

“Midas, Crum Split Twin 40's ”



5/18/2019 - After battling it out with nature and torrential rains the last two weeks Hickory Motor Speedway competitors were finally able to turn their attention back to America's Most Famous Short Track and battle it out on the famed 3/8 mile oval with a full slate of racing action on Whelen Night at the Races.

Leading off the evening's festivities would be the first of two 40 lap features for the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Late Models. Recent first-time Late Model winner, Vince Midas in the #14 would grab the top spot in qualifying with the #12 of Gage Painter, in his Late Model debut at Hickory Motor Speedway, starting second. Thomas Beane in the #31 and Bradley McCaskill in the #07 would make up row two for the start of the race. The green flag would see Midas and Painter side by side for the first lap of racing. Midas would nose ahead and Beane would use the opportunity to slide by Painter for second. Jake Crum in the #12C would start fifth but move up to third in the first five laps. Lap 17 would see the caution fly as Julia Landauer's #2 would come to a stop in turn four. The restart would see Midas choose the inside with Beane to his outside. The front row would battle side by side for a lap and be joined by Crum as he would take them three wide on lap 18 and emerge with the lead. Midas would bide his time, however and move back to the lead two laps later after passing Crum. Painter would see an opening after the scuffle up front and move to second. Midas would hold on to grab the win outlasting the field. Painter would grab 2nd in his first Late Model race. Beane, the Hickory Motor Speedway points leader, would hang on to finish 3rd. Bradley McCaskill in the #07 would finish 4th and Chris Hudspeth in the #28 would finish 5th.

The Street Stocks would roll off next for their 30 lap slugfest. The #21 of Drew Cox would grab the pole position with Ethan Johnson in the #2 starting to his outside. Cox and Johnson would battle door to door for the top spot. A couple of laps would be needed before Cox could nose ahead for the lead. Lap 9 would see Jesse Clark in the #5 and Mark Whitten in the #77 make contact and bring out the yellow flag. Clark would make repairs and continue but Whitten would have to park for the evening due to the damage. The restart would see Cox and Johnson up front once more. Lap 15 would see Kevin Eby in the #03 work his way around Johnson for the second spot. The yellow would fly once more on lap 17 as Clark would spin on the front stretch. Cox and Eby would start from the front on the restart. Cox would move ahead for the top spot as the battles would rage behind him. Lap 23 would see the #31 of Derek Fowler spin on the front stretch and bring out the caution. Cox and Eby would restart up front and Cox would nose ahead for the top spot. Cox would hold on to the top spot and take the win. Eby would finish 2nd and Johnson would bring home a hard fought 3rd. Jonathon Smith in the #16 would pressure Johnson hard for third but settle for 4th. Marshall Sutton in the #64 would work his way through the field to finish 5th.

Round #4 of the Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Racing Challenge would be next up on the schedule with 50 laps for the Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models. Stevie Johns Jr in the #91 would snatch the top spot in qualifying with the #44 of Josh Kossek to his outside. Landon Huffman in the #71 and the #99 of Kyle Mansch would make up row two for the green flag. Johns and Kossek would dive into turn one side by side, but Kossek would use the high side to his advantage and pull ahead on the backstretch. Mansch would also use the high line to get around Johns for second. Johns would bide his time and work his way back around Mansch for the second spot on lap 18. Lap 27 would see Cody DeMarmels in the #18 work his way around Mansch for third. Kossek would hang on for his first Hickory Motor Speedway Victory, leading every lap on his way to the win. DeMarmels would grab another spot near the end of the race and finish 2nd. Johns would take the 3rd spot after a hard fought battle. Mansch would finish 4th and Huffman would hang on for 5th.

The Renegades would be the next to roll off with their 20 lap feature. Winner of the last Renegades feature Spencer Dickinson in the #6 would start from the top spot while current point leader Robbie Hollifield in the #51 would be close behind in qualifying and start second. Dickinson would move to the early lead and Brian Larkin in the #7 would move to second. The caution would fly on lap 3 as contact between Justin Austin in the #40 and the #97 of Danny Crump Jr would send both spinning. The restart would see Dickinson move to the front once more and battles would continue throughout the field. Lap 9 the caution would fly once again due to contact between Austin and Crump. Crump would continue but Austin would retire his ride for the night. Dickinson would move back to the front as the green flag flew. Caution would fly on lap 15 as the #69 of Megan Campbell would have mechanical problems and the track cleanup crew would be needed. One last restart would see Dickinson pull back to the lead and drive on to the win. Larkin would finish 2nd and Hollifield would come home in 3rd. Crump would finish 4th and Zachary Mullins in the #72 would finish 5th.

Next up would be the 4-Cylinders for their 25 lap feature. 2018 Champion Brian Mundy in the #6 would set the fast time and start from the point with the #25 of Dennis Ward starting to his outside. The green flag would see Mundy and Ward looking to battle into turn one, but Mundy suddenly slowed at the flagstand and coasted back around to the pits. Ward would move to the lead. Lap 9 would see caution as Don Wardo in the #59 would spin on the front stretch. Ward would move back to the lead on the restart, but see the caution fly again as Wardo would spin on the front stretch on

lap 11. The restart would see Ward move to the lead with Robert Trivette in the #11 giving chase. Ward would hold on for the win with Trivette finishing 2nd. Cody Combs in the #9 would finish 3rd, Ashton Trivette in the #21 would finish 4th, and Allison Houston in the #29 would finish 5th.

The NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Late Models would finish out the night's events with their second 40 lap feature. With the nine car invert of the finishing order from race one Julia Landauer in the #2 would start from the top spot with Jake Crum in the #12C to his outside. The second row would be made up of Connor Mosack in the #18 and the #6 of Mike Darne. As the green flag would fly Landauer and Crum would race hard for the top spot. Landauer would nose ahead and take the lead. Crum would drop to second, but a few short laps later seize the first opportunity and move to the inside and pass Landauer for the lead. Darne would also use the opening and move around the #2 for second. Battles would rage throughout the field with good hard racing but no caution flags. Darne would catch Crum with ten laps to go and the pair would go side by side for the remainder of this exciting race. The pair would bring the fans to their feet with an epic battle that would culminate with Crum taking the win by a nose. Darne would race the leader hard but clean and take home 2nd. Thomas Beane in the #31 would cap off a good points night with another 3rd place finish on the evening. Bradley McCaskill in the #07 would finish 4th and Vince Midas in the #14 would cap off a good night after winning race one with a 5th place finish in race two.

Next week, May 25th, the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series returns to Hickory Motor Speedway with a full slate of racing action for 321 Lawnmower Night at the Races featuring Twin 40 lappers for our Late Model Stock Cars.

In two weeks, June 1st, the ever popular Knights of Destruction rolls back in to America's Most Famous Short Track for a fun-filled night of excitement.

Hickory Motor Speedway Results 5/18/19

Late Model Race #1

- 1 Vince Midas**
- 2 Gage Painter**
- 3 Thomas Beane**
- 4 Bradley McCaskill**
- 5 Chris Hudspeth**
- 6 Mike Darne**
- 7 Connor Mosack (r)**
- 8 Jake Crum**
- 9 Julia Landauer**
- 10 Charlie Watson**
- 11 Pat Rachels (r)**
- 12 Ronald Renfrow**
- 13 Adam Murray**
- 14 Curtis Pardue**

Late Model Race #2

- 1 Jake Crum**
- 2 Mike Darne**
- 3 Thomas Beane**
- 4 Bradley McCaskill**
- 5 Vince Midas**
- 6 Chris Hudspeth**
- 7 Pat Rachels (r)**
- 8 Gage Painter**

9 Connor Mosack (r)

10 Julia Landauer

11 Charlie Watson

12 Ronald Renfrow

13 Adam Murray

14 Curtis Pardue

Limited Late Model – Big 10

1 Josh Kossek

2 Cody DeMarmels

3 Stevie Johns Jr.

4 Kyle Mansch

5 Landon Huffman

6 Mitch Walker

7 Todd Midas

8 Josh Stark (r)

9 Kosma Guznyakov (r)

10 Nathan Lineback

11 Benji Woodward

12 Akinori Ogata

13 Ben Campbell (r)

14 Curtis Pardue

15 Ronald Renfrow – DNS

16 Adam Murray - DNS

Street Stocks

1 Drew Cox

2 Kevin Eby

3 Ethan Johnson

4 Jonathon Smith

5 Marshall Sutton

6 Jesse Clark

7 J. Danny Gibson

8 Derek Fowler

9 Mark Whitten

Renegades

1 Spencer Dickinson (r)

2 Brian Larkin

3 Robbie Hollifield

4 Danny Crump Jr.

5 Zachary Mullins (r)

6 Rodney Elkins (r)

7 Megan Campbell (r)

8 Justin Austin

4 Cylinders

1 Dennis Ward

2 Robert Trivette

3 Cody Combs

4 Ashton Trivette

5 Allison Houston

6 Robbie Lewis

7 Brian Mundy

8 Donn Wardo - DQ