

Josh Berry, winner of Round #6 of the Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Challenge for the Bojangles Late Models



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June 4, 2016 - HICKORY, N.C. – Hot temperatures and good racing would be on the menu for Bojangles Church Night at the Races and Round #6 of the Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Racing Challenge Series at Hickory Motor Speedway.

Leading off the night would be the 4-Cylinders and their 25 lap feature. Charlie Neill in the #2 would assume a familiar position and lead the field to the green flag from the point after setting the fast lap in qualifying. Eddie Gilbert in the #00 would make a run at the leader but would fall a little short and have to settle for 2nd as Neill would take the win and return to victory lane. Curtis Pardue in the #17 would grab 3rd while Robert Trivette in the #11 and Rodney Trivette in the #6 would round out the top 5.

The Limited Late Models rolled off next with Evan Swilling in the #18 at the point and Mark Johnson in the #13 to his outside. The green flag would see Swilling jump to the point with 19 more Limited Late Models in toe, and fierce battles raged throughout the field. Johnson, Pat Rachels in the #34, Jeremy Pelfrey in the #51, Monty Cox in the #21, Mitch Walker in the #29, Dillon Houser in the #11, and Ryan Vasconcellos in the #10 would all race one another hard to see who would get the opportunity to give chase to Swilling for the top spot. Rachels would nose into the 2nd spot and try his best to catch the leader but Swilling would prove too tough and grab another victory, his 4th on the year, while Rachels would hold on for the runner up spot. Vasconcellos would take the 3rd place finishing position while Walker and Pelfrey would finish 4th and 5th respectively.

Josh Berry in the #88 would set the fast time for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Bojangles Late Models with Dexter Canipe Jr. in the #5 to his outside, Justin Carroll in the #57 and 2015 Hickory Motor Speedway Track Champion Matt Piercy in the #21 to his rear. Berry, Canipe, and Piercy would mix it up at the front of the pack with each taking turns at the point. Piercy would jump to the lead for several laps until Berry once again made his move back to the point. With 100 laps in store for Round #6 of the Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Racing Challenge, tire wear would be a critical issue for the field. Christian Eckes in the #1 and Casey Pierce in the #18 would benefit from a late race caution as they both had worked to save their tires and the subsequent restart would bunch the field. Berry, however, would have enough to hold off the field for the win and another visit to victory lane for the JR Motorsports driver. Eckes would use his tire management to help propel him from the 9th starting spot all the way to 2nd finishing position. Pierce would come on strong at the end grabbing the 3rd position. Points leader Canipe would grab 4th while Piercy would come home in 5th after leading a good portion of the race.

Next up would be the Catawba Realty & Insurance Company Classic Sportsmen vintage racers and their 25 lap feature. Eddie Gilbert in the #95 would start from the top spot and lead laps early and often. Bill Webb in the #16 would start from the rear after winning the last race, as per their division rules, but would quickly start looking for the leader. Webb would make it almost all the way through the field but would have to settle for 2nd as Gilbert was too strong and would be the first to the checkers. Dennis Hinkle in the #4, Bill Powell in the #71, and Robert Webb in the #6 would round out the top 5.

Finishing out the night would be the Street Stocks and their 30 lap feature. Kevin Eby in the #03 would snatch the pole with the fast time in qualifying. Kevin Townsend in the #9 would make the early bid for the lead and take the point from Eby. Townsend would survive multiple challenges from Eby and a couple late restarts but would hold on for another trip to victory lane. Eby would challenge repeatedly but would have to settle for the runner up spot. Cody DeMarmels in the #18, Marshall Sutton in the #64, and Jeremy Harrell in the #32 would have a spirited battle throughout the event and would finish 3rd, 4th, and 5th respectively.

America's Most Famous Short Track will be idle next week, June 11th, with a rare night off, but racing will return with their 2 nd event from the PASS Series the following week, June 18th. The NWAAS will return to action on Saturday, June 25th with Round #7 of the Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Racing Challenge Series for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Bojangles Late Models.

| Hickory Motor Speedway | | | | |
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| Race Results for 6/4/2016 | | | | |
| 4-Cylinders - Feature | | | | |
| Finish | Car No | Driver | Hometown | DQ/DNS/DNF |
| 1 | 2 | Charlie Neill | Hickory, NC | |
| 2 | 00G | Eddie Gilbert | Newton, NC | |
| 3 | 17 | Curtis Pardue | Hickory, NC | |
| 4 | 11 | Robert Trivette | Newton, NC | |
| 5 | 6T | Rodney Trivette | Newton, NC | |
| 6 | 4M | Dylan Mundy | Concord, NC | |
| 7 | 9 | Cody Combs | Lenoir, NC | |
| 8 | 59 | Donn Wardo | Harmony, NC | |
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| Classic Sportsman Racing - Feature | | | | |
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| 1 | 95G | Eddie Gilbert | Newton, NC | |
| 2 | 16 | Bill Webb | Statesville, NC | |
| 3 | 4H | Dennis Hinkle | Hickory, NC | |
| 4 | 71P | Bill Powell | Newton, NC | |
| 5 | 6W | Robert Webb | Harmony, NC | |
| 6 | 90R | Gary Rudisill | Taylorsville, NC | |
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| 5 | 4H | Dennis Hinkle | Hickory, NC | |
| 6 | 90R | Gary Rudisill | Taylorsville, NC | DNS |
| Late Model - Feature | | | | |
| Finish | Car No | Driver | Hometown | DQ/DNS/DNF |
| 1 | 88B | Josh Berry | Hendersonville, TN | |
| 2 | 1E | Christian Eckes | Middletown, NY | |
| 3 | 18P | Casey Pierce | Lenoir, NC | |
| 4 | 5C | Dexter Canipe, Jr. | Conover, NC | |
| 5 | 21P | Matt Piercy | Conover, NC | |
| 6 | 25D | Kate Dallenbach | Mooresville, NC | |
| 7 | 57C | Justin Carroll | Concord, NC | |
| 8 | 28B | Brandon Setzer | Newton, NC | |
| 9 | 17M | Ryan Millington | Statesville, NC | |
| 10 | 82M | Dylan Martin | Concord, NC | |
| 11 | 15O | Omar Jurado | Huntersville, NC | |
| 12 | 27 | Travis Byrd | Sherrills Ford, NC | |
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| 1 | 18S | Evan Swilling | Cohutta, GA | |
| 2 | 34 | Pat Rachels | China Grove, NC | |
| 3 | 10 | Ryan Vasconcellos | Sherrills Ford, NC | |
| 4 | 29 | Mitch Walker | Newton, NC | |
| 5 | 51 | Jeremy Pelfrey | Lenoir, NC | |
| 6 | 13J | Mark Johnson | Newton, NC | |
| 7 | 11C | Dawson Cram | Mooreville, NC | |
| 8 | 11 | Dillon Houser | Hildebran, NC | |
| 9 | 14A | Akinori Ogata | Mooreville, NC | |
| 10 | 12D | Evan Duggins | Tobaccoville, NC | |
| 11 | 26 | Nicholas Pope | Taylorsville, NC | |
| 12 | 32 | Brandon Cox | Taylorsville, NC | |
| 13 | 3D | Dylan Oliver | Stanley, NC | |
| 14 | 46 | Thad Moffitt | Concord, NC | |
| 15 | 88 | Karsyn Elledge | Mooreville, NC | |
| 16 | 77G | Lexi Gay | Canton, GA | |
| 17 | 41 | Dennis Trivette | Newton, NC | |
| 18 | 21 | Monty Cox | Granite Falls, NC | |
| 19 | 22 | Dan Moore | Conover, NC | |
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| 1 | 9T | Kevin Townsend | Lenoir, NC | |
| 2 | 3 | Kevin Eby | Lenior, NC | |
| 3 | 18D | Cody DeMarmels | Newton, NC | |
| 4 | 64 | Marshall Sutton | Burnsville, NC | |
| 5 | 32J | Jeremy Harrell | Newton, NC | |
| 6 | 16 | Carroll McKinney | Hildebran, NC | |
| 7 | 25 | Colby Gibson | Arden, NC | |
| 8 | 77P | Mark Whitten | Hogtown, VA, VA | |
| 9 | 69 | Trey Buff | Hickory, NC | |
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