

**“ Berry Finishes Nitro Lubricants \$25,000 Strong with The Fall Brawl and The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly National Championship”**



10/17/2020 - The long strange season at Hickory Motor Speedway would come to a thunderous culmination with the running of the Calico Coatings FALL BRAWL on Saturday night with 430 laps of exciting racing action.

Leading off the night would be the Street Stocks for 30 laps of battle. Mark Johnson in the #29 would set fast time and start from the pole position with Gary Ledbetter in the #32 starting outside front row. Drew Cox in the #21 and Mark Whitten in the #77 would make up row two. Ledbetter would use the upper groove to pull to the early lead with Johnson close behind. After starting fifth, 2020 track champion Marshall Sutton in the #64 would start moving forward early, as he would make the pass for

fourth and close in on third. Cox would close in on the leaders and make it a three way battle for the top spot. Ledbetter would go on to take the win. Johnson would finish 2nd with Cox taking 3rd. Sutton would come home in 4th with Whitten finishing 5th.

The Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models would be next up for a 100 lap feature. Zack Clifton in the #81 would pace qualifying and start from the top spot with Joshua Gobble in the #88 to his outside. Chase Janes in the #47 and Whitney Meggs in the #22 would make up row two for the start. Clifton would pull to the early lead with Gobble giving chase. Janes would pull to the pits on lap 5 with flames bellowing out of the rear of his vehicle. The Hickory Motor Speedway Fire & Safety crew would quickly extinguish the flames. James would rejoin the race at the rear of the field after what appeared to be a piece of tire rubber catching fire in the rear. The restart would see Clifton and Gobble door to door for the green flag. Gobble would use the high line to move to the lead spot. Clifton would roll to a stop on lap 8 and bring out the caution. The restart would see Gobble and Kyle Mansch, who started the race sixth, in the #17 side by side for the restart. Gobble would move back to the lead. The #44 of Josh Kossek would move around Mansch for second, but the battle would be far from over. Mansch would work his way back around Kossek for second on lap 14. The caution would fly on lap 15 as the #72 of Pete Johns would spin on the backstretch. The restart would see Gobble and Mansch pacing the field back to the green. Gobble would pull back to the lead with Mansch close behind. Lap 47 would see the caution for a spin on the backstretch involving the #57 of Ashton Trivette and the #43 of Kenneth Pardue. The restart would see Gobble and Mansch pacing the field to the green flag. Gobble would pull to the lead as Meggs would spin in turn three and make hard contact with the outside wall. Gobble and Mansch would lead the field back to the green flag. Mansch would use the high groove and pull to the lead on lap 48. Ryan Walker in the #8 would get into the outside wall and bring out the caution on lap 63. Mansch and Gobble would lead the field back to the green. Mansch would pull back to the lead while Gobble would face a challenge by the #32 of Zack Miracle for second. Gobble would nose ahead for the position as he would try to run down Mansch for the lead. Lap 80 would see Miracle move back around Gobble for second and bring Cody DeMarmels in the #18 to third. Lap 91 would see Mansch and Miracle side by side for the lead. The pair would battle hard and it come to a head on lap 96 when Mansch would spin after contact with Miracle in turn two, bringing out another caution. Janes and DeMarmels would bring the field to the green flag for a four lap shootout. Janes would pull to the front and lead the final four laps and take the win after a fiery start to the race. DeMarmels would finish 2nd with Kossek finishing 3rd. Clifton would bounce back from early problems to finish 4th while Kade Brown in the #99 would bring it home in 5th.

The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Models would roll off next for their 200 lap heavyweight battle with a \$25,000 Nitro Lubricants National Championship Challenge up for grabs. The National Points leader, Josh Berry in the #88 would set fast time and start from the point with Sam Butler in the #81 to his outside. Ryan Millington in the #15 and Shane Lee in the #77 would start from row two. Berry would nose ahead briefly, but Butler would sail the high line and take the lead at lap two. Millington would follow Butler around Berry on the high line to take second. Mike Darne in the #6 and Gracie Trotter in #20 would move around for third and fourth. Millington would move to the top spot on lap nine as he would get around Butler. Lap 17 would see Trotter move to second around Darne. The #6 of Bryson Dennis would make his move to third on lap 19 after starting ninth. The caution would fly on lap 28 as Akinori Ogata in the #14 would spin in turn three. Millington and Trotter would lead the field to the green flag on the restart. Millington would pull to the lead as Trotter would face a challenge from Dennis. The caution would fly on lap 35 as Ogata would come to a rest sideways in turn three. The restart would see Millington and Trotter on the front row for the green. Justin Johnson in the #08 would move up to fourth from his twelfth starting position. Lap 45 would see Johnson move to third around Dennis. Lap 50 would see Millington, Trotter, Johnson, Dennis, and Darne as the top five. Lap 82 would see Johnson make the pass on Trotter for second. After starting on the pole and dropping back as far as twelfth, Berry would work his way back to the top five on lap 86. Millington would lead the field to the halfway break with Johnson in 2nd. Trotter, Dennis, and Berry would round out the top five at the halfway break. After a ten minute break and two fresh Hoosier F-45s, Millington and Johnson would lead the field back to the green flag for the final 100 laps. Millington and Johnson would battle for the top spot with Johnson nosing ahead after several side by side laps. Berry would move around Dennis for fourth and pressure Trotter for third. Lap 108 would see Trotter get by Millington for second and bring Berry to third. Trotter would drive to Johnson's bumper on lap 112 and make the pass for the lead on lap 113. Berry would move to second just behind Trotter. After falling back several spots Millington would pass Johnson for third on lap 117. Lap 139 would see Berry move around Trotter for the top spot. The caution would fly on lap 141 as Ogata would spin in turn three. Berry and Trotter would lead the field back to the green flag. Berry would pull back to the lead as Trotter, Johnson, and Millington would do battle for second. Lap 153 would see Millington challenge Trotter for second. Millington would make the pass on lap 155. Lap 166 would see the #77 of Trevor Ward spin in turn two, bringing out the final caution. The restart would see Berry and Millington pace the field back to the green flag. After a five lap door to door battle Berry would move back to the lead. Lap 180 would see the #77 of Shane Lee move to third around Trotter and Johnson. Berry would prove too strong on the night and drive on to the victory and the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series National Championship. Millington would finish 2nd with Lee finishing 3rd. Johnson would take 4th while Austin McDaniel in the #12 would take 5th.

Ending the night's racing would be the Carolina Pro Late Model Series for 100 laps. After the invert the top five for the start would be Amber Lynn in the #2, Lee Tissot in the #27, Tyler Church in the #1X, Nick Loden in the #43, and Michael Pilla in the #4. Lynn would pull to the early lead with Tissot close behind. The caution would fly on lap 8 as the #61 of Gabriel Fogg would lose control coming out of turn four and get into the outside wall. The restart would see Lynn and Tissot lead the field to the green flag. After a side by side battle with Tissot, Lynn would move back to the front on lap 10. Carson Kvapil in the #35 would start last on the field, but move to sixth on lap 15. Church would move around Tissot for second on lap 16. The battle for second would be a four car battle between Church, Loden, Kvapil, and Kyle Campbell in the #45. The caution would fly on lap 30 as the #5 of Max Gutierrez would spin on the backstretch. Lynn and Church would lead the field back to the green flag. Lynn would pull back to the lead with Church close behind. Kvapil would move to second around Church on lap 35. Lap 41 would see Kvapil complete the journey through the field as he would pass Lynn for the lead. The caution would fly on lap 52 with a multi-car incident on the front stretch. The cars of Pilla, Toni Breidinger in the #80, and Grayson Ward in the #9 would all be involved. The restart would see Kvapil and Campbell side by side. Campbell would move to the lead while Kvapil's car would trail a stream of sparks all the way around the track. Kvapil would come to a stop on the backstretch and bring out the caution on lap 53. Campbell and Lynn would bring the field back to the green flag. Campbell would pull to the lead with Lynn in second. The caution would fly on lap 55 as Church would get hard into the backstretch wall after contact with Tissot. Campbell and Lynn would lead the field back to the green flag. Campbell would move back to the front with Lynn close behind. Kvapil would move back to the top five on lap 65. Lap 73 would see Kvapil pass Lynn for second and look to run down the leader, Campbell. Lap 84 would see Kvapil make the pass for the lead, however he would spin coming off of turn four after tangling with Campbell as lap traffic would bottleneck the race for the lead. Campbell and Lynn would bring the field back to green flag. The caution would quickly fly as Tissot would spin in turn two and Kvapil would cut a right rear after getting collected

as he tried to drive through the incident. Campbell and Lynn would pace the field once again. After a spirited battle with Lynn, Campbell would move back to the lead. Campbell would hold on and drive on to the win. Lynn would finish 2nd with Jacob Perry in the #21 grabbing 3rd. Loden would take 4th and Kvapil would fight back for 5th.

Hickory Motor Speedway would like to thank all of our fans, sponsors, competitors, officials, and workers for all of their support in 2020. It was a discouraging season for many of us, but with a team effort we continued the tradition of making Hickory Motor Speedway Americas Most Famous Short Track. With Facebook Live we hope that everyone at the track and home enjoyed the competitive racing provided at Hickory Motor Speedway. General Manager Kevin Piercy stated “ We are working hard and looking forward to the opportunities ahead in 2021, and we want our loyal Hickory Motor Speedway fans safely back at the track” We have already began working on our 2021 season schedule.

Hickory Motor Speedway will remain open year around for practice opportunities for our teams.

Information on our banquet will be upcoming.

#### Hickory Motor Speedway Results 10/17/20

##### Late Model

- 1 #88 – Josh Berry
- 2 #15 – Ryan Millington
- 3 #77 – Shane Lee
- 4 #08 – Justin Johnson
- 5 #12M – Austin McDaniel
- 6 #20 – Gracie Trotter
- 7 #88M – Connor Mosack
- 8 #3 – Will Cox III
- 9 #6D – Mike Darne
- 10 #14J – Conner Jones
- 11 #2 – Matt Leicht
- 12 #6 – Bryson Dennis
- 13 #81 – Sam Butler ( r )
- 14 #07 – Chase Dixon
- 15 #77W – Trevor Ward
- 16 #66 – Zack Wells
- 17 #14 – Akinori Ogata
- 18 #11 – Dillon Houser

##### Limited Late Model

- 1 #47 – Chase Janes
- 2 #18 – Cody DeMarmels
- 3 #44K – Josh Kossek

- 4 #81 – Zack Clifton
- 5 #99 – Kade Brown
- 6 #71 – Landon Huffman
- 7 #80 – Toni Breidinger
- 8 #17M – Kyle Mansch
- 9 #38 – Alex Posey
- 10 #88 – Joshua Gobble
- 11 #97L – Billy Jack Lester
- 12 #8P – Travis Powell
- 13 #32M – Zack Miracle
- 14 #8 – Ryan Walker
- 15 #1 – Kyle Barnes
- 16 #29 – Dennis Trivette
- 17 #22 – Whitney Meggs
- 18 #55 – John Reynolds Jr.
- 19 #43P – Kenneth Pardue
- 20 #57 – Ashton Trivette
- 21 #17 – Skyler Chaney
- 22 #5 – BJ Moose
- 23 #72 – Pete Johns
- 24 #10 – Wyatt Underwood
- 25 #30 – Blake Shupe - DNS
- 26 #71L – Nathan Lineback - DNS

#### **Street Stocks**

- 1 #32 – Gary Ledbetter
- 2 #29 – Mark Johnson
- 3 #21C – Drew Cox
- 4 #64 – Marshall Sutton
- 5 #77 – Mark Whitten
- 6 #7 – Zach Hale
- 7 #5X – John Clark - DNS
- 8 #5 – Jesse Clark - DNS
- 9 #31 – Derek Fowler - DNS

#### **Carolina Pro Late Model Series**

- 1 #15 – Kyle Campbell

- 2 #2 – Amber Lynn
- 3 #21 – Jacob Perry
- 4 #43 – Nick Loden
- 5 #35 – Carson Kvapil
- 6 #13 – Eric Nash
- 7 #80 – Toni Breidinger
- 8 #5 – Max Gutierrez
- 9 #27 – Lee Tissot
- 10 #51 – Zach Keller
- 11 #03 – Sterling Plemmons
- 12 #5X – Chad Mallory
- 13 1X – Tyler Church
- 14 #4 – Michael Pilla
- 15 #9 – Grayson Ward
- 16 #61 – Gabriel Fogg
- 17 #48 – Toby Grynewicz
- 18 #2X – Terry Thompson