	6.675	205.73
2	Kurt Johnson	6.644	207.88	def.	15	Greg Stanfield	6.707	206.26
14	Jim Yates	6.673	206.89	def.	3	Jason Line	6.647*	208.17
4	Allen Johnson	6.641	207.56	def.	13	Mike Edwards	6.657*	207.30
1	Greg Anderson	6.643	208.01	def.	16	Rickie Jones	6.697	205.88
5	Justin Humphreys	6.652	207.43	def.	12	Richie Stevens	6.670	206.64

SECOND ROUND

11	Jeg Coughlin	6.668	207.18	def.	14	Jim Yates	6.689	206.86
2	Kurt Johnson	6.632	208.23	def.	10	Larry Morgan	6.670	207.21
8	Dave Connolly	6.654	207.11	def.	1	Greg Anderson	6.651	208.01
4	Allen Johnson	6.655	207.08	def.	5	Justin Humphreys	6.653	207.34

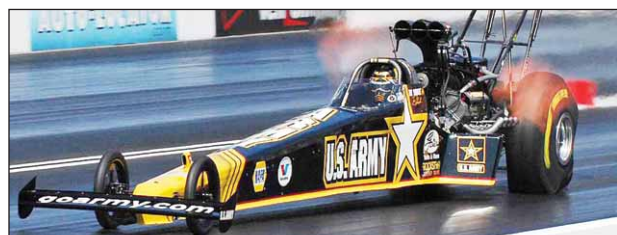
SEMIFINAL

8	Dave Connolly	6.688	207.18	def.	4	Allen Johnson	6.699	207.30
11	Jeg Coughlin	6.669	207.02	def.	2	Kurt Johnson	6.942*	160.79

FINAL

11	Jeg Coughlin	6.650	206.39	def.	8	Dave Connolly	12.142*	71.55
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*—Denotes red light



HARRY CELLA PHOTO

UNSTOPPABLE: Tony Schumacher's U.S. Army Top Fuel dragster was again the quickest car in NHRA competition.

TED ROSSINO, JR. PHOTO

CANDLES LIT: Frank Hawley (near lane) and Jack Beckman square off in the Funny Car Final at the Toyo Tires NHRA Nationals at Pennsylvania's Maple Grove Raceway Sunday. Beckman beat Hawley, who employs Beckman at his drag-racing school, to score his second victory of the season.

Beckman Beats Boss

MOHNTON, Pa. — In a final round that matched teacher against student, Funny Car driver Jack Beckman raced to his second victory of the season at the Toyo Tires NHRA Nationals Sunday at Maple Grove Raceway.

Tony Schumacher, Jeg Coughlin and Matt Smith also were winners at the 17th of 24 events on the NHRA POWERade Drag Racing Series.

Beckman drove his Dodge Charger R/T to a 4.183-second run at 291.57 miles per hour past Frank Hawley for his first triumph at Maple Grove. Hawley, who owns a drag-racing school, employs Beckman as a drag racing instructor.

"Racing Frank Hawley was huge," said Beckman. "It's like a little league pitcher that's just a huge fan of the sport and they bring up Mickey Mantle to play ball with you. Frank has meant so much to the sport and having him back in the sport is only going to make it better."

The weekend ended with all 10 spots in the Funny Car Countdown to the

Championship playoffs claimed. By the end of the weekend, John and Ashley Force, Gary Densham, Beckman, Mike Neff and Ron Capps had all received their invitations.

In yet another dominant performance, Schumacher drove his dragster to a 3.845 at 313.88 to defeat Larry Dixon's 3.891 at 302.35 mph. It was Schumacher's 10th victory of the season and fifth-consecutive win. The win also moved Schumacher within one victory of Top Fuel legend Joe Amato, who holds the all-time Top Fuel victory record at 52.

"This has simply been incredible," said Schumacher. "There really aren't any words to describe it. It has been a gift of a year. Of all the years, this has been the most dominant we've ever been. It's just an awesome car."

Doug Herbert clinched his spot in the Countdown to 1, while ninth and 10th place drivers Dave Grubnic and Doug Kalitta, Kalitta Motorsports teammates, sit in the final two open spots in the category. Those final invi-

tations will be issued after the Mac Tools U.S. Nationals in Indianapolis in two weeks.

In Pro Stock, Cagnazzi teammates Jeg Coughlin and Dave Connolly met in the final round, but it was Coughlin who drove his Chevy Cobalt to an easy victory at 6.650 at 206.39 after Connolly fouled out on the starting line. It was Coughlin's second triumph of the season and 40th of his career.

"We were pretty fortunate here today," said Coughlin. "To have Kurt Johnson and Dave Connolly both go red against you isn't something you expect and we'll take it, that's for sure."

Though Connolly finished second in the event, he clinched his spot in the Countdown to 1 playoffs along with Mike Edwards and V Gaines.

Smith grabbed his fourth win of the year in Pro Stock Motorcycle, riding his Buell to a 6.957 at 188.81 past runner-up Angelle Sampey.

Sampey, Matt Guidera, Eddie Krawiec and Chris Rivas all clinched a spot in the Countdown to 1.

Drivers Battle For Bonus Event Spots In Qualifying

MOHNTON, Pa. — Ask Funny Car drivers Del Worsham and John Force and Pro Stock Motorcycle rider Hector Arana.

They'd say for certain that qualifying at the National Hot Rod Ass'n's Toyo Tires Nationals carried added drama Saturday at Maple Grove Raceway because it was the last chance for racers to make the fields for the lucrative bonus events at the upcoming Mac Tools U.S. Nationals.

The bike lineup for the Ringers Gloves Pro Bike Battle didn't change, which was a disappointment for Arana. He was the lone rider with a shot at making the field based on

qualifying at Maple Grove, and although he outqualified eighth-place Matt Guidera by several positions, he fell 30 points short of getting to the competition.

The bike bonus race is set for Saturday during the U.S. Nationals at O'Reilly Raceway Park at Indianapolis.

But Worsham and Force entered this race needing a lot of factors to go their ways and misfortune to beset those ahead of them in the standings if they would be eligible for the U.S. Smokeless Showdown. They had to rely on Gary Scelzi's and Jerry Toliver's failures to qualify.

Worsham started the weekend tied with Jack Beckman for ninth, five points off the grid, and Force entered the race in 11th place, 40 points behind No. 8. When Scelzi and No. 7 Toliver, DSR teammates both missed the cut, Worsham and Force were in, as Beckman, who won the event trophy, wound up ninth and lost his chance to vie for a second-straight \$100,000 payout at Indianapolis.

The uncomfortable news for Force is that he must race daughter Ashley Force, the No. 1 seed (the first time for a woman), in the opening round of the Sunday race during Labor Day weekend.

Hawley Gives Beckman Advice

Schumacher Ties Records;
Fellow DSR Teammates DNQ

MOHNTON, Pa. — Defeating one's boss and mentor is satisfying enough, but Funny Car winner "Fast Jack" Beckman indicated that his victory over Frank Hawley meant, more importantly, redemption.

"It's nice to be able to redeem yourself in a seven-day period," said Beckman, who fouled out in the final the previous Sunday against Tony Pedregon in Brainerd, Minn.

NHRA NOTES

Hawley owns the Frank Hawley NHRA Drag Racing School in Gainesville, Fla., and Beckman has been one of his long-time instructors.

Hawley, who surprised all weekend with his first time in the Rite Aid Pharmacies Dodge Charger in two months and only the fourth time all season, was the No. 2 qualifier who already had advanced by beating teammate Melanie Troxel.

Said Beckman, "Hawley comes up to me before the final and says, 'Jack, I want you to completely get out of your mind what happened last weekend. Don't even think about that.' I said, 'Frank, we don't teach mind games at the school. We're not supposed to be doing that.'

"Just to get to race Frank Hawley in the final [was awesome]," he said. "Imagine being a Little League player and you get to pitch against Mickey Mantle. Frank Hawley has been all of that to the sport. To have him come back in adds a whole other dimension to this...and, hell no, I wasn't going to cut him any slack."

Hawley, praising crew chief Aaron Brooks and assistant Rod Centorbi, said, "The idea of us coming out and running really well wasn't unthinkable. We certainly have the equipment and the people to run really well. The fact they were sitting around for a while and they were able to do that, I think, is impressive."

■ Top Fuel winner Tony Schumacher tied a couple of NHRA records he set in 2004 and 2005, respectively: most Top Fuel victories in a single season (10) and most consecutive Top Fuel victories (five).

With a victory Labor Day weekend at the U.S. Nationals, which would be his seventh at O'Reilly Raceway Park at Indianapolis since 2000, he could also tie Joe Amato for the most career victories in Top Fuel (52).

"I guess it's one more to go," Schumacher said. "It seems like the more success we're having, it's getting more pressure-packed. But I believe it's been proven that if there's a team that can handle pressure it's my U.S. Army team."

His victory over Larry Dixon gave Don Schumacher Racing its 115th victory.

■ Clay Millican reached the Top Fuel semifinals in his first race in five months. He said it was "a fantastic learning experience" for the Nitro



NHRA PHOTO

HAPPY JACK: Jack Beckman celebrates his victory in Sunday's NHRA Toyo Tire Nationals at Maple Grove Raceway in Mohnton, Pa.

Fish/Hope4Sudan team that debuted for new owners Mark and Lauren Pickens.

"We had no pretenses about going rounds here because coming to this race was such a last-minute thing," Millican said. "We hadn't planned to start until the Indianapolis race. It was really, really more successful than we could've asked for."

Millican upset J.R. Todd, then eliminated Todd's teammate, Morgan Lucas, before falling to Tony Schumacher by what was just nine-thousandths of a second.

■ Don Schumacher Racing Funny Car teammates Gary Scelzi and Jerry Toliver failed to qualify, and the DNQ was costly. Melanie Troxel bumped out Scelzi in the final session Saturday, and not making the Countdown this year came as another blow to the Mopar/Oakley Dodge camp.

Crew chief Todd Okuhara still is recuperating from an inner-ear infection, and clutch technician Michael Knudsen remained in the hospital after suffering first- and second-degree burns in a freak accident at the race track Thursday.

Knudsen was taken by helicopter to the Lehigh Valley Burn Center in Allentown, Pa., where he underwent surgery Friday. His recuperation period is expected to take as much as a week. Mike Lewis, senior vice president of Don Schumacher Racing, said the accident happened at an entry gate, where a temporary food stand was being set up along a fence line. The fence bumped the first of several propane tanks that were fastened together, and they fell over in

domino-like fashion, two discharging.

A gas company representative turned off the first tank. Knudsen had left the area, but went back to help turn another one off when it caught fire and struck him in the lower legs, left hand and the left side of his face. By the time the Safety Safari came to douse the blaze, it was a fully engulfed fire.

Lewis said Knudsen will not have to undergo skin grafts. "He lives in Indianapolis, but they don't want him traveling, so he'll stay there probably for five days to a week," Lewis said Thursday.

The gas company representative also suffered minor burns, but no one else on the DSR team was hurt.

Meanwhile at the pit, Phil Shuler, the regular crew chief on Toliver's Rockstar Energy Drink Dodge, continued to try to tune both cars with help from Tony Schumacher crew chief Alan Johnson.

"We'll just finish off the year by causing havoc for everyone else in the playoffs," Scelzi said.

Toliver's disappointment meant that he would miss the U.S. Smokeless Showdown.

"I was never so ready to go as I was on that last qualifying run. I just knew the car was going to go down the race track, but it didn't. We knew we had to qualify at this race, even if it was No. 16, and we would have made the Showdown. That's kind of a bonus for the guys and I wanted it really badly for them. I'm very upset about this and I apologize to Rockstar and all of my fans."

Adversity Doesn't Halt Connolly's Success

SEATTLE

Call him Teflon Dave. Adversity slides right off National Hot Rod Ass'n Pro Stock driver Dave Connolly.

In midseason 2005, Connolly was stung by over-promise-and-under-deliver master Mike Dzurilla, who yanked his sponsorship from the young hot shoe who was third in the standings. Andy and Mark Carrier of the Carrier Boyz Racing Top Fuel team came to Connolly's financial rescue, and Connolly finished in the top five that year.

This past winter he was caught unaware again, this time in the far-reaching web of Evan Knoll's shady — and soon to be legally messy — sponsorship scheme that collapsed in January, on the threshold of pre-season testing. It was news he didn't need after working to recover from off-season ligament surgery on his left knee.

Connolly missed the first five races of the year, while team owner Victor Cagnazzi relentlessly pursued legitimate funding so Connolly could rejoin the team that also boasts reigning Pro Stock champion Jeg Coughlin.

Cagnazzi was able to pluck Connolly out of bracket-racing purgatory in Florida in the IHRA ranks with the Charter Communications/LifeLock Chevy Cobalt that debuted in late April at Atlanta Dragway.

And Connolly expressed his gratitude by securing a spot for the Countdown to the Championship at the Toyo Tires Nationals at Maple Grove Raceway in Reading, Pa., in arguably the NHRA's toughest class. That third-consecutive, final-round appearance boosted him from eighth to sixth in the standings.

"Everything seems to be clicking right now," Connolly said Sunday after red-lighting away his chance to win against Coughlin.

"We've exceeded my expectations this year," he said. "I didn't think we'd be able to get this high in the Countdown after starting the season five races after everyone else."

But he has, and that shows the strength of Victor Cagnazzi's organization, the team owner's tenacity and Connolly's patience and resilience. Since returning in April, Connolly

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has 23 elimination-round wins, one more than point-leader Greg Anderson during that same time frame. Connolly has also won four of their five meetings in 2008.

"When we first came back at Atlanta and a few races after that, it was a brand-new car, and you always have new-car bugs to work out," Connolly said. "But I knew it wouldn't take [crew chief] Tommy Utt long. I have full confidence in the car, and my driving is starting to come around and get a lot better. That's what is fun about this class. It's not just the driver, or the crew, or the engine program. You have to have them all to win right now."

"To be honest, after sitting out the first three months, I was just so excited to have a ride again and be back out there racing that I wasn't too concerned if we made the Countdown. If luck was on our side and we performed well enough to get into the top 10, then that was icing on the cake."

Next up is the U.S. Nationals, the four-day Labor Day classic at Indianapolis. "I've always raced the same way whether it's a Wednesday-night street-car meet at a local drag strip, or the U.S. Nationals: you're out there to win," he said.

As GM publicity representative Kirk Weeks said Sunday, Cagnazzi Racing couldn't lose with a reprisal of the Sonoma finals two races ago that unfolded with reversed roles. With Coughlin's victory and Connolly's triumph cloaked in defeat, it couldn't.

And why not? "We had the same team that we won eight races with last year, the same group of guys, the same engine program and everything else," Connolly said.

That spells trouble for the other frontrunners. "I'm pretty confident that by the Countdown we can solve that problem and run with the top dogs," Connolly said.

Brash? He isn't. Cocky? Not his style. He's just happy again. But it doesn't matter what the label is. Anything negative will slide right off.

UP NEXT

Aug. 27-Sept. 1, Mac Tools U.S. Nationals, O'Reilly Raceway Park, Clermont, Ind.

STANDINGS

TOP FUEL



Tony Schumacher

FUNNY CAR



Tim Wilkerson

PRO STOCK



Greg Anderson

Top Three

1. Tony Schumacher	1,650
2. Antron Brown	1,124
3. Larry Dixon	1,082

1. Tim Wilkerson	1,189
2. Tony Pedregon	1,066
3. Robert Hight	1,000

1. Greg Anderson	1,222
2. Kurt Johnson	1,185
3. Jeg Coughlin	1,129

RACE REWIND

NASCAR NATIONWIDE SERIES

Race 25 of 35: Carfax 250, Saturday, Aug. 16
Michigan Int'l Speedway, Brooklyn, Mich.

FINAL RESULTS

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
		
Carl Edwards	Brian Vickers	Tony Stewart

Fin.	St.	No.	Driver	Car	Laps	Money	Status
1	1	60	Carl Edwards	Planters Ford	125	\$55,895	Running
2	3	32	Brian Vickers	ABF Freight Toyota	125	37,350	Running
3	7	20	Tony Stewart	Old Spice Toyota	125	25,900	Running
4	10	5	Mark Martin	Go Daddy Chevrolet	125	21,575	Running
5	8	16	Greg Biffle	CitiFinancial Ford	125	20,950	Running
6	20	1	Mike Bliss	Micosukee Resorts Chevrolet	125	31,418	Running
7	6	18	Joey Logano	Z-Line Designs Toyota	125	25,453	Running
8	17	38	Jason Leffler	Great Clips Toyota	125	25,288	Running
9	12	47	Kelly Bires	Clorox Ford	125	25,093	Running
10	14	2	Clint Bowyer	Camping World Chevrolet	125	19,850	Running
11	22	88	Brad Keselowski	U.S. Navy Chevrolet	125	24,693	Running
12	21	59	Marcos Ambrose	Kingsford with Hickory Ford	125	24,893	Running
13	19	40	Dario Franchitti	Fastenal Dodge	125	25,693	Running
14	16	22	Josh Wise	Supercuts Toyota	125	24,168	Running
15	23	7	Mike Wallace	Geico Toyota	125	24,793	Running
16	4	64	David Stremme	Penske Truck Rental Chevrolet	125	24,268	Running
17	26	11	Jason Keller	America's Incredible Pizza Chevrolet	125	26,168	Running
18	24	25	Bobby Hamilton, Jr.	Eckrich Ford	125	23,818	Running
19	2	33	Cale Gale	Camping World Chevrolet	124	24,468	Running
20	9	27	David Gilliland	Ford Drive One Ford	124	18,250	Running
21	25	30	Stanton Barrett	Interush.net Chevrolet	124	23,643	Running
22	13	29	Scott Wimmer	Holiday Inn Chevrolet	124	23,593	Running
23	18	70	Mark Green	ForeTravel/BIOMET Chevrolet	124	17,475	Running
24	34	92	Brian Keselowski	Keselowski Racing Dodge	124	17,025	Running
25	39	4	Derrike Cope	JVC Chevrolet	122	23,618	Running
26	43	89	Morgan Shepherd	Victory In Jesus Dodge	122	23,368	Running
27	41	24	Eric McClure	Hefty Chevrolet	122	23,318	Running
28	42	01	Danny Efland	sponsordavis.com Chevrolet	121	23,268	Running
29	33	81	D.J. Kennington	Mahindra Tractor Dodge	121	23,218	Running
30	37	28	Kenny Wallace	U.S. Border Patrol Chevrolet	121	23,418	Running
31	40	52	Donnie Neuenberger	Quaker City Castings Chevrolet	120	23,113	Running
32	36	61	Brandon Whitt	Un-sponsored Ford	117	23,053	Running
33	15	9	Patrick Carpentier	Hellmann's Dodge	98	23,018	Engine
34	5	99	David Reutimann	Aaron's Dream Machine Toyota	98	16,780	Running
35	38	23	Robert Richardson, Jr.	R3 Motorsports Chevrolet	57	16,515	Accident
36	11	6	David Ragan	Discount Tire Ford	51	16,495	Accident
37	32	05	Burney Lamar	31-W Insulation/CertainTeed Ford	40	16,475	Electrical
38	27	66	Steve Wallace	Jimmy John's Sandwiches Chevrolet	40	22,903	Running
39	29	90	Johnny Chapman	MSRP Motorsports Chevrolet	19	16,380	Transmission
40	31	91	Justin Hobgood	MSRP Motorsports Chevrolet	15	16,355	Electrical
41	28	73	Kevin Lepage	Un-sponsored Dodge	14	16,335	Brakes
42	35	98	Johnny Sauter	Un-sponsored Chevrolet	11	16,290	Ignition
43	30	31	Kenny Hendrick	Interush.net Chevrolet	1	16,247	Ignition

RACE STATISTICS

Race time: 1 hour, 49 minutes, 50 seconds
Average speed: 136.571 miles per hour
Victory margin: Under caution
Caution flags: Six for 21 laps
Lead changes: 10 among four drivers

Lap leaders: Carl Edwards 1-32; Brian Vickers 33-41; Edwards 42; Tony Stewart 43-44; Mike Bliss 45; Vickers 46-53; Edwards 54-57; Stewart 58; Edwards 59; Stewart 60-92; Edwards 93-125.

TALK OF TIME TRIALS

Carl Edwards won the pole for Saturday's Carfax 250 NASCAR Nationwide Series event with Cale Gale starting on the outside of row one. It was Edwards's third pole in the Nationwide Series this season.

STANDINGS

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
		
Clint Bowyer	Carl Edwards	Brad Keselowski

Top 10

1. Clint Bowyer	3,582	6. David Ragan	3,202
2. Carl Edwards	3,469	7. Kyle Busch	3,003
3. Brad Keselowski	3,450	8. Mike Wallace	2,963
4. Mike Bliss	3,223	9. Jason Leffler	2,926
5. David Reutimann	3,219	10. Marcos Ambrose	2,903



PHIL CAVALI PHOTO

YELLOW FEVER: Carl Edwards in the Planters Ford waves to the crowd as he leads the NASCAR Nationwide Series field to the checkered and caution flags Saturday afternoon at Michigan Int'l Speedway.

Caution Flags Benefit Edwards

By Ron Lemasters, Sr.
NASN CORRESPONDENT

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Carl Edwards's victory in the Carfax 250 Saturday at Michigan Int'l Speedway gave car owner Jack Roush his first NASCAR Nationwide Series victory at his home track since 1998, and it stirred the controversy pot in another direction.

Edwards, in the Planters Ford, and Brian Vickers, driving the ABF Toyota, led the field to a yellow-flag finish after pushing out to a six-second lead over the final 20 laps. Tony Stewart, in his last Nationwide event for Joe Gibbs Racing, was third.

Edwards trailed Stewart by nearly eight seconds with 33 laps to go, but a caution period closed ranks in the field. The leaders pitted for fuel and tires and Edwards was able to take the lead out of the pits.

Behind him, Vickers won a battle for second with Stewart.

Edwards credited crew chief Drew Blickensderfer with a late change that

gave him the speed to hold off Vickers and Stewart.

"My pit crew just did a great job there at the end," he said. "The change that Drew made was great. It made the car fast for the final run. I don't know if Tony (Stewart) had trouble on pit road or what, but it sure was easier to pass him there than on the race track. We came out first and my guys did a great job."

The victory by Edwards and a 10th-place finish by point-leader Clint Bowyer cut the lead to 113 points. Brad Keselowski, who entered the race second in points, finished 11th and fell to third, 19 behind Edwards. Bowyer and David Reutimann made contact on the race track, forcing both to the pit for repairs.

"We didn't race very smart today," Bowyer said. "I don't know what happened, but it was too bad a deal; it tore up both cars."

Vickers and Stewart spoke out against the smaller carburetor spacer for the Toyota, which NASCAR mandated in late July.

"I felt like I had to rely on cars in

front of me to get a run on anyone," Stewart said. "After the tires fell off a little, handling was more important."

Vickers didn't hide his feelings about the new spacer for the Toyotas.

"Tony and I had the best cars and (Edwards) was a little better on the straightaways," he said. "But Ford won the race. If that's what (NASCAR) wanted, they got it."

"Running on the bottom, (Edwards) seemed like he had quite a bit more motor; obviously, with the new Toyota restrictor plate that NASCAR gave us. It definitely hurt us in the short run."

Roush bristled slightly at the Toyota comments.

"Well, it kept them from having a giant advantage the whole day like they've had for the first half of the year," he said. "For me, I like the change that (NASCAR) made. I think it leveled the playing field. We've worked with a little bit of a deficit in the engine department and I'm just happy with the change NASCAR made. I think the racing you saw today and the parity out there was a result of that."

Gibbs Racing Tampers With Dyno Testing

By Ron Lemasters, Sr.
NASN CORRESPONDENT

BROOKLYN, Mich. — It wasn't an on-track incident. It didn't involve the Sprint Cup Series — at least not yet — but there will be penalties handed down by NASCAR.

And there will be repercussions.

The two Joe Gibbs Racing entries in the Nationwide Series were discovered in a post-race chassis dynamometer test at Michigan Int'l Speedway Saturday to have jury-rigged throttle stops.

NASCAR Vice President of Competition Robin Pemberton said penalties would be handed down on Tuesday (Aug. 19).

"It was meant to manipulate the numbers on the dyno," he said.

At the heart of the matter was the NASCAR-mandated smaller tapered spacer for the Toyota engines in the series, a measure intended to equalize engine horsepower.

The two Gibbs entries, Nos. 18 and 20, were discovered to have small magnets of about a quarter-inch thickness attached to the firewall to restrict throttle travel.

There was no indication that the magnets were in place during the race and were not present in post-race inspection.

"It was a really poor, foolish decision by our guys at Joe Gibbs Racing," team President J. D. Gibbs said Sunday.

"A couple of guys chose to make a foolish decision there that impacts all of us ... because it made it look like we

were more handicapped than we actually were. I think a few of our guys on the Nationwide teams wanted to make a point.

"We will handle it in-house, and there will be punishment. You can't do that and put everyone else at risk."

Gibbs declined to identify the suspected persons, and he declined to characterize the action a slap in NASCAR's face.

"I think the guys were just frustrated and wanted to make a point, like, 'Hey, we did it (the new spacer) and we're even further off than you thought. I'm not sure exactly what would go through their minds because our guys kind of take pride in winning those engine dyno tests.'"

Williams Wins His 4th

NORTH WOODSTOCK, N.H. — Late-model stock-car racer Eric Williams earned the fourth American-Canadian Tour victory of his career after a controversial incident late in the going at White Mountain Motorsports Park Saturday night.

Williams was the benefactor of a tangle between race and championship point leaders Scott Payea and Patrick Laperle with three laps

remaining, and slipped by for the win.

Payea led the majority of the race, but raced hard with Laperle during the middle stages, with the pair trading the lead multiple times. Contact with three laps remaining sent Payea spinning, bringing out the fourth and final caution flag of the event.

For his involvement in the incident, Laperle was sent to the rear of the field with Payea for the restart. Payea finished 13th with Laperle

14th, the last two cars on the lead lap.

Williams drove away from Brent Dragon for the win. Dragon and Jean-Paul Cyr finished second and third, respectively.

Joey Polewarczyk, Jr. and Brad Leighton completed the top five.

The finish:

Eric Williams, Brent Dragon, Jean-Paul Cyr, Joey Polewarczyk, Jr., Brad Leighton, Glen Luce, Nick Sweet, John Donahue, Dan Colby, Randy Potter, Stacy Cahoon, Quinny Welch, Scott Payea, Patrick Laperle, Donald Theetge, Scott Dragon, Joey Becker, Tyler Cahoon, Jamie Fisher, Trampas Demers, Bobby Dragon, Oren Remick, Rick Thompson, Jr., Eric Chase, Cody Bodwell, Bernie Lantagne, Ricky Wolf, Jr., Pete Potvin III, Steve Fisher, Jonathan Ulin.

Allard Comes From Back For Victory

VALLEE-JUNCTION, Quebec — Late-model stock-car driver Karl Allard won an exciting Serie ACT Castrol event Saturday night at Autodrome Chaudiere.

Allard started eighth and was working the outside of leader Jacques Poulin at the front of

the pack on lap 102 before spinning out. Allard then restarted at the rear of the field and made his way to the front, taking the lead from Alexandre Gingras with seven laps remaining.

Allard's victory was the third of his Serie ACT Castrol career and his first since July 2006.

Gingras posted his best result

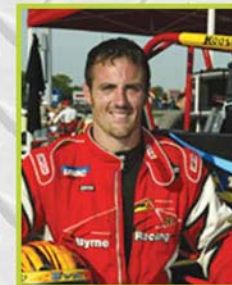
of the season in second place, just ahead of Martin Lacombe. Rookies Patrick Hamel and Spencer MacPherson completed the top five.

The finish:

Karl Allard, Alexandre Gingras, Martin Lacombe, Patrick Hamel, Spencer MacPherson, Mario Gosselin, Marc-Andre Cliche, Yvon Bedard, Daniel Descoste, Claude Leclerc, Dany Ouellet, Remi Lebreux, Stephane Lecours, Jonathan Desbiens, Stephane Durand, Eric St-Gelais, Renaud Blais, Kevin Roberge, Stephane Descoste, Jean-Francois Dery, Steven Boissonneault, Sylvain Lacombe, Jacques Poulin.

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Congratulations to David Byrne and the Bytec, Inc. Racing Team for his first ever victory at Grundy County Speedway August 9th. David's win in the UMARA National event was his third overall for the season.

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Brett Anderson | POWri | 8/6

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David Byrne | WOMS | 5/10

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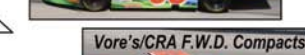


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RACE REWIND

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Races 40, 41 and 42: Aug. 12, Aug. 16 and Aug. 17

FINAL RESULTS

WINNER



Daryn Pittman

Aug. 12

Red River Valley Speedway, West Fargo, N.D.

Qualifications: 1. Jason Meyers, Stockbridge 14, 14.736; 2. Sam Hafertepe, Jr., Hafertepe 15h, 14.783; 3. Jac Haudenschild, Carnahan r19, 14.871; 4. Donny Schatz, Stewart 15, 14.903; 5. Terry McCarl, McCarl 24, 14.910; 6. Chad Kemenah, Hard Eight 8k, 14.910; 7. Daryn Pittman, Titan 21, 14.923; 8. Steve Kinser, Kinser 11, 14.952; 9. Craig Dollansky, Woodward 2, 15.024; 10. Lucas Wolfe, Allebach 5w, 15.080; 11. Shane Stewart, Roth 83, 15.087; 12. Joey Saldana, Kahne 9, 15.100; 13. Davey Heskin, Heskin 56, 15.109; 14. Kraig Kinser, Stewart 20, 15.127; 15. Jason Sides, Sides 7s, 15.135; 16. Chad Hillier, Hillier 5c, 15.181; 17. Kerry Madsen, Vermeer 55, 15.239; 18. Tony Bruce, Jr., Bruce 18, 15.250; 19. Mark Dobmeier, Dobmeier 13, 15.271; 20. Paul McMahan, Parsons 6, 15.450; 21. Wade Nygaard, Nygaard 9n, 15.601; 22. Leigh Thomas, Thomas 29, 15.755; 23. Casey Mack, Mack 8, 15.995; 24. Greg Nikitenko, Nikitenko 6n, no time.

First Heat (8 laps): Pittman, Meyers, Schatz, Hillier, Wolfe, Dobmeier, Heskin, Thomas.

Second Heat (10 laps): S. Kinser, Stewart, McCarl, K. Kinser, Hafertepe, McMahan, Madsen, Mack.

Third Heat (8 laps): Saldana, Dollansky, Kemenah, Sides, Bruce, Nygaard, Nikitenko.

Crane Cams Dash (6 laps): Pittman, Stewart, Saldana, Dollansky, Meyers, Haudenschild, S. Kinser, Hafertepe, Schatz, McCarl.

Feature (30 laps): 1. Pittman, \$10,000; 2. Saldana, \$5,500; 3. Haudenschild, \$3,200; 4. Dollansky, \$2,800; 5. Meyers, \$2,500; 6. Hafertepe, \$2,300; 7. S. Kinser, \$2,200; 8. Stewart, \$2,100; 9. Sides, \$2,050; 10. Schatz, \$2,000; 11. Dobmeier, \$1,500; 12. Hillier, \$1,200; 13. Nikitenko, \$1,100; 14. Heskin, \$1,050; 15. Mack, \$1,000; 16. Thomas, \$900; 17. Kemenah, \$800; 18. Bruce, \$800; 19. McCarl, \$800; 20. Nygaard, \$800; 21. K. Kinser, \$800; 22. McMahan, \$800; 23. Madsen, \$800; 24. Wolfe, \$800.

WINNER



Steve Kinser

Saturday

Aug. 16, Dacotah Speedway, Mandan, N.D.

Qualifications: 1. Craig Dollansky, Woodward 2, 14.723; 2. Donny Schatz, Stewart 15, 14.731; 3. Chad Kemenah, Hard Eight 8k, 14.738; 4. Steve Kinser, Kinser 11, 14.774; 5. Joey Saldana, Kahne 9, 14.781; 6. Jason Meyers, Stockbridge 14, 14.816; 7. Jac Haudenschild, Carnahan r19, 14.948; 8. Terry McCarl, McCarl 24, 14.970; 9. Daryn Pittman, Titan 21, 14.996; 10. Sam Hafertepe, Jr., Hafertepe 15h, 15.023; 11. Paul McMahan, Parsons 6, 15.116; 12. Shane Stewart, Roth 83, 15.119; 13. Kerry Madsen, Vermeer 55, 15.125; 14. Kraig Kinser, Stewart 20, 15.148; 15. Chad Hillier, Hillier 5c, 15.233; 16. Jason Sides, Sides 7s, 15.244; 17. Lucas Wolfe, Allebach 5w, 15.257; 18. Greg Nikitenko, Nikitenko 6n, 15.306; 19. Brent Kronfuss, Kronfuss 9k, 15.331; 20. Tony Bruce, Jr., Bruce 18, 15.461; 21. Clint Anderson, Anderson 9a, 15.491; 22. Casey Mack, Mack 8, 15.634; 23. Kevin Lawson, Lawson 20j, 16.045; 24. Kyle Fedyk, Fedyk 91k, 16.495; 25. Todd Mickelson, Mickelson 17, 16.537; 26. Brian Fuchs, Fuchs 88, 16.887; 27. Dusty Lawson, Lawson 20L, 16.902; 28. Brian McCaughan, McCaughan 2d, 26.724.

First Heat (10 laps): S. Kinser, Dollansky, Madsen, Haudenschild, Sides, Kronfuss, Hafertepe, Mack, Mickelson, McCaughan.

Second Heat (10 laps): Schatz, McMahan, McCarl, Bruce, Saldana, Wolfe, K. Kinser, K. Lawson, Fuchs.

Third Heat (10 laps): Pittman, Stewart, Meyers, Kemenah, Hillier, Anderson, Nikitenko, Fedyk, D. Lawson.

Crane Cams Dash (6 laps): S. Kinser, Dollansky, Schatz, Saldana, Haudenschild, Meyers, Pittman, Kemenah, McMahan, Stewart.

B Main (8 laps): 1. Hafertepe; 2. K. Kinser; 3. Nikitenko; 4. Mack; 5. Mickelson; 6. K. Lawson; 7. Fedyk, \$350; 8. Fuchs, \$330; 9. D. Lawson, \$325; 10. McCaughan, \$310.

Feature (35 laps): 1. S. Kinser, \$10,000; 2. Dollansky, \$5,500; 3. Meyers, \$3,200; 4. Schatz, \$2,800; 5. Haudenschild, \$2,500; 6. Pittman, \$2,300; 7. Kemenah, \$2,200; 8. Stewart, \$2,100; 9. Madsen, \$2,050; 10. McCarl, \$2,000; 11. K. Kinser, \$1,500; 12. McMahan, \$1,200; 13. Hafertepe, \$1,100; 14. Sides, \$1,050; 15. Hillier, \$1,000; 16. Saldana, \$900; 17. Bruce, \$800; 18. Nikitenko, \$800; 19. Kronfuss, \$800; 20. Mack, \$800; 21. Wolfe, \$800; 22. Anderson, \$800; 23. K. Lawson, \$800; 24. Mickelson, \$800.

WINNER



Jason Meyers

Sunday

Aug. 17, Nodak Speedway, Minot, N.D.

Qualifications: 1. Jac Haudenschild, Carnahan r19, 13.670; 2. Terry McCarl, McCarl 24, 13.691; 3. Donny Schatz, Stewart 15, 13.700; 4. Kerry Madsen, Vermeer 55, 13.729; 5. Chad Kemenah, Hard Eight 8k, 13.734; 6. Steve Kinser, Kinser 11, 13.746; 7. Craig Dollansky, Woodward 2, 13.794; 8. Jason Meyers, Stockbridge 14, 13.809; 9. Joey Saldana, Kahne 9, 13.837; 10. Kraig Kinser, Stewart 20, 13.845; 11. Daryn Pittman, Titan 21, 13.878; 12. Chad Hillier, Hillier 5c, 13.900; 13. Sam Hafertepe, Jr., Hafertepe 15h, 13.940; 14. Paul McMahan, Parsons 6, 13.943; 15. Shane Stewart, Roth 83, 13.983; 16. Jason Sides, Sides 7s, 13.995; 17. Lucas Wolfe, Allebach 5w, 14.153; 18. Tony Bruce, Jr., Bruce 18, 14.165; 19. Casey Mack, Mack 8, 14.659; 20. Lou Kennedy, Kennedy 21k, 14.698; 21. Greg Nikitenko, Nikitenko 6n, 14.775; 22. Brent Kronfuss, Kronfuss 9k, 14.855; 23. Brian McCaughan, McCaughan 2d, 15.397; 24. Kyle Fedyk, Fedyk 91k, 15.563; 25. Thomas Kennedy, Kennedy 20k, 15.581; 26. Todd Mickelson, Mickelson 17, 16.360; 27. Dusty Lawson, Lawson 20L, 16.580; 28. Stan Mayer, Mayer 44s, 16.876; 29. Kevin Lawson, Lawson 20j, no time.

First Heat (10 laps): K. Kinser, Dollansky, Sides, Haudenschild, Hafertepe, Kronfuss, Mack, T. Kennedy, Mayer, Madsen.

Second Heat (10 laps): Meyers, Pittman, Kemenah, McCarl, McMahan, Wolfe, L. Kennedy, Mickelson, McCaughan.

Third Heat (10 laps): Saldana, S. Kinser, Schatz, Hillier, Bruce, Stewart, Nikitenko, Fedyk, K. Lawson.

Crane Cams Dash (8 laps): Meyers, Saldana, K. Kinser, Haudenschild, Dollansky, Pittman, Schatz, S. Kinser, McCarl, Kemenah.

B Main (8 laps): 1. Madsen; 2. Nikitenko; 3. L. Kennedy; 4. Mack; 5. Fedyk; 6. T. Kennedy; 7. Mickelson, \$350; 8. Mayer, \$330; 9. McCaughan, \$325; 10. K. Lawson, \$310; 11. D. Lawson, \$300.

Feature (35 laps): 1. Meyers, \$10,000; 2. Dollansky, \$5,500; 3. K. Kinser, \$3,200; 4. Schatz, \$2,800; 5. Haudenschild, \$2,500; 6. Pittman, \$2,300; 7. Kemenah, \$2,200; 8. Stewart, \$2,100; 9. Madsen, \$2,050; 10. McCarl, \$2,000; 11. K. Kinser, \$1,500; 12. McMahan, \$1,200; 13. Hafertepe, \$1,100; 14. Sides, \$1,050; 15. Hillier, \$1,000; 16. Saldana, \$900; 17. Bruce, \$800; 18. Nikitenko, \$800; 19. Kronfuss, \$800; 20. Mack, \$800; 21. Wolfe, \$800; 22. Anderson, \$800; 23. K. Lawson, \$800; 24. Mickelson, \$800.



HEIN BROTHERS PHOTO

WINNING WAYS: Jason Meyers, shown here at Knoxville Raceway in Iowa, won Sunday's World of Outlaws event at Nodak Speedway in North Dakota.

Seventh Heaven For Jason Meyers

MINOT, N.D. — Since July 9, Jason Meyers had racked up 14-consecutive top-five finishes, but had gone without a victory.

Meyers returned to victory lane for the seventh time this season in Sunday night's Advance Auto Parts World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series event at Nodak Speedway.

For Meyers, the \$10,000 victory in the finale of the Gerdau Ameristeel Northern Tour was the 25th of his WoO career and places him in a tie with Bobby Allen for 16th on the all-time win list.

"That's been a hard one to get," said Meyers. "It seemed like we had it in the bag three or four times and it slipped out. It feels good to finally get that one. These guys have been working very hard. We have had a lot of seconds and thirds here lately. They say the wins will come, and Charlie Garrett (engine builder) keeps telling me every weekend that if we run up front, the wins will come. It finally came here tonight. We are looking forward to this run out west and hopefully we can get a few more out there on our home tracks."

Meyers lined up on the pole, but Joey Saldana took the early lead. By the ninth lap, Meyers was just a couple of car lengths behind Saldana and looked low off turn four in a bid for the lead.

On the next lap, he looked high off turns one and two, before the contact between Thomas Kennedy and Saldana led to the latter suffering a flat left-rear tire, taking him out of contention while leading. Meyers inherited the lead with Jac Haudenschild second.

"I think the key on a restart is to get

off of turn four good and not leave them an opportunity in turn one," Meyers noted. "I know one time he poked underneath me in (turn) one. If you don't stumble off turn four, you can get comfortable and get rolling."

As Meyers began to pull away, Daryn Pittman challenged Haudenschild for second, while the battle for fourth consisted of Kraig Kinser, Craig Dollansky, Steve Kinser, Donny Schatz and Kerry Madsen.

The second caution of the night waved on the 14th lap for Pittman, who had a mechanical problem. The restart saw Dollansky get around Kraig Kinser for third.

The final caution of the night flew with just six laps remaining, giving Meyers some time to cool off his tires and operate in some open race track, though he had to negotiate lapped traffic over the course of the final three laps.

"It was definitely a concern," he shared when asked about his right-rear tire. "I got really tight in the rubber and knew I was using that tire up, but I had to. I could hear the car behind me working really hard, so I had to run it as hard as I could. Then when you get done and you have burned all the rubber off (the tire), you are worried about weight over the scales. The guys did a heck of a job tonight and hopefully we can keep this ball rolling."

Dollansky picked up his second-consecutive runner-up finish after Haudenschild was disqualified because his car was too light.

Kraig Kinser earned his best finish of the season in third with point-leader Donny Schatz and Madsen rounding out the top five.

STANDINGS

FIRST



Donny Schatz

Top 10

1. Donny Schatz	6,052
2. Jason Meyers	5,937
3. Craig Dollansky	5,822
4. Joey Saldana	5,685
5. Steve Kinser	5,662
6. Jac Haudenschild	5,517
7. Kerry Madsen	5,370
8. Chad Kemenah	5,367
9. Daryn Pittman	5,255
10. Terry McCarl	5,199

UP NEXT

Aug. 22-23, Castrol Raceway, Edmonton, Alberta

Aug. 29-30, Skagit Speedway, Alger, Wash.

Sept. 1, Grays Harbor Raceway, Elma, Wash.

Sept. 2, Cottage Grove Speedway, Cottage Grove, Ore.

Sept. 4-6, Silver Dollar Speedway, Chico, Calif.

Sept. 10, Clay County Fairgrounds, Spencer, Iowa

Daryn Rides Red River

WEST FARGO, N.D. — Daryn Pittman led all 30 laps to earn his fourth Advance Auto Parts World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series triumph of the season Aug. 12 at Red River Valley Speedway.

The \$10,000 victory for Pittman was the 29th of his career with the Advance Auto Parts World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series.

"It was a great team effort," Pittman said. "Anytime in the last two months that we have qualified for the dash, I feel like we have been tough to beat. That's what we did tonight. Our biggest problem is still qualifying and we are inconsistent there. If we can get in the inversion, then we have been awfully good. Maxim built me a few new cars before we won the Kings Royal and they are awesome.

"These cars have been fast and Don Ott is building us great engines and they are running well. I have a great crew behind me. I'm not doing anything different, so obviously the crew has stepped up their game and it makes me look better."

Pittman started on the pole in the Titan Garages Maxim. He won a drag race with Shane

Stewart on the start, though a red flag followed for an accident involving Paul McMahan, Kraig Kinser, Kerry Madsen and Lucas Wolfe, who was in his first race back after suffering a back injury in June, before a lap was complete.

Pittman controlled the restart, with Joey Saldana working his way past Stewart for the runner-up spot.

Pittman quickly opened a sizeable lead, and just eight laps into the race, was already in lapped traffic on the blazing fast half-mile. That lead evaporated on the 10th lap when the caution flag flew. On the ensuing restart, Saldana kept pace with Pittman for a couple of laps before the latter began to pull away again.

The red flag flew again on the 15th lap as Tony Bruce, Jr. had a vicious wreck in which his car went up and over the turn-two wall. The second-year driver was transported to a local hospital for precautionary measures.

Pittman held off Saldana the remainder of the distance. Jac Haudenschild was third, with Craig Dollansky and Jason Meyers rounding out the top five.

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HEIN BROTHERS PHOTO

EARLIER THIS YEAR: Steve Kinser (11), who won Saturday at Dacotah Speedway in North Dakota, battles Donny Schatz at Knoxville (Iowa) Raceway earlier this month.

It's The King At New Dacotah Speedway

MANDAN, N.D. — Steve Kinser led all 30 laps to win the inaugural Advance Auto Parts World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series event at Dacotah Speedway Saturday night.

The 20-time series champion started on the pole and picked up his sixth win of the season and the 549th of his career. The \$10,000 victory was the third race of the Gerda Ameristeel Northern Tour, which encompasses the four races in the state of North Dakota this season for the World of Outlaws.

"Everything went pretty smooth tonight," said Kinser. "We have been running pretty good the last two months and we are really consistent and in the top five most nights."

The largest crowd in the history of Dacotah Speedway was on hand for the World of Outlaws debut at the three-eighths-mile oval. Fans began to arrive early in the afternoon, and the grandstands were full well before the cars took to the track for hot laps.

"It's a great facility and a good race track," said Kinser. "Next time, they'll know how to work on it a little more and till it up and give us an even better race track."

Kinser charged to a quick six-car-length lead aboard the Q Oil Maxim and extended that each of the first four laps before he got into lapped traffic. He then sliced his way through the slower machines, with Craig Dollansky keeping pace and gaining some ground in the process.

Kinser had a little trouble getting around a couple of lapped cars on the

10th lap, giving Dollansky an opportunity to close right up on him. Once he cleared traffic, Kinser was able to pull away again when the only caution of the night flew on the 12th lap for Joey Saldana who was running third and had a right-rear tire explode.

While tires were a concern earlier in the night, Kinser was not too worried about the Hoosiers he had bolted on for the 30-lap feature.

"The track laid a little bit of rubber in the heats, but they got it back to where you could race on it and had a pretty good race track," he said. "Once we got to about halfway, we knew everyone would make it (on tires). We did work it pretty hard the last five or six laps."

Kinser continued to lead as the laps wound down and with five laps to go, he again found himself in heavy lapped traffic, which allowed Dollansky to make up some ground on him. Even on the last lap, Kinser was negotiating traffic as he crossed the finish line about a second ahead of Dollansky.

"I would have liked to have been one spot better, but on the start my motor stumbled a little and we fell in line behind Steve (Kinser)," said Dollansky. "I thought we had a shot at him a few times in lapped traffic, but he was operating pretty good. The track rubbered up there as the race went on and it was pretty tough to pass from there on out."

Jason Meyers finished third with point-leader Donny Schatz fourth and Jac Haudenschild fifth.

Rain Stops Outlaws In Wyoming

GILLETTE, Wyo. — The Advance Auto Parts World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series debut at Gillette Thunder Speedway Thursday night was interrupted by rain on the first lap of the scheduled 35-lap event.

The night began with Daryn Pittman setting a new track record in time trials, circling the third-

mile in 11.524 seconds. Kraig Kinser, Paul McMahan and Steve Kinser all won heat races, while McMahan was victorious in the Crane Cams Dash.

World of Outlaws officials along with Gillette Speedway officials are currently discussing options to complete the program.

Tomkins Two, Decker One

Friday

BREWERTON, N.Y. — For the eighth time this season, Billy Decker came away with victory in the Advance Auto Parts Super

DIRT MODS

Friday night at Brewerton Speed-

way, extending his lead in the standings.

Decker first swapped the point early on with Alan Johnson, then diced with Dale Planck the second half of the race before regaining the lead for good when Planck suffered a flat tire with just five laps to go.

"Things are going good," said Decker, 43, after beating Planck to the stripe for the third-consecutive Advance Series race. Gary Tomkins finished third in his best showing of the season followed by top-five tour travelers Matt Sheppard and Jimmy Phelps. "But I don't think we really had a whole lot for the 77x, (Planck) was on fire tonight."

"We've got a fair amount of experience here at Brewerton, we were just trying to be patient, be patient and not seal a tire. (Dale) went on by me and I wanted to go up there and try that groove for a little while. I think he sealed them (tires) just a little bit because we could stay even with him then. I saw a few sparks off the right rear and he got a little tight to the wall down here (turn four), must've flattened his tire," Decker explained.

With a right-rear tire suddenly losing air with just a handful of laps to go, Planck gave up a lead he had worked so hard to hold and limped home under the checkered flag, settling for runner-up honors.

"I took what notes I had from last year and the car was just as good this year, just came up a couple laps short there," remarked Planck. "I could feel the tire going down and thought 'man, please last about five more laps.' I honestly thought that there was one more lap to go when the

checkers were out, so I looked up on the board and saw second, I'm a happy guy."

The finish:

Billy Decker, Dale Planck, Gary Tomkins, Matt Sheppard, Jimmy Phelps, Alan Johnson, Ryan Phelps, Justin Haers, Willy Decker, Brett Hearn, Billy Dunn, Kevin Bates, Frankie Capara, Stewart Friesen, Jim Witko, Jr., Steve Hulsizer, Pat O'Brien, Larry Wight, Mike Bowman, Chad Phelps, Kyle Lewis, Chuck Bower, Chad Homan, Shawn Donath, Steve Planck, Danny Johnson, Tom Sears, Jr., Roy Bresnahan, Steve Paine, Johnny Hill.

Saturday

LAFARGEVILLE, N.Y. — Just two days earlier, Gary Tomkins was in desperate need of a spark to ignite his team, which had suffered through a summer of misfortune and missed chances.

After posting a third-place best finish on Friday, Tomkins finally lit the fire Saturday at Can-Am Motorsports Park and went on to find victory lane for the first time this season in the Advance Auto Parts Super DIRTcar Series.

"Finally...it takes a few things to do this and we got them all together on the same night," said Tomkins, 42, following his 16th career Advance Series triumph. "First off, we've got an awesome, awesome race car, that's for sure."

"The guys at Bicknell have changed some things and are trying out others. I think they work now. Obviously, my crew led by Mike Payne has had a big part in this. He's been working nights, not sleeping at all, trying to get this thing ready."

Jimmy Phelps made a late-race charge to finish second ahead of Advance Series point-leader Billy Decker, Dale Planck and Steve Paine, who started last in the 31-car field aboard the borrowed JB Motor Sports/Bicknell ride of Jeff Brownell.

Phelps made a final surge for the top spot, nosing ahead of Decker for second on lap 97 before Tomkins out-distanced him by six car lengths to collect the \$6,000 top prize.

"The car could work pretty much anywhere," noted Tomkins. "One

thing I was afraid of was when you get the lead early, sometimes the track will change, and this track does change quite a lot, and you don't know if those guys are catching you."

The finish:

Gary Tomkins, Jimmy Phelps, Billy Decker, Dale Planck, Steve Paine, Stewart Friesen, Matt Sheppard, Danny Johnson, Pat O'Brien, Scott Webb, Justin Haers, Steve Hulsizer, Brett Hearn, Lance Willix II, Billy Dunn, Jason Potter, Jeff Brownell, Jr., Rob Bellinger, Shawn Donath, Tony Steiner, Adam Roberts, Chris Higgins, Pete Taylor, Scott Parliament, Ryan Phelps, Alan Johnson, Frankie Capara, Larry Wight, Ryan Bartlett, Tyler Bartlett, Mark Smoke.

Sunday

CORNWALL, Ontario — For the second-straight night Gary Tomkins hit on all cylinders and the end result was a command performance at Cornwall Motor Speedway Sunday night, giving him his second victory of the season in the Advance Auto Parts Super DIRTcar Series show.

Tomkins' 16th career tour triumph was worth \$6,000 and moved him into fifth on the Advance Series points chart through 18 events.

"It wasn't from lack of trying before. We were trying everything we could, just weren't getting results," noted Tomkins. "This was definitely worth the wait as it certainly ends a lot of frustration."

"We picked up this car a little while ago. We had a small-block (motor) in it and it was just sitting there. The guys at Bicknell said we want you to stick a big-block in it. We were so reluctant at the time, but man, what a rocket," gushed Tomkins, as he celebrated on the podium with crew chief Mike Payne.

Billy Decker extended his point lead with a solid runner-up finish, followed by the previous night's second-place man Jimmy Phelps, Carey Terrance and Dale Planck.

The finish:

Gary Tomkins, Billy Decker, Jimmy Phelps, Carey Terrance, Dale Planck, Kyle Dingwall, Matt Sheppard, Ryan Phelps, Frankie Capara, Justin Haers, Brett Hearn, Yan Bussiere, Joel Doiron, David Hebert, Mitchell Jock, Delbert LeGrow, Roy Tarbell, Larry Wight, Martin Roy, Perry Francis, Alex Fortier, Pat O'Brien, Billy Dunn, Mario Clair, Steve Paine, Ron Valade, Danny Johnson, Gage Morin, Mark Hitchcock, Pierre Dagenais, Stephane LaFrance.

Poirier Takes Two In Canadian Swing

Friday

CANTLEY, Quebec — Missing a lug nut and driving with a bent bird cage, Lee Ladouceur

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picked up his first-career Empire Super Sprints victory

in Friday night's 25-lap feature at Autodrome Edelweiss.

Ladouceur, 30, earned the \$2,150 victory, which was part of the ESS Canadian Invasion Series, after jumping to the lead from his second-starting spot and holding off Tommy Wickham for all 25 laps.

Justin Barger was third, ahead of Steve Poirier and Jessica Zemken.

Ladouceur was the fast qualifier.

The finish:

Lee Ladouceur, Tommy Wickham, Justin Barger, Steve Poirier, Jessica Zemken, Lance Yonge, Brian McDonald, Anthony Cain, Michael Parent, Normand Beaudreault, Jeff Cook, Chris Jones, Tim Kelly, Bubby Kerrick, Alain Bergeron, Justin Harris, Daniel Lampron, Chuck Hebing, Doug Emery, David Renaud.

Saturday

BROCKVILLE, Ontario — Steve Poirier outdistanced protégé Michael Parent to take the 25-lap feature Saturday at Brockville Ontario Speedway for his fifth Lucas Oil Empire Super Sprints victory of the season.

The win padded Poirier's point lead in both the ESS overall standings and the Canadian Invasion Series.

Poirier drove by Parent on the top of turns one and two to take the lead on lap 24 as both were locked in a three-way struggle for the point with Rick Wilson.

Parent settled for second with Wilson in third. Justin Barger and Jeff Cook rounded out the top five.

The finish:

Steve Poirier, Michael Parent, Rick Wilson, Justin Barger, Jeff Cook, Jared Zimbardi, Lance Yonge, Kevin Job, Anthony Cain, Alain Bergeron, Brian McDonald, Tommy Wickham, Tim Kelly, Chuck Hebing, Doug Emery, Bubby Kerrick, Normand Beaudreault, Chris Jones, Lee Ladouceur, Justin Harris, April Wilson.

Sunday

CORNWALL, Ontario — A broken rocker arm in his top car's engine forced Steve Poirier to unload a new Eagle chassis Sunday, which he promptly drove to victory in the Lucas Oil Empire Super Sprints 25-lap feature at Cornwall Motor Speedway.

Despite the new Eagle never having turned a competitive lap prior to Sunday, Poirier raced to his sixth ESS victory of the season and second in as many nights, passing Justin Barger on lap 16 for the eventual win.

Barger was second and finished fourth or better in all three ESS events over the weekend. Jeff Cook was third ahead of Tim Kelly and Tommy Wickham in the top five.

The finish:

Steve Poirier, Justin Barger, Jeff Cook, Tim Kelly, Tommy Wickham, Lance Yonge, Jared Zimbardi, Lee Ladouceur, Brian McDonald, Alain Bergeron, Michael Parent, Kayle Robidoux, Bubby Kerrick, Justin Harris, Anthony Cain, Normand Beaudreault, Howard Singer, Chuck Hebing.

Lally Repeats In Grand Sport, Burrows Anchors ST Triumph

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TROIS-RIVIERES, Quebec — Andy Lally won his second-straight Grand Am K O N I Challenge Series Grand Sport race Sunday, and in the process gave co-driver Marc-Antoine

Camirand a record-tying eighth circuit victory in the 39th annual Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières. The duo averaged a race record 71.910 mph. Lally and Camirand combined to lead 74 of the 80 laps, including the final 49, in the No. 79 BMW M3, with Lally winning by .372 second over

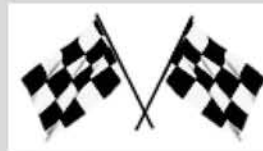
James Gue. Lally came under fire from Gue late in the race when Scott Schroeder stopped on the track. But Lally held his line and didn't allow the JBS Motorsports driver, who ran second for much of the event, past and held off a three-car train behind him. It was the eighth victory for

Camirand on the Trois-Rivieres streets, tying Jacques Bienvenue for the most victories ever. Bienvenue set the mark in 1985. For Gue and Bret Seafuse, it was the team's second podium finish in three races and third this season in the No. 37 Ford Mustang GT. Billy Johnson and co-driver

Ray Mason were third in the No. 52 Ford Mustang GT. Mark Stanton and Jon Miller finished fourth, with Jack Roush, Jr. and Dean Martin rounding out the top five. **ST**
TROIS-RIVIERES, Quebec — Adam Burrows and Trevor

Hopwood traded roles in their driving efforts Saturday in Le Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières, and those endeavors paid off in their second Grand Am K O N I Challenge Series Street Tuner victory of the season. Burrows, normally the starting driver between the two, led the final 34 laps of the 75-lap event, taking the point in the No. 76 Compass360 Racing Skunk2/K&N Acura TSX after pit stops cycled through. He held off a determined Pierre Kleinubing over the final handful of laps to score their second victory in three races. The final margin of victory stood at 2.755 seconds. Kleinubing dogged Burrows for several laps, trying to get by in the last of the 1.521-mile track's 11 turns, but he fell back in the waning laps as Burrows set the race's fastest lap coming to the white flag. Kleinubing and co-driver Toby Grahovec finished a career-best second in the No. 86 BMW Z4. Polesitter Andy Lally and co-driver Jamie Holtom finished third in the No. 01 Georgian Bay Motorsports Chevrolet Cobalt. Steven Ott and Tony Rivera, who drove two cars, finished fourth in the No. 51 Mazda RX-8, putting four different manufacturers in the top four. Defending race winners Kuno and Nick Wittmer were the highest-finishing Quebec natives, finishing fifth in the No. 32 Acura TSX.

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TROIS-RIVIERES, Quebec — Eric Foss scored his second SCCA Pro Racing Playboy Mazda MX-5 Cup victory of the season in round five of the series Saturday at the Grand

Prix de Trois-Rivières. Todd Buras and Ara Malkhassian completed the podium.

Starting from the pole, Foss held off the rest of the field at the green flag and pulled away from the field. Buras started third, but quickly moved to second, challenging Foss during the final laps of the 32-lap 48.672-mile event.

Despite a rear view mirror full of Buras, Foss never wavered. He closed the door on Buras' last-lap attempt for the lead and took his second win of the season by .373 second.

The finish:
Eric Foss, Todd Buras, Ara Malkhassian, Christian Franck, Ryan Schimsk, Jim Jordan, Deborah Loth, Randy Hale III, Elvan Goulart, Christopher Rhoades, Shannon McMaster, Robert Michaelian, James Rhoades, Laura Olson, Robert Huffmaster, Brad Rampelberg, Harrison Williams, Bill Sweedler, Tim Probert.

Bomarito Makes Statement

Trois-Rivières Victory Extends American's Championship Lead

TROIS-RIVIERES, Quebec — Jonathan Bomarito took a big step forward in his quest to be champion of the Cooper Tires presents The Atlantic Championship powered by Mazda with a dominant victory in Sunday's Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières.

After starting from the pole in his No. 26 Mathiasen Motorsports entry, Bomarito got away clean on the race's standing start and was never seriously challenged, leading every lap of the 44-lap race to score his third victory of the season and the fifth of his

Atlantic career.

He won by 1.590 seconds over American rookie Jonathan Summerton, who he now leads by 28 points in the standings with three races remaining.

Although Sunday's race was the first for the Atlantic series on the legendary 1.521-mile street circuit in Quebec since 2003, Bomarito became the 10th-consecutive

polesitter to win in Atlantic competition at Trois-Rivières.

"First of all, I can't tell you how thankful I am and happy to keep that streak alive, that's for sure," said Bomarito. "It was an amazing weekend. It was perfect for us, both qualifying sessions and the race."

While Summerton finished second, Junior Strous, Simona De Silvestro and Dane Cameron rounded out the top five.

The finish:

Jonathan Bomarito, Jonathan Summerton, Junior Strous, Simona De Silvestro, Dane Cameron, Daniel Morad, David Martinez, Tom Sutherland, Greg Mansell, Henri Karjalainen, Douglas Soares, Frankie Muniz, Leo Mansell, Dominick Muermans, Eric Jensen, Luis Schiavo, Markus Niemela, Carl Skerlong, Kevin Lacroix, James Hinchcliffe.



Jonathan Bomarito

Atlantics Name 35-Year All-Star Team

TROIS-RIVIERES, Quebec — In honor of the 35th-anniversary season of the Cooper Tires presents The Atlantic Championship powered by Mazda, the series released its 35th Anniversary Atlantic All-Star Team.

The All-Star team was announced during this past weekend's Grand Prix de

Trois-Rivières and included Quebec natives and former World Driving Champion Jacques Villeneuve and his father, the late Gilles Villeneuve, who was also a Grand Prix winner in Formula One and a three-time Atlantic titlist.

The 10-member team, which was chosen by a panel of auto-racing journalists and photographers earlier this year, also included seven-time winner

and 2003 Atlantics champion A.J. Allmendinger and Patrick Carpentier, both of whom are currently competing in NASCAR Sprint Cup.

In addition to those names, the list also included 13-time winner Claude Bourbonnais; two-time champion Bill Brack; 15-time winner Mark Dismore; two-time champions David Empringham and Jon Fogarty and eight-time winner Jimmy Vasser.

Indy Lights Sets '09 Sked

3 New Venues Highlight Series Slate For Next Year

INDIANAPOLIS — The Firestone Indy Lights will again offer one of the most diverse schedules in motorsports in 2009, with 15 races divided among seven ovals, four temporary street circuits and three permanent road courses.

The schedule includes three new venues and the series' first two races outside of the United States. All races will be held in conjunction with the IndyCar Series.

"Just like the IndyCar Series champion, the Firestone Indy Lights champion has to succeed on all types of racing circuits," said Roger Bailey, executive

director of the Firestone Indy Lights. "This schedule demands the ability of both drivers and teams to master a variety of venues and the challenges each one brings with the end result being a true champion and a driver that is fully prepared to be an IndyCar Series driver."

For the seventh-consecutive year, the Firestone Indy Lights season will begin competition in the state of Florida, but for the first time, a doubleheader weekend on the Streets of St. Petersburg, Fla., will open the campaign April 4-5.


The series will then make its debut on the Streets of Long Beach, Calif., April 18-19 before beginning a string of four-con-

secutive ovals which includes the series' premier event — the Firestone Freedom 100 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway May 22, two days before the 93rd running of the Indianapolis 500.

The summer stretch also features a Canadian swing with debut races on the Streets of Toronto July 11-12 and at Edmonton's City Centre Airport July 25-26.


For the first time, the season will conclude at Homestead-Miami Speedway, which will host the Firestone Indy Lights for the seventh-consecutive season Oct. 10-11.

For the full schedule, log onto www.indycar.com/indylights.



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5:00	Driver Meeting
6:00	Practice/Time Trials/Non-Qualifier
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Francis Outguns Lanigan At Screven

SYLVANIA, Ga. — Steve Francis knows he's running out of time to catch Darrell Lanigan in the World of Outlaws Late Model Series standings.

But judging by his triumphant performance in Saturday night's 50-lap event at Screven Motor Speedway, the defending WoO LMS champion isn't going down without a fight.

Francis, 40, continued his summer hot streak in the first WoO LMS visit to the three-eighths-mile oval, roaring forward from the sixth-starting spot to grab the lead for good with a lap-11 pass of Jeremy Faircloth.

It was Francis's third win in the last six tour events and his fourth overall victory of 2008.

The only down side to Francis's \$10,250 score? He gained little ground on Lanigan, who finished second and remained atop the points by a commanding 142-point margin over Francis.

Shane Clanton made a late-race charge to finish third, while Faircloth placed a head-turning fourth in his first-career WoO LMS start. Josh Richards completed the top five.

"I can't catch up four points at a

Rain Postpones Race Until Oct. 7

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — The completion of the first World of Outlaws Late Model Series event at Fayetteville Motor Speedway will wait until Oct. 7.

Rain struck the four-tenths-mile oval during the first of two B mains on Friday night, forcing track and series officials to postpone the remainder of the program until the fall.

The new date sets up a mid-week doubleheader in North Carolina for the WoO LMS, which is scheduled to contest the Armour Vienna Sausage Southern Showdown Oct. 8 at The Dirt Track @ Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord.

Thirty-eight cars were signed in for Friday night's action, with Shane Clanton the fast qualifier.

time," Francis said when asked about his pursuit of Lanigan, noting the slight points difference between a

first- and second-place finish. "Unless there's a hundred races left that I don't know about, it just isn't going to happen.

"The way Darrell's been running all year, it's just going to be real hard to make up anything on him."

Driving Dale Beitler's Cornett-powered Reliable Painting/Valvoline Rocket machine, Francis and company made all the right calls on a night that was threatened by rain.

"We had the car a little tight all night," said Francis. "That doesn't always work out, but we left it that way because we figured that once the track slowed down our car would get faster.

"That's really what happened."

The finish:

Steve Francis, Darrell Lanigan, Shane Clanton, Jeremy Faircloth, Josh Richards, Tim Fuller, Scott Shirey, Jeff Fortner, John Henderson, Shannon Babb, Rick Eckert, Chub Frank, Clint Smith, Vic Coffey, Corey Fletcher, Dillon Wood, William Thomas, Sean Beardsley, Jason Fitzgerald, Chesley Dixon, Joe Isabell, Shane Riner, Bo Smith, Ed Basey.



Steve Francis



CARLSON RACE PHOTOS PHOTO

RELIABLE: Steve Francis (19) races inside point-leader Darrell Lanigan en route to the front and his fourth World of Outlaws win in 2008.

ORANGE:

Orange County Holding Its Own Outside NYC

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among modified drivers, in the 1970s when the era of Frankie Schneider, Sonny Strupp, Carl Van Horn and the Florida invaders Will Cagle, Bob Malzahn and the Reutimann brothers gave way to the cohort of Richie Eurich, Jeff Hoetzler and most of all — Brett Hearn. Despite a few years away from his home track, Hearn owns nearly 200 victories and 15 championships in the big-block-modified division alone.

"When we talk about big block racing, the landscape has changed," Hearn observed in the OCFS pit area shortly before winning his 100th Super DIRT Series race on the last day of July. "The way things are made now, every car is equal and every part is available at any speed shop. So, the days of re-inventing your car and coming out with something revolutionary are over. The middle of the pack has caught up to the front in terms of equipment, not to mention the fact we're all on the same tire now."

Recent years have seen criticism of track conditions, which have produced multiple winners, but little passing. "Everybody has their own idea of what entertainment is. Some fans like to see many different winners, other fans like to see guys charge up from 16th or 18th in the field," Hearn observed.

For 2008, the surface has drawn positive reviews from drivers who feel passing has made a comeback in the weekly 30-lap features with their handicapped starting lineups.

"These guys had the track prepped



HARRY CELLA PHOTO

HOOKING IT: Modified drivers Jeff Hoetzler (66) and Joey Barbagallo fight for position at Orange County Fair Speedway in Middletown, N.Y.

real well the last few weeks," noted big-block driver Jerry Higbie at the July 31 Super DIRT Series show. "Saturday night, (Jeff) Hoetzler started 15th and won the main. I started 12th and won earlier in the year. Last week, I started 18th and got second."

Hoetzler agreed. "It's August and usually this place is a rock," he said. "They're maintaining it during the week and keeping moisture in it, so we've had a good race track." On the business side, the road hasn't always been a smooth one for OCFS. Nearly 40 years ago, a car-owners group known as Tri-State boycotted the track as well as its Nazareth (Pa.) and Flemington (N.J.) counterparts. The boycott failed and the stars returned, except for five-time champion Will Cagle, who moved upstate to begin another period of domination in that area.

Promotion under the direct control of the fairboard continued until 1982. "They were successful, but they were living off the glory days of the 1960s," stated racing columnist and longtime OCFS observer John Snyder. Glenn Donnelly's DIRT Motorsports secured the speedway lease in 1983 and things started to happen. A giant stage, since removed, was erected in the infield and concerts by major pop and country artists added to the bottom line.

Later in the 1980s, Cagle was installed as promoter. The stormy tenure of the "Tampa Terror" saw the small-block-modified division downgraded from its weekly status in a cost-cutting move, which, according to Snyder, didn't set well with the fan base.

"They were used to seeing two features every week — Brett and Danny (Johnson) racing each other twice for

one price," he explained. There were structural problems with the aged fairgrounds grandstands as well. Jay Castimore, the next general manager, oversaw the rebuilding of the "half-covered" grandstand along the frontstraight.

The sale of Glenn Donnelly's racing empire to Boundless Motorsports (now World Racing Group) resulted in the 2005 season at OCFS being run unsanctioned, but in 2006 the track was back in the DIRT Motorsports fold and today it is managed on behalf of World Racing Group by a steering committee, which has gained acceptance for its fan and racer friendliness.

The city of Middletown, which takes its name from its location midway between the Hudson and Delaware rivers, is only 72 miles from Manhattan, but it was culturally and economically in another time zone

from the Big Apple until the interstate highway system made commuting to the northern suburbs of New York City a practical matter. It was the relentless creep of suburbia displacing the indigenous farming culture that doomed OCFS's longtime rival for Saturday night dirt track modified dominance, the Flemington Fair Speedway in New Jersey, first to asphalt and then to extinction. Yet, dirt track racing at Middletown has endured.

In fact, OCFS is the last survivor of a ring of short tracks that surrounded New York as late as 1975. Islip and Freeport on Long Island, Pine Brook and now Wall Stadium in northern New Jersey and Danbury in Connecticut have fallen prey to development or the prospect of development. Only Middletown and Riverhead, on the eastern tip of Long Island, keep oval racing alive on the perimeter of the number-one market in the nation.

Shopping centers now line Route 211, the main access road to the fairgrounds, and distribution center warehouses dot the landscape. How has OCFS survived?

According to Brett Hearn it is simple — the fans. "A lot of times as generations go, racing is handed down like hunting or fishing in a family. Fans that are here today, even casual fans, will come up to me and say, 'My dad brought me to the races when I was 6 years old and I cheered for you.' Very rarely does a race fan come from a non-racing family."

Therein lies both a strength and a challenge. That loyal fan base, which has sustained Orange County Fair Speedway while others have faded away, will need to be replenished in the near future, just as the modified competitor base is being renewed by strong sportsman and street-stock divisions.

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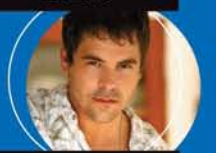
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Sprint Cup

1. Kyle Busch	3,429
2. Carl Edwards	3,207
3. Jimmie Johnson	3,127
4. Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	3,084
5. Jeff Burton	3,080
6. Tony Stewart	2,871
7. Greg Biffle	2,854
8. Kevin Harvick	2,812
9. Jeff Gordon	2,791
10. Matt Kenseth	2,783
11. Kasey Kahne	2,756
12. Denny Hamlin	2,735
13. Clint Bowyer	2,709
14. David Ragan	2,709
15. Brian Vickers	2,569
16. Martin Truex, Jr.	2,534
17. Ryan Newman	2,524
18. Jamie McMurray	2,365
19. Kurt Busch	2,324
20. Elliott Sadler	2,297

Nationwide

1. Clint Bowyer	3,582
2. Carl Edwards	3,469
3. Brad Keselowski	3,450
4. Mike Bliss	3,223
5. David Reutimann	3,219
6. David Ragan	3,202
7. Kyle Busch	3,003
8. Mike Wallace	2,963
9. Jason Leffler	2,926
10. Marcos Ambrose	2,903

Craftsman Truck

1. Johnny Benson	2,261
2. Ron Hornaday, Jr.	2,216
3. Matt Crafton	2,170
4. Todd Bodine	2,042
5. Mike Skinner	2,026
6. Erik Darnell	2,021
7. Rick Crawford	2,010
8. Jack Sprague	1,952
9. Terry Cook	1,952
10. David Starr	1,887

IndyCar Series

1. Scott Dixon	558
2. Helio Castroneves	480
3. Dan Wheldon	420
4. Tony Kanaan	411
5. Ryan Briscoe	350
6. Danica Patrick	315
7. Marco Andretti	311
8. Ryan Hunter-Reay	298
8. Oriol Servia	298
8. Hideki Mutoh	298

ARCA RE/MAX

1. Scott Speed	3,715
2. Ricky Stenhouse, Jr.	3,605
3. Matt Carter	3,595
4. Justin Allgaier	3,500
5. Frank Kimmel	3,460
6. Tom Hessert III	3,150
7. Tayler Malsam	3,130
8. John Wes Townley	3,105
9. Ken Butler III	3,035

Formula One

1. Lewis Hamilton	62
2. Kimi Raikkonen	57
3. Felipe Massa	54
4. Robert Kubica	49
5. Nick Heidfeld	41
6. Heikki Kovalainen	38
7. Jarno Trulli	22
8. Fernando Alonso	18
8. Mark Webber	18
9. Timo Glock	13
9. Nelson Piquet	13

WoO Sprints

1. Donny Schatz	6,052
2. Jason Meyers	5,937
3. Craig Dollansky	5,822
4. Joey Saldana	5,685
5. Steve Kinser	5,662
6. Jac Haudenschild	5,517
7. Kerry Madsen	5,370
8. Chad Kemenah	5,367
9. Daryn Pittman	5,255
10. Terry McCarl	5,199

WoO Late Models

1. Darrell Lanigan	4,433
2. Steve Francis	4,291
3. Josh Richards	4,281
4. Shane Clanton	4,213
5. Chub Frank	4,207
6. Shannon Babb	4,197
7. Rick Eckert	4,159
8. Clint Smith	4,139
9. Tim Fuller	3,990
10. John Blankenship	3,698

NHRA Top Fuel

1. Tony Schumacher	1,650
2. Antron Brown	1,124
3. Larry Dixon	1,082
4. Cory McClenathan	1,019
5. Rod Fuller	1,015
6. Brandon Bernstein	974
7. Hillary Will	907
8. Doug Herbert	843
9. Dave Grubnic	736
10. Doug Kalitta	732

NHRA Funny Car

1. Tim Wilkerson	1,189
2. Tony Pedregon	1,066
3. Robert Hight	1,000
4. Cruz Pedregon	958
5. Ashley Force	922
6. John Force	871
7. Gary Densham	859
8. Ron Capps	840
9. Jack Beckman	836
10. Mike Neff	796

NHRA Pro Stock

1. Greg Anderson	1,222
2. Kurt Johnson	1,185
3. Jeg Coughlin	1,129
4. Jason Line	1,090

Midwest Sprint Car Series

1. Kyle Cummins	442
2. Hud Cone	416
3. Kevin Thomas, Jr.	379
4. Ricky Williams	375
5. Tomas Meseraull	369
6. John Memmer	356
7. Robert Ballou	350
8. Daron Clayton	324
9. Brady Short	284
10. Chase Stockton	277

Badger Midget

1. Mike Hess	1,474
2. Scott Hatton	1,307
3. Brandon Waelti	1,282
4. Bubba Altig	1,034
5. Jerry Coons, Jr.	994
6. Aaron Fiscus	966
7. Joe Wipperfurth	893
8. Davey Ray	857
9. Chad DeSelle	834
10. David Gough	827

National Midget Driver Of The Year

1. Brad Loyet	1,012
2. Bobby East	929
3. Jerry Coons, Jr.	873
4. Tracy Hines	842
5. Brad Kuhn	832
6. Dave Darland	829
7. Brad Sweet	727
8. Mike Hess	722
9. Cole Whitt	669
10. Davey Ray	659

USAC Silver Crown Series

1. Jerry Coons, Jr.	293
2. Dave Darland	252
3. Brian Tyler	218
3. Tracy Hines	218
5. Levi Jones	217
6. Shane Cottle	192

USAC Crown Series

1. Earl Pearson, Jr.	5,870
2. Bart Hartman	5,310

NASCAR East

1. Matt Kobyluck	1,470
2. Trevor Bayne	1,335
3. Austin Dillon	1,313
4. Jesus Hernandez	1,309
5. Marc Davis	1,288
6. Ricky Carmichael	1,203
7. Steve Park	1,193
8. Eddie MacDonald	1,185
9. Brian Ickler	1,181
10. Jeffrey Earnhardt	1,161

NASCAR West

1. Eric Holmes	1,763
2. Jason Bowles	1,754
3. Jeff Barkshire	1,672
4. Mike David	1,632
5. Jim Inglebright	1,588
6. Moses Smith	1,528
7. Austin Cameron	1,510
8. Johnny Borneman	1,440
9. David Mayhew	1,416
10. Jim Warn	1,382

URC Sprint Series

1. Curt Michael	1,671
2. Dave Ely	1,414
3. J.J. Grasso	1,315
4. Chris Coyle	1,292
5. Becca Anderson	1,228
6. Davey Sammons	1,200
7. Ed Aikin	1,162
8. Mark Bitner	1,123
9. Robbie Stillwaggon	1,114
10. Jason Clauss	1,096

POWRi Midget

1. Brett Anderson	2,070
2. Brad Loyet	1,680
3. Zach Daum	1,585
4. Mike Hess	1,540
5. Bubba Altig	1,395
6. Derek King	1,375
7. Nick Knepper	1,260
8. Daniel Robinson	1,095
9. Austin Brown	1,040
10. Davey Ray	960

USAC-CRA Sprint

1. Mike Spencer	934
2. Garrett Hansen	842
3. Blake Miller	813
4. Danny Sheridan	802
5. Cory Kruseman	691
6. Tyler Brown	656
7. Tony Jones	586
8. Josh Ford	506
9. David Cardey	492
10. Nic Faas	405

Lucas Oil LM

1. Earl Pearson, Jr.	5,870
2. Bart Hartman	5,310

Whelen Modified

1. Chuck Hossfeld	1,365
2. Ted Christopher	1,324
3. Matt Hirschman	1,268
4. Mike Stefanik	1,236
5. Todd Szegedy	1,235
6. Ronnie Silk	1,183
7. Eric Beers	1,153
8. Ed Flemke, Jr.	1,138
9. Rowan Pennink	1,100
10. Jimmy Blewett	1,099

O'Reilly Midwest Sprint Bandit

1. Dave Darland	864
2. Jesse Hockett	820
3. Brady Bacon	812
4. Casey Shuman	790
4. Thomas Meseraull	790
6. Gary Taylor	782
7. Damien Gardner	770
8. Robert Ballou	740
9. Charles Davis, Jr.	737
10. Coleman Gulick	724

IRA Sprint Series

1. Billy Balog	2,147
2. Mike Reinke	2,088
3. Scotty Neitzel	2,071
4. Steve Meyer	2,032
5. Donny Goeden	1,979
6. John Haeni	1,915
6. Brian Kristan	1,915
8. Scott Bietzer	1,773
9. Scott Uttech	1,755
10. Billy Hafemann	1,736

Sprints On Dirt

1. Brett Mann	2,170
2. Ben Rutan	2,156
3. Dain Naida	2,128
4. Ryan Grubbaugh	2,057
5. Tim Norman	2,024
6. Gregg Dalman	1,906
7. Joe Bares	1,761
8. Dustin Daggett	1,674
9. Gary Fast	1,647
10. Louie Carufel	1,644

ASCS Southwest

1. Ben Gregg	1,182
2. Shawn Sander	1,116
3. Rick Ziehl	1,112
4. Steve Martin	1,096
5. Cody Cambensy	1,090
6. Ronnie Clark	1,082
7. Mike Rux, Jr.	1,042
8. Joshua Williams	1,034
9. Jessica Van Dyke	1,026
10. John Gaston	914

ASCS Gulf South

1. Greg Rilat	2,024
2. Gary Watson	1,990
3. Brandon Berryman	1,986
4. Chris Sweeney	1,957
5. Tommy Bryant	1,929
6. Travis Elliott	1,853
7. Channin Tankersley	1,766
8. Travis Knighton	1,646
9. Brandon Corn	1,550
10. Michael McNeil	1,383

ASCS Rocky Mtn.

1. Derrick Ortega	1,426
2. Chad Corken	1,402
3. Jeremy McCune	1,245
4. Bob Schaeffer	1,232
5. Jake Ossenfort	1,204
6. Colt Treham	1,176



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1. Walker Arthur
2. Stevie Long
3. Tom Cohick
Thunder
1. Tim Shelton
2. Tony Wood
3. Kenny Moreland
Sprint Car
1. Craig Folmar
2. Daren Bolac
3. Troy Severin
Limited Stock
1. Bob Terry
2. Ryan Toole
3. James Givens

Langley Speedway

Hampton, Va.
Aug. 16, 2008
Modified
1. Thomas Stinson
2. Joe Scarbrough
3. Rusty Wood
Super Street
1. Ritchie German
2. Dale Parro
3. Jessica Wood
Legends
1. Nick Smith
2. Ryan Crites
3. Brad Hancock
Pro Six
1. Casey Sipe
2. James Williams
3. David Phelps
Truck
1. Jeff Sampson
2. Mark Clear
3. Troy Hutcheson

South Boston Speedway

South Boston, Va.
Aug. 16, 2008
Late Model
1. Wayne Ramsey
2. Justin Johnson
3. C.E. Falk III
Limited Sportsman
Feature No. 1
1. Wesley Falk
2. Tommy Perego
3. Danny Willis, Jr.
Feature No. 2
1. Lee Pulliam
2. Wesley Falk
3. Steve Anderson
Pure Stock
1. Jarrett Milam
2. Justin Tucker
3. Courtney Crosby
Ford Flathead
1. Bill Blair
2. Bobby Apple

Penn Can Speedway

Susquehanna, Pa.

Aug. 15, 2008
Modified
1. Dan Vauter
2. Joey Grammes
3. Mike Colsten
Late Model
1. Dan Stone
2. Alan Kelllogg
3. Chad Hollenbeck
Sportsman
1. Grant Hilfiger
2. Justin Holland
3. Paul Strohl
Pure Stock
1. Frank Payne
2. Carl Heater
3. Chris Strohl
Speedster
1. Ray Evernham
2. Eric Crocker
3. Nick Pecko
Slingshot
1. Paul Lotier, Jr.
2. Kyle Hieber
3. Anthony Perrego

Trail-Way Speedway

Hanover, Pa.
Aug. 15, 2008
358 Sprint Car
1. Joe Irone, Jr.
2. Jeff Rohrbaugh
3. Dale Hammaker
Thundercar
1. Brian Walls
2. Todd Miller
3. Sam Gallagher
Limited Stock
1. Chad Weaver
2. Robert Nicklow
3. Tyler Gastley

Trail-Way Speedway

Hanover, Pa.
Aug. 16, 2008
600cc Micro Sprint Car
Modified
1. Josh Schrum
2. Isaac Sneeinger
3. Jimmy Brookens
270cc Micro Sprint Car
1. Nik Gower
2. Sean McAndrew
3. Steve Whary
1000cc Sidewinder
1. Ryan Greth
2. Jeremy Lynch
3. Shawn Seifert
Scramble Car
Feature No. 1
1. Chase Eckert
2. Mark Reece
3. Michael Kolodziej, Jr.
Feature No. 2
1. Heath Gilliland
2. Wes Kellison
3. Chad Stine
4-Cylinder Starlite
1. Joseph Flanary
2. Wes McDaniel
3. Shawn Crunkilton
6-Cylinder Starlite
1. Wes McDaniel
2. Dylan Keim
3. Jimmy Tyson

Path Valley Speedway Park

Spring Run, Pa.
Aug. 15, 2008
600 Sprint Car
Feature No. 2
1. Jake Murphy
2. Jimmy Brookens
3. Tyler DeVault
Mini Stock
1. Shawn Moore
2. Ricky Harper
3. Gary Dehart
Legends
1. Geremey Sheaffer
2. Nathan Fisher
3. Andy Lupfer
Late Model
1. Rance Garlock
2. Tim Fedder
3. Brian Lesley
270 Sprint Car

1. Brian Marriott
2. Ryan McAndrew
3. Steve Whary
Thundercar
1. Denny Scofield
2. Lyle Barnes
3. Terry Smith

Dog Hollow Speedway

Strongstown, Pa.
Aug. 15, 2008
Late Model
1. Rick Strong
2. Rodney Sweitzer
3. Shawn McGarvey
Fastrak LM
1. Bobby Powell
2. Mike Pegher
3. Justin Kann
Street Stock
1. Jim Boyer
2. Joe Kelley
3. Denny Keener
Pure Stock
1. Tim Laughard
2. Sam McAdams
3. Marshall Detwiler
4-Cylinder Sidewinder
1. Brennan McCracken
2. Josh Westlake
3. Chris Yoder

Williams Grove Speedway

Mechanicsburg, Pa.
Aug. 15, 2008
Sprint Car
Feature No. 1
1. Fred Rahmer

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Feature No. 1
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2. Todd Shaffer
3. Alan Krimes
Feature No. 2
1. Doug Esh
2. Brian Leppo
3. Greg Hodnett
Feature No. 3
1. Brian Leppo
2. Greg Hodnett
3. Alan Krimes

Lernerville Speedway

Sarver, Pa.
Aug. 15, 2008
Sprint Car
1. Jimmy Hawley
2. Charlie Holben
3. Andy McKisson
Super Late Model
1. Jared Miley
2. Russell King
3. Alex Ferree
Modified
1. Del Rougeux, Jr.
2. Tim Doran
3. Brian Swartzlander
Street Stock
1. Bob Lipinski
2. Bob Egley
3. Wayne Carbo

Selinsgrove Speedway

Selinsgrove, Pa.
Aug. 16, 2008
358 Sprint Car
1. Blane Heimbach
2. Pat Cannon
3. Davey Franek
Late Model
1. Jeff Rine
2. Donnie Schick
3. Marshall Campbell
Pro Stock
1. A.J. Hoffman
2. Troy Miller
3. Chad Davis
Roadrunner
1. Keith Bissinger
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Mahoning Valley Speedway

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Aug. 16, 2008
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2. Chip Santee
3. Matt Hirschman
Late Model
1. Frankie Althouse
2. Geno Steigerwalt
3. Todd Stehle
Street Stock
1. Todd Ahner
2. Mark Deysler
3. Shawn Sitarchyk
Pro-4 Late Model
1. Kris Guber
2. Chris Kuronya
3. Kevin Rex, Jr.
Factory Stock
1. Matt May
2. Duane Eidem
3. Scooter Graver
4-Cylinder Stock
1. Gene Bowers
2. Jon Smith
3. Brian Kunkel

Mountain Speedway

St. Johns, Pa.
Aug. 16, 2008
Modified
1. Rusty Smith
2. Kyle Ebersole
3. Barry Callavini
Street Stock
1. Steve Shultz
2. Brad Barbush
3. Rich Dimarco
Thriller
1. Mike Moyer, Sr.
2. Mike Moyer, Jr.
3. Paul Morgan, Jr.
4-Cylinder
1. Frank Katona
2. Bill Verwys, Sr.
3. Jeff Bieglay

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Mercer Raceway Park

Mercer, Pa.
Aug. 16, 2008
Big-Block Mod
1. Russell King
2. Dave Murdick
3. Lonny Riggs
Fastrak Late Model
Feature No. 1
1. Brian Booher
2. Kyle Drum
3. Rusty Moore
Feature No. 2
1. Max Blair
2. Frank Guidace
3. Rusty Moore
Mod Lite

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GROVE GROOVES: Keith Kauffman (7) battles Doug Esh (30) during sprint-car competition Friday night at Williams Grove Speedway in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

1. Rod Jones
2. Bud Watson
3. Kenny Meadows
Mini Stock
1. Kyle Colwell
2. Stephen Laslo
3. Curtis Brown

Hesston Speedway

Hesston, Pa.
Aug. 16, 2008
Late Model
1. Jake Griffith
2. Dereck Byler
3. Tim Smith, Jr.
305 Sprint Car
1. Joe Zap
2. Mark Watkins
3. Jim Kennedy
Street Stock
1. Bill Henney
2. Kris Edwards
3. Jesse Snyder
Hobby Stock
1. Carl Snare
2. Damion Miller
3. Chad Gambol

Susquehanna Speedway Park

Newberrytown, Pa.
Aug. 16, 2008
Late Model
1. Carl Billet
2. Travis McClelland
3. Bud Witmer
Street Stock
1. Paul Morgan
2. Dustin Hollinger
3. Chad Smith
Xtreme Stock
Feature No. 1
1. Donnie Broderick
2. Ray Broderick
3. Matt Adams
Feature No. 2
1. Jason Failer
2. Lance Danmyer
3. Sam Rial
4-Cylinder
1. Ronnie Buck
2. John Stoll, Jr.
3. Eric Hollenbach
Women On Wheels
1. Kendra Knaub
2. Nancy Horan Frye
3. Renae Luckenbaugh

Allegany County Speedway

Cumberland, Md.
Aug. 15, 2008
Late Model
1. D.J. Troutman
2. Andy Fries
3. Dylan Yoder
Street Stock
1. Tony Daniels
2. Randy Zechman
3. Mike Harvey
Hobby Stock
1. Jimmy Sacco
2. Mike VanMeter
3. Mike Siegle

Factory Stock 4
1. Dwain Rhodes
2. Rick Jenkins
3. Brandon Inglis
Factory Stock 6
1. Wade Peer
2. Jay Imes
3. Ray Shepard

Hagerstown Speedway

Hagerstown, Md.
Aug. 16, 2008
Late Model
1. Nathan Durborow
2. J.T. Spence
3. Gary Stuhler
Sportsman
1. Kyle Lear
2. Dylan Yoder
3. Wayne Walls
Pure Stock
1. Wayne Hawbaker
2. Dale Hollidge
3. Kevin Keefer

New Egypt Speedway

New Egypt, N.J.
Aug. 16, 2008
Modified
1. Dominick Buffalino
2. Jim Robertson
3. Tim Tanner, Jr.
Sportsman
1. Ryan Forte
2. John Stangle
3. Frank Cozze, Jr.
Super Stock
1. George Quinlan
2. Todd Gray
3. Mick Search
ARDC Midget
1. Andy Martin
2. Billy Pauch, Jr.
3. P.J. Gargiulo
Crate-1
1. Richie Cass, Sr.
2. Gabe Fox
3. Archie Myers

Kutztown Speedway

Kutztown, Pa.
Aug. 13, 2008
600 Micro Sprint
1. Ryan Frable
2. Jarrett Seng
3. Brent Marks
270 Micro Sprint
1. Aaron Rineheimer
2. Ryan Smith
3. Eddie Wagner
125 Micro Sprint
1. Richie Hartman
2. Ryan Gabers
3. Corissa Matherly
Young Gun
1. Dan Souder
2. Tyler Fisher
3. Steve Sacks
600 Micro Sprint Wingless
1. Ryan Smith
2. Jimmy Glenn
3. Shane Lewis
270 Micro Sprint Wingless
1. Ryan Smith

2. Marty Gorr
3. Trevor Kobylarz

Lernerville Speedway

Sarver, Pa.
Aug. 12, 2008
Enduro
1. Mark Thompson
2. Keith Sherwin
3. Dave Seribert
School Bus
1. Bill Clepper
2. Ben Clepper
3. Frank Spithaler
Powder Puff
1. Christa Egli
2. Rose Spithaler
3. Donna Johns

Grandview Speedway

Bechtelsville, Pa.
Aug. 12, 2008
Legends
1. Josh Morrow
2. Jason Rochelle
3. Doug Manmiller
600 Micro Sprint
1. Jamie Kostic
2. Bob Devult
3. Shaun Brandel
600 Modified
1. Dillon Stein
2. Doug Manmiller
3. Eric Whitbe
URC Sprint Cars
1. Mark Bitner
2. Jason Clauss
3. Chris Coyle
Modified
1. Craig VonDohren
2. Terry Meitzler
3. Kerry Kratz

Eastside Speedway

Waynesboro, Va.
Aug. 16, 2008
Street Stock
1. Chad Click
2. Charles Wyatt
3. Chip Glass
Sportsman
1. David Keith
2. Chad Click
3. Daniel Brown, Jr.
Late Model
1. Joe Leavell
2. C.S. Fitzgerald
3. Kristian Looney
Mini-Modified
1. Travis Campbell
2. Daniel Stickley
3. Pat Wheldon
U-Car
1. Dusty Taylor
2. Jonathan Rohrbach
3. Brad Slayer

Winchester Speedway

Winchester, Va.
Aug. 16, 2008

Late Model
1. Walter Crouch
2. Bo Feathers
3. Allen Brannon
Semi-Late Model
1. Jeff Sweeney
2. Leon Lloyd
3. Bryan Wright
Pure Stock
1. Mike Bennett
2. Buddy Wilson
3. Eddie McClellan
4-Cylinder
1. Chuck Johnson
2. Roger Whitlock
3. Butch Mayo

Tri-City Speedway

Franklin, Pa.
Aug. 17, 2008
Big-Block Mod
1. Joe Crawford
2. Kevin Bolland
3. Andy Priest
Fastrak Late Model
1. Alan Dellinger
2. Mike Potosky
3. Shawn Shingledacker
Pro Stock
1. Jason Johns
2. Jason Reagle
3. Jackson Humanic
Thundercar
1. Jon Huff
2. Bill Myers
3. Mike Dobrick

Pittsburgh's PA Motor Speedway

Imperial, Pa.
Aug. 16, 2008
Late Model
Feature No. 1
1. Steve Baker
2. John Flinner
3. Jared Milley
Feature No. 2
1. Davey Johnson
2. John Flinner
3. Al Atallah
Crate Late Model
1. Mike Pegher, Jr.
2. Tommy Schirnhofner
3. Daryl Charlier
E Modified
1. Kevin Miller
2. Tom Martineck
3. Wayne Tessean
Pure Stock
1. Bill Robertson
2. Bill Robertson
3. Pat Wheldon
Amateur Stock
1. Eric Goldberg
2. Gary Koteles
3. Rich Mason
Young Gun
1. Daniel White
2. Todd Janus
3. Sean Graham

Williams Grove Speedway

Mechanicsburg, Pa.
Aug. 16, 2008
Super Sportsman
1. LeRoy Martin
2. Scott Dellinger
3. Eric Eckert
358 Late Model
1. Jarne Knaub
2. Nat Tuckey
3. D.J. Mease
Street Stock
1. Doug Hoffman
2. Dave Motter
3. Kevin Sigler
Enduro
1. Don Murphy
2. Mark Vegh
3. Dave Wilhelm



NORTHEAST
Connecticut
Maine
Massachusetts
New Hampshire
New York
Vermont

Riverhead Raceway

Riverhead, N.Y.
Aug. 16, 2008
Modified
1. Chuck Steuer
2. Dave Brigati
3. Dan Jivanelli
Late Model
1. Roger Oxee
2. Tom Rogers, Jr.
3. Jarrod Hayes
Charger
1. Timmy Solomito
2. Chris Turbush
3. Daryn Miller
Blunderbust
1. Tommy Wakowiak
2. Chris Busick
3. Scott Maliszewski
4/6-Cylinder Truck Enduro
1. John Cozza
2. Rich Onorato
3. Jeff Gremo
4-Cylinder Demo Derby
1. Michael Rommeny

Thunder Road Int'l Speedbowl

Barre, Vt.
Aug. 14, 2008
Late Model
1. Cris Michaud
2. Dave Pembroke
3. Eric Williams
Tiger Sportsman
1. Matt Potter
2. Ricky Roberts
3. Dave Finck
Street Stock
Feature No. 1
1. Steve Mandigo
2. Lloyd Blakeley
3. Bruce Melendy
Feature No. 2
1. Mike MacAskill
2. Garry Bashaw
3. Gary Mullen
Junkyard Warrior
1. Neal Foster
2. Scott Weston
3. Jamie Davis

Thompson Int'l Speedway

Thompson, Conn.
Aug. 14, 2008
Modified
1. Keith Rocco
2. Tommy Cravenho
3. Todd Ceravolo
Pro Stock
1. George Bessette
2. Jay Macedonio
3. Fred Astle, Jr.
Late Model
1. Jeff Zuidema
2. Marc Palmisano
3. Conrad Cote
Limited Sportsman
1. Ernie Larose
2. Scott Sundeen
3. Larry Barnett
TIS Modified
1. Brian Sullivan
2. Shane Michalski
3. Glenn Boss
Mini Stock
1. Scott Michalski
2. Danny Fields
3. Billy Pomposelli

Waterford Speedbowl

Waterford, Conn.
Aug. 13, 2008
Legends
1. Jason Palmer
2. Brian Ouimette
3. Shaun Buffington
Super X Car
1. Charles Beal
2. Michael Maskell II
3. George Correia
X Car
1. Curt D'Addario
2. Patrick Williams
3. Brad Voglesong
X Modified
1. David Flammia, Jr.
2. Dean Christensen
3. Billy Gertsch, Jr.
NEMA Lite
1. Shawn Torrey
2. Tim Bertrand
3. Shaun Gosselin

Lebanon Valley Speedway

West Lebanon, N.Y.
Aug. 16, 2008
Sportsman
1. Chris Tryon
2. Kory Sandstedt
3. Frank Harper
Pro Stock
1. Matt Shadic
2. Kevin Arnold
3. Robbie Speed
Limited Pro Stock
1. Dave Striebel
2. Tim Sayers
3. Jay Casey
Pure Stock
Feature No. 1
1. Harold Tarantino
2. Rich Roger
3. Paul Engwer
Feature No. 2
1. Ray Hall, Jr.
2. Chris Streeter
3. E.J. Legey
Feature No. 3
1. Lou Ganczar
2. Mark Webb
3. Mike Eichstedt
Vintage Dirt Mod
1. Raymond See, Sr.
2. Howard Murphy
3. Tom Athanas

Barrie Speedway

Barrie, Ontario
Aug. 16, 2008
TQ Midget
Feature No. 1

1. Darren McLennan
2. Todd Cresswell
3. Daniel Bois
Feature No. 2
1. Tyler Mackereth
2. Daniel Bois
3. Todd Cresswell

Seekonk Speedway

Seekonk, Mass.
Aug. 16, 2008
Street Stock
1. Scott Serydyski
2. Scott Bruneau
3. Richard Cavallaro
Sport Truck
1. Kelly Rose
2. Lenny Guy
3. Jody Tripp
Late Model
1. Kevin Casper
2. Ryan Vanasse
3. Gerry DeGasparre
Pro Stock
1. David Darling
2. Ryan Vanasse
3. Tom Scully, Jr.

Canandaigua Speedway

Weedsport, N.Y.
Aug. 16, 2008
PureStox
1. Eric Chapman
2. Corey Hunt
3. Roger Bush
Street Stock
1. Andy Fisk
2. Bubba Burnell
3. Nick Rizzo
Modified
1. Nick Guereri
2. Todd Henderson
3. Marcus Dinkins

Oxford Plains Speedway

Oxford, Maine
Aug. 15, 2008
Unrestricted
1. Kyle Metivier
2. Aaron Collomy
3. Tyler Braunschweig
Star Champ
1. Stephen Beattie
2. Mike Ricker
Gold Plate
1. David Blackwell
2. Kyle Metivier
3. Zach Harmon
Blue Plate
1. Troy Davis
2. Spencer Thompson
3. Brandon Varney
Purple Plate
1. Evan Armington
2. Zachary Rich
3. Dylan Haskell
Box Stock
1. Kyle Mooney
2. Brodie Morse
3. Ethan Matot

Black Rock Speedway

Dundee, N.Y.
Aug. 15, 2008
Sportsman
1. Todd Henderson
2. Brady Fultz
3. Dan Sellen
Late Model
1. Quinn Sutherland
2. Rich Karloski
3. Jeremy Wonderling
Street Stock
1. Frank Guereri, Jr.
2. Kevin Arnold
3. Robbie Speed
Limited Pro Stock
1. Dave Striebel
2. Tim Sayers
3. Jay Casey
Pure Stock
Feature No. 1
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3. Paul Engwer
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Feature No. 3
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2. Mark Webb
3. Mike Eichstedt
Vintage Dirt Mod
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2. Howard Murphy
3. Tom Athanas

Brewerton Speedway

Brewerton, N.Y.
Aug. 15, 2008
Modified
1. Billy Decker
2. Dale Planck
3. Gary Tomkins
Modified Empire
1. Dale Caswell
2. Rob Keller
3. Rich Keller
Mod Lite
1. Tim Devendorf
2. Joe Gwilt
3. Rocco Leone

Waterford Speedbowl

Waterford, Conn.
Aug. 16, 2008
Supermodified
1. Lou Cicconi
2. Mike Lichty
3. Chris Perley
Modified
1. Chris Pasteryak
2. Kirk Alexander
3. Jeff Malave
Midget
1. Randy Cabral
2. Mike Keeler
3. Joey Payne
SK Modified
1. Ron Yuhas, Jr.
2. Rob Janovic, Jr.
3. Dennis Gada

Spencer Speedway

Williamson, N.Y.
Aug. 15, 2008
Super 6
1. Skip Powers
2. Ryan Hillegeer
3. Keith Butler
Street Stock
1. Don Stevens
2. Duke Wolanski
3. Dan Scott
Modified
1. Ryan Beeman
2. Zack Shove
3. Tony Hanbury

Seekonk Speedway

Seekonk, Mass.
Aug. 15, 2008
SYRA
Feature No. 1
1. Adam Swift
2. Carl Medeiros
3. David Hutchins
Feature No. 2
1. Nick Ladyga
2. Kyle Kuchta
3. Dylan Estrella
Pure Stock
1. Scott Cestodio
2. Nick Uhrig
3. Bob Hinckley

Oxford Plains Speedway

Oxford, Maine
Aug. 13, 2008
Outlaw
Feature No. 1
1. Chris Coolidge
2. Fred Clavet
3. Tim Hatch
Feature No. 2
1. David Childs
2. Guy Childs, Sr.
3. Steve Brill
Feature No. 3
1. Rick Spaulding
2. Jim Drake
3. Jerry Freve
Feature No. 4
1. Gerry Richard
2. David Brown
3. Scott Jordan
Feature No. 5
1. Guy Childs, Sr.
2. David Childs
3. Bill Sprague
Feature No. 6
1. Jim Drake
2. Keith Landry
3. Addison Bowie
Runnin Rebel
Feature No. 1
1. David Childs
2. Rich Sharpsteen
3. Jared Hill
4-Cylinder
1. Russ Wassner
2. Joe Povoski
3. Jack Ayers
Bandit
1. Dylan Cece
2. Cody Moorehouse
3. Cody Chisom

Ladies and Gentlemen

1. Vanna Brackett
2. Dottie Patria
3. Lisa Vining
Renegade
1. Jason Hannigan
2. Craig Bartlett
3. Jamie Heath

Oswego Speedway

Oswego, N.Y.
Aug. 16, 2008
SBS
Feature No. 1
1. Russ Brown
2. Joe Gwilt
3. Brian Sobus

Feature No. 2
1. Tim Barbeau
2. Brian Sobus
3. Russ Brown
Supermodifieds
Feature No. 1
1. Jerry Curran
2. Johnny Payne
3. Jason Spaulding
Feature No. 2
1. Bobby Magner
2. Johnny Payne
3. Ray Graham

Fulton Speedway

Fulton, N.Y.
Aug. 16, 2008
DIRTCar Sportsman
1. Jason Parkhurst
2. Tom Juhl, Jr.
3. Timmy Sears, Jr.
Crate Sportsman
1. Chris Pullen
2. Scott Flower
Hobby Stock
1. Mike McLaughlin
2. Mike Cole
3. Tom Traynor
Modified
1. Jimmy Kite
2. Richard Applebee
3. Rob Casti
4-Cylinder Enduro
1. Skip DeGross
2. Mark Johnston
3. Jerry Herbert

Thunder Road Int'l Speedbowl

Barre, Vt.
Aug. 17, 2008
Sportsman
1. Shawn Sicard
2. Lance Allen
3. Dave Finck
Late Model
1. Matt White
2. Chip Grenier
3. Dave Pembroke
Street Stock
1. Erik Steel
2. Matt Clark
3. Kenny McDonough
Feature No. 1
1. Brian Luttrell
2. Victor Rybolt
3. Nick Moore
Legends
1. Travis Braden
2. Zach Zimmerly
3. Adam Roberts
Bandolero
1. Ty Rose
2. Tyler Poe
3. Kyle Weatherman
Hornet
1. Don Klein
2. Robert Eversole
3. Nigel Peters
Indy Faskart
1. Casey Davis
2. David Plummer, Jr.
3. Keith Sutphin
Junior Faskart
1. Jacob Garrigus
2. Nick Keller
3. Quentin White

Centre For Speed

Shediac, New Brunswick
Aug. 17, 2008
Modified
1. Ken Deveau
2. Jim Drake
3. Joe Hoyt
TigerCat
1. Bert Cormier
2. Marcel Goguen
3. Corey Little
Street Stock
1. Gérard Doiron
2. Gary Stewart
3. Mark Ferguson

Utica-Rome Speedway

Vernon, N.Y.
Aug. 17, 2008
358 Modified
Feature No. 1
1. Willy Decker
2. Pat Ward
3. Jim Davis
Feature No. 2
1. Pat Ward
2. Willy Decker
3. Mitch Gibbs
Sportsman
1. Brad Alger
2. Jeremy Vunk
3. Jason Rood
Pro Stock
1. Rob Seavy
2. Dan Ody
3. Chris Mackey
Pure Stock
1. Chris Carr
2. Ron Hawker
3. Russ Marsden

Ponderosa Speedway

Junction City, Ky.
Aug. 15, 2008
Sportsman
1. Gerald Haynes, Jr.
2. Bartley Grant
3. Logan Whitis
Super Late Model
1. Jordan Bland
2. Dustin Linville
3. Joey Kramer
Modified
1. Benji Lee
2. Jason Wheatley
3. Kelly Warren
Pro Late Model
1. P.J. Feistrizer
2. Zane Morgan
3. Todd Coffman

Chemung Speedrome

Cheumung, N.Y.

Aug. 17, 2008
RoC Modified
1. Eric Beers
2. T.J. Portzebowski
3. Brian DeFebo
Modified
1. Zane Zeiner
2. Justin Petcosky
3. Tony Hanbury
Super Stock
1. Terry Potrzebowski
2. Mike Nichols
3. Bill Chandler, Jr.
Legends
1. Michael Gervais
2. David Polenz
3. Justin Petcosky
4-Cylinder
1. Gene Purvis
2. David Polenz
3. Tom Knapp
Speedrome Junior
1. Zack Curren
2. Jesse Kent
3. Fred Peters
Bandolero
1. Matt Evans
2. Ryan Polenz
3. A.J. Hamilton



Rockford Speedway

Loves Park, Ill.
Aug. 16, 2008
Sportsman
1. Fred Nason
2. Brock Behnke
3. Don Exline
Short Tracker
1. Steve Erickson, Jr.
2. Brett McCoy
3. Steven Allman
Late Model
1. Mike Beyer
2. Jerry Gille
3. Ricky Bilderback
Roadrunner
1. Lloyd Hawkins
2. Terrance Robinson
3. Richard Nielsen

Tomahawk Speedway

Tomahawk, Wis.
Aug. 15, 2008
Modified
1. Bruce Belland
2. Jimmy Bartlett, Sr.
3. Duane Dunbar
Street Stock
1. John Kallas
2. Jeff Hoogland
3. C.J. Hedges, Jr.
Pure Stock
1. Terry Selmer
2. Wally Laffin
3. Lee Schuppler
4-Cylinder
1. Kyle Hahn
2. Bobby Sheldon, Jr.
3. Gunard Hoogland

Bloomington Speedway

Bloomington, Ind.
Aug. 16, 2008
Sprint Car
1. Jeff Bland, Jr.
2. Jimmy Light
3. Ryan Pace
Vintage American
1. John Lawhorn
2. Mike Mason
3. Jerry Mitchell

Midway Speedway

Lebanon, Mo.
Aug. 15, 2008
Modified
1. Jamie Ragland
2. Justin Neuman
3. David Hendrix
Factory Stock
1. Dusty Rhoads
2. Troy White

Superior Speedway

Superior, Wis.
Aug. 15, 2008
Late Model
1. Joey Jensen
2. Steve Laursen
3. John Kaanta
Modified
1. Darrell Nelson
2. Jayme Lautigar
3. Joey Jensen
Super Stock
1. Scott Lawrence
2. Shane Kising
3. Mike Bellefeuille
Pure Stock
1. Dustin Follett
2. Al Rapp
3. Chad Carlson

Kil-Kare Speedway

Xenia, Ohio
Aug. 15, 2008
Late Model
1. Tim Allensworth
2. John Vallo
3. Scott Drake
Modified
1. Jerry Stapleton
2. Chad Poole
3. Ralph Harrod
Sport Stock
1. Tom Williams
2. Shawn Stansell
3. Jamie Sites
Compact
1. Ron Sagers
2. Chris Boggs
3. Tim Haerr
Mini Cup
1. Joey Greening
2. Chris Boggs
3. Courtney Hannah

Indianapolis Speedrome

Indianapolis, Ind.
Aug. 15, 2008
Stock Car
Feature No. 1
1. Greg Snow
2. Matt Clark
3. Kenny McDonough
Feature No. 2
1. Brian Luttrell
2. Victor Rybolt
3. Nick Moore
Legends
1. Travis Braden
2. Zach Zimmerly
3. Adam Roberts
Bandolero
1. Ty Rose
2. Tyler Poe
3. Kyle Weatherman
Hornet
1. Don Klein
2. Robert Eversole
3. Nigel Peters
Indy Faskart
1. Casey Davis
2. David Plummer, Jr.
3. Keith Sutphin
Junior Faskart
1. Jacob Garrigus
2. Nick Keller
3. Quentin White

Indianapolis Speedrome

Indianapolis, Ind.
Aug. 16, 2008
Parts Stock
1. Bob Johnson
2. Larry Hahn
3. Barry Tabor
Late Model
1. Doug Greig
2. Eddie Van Meter
3. Jack Dossey, Jr.
Figure 8
1. Doug Greig
2. Bruce Tunny
3. Ben Tunny
Roadrunner
1. Kevin Smith
2. Justin Dibbern
3. Jeff Johnson
Hornet
1. Nigel Peters
2. Chad Sizemore
3. Don Klein

Midway Speedway

Lebanon, Mo.
Aug. 15, 2008
Modified
1. Jamie Ragland
2. Justin Neuman
3. David Hendrix
Factory Stock
1. Dusty Rhoads
2. Troy White

3. Tim Petty
Super Stock
1. J.C. Newell
2. Travis Hill
3. Ben Newell
Bomber
1. Brandon Waters
2. Rob White
3. Shawn Strong
Winged Sprint Car
1. Eric Todd
2. J.P. Compton
3. J. Kinder
B-Mod
1. Steve Muilenburg
2. Colt Cheevers
3. J.C. Morton

Jackson Speedway

Jackson, Minn.
Aug. 15, 2008
360 Outlaw Sprint Car
1. Wayne Johnson
2. Jake Peters
3. Billy Alley
Sprint Car
1. Jason Tostenon
2. Shannon Eriksen
3. Keith Beckler
305 Sprint Car
1. Casey Friedrichsen
2. Nate Eakin
3. Ryan Voss

Madison Int'l Speedway

Oregon, Wis.
Aug. 15, 2008
Limited Late Model
1. Rebecca Kasten
2. Chad Stevens
3. Jason Hicks
Super Late Model
1. Nathan Haseleu
2. Bobby Wilberg
3. Andrew Morrissey
Sportsman
1. Bret Schmidt
2. Scott Lawver
3. Jay Kalbus
Bandit
1. Chester Ace
2. Kyle Padfield
3. Jody Schmidt
Legends
1. Max McNamara
2. Michael Cooter
3. Aaron Moyer

Galesburg Speedway

Galesburg, Mich.
Aug. 16, 2008
Late Model
1. Jeff Vochaska
2. Luke Krick
3. Rich Hardy
Sportsman
1. Jim Woodin
2. Ricky Bilderback
3. Kyle Rombaugh
3. Rich Mersereau
Mini Stock
1. Justin Stephens
2. Jeremy Collins
3. Terry Kline
Street Stock
1. John Foote, Jr.
2. Melissa Sternes
3. Chris Garrett

Lawrenceburg Speedway

Lawrenceburg, Ind.
Aug. 16, 2008
Sprint Car
1. Jeff Bland, Jr.
2. Jimmy Light
3. Ryan Pace
Vintage American
1. John Lawhorn
2. Mike Mason
3. Jerry Mitchell

Bloomington Speedway

Bloomington, Ind.
Aug. 16, 2008
Sprint Car
1. Dickie Gaines
2. Bobby Stines
3. Brady Short
Super Stock
1. Brad Cummings
2. Kevin Arthur
3. Troy Clark
Modified
1. Shelby Miles
2. Ray Humphrey
3. Kent Robinson

I-96 Speedway

Lake Odessa, Mich.
Aug. 16, 2008
Street Stock

1. Dan Hekkema
2. Ronald Wiers
3. C.J. Reisbig
Road Beater
1. John Primm
2. Scott Rumsey
3. Jeff Gibbs
UMP Mod
1. Shannon Fisk
2. Curt Spalding
3. Ryan Ritchie
Late Model
1. Rick Delong
2. Jery Bowerstock
3. Alan Vochaska
Mini Sprint Car
1. Jason Halibough

Attica Raceway Park

Attica, Ohio
Aug. 16, 2008
410 Sprint Car
1. Craig Mintz
2. John Ivy
3. Byron Reed
305 Sprint Car
1. Stuart Brubaker
2. Nate Dussel
3. J.J. Foes
Late Model
1. Mike Bores
2. Ryan Missler
3. Jamie Reed
Dirt Truck
1. Brian Arnold
2. Cory Ward
3. Bob Dible

Flat Rock Speedway

Flat Rock, Mich.
Aug. 16, 2008
Late Model
1. Eric Lee
2. Ricky Kargel
3. Greg Studt
Figure 8
1. Billy Earley
2. Dennis Whisman
3. Robbie Loving
Street Stock
1. Mike Jaynes
2. Regan Ford
3. Scott Selmi

Berlin Raceway

Marne, Mich.
Aug. 16, 2008
4-Cylinder
Feature No. 1
1. Jason Scheid
2. Tim DeVos
3. Jason DeVos
Feature No. 2
1. Jason Emanouil
2. Dave Lynema
3. Craig Snoeyink
Pro Stock
1. Ken Smith, Jr.
2. Brian Tillema
3. Ryan Gruppen
Sportsman
1. Kirk Meissner
2. Brian VanZalen
3. Tony Davis
Pro Super Stock
1. Mike Bursley
2. Brian Wiersma
3. Denny Anderson

La Crosse Fairgrounds Speedway

West Salem, Wis.
Aug. 16, 2008
Late Model
1. Kevin Nuttleman
2. Brad Powell
3. Steve Carlson
Sportsman
1. Rick Schermerhorn
2. Jes Tenner
3. Rob Curran
Thunderstox
1. Brad Warthan
2. Kayla Steinhoff
3. Jamie Dummer

Skyline Speedway

Stewart, Ohio
Aug. 15, 2008
410 Outlaw Sprint Car
1. Danny Smith
2. Keith Baxter
3. Cole Duncan
Late Model
1. Josh McGuire
2. Larry Bond
3. Mike Balzano
Modified
1. Jeremy Berwanger
2. Kevin Moorehouse
3. Jeremy Blake
Pure Stock

1. Shawn Jett
2. Matt Holcomb
3. Ryan Wilson
4-Cylinder
1. Tommy Adkins
2. Tim Christopher
3. Ryan McClain
Mini Wedge
1. Kyle Bond
2. Ron Pickens
3. Zack Fox

Toledo Speedway

Toledo, Ohio
Aug. 15, 2008
Sportsman
1. Howard Kelley, Jr.
2. Ron Allen
3. Chad Guinn
Figure 8
1. Dennis Whisman
2. Robbie Loving
3. Jeremy Vanderhoof
Factory Stock
1. Josh Bunting
2. Dave Arnold, Jr.
3. Eric Huston

Luxemburg Speedway

Luxemburg, Wis.
Aug. 15, 2008
Modified
1. Benji LaCrosse
2. R.M. Van Pay
3. Brian Mullen
Stock Car
1. John Heinz
2. Greg Gretz
3. Charlie Kroll
Sportmod
1. Troy De Grave
2. Travis Cain
3. Brad Lautenbach
Hobby Stock
1. Tom Brumlic
2. Dave De Grave
3. Chad Kaminski
Sport Four
1. Tailor Ness
2. Jeff Behm
3. Jason Cornelius
Powder Puff
Feature No. 1
1. Angie Wolf
Feature No. 2
1. Brook Boulanger

Macon Speedway

Macon, Ill.
Aug. 15, 2008
Micro
1. Austin Brown
2. Dereck King
3. Michael Severs
Midget
1. Justin Allgaier
2. Mike Hess
3. Rich Camfield
Modified
1. Jeff Curl
2. Marty Hiser
3. Mark Tullis

Macon Speedway

Macon, Ill.
Aug. 16, 2008
Late Model
1. Kevin Weaver
2. Dennis Erb
3. Jason Feger
Modified
1. Marty Hiser
2. Jeremy Nichols
3. Chad Evans
Street Stock
1. Steve Ewing
2. Steve Maisel
3. Al Crawley
Pro Hornet
1. James Hankins
2. Todd Rush
3. Fred Reed
Amateur Hornet
1. Jeff Gill
2. Heidi Hames
3. Beau Hankins

Paducah Int'l Raceway

Paducah, Ky.
Aug. 15, 2008
Late Model
1. Kevin Cole
2. Dylan Thompson
3. Randy Sellars
Modified
1. Bryce Jewell
2. Paul Miles
3. Justin Houston
Pro Late Model
1. Andy Marchiniak
2. Adam Ray

3. Matt Limer
Street Stock
1. Paul Howard
2. Mike Watson
3. Butch Gunther
Warrior
1. Matt Hartman
2. Keaton Downing
3. Jeffrey Bailey

Calumet County Speedway

Chilton, Wis.
Aug. 16, 2008
Grand National
1. Tim Thompson
2. Joel Beyer
3. Tim Warner
Street Stock
1. Ryan Brandes
2. Joe Whittmann
3. Steve DeKerf, Sr.
Challenger
1. Steven Ruh
2. Travis Hansen
3. Jeff Bender
4-Cylinder
1. Mark Kuhfuss
2. Craig VandeWettering
3. Josh Torrisson
Legends
1. Eric Barth
2. Kevin Brill
3. Greg Hartlaub

Anderson Speedway

Anderson, Ind.
Aug. 15, 2008
Midget
1. Grant Galloway
2. Drew Charlson
3. Dalton Armstrong
ThunderCar
1. Stephen Counceller
2. Tom Tackett
3. Hannah Lundy
Front Wheel Drive
1. Jeff Williams
2. Kevin Harmon
3. Ron Phipps
Figure 8
1. Andy Keller
2. Harry Lashure
3. Peter Corsaro

Limaland Motorsports Park

Lima, Ohio
Aug. 15, 2008
Thunderstock
1. Tony Anderson
2. Tim Bowen
3. Kevin Gossard
Modified
1. Jon Henry
2. Terry Hull
3. Todd Sherman
Mini Sprint Car
1. Jared Horstman
2. Kevin Willis
3. Garry Loney
Thunderstock Select
1. Tony Anderson
2. Boo Klenke
3. Tim Bowen

Red Cedar Speedway

Menomonee, Wis.
Aug. 15, 2008
Late Model
1. Mike Goodremote
2. Jesse Redetzke
3. Mike Prochnow
Modified
1. Mike Anderson
2. Brent Prochnow
3. Craig Thatcher
Super Stock
1. Shawn Huse
2. Ben Hillman
3. Mike Keller
Midwest Modified
1. Mark Gerth
2. Shane Halopka
3. Mark Thomas
Pure Stock
1. Nick Field
2

3. Preston Walker
Modified
 1. Joe Hodgson, Jr.
 2. Travis Eddy
 3. Mike Luberda, Sr.
Factory Stock
 1. Ed Newman, Jr.
 2. Maverick Morrow
 3. Josh Hahn
Bomber
 1. Chad Congdom
 2. Craig Bastian
 3. Anthony Jurk

Dells Raceway Park

- Wisconsin Dells, Wis.
 Aug. 16, 2008
Limited Late Model
 1. Steve Lichtfeld
 2. Nick Nolden
 3. Kurt Clapper
Pure Stock
 1. Bobby Selsing
 2. Daron Fish
 3. Brad Luck
Super Late Model
 1. Dave Klein
 2. Dan Lensing
 3. Dave Trute
Super Stock
 1. Corey Jankowski
 2. Dave Dederich
 3. Scott Luck

Wilmot Speedway

- Wilmot, Wis.
 Aug. 14, 2008
Modified
 1. Jimmy Morrison
 2. Ryan Marshall
 3. B.G. Wood
Late Model
 1. Russ Scheffler

141 Speedway

- Francis Creek, Wis.
 Aug. 16, 2008
Super Stock
 1. Tim Conard
 2. Dave Gauger, Jr.
 3. Greg Thompson
Mini Stock
 1. Jason Novak
 2. Matt Cherney
 3. Allen Dillion
Hobby Stock
 1. Tom Polzin
 2. Aaron Gretz
 3. Mike Wilde
Sport 4
 1. Aaron Dalton
 2. Dave Gauger, Sr.
 3. Jake Fuller
Bandolero
 1. Caylie Duncanson
 2. Kyle Vergata
 3. Morgan Melichar
Sportsman
 1. Daryl Gerke

Sharon Speedway

- Hartford, Ohio
 Aug. 16, 2008
410 Sprint Car
 1. Danny Holtgraver
 2. Steven Lines
 3. Scott Bonnell
E-Mod
 1. Jeff Hassay
 2. Dennis Benjamin
 3. Alan Dellinger
Limited Sprint
 1. Guy Griffin
 2. Andy Paden
 3. Jason Scoville
Pure Stock
 1. Alan Dellinger
 2. Tim Burns
 3. Bill Hanna

I-94 Raceway

- Sauk Centre, Minn.
 Aug. 16, 2008
Super Late Model
 1. Jon Olson
 2. Rich Snyder
 3. Tim Olson
Modified
 1. Joey Johnson
 2. Shawn Koranda
 3. Cody Lee
Legends
 1. Jon Lewerer
 2. Matt Hendricks
 3. Jake Varnum
Thunder Car
 1. Kyle Kirberger
 2. Patrick Amelung
 3. Adam Fuchs
Pro-4 Truck
 1. Dave Auringer
 2. Terry Larson
 3. Todd Kamish
4-Tracker

1. Josh Christy
 2. Matt Hendrickson
 3. Andy Heying
Just 4 Fun
 1. Tom Gjerstad
 2. Michael Lofquist
 3. Dan Krousey

Central Missouri Speedway

- Warrensburg, Mo.
 Aug. 16, 2008
B-Mod
 1. Scotty Martin
 2. Bryan Montgomery
 3. Brad Smith
Street Stock
 1. John Brooks
 2. Dale Atkinson
 3. Chad Eickleberry
Late Model
 1. Steve Clancy
 2. Bob King
 3. Garry Billings, Jr.
Modified
 1. Matt Johnson
 2. Dustin Boney
 3. Kerry Davis

I-44 Speedway

- Lebanon, Mo.
 Aug. 16, 2008
Modified
 1. David Holder
 2. Scotty Allen
 3. Jimmy Willis
Bomber
 1. Tim Jones
 2. Landon Johnson
 3. Mike Willoughby
B-Mod
 1. Trent Harrison
 2. Tyler Brown
 3. Josh Woody
Legends
 1. Park Jones
 2. Jason Rayle
 3. Chuck Comer
Factory Stock
 1. Doug Crider
 2. Brian Webster
 3. Lonnie Henderson
Rookie
 1. Dave Meldrum
 2. Joe Aitken
 3. Tom Powers

Rice Lake Speedway

- Rice Lake, Wis.
 Aug. 16, 2008
Late Model
 1. Chad Mahder
 2. Scott Gilberts
 3. Jake Redetzke
Modified
 1. Caylie Adams
 2. Mike Anderson
 3. Dean Yrjanainen
Super Stock
 1. Shane Kising
 2. Aaron Wilson
 3. Scott Zitelman
Midwest Modified
 1. Ryan Viltz
 2. Mark Gerth
 3. Ronnie Rihn
Street Stock
 1. Scott Clark
 2. Jay Kesan
 3. Josh Amans
Pure Stock
 1. Danny Richards
 2. Doug Wojcik
 3. George Richards

I-70 Speedway

- Odessa, Mo.
 Aug. 16, 2008
Enduro
 1. Steve Bailey
 2. Christian Ewing
 3. Danny Anders
Dash
 1. Michael Deschenes
 2. Robert Isabell
 3. Jeremy Roberts
Super Stock
 1. Mark Spillman
 2. John Thomason
 3. Brad Johnson
Late Model
 1. Elton Rust, Jr.
 2. Thor Anderson
 3. Ron Hartford

Moler Raceway Park

- Williamsburg, Ohio
 Aug. 15, 2008
Late Model
 1. Eddie Carrier
 2. Audie McWilliams
 3. John Whitney
Modified
 1. Jonathan Green

2. Shawn Tolson
 3. Dave McWilliams
Pure Stock
 1. Kevin Hess
 2. Derrick Davis
 3. Chad Minnie
Chevette
 1. Brandon Elam
 2. Doug Yust
 3. Taylor Grooms
Mini Sprint
 1. Lynn Ambrose

Anderson Speedway

- Anderson, Ind.
 Aug. 16, 2008
Winged Sprint Car
 1. Jeff Kaiser
 2. Jeff Banyas
 3. Jimmy McCune
Street Stock
 1. Rob Allman
 2. Rich Boyer
 3. Jeff Perry
Figure 8
 1. Jeff Swinford
 2. Mike Riddle, Jr.
 3. Josh Sharp
Legends
 1. James Hansen
 2. Adam Roberts
 3. John Robbins

Wisconsin Int'l Raceway

- Kaukauna, Wis.
 Aug. 14, 2008
Late Model
 1. Tim Rothe
 2. Greg Haese
 3. Eugene Gregorich, Jr.
Limited Late Model
 1. Kris Kelly
 2. Jim Duchow
 3. Brandon Conrad
Super Stock
 1. Nick Boldt
 2. Ed Howard
 3. Travis Willing
Sport Truck
 1. Ron Magdanz
 2. Jeff VanHandel
Sizzling Four
 1. Tim Ritcher
Figure-8
 1. Terry Van Roy

Jackson Speedway

- Jackson, Minn.
 Aug. 14, 2008
IMCA Modified
 1. Chris Rakness
 2. Josh Meyer
 3. Jeff Ignaszewski
Stock Car
 1. Jason Mickelson
 2. Jerry Coopman
 3. Stefan Sybesma
B-Mod
 1. Tad Reutzel
 2. Kyle Steuber
 3. Josh Ruby
Hobby Stock
 1. Jerry Gronewold
 2. Dustin Larson
 3. Guy Kimpton

Waynesfield Motor Sports Park

- Waynesfield, Ohio
 Aug. 13, 2008
360 Sprint Car
 1. Greg Wilson
 2. Ron Blair
 3. Mike Miller

Rockford Speedway

- Rockford, Ill.
 Aug. 14, 2008
Allison Legacy
 1. John Beinlich
 2. Dwight Dunlap
 3. Bill Hobson
Bandolero
 1. Nick Carnes
 2. Kyle Vergata
 3. Ben Carnes
Legends
 1. Rachel Pinkerman
 2. Adam Rawski
 3. Michael Cooter
RoadRunner
 1. Charlie Frisch
 2. Gene Marocco
 3. John Logan, Jr.
Hornet
 1. Matt Mangiaracina
 2. Roger Schultz
 3. Solomon Barker
Figure-8
 1. Jonathan Stoltz
 2. Dennis Smith, Jr.



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AT HOME: NASCAR veteran Dave Blaney (70p) battles Brandon Morrow during modified competition at Ohio's Sharon Speedway Aug. 12. Blaney won the feature.

3. Tom Schneider
Winged Women on Wheels
 1. Laura Siarkiewicz
 2. Olivia Chance
 3. Robin Ulrey

Anderson Speedway

- Anderson, Ind.
 Aug. 13, 2008
Regional Midget
 1. Travis Young
 2. Dakota Armstrong
 3. Parker Klingerman
Kenyon Midget
 1. Caleb Armstrong
 2. Drew Charlson
 3. Jeff Wimmenauer
Ford Focus
 1. Doug Crider
 2. Craig Haack
 3. Kyle Hamilton

Factory Stock

1. Chris Darnell
 2. James Flood
 3. Eddie Barnes
Late Model
 1. David Barker
 2. J.D. Hubert
 3. Brett Sontag
A-Modified
 1. Jeff Cutshaw
 2. Jamie Ragland
 3. Todd Kallweit

Whittemore Speedway

- Whittemore, Mich.
 Aug. 16, 2008
Factory Stock
 1. John Zawacki
 2. Kyle Tremble
 3. Rick Spencer
Limited Late Model
 1. Mark Klein
 2. Robbie Johnson
 3. Marty England
Mini Stock
 1. Chris Trinklein
 2. Kevin Peek
 3. Tom Rivers
Lead Sled
 1. Bob Farley
 2. Trevor Kin
 3. Kris Edmonds
FWD Enduro
 1. Minda Ulman

Sharon Speedway

- Hartford, Ohio
 Aug. 12, 2008
Sprint Car
 1. Tim Shaffer
 2. Danny Smith
 3. Kevin Schaeffer
E-Mod
 1. Dave Blaney
 2. Randy Hall
 3. Ken Schrader

Lucas Oil Speedway

- Wheatland, Mo.
 Aug. 12, 2008
Modified
 1. Eric Turner
 2. Tony Jackson, Jr.
 3. Jamie Ragland

Deer Creek Speedway

- Spring Valley, Minn.
 Aug. 16, 2008
Late Model
 1. Keith Foss
 2. Lance Matthees
 3. Mark Teske
Super Stock
 1. Jeff Brauer
 2. Mike Keller
 3. Ryan Slegle
Modified
 1. Dan Wheeler
 2. A.J. Wiste
 3. Bryan Hernandez

Illiana Motor Speedway

- Schererville, Ind.
 Aug. 16, 2008
Late Model
 1. Blake Brown
 2. Jack Kalwasinski
 3. Jeff Cannon
Limited Late Model
 1. Anthony Danta
 2. John Senerchia
 3. Ritta Fields
Turbo Stox
 1. Scott Gardner
 2. Mark Ross, Jr.
 3. Bill Serviss
Pure Stock
 1. Mike Lindemulder
 2. Chris Czaszowicz
 3. Tim Cronin
Legends
 1. Tommy Jones
 2. Ross Kenseth
 3. Chris King

Lucas Oil Speedway

- Wheatland, Mo.
 Aug. 16, 2008

Grundy County Speedway

- Morris, Ill.
 Aug. 15, 2008
Late Model
 1. Tom Smith
 2. Mike Heiss
 3. Brett Sontag
Mid-American Sportsman
 1. John McMahon
 2. Ron Vandermeir, Jr.
 3. Jeff Olson
Street Stock
 1. Randy Weese
 2. Chris Sanda
 3. Rick Dawson
Four-Cylinder
 1. Mark Sontag, Jr.
 3. Dominick Serena

Waynesfield Motor Sports Park

- Waynesfield, Ohio
 Aug. 16, 2008
Mini Sprint
 1. Todd Keen
 2. Lee Underwood
 3. Todd Wills
Sprint Car
 1. Corey Smith
 2. Matt Westfall
 3. Mark Clark
Truck
 1. Jessica Nuss
 2. Mike Hicks
 3. Shawn Jacobs
Modified
 1. Matt Westfall
 2. Jon Henry
 3. Brian Post

Owosso Speedway

- Ovid, Mich.
 Aug. 16, 2008
Modified
 1. Bill Luckhurst
 2. Travis Eddy
 3. Chuck Silva
Street Stock
 1. Leo Smith
 2. David Kilkin
 3. Tom Stone
Pure Stock
 1. Chris Stearns
 2. Lonnie Saumier
 3. Kyle Drake
Mini Stock
 1. Darren Bohne
 2. Dan Gokee
 3. Derek Lacey

Jackson Speedway

- Jackson, Minn.
 Aug. 16, 2008
360 Sprint Car
 1. Billy Alley
 2. Brian Brown
 3. Wayne Johnson
Sprint Car
 1. Nate Eakin
 2. Bruce Anderson
 3. Frank Phipps
Stock Car
 1. Jason Mickelson
 2. Ken Tietz
 3. Jeff Joldersma
B Modified
 1. Steve Bents
 2. Jason Fisher
 3. Ken Odegaard

Hobby Stock

1. Dustin Larson
 2. Guy Kimpton
 3. Josh Peters

Mount Lawn Speedway

- New Castle, Ind.
 Aug. 16, 2008
Late Models
 1. William Mefford
 2. Terry Cater
 3. Scott Runion
Thunder
 1. Kevin Claborn
 2. Ryan Amonett
 3. Ed Knott
Hornet
 1. Nick Warner
 2. Chris Jennings
 3. Joyce Dyer

St. Francois County Raceway

- Farmington, Mo.
 Aug. 17, 2008
Sprint Car
 1. Tommy Worley, Jr.
 2. Kent Buckley
 3. Joey Boyd
Modified
 1. Brent Thomson
 2. Jeremy Greenwalt
 3. David Shepard
Pure Street
 1. John Bohn
 2. Brian Blair
 3. David Wofford
Multi
 1. Jimmy Bridgeman
 2. Ryan Kempin
 3. Sam Miller

Cedar Lake Speedway

- New Richmond, Wis.
 Aug. 16, 2008
Late Model
 1. Pat Doar
 2. Rick Hanestad
 3. Dave Cain
Modified
 1. Dave Cain
 2. Joey Jensen
 3. Pat Doar
Super Stock
 1. Larry Boumeester
 2. Mike Weber
 3. Mike Loomis
Midwest Modified
 1. Clayton Wagamon
 2. Clark Perry
 3. Alex Gerlach
Street Stock
 1. Jeff Heintz
 2. Scott Splittstoesser
 3. Devin Neske

Shady Bowl Speedway

- DeGraff, Ohio
 Aug. 16, 2008
Modified
 1. Chad Poole
 2. Greg Stapleton
 3. Shane Shirk
Sport Stock
 1. Aaron Pippin
 2. Mark Heath
 3. Richard Roush
Dwarf
 1. Brandon Bayse
 2. Bill Hostetler

Bob Bayse Pro 4

1. Kenny Snyder
 2. Zak Larimore
 3. David Foor

Lincoln Park Speedway

- Putnamville, Ind.
 Aug. 16, 2008
Sprint Car
 1. Billy Puterbaugh
 2. Jon Siscoe
 3. Dickie Gaines
Modified
 1. Ray Humphrey
 2. Travis Shoulders
 3. Clint DeMoss
Super Stock
 1. Greg Amick
 2. David Bumgardner
 3. Kenny Carmichael
Bomber
 1. Chad Nolte
 2. Ron Wallen, Sr.
 3. Ron Smith

Miami County Speedway

- Peru, Ind.
 Aug. 16, 2008
Junior
 1. Kolt Kinsler
 2. Trenton Bitzel
 3. Bayli Fearnow
Non-wing
 1. Sam Kimmel
 2. Stuart Hanft
 3. David Herron
Restrictor
 1. Braxton Hanft
 2. Jason Montel
 3. Barbie Kimmel
Stock
 1. Tyler Adams
 2. Ben Taylor
 3. Halen Shafer
Open Class
 1. Cole Ketchum
 2. Jacob Moore

Midway Speedway

- Crooksville, Ohio
 Aug. 16, 2008
Late Model
 1. Andy Bond
 2. Doug Dodd
 3. Rick Aukland
Modified
 1. Mark Luning
 2. Robin Dustin
 3. Ryan Mayle
Pure Stock
 1. Steve Shaffer
 2. Josh Farmer
 3. Chad Starkey
FWD 4-Cylinder
 1. Thomas Adkins
 2. Brian Hall
 3. Eugene Adkins
Beginners Mini Wedge
 1. Chase Frohnappel
 2. Levi Bowen
Experts Mini Wedge
 1. Cole Elkins
 2. Jesse Johnson

Butler Motor Speedway

- Butler, Mo.
 Aug. 17, 2008
Outlaw Vintage
 1. Al Broers
 2. Johnny Edmundson
 3. Tim Wade
Factory Stock
 1. Mark Selsor
 2. Drew Hendren
 3. Scott Friend
Street Stock
 1. Robert Brown
 2. Joe Pryor
 3. Jeff Douly
Modified
 1. Johnny Fennewald
 2. Tim Setzer
 3. Darren Roberts
Late Model
 1. Brett Lofollette
 2. Keith Simmons
 3. Jack Simmons

1. Rob Braun
 2. Jon Reynolds, Jr.
 3. Steve Apel
Sportsman
 1. Jay Shambeau
 2. Jeff Holtz
 3. Dave Thomas
Modified
 1. Steven Schulz
 2. Ron Schmitt
 3. Joe Houpt
Thunderstock
 1. Al Stippich
 2. Ryan Farrell
 3. John Daley
Slinger Bee
 1. Tom Berens
 2. Erik Long
 3. Mike Lang

Columbus Motor Speedway

- Columbus, Ohio
 Aug. 16, 2008
Late Models
 1. Donnie Hill
 2. Chad Pendelton
 3. John Vallo
Modifieds
 1. Terry Humphrey
 2. Howard Muncy
 3. Buddy Townsend
Sport Stock
 1. Steve Karnes
 2. Phil Gussler, Jr.
 3. John Cahill
Crazy Compact
 1. Brian Whetnall
 2. Christian Bullock
 3. Michael Robinson
School Bus Figure 8
 1. John Kirk
 2. Marc Brooks
 3. Willy Church

Kokomo Speedway

- Kokomo, Ind.
 Aug. 17, 2008
Sprint Car
 1. Hunter Schuenerberg
 2. Casey Shuman
 3. Dave Darland
Street Stock
 1. David Hurst
 2. Andre Missig
 3. Ryan Hines
Thunder Car
 1. Tony Bowman
 2. Gerald Armfield
 3. Jason Harrison

U.S. 24 Speedway

- Logansport, Ind.
 Aug. 16, 2008
JR
 1. Craig Ronk
 2. Sam McGhee
 3. Gabe Wilson
Restrictor
 1. Megan Wood
 2. Jimmy Wood
 3. Megan Ferns
Wing
 1. Todd Kirkman
 2. B.J. Wilson
 3. Blake Nimee
Non-Wing
 1. Megan Wood
 2. Todd Kirkman
 3. Shayne Riley

Charter Raceway Park

- Beaver Dam, Wis.
 Aug. 15, 2008
Modified
 1. Tim Lemirande
 2. Mitch McGrath
 3. Jay Schrauffnagel
Legends
 1. Joel Wytenbach
 2. Eric Barth
 3. Mike Mueller
Street Stock
 1. Jesse Kanas
 2. Jon Schultz
 3. Andrew Araco
Grand National
 1. William Schumacher
 2. Brian Gerber
 3. Tommy Moore

Slinger Super Speedway

- Slinger, Wis.
 Aug. 17, 2008
Late Model
 1. Jeremy Lepak
 2. Lowell Bennett
 3. Dennis Prunty
Limited Late Model

1. Pat Schudy
 2. Lonnie Muhlbauer
 3. Chris Schudy
Factory Stock
 1. Jody Tillman
 2. George Meyer
 3. Kelly Bremer
Late Model
 1. Shawn Essary
 2. Brad Looney
 3. Darrin Barton
Bomber
 1. Shawn Strong
 2. Mike Hallman
 3. Jerry Lankton
Modified
 1. Johnny Bone
 2. Mitch Keeter
 3. Jackie Dalton

Monett Speedway

- Monett, Mo.
 Aug. 17, 2008
Pro-4
 1. Pat Schudy
 2. Lonnie Muhlbauer
 3. Chris Schudy
Factory Stock
 1. Jody Tillman
 2. George Meyer
 3. Kelly Bremer
Late Model
 1. Shawn Essary
 2. Brad Looney
 3. Darrin Barton
Bomber
 1. Shawn Strong
 2. Mike Hallman
 3. Jerry Lankton
Modified
 1. Johnny Bone
 2. Mitch Keeter
 3. Jackie Dalton

Eagle Valley Speedway

- Jim Falls, Wis.
 Aug. 17, 2008
Modified
 1. Kevin Adams
 2. Mike Anderson
 3. Craig Thatcher
Super Stock
 1. Curt Myers
 2. Mike Keller
 3. Shawn Huse
Modified
 1. Matt Leer
 2. Michael Truscott
 3. Brad Hudson
Street Stock
 1. Clark Swatz
 2. Tommy Richards
 3. Cory Hanson



Five Flags Speedway

Renegade V8

1. John McElrath
2. Brad Laws
3. Ronnie Chastain

Super Stock Four

1. Trent Chatham
2. Steve Annas
3. Ed Brittain

Pure Stock Four

1. Tim Moretz
2. Jeff Parsons
3. Scott Kirby

Young Gun

1. Kyle Barus
2. Joseph Hodges
3. Casey Woody

Road Rage

1. Jeff Parsons
2. Donnie McGee
3. John McElrath

Citrus County Speedway

Inverness, Fla.

Aug. 16, 2008

Sprint

1. Mark Gimmler
2. Scott Adema
3. Brian Gingas

Open Wheel Modified

1. Curtis Neumann
2. Troy Robinson
3. Kyle Bookmiller

Sportsman

1. Ernie Reed
2. Tom Posavec
3. Bobby Ervien

Street Stock

1. Mark Fallows
2. Tommy Smith
3. Mike Wilson

4-Cylinders Bomber

1. Nathan Florian
2. Patric Conner
3. Bobby Richardson

Pure Stock

1. Richie Smith
2. Bill Ryan
3. John Dyre

Figure 8

1. Robby Aaron
2. Darryl Hage
3. Joey Catterelli

V8 Thunder Stock

1. Cotee Clark
2. Del Beckner
3. Cory Swanston

Thunderhill Raceway

Summertown, Tenn.

Aug. 16, 2008

Modified

1. Eddie Rhinehart
2. Tony Simmons
3. T.J. Herndon

Harris Speedway

Rutherfordon, N.C.

Aug. 16, 2008

GM Performance

1. Travis Blackwell
2. Pat Lindsay
3. David Lindsay

Limited

1. Chris Jackson
2. Lamar Jordan
3. Clyde Scott

Stock-8

1. Josh Hoots
2. David Ayers
3. Scott Smith

Renegade

1. Lloyd Dean Burgess
2. Josh Burgess
3. Eric Jackson

Pure Stock

1. Travis Campbell
2. Chris Greene
3. Willie Fowler

Super Stock-4

1. Jamie Barbrey
2. Will McGrew
3. Cody Usery

Street Stock-4

1. Clyde Scott
2. Kyle Cooper
3. Jimmy Moon

Young Gun

1. Ethan Gregory
2. Justin Ward

Travelers Rest Speedway

Travelers Rest, S.C.

Aug. 16, 2008

GM Performance

1. Greg Pilgrim
2. Royce Bray
3. Jimmy Roberts, Jr.

Limited

1. Nathan Hughes
2. Michael Barbare
3. Joey Kelly

Stock-8

1. Kenneth Bowers
2. Steve Massey

3. Timmy Smith

Renegade

1. Nakita Treadwell
2. Terry Thurston

James Hudson

1. Trent Chatham
2. Steve Annas
3. Ed Brittain

Pure Stock Four

1. Nick Adams
2. Chris Harvell
3. Shawn Gibbs

Stock-4

1. Matt Gilbert
2. Jeff Parsons
3. Scott Kirby

Young Gun

1. Justin Ward
2. Kevin Norris
3. Zeke Whitman

Orlando Speedword

Orlando, Fla.

Aug. 15, 2008

Super Late Model

1. Mark Emberson
2. Bobby Orr
3. Earl Beckner

Modified

1. Earl Beckner
2. Mark Emberson
3. Shain Held

Legends

1. Gerald White, Jr.
2. Jimmy Norman
3. Tony Sansom

Super Stock

1. Bobby Riley
2. Bobby Ervien
3. Ron McCreary

Mini Stock

1. R.J. Arnone
2. Randy Blakeslee
3. Chace Miller

Sportsman

1. Ron DiCandio
2. Andy Nicholls
3. Derrick Wood

Bandolero Bandit

1. Jake Perkins
2. Critter Saile
3. Jeffery White

Bandolero Young Gun

1. Donovan Ponder
2. Zach Harris
3. Carl Haag

Strictly Stock

1. Neal Kirby
2. Glenn Rhodes
3. Rob Reynolds

New Smyrna Speedway

New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

Aug. 16, 2008

Super Late Model

1. Jeremy Colangelo
2. Tim Russell
3. David Rogers

Mini Stock

1. Cody Blair
2. Ted Vulpus
3. Andy Giammalvo

LM Mod Sportsman

1. Ronnie White
2. Jonathan Jennings
3. Jeff Mundwiler

Micro-Sprint Car

1. Terry Peters
2. Justin Lineman
3. Brian Roseman

Open-Wheel Mod

1. Kevin Stoa
2. Jamie Kuntz
3. Matt Emmerling

Rookie Four

1. Joshua Cook
2. Jack Anderson
3. Lee Oiler

Star of Tomorrow

1. Brett Myers
2. Brian Toler
3. Tyler Hyatt

Stock Four

1. Tony Paladino
2. Swain Morris
3. Jamie Major

Concord Motorsport Park

Concord, N.C.

Aug. 16, 2008

Late Model

1. Terry Brooks, Jr.
2. Chuck Crump
3. Kevin Love

Limited Late Model

1. Mike Terry
2. Jay Payne
3. Steve Ackerly

Pure Stock

1. Charles Hutto
2. Cooper Faassen
3. Jeff Melton

Fast & Furious 4

1. Chad Johnson
2. Wayne Harrington
3. Tracy Mullis

Lowe's Motor Speedway

Concord, N.C.

Aug. 12, 2008

Legends Pro

1. Andrew Smith
2. Daniel Hemric
3. Darrell Wallace, Jr.

Thunder Car

1. Taylor Hull
2. Thomas Van Wingerden
3. Kara Clarke

Legends Master

1. John Sossoman
2. Clay Hair
3. Gary Dietz

Legends Semi-Pro

1. Jimmy Heavlow
2. Austin Hill
3. Justin Lloyd

Legends Young Lion

1. Bryce Walker
2. Justin Grimes
3. Donny St. Ours

Bandolero Bandit

1. Kason Plott
2. Dillon Basset
3. Mason Massey

Bandolero Young Gun

1. Chad Finchum
2. Corey Gordon
3. Travis Robinson

Bandolero Outlaw

1. Kendall Sellers
2. Brett Pepicelli
3. Benny Mingo

Ace Speedway

Altamahaw, N.C.

Aug. 15, 2008

Late Model

1. Speedy Faucette
2. Rodney Cook
3. Dean Fogleman

Modified

1. Josh Nicols
2. Brad Allen
3. Randy Butner

Limited Sportsman

1. Bobby Griffin
2. John Moore
3. Justin Newlin

Mini Stock

1. Michael Tucker
2. A.J. Sanders
3. Chris Breedlove

X-Treme Car

1. Jerry Kermodle
2. Keith Brame, Jr.
3. Patrick Coleman

Southern Modified

1. Daryl Gwynn
2. Todd Massey
3. Robert Isley

East Lincoln Speedway

Stanley, N.C.

Aug. 16, 2008

Stock Car

1. Matthew Patterson
2. Mickey Anderson
3. Tracy Tapley

LM Mod Sportsman

1. Ronnie White
2. Jonathan Jennings
3. Jeff Mundwiler

Micro-Sprint Car

1. Terry Peters
2. Justin Lineman
3. Brian Roseman

Open-Wheel Mod

1. Kevin Stoa
2. Jamie Kuntz
3. Matt Emmerling

Rookie Four

1. Joshua Cook
2. Jack Anderson
3. Lee Oiler

Star of Tomorrow

1. Brett Myers
2. Brian Toler
3. Tyler Hyatt

Stock Four

1. Tony Paladino
2. Swain Morris
3. Jamie Major

Bowman Gray Stadium

Winston-Salem, N.C.

Aug. 16, 2008

Modified

1. Tim Brown
2. Junior Miller
3. Jonathan Brown

Sportsman

1. Tommy Neal
2. Keith McMichael
3. Kenny Bost

Street Stock

1. Ethan Stoltz
2. Doug Wall
3. Ryan Nelson

Stock Car

1. Charles Hutto
2. Cooper Faassen
3. Jeff Melton

Fast & Furious 4

1. Chad Johnson
2. Wayne Harrington
3. Tracy Mullis

Lowe's Motor Speedway

Concord, N.C.



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Montana
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North Dakota
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South Dakota
Utah
Wyoming

Adams County Speedway

Corning, Iowa

Aug. 16, 2008

Hobby Stock

1. Kevin Yearington
2. Jesse Sobbing
3. David Weeda

Pro Street

1. Joe Zalina
2. Greg Miller
3. Chace Churchill

Modified

1. Dan Mueller
2. Kirby Stiens
3. Russell Stewart

Late Model

1. Paul Glendenning
2. Trent Jackson
3. Chris Spieker

Magic Valley Speedway

Twin Falls, Idaho

Aug. 16, 2008

Premier

1. Jonathan Gomez
2. Rick Fowble
3. Bruce Quale

Super Stock

1. Jonathon Gomes
2. Jerry McKean
3. Kris McKean

Thunder Stock

1. Stacey Jensen
2. Spencer Meyer
3. Steve Edens

Hornet

1. Tim Ford
2. Jerod Bosh
3. Daniel Shirley

Dodge City Raceway Park

Dodge City, Kan.

Aug. 16, 2008

URSS Sprint Car

1. Jason Martin
2. Brian Herbert
3. Richie Dewell

Dawson County Raceway

Lexington, Neb.

Aug. 17, 2008

Modified

1. Bo Egge
2. Jay Steffens
3. Chuck Stryker

Stock Car

1. Jason Koch
2. Charley Brown
3. Colton Osborn

Hobby Stock

1. Kyle Bond
2. Brandon Kautz
3. Greg Hoing

Southern Iowa Speedway

Oskaloosa, Iowa

Aug. 14, 2008

Stock Car

1. Matt Greiner
2. Howard Gordon, Jr.
3. A.J. Johnson

Hobby Stock

1. Jason McDaniel
2. Danny Thrasher
3. Dustin Griffiths

B-Mod

1. Andrew Schroeder
2. Bill Gibson
3. Leroy Groenindyk

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SALEM, Ind. — A last-minute decision to race in the CRA Super Series JayC Food Stores 100 by 2004 series champion Chuck Barnes, Jr. paid off in victory lane Saturday at Salem Speedway.

Barnes decided three days before the race to compete, putting together a quick sponsorship deal, hoping a good showing would help him sell the race car he'd had on the market with no luck.

"We were going to come up and watch the race, and then were thinking, we have the car

why not bring it up and race it?" Barnes said. "We are looking to sell this car and we thought bringing it would make it easier to sell. It is great to win a CRA Super Series race at my home track."

Zach Taylor began challenging Barnes, but ended up tying a career-best second-place finish ahead of John VanDoorn. Keith Gardner was fourth and Scott Hantz rounded out the top five.

The finish:
Chuck Barnes, Jr., Zach Taylor, John VanDoorn, Keith Gardner, Scott Hantz, Adam Purdy, Kenny Tweedy, Jason Dietsch, Robert Maynor, Rick Turner, Jeff Lane, Jeff Berg, Tony Conway, Terry Fisher, Jr., J.R. Roahrig, Brandon Fagin, Donald Karr, Jr., Blake Hillard, Boris Jurkovic, Chad Poorman, Jared Smith.

KAUKAUNA, Wis. — Eddie Hoffman, Bill Prietzel, James Swan and Peter "Speedy" Hernandez are considered to be Mid-American Stock Car Series royalty.

Now, Jake Finney is among them, as he added his name to the Vercauteren Memorial Trophy Saturday night at Wisconsin Int'l Raceway.

Finney stole the lead from Kenny Smart on lap 14 and ran away from the field to pick up his second career MASCS feature win at the same venue

where he picked up his first this past June.

"It feels unbelievable to pick up the Vercauteren Memorial Trophy," said Finney, who recognizes Hoffman as his racing hero. "I love coming to Kaukauna. I wish it was on the schedule more than three times a year."

Smart finished second, for his best-career finish, while Kyle Shear, Tom McClintock and Troy Shear, Jr. rounded out the top five.

The finish:
Jake Finney, Kenny Smart, Kyle Shear, Tom McClintock, Troy Shear, Jr., James Swan, Tim Schmitt, Jim Thorson, Mikie Breiner, Dave Obermeyer.

Reaid Is Red Hot In Senoia

SENOIA, Ga. — Georgia Asphalt Series rookie T.J. Reaid picked up the first series victory of his career Saturday night at New Senoia Raceway, becoming the eighth winner in nine GAS events this season.

After a two-hour rain delay to start the night, Reaid, who won his fifth pole award of the season and started second after the redraw, ended it with

what proved to be a race-winning pass of Chris Dilbeck with 14 laps remaining in the Red Hot Summer 100.

Nick Potts was awarded second after Dilbeck refused a post-race engine inspection. Beau Slocumb took third with rookie Kyle Mitchell in fourth and Bobby East in fifth.

The finish:
T.J. Reaid, Nick Potts, Beau Slocumb, Kyle Mitchell, Bobby East, Ronnie Sanders, Max Gresham, Russell Fleeman, Ryan Sieg, Warren Mobley, James Kawahata, Mahlon Winstead, Chris Dilbeck, Tony Clark.

Reuvers Tops Shakopee

By KEVIN RAMSELL

SHAKOPEE, Minn. — Donny Reuvers showed why he is a four-time defending champion at Shakopee Raceway Park, winning Sunday's American Speed Ass'n Midwest Tour Shakopee 100.

A poor qualifying run was canceled out when the draw put Reuvers on the outside of the front row. Reuvers took the

lead from the outset and led to the checkered flag waved.

Jonathan Eilen had one final shot at Reuvers on a restart with 11 laps to go, but Reuvers was able to pull away and Eilen settled for second.

Steve Carlson was third ahead of Rich Loch in fourth and Chris Wimmer in fifth.

The finish:
Donny Reuvers, Jonathan Eilen, Steve Carlson, Rich Loch, Chris Wimmer, Jamie Iverson, Nathan Haseleu, Jamie Farrell, Nick Murgic, Blake Horstman, Andrew Morrissey, Paul Paine, Russ Blakely, Bryan Roach, Tim Schendel, Joe Berthiaume, Jeff Storm, Mark Kraus, Bryan Turtle, Dan Fredrickson, Travis Sauter, Molly Rhodes, Kyle Calmes, Brandon Hill, Adam Royle, Joey Johnson.

Decker Darts To Victory Lane

By AL ROBINSON
NSSN CORRESPONDENT

VERNON, N.Y. — It was No. 91 all the way in the race honoring No. 61 Aug. 13 at Utica-Rome Speedway as Billy Decker drew the outside front-row starting spot and was never challenged in the 61-lap Richie Evans Remembered event for the Dart Race of Champions dirt modified series.

Members of the Rome native and nine-time NASCAR modified champion's family were present to see his number officially retired at his hometown track. Evans began his oval-racing career in the early 1960s on the quarter-mile asphalt track that preceded the current half-mile dirt layout.

Decker's only anxious moment came with nine laps to go when his car pushed up the track in turn two, nearly going over the rim before he

regained control. Runner-up Jimmy Phelps seemed poised to take advantage, but two laps later Phelps experienced the same issue in turn four. Both drivers said their cars tightened up suddenly as the track took rubber.

Alan Johnson claimed third in his first race with the Jake Spraker modified vacated last month by Bobby Varin, while Utica-Rome regular Willy Decker, who is no relation to the winner, was fourth and won the small-block bonus. Brett Hearn edged Steve Hulsizer for fifth. Pat Ward claimed the Dart RoC dirt series regular-season title by coming back from a flat tire to take seventh.

Brett Belden won the supporting pro-stock feature.

The finish:
Billy Decker, Jimmy Phelps, Alan Johnson, Willy Decker, Brett Hearn, Steve Hulsizer, Pat Ward, Steve Paine, Bobby Varin, Brian Weaver, Jeff Rudalavane, Alan Barker, Jimmy Davis, Larry Wright, Paul Kinney, Billy Van Pelt, Gus Schmidt, Jr., Chad Phelps, Mike Colsten, Paul Jensen, Jackie Brown, Jr., Billy Shantel, Jr., Mitch Gibbs, Ryan Phelps, Stewart Friesen, Jamie Christian, Ronnie Johnson, Bob Henry, Jr.

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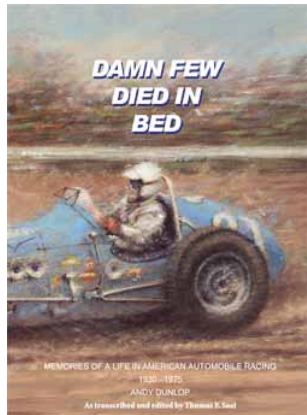
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Bitner Is Grand; Bohlke Top Dog

Aug. 12

By AL ROBINSON
NSSN CORRESPONDENT

BECHTELSVILLE, Pa. — Mark Bitner took advantage of the opportunity presented by a

URC

sprint-car feature during the Aug. 12 Thunder on the Hill event at Grandview Speedway. It was Bitner's second career URC victory, both coming at Grandview.

The winner lined up fifth and settled in behind front row starters Jason Clauss and Kramer Williamson. On the 11th circuit, Williamson's engine expired in a cloud of smoke and Bitner shot past Clauss on the restart.

Clauss held off Chris Coyle to finish second, while Michael Carber and Dave Ely completed the top five.

Gary Gollub flipped in turn one on the initial green flag and walked away.

A lap later, Danny Massey flipped twice in turn two. He exited the car under his own power, but was transported to a local hospital for observation.

The finish:

Fast Faas Wires Field

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — Nic Faas led all 30 laps to collect his first Lucas Oil USAC-CRA Sprint Car Series victory Saturday night at Santa Maria Speedway.

USAC-CRA

could not steal the lead on the third-mile dirt track, finishing second at the checkered flag.

Point-leader Mike Spencer was third ahead of David Cardey and Rip Williams.

The summary:
Qualifications: 1. Jimmy Crawford, Crawford 51, 14.277; 2. Josh Ford, Ford 73, 14.353; 3. Rodney Argo, Argo 19, 14.380; 4. Rip Williams, Jory 3, 14.467; 5. Aaron Altaffer,

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picked up his second Virginia Sprint Series — part of the Racesaver Sprint Series, which features more than 400 cars

Mark Bitner, Jason Clauss, Chris Coyle, Michael Carber, Dave Ely, Ed Aikin, Josh Weller, Davey Sammons, Joey Biasi, Brett Schoenly, Rory Janney, Ryan Bohlke, Judi Bates, Art Liedl, Jimmy Reppert, Jim Walters, Kramer Williamson, Kyle Purks, Danny Massey, Gary Gollub.

Saturday

HANOVER, Pa. — Ryan Bohlke made short work of a big field of United Racing Company sprint cars Saturday night at Lincoln Speedway.

Bohlke, who has made only a handful of starts with the series, led all 25 laps en route to the \$2,000 victory for team owner Guy Howie.

With 36 cars on hand, the action was fast and furious throughout the night, but Bohlke controlled the 25-lap feature from green flag to checkered.

With just five laps to go, Jason Clauss put on a challenge for the lead, forcing Bohlke to cover the bottom groove on the third-mile oval. Bohlke and Clauss were nose to tail at the checkered flag with Curt Michael, Kyle Purks and Trevor Lewis filling the top five.

The finish:

Ryan Bohlke, Jason Clauss, Curt Michael, Kyle Purks, Trevor Lewis, J.J. Grasso, Becca Anderson, Michael Carber, Chad Layton, Dave Ely, Brett Schoenly, Chuck Palmucci, Justin Collett, Todd Rittenhouse, Rory Janney, Alan Kimes, Josh Weller, Mark Bitner, Davey Sammons, Kevin Darling, Gary Gollub, Chris Coyle, Tim Hogue, Joey Biasi, Adam Gordon.

Stockton No Match For Short

FLORA, Ill. — Brady Short led all 30 laps en route to a victory Saturday night in the Hoosier Tire Midwest Sprint Car Series at Clay County Speedway.

Short's biggest challenge came from runner-up Chase Stockton as the two overtook traffic at the tail of the field late in the race.

MSCS

Stockton seized the opportunity to move his GRP sprinter up to the top and outside the leader coming off turn two. A yellow flag for debris on lap 27 slowed the field and changed the complexion of the race.

Third-running Jesse Cramer and top-five challenger John Memmer both retired with flat tires. Short was able to hold on after the restart as Stockton settled for second.

Mike Hess claimed his best MSCS finish of the season in third, while Hud Cone and Bret Triplett rounded out the top five.

The finish:

Brady Short, Chase Stockton, Mike Hess, Hud Cone, Bret Triplett, Alex Shanks, Chase Briscoe, Chad Branson, Kyle Cummins, Arin McIntosh, Kevin Thomas, Jr., Tommy Rockwell, Wade Seiler, Jesse Cramer, John Memmer, Donny Bracket, Randy Bateman, Mitch Wissmiller, Jerry Ruble, Kevin Briscoe.

Repeating Peters Tops 81

PARK CITY, Kan. — Point-leader Mike Peters became the first repeat winner of the season in O'Reilly/NCRA sprint-car competition Saturday night at 81 Speedway.

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started on the pole and took the lead from the start. While Peters led, Chad Humston was making his way forward from his sixth-starting spot.

On lap 20, Humston rode Peters' rear bumper and one lap later, passed the 1987 series championship dirt car champion entering turn three to take the lead. However, Peters regained the lead on the next circuit and held off Humston for the victory.

C.J. Johnson charged from 20th to finish third with Jon Freeman and Marc Robe filling the top five.

The finish:

Mike Peters, Chad Humston, C.J. Johnson, Jon Freeman, Marc Robe, Don Droul, Jr., A.J. Selenke, J.D. Johnson, David Wheeler, Scott Lehman, Luke Cranston, Mike Chadd, Dwight Schroeder, Patrick Stasa, Logan Walker, Derek Down, Gavin Punch, Koby Barksdale, Corey Moore, Cody Forshae.

Grimes Takes County Line

ELM CITY, N.C. — French Grimes has been fast all year atop the new surface at County Line Raceway, and Saturday

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night, he was the fastest. Grimes picked up his second Virginia Sprint Series — part of the Racesaver Sprint Series, which features more than 400 cars

across the nation — passing Bill Rice with two laps remaining to secure the win.

Billy Norfleet finished second, while Rice settled for third. Jerald Harris and Satch Worley rounded out the top five.

The finish:

French Grimes, Billy Norfleet, Bill Rice, Jerald Harris, Satch Worley, Chris Ware, Ivan Shaver, Brian Carter, Anthony Linkenhoker, P.J. White, Matt Cullett.

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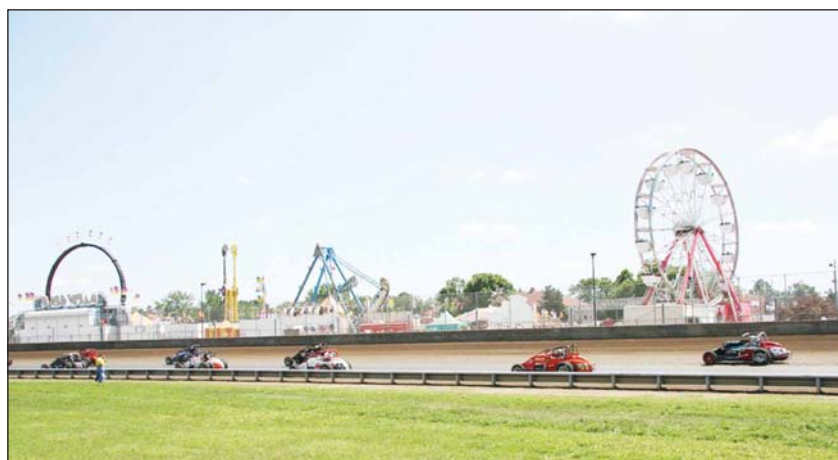
NO BULL: Brian Vickers notched his fifth-career pole in 159 NASCAR Sprint Cup starts and led 21 laps in Sunday's 3M Performance 400 at Michigan Int'l Speedway.



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CLAY-OK: Brady Short wired the field in Saturday's 30-lap Hoosier Tire Midwest Sprint Car Series feature at Clay County Speedway in Flora, Ill.

GORDON GILL PHOTO
DAY AT THE FAIR: The USAC Silver Crown field files around the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield, Ill., during Saturday's Tony Bettenhausen 100.



LEIF TILLOTSON PHOTO

LEFT BEHIND: Dale Bickford sustained some damage during his qualifying heat Thursday at Vermont's Thunder Road Int'l Speedbowl.



TED ROSSINO, JR. PHOTO

GONE FISHING: Clay Millican took the Nitro Fish/Hope4Sudan Top Fuel team to the semifinals Sunday at Maple Grove Raceway.

ECONOMAKI: NHRA's Parks Advocated Shorter Drags

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gone before. He sent me a big envelope (postage \$8.12) containing the glorious and bulky programs from the first four Legends events. They are outstanding. For fans interested in old-time dirt track racing, these programs are a must. The program book for this year's fifth annual event is being assembled now and should any reader want his or her business represented, call Weaver at (310) 549-3562.

Susan Wade, in a testament to the late drag racer **Scott Kalitta**, notes that his dad **Connie** (The Bounty Hunter),

ARGABRIGHT: The Weld Family Played A Major Role In Racing

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and great memories that we hadn't had time to uncover. So much history, now gone.

How will Greg be remembered? As a race driver of tremendous talent, or as a savvy businessman who created an entity that will long outlive him? Both are accurate, as Weld led a rare, multi-dimensional life that saw fantastic success on both fronts.

Greg was the product of one of the greatest patriarchs in all of sprint-car racing, Taylor "Pappy" Weld. Weld, who with wife Ella welcomed children late in life, fathered three sons who would ultimately have a profound effect on the sport. First came Jerry; immensely talented as a driver, but as wild and untamed as the Kansas wind. Then Greg; smart and deeply focused, fiercely driven to succeed at anything he tried. Then Kenny; brooding and complex, brilliant and troubled, with a will that ultimately brought him back from a deep, dark hole.

Jerry was the first to race, and his

also a drag racer and owner of an air cargo company, had an engine rip off one of his B-747 cargo planes in mid flight and fall into Lake Michigan!

Constant reader **Ben Oliver** of Las Vegas takes exception to my recent comment that **Wally Parks** would roll over in his grave were he around for the reduction to 1,000 feet from the 1,320-foot quarter-mile distance for NHRA's Top Fuel and Funny Car drags. Oliver points out that, for safety and cost reasons, Parks had strongly advocated eighth-mile drag racing. Oliver cites Parks's reasoning as seeking fewer oil downs, fewer crashes and fewer engine explosions along with shorter length programs. He notes that trial eighth-mile runs had been made at Colorado's Bandimere Speedway.

Another regular reader, **Edward Picard** of Greenville, R.L., who is

great talent — and success — ultimately shaped the destiny of both Greg and Kenny. Jerry died in a traffic accident in the prime of his life in 1970, cutting short what would have been a monumental career.

Kenny would win the Knoxville Nationals four times, but it was his epic success — and rivalry with Jan Opperman — in central Pennsylvania that made him a bona fide sprint-car legend. In the 1980s, Kenny veered terribly off course and sank into the abyss of drugs, ultimately serving time in Leavenworth on a federal drug trafficking conviction. He rehabilitated himself and served his time, then proved his mettle by inventing a process that revolutionized the cylinder head business in the early 1990s. In 1997 he died after a long struggle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

It was Greg who became the most enduring of the three. He proved himself immediately as a racer at age 16, brash and cocky and full of desire. Restless for greater fields of conquest, he tried USAC in the mid-1960s, becoming the youngest sprint-car champion in their history in 1967. Yet, just as his driving career was headed for the stratosphere, he decided to quit well before his 30th birthday to concentrate on his bur-

restoring the famed pre-war **Rudy Adams** JAP midget, phones with the sad news that noted New England midgeteer **Johnny Kay** passed away recently at age 85 after contracting pneumonia in a Connecticut nursing home.

The Performance Racing Industry show is coming up Dec. 11-13, and that's when NISSN presents the Economaki Champion of Champions award. Right now, there are a number of candidates, and like last year, it will be difficult to choose one above the others. **Donny Schatz** won last year, and he's in the running again. **Jack Day** and Rocket Brand has been a great partner with NISSN in sponsoring this award. Jack helped make it bigger and better the years he was involved, and now the CoC award is ready for another sponsor: Interested parties may call **Chris Sessions** at (704) 455-8046.

geoning wheel business.

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You cannot discuss the history of Midwestern racing, or the history of sprint-car racing, without discussing Pappy, Jerry, Greg, and Kenny Weld. Simply cannot. You can tally up their statistics and the numbers are impressive; however, what cannot be measured is the way they captured the imaginations of countless people across both regions and generations and influenced countless people in the sport.

Now, all four men are gone. The Weld influence will continue to be felt through their children and their products, but the men who directly built the name have now left us.

Greg Weld was a driven, powerful man, yet a man capable of gentle, interesting conversation. His was a fascinating story, of a fascinating family, living in a fascinating era that we'll never see again. I'll miss him, very much.

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ing and let us know how welcome we were in Newton. The grounds were green and groomed with everything looking spruced up to the maximum. The Iowa Speedway employees were very polite and willing to help — from the guys guarding the gates to the concession workers.

Unfortunately, we also got to meet the rescue crews, tow-truck personnel and the medical-center staff, too. Like everyone else at Iowa Speedway, they were pleasant, professional and courteous. Our car made contact with the front stretch, and we are happy the driver, Jacob Wilson, was unhurt, and the car wasn't hurt that bad either. The crash ended a very good run, driving from 16th at the start to sixth at lap 58 of 100.

Congrats to Cameron Dodson on the win. The track had multiple racing grooves, and from where we were on pit road, the race was pretty exciting to watch with lots of passing. I can't imagine the show the folks in the stands saw.

Jacob enjoyed getting to meet the fans at the autograph session behind the grandstands; he wished every track would do that for the drivers and fans.

My dad said the breaded tenderloin was the best he had ever tasted, and for \$7.50, it was a real value.

We were glad to see the "Mercy One" medical chopper land before the day's racing started and are also happy to report its crew only got to watch some good racing and took off empty at the day's end.

I can't wait to return to Iowa Speedway next year with the USAC Silver Crown Series. Iowa, you have a lot to be proud of with Iowa Speedway and Casey's General Stores.

Mark Wilson
Crawfordsville, Ind.

Tires, CoT Had Help

It appears like a large number of people are either afraid to say anything about the track or have forgotten that the Indy 500 was not real racy either. Remember Kanaan's spin due to the

marbles outside the single-race groove? As far as I'm concerned, the grinding done to the track has flat ruined all the racing.

Tony needs to look at a composite paving, like what is on Bristol. Despite everyone saying, "it wasn't the track," it played a big part in the (Allstate 400 at the Brickyard) fiasco. I'm glad I didn't go to either race.

Further, NASCAR has the right idea with the CoT. They have just allowed the engineers and drivers to adjust the suspension geometry completely out of whack. If they continue to allow F-1-type shocks (get rid of the bump stops) and the camber extremities, it never will be right. On top of this, we now have cars going down the straightaway dog tracking. Geez!

There's a real simple solution: Straighten out the suspensions and (hold on, here it comes) slow them down! Slower straightaway speeds lead to better cornering. No wonder Goodyear can't make a decent tire. They are building them for a twisted and crooked car. Good grief, stock may apply somewhat to the bodies, but surely not to the suspensions.

The racing is lousy (except between the 15th and 25th, which, of course, barely gets televised). I lost track of the top 10 at Chicago watching the mid-pack racing.

Mike Hickman
Washington, Ill.

Respect For Anthem

I wanted to comment about and add to the letter from Doug Rasmussen in the Aug. 6 edition regarding the national anthem.

Having been a motorsport fan for many years, I, too, have heard hundreds of renditions of the anthem. Living in Phoenix, I have had the pleasure of enjoying Jesse McGuire play it on many occasions.

Too often, in my opinion, the singer or player of the anthem for some reason feels that they need to put their own interpretation on the song by carrying the notes too long or emphasizing the wrong words.

If I want to hear so and so's vocal talent and style, I will buy their album. The national anthem is not their song, it's our national anthem. When performed, it should be done correctly, cleanly, honestly and with respect.

John D. Andrews
Scottsdale, Ariz.

Racing In The Rain Is Another Sham

VALLEY STREAM, N.Y.

At many speedways, there are signs or billboards advertising what is on tap for tonight's show. I'd like to ask ticket-buying fans, what would they do if the sign said, "Forecast for heavy rain tonight. We will race."

The talk about racing in the rain has been around for years. It reached fruition at the Nationwide race at Montreal. They did indeed race in the rain. I guess NASCAR wanted its friends at Goodyear to empty its warehouse of those 6-year-old rain tires.

I don't care if the effete snobs in Formula One do this. They also, for years had races decided by "team orders." As far as this observer is

concerned, there is nothing dumber than "racing" in the rain.

First of all, it's terrible for the fans. Sit in one spot, you will get drenched. If a guy brings his wife and kids to the races, how will they enjoy the show? Also, a race in the rain will take longer, because the pace is slower: One dummy on TV said the fans will be OK if they bring umbrellas. How does one see the action if everybody in the stands opens a parasol?

As far as the racers go, it's dangerous. You can't see, you have poor car control and you really can't "race" with anybody. They red flagged the race at Montreal because cars ran into each other.

Let's face it, this is done just so the

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track operator and the sanctioning body can take the money and run. Rain dates are expensive. There are no better fans anywhere than in our sport. Let's not "soak" them.

■ In my last column, I mentioned I thought off-shore drilling was the answer to our nation's problems with

oil. A lot of people disagreed. I guess I should be flattered that my little Mom 'n Pop column could actually have influence. Did you notice that when 65 percent of Americans polled said they were in favor of OSD, the Senator from Illinois changed his stand on the issue?

■ Marty Himes will hold an open house at his museum at 15 O'Neill Ave., Bay Shore, N.Y., Aug. 24 from noon until darkness. There will be free food and refreshments and a chance for us gray-haired folks to get together again. For info, call Marty at (631) 666-4912.

■ Friend Spencer Riggs is wrapping up his long-awaited book on Langhorne (Pa.) Speedway. It has been especially hard for him to iden-

tify cars that raced in the modified open. For scoring purposes they used to whitewash new car numbers to avoid duplicates. The scoring there was such a nightmare that wasn't necessary.

■ Sorry to report the unexpected passing of racer Jay Miller: His father Ray was a top modified driver in New England. Jay had just won his first feature. He was only 35. It's also very sad to hear of the passing of longtime modified driver Ed Farley.

■ I hope Frankie Schneider had a great 82nd birthday Aug. 11.

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