

## “ Charlie Watson Gets Win #3 ”

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Hickory Motor Speedway played host to the 6th Annual Finish Line Heating & Air Spring Classic with beautiful weather and a great slate of racing on Saturday night.

Leading off the night would be the Catawba Realty & Insurance Classic Sportsmen Racing Association with Eddie Gilbert in the # 95 leading the field to the green flag after pole sitter Bill Lett in the #4 would start in the rear as the feature winner in the last event. Gilbert would jump out to the early lead with Daniel Werner in the #19 giving chase. Gilbert would hold on for the win by a car length over the hard charging Werner, who would finish 2nd. Bill Webb in the #16 would finish 3rd with William Powell in the #71 and Robert Webb in the #6 rounding out the top 5.



Next up would see the One Design Super Trucks hit the track with fast timer Tyler Dayton in the #36 pacing the field with Joey Shuryan in the #30 to his outside. Shuryan would use the outside groove to move to the point and lead the first 10 laps with the top 5 all running nose to tail. Dayton would move under Shuryan at lap 10 and bring Sheflon Clay in the #15 with him for 2 nd . Contact among the top 5 would send Charlie Neill in the #26 spinning and the caution would fly at lap 12. On the restart Dayton would move around Shuryan and pull out to the lead. Another caution would fly on lap 18 as Shuryan would spin after contact in turn 2. The restart would once again see Dayton resume the lead, this time pulling around Clay. Dayton would go on to take the victory with Clay finishing 2 nd . Neill would battle back to finish 3 rd after his early spin, Shuryan would also battle back after his spin and finish 4 th , and Allen Huffman in the #51 would work his way back through the field after having to pit to secure a fender that had been knocked loose during the close racing.



The Cosmo Motors Street Stocks would be the next to hit the track with Kevin Eby in the #03 on the pole. Eby would lead much of the race but the #18 of Cody DeMarmels would stay in his tire tracks and eventually make his move late in the race. The pair would battle side by side for several laps until DeMarmels would finally work his way around and to the point. DeMarmels would drive on to the win with Eby finishing 2 nd and Mark Whitten in the #77 coming home in 3 rd . The battle for 4 th and 5 th was a good one as Marshall Sutton in the #64, Eric Evans in the #07, and Chris Werner in the #22 would have a spirited battle for the final top 5 slots. Evans would finally get around for 4 th and bring Werner with him for 5 th .

The 6th annual running of the Finish Line Heating & Air Spring Classic for the Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models and Round #3 of the Paramount Kia Big 10 Challenge would roar to life next with an additional \$500.00 added to the purse for any of the Hickory Motor Speedway Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models that could take the checkered flag. Dexter Canipe Jr in the #23 would grab the pole, Jeremy Pelfrey in the #51 would start from the 2nd spot, Shane Lee in the #00 and Ryan Vasconcellos in the #10 would make up row 2. As the green flag would fall Canipe and Pelfrey would battle side by side for the top spot. Canipe would use the preferred inside line to move to the point after several laps. The top 10 cars would get nose to tail and just inches apart for the next 40 laps or so with the occasional pass for position but no one checking out from the field and everyone staying within striking distance. One of those making the occasional pass would be the #9 of Charlie Watson. Watson would methodically work his way through the pack and just before the halfway point he would work his way around Canipe and to the point. A caution on lap 53 would see the field reset with a few coming to pit road to make adjustments but the duo of Watson and Canipe were pleased with their rides and stayed out on the track. When they went back to green Watson would move back to the top spot with Canipe hugging his rear bumper. The pair would continue like this for the balance of the event to take the checkered flag. Canipe would make a look to the inside but Watson would prove too strong and hold him off for the win. Canipe would finish 2 nd with Monty Cox in the #21 having a strong run to finish 3 rd . Ryan Vasconcellos in his first appearance this season in the #10 would work his way back from the back of the pack after a pit stop at lap 53 to finish 4 th . Lee would hold off the hard charging Alex Reece in the #18 and Pat Rachels in the #34 to finish 5 th .

The 4-Cylinders would be next to hit the track with Curtis Pardue in the #17 leading the field to green. Pardue would have a strong hotrod on the night and would drive on to the win with the #6 of Brian Mundy finishing 2 nd . Robbie Lewis in the #98 and Robert Trivette in the #11 would finish 3 rd and 4 th respectively.

The Covington Dental Smash and Crash division would be the last to hit the track but their reputation had preceded them and the vast majority of fans waited to see the sedan slugfest, as did the competitors from the other divisions as they lined pit road to watch as well. From the standing start green flag to the checkers, and even including a rare red flag to remove a couple of damaged cars in unsafe positions, semi-controlled chaos would be the order of the day. Spinning Limos, bump drafting on a 3/8 mile bull ring, and a field of damaged cars that even the best of body men couldn't help would keep the crowd happy and cheering for more as the checkered flag would fall on Matt Fox in the #3.

Next week the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series will return to action with Advance Auto Parts Night at the Races with Twin 40 lap features for the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Bojangles Late Models. Also in action are the Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models, Cosmo Motors Street Stocks, One Design Super Trucks, and the Renegades.

Gates will open at 5pm, Qualifying at 5:30pm, Autograph Session at 6:30pm, and Racing at 7:30pm.  
 Tickets only \$12.50 Adults, \$10.50 Seniors/Youth(11-19), and Children 10 & under FREE!

<b>Hickory Motor Speedway</b>			
<b>Race Results for 4/1/2017</b>			
<b>4-Cylinders - Feature</b>			
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1	95G	Eddie Gilbert	Newton, NC
2	19	Dennis Werner	,
3	16	Bill Webb	Statesville, NC
4	71P	Bill Powell	Newton, NC
5	6W	Robert Webb	Harmony, NC
6	28	Danny Toney	,
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**Limited Late Model - Feature**

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1	9	Charlie Watson	Lenoir, NC
2	23C	Dexter Canipe, Jr.	Conover, NC
3	21	Monty Cox	Granite Falls, NC
4	10	Ryan Vasconcellos	Sherrills Ford, NC
5	0	Shane Lee	Newton, NC
6	18R	Alex Reece	Granite Falls, NC
7	34	Pat Rachels	China Grove, NC
8	51	Jeremy Pelfrey	Lenoir, NC
9	29	Mitch Walker	Newton, NC
10	3D	Dylan Oliver	Stanley, NC
11	41	Dennis Trivette	Newton, NC
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#### Street Stocks - Feature

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1	18D	Cody DeMarmels	Newton, NC
2	3	Kevin Eby	Lenior, NC
3	77P	Mark Whitten	Hogtown, VA, VA
4	7	Eric Evans	Mooreville, NC
5	22W	Chris Werner	Mooreville, NC
6	64	Marshall Sutton	Burnsville, NC
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### Super Trucks - Feature

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2	15C	Sheflon Clay	Asheville, NC	
3	26	Charlie Neill	Hickory, NC	
4	30	Joey Shuryan	Dearborn, MI	
5	51	Allen Huffman	Hickory, NC	
6	45	Tanner Long	Kernersville, NC	
7	91	Keith Norville	Forest City, NC	
8	3	Colby White	Maiden, NC	
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