



Landon Huffman Wins Big during Whelen Night at the Races

(Newton, NC - - May 31, 2014) Fans and competitors gathered for an action packed night of short-track racing Saturday night and watched as Landon Huffman (No. 75) pulled into Victory Lane following an excitement-filled 50-lap NASCAR Whelen All American Bojangles' Late Model feature event during Whelen Night at Races. Dylan Wilson (No. 1) picked up an impressive win during following an exciting battle in the Gold King Limited Late Model race. Other race winners included, Kevin Townsend (No. 10) in the Street Stock race, Kenneth Roberts (No. 8) in the WrenchRags Renegades event, Chase Pollard (No. 98) in the 4-Cylinders race with Robert Hapeman (No. 8) closing out the evening picking up a win in the Bench-Built Transmission Sportsmen Racing Classics division.



Josh Berry (No. 88) demonstrated speed during qualifying and picked up the pole for the 50-lap Bojangles' Late Model feature event. The JR Motorsports driver pulled away during the early laps, leaving a tight battle between the No. 00 of Shane Lee and the No. 7 of Ashley Huffman for second. After the two drivers made contact, Lee lost momentum and slipped back in the field. Huffman went on to challenge Berry for the lead until connecting with the turn-four wall following a restart on lap 39 after the first caution. On the ensuing restart, the No. 8 of Chandler LeVan made contact with Berry, sending Berry for a spin and both drivers to the back of the field for the following restart. The No. 75 of Landon Huffman was scored in the first-place position when the pack returned to green-flag racing and survived multiple restarts on his way to Victory Lane. The No. 88 of Doug Barnes, No. 9 of William Byron, No. 41 of Brayton Hews and Lee followed behind to complete the top five.

The No. 18 of Casey Pierce earned the pole position for the 35-lap Gold King Limited Late Model race, but was quickly taken out of contention when he and the No. 1 of Trent Barnes connected coming out of turn four on lap two. Pierce lost momentum from the contact and a subsequent flat tire allowing Barnes to take over the lead. Barnes time in the top spot was short lived, as the No. 21 of Monty Cox settled into the lead with five laps complete. As the laps ticked away, Cox and the No. 1 of Dylan Wilson created a sizable lead over the field until the caution flag was displayed on lap 22. Cox remained out front during the restart, but Wilson challenged for the top spot as the race progressed. The two took turns running out front during the final laps, with Wilson coming out with the victory and Cox settling for second. The No. 77 of Travis Byrd, No. 7 of Taylor Stricklin and the No. 9 of Charlie Watson crossed the line third through fifth.

The No. 10 of Kevin Townsend started the 30-lap Street Stock event from the front of the field, and quickly began pulling away from his competition during the early laps. The No. 03 of Kevin Eby remained close to Townsend's bumper battling for the opportunity to move out front. Townsend managed to maintain his spot out front during multiple restarts early in the race, yet continued to receive challenges from Eby throughout the event. Townsend and Eby maintained a close battle during the closing laps, but Townsend held on to the top position on his way to Victory

Lane, forcing Eby to settle for second. The No. 64 of Marshall Sutton, No. 16 of Jonathon Smith and the No. 18 of Cody DeMarmels completed the top five.

Kenneth Roberts (No. 8) took the green flag from the pole position in the WrenchRags Renegades race, but relinquished the top position to the No. 16 of Carroll McKinney on the first lap. The 20-lap event was caution filled, allowing Roberts the opportunity to move back out front during the final laps, bringing the No. 09 of Blake Walker along to settle into second. As Roberts led the field out of turn four coming to the checkered flag, Walker and McKinney tangled in the turn sending both cars spinning, providing the No. 85 of Dustin Walker the opportunity to pick up a second-place finish. The No. 71 of Kyle Divanna, No. 6 of Darrin Dickinson and the No. 17 of Shore finished third through fifth, respectively.

The No. 98 of Chase Pollard led the 4-Cylinder field to the green flag, but the No. 99 of Matt Elledge quickly jumped out front and settled into the top position by the time the field cleared turn two on the first lap of the 25-lap race. Elledge created a sizable lead over the competition and looked like he was in position to pick up the win, until sliding in oil and making contact with the No. 28 of Dennis Trivette heading into turn four with only eight laps remaining. Pollard restarted in the lead and went on to collect the win. The No. 00 of Eddie Gilbert, No. 98 of Rob Lewis, the No. 11 of Robert Trivette and No. 17 of Curtis Pardue rounded out the top five.

The No. 16 of Bill Webb led the Bench-Built Sportsmen Racing Classics to the green flag for a 25-lap event, but quickly slipped back to the second position after the No. 8 of Robert Hapeman took over the top spot before the completion of the first lap. As the race progressed and the field strung out to single-file racing, Webb stayed close to the bumper of Hapeman looking for an opportunity to regain the lead. Hapeman would hold on to the lead and be the first to take the checkered flag, leaving Webb to settle for a second-place finish. The No. 74 of Bob Park, No. 48 of Larry Benz and the No. 98 of Shane Brafford rounded out the top five.

The NASCAR Whelen All-American Series returns next Saturday, June 7 for Children's Miracle Network Night at the Races presented by Sams Club with Throwdown Jones and TNT. The Night will feature appearances by the Bojangles' Late Models, the Gold King Limited Late Models, Street Stocks, 4-Cylinders and the Super Trucks. The night of racing will conclude with a benefit concert for the The Children's Miracle Network featuring Throw Down Jones and TNT. Grandstands will open at 5 p.m. ET, with qualifying immediately following.

A Hickory Motor Speedway Legend On-Track Autograph Session with special guests Harry Gant, Bobby Allison and Ned Jarrett will begin at 6 p.m. with feature racing action scheduled to take place at 7 p.m.

Tickets are only \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and teens with kids 12 and under FREE. \$5 of every ticket will go to benefit the Children's Miracle Network. For more information about upcoming events and Hickory Motor Speedway visit, www.hickorymotorspeedway.com or like us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/hickoryspeedwayfans) and follow us on Twitter (www.twitter.com/hickoryspeedway).

Hickory Motor Speedway Official Race Results for 5/31/2014			
4-Cylinders - Feature			
Finish	Car No	Driver	Hometown
1	98P	Chase Pollard	Taylorsville, NC
2	00G	Eddie Gilbert	Newton, NC
3	98	Rob Lewis	Morganton, NC
4	11	Robert Trivette	Newton, NC
5	17	Curtis Pardue	Hickory, NC
6	6T	Rodney Trivette	Newton, NC
7	99	Matthew Elledge	Statesville, NC
8	28T	Dennis Trivette	Newton, NC
Classic Sportsman Racing - Feature			
Finish	Car No	Driver	Hometown
1	8	Robert Hapeman	Midland, NC
2	16	Bill Webb	Statesville, NC
3	74	Bob Park	,
4	48	Larry Benz	Harrisburg, NC
5	98B	Shane Brafford	Kannapolis, NC
6	2	Don Fenn	Lincolnton, NC
7	90	Dennis Hinkle	Hickory, NC

8	71P	Bill Powell	Newton, NC
9	83	Tom Fenn	Lincolnton, NC

Late Model - Feature			
Finish	Car No	Driver	Hometown
1	75H	Landon Huffman	Claremont, NC
2	88D	Doug Barnes	Whiteford, MD
3	9	William Byron	Charlotte, NC
4	41H	Brayton Haws	Youngsville, NC
5	00	Shane Lee	Newton, NC
6	88B	Josh Berry	Hendersonville, TN
7	23R	Payton Ryan	Concord, NC
8	12	Austin McDaniel	Harrisburg, NC
9	25	Matt Piercy	Conover, NC
10	8	Chandler LeVan	Statesville, NC
11	5H	Bret Holmes	Munford, AL
12	57C	Justin Carroll	Concord, NC
13	8G	David Garbo, Jr.	Storington, CT
14	7	Ashley Huffman	Connelly Springs, NC
15	25D	Kate Dallenbach	Mooresville, NC
16	03S	Roddey Sterling, Jr.	Charlotte, NC

Limited Late Model - Feature			
Finish	Car No	Driver	Hometown
1	1	Dylon Wilson	Taylorsville, NC
2	21	Monty Cox	Granite Falls, NC
3	77B	Travis Byrd	Sherrills Ford, NC
4	7S	Taylor Stricklin	Mount Ulla, NC
5	9	Charlie Watson	Lenoir, NC
6	51	Jeremy Pelfrey	Lenoir, NC
7	09R	Ryan Morris	Honey Brook, PA
8	25	Allen Huffman	Hickory, NC
9	5G	Kevin Gilardoni	Mooresville, NC
10	15	Sheflon Clay	Asheville, NC
11	1B	Trent Barnes	Whiteford, MD
12	51B	Brandon Cox	Taylorsville, NC
13	43	Greg Wise	Candler, NC
14	11	Dillon Houser	Hildebran, NC
15	18	Casey Pierce	Lenoir, NC

Renegades - Feature			
Finish	Car No	Driver	Hometown
1	8	Kenneth Roberts	Hickory, NC
2	85	Dustin Walker	Granite Falls, NC
3	71	Kyle Divanna	Statesville, NC
4	6	Darren Dickinson	Hickory, NC
5	17S	Stephen Shore	Stanley, NC
6	22	Daniel Moore	Conover, NC
7	09	Blake Walker	Lenoir, NC
8	16	Carroll McKinney	Hildebran, NC
9	69	Ben Campbell	Hudson, NC
10	77H	Shawn Hayes	Lenoir, NC

Street Stocks - Feature			
Finish	Car No	Driver	Hometown
1	10T	Kevin Townsend	Lenoir, NC
2	03	Kevin Eby	Lenior, NC
3	64	Marshall Sutton	Burnsville, NC
4	16S	Jonathon Smith	Hudson, NC
5	18D	Cody DeMarmels	Newton, NC
6	33	Mark Whitten	Gastonia, NC
7	2	Larry Mosher	Taylorsville, NC
8	74S	Steven Smith	Lincolnton, NC
9	21	Kevin Saam	Hudson, NC
10	2N	Charlie Neill	Hickory, NC
11	69	Trey Buff	Hickory, NC

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