

Berry Takes Second Checkered Flag in the 3rd Round of the Paramount Kia "Big 10" Racing Challenge



A warm April day greeted the competitors at Hickory Motor Speedway for 84 Lumber Night at the Races and the 3rd Round of the Paramount Kia "Big 10" Racing Challenge.

Landon Huffman in the #75 would pace the field in qualifying for the 2nd week in a row for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Bojangles Late Models 100 lap feature. The #25

of Matt Piercy, would occupy the outside front row. Ashley Huffman in the #7, Dexter Canipe Jr. in the #5, and Shane Lee in the #00 would round out the top 5 qualifiers. Huffman would take the lead early and set the pace with the field close behind. Piercy would ride patiently in 2nd as the laps were continuing to count throughout the race. While cars were mixing it up throughout the field the #88 of Josh Berry was working his way to the front after starting shotgun on the field as a result of a post qualifying tech issue. It would be about Lap 50 of the 100 Lap event when Berry would close the gap to the leaders. Piercy was beginning to pressure Huffman for the top spot. As the fans would be on their feet for the remainder of the event as Huffman, Berry and Piercy, and eventually 4th place competitor Lee began to creep in and mix it up for the win. Berry waited patiently as Piercy would attempt to wrestle the lead from Huffman. After a brief caution, Berry was able to get by Piercy and begin putting pressure on Huffman, but Piercy would begin to pressure Berry setting up a three way battle for the lead. Huffman had moved his car up to the high groove at the Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars and his car seemed to like the change. Lee slipped quietly into the mix and was ready to do battle for the win as well. The Top three would use every inch of track and race three wide on multiple occasions. As the cars approached lap 93, Berry and Huffman were running side by side with Piercy looking to the inside of Berry, and Lee right behind in the mix. As they came through turns 3 and 4 Huffman would spin and end his chance for the win. Josh Berry would move to the lead and take the point on the next restart with Piercy to his outside and Lee in 3rd. Piercy, after last week's win, was looking to make it 2 in a row and Lee, after leaving the track last week on the hook, was looking to change his fortunes for 2015. However, Josh Berry had other plans and would hold off the pair for his 2nd win on the season and 2nd win in the

Paramount Kia “Big 10” Challenge. Piercy would hold on for 2 nd and Lee for 3 rd . Rounding out the top 5 would be Canipe Jr. in the #5 and an Huffman would round out the Top 5.

The T-Mobile Limited Late Models would take to the track with fast timer Kyle Mansch in the #17 on the pole, the #34 of Pat Rachels on his outside, Jeremy Pelfrey in the #51 on the inside of row 2 and the #12 of Evan Duggins to his outside. From the initial green flag there would be multiple battles throughout the field, while Mansch would take the early lead with Rachels in tow. Caution would come out as Hayden Humphrey in the # 07 would make contact with the wall in turn 2 collecting Pelfrey in the accident. This would tighten up the field for a restart and a dash for the win. Mansch would go on to take the victory over Travis Byrd in the #77. Rounding out the top 5 would be Mitch Walker in the #29, the #2 of Zach Bruenger, and the #21 of Monty Cox.

The Street Stocks would see the #31 of Wayne Edwards return on a mission as he would have fast time in qualifying. Edwards would sneak out to an early lead as the #03 of Kevin Eby and the # 2 of Charlie Neill would do battle for 2 nd . The #2 of Larry Mosher would lose an engine while running 4 th . Edwards would take the win with Eby filling the runner up spot. The #18 of Cody DeMarmels would have another great run finishing 3 rd . Charlie Neill in the #2 and Marshall Sutton in the #64 would round out the top 5.

The Wrench Rags Renegades would return to action with Darren Dickinson in the #6 taking the pole position. It would be a fierce battle for the 9 car field. A spin by the #4 of Justin Austin would bring out the first caution, however Dickenson would prove to be too strong for the field and take the checkered flag. The #09 of Blake Walker would bring home a solid 2 nd and Kenneth Roberts in the #8 would have a good run finishing 3 rd after starting from the rear. Ray Triplett in the #57 and Kyle Divanna in the #71 would round out the top 5.

Next week, April 25 th , will see the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series back in action at America's Most Famous Short Track. The Bojangles Late Models will do battle for 100 laps. The T-Mobile Limited Late Models 35 laps, Smokey's Super Trucks 35 laps, Street Stocks 30 laps, and the Sportsman Racing Classics will return for a 25 lap feature.

Gates will open at 5pm, Qualifying at 5pm, On-Track Autograph session at 6pm, and Racing at 7pm.

Tickets only \$11 Adults, \$9 Seniors/Teens, and Children 12 & under FREE!

Hickory Motor Speedway			
Race Results for 4/18/2015			
Late Model - Feature			
Finish	Car No	Driver	Hometown
1	88B	Josh Berry	Hendersonville, TN
2	25	Matt Piercy	Conover, NC
3	0	Shane Lee	Newton, NC
4	5C	Dexter Canipe, Jr.	Conover, NC
5	75H	Landon Huffman	Claremont, NC
6	12B	Annabeth Barnes	Hiddenite, NC

7	22	Dan Moore	Conover, NC
8	01C	Jake Crum	Statesville, NC
9	21	Emilee Riley	Jasper, GA
10	7	Ashley Huffman	Connelly Springs, NC

Late Model - Qualifying

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Limited Late Model - Feature

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1	17	Kyle Mansch	Lenoir, NC	
2	77B	Travis Byrd	Sherrills Ford, NC	
3	29	Mitch Walker	Newton, NC	
4	2B	Zachary Bruenger	Granite Falls, NC	
5	21	Monty Cox	Granite Falls, NC	
6	12D	Evan Duggins	Tobaccoville, NC	
7	51	Jeremy Pelfrey	Lenoir, NC	
8	09G	Keith Graham	Statesville, NC	
9	99P	Austin Powell	Concord, NC	
10	43	Greg Wise	Candler, NC	
11	34	Patrick Rachels	China Grove, NC	
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Renegades - Feature

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3	8	Kenneth Roberts	Hickory, NC
4	57	Ray Triplett	Lenoir, NC
5	71	Kyle Divanna	Statesville, NC
6	68	Steve Griffith	Morganton, NC
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Street Stocks - Feature			
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2	3	Kevin Eby	Lenior, NC
3	18D	Cody DeMarmels	Newton, NC
4	2N	Charlie Neill	Hickory, NC
5	64	Marshall Sutton	Burnsville, NC
6	52	Don Machutta	Mooresville, NC
7	69	Trey Buff	Hickory, NC
8	3W	Mark Whitten	Hogtown, VA, VA
9	23	Brendan Doyle	Harrisburg, NC
10	44	Andrew Moss	Hendersonville, NC
11	10	Ethan Johnson	Hudson, NC
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