

Pelfrey takes victory with Strong Performance "Finish Line Heating & Air 'Spring Classic 100'"

April 2nd, 2016 - Great weather and enthusiastic fans would welcome the 5th Annual Finish Line Heating & Air 'Spring Classic' to Hickory Motor Speedway this past Saturday night.

First out of the gate would be the Catawba Realty & Insurance Co. Classic Sportsmen. Greg Butcher in the #0 would lead the way and take the pole with the fast lap. At the drop of the green flag Butcher would take the early lead with Bill Webb in the #16 close in tow. Eddie Gilbert in the #95 would start from the rear as a result of winning the last race but would quickly move toward the front. Gilbert would methodically move around Webb and Butcher to take the checkered flag and the win. Butcher would come home in 2nd, Webb would grab 3rd, Dennis Hinkle in the #4 and William Powell in the #71 would round out the top 5.

The Super Trucks would be the second feature on the grid with their 35 lap feature. 2015 HMS Track

Champion Tyler Dayton in the #36 would set fast time and pace the field with the #51 of Allen Huffman starting to his outside. Dayton and Huffman would battle side by side for several laps until Dayton would nose ahead. Contact with another truck would bring Huffman to pit road for repairs. Sheflon Clay in the #15 and Dillon Faggart in the #09 would work their way up to challenge Dayton for the top spot until late race contact would send Clay into a spin and bring out a caution with Dayton up front to battle it out with Tanner Long in the #45 and Stephen Shore in the #22. As the green flag flew with 4 laps to go Shore would move by Long and attempt to challenge Dayton but the defending champion would prove too strong and hold off the challenge to grab the victory. Shore would post his best finish with a 2nd place, Long would make an appearance on the front stretch celebration bringing home a 3rd, Derrick Mathis in the #14 and Clay would round out the top 5.

The Street Stocks would hit the track next with Kevin Eby in the #03 setting the fast time in qualifying and Cody DeMarmels in the #18 lined up to his outside. Eby would take the early lead as DeMarmels would eventually fall out due to a parts failure. Eby would cruise to victory with Kevin Townsend in the #10 and Marshall Sutton in the #64 having a spirited battle for the runner up spot exchanging positions lap after lap. Townsend would grab the 2nd position in a photo finish with Sutton taking 3rd. Eric Evans in the #7 would come across the line 4th and Mark Whitten in the #77 would take home 5th.

The Limited Late Models would roll off next for their feature event in The Finish Line Heating & Air 'Spring Classic 100'. Ryan Millington in the #17 would set the fast time during qualifying with Jeremy Pelfrey in the #51 starting to his outside, Mark Johnson in the #13 and Dillon Houser in the #11 would make up row 2 after time trials were completed. At the drop of the green flag Pelfrey would move into an early lead with challenges from Millington and Charlie Watson in the #9. As the laps wore on so did the tires but the front pair remained tight with Millington hot on Pelfrey's heels. As the top two battled for the lead, it would be a ten car draft for third with multiple cars exchanging positions every lap. Pelfrey would hold on for his 2nd win in his first 2 starts of the season with Millington adding to his young resume with a 2nd place finish. Evan Swilling in the #18 would continue a string of good early season runs with a 3rd. Dan Moore in the #22 would make a big move through the field to grab the 4th finishing position after starting outside the top 10. Mitch Walker in the #29 continued to run well as he would finish 5th.

Next on the track would be the 4 Cylinders in their 25 lap feature. Charlie Neill in the #2 would grab the pole position with the #28 of Robert Trivette to his outside. Neill would take the top spot as the field would work their way off of turn 2 on the opening lap but mechanical problems would cause Neill to slow and allow Robert Trivette to take the lead. Contact between the #6 of Rodney Trivette and Neill would bring out the caution and slow the field. Robert Trivette would also experience mechanical difficulties and that would allow the #17 of Curtis Pardue to move to the top spot. Pardue would stay there to grab his first victory and enjoy a celebration in victory lane. Rodney Trivette fought back after the contact with Neill to close in on Pardue but have to settle for the 2nd position. Rusty Fann in the #82 would snatch his best finish with a 3rd as Robert Trivette and Neill would round out the top 5.

In the night's finale the Allison Legacy Series would finish up with a 35 lap feature. Justin Taylor in the #03 and Hunter Moody in the #98 would have a spirited battle through the entire event with Taylor taking the checkers 1st and Moody hot on his heels in 2nd. Tim Niesen in the #53 would grab 3rd, Kayla Lyons in the #11 would come home 4th, and the #44 of Seth Henry would finish out the top 5.

This coming Saturday Night will be the "Hickory Daily Record Night at the Races" with Round #3 of the Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Challenge Series featuring 100 laps for the Bojangles Late Models. Also on tap will be the Limited Late Models, Super Trucks,



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**Street Stocks, and a pair of features for the Renegades.
Gates open at 4:45pm, Qualifying at 5pm, Autograph session at 6pm, and Racing at 7pm.**

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

Hickory Motor Speedway				
Race Results for 4/2/2016				
4-Cylinders - Feature				
Finish	Car No	Driver	Hometown	DQ/DNS/DNF
1	17	Curtis Pardue	Hickory, NC	
2	6T	Rodney Trivette	Newton, NC	
3	82F	Rusty Fann	Newton, NC	
4	28	Robert Trivette	Newton, NC	
5	2	Charlie Neill	Hickory, NC	
6	4M	Dylan Mundy	Concord, NC	
7	98	Rob Lewis	Morganton, NC	DQ
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Classic Sportsman Racing - Feature				
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1	95G	Eddie Gilbert	Newton, NC	
2	0G	Greg Butcher		
3	16	Bill Webb	Statesville, NC	
4	4H	Dennis Hinkle	Hickory, NC	
5	71P	Bill Powell	Newton, NC	
6	66	Robert Webb	Harmony, NC	
7	4	Tim Gilbert	Newton, NC	DNS
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Limited Late Model - Feature				
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1	51	Jeremy Pelfrey	Lenoir, NC	
2	17M	Ryan Millington	Statesville, NC	
3	18S	Evan Swilling	Cohutta, GA	
4	22	Dan Moore	Conover, NC	
5	29	Mitch Walker	Newton, NC	
6	7W	Dylan Ward	Winston-Salem, NC	
7	11C	Dawson Cram	Mooresville, NC	
8	15	Sheflon Clay	Asheville, NC	
9	13J	Mark Johnson	Newton, NC	
10	39	Devon Haun	Hiddenite, NC	
11	46	Thad Moffitt	Concord, NC	
12	3D	Dylan Oliver	Stanley, NC	
13	43	Greg Wise	Candler, NC	
14	9	Charlie Watson	Lenoir, NC	
15	77G	Lexi Gay	Canton, GA	
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4	7	Eric Evans	Mooresville, NC	
5	77P	Mark Whitten	Hogtown, VA, VA	
6	16	Carroll McKinney	Hildebran, NC	
7	32J	Jeremy Harrell	Newton, NC	
8	25	Colby Gibson	Arden, NC	
9	5W	Chris Werner	Mooresville, NC	
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4	14M	Derrick Mathis	North Wilkesboro, NC	
5	15C	Sheflon Clay	Asheville, NC	
6	03L	Kerry Lawrence	Winston-Salem, NC	
7	09F	Dillon Faggart	Concord, NC	
8	5J	Johnny James	Clemmons, SC	
9	80	Eddie Collins, Jr.	Winston-Salem, NC	
10	15Q	Lee Queen	Catawba, NC	
11	30	Joey Shuryan	Dearborn, MI	
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