

CAROLINA/VIRGINIA'S SCOTT LEADS SERIES BACK TO HICKORY

INDIANAPOLIS – After winning the second USAC Carolina/Virginia Ford Focus Midget Car Series race of the season, two-time defending champion and current point leader Chase Scott leads the contingent Saturday back to one of the series' most visited tracks: the Hickory (N.C.) Motor Speedway.

Scott won the second race of the season April 22 at Hickory and will be one of the top drivers scheduled to compete at the 4/10-mile track, this season the series' anchor track. In addition to Saturday's contest, three other races at Hickory are scheduled.

All-American Driver Challenge winner Bradley Riethmeyer, second-place point runner Terry Hall and nearly a dozen others expect to keep Scott from winning his 18th career Ford Focus feature. Hoosier native Tate Martz has 16 career feature victories, while Iowan Robbie Ray has 15.

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Newton, NC...Andy Loden, of Stanley, NC, claimed his eighth win of the 2006 NASCAR Dodge Weekly Series Racing Season at Hickory Motor Speedway on Saturday, July 29th Loden, driving the #29 Monroe Roadways Chevy Monte Carlo, took the lead from pole sitter #32 Kevin Leicht on Lap 5, and tackled the track using his signature "high-line" to lead the rest of the 50-lap event.

Chances are that anyone winning 8 of 14 races would be leading the points standings, but Loden had two bad finishes early in the year and missed one race. This win did move him up to second place in standings, only 2 points behind Leicht.

" Loden had this to say in Victory Lane: "

Man, we hit on something up there in the Fall Brawl last year, and we ain't moved down since.I tell ya', it handled good tonight.RE Suspension and Hamke Race Cars.it's probably the best it's been all year.and Allen Johnson Horsepower!" We've come back a long way from the beginning of the year.



I thought we were in trouble, and then when we had a flat tire a couple of weeks ago I thought we were out of it, and now here we are right back in it.two points out.five more races.

If we have five more wins, I should be doing pretty good!We're trying to chase that regional deal (NDWS -Division 3) and there's a lot of good guys here to race against." #59 Coleman Pressley had another good finish, coming in second, to tie for third place in the track standings, followed by points leader Leicht in third, and #41 Jesus Hernandez in fourth. #10 Andy Mercer finished fifth and is tied with Pressley for third in points.



Limited Late Models action saw #92 Marc Davis take his Joe Gibbs Racing machine to victory lane for the sixth time in 2006, followed by #43 Jesse LeFevers second, Mercer (doing double-duty) third, #11 Rance Hume fourth, and #91 Johnny Gottsacker fifth. Division points leader #44 Matt DiBenedetto had a disappointing 6th place finish but retained his lead over Mercer in second place, and Davis third.

Advance Auto Parts Super Trucks saw a familiar face in victory lane when Mack Little III brought his #16 first to the checkers, in front of #44 Ben Ebeling, #19 Jordan Anderson, #45 Kenneth Pardue, and #69 Trevor Hignutt in fifth. #24 Ben Stancill had trouble early in the event, but was able to hold on to the division points lead.

Ebeling, second in points, was able to cut down his deficit by 14 points.Hignutt remains third in points, followed by Pardue in fourth.

"The Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars" saw another star on the horizon when young Corey Lajoie, son of NASCAR legend Randy Lajoie, took the win in the 51 Speed - Pro Challenge Series.Lajoie, in the #711, took the checkers ahead of #51 Zack Stroupe, #20 John Stancill, #118 Devon Haun, and #18 Tripp Massengill.



INEX 600 RACING Legends Cars put on a great show for the fans with #4 Mitchell Coble taking his first win at Hickory Motor Speedway. #31 Ryan Lawler came home second after a hard-fought battle, with #99 Jordan Paschal third, #36 Thomas Hartensveld fourth, and #15 Jim Caudill Jr. fifth.



Next week's racing action at Hickory will feature Bojangles' Late Model Stocks, Advance Auto Parts Super Trucks, J&J Roofing Street Stocks, the Allison Legacy Series, and Hobby Stocks. For more information and a complete schedule, log on to www.Hickory Motor Speedway.com.

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