

“ Ryan Millington(76) wins Twin #1, Charlie Watson(9) wins Twin #2 ”



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The NASCAR Whelen All-American Series rolled back into Hickory Motor Speedway for another Cosmos Motors Night of racing and excitement on Saturday night. Cold temperatures and a looming forecast of frozen precipitation wouldn't deter the hardcore competitors nor the diehard fans as the show would roll on.

The NASCAR Whelen All American Series Bojangles Late Models would roll off first with part one of their doubleheader twin 40 lap features. Ryan Millington in the #76 would set the fast time for the second week in a row with Charlie Watson in the #9 starting to his outside. Mason Diaz in the #24 and Ty Gibbs in the #18 would start from row 2. Millington would grab the early lead but Watson would be glued to the bumper hoping to take the lead. Diaz and Gibbs would battle for the third position and quickly be joined by Tal Davidson in the #77. Millington would prove too strong and go on to take his second win of the season with Watson coming across in 2nd place. Diaz would grab the 3rd place finish with Davidson moving up to the 4th position while Gibbs would record his first top 5 at HMS in the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Bojangles Late Models.

Next up would be the 4 Cylinders in their 25 lap feature. Curtis Pardue in the #17 would pace qualifying and sit on the pole with Brian Mundy in the #6 to his outside. Pardue would jump to the early lead as Mundy and Cody Combs in the #9 would try to track him down. Robert Trivette in the #11 would make a strong charge from the back trying to make his way to the point. Pardue would go on to claim his first win of the 2017 season with Trivette coming home in 2nd. Mundy would take the 3rd finishing position, Combs and Rob Lewis in the #98 would round out the top 5.

The Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models would roar to life next for their 35 lap feature. Monty Cox in the #21 would set the fast time and start from the pole with Mitch Walker in the #29 on his outside. Jeremy Pelfrey in the #51 and Pat Rachels in the #34 would make up row 2. Cox would jump to the early lead with Walker close in tow. Rachels and Pelfrey would move by Walker as he would have a shortened night with mechanical troubles. Cox lead would be insurmountable and he would grab the victory, his first on the 2017 season with Rachels finishing runner-up. Last week's winner, Pelfrey, would finish 3rd, Alex Reece in the #18 grabbed the 4th spot, and Matt Elledge in the #99 brought home his first top 5 after moving up from the 4 Cylinder division, where he won the 2014 Championship.

The always popular Catawba Realty & Insurance Classic Sportsmen Racing Association would roll off the grid next for their 25 lap feature. Bill Lett in the #4 would take the pole with 2016 Division Champion, Eddie Gilbert in the #95 to his outside. Gilbert would get a good start and nose ahead of Lett. The pair would set a feverish pace until late in the race when Lett would pressure Gilbert for the lead. Lett would finally get by with just a few laps remaining to take the win with Gilbert finishing 2nd. Bill Powell in the #71 would finish 3rd, Bill Webb in the #16 would grab 4th, and Don Fenn in the #72 would round out the top 5.

The Cosmo Motors Street Stocks would be the next to hit the track for their 30 lap feature. Kevin Eby in the #03 would grab the pole and Marshall Sutton in the #64 would start to his outside. Eby would take the early lead as Sutton would do battle with Cody DeMarmels in the #18 for 2nd. DeMarmels would make the pass and move towards Eby for the lead. The pair would have another spirited race as they did the previous week but this time DeMarmels would come out on top, crossing the finish line first, with Eby finishing 2nd. Sutton would finish 3rd, Trey Buff in the #69 would take 4th, and Mark Whitten in the #77 would round out the top 5.

Finishing out the regular portion of the night's events would be the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Bojangles Late Models playing out their doubleheader with race #2 of the twin 40 lap features. The top 8 would invert after the finish of race #1 putting Brandon Cox in the #21 on the pole and Brooke Schimmel in the #25 starting to his outside. Omar Jurardo in the #15 and Ty Gibbs in the #18 would make up row #2. Cox would grab the early lead with Jurardo moving up to 2nd. Cox and Jurardo would race nose to tail for several laps as the #9 of Charlie Watson, the #76 of Ryan Millington, and the #21 of Mike Darne would quickly start making their way through the field. As the cars came off of turn 4 contact would be made sending the leader, Cox, spinning with smoke boiling off the tires and the entire field trying to evade the incident. When the smoke cleared the cars of Cox and Gibbs would have to be towed in and the cars of Schimmel and Diaz would drive to the pits for repairs. When the field would reassemble Watson and Millington would be at the point making up the front row for the restart. Watson would get the jump and move to the lead. Millington would hold on to 2nd until Darne would catch him and eventually work around him. Watson would go on to take the win with Darne finishing 2nd. Millington would grab 3rd, Tal Davidson in the #77 would work his way up to finish 4th, and Jurardo would round out the top 5.

At the end of the evening the diehard fans would be treated to the premier race of a new division sponsored by Covington Dental. Part demolition derby, part old school bombers, and 100% fun would be the best way to describe it. From a blue light pace bus, to a standing start, to spinning limos



the race had it all. With debris strewn across the track HMS local legend, Cowboy, James Dale Weaver would go on to grab the inaugural victory. Fans are encouraged to go the track Facebook page and help name the new division.

Racing resumes next week with the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series returning with 100 laps for the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Bojangles Late Models, 50 laps and round 2 of the Paramount Kia Challenge for the Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models, 35 laps for the Super Trucks, 30 laps for the Cosmo Motors Street Stocks, and 20 laps for the Renegades.

Gates open at 5:15pm, Qualifying at 5:30pm, Autograph Session at 6:30pm, and Racing at 7:30pm.

Tickets only \$12.50 Adults, \$10.50 Youth/Seniors, Children 10 & under FREE!

Hickory Motor Speedway

Race Results for 3/11/2017

4-Cylinders - Feature

Finish	Car No	Driver	Hometown
1	17	Curtis Pardue	Hickory, NC
2	11	Robert Trivette	Newton, NC
3	6M	Brian Mundy	,
4	9	Cody Combs	Lenoir, NC
5	98	Rob Lewis	Morganton, NC

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Classic Sportsman Racing - Feature

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1	4L	Bill Lett	Statesville, NC
2	95G	Eddie Gilbert	Newton, NC

3	71P	Bill Powell	Newton, NC
4	16	Bill Webb	Statesville, NC
5	72	Don Fenn	Lincolnton, NC
6	90	Dennis Hinkle	Hickory, NC
7	6W	Robert Webb	Harmony, NC
8	28	Danny Toney	,

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Late Model - Qualifying

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1	76	Ryan Millington	Statesville, NC	
2	9W	Charlie Watson	Lenoir, NC	
3	24	Mason Diaz	,	
4	18G	Ty Gibbs	Charlotte, NC	
5	21M	Mike Darne	Mooresville, NC	
6	15O	Omar Jurado	Huntersville, NC	
7	25S	Brooke Schimmel	Vancouver, WA	
8	77T	Tal Davidson	Mooresville, NC	
9	21B	Brandon Cox	Taylorsville, NC	

10 21 Monty Cox Granite Falls, NC

**Late Model -
Twin I**

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1	76	Ryan Millington	Statesville, NC	
2	9W	Charlie Watson	Lenoir, NC	
3	24	Mason Diaz	,	
4	77T	Tal Davidson	Mooresville, NC	
5	18G	Ty Gibbs	Charlotte, NC	
6	15O	Omar Jurado	Huntersville, NC	
7	25S	Brooke Schimmel	Vancouver, WA	
8	21B	Brandon Cox	Taylorsville, NC	
9	21M	Mike Darne	Mooresville, NC	
10	21	Monty Cox	Granite Falls, NC	

**Late Model -
Twin II**

Finish	Car No	Driver	Hometown	DQ/DNS/DNF
1	9W	Charlie Watson	Lenoir, NC	
2	21M	Mike Darne	Mooresville, NC	
3	76	Ryan Millington	Statesville, NC	
4	77T	Tal Davidson	Mooresville, NC	
5	15O	Omar Jurado	Huntersville, NC	
6	24	Mason Diaz	,	
7	21B	Brandon Cox	Taylorsville, NC	
8	18G	Ty Gibbs	Charlotte, NC	
9	25S	Brooke Schimmel	Vancouver, WA	
10	21	Monty Cox	Granite Falls, NC	

Limited Late Model - Feature

Finish	Car No	Driver	Hometown	DQ/DNS/DNF
1	21	Monty Cox	Granite Falls, NC	
2	34	Pat Rachels	China Grove, NC	
3	51	Jeremy Pelfrey	Lenoir, NC	
4	18R	Alex Reece	Granite Falls, NC	
5	99E	Matthew Elledge	Statesville, NC	
6	29	Mitch Walker	Newton, NC	

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2	29	Mitch Walker	Newton, NC	
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4	34	Pat Rachels	China Grove, NC	
5	18R	Alex Reece	Granite Falls, NC	
6	99E	Matthew Elledge	Statesville, NC	

Street Stocks - Feature

Finish	Car No	Driver	Hometown	DQ/DNS/DNF
1	18D	Cody DeMarmels	Newton, NC	
2	3	Kevin Eby	Lenior, NC	
3	64	Marshall Sutton	Burnsville, NC	
4	69	Trey Buff	Hickory, NC	
5	77P	Mark Whitten	Hogtown, VA, VA	DNS

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3	69	Trey Buff	Hickory, NC	

4	77P	Mark Whitten	Hogtown, VA, VA	DQ
5	18D	Cody DeMarmels	Newton, NC	DNS