

“ Josh Berry and Ryan Millington split Twin 40”



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July 18,2020 - After a late afternoon thunderstorm on a warm July afternoon, the always exciting NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series returned time action at America's Most Famous Short Track, Hickory Motor Speedway, on Saturday night.

The 4-Cylinders would be the first to hit the track for 25 laps of door to door action. Brian Mundy in the #6 would set fast time and start from the point with Robert Trivette in the #11 to his outside. Mundy and Robert Trivette would duel side by side for the top spot, as they completed lap one Mundy would pull to the front. Cody Combs in the #09 would loom large in Robert Trivette's rear view mirror as he would look to take the second spot away. After biding his time Combs would finally make the pass on lap 20. Mundy would prove too strong on the night and take the win. Combs would finish 2nd and Robert Trivette would finish 3rd after a good clean battle through most of the race. Curtis Pardue in the #17 would finish 4th with Ashton Trivette in the #21 finishing 5th.

The Advance Auto Parts Late Models would be the next to hit the track for 40 laps in the first twin of their doubleheader. Josh Berry in the #88 would top the charts in qualifying and start from the top spot with Ryan Millington in the #15 to his outside. Mason Ludwig in the #12L and Mike Darne in the #6D would make up row two for the start. Millington would use the high side to take the top spot after a

couple of laps of side by side racing. Berry would quickly move back under Millington and the duo would put on an impressive side by side battle. Berry would finally make the pass and move to the lead on lap 10. The halfway point would see Berry, Millington, Darne, Ludwig, and Thomas Beane in the #31 making up the top five. Trevor Ward in the #15, Sam Butler in the #81, and Beane would have a twenty lap battle for the fifth spot with all three drivers looking for the position and keeping it clean with no cautions. Berry would hold them off and drive to the win. Millington would finish 2nd with Darne in 3rd. Ludwig would take 4th and Beane would win the three way battle and take 5th.

Next up would see the Carolina Pro Late Model Series in the Home Essentials Wholesale 74, one less lap than the usual 75, with this being in memory of Robert Hamke who was synonymous with the #74 on his racecars. The front row would see Kodie Conner in the #45 and Kyle Campbell in the #15 after qualifying. Will Cox in the #3 and Josh Lowder in the #63 would make up row two for the start. Campbell would get better start and move to the front on lap one. Lap 6 would see Conner get under Campbell and battle for the top spot. Conner would make the pass on lap 9 as he would move to the point. Lap 20 would see the caution fly as Amber Lynn in the #2 and the #51 of Zach Keller would spin in turn four while Tony Breidinger in the #80 would also sustain damage in the incident. Breidinger would return to action after quick work by her pit crew. The restart would see



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Conner and Campbell in row one and Carson Kvapil in the #35 and Cox in row two. Conner would move back to the top spot as Cox would move around Kvapil for third. Nick Loden in the #43 would also do battle with Kvapil for position. The caution would fly on lap 24 when the #03 of Sterling Plemmons would spin coming off of turn four. The restart would see Conner, Campbell, Cox, Loden, and Kvapil making up the top five. Conner would move back to the top spot after a couple of laps, side by side with Campbell. The caution would fly on lap 27 when the #18 of Bill Catania would come to a rest in turn two. The restart would see Conner and Campbell side by side once again. Lap 29 would see Conner move back to the lead. Lap 31 would see Cox move around Campbell for second and bring Kvapil with him to third. The halfway point would see Conner, Cox, Kvapil, Loden, and Campbell as the top five. The caution would fly on lap 42 as Keller would spin coming off of turn four. Conner and Cox would lead the field back to the green flag. Conner would move back to the lead while Cox would face a challenge from Loden. Contact between Loden and Cox would send Cox spinning in turn two and the caution flying on lap 44. The restart would see Conner and Kvapil pacing the field back to the green flag. The front row would stay side by side until lap 47 when Conner would nose ahead for the lead. With 25 laps to go, the top five would see Conner, Kvapil, Joe Valento in the #30, Lynn, and Cox. Lap 70 would see the caution fly as Valento would spin coming off of turn four. A four lap duel would be setup with Conner and Kvapil bringing the field back to the green flag. The lead duo would be door to door going into turn one, however Kvapil would sail the high side and nose slightly ahead. Conner would look under Kvapil for the lead repeatedly until the checkered flag would fly. Kvapil would go on to take the hard fought victory. Conner would finish 2nd with a spin as he came across the start finish line and collect Cox, who would still finish 3rd. Lynn would bounce back from the early race spin and finish 4th with Eric Nash in the #13 coming home in 5th.

The Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models would roll off next for 35 action packed laps. Josh Kossek in the #44 would take the top spot in qualifying with Chase Janes in the #47 to his outside. Todd Midas in the #50 and Zack Miracle in the #32 would make up the second row for the start. Janes would win the battle for the top spot on lap one. Janes would lead, Kossek would run second, and Miracle in third at the ten lap mark. Just behind the top three there would be a good battle for fourth with Midas and the #32 of Josh Stark both wanting the spot. Janes would prove too tough on the night and take the win. Kossek would finish 2nd with Miracle coming home in 3rd. Midas would finish 4th and Stark would take 5th.

The Street Stocks would roll off next for 30 laps. Kevin Eby in the #03 would start from the top spot after pacing qualifying with Mark Whitten in the #77 to his outside. Eby would take the early lead and bring Jesse Clark in the #5 to second. Whitten wouldn't be ready to give up the position and drive back around for second one lap later. Whitten and Clark would battle side by side for position with Eby just off of their front bumpers by a few feet. As the three cars began to navigate a lapped car, Clark would take the lead as Eby and Whitten would get shuffled out of line. Clark would lead, Don Machutta in the #52 running second, and Eby making up the top three. Marshall Sutton in the #64 would make the move around Eby for third with ten laps to go. Clark would drive on to the win. Machutta would finish 2nd with Sutton finishing 3rd. Eby would finish 4th and Whitten would come home in 5th.

The Advance Auto Parts Late Models would finish out their doubleheader and the night with their second 40 lap feature. After a 9 car invert from the finishing order of race one, Charlie Watson in the #9 and Mitch Walker in the #29 would make up the front row. Row two would see Trevor Ward in the #15 and Sam Butler in the #81 for the green flag. The initial start would look good up front, however a couple fast cars would be swept up in turn one as the caution would fly. Gage Painter in the #12 and the #1 of Ryan Rackley would be involved and both would sustain damage. Watson and Walker would lead the field back to the green flag. Watson would move to the point with Walker close behind. Ryan Millington in the #15 would move his way up to fourth on lap eight. Lap 10 would see Butler move around Walker for second. Lap 15 would see Butler move around Watson for the lead. Butler would bring Millington along with him to second and Josh Berry in the #88 to third. The top five at halfway would be Butler, Millington, Berry, Watson, and Walker. Lap 24 would see Millington make the move around Butler for the top spot. Butler would stay close in Millington's tire tracks hoping to grab his first Hickory Motor Speedway win, and would be facing a fierce challenge from race one winner Berry from behind. Millington would have just enough left to grab the win after his race one second place finish. Butler would take 2nd place with Berry finishing 3rd. Walker would finish 4th and Watson would round out the top five in 5th.

The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series will be back in action next week at the Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars with a full slate of racing.

Hickory Motor Speedway Results 7/18/20

Late Model – Twin Feature 1

- 1 #88 – Josh Berry
- 2 #15 – Ryan Millington
- 3 #6D – Mike Darne
- 4 #12L – Mason Ludwig (r)
- 5 #31 – Thomas Beane
- 6 #81 – Sam Butler (r)
- 7 #15W – Trevor Ward
- 8 #29 – Mitch Walker
- 9 #9 – Charlie Watson
- 10 #14 – Vince Midas
- 11 #12B – Annabeth Barnes Crum
- 12 #1R – Ryan Rackley
- 13 #8 – Bob Saville
- 14 #12 – Gage Painter
- 15 #8C – Will Cox III
- 16 #29P – Curtis Pardue
- 17 #5 – Brian Mundy - DNS

Late Model – Twin Feature 2

- 1 #15 – Ryan Millington
- 2 #81 – Sam Butler (r)
- 3 #88 – Josh Berry
- 4 #29 – Mitch Walker
- 5 #9 – Charlie Watson
- 6 #31 – Thomas Beane
- 7 #6D – Mike Darne
- 8 #12L – Mason Ludwig

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Limited Late Model

1 #47 – Chase Janes

2 #44K – Josh Kossek

3 #32 – Zack Miracle

4 #50 – Todd Midas

5 #32 – Josh Stark

6 #38 – Alex Posey

7 #50V – Daniel Vuncannon

8 #3 – Jacob Porter

9 #51 – Ethan S Johnson

10 #4 – Bryce Bezanson - DNS

Street Stocks

1 #5 – Jesse Clark

2 #52 – Don Machutta

3 #64 – Marshall Sutton

4 #03 – Kevin Eby

5 #77 – Mark Whitten

6 #07 – Mike Cooper

7 #48 – Trey Buff

8 #2 – Ethan Johnson

9 #56 – John Guker

10 #3 – Kayla Eby (r)

11 #9 – Jon Austin

4 Cylinders

1 #6 – Brian Mundy

2 #9 – Cody Combs

3 #11 – Robbie Trivette

4 #17 – Curtis Pardue

5 #21 – Ashton Trivette

6 #11T – Dennis Trivette

Carolina Pro Late Model Series

1 #35 – Carson Kvapil

2 #45 – Kodie Conner

3 #3 – Will Cox III

4 #2 – Amber Lynn

5 #13 – Eric Nash

6 #15 – Kyle Campbell

7 #43 – Nick Loden

8 #30 – Joe Valento

9 #25 – Terry Smith

10 #03 – Sterling Plemmons

11 #55 – Ronnie Osmer

12 #5 – Max Gutierrez

13 #11 – Tony Cosentino

14 #51 – Zack Keller

15 #63 – Josh Lowder

16 #18 – Bill Catania

17 #80 – Toni Breidinger

18 #61 – Gabriel Fogg - DNS

