

" Dexter Canipe Jr wins on 321 Lawnmower Night "

presented by Whelen

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Racing action returned to the Catawba Valley on Saturday night with 321 Lawnmower Sales & Service Night at the Races presented by Whelen.

Leading off the evening would be the always exciting Carolina Custom Golf Cart 4-Cylinders and their 25 lap feature. Hickory Motor Speedway points leader Brian Mundy in the #6 would set fast time in qualifying and start from the pole position with the #25 of Dennis Ward to his outside. Mundy would take the early lead with Ward close behind. Ward would spin and bring out the first caution which would bunch the field for the restart. Mundy would once again get a good start and drive assume the lead with Cody Combs in the #9 giving chase. Mundy would duplicate his performance from a week earlier and drive on to take the victory over 2nd place finisher Allison Houston in the #29. Dennis Trivette in the #28 would finish 3rd, Combs would finish 4th, and Ward would round out the top 5



Rolling off the grid next would be the Hickory Vintage Racers for 25 laps of battle. The #16 of Bill Webb would lead the field to the green flag with Bill Powell in the #71 to his outside. Bill Webb would jump to the early lead with Powell close behind to keep the pressure on Webb. The pair would stay like that for the entirety of the race and see 82 year old Bill Webb grab another win. Powell would hang on for 2nd, Robert Webb in the #6 would come home in 3rd, and Tom Fenn in the #83 would finish 4th.

The Cosmo Motors Street Stocks would be the next to see on track action with their 30 lap feature. Gary Ledbetter Jr in the #32 would make a rare appearance at America's Most Famous Short Track but make the most of it with the fast lap in qualifying and start from the point with the #7 off Jeff Sparks to his outside. Ledbetter and Sparks would put on a furious battle for the top spot. Ledbetter would eventually drive to the lead with Sparks hot in his tracks. Battles would ensue throughout the field with no one giving an inch. Ledbetter would drive on to the win with Sparks finishing 2nd. Mark Whitten in the #77 would grab a podium finish with 3rd while Troy DeMarmels in the #18 would move into the points lead with a 4th, and Marshall Sutton in the #64 would work his way through the field to finish 5th and be just 2 points out of the points lead.

The Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models would hit the track for 50 laps in Round #5 of the Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Challenge. Fast rookies would make up the front row as Gage Painter in the #12 would grab the pole while the #14 of Vince Midas was close behind and would start to his outside. Painter and Midas would battle side by side until Painter would finally use the preferred line to take the top spot with Midas close behind. Racing would be fast and furious throughout the field until the #18 of Cody DeMarmels would have tire troubles and bring out the caution on lap 34. Painter would get a good start on the restart and leave the battle behind him for second and beyond. Painter would prove too tough on the night and take the checkered flag for his first Hickory Motor Speedway victory. Midas would hold on for a hard fought 2nd with Josh Kossek in the #44 fighting his way up to a well deserved 3rd. Taylor Gray in the #15 would work his way up to finish 4th, and Taylor Nesbitt in the #92 would work her way up from a starting position outside the top 10 to finish 5th.

Next up would see the Renegades hit the track for 20 laps of side by side action. Hickory Motor Speedway points leader Justin Austin in the #1 would set the fast time and start from the point with the #7 of Brian Larkin to his outside. Larkin would get the best start of the front row and take the early lead. Larkin would hang it out with a loose race car for several laps until Austin would catch and pass him along with the #83 of David Hasson. Austin would go on to grab the win with Hasson finishing 2nd. Kenneth Roberts in the #8 would finish 3rd, Robbie Hollifield in the #51 would finish 4th, and the #4 of Joseph Hodges would finish 5th.

Closing out the night would be the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Late Models with their 80 lap feature. 2015 Hickory Motor Speedway Track Champion Matt Piercy would have a week off from his Hendrick Motorsports engineering duties and decide to come back to race at his home track. He would definitely make the most of his visit setting fast time in qualifying and take the pole position with a lap of 14.939. 2016 Hickory Motor Speedway Track Champion Dexter Canipe Jr would start from the outside pole position. Row two would be made up by Zach Bruenger in the #55 and Jeremy Pelfrey in the #51. During an exciting side by side battle for the lead Canipe would nose ahead early but Piercy wouldn't give up easily and moved back around for the

top spot. Battles would rage throughout the field that was only separated by a couple of tenths in qualifying. Bruenger would move around Canipe for the second spot on lap 33 and look to chase down the leader Piercy. A caution on lap 59 would bunch the field for a restart. Piercy would move to the front again on the start but contact in turn 4 would send Piercy spinning and Bruenger to the back as well. Canipe would assume the lead on the ensuing restart with Jeremy Pelfrey in the #51 in close row. Canipe would hang on for the remaining 20 laps and grab the win. Jacob Heafner in the #95 would finish 2nd with Pelfrey grabbing 3rd. Austin Green in the #2 would finish 4th and Bruenger would round out the top 5.

The NASCAR Whelen All American Series will be back in action next week with Woodforest Bank Night at the Races featuring Twin 40s for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Models, Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models, One Design Super Trucks, Carolina Custom Golf Cart 4-Cylinders, Renegades, and the Smash and Crash Series.

On July 6th & 7th Hickory Motor Speedway welcomes the Monster Trucks of Destruction for two nights of Monster Truck Mayhem!

Hickory Motor Speedway Race Results for 6/16/2018				
4-Cylinders - Feature				
Finish	Car No	Driver	Hometown	DQ/DNS/DNF
1	6M	Brian Mundy	Concord, NC	
2	29H	Allison Houston	Conover, NC	
3	28T	Dennis Trivette	Newton, NC	
4	9	Cody Combs	Lenoir, NC	
5	25	Dennis Ward	Hickory, NC	
6	11	Robert Trivette	Newton, NC	
4-Cylinders - Qualifying				
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1	6M	Brian Mundy	Concord, NC	
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5	29H	Allison Houston	Conover, NC	
6	28T	Dennis Trivette	Newton, NC	DQ
Classic Sportsman Racing - Feature				
Finish	Car No	Driver	Hometown	DQ/DNS/DNF
1	16	Bill Webb	Statesville, NC	
2	71P	Bill Powell	Newton, NC	
3	6W	Robert Webb	Harmony, NC	
4	83	Tom Fenn	Lincolnton, NC	
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Late Model - Feature				
Finish	Car No	Driver	Hometown	DQ/DNS/DNF
1	5C	Dexter Canipe, Jr.	Conover, NC	
2	95H	Jacob Heafner	Dallas, NC	
3	51P	Jeremy Pelfrey	Lenoir, NC	
4	2A	Austin Green	Concord, NC	
5	55B	Zachary Bruenger	Granite Falls, NC	
6	12B	Annabeth Barnes Crum	Hiddenite, NC	
7	14L	Nick Leitz	Chesapeake, VA	
8	15C	Sheflon Clay	Asheville, NC	
9	25	Matt Piercy	Conover, NC	
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Limited Late Model - Paramount Race				
Finish	Car No	Driver	Hometown	DQ/DNS/DNF
1	12P	Gage Painter	Statesville, NC	
2	14	Vince Midas	Catawba, NC	
3	44	Josh Kossek	Tobaccoville, NC	
4	15G	Taylor Gray	Mooreville, NC	
5	92N	Taylor Nesbitt	Swannanoa, NC	
6	12L	Mason Ludwig	N. Branch, MI	
7	21	Monty Cox	Granite Falls, NC	
8	47J	Chase Janes	Harrisburg, NC	
9	5B	Hannah Bell	Raleigh, NC	
10	18D	Cody DeMarmels	Newton, NC	
11	4W	Dylon Wilson	Taylorsville, NC	
12	34	Pat Rachels	China Grove, NC	
13	23D	Brendan Doyle	Harrisburg, NC	
14	22L	Brandon Lemke	Eagle, WI	
15	43P	Kenneth Pardue	Millers Creek, NC	
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Renegades - Feature				
Finish	Car No	Driver	Hometown	DQ/DNS/DNF
1	1	Justin Austin	Granite Falls, NC	
2	83	David Hasson	Newton, NC	
3	8	Kenneth Roberts	Hickory, NC	
4	51	Robbie Hollifield	Morganton, NC	
5	4H	Joseph Hodges	,	
6	7	Brian Larkin	Icard, NC	
7	21	RJ Williams	Conover, NC	
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Street Stocks - Feature				
Finish	Car No	Driver	Hometown	DQ/DNS/DNF
1	32L	Gary Ledbetter	Thomasville, NC	
2	7S	Jeff Sparks	Acworth, GA	
3	77P	Mark Whitten	Hogtown, VA	
4	18	Troy DeMarmels	Newton, NC	
5	64	Marshall Sutton	Burnsville, NC	
6	74B	Jared Broadbent	Spruce Pine, NC	
7	3	Kevin Eby	Lenior, NC	
8	21C	Drew Cox	Granite Falls, NC	
9	69	Trey Buff	Hickory, NC	

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