

## “ Millington Wins Again In Delayed Seventy-Five Lap Late Model ”

### Caden Kvapil wins 75 lap Carolina Pro Late Model Feature



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**May 30, 2021** - The Memorial Day weekend in the Catawba Valley started off with a great afternoon of racing at Hickory Motor Speedway. After rains washed out the Saturday event. It would be a beautiful day to race on Sunday.

The Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models would roll off to begin the night's festivities in Round 5 of the Paramount Kia 'BIG 10' Racing Challenge with 50 laps of racing excitement. Mason Maggio in the #12 would start from the top spot after leading qualifying with Zack Wells in the #66 to his outside. Row two would see Jeff Caldwell making a return to Hickory Motor Speedway in the familiar #88 and Josh Stark in the #32 side by side for the green flag. Maggio would move to the lead with Wells close behind. Stark would move to third with Caldwell in fourth. Akinori Ogata in the #14 would move around Caldwell for fourth. Around lap ten Stark would make the move around Wells for second and one lap later Ogata would follow taking the third position. The caution would fly when the #94 of Jeffery Wood would spin on the front stretch. The restart would see Maggio and Stark leading the way to the green flag. Maggio would move to the front with Stark and Ogata battling for second. A single car spin around lap 20 would bunch up the field once again. Maggio and Stark would bring the field back to the restart. Ogata would make his move on the restart and go from third to first in half a lap. Ogata would be closely shadowed by Bryson Ruff in the #24 and Katie Hettinger in the #71 both quietly working their way through the field. And now running second and third. The caution would fly with contact sending Wells hard into the inside wall ending his day. The restart would have Ogata and Ruff leading the field to green. Ruff would get the better of the restart and move to the lead. Hettinger would press Ogata for several laps for position. Lap 21 would see Hettinger and Ogata make contact in turn one bringing out yet another caution, taking both cars out of the event. The restart would see Ruff back to the point with Caldwell in second. Lap 28 would see the caution fly as Caldwell, Stark, and Price would spin in turn four. Ruff and Maggio would bring the field back to the green flag. Ruff would pull to the lead with Maggio close behind. The caution would fly again on lap 33 as the #94 of Jeffrey Wood would come to a stop on the backstretch. Ruff and Maggio would duel for the lead on the restart with Ruff going back to the top spot. Ruff would drive on to take the win. Maggio would grab 2nd with Price taking 3rd. Stark would finish 4th and Caldwell would take 5th.

Next up would see the Heritage Finance Street Stocks for 30 laps of racing. Cody DeMarmels in the #12 would pace qualifying and start from the pole position with Jesse Clark in the #5 on his outside. Etahn Johnson in the #2 and the veteran Marshall Sutton in the #64 would make up row two for the start. DeMarmels would move to the lead with Clark close behind. Clark would move to the lead on lap 4 with DeMarmels running second and Johnson in third. Derek Fowler in the #31 would look to chase down Johnson for third as the field stayed under the green flag. Clark would prove too tough and drive on to take the win. DeMarmels would finish 2nd with Johnson keeping a firm grip on 3rd. Fowler would finish 4th and Marshall Sutton would come home in 5th.

The Heritage Finance Late Models would hit the track next for 75 action packed laps. Ryan Millington in the #15 would start from the top spot after leading qualifying with Jacob Heafner in the #95 to his outside. Row two would see Chase Janes in the #47 and Hickory Motor Speedway points leader Josh Kossek in the #44 side by side for the green flag. After a three lap door to door battle with Heafner, Millington would pull to the lead. Heafner would face a challenge from Kossek for second but would eventually nose ahead for the spot after several laps. The battle for fifth would see Chase Dixon in the #07 facing pressure from the #54 of Paul Owens. Zack Clifton in the #81 and Kevin Leicht in the #25 both joined in the battle for fifth. Owens would make the pass and take the fifth position on lap 30. Dixon would have a rear view mirror full of Clifton and Leicht. The halfway point would see Millington, Heafner, Kossek, Janes, and Owens as the top five. Owens would move around Janes to fourth on lap 54. Lap 65 would see the caution fly as the #7 of Holden German would spin going into turn one. The restart would see Millington and Heafner door to door for the green flag. The battle for the top spot would be fierce but clean as Millington and Heafner would stay side by side until two laps to go when Millington would nose ahead. Heafner would see Kossek move to his inside to challenge for position. Heafner would move ahead for second with the white flag showing. Kossek would see Owens move by him for third as they passed under the white flag. Millington would drive on to victory lane, his third at Hickory Motor Speedway in the last two weeks. Heafner would finish 2nd and Kossek would make a last corner pass to retake 3rd. Owens would finish 4th and Janes would grab 5th.

The Carolina Pro Late Model Series would roll off next with a 75 lap feature. After the qualifying invert, Kris Wright in the #81 would start from the top spot with Sarah Cornett-Ching in the #25 to his outside. Row two would see William Sawalich in the #43 and Josh Lowder in the #63 make up row two for the green. Cornett-Ching would move to the lead with Wright in second. The caution would fly on lap 6 as the #48 of Toby Grynewicz would spin coming out of turn four. Cornett-Ching and Sawalich would restart side by side. Sawalich would move ahead to the lead with Leland Honeyman in the #4 taking second. Lap 25 would see Sawalich, Honeyman, Jake Crum in the #12, Caden Kvapil in the #35, and Katie Hettinger in the #71 as the top five. Lap 32 would see the caution fly with a skirmish on the backstretch. The restart would see Sawalich and Honeyman door to door. After several laps Honeyman would use the high side to move to the lead. Crum and Kvapil would also move around Sawalich for position. Lap 50 would see Honeyman, Crum, Kvapil, Sawalich, and Hettinger the top five. Kvapil would move around Crum for second on lap 52. Kvapil would chase down Honeyman and look to make a late race pass for the win. With three laps to go Kvapil would pass Honeyman for the lead. Honeyman would not go down, however as he would make the crossover in turns three and four and challenge for the top spot. Kvapil would have a little more left and drive on to the win. Honeyman would finish 2nd with Crum taking 3rd. Sawalich would win a close battle for 4th and Hettinger finishing 5th.

Closing out the night's action would be the Carolina Crate Modifieds for 62 laps. After the qualifying invert, Cayden Lapceвич in the the #99 would start from the top spot with Amber Lynn in the #27 to his outside. Row two would see Kevin Orlando in the #00 and Jeremy Gerstner in the #163 make up row two for the green. Lapceвич would move to the lead with Orlando up to second. The caution would fly on lap 5 with the #51 of Junior Snow and the #6 of Aaron Brown spinning in turn two. The restart would see Lapceвич and Orlando side by side for the start. Lapceвич would pull to the lead with Orlando close in tow. The caution would fly on lap 29 as the cars of Lynn and the #63 of Dean Lowder would spin in turn two. The restart would see Lapceвич and Orlando lead the field back to the green flag. Lapceвич would move to the lead with Orlando and Lowder close behind. The halfway point would see Lapceвич, Orlando, Lowder, Rob Schulz in the #10, and Cody Norman in the #12 as the top five. Lap 37 would see Lowder move to second around Orlando. Lowder would pass Lapceвич for the top spot on lap 49, but then spin out of turn four after contact with him on lap 50. The restart would see Orlando and Shultz leading the field back to the green flag. Orlando would pull to the point with Lapceвич moving to second. Orlando would drive on to the win. Lapceвич would finish 2nd with Shultz taking 3rd. Lowder would grab 4th and Norman would finish 5th.

Racing returns next Saturday with a full slate of NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series action.

June 12th will see the running of the FASS Big Rig Series as they thunder onto the famed 3/8 mile oval.

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### **Hickory Motor Speedway Results 5/30/21**

#### **Late Model**

- 1 #15 – Ryan Millington
- 2 #95 – Jacob Heafner
- 3 #44 – Josh Kossek ( r )
- 4 #54 – Paul Owens III
- 5 #47 – Chase Janes
- 6 #25 – Kevin Leicht
- 7 #27 – Matthew Gould
- 8 #22 – Whitney Meggs
- 9 #81 – Zack Clifton
- 10 #07 – Chase Dixon
- 11 #88 – Travis Byrd - DNS

#### **Limited Late Model**

- 1 #24 – Bryson Ruff ( r )
- 2 #12 – Mason Maggio ( r )
- 3 #22 – Max Price
- 4 #32 – Josh Stark
- 5 #88 – Jeff Caldwell
- 6 #13 – Chase Murphy
- 7 #14 – Akinori Ogata
- 8 #71 – Katie Hettinger ( r )
- 9 #94 – Jeffery Wood
- 9 #66 – Zack Wells

#### **Street Stocks**

- 1 #5 – Jesse Clark
- 2 #12 – Cody DeMarmels
- 3 #2 – Ethan Johnson
- 4 #31 – Derek Fowler
- 5 #64 – Marshall Sutton
- 6 #34 – Wes Sammon ( r )

7 #56 – John Guker

**Carolina Pro Late Model**

1 #35 – Caden Kvapil

2 #4 – Leland Honeyman

3 #12 – Jake Crum

4 #43 – William Sawalich

5 #71 – Katie Hettinger

6 #43 – Nick Loden

7 #34 – Dylan Smith

8 #63 – Josh Lowder

9 #03 – Kyle Campbell

10 #81 – Kris Wright

11 #5 – Jasec Hollday

12 #48 – Toby Grynewicz

13 #1X – Ricky Abarca

14 #77 – Gil Linster

15 #15NC – Bobby Earnhardt

16 #98 – Matt Henley

17 #25 – Sarah Cornett-Ching

18 #10 – EJ Tamayo

19 #19 – Penn Crim

**Carolina Crate Modifieds**

1 #OO – Kevin Orlando

2 #99 – Cayden Lapceovich

3 #10 – Rob Shultz

4 #63 – Dean Lowder

5 #12 – Cody Norman

6 #74 – Rich Klimarchuk

7 #27 – Amber Lynn

8 #163 – Jeremy Gerstner

9 #6X – Aaron Brown

10 #51S – Junior Snow

11 #19 – Jody Utt – DNS