



Bassett Wins Big in First 'Paramount KIA Big 10 Race Challenge' Race

Bassett starts the 2014 season off on the right foot with a win during the ZLOOP Spring Classic Season Opener at Hickory Motor Speedway.



(Newton, N.C. - Monday, March 10) The 64th season of stock car racing at Hickory Motor Speedway kicked off Saturday night with the ZLOOP Spring Classic Season Opener featuring the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series. Five different drivers found themselves in Victory Lane following their respective races, but the night was highlighted with a win by Dillon Bassett in the first round of the 'Paramount KIA Big 10 Race Challenge' featuring the 'Bojangles' Late Models.

The No. 88 of Doug Barnes earned the pole position for the first round the 'Paramount KIA Big 10 Race Challenge' and brought the 24-car field to green flag for the start of the 100-lap feature. His time out front didn't last long, as the No. 00 of Shane Lee moved into the top spot on the first lap. Lee remained out front and created a sizable lead over the competition, while several cars were battling to improve their position. Meanwhile, the No. 44 of Dillon Bassett was working his way through the field and took the lead on lap 75 where he would remain until taking the checkered flag. The No. 9 of William Byron, No. 32 of Travis Swaim, No. 88 of Josh Berry and Lee rounded out the top five.

The Gold King Limited Late Models kept the action going during a 35-lap event that saw multiple cautions and a battle in the end for the win. The No. 1 of Trent Barnes captured the pole for the start of the race, but relinquished the position to the No. 77 of Travis Byrd on lap seven. Byrd fought to remain out front after receiving pressure from Barnes during the late stages of the race. A lap 22 caution positioned Byrd and Barnes side-by-side for the restart resulting in an intense battle for the top spot. Byrd went on to take the checkered flag after Barnes spun out just four laps shy of the finish. The No. 51 of Jeremy Pelfrey, No. 51 of Ryan Shattuck, No. 75 of Taylor Stricklin and No. 21 of J P Dyar finished second through fifth, respectively.

Disappointment struck the pole sitter in the Street Stock Division, No. 33 of Mark Whitten, after he experienced mechanical issues with a broken ball joint putting him out of the race on the first lap. The misfortune allowed the No. 10 of Kevin Townsend to take the lead, where he would remain until taking the checkered flag. The yellow flag was displayed twice during the event on laps 16 and 19 for spinning racecars. Townsend picked up his first victory of the season and was followed to the finish line by the No. 2 of Larry Mosher, the No. 03 of Kevin Eby, the No. 165 of Jonathon Smith and the No. 35 of Marshall Sutton.

Chase Pollard in the No. 98 led the 4-Cylinder division to the green flag for a 25-lap event, but pulled off track to assess potential damage sustained to his car on lap five after the No. 00 of Eddie Gilbert spun in turn three bringing out the caution. The No. 99 of Matt Elledge restarted the race from the top spot, but Pollard worked his way around Elledge and regained the position out front. Pollard was the first to cross the finish with Elledge, the No. 17 of Curtis Pardue and Gilbert in tow.

The WrenchRags Renegades put on an exciting show as competitors battled for position throughout the race. The No. 71 of Kyle Divanna started from the pole position, but spun out on the frontstretch on lap six forcing him toward the back of the field. Cautions bred cautions during the late portion of the race allowing the No. 8 of Kenneth Roberts to pick up a win. The No. 4 of Greg Austin, Divanna, the No. 85 of Dustin Walker and the No. 5 of Carroll McKinney completed the top five.

Race fans can join us at Hickory Motor Speedway on Saturday, March 15 for another night of excitement from the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series featuring appearances by the Bojangles' Late Models, Gold King Limited Late Models, the Street Stocks and Super Trucks. Grandstands open at 5 p.m. with qualifying immediately following. An On-Track Autograph Session will take place at 6 p.m. with feature racing action scheduled to begin at 7. Tickets are only \$11 for adults, \$9 for seniors and teens with children 12 and under free.

Hickory Motor Speedway			
Official Race Results for 3/8/2014			
4-Cylinders - Feature			
Finish	Car No	Driver	Hometown
1	98P	Chase Pollard	Taylorsville, NC
2	99	Matthew Elledge	Statesville, NC
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Late Model - Feature			
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1	44	Dillon Bassett	Winston Salem, NC
2	9	William Byron	Charlotte, NC
3	21T	Travis Swaim	Greensboro, NC
4	88B	Josh Berry	Hendersonville, TN
5	00	Shane Lee	Newton, NC
6	41H	Brayton Haws	Youngsville, NC
7	15B	Justin Bolton	Greensburg, PA
8	57C	Justin Carroll	Concord, NC
9	23R	Peyton Ryan	Concord, NC
10	5H	Bret Holmes	Munford, AL
11	21S	Dalton Sargeant	Winston-Salem, NC
12	7S	Justin Crider	Statesville, NC
13	87	Hayden Woods	Piney Flats, TN
14	88D	Doug Barnes	Whiteford, MD
15	2	Paige Decker	Concord, NC
16	14O	Akinori Ogata	Mooresville, NC
17	7	Ashley Huffman	Connelly Springs, NC
18	6A	Devon Amos	Charlotte, NC
19	12	Austin McDaniel	Harrisburg, NC
20	25D	Kate Dallenbach	Mooresville, NC
21	75	Landon Huffman	Claremont, NC
22	25	Matt Piercy	Conover, NC
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Limited Late Model - Feature

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1	77B	Travis Byrd	Sherrills Ford, NC
2	51	Jeremy Pelfrey	Lenoir, NC
3	51S	Ryan Shattuck	Islamorada, FL
4	7S	Taylor Stricklin	Mount Ulla, NC
5	21D	J P Dyar	Charlotte, NC
6	37	Chris Phipps	Newton, NC
7	19	Benji Woodward	Woodleaf, NC
8	1B	Trent Barnes	Whitefield, MD
9	1	Dylon Wilson	Taylorsville, NC
10	11	Dillon Houser	Hildebran, NC
11	18	Casey Pierce	Lenoir, NC
12	15	Sheflon Clay	Asheville, NC
13	3M	Everette McMahan	Mars Hill, NC
14	25	Allen Huffman	Hickory, NC
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Renegades - Feature

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1	8	Kenneth Roberts	Hickory, NC
2	4	Gregory Austin	Granite Falls, NC

3	71	Kyle Divanna	Statesville, NC
4	85	Dustin Walker	Granite Falls, NC
5	16	Carroll McKinney	Hildebran, NC
6	5	Dillon Crouch	Newton, NC
7	22	Daniel Moore	Conover, NC
8	68	Steve Griffith	Morganton, NC
9	69	Ben Campbell	Hudson, NC
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Street Stocks - Feature

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1	10T	Kevin Townsend	Lenoir, NC
2	2	Larry Mosher	Taylorsville, NC
3	03	Kevin Eby	Lenior, NC
4	16S	Jonathon Smith	Hudson, NC
5	3S	Marshall Sutton	Burnsville, NC
6	1	David Snyder	Cleveland, NC
7	10	Ethan Johnson	Hudson, NC
8	74	Kim Smith	Lincolnton, NC
9	21	Kevin Saam	Hudson, NC
10	47	Tyler McKinney	Hickory, NC
11	33	Mark Whitten	Gastonia, NC

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