

PRESSLEY WINS HICKORY'S "WHELEN 100"

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Newton, NC... It took him two days, but after 100 laps Coleman Pressley took the win in Hickory Motor Speedway's "Whelen 100" on Sunday, April 20.

Originally started Saturday night, "Whelen Night at the Races" began strong, with Dexter Canipe Jr.'s #3 taking the win in Jewelry Exchange Limited Late Models, followed by polewinner #44 Chris Chapman in second, #01 J. R. Allen third, #28 Jason Crouse fourth, and #39 Keith Bumgarner fifth.

Canipe holds onto the points lead in Limiteds.

Next up on the grid were the Bojangles Late Models, with a 20+-car field hot for their first 100-lapper of the season. But a sudden unexpected downpour brought out the car covers instead of the green flag. After HMS Track Management learned of widespread tornado warnings in the area, it was deemed safer for the raceteams and fans to call it a night.

Sunday afternoon brought beautiful blue skies and spring temperatures. A few cars and fans were unable to return, but new fans and racers joined the show.

Wynncom Pole Award winner #89 David Latour Jr. led the field to the green flag, with 2007 UARA Rookie of the Year #44 Matt DiBenedetto outside. Great racing all day throughout the field, with lots of side-by-side and three-wide action. But when the checkers flew, it was #59 Coleman Pressley taking the win and the custom-designed Whelen Trophy.

Second place went to defending 2006 & 2007 HMS Track Champion, #29 Andy Loden, followed by #16 Mack Little III in third, DiBenedetto fourth, and #17 Rob Fuller fifth place.

Loden keeps his points lead, followed by Little in second place, #21 Brian Curry third, #43 Jesse LeFevers fourth, and #10 Andy Mercer fifth.

#69 Trevor Hignutt took his Advance Auto Parts Super Truck from the Pole to Victory Lane. #97 Keith Bumgarner was second, followed by #6 Dexter Canipe Jr. third, #59 Rock Harris fourth, and #94 Ben Ebeling fifth.

The close finish ties Hignutt and Bumgarner for the Advance Auto Parts Super Trucks points lead, with Canipe close behind in third, followed by Ebeling fourth, and #29 Ricky Dennie Jr. fifth.

In Pro-4's racing action, #57 Josh Wimbish took his first-ever Hickory Motor Speedway win over Polewinner #16 Randy Freeze, who finished second, #21 Todd Harrington third, #09 Randy Canipe fourth, and #99 Matt Elledge fifth.

Freeze took over top spot in Pro-4's points, with Wimbish second, Canipe third, Elledge fourth, and #17 Curtis Pardue fifth.



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