

LeFevers Heats it up at Hickory Motor Speedway...

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Hickory Motor Speedway

(August 1, 2009 -- Newton, NC) It was another hot night of racing action during Advance Auto Parts Night at the Races as the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series took on the World's Most Famous Short Track, Hickory Motor Speedway. Fans enjoyed appearances by the Bojangles Late Models, the Advance Auto Parts Limiteds, the Bad Boy Mower Super Trucks, the Hickory Street Stocks and the Hickory 4 Cylinders. The night was filled with intense racing action as the #43 of Jesse LeFevers found his way back to victory lane after an amazing battle to the finish line during the Bojangles Late Model 50 lap feature.



The #10 of Andy Mercer took off like a rocket as the field went green flag racing during the Bojangles Late Models feature event. Mercer may have been quick at the start, but the #43 of pole sitter Jesse LeFevers stayed glued to Mercer's bumper looking for his chance to jump back into the lead. On lap 10 LeFevers had moved along side Mercer as the two kept up a tight battle racing side by side. By lap 15 LeFevers cleared Mercer and was slowly starting to pull away. As LeFevers was trying to grow his lead over the field, the #6 of Cole Miktuk hooked up with Mercer working his way up to the front of the pack.



On lap 20 the #33 of James Goff was looking to make his way around the #57 of Grant Wimbish trying to take over the fourth place position. Wimbish held strong until lap 25 when Goff sailed passed him bringing the #15 of David Wilson along for the ride. On lap 31 Mercer had pulled back to the inside of LeFevers as the two began to run door to door once again. By lap 36 Miktuk had slid under Mercer and alongside LeFevers. With five laps to go LeFevers and Miktuk continued to run side by side. As Mercer looked for his shot to get back into victory lane, he took it three wide with LeFevers and Miktuk on the final lap. As they headed out of turn four, Mercer spun around to avoid wrecking his fellow competitors allowing LeFevers, Miktuk and Wilson to finish in front of him as he spun across the finish line. Goff rounded out the top five.

It was smooth sailing during the Advance Auto Parts Limited 35 lap feature as the field was quick to spread out and smoothly sail around the track. On lap four the #5 of Dexter Canipe Jr. slid to the inside of the #24 of Taylor Doggett taking over the second place position. The #69 of John Hilliker was slowly falling back as the #28 of Chris Chapman slid into fourth on lap 12, leaving Hilliker to fall prey to the #8 of Mark McIntosh. McIntosh moved into the fifth place spot at the midpoint of the race, leaving Hilliker to run around in sixth. On lap 23 the #83 of David Hasson came to a halt on the back stretch bringing out the first caution of the race.

With four laps remaining Hilliker battled back as he moved up alongside Chapman itching to move back into the fourth place position, grabbing the spot on lap 33. Just as Hilliker moved back into the position, the #6 of Brandon Hudnall spun around as the field headed into turn one, bringing out the second and final caution. The double file restart made for a great finish as Mansch and Canipe Jr. flew around the track nose to nose as they came to the finish line. Canipe Jr. gave it his all, but Mansch was too much to tame and Canipe would have to settle for a second place finish. Doggett, Chapman and the Hilliker made up the top five.

The Bad Boy Mower Super Trucks put on a great show as they took to the track for their 35 lap feature event. The field was quick to spread out with the #18 of pole sitter Michael Cooper leading the pack. On lap eight the #6 of Brandon Setzer

jumped to the outside of the #11 of Thomas Beane looking to move into the second place position. Setzer slid into the spot as the two headed out of turn four. The first caution waved on lap 10 when the #33 of Jeremy Birch spun out heading into turn four, backing into the wall. The double file restart allowed Beane to move back into the second place position, leaving Setzer to trail behind. On lap 19 Beane and Setzer made contact on the back stretch causing both to wobble as they headed into turn three. Both drivers held on tight, but Setzer fell back and settled into third as they headed out of turn four. On lap 34, Birch fell victim to turn four once again as he spun around bringing out the second and final caution. It was a clean green, white, checker finish as Cooper wheeled it into victory lane followed by Beane, the #16 of Clint Fields, Setzer and the #69 of Trevor Hignutt.



Fans knew they were going to see some great racing action as the Hickory Street Stocks made their way onto the track for a 30 lap feature. The #15 of Waylon Flynn was quick to move into the lead grabbing the top spot from the pole sitter the #03 of Kevin Eby. Flynn was just as quick to fall off the pace allowing Eby and the #1 of Taylor Stricklin to get by him on lap four. The first and only caution flew on lap five when the #66 of Scott Wallace spun out heading into turn four. At the restart it looked as if Flynn would be able to move back into the lead, but Eby powered ahead bringing Stricklin along with him leaving Flynn to settle back into the third place position.



With 10 laps to go the #88 of Josh Burchette put the heat on the #64 of Marshall Sutton looking to move into fourth, completing the pass on lap 22. With only five laps to go Sutton moved back into the fourth place spot, while Flynn grabbed the second place position. Burchette wasn't going to lie down as he kept pressure on Sutton as the two came to the finish line nose to nose, with Burchette powering ahead capturing the spot. Eby would find his way back to victory lane, leaving Flynn, Stricklin, Burchette and Sutton to round out the top five.



It was a caution filled event for the Hickory 4 Cylinders as the drivers hit the track for a 25 lap event. The first caution fell on the first lap when the #07 of Matt Laws and the #17 of Curtis Pardue made contact heading into turn two. The second caution was soon to follow when the #59 of Donn Wardo spun around in turn two. The #28 of Kyle Pierce brought out caution number three when he spun out as the field headed down the front stretch on lap six. At the restart the #99 of Matt Elledge was charging to the front looking for the lead until Wardo spun around for a second time coming out of turn four on lap eight.

The field found difficulties getting things started back up when the #16 of Michael Tucker stalled just before he could make it onto pit road. They tried to go green a second time when Pardue experienced issues and came to a stop on the back stretch. The racing was smooth once they made it back to green flag racing, as Elledge took off with the lead with the #4 of Adam Beaver hot on his tail. The fifth and final caution came out on lap 20 when the #98 of Rob Lewis made contact with the #09 of Randy Canipe in between turns three and four. At the restart Elledge lead the field around the track, as the #21 of Todd Harrington jumped ahead of Beaver taking over second. Beaver, Tucker and the #81 of Shane Canipe completed the top five respectively.

Up Coming Events:

Be sure to join us next Saturday, August 8 th for Woodforest Bank Night at the Races. The night will feature appearances by the Advance Auto Parts Limiteds, the Hickory Street Stocks, the Red Baron Race Parts Hobby Stocks and a special 100 lap feature for the Bojangles Late Models. Grandstands open at 5PM with qualifying immediately following. An On Track Autograph Session will take place at 6PM with feature racing action beginning at 7PM.

Remember if you're not here, you're missing out!

Pole Award Winners

Bojangles Late Models:43 – Jesse LeFevers – 15.445 seconds

Advance Auto Parts Limiteds:17 – Kyle Mansch – 15.930 seconds

Bad Boy Mower Super Trucks:18 – Michael Cooper – 15.887 seconds

Hickory Street Stocks:03 – Kevin Eby – 17.092 seconds

Hickory 4 Cylinders: 21 – Todd Harrington – 16.448 seconds

Tommy Johnson's Performance Parts Warehouse Hard Charger Winners

Bojangles Late Models:15 – David Wilson

Advance Auto Parts Limiteds:5 – Dexter Canipe Jr.

Bad Boy Mower Super Trucks:44 – Ron Hall

Hickory Street Stocks: 88 – Josh Burchette

Hickory 4 Cylinders: 09 – Randy Canipe

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UN-OFFICIAL RACE RESULTS

8/1/09 LATE MODEL STOCKS • 43 Jesse LeFevers • 6 Cole Miktuk • 15 David Wilson. • 10 Andy Mercer • 33 James Goff • 92 Candace Muzny • 88 Dexter Canipe Jr. • 57 Grant Wimbish • 19 Kyle Moon • 51 Josh Wimbish • 28 Ryan Glenski • 22 Toby Parese • 99 Mike Sboro 14. 41 Grant McGhinnis 15. 36 Neil Meredith 16. 95 Michael Buckner

STREET STOCKS • 03 Kevin Eby • 15 Waylon Flynn • 1 Taylor Stricklin • 88 Josh Burchette • 64 Marshall Sutton • 54 Michael Harris • 32 Jeremy Harrell • 98 John Ross • 9 Jon Austin • 66 Scott Wallace

TRUCKS 1. 18 Michael Cooper 2. 11 Thomas Beane 3. 16 Clint Fields 4. 6 Brandon Setzer 5. 69 Trevor Hignutt 6. 25 Mark Johnson 7. 44 Ron Hall 8. 5 Johnny James 9. 0 Jody Church 10. 80 Danny Willard 11. 33 Jeremy Birch 12. 15 Jenn Crossman 13. 10 Barry Williams

LIMITEDS 1. 17 Kyle Mansch 2. 5 Dexter Canipe Jr. 3. 24 Taylor Doggett 4. 28 Chris Chapman 5. 69 John Hilliker 6. 32 Justin Sorrow 7. 8 Mark McIntosh 8. 37 Walter Hoke 9. 14 Brandon Cox 10. 6 Brandon Hudnall 11 45 Kenneth Pardue 12. 83 David Hasson 13. 33 Cory Joyce 4

CYLINDERS 1. 99 Matt Elledge 2. 21 Todd Harrington 3. 4 Adam Beaver 4. 16 Michael Tucker 5. 81 Shane Canipe 6. 28 Kyle Pierce 7. 07 Matt Laws 8. 09 Randy Canipe 9. 51 Randy Berry 10. 03 Mike Herron 11. 59 Donn Wardo 12. 98 Rob Lewis 13. 17 Curtis Pardue 14. 18 Devon Haun

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