

TWIN LMS FEATURES WILD ACTION AT HICKORY



Newton, NC.....With "Twin 35's" on the slate for the Bojangles' Late Model Stocks, and only one more race date left on the 2007 Hickory Motor Speedway NWAAS points schedule, everyone knew going into the night's events that the action would be wild...and anything could happen.

Defending Track Champion #29 Andy Loden and second-in-points #31 Kyle Grissom were both ready for whatever it would take, with each winning a Wynncom Pole Award to start in front of the field in each of the two races.



Loden lead the field to the green on the start of the first of the "Twin 35's", but was quickly passed by Grissom. Loden dropped back to fourth place with mechanical issues....so bad that on lap 15, he spins on the backstretch. Meanwhile, #89 David Latour Jr. has moved to second, followed by #01 Roger Powell, #07 Chrissy Wallace, and #36 Thomas Hartensveld.

By the 24th lap, Powell and Wallace have passed Latour, and Grissom has checked out on the field.

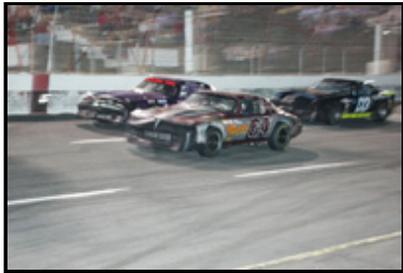
When the first checkers fell, it was Grissom for the win, Wallace second, Powell third, Latour fourth, and Loden coming back for a fifth-place finish.

Next up on the slate were the Pro-4's. With points-leader #57 Grant Wimbish only 8 points ahead of #21 Todd Harrington, neither driver was ready to give an inch in their chase for the championship. Both knew that starting position was critical, and Wimbish took the Wynncom Pole Award by only .069 seconds over Harrington. A crash on the initial lap involved cars # 07, #17, and the #55 of third-in-points Walter Hoke. Pardue was done for the day, but Hoke was able to make some "big hammer" adjustments and continue.

The action continues to heat up, and when Harrington catches Wimbish in the rear fender coming out of Turn Four, Harrington wrecks hard with his car done for the night. But by lap 11, the #16 of Randy Freeze has charged to the lead and looks ready to take the win. However, on lap 23 of the 25-lap event, Freeze's car falters, allowing #4 Adam Beaver to take the lead and the win. Wimbish finished third, followed by #7 Chris Allison fourth, and Hoke coming back for a strong Top-5 finish.



The finish allowed Wimbish to pull out to a 24 point lead over Harrington, with one race left in the points season.



Street Stocks action saw #7 Jeff Sparks take his fourth Wynncom Pole and his second win of the season. #64 Marshall Sutton's MonAVie machine was feeling fine with a strong run for second, followed by #03 Kevin Eby third, #2 Kevin Townsend fourth, and #99 Jonathan Smith fifth. The finish cemented Eby's championship for the season. Sparks moved up to second place in points, only 6 over #42 Terrence Tucker and Sutton tied for third, with #66 Scott Wallace 16 points back in fifth place. Street Stocks have one race remaining in the season.

The Limited Late Models had the fans pumped up for more action with a 23-car strong field. #55 Waylon Flynn took the lead early and held on tight over points-leader #99 Andrew Carlsen. Early in the 35-lap event, a huge pile-up on the frontstretch collected the cars of #76 Jerrick Johnson, #20 Lee Ball, #7 Jason Smith, #12 Josh Gibson, & #6 Brandon Hudnall. After a red-flag condition to clean up the carnage, Flynn took off to win his 5th race of the year, with Carlsen coming home second, followed by #37 Dexter Canipe Jr. third, #41 Chris Chapman fourth, and #4 David Currier Jr. fifth.

The win cut Carlsen's points lead down to 8 points, with only one race left in the Limited Late Models season.

Hobby Stocks were up next, and fans saw #07 Denver Jones take his 6th win of the season and secure the championship. #5 Nikki Long finished second, followed by #00 Dwight Wyatt third, #7 James Allison fourth, and #71 Randy Berry fifth.

#-1 Ronald Dale McNeil moved up to second in points, 38 points ahead of #90 Ronnie Sims in third. Hobby Stock's final race is set for next Saturday. After lots of action and plenty of time for repairs and adjustments, Bojangles' Late Model Stocks were up for Round #2. Grissom had secured the pole for this event, and quickly lead the field to the green....a little too quickly, as HMS Officials called for a "do-over". Next time was a charm until #33 Patrick McVay hit the outside wall coming off of Turn Four and hard-left's into the Pit Wall, head-on and wide-open. The extremely hard hit demolished his car and scared everyone in attendance. McVay was treated by Rescue Personnel and released, badly bruised but not broken.



Yellow fever breaks out, with every car fighting hard for every position, and great races going on throughout the field. On lap 32, the #54 of Kaleb Pressley and the #47 of Duncan Molesworth collide on the backstretch, with Pressley getting the worst of the bargain with a torn-up racecar.

With a three lap dash-for-cash, the fans were on their feet to witness Loden take his 10th win of the season, over Grissom in second, Wallace third, #73 Sam Watts fourth, and Powell fifth.

The Twin 35's finishes brings Grissom within 40 points of leader Loden, moved Wallace up to third spot, followed by #19 Kyle Moon fourth, and Latour up to fifth. One final points race remains to decide the Bojangles' Late Model Stocks (and Track) Championship.

