

# MERCER IS BACK IN THE GROOVE

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(Newton, NC - - April 10, 2010 ) Another night of fast paced racing action is in the history books at the Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars, Hickory Motor Speedway, as the No.10 of Andy Mercer found his groove and made his way to victory lane. The night featured the third installment of the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series with appearances by the Bojangles Late Models, the Advance Auto Parts Limiteds, the Everything Attachments Super Trucks, the Hickory Street Stocks and the Hickory 4-Cylinders.



The action was intense during the caution free 50 lap feature for the Bojangles Late Models. The No.10, 2009 divisional champion, Andy Mercer found himself on familiar ground as he started the race in the pole position after posting a 15.175 second lap. The No.88 of Kyle Mansch put the pressure on Mercer as the field went green, taking over the top spot on lap two. Within the first ten laps, Mercer had pulled back alongside Mansch looking for any opportunity to move back out front. On lap 14 the No.5 of Dexter Canipe Jr. pulled under the No.43 of Jesse LeFevers looking to take over third, but LeFevers had a bit too much for Canipe Jr. and pulled away. On lap 20 Canipe Jr. made another attempt to grab third from LeFevers, grabbing the position on lap 24. LeFevers wasn't quick to let that spot go, as he regained to spot on lap 26.



On lap 29, the No.36 of Neil Meredith slid under Canipe Jr., taking over the fourth place position. On lap 31 LeFevers, Meredith and Canipe Jr. bottled up on the back-stretch pushing LeFevers up the track and off the pace, moving Meredith into third and Canipe Jr. into fourth. On lap 36 the No.2 of Jason Romero put a nose to Canipe Jr. as the field headed into turn four, causing Canipe Jr. to bobble allowing Romero sail past Canipe Jr. bringing the No.92 of Candace Muzny along for the ride. Meanwhile the battle for the lead continued as Mansch stayed tight to Mercer's bumper. It seemed as Mercer's luck had returned as he held off Mansch for the win. "After a rough start to the year, it is good to win," Mercer exclaimed from Vicotry Lane. Mansch, Meredith, Muzny and Romero completed the top five.

The Advance Auto Parts Limited Late Models put on a spectacular show during their 35 lap event as the No.5 of Dexter Canipe Jr. held the lead for the full race after capturing the pole position with a 15.730 second qualifying run. The first caution of the event fell on lap six when the No.07 of Tyler Church lost control coming out of turn four and spun onto the front-stretch. During the caution the red flag was shown, bringing the field to a stop as the clean-up crew came onto the track to take care of oil that was laid down. Canipe Jr. put on a clinic as he pulled away from the field at the restart.

It was a tight battle for sixth during the second portion of the event. The No.11 of Matt Piercy, the No.44 of David Parks and the No.72 of Jason Cockran ran in a tight pack. The three drivers made their way to the back-stretch on lap 21 causing Parks to get loose, allowing Piercy and Cockran to pull away. With ten laps remaining the No.97 of Brandon Lynn put the heat on the No.12 of Austin McDaniel looking to move into the fifth place position. The second caution waved on lap 28 when the No.6 of Brandon Hudnall and Parks connected heading out of turn four, sending both drivers for a spin. At the restart the top five bunched up getting McDaniels loose allowing Lynn and Piercy to move into the top five. Canipe Jr. continued to lead the field around the track, with only three laps remaining the No.35 of Chris Lewis and the No.14 of Brandon Cox battle for second, Lewis grabbed the spot leaving Cox to settle for third. Piercy and Lynn rounded out the top five.

The Everything Attachments Super Trucks kept the action rolling as the field hit the asphalt for their event. The No.16 of pole sitter Clint Fields dominated the field as he held onto the top spot for all 35 laps. It was a tight battle for second as the

No.11 of Thomas Beane challenged the No.69 of Trevor Hignutt the first few laps. Beane was able to grab the spot on lap nine and began to pull away. Fields was a powerhouse as he managed a half straight-away lead over the field by lap ten. The first of two cautions fell on the final lap as the No.13 of Cory Cavazos spun out in turn two. A green, white, checkers finish was called to bring the event to an end. As the field went back green, Cavazos and the No.10 of Barry Williams collided on the back-stretch bringing out the second and final caution. The field restarted with another green, white, checkers finish. Fields was able to hold off his competition taking home the checkers, leaving Beane, Hignutt, the No.6 of Brandon Setzer and the No.15 of James Kirkham to complete the top five.



It was smooth sailing for the Hickory Street Stocks as they completed their 30 lap event. The No. 99 of Jonathan Smith and the No.7 of Jeff Sparks had a tight battle going for the sixth place position on lap six. Smith pulled to the low side and pulled ahead of Sparks, grabbing the position on lap eight. The first and only caution fell on lap eight, when the No.55 of Arrin Matthews broke, coming to a stall on the back-stretch. The No.21 of Roger Pitts was able to move into the lead on lap 14, taking the position from the pole sitter, the No.1 of Taylor Stricklin. The No.3 of Kevin Eby



quickly followed suite, moving into the second, leaving Stricklin to settle for third. The No.64 of Marshall Sutton had a solid run coming home fourth, while the No.9 of Charlie Watson grabbed the fifth place position.

The Hickory 4-Cylinders had a great turn out as the 12 car field took to the track for their 25 lap showing. The first of three cautions flew on the first lap after the No.59 of Donn Wardo lost a tire in turn two and spun to a stop. The second caution was soon to follow when the No.6 ride of Caleb Sisk stalled in turn three. The night came to an early end for the No.8 of Tony Poole as he pulled off the track during the second caution.

The third and final caution fell on lap eight as the No.28 of Kyle Pierce and the No.16 of Randy Freeze tangled in turn two. Pierce ended his night early, after he pulled off the track on lap nine. By the mid-point the No.4 of Adam Beaver was reeling in the No.21 of pole sitter, Todd Harrington, looking to grab the lead. With five to go, Beaver pulled into the lead taking home the checkers leaving Harrington to settle for a second place finish. The No.09 of Randy Canipe, the No. and the No. rounded out the top five.



About Hickory Motor Speedway:

Known as the Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars, Hickory Motor Speedway celebrates its 59 th season of stock car racing in 2010. Opening the gates in 1951, Hickory Motor Speedway is the oldest professional sporting venue in Catawba County, and has been credited as the longest continually operating motor speedway in the country. Producing drivers like Ned and Dale Jarrett, Bobby Isaac, Harry Gant, Ralph Earnhardt and Dennis Setzer, it's easy to see why Hickory Motor Speedway is filled with such rich stock car racing history and has earned the title of, Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Join us Saturday, April 17 th for Hickory Daily Record Night at the Races featuring the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series. The night will include appearances by the Bojangles Late Models, the Advance Auto Parts Limiteds, the Hickory Street Stocks, the Red Baron Race Parts Hobby Stocks and the Ford Focus Midgets. Grandstands open at 5PM with qualifying immediately following. An On Track Autograph Session will take place at 6PM and feature racing begins at 7PM. Tickets are only \$10 for adults, \$8 for teens and seniors, \$5 for kids ages 7-12, with kids ages 6 and under FREE! Family passes are available for \$25 and include two adult tickets and tickets for all kids 12 and under.

### **Pole Award Winners:**

**Bojangles Late Models: No. 10 – Andy Mercer – 15.175 seconds**

**Advance Auto Parts Limiteds: No. 5 – Dexter Canipe Jr. – 15.730 seconds**

**Everything Attachment Super Trucks: No. 16 – Clint Fields – 15.660 seconds**

**Hickory Street Stocks: No. 1 – Taylor Stricklin – 17.027 seconds**

**Hickory 4-Cylinders: No. 21 – Todd Harrington – 16.600 seconds**

### **Good Motorsports Mobile Chassis Dyno Hard Charger Award:**

**Advance Auto Parts Limiteds: No. 8 - March McIntosh**

**Everything Attachment Super Trucks: No. 33 – Jeremy Birch**

### **Official Race Results:**

#### **Bojangles Late Model 50:**

- 1. (10) Andy Mercer**
- 2. (88) Kyle Mansch**
- 3. (36) Neil Meredith**
- 4. (92) Candace Muzny**
- 5. (2) Jason Romero**
- 6. (5) Dexter Canipe Jr.**
- 7. (19) Kyle Moon**
- 8. (43) Jesse LeFevers**
- 9. (51) Josh Wimbish**
- 10. (47) George Miedecki**
- 11. (4) Katie Hagar**
- 12. (7) Ashley Huffman**

**13. (3) Jessica Brunelli**

**Advance Auto Parts Limited 35:**

**1. (5) Dexter Canipe Jr.**

**2. (35) Chris Lewis**

**3. (14) Brandon Cox**

**4. (11) Matt Piercy**

**5. (97) Brandon Lynn**

**6. (8) Mark McIntosh**

**7. (12) Justin McDaniel**

**8. (44) David Parks**

**9. (72) Jason Crochran**

**10. (07) Tyler Church**

**11. (15) Sheflon Clay**

**12. (45) Kenneth Pardue**

**13. (6) Brandon Hudnall**

**14. (03) Russell Stillwell**

**15. (81) Justin Sorrow**

**Everything Attachment Super Truck 35:**

**1. (16) Clint Fields**

**2. (11) Thomas Beane**

**3. (69) Trevor Hignutt**

**4. (6) Brandon Setzer**

**5. (15) James Kirkham**

**6. (05) Kyle Wilson**

**7. (7) Justin Crider**

**8. (33) Jeremy Birch**

**9. (13) Cory Cavazos**

**10. (10) Barry Williams**

**Hickory Street Stock 30:**

**1. (21) Roger Pitts**

**2. (03) Kevin Eby**

**3. (1) Taylor Stricklin**

**4. (64) Marshall Sutton**

**5. (9) Charlie Watson**

**6. (25) Jeremy Pelfrey**

**7. (5) Mike Newton**

**8. (99) Jonathan Smith**

**9. (71) Robert DiVanna**

**10. (35) David Werner**

**11. (7) Jeff Sparks**

**12. (55) Arrin Matthews**

**Hickory 4-Cylinder 25:**

**1. (4) Adam Beaver**

**2. (21) Todd Harrington**

**3. (09) Randy Canipe**

**4. (16) Randy Freeze**

**5. (07) Matt Laws**

**6. (98) Rob Lewis**

**7. (54) John Triplett**

**8. (51) Nathaniel Kanupp**

**9. (8) Tony Poole**

**10. (28) Kyle Pierce**

**11. (6) Caleb Sisk**

**12. (59) Donn Wardo**

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