

Matt Piercy Crosses Line First To Get Checker in 10th and final Round of the Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Challenge



September 17th, 2016..As another NASCAR Whelen All-American Series regular season wound down at the Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars, the battle to decide track championships would be fast and furious on Cargo Transporters Championship Night presented by NAPA Auto Parts.

Leading off the night would be the 4-Cylinders and their high rpm cars. Points leader Rodney Trivette in the #6 would need to keep Curtis Pardue in the #17 within 7 positions to clinch the division crown but a high car turnout with several hotshoes from the surrounding area would make his feat all the more complicated. Charlie Neill in the #2 would start from the pole with Pardue starting to his outside when the

green flag flew Neill would jump to the lead going into turn 1 with Eddie Gilbert in the #00 following close behind. Heading down the backstretch Gilbert would take a peek to the inside of the leader and as they started into turn 3 Neill would attempt to close the door on the inside move. As the cars entered turn 3 the lead duo made contact and would see Neill spin, and Gilbert to the rear as the caution flag would fly. Neill would come to pit road for extensive repairs and return to the track looking more like a modified than a 4-Cylinder. Neill and Gilbert would have to restart at the rear of the field while Pardue would restart from the point. The restart would see points leader Trivette get caught up behind slower traffic and get shuffled to the rear of the field and Pardue stretch out the lead in his attempt to win the division's track title. Neill and Gilbert would come back through the field in a furious fashion passing the second place car with several laps remaining. As the pair came off of turn 4 and headed down the frontstretch contact would be made between the two cars that would send Gilbert violently into the tire barrier protecting the outside wall. The race was red flagged as Gilbert was attended to by track safety personnel as well as replacing the protective tire barrier. The incident would see Gilbert headed to the hospital and Neill would be on the trailer for the remainder of the night. The field of cars would fire up once more and return to green with Pardue leading the way. AJ Sanders in the #24 would look to Pardue's inside and take the top spot with only a few laps remaining. Sanders would hang on for the win, coming from his 11th place starting position to get his first 2016 Hickory Motor Speedway victory. Pardue would give it all he had but spin coming off of turn 4 coming to the checkers, sending him back to a 6th place finish. Dylan Mundy in the #4 would come on strong to finish 2nd. Rodney Trivette would persevere from a Friday afternoon blown motor and crash during practice, being shuffled to the rear during the race, and getting collected in a mid race altercation with heavy damage to finish 3rd and secure the 2016 Hickory Motor Speedway 4-Cylinder track title. Rob Lewis in the #98 and Don Wardo in the #59 would round out the top 5.

Next up would be the Super Trucks and their 35 lap regular season ending feature. Joey Shuryan in the #30 would take the top spot with Sheflon Clay in the #15 to his outside for the start. Clay would only need to start the event to secure the division track title but he would apparently have more than that on his mind. Clay would work the high side to his advantage and move to the point. Allen Huffman in the #51 and 2015 Hickory Motor Speedway Truck Champion Tyler Dayton in the #36 would have a spirited battle with Huffman finally taking the spot and looking to run down the top two. Clay would continue to lead and would drive on to the win, clinching the 2016 Hickory Motor Speedway Super Truck track title, after falling a few points short in 2015. Shuryan would continue his string of good finishes with 2nd and Huffman would once again celebrate on the front stretch after finishing 3rd. Dayton and the #05 of Tony Black would round out the top 5.

The Street Stocks would fire up next to settle a close points battle between Kevin Townsend in the #10, Cody DeMarmels in the #18, and multi-time HMS Street Stock champion Kevin Eby in the #03. DeMarmels would set the fast time with Townsend close behind and the pair would make up the front row. Townsend would need to keep DeMarmels within a couple spots to grab the division title and would look to do that from the very beginning of the race. Townsend would drive to the lead as Eby would look to the inside of DeMarmels for second. Townsend would hold off the pair and secure the 2016 Hickory Motor Speedway Street Stock track title. DeMarmels would finish 2nd with Eby finishing 3rd. Marshall Sutton in the #64 and Don Machutta in the #52 would round out the top 5.

The NASCAR Whelen All American Series Bojangles Late Models would be the next to hit the track for the 10th Round of the Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Chase for the Championship and their 80 lap feature. Dexter Canipe Jr. in the #5 would grab the top spot, with 2015 NWAAS Hickory Motor Speedway Bojangles Late Model Champion, Matt Piercy in the #25 2nd, Dylon Wilson in the #1 and Jake Ruggles in the #29 would make up row 2. Canipe, Jr., who would secure the NWAAS Hickory Motor Speedway Bojangles Late Model track title as well as the Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Chase for the Championship by starting the race. Canipe Jr. would jump to the early lead but Piercy would shadow his every move. Nearing lap 30 Piercy would begin to look to the inside of Canipe and that would start a side by side battle that Hickory Motor Speedway has not seen since the days of Max Prestwood Jr. and Dennis Setzer. The duo would battle side by side looking for inches against each other for much of the final 50 circuits around the track. Neither driver would let up, but both drivers pushed the issue to take the position. While the top two battled, Wilson would inch his way closer and closer to the top spot. With only a couple laps to go Piercy started to nose slightly ahead with Canipe fending off the hard charging Wilson. Piercy would take the win, the first of the 2016 season for the 2015 Hickory Motor Speedway Track Champ, with Canipe holding on for 2nd. Victory Lane would see both driver congratulating each other as well as their teams exchanging handshakes and fist bumps, a good sight after a long hard race. Wilson would close out a good string of runs after returning to action late in the season. Bob Saville in the #15 and Jake Ruggles in the #29 would both end the night with good finishes as they would round out the top 5.

Next up would be the Renegades to settle their division title. Danny Crump Jr. In the #97 would grab the pole and start up front with the #71 of Kyle Divanna to his outside. At the start Divanna would grab the point and look to end the 2016 season on a high note. Roberts would start towards the back of the pack but wasn't planning to stay there long. Also joining the fray was the #09 of Blake Walker, 2015 Hickory Motor Speedway Renegade champion, making a late season visit in the Tim Walker Memorial paint scheme in honor of his father who had recently passed away. Walker would start just behind Roberts and would follow him through the field. Roberts would make his way all the way up to second just behind Divanna. The pair would battle up to a late race restart, then continued the battle again as the action resumed. Divanna would use the bottom line to hold off Roberts and grab the top spot at the checkers. Roberts would finish 2nd but win the war, as he secured the 2016 Hickory Motor Speedway Renegades track title. Walker would bring his tribute paint scheme to the from stretch to celebrate with family and friends as he would finish 3rd. Robert Divanna in the #71D would finish 4th and join his son in the victory lane celebration and pole sitter Crump would take a hard fought fifth position.

Finishing out the night and the regular season would be the Limited Late Models and their 35 lap feature. Monty Cox in the #21 continued his late season hot streak as he would grab the pole with Jeremy Pelfrey in the #51 starting to his outside. Cox would jump to an early lead as Pelfrey would battle with the #18 of Evan Swilling for second. Swilling would move around Pelfrey and set his sights on Cox but the interval had grown while Cox was out front. Swilling would cut the lead considerably but Cox would hold on for his 3rd win of the year. Swilling would only need to start the race for the championship but capped off his 2016 Hickory Motor Speedway Limited Late Model track title winning season by making a hard charge for the win and finishing 2nd. Pelfrey would end a great season with 7 wins and finish 3rd on the night. Pat Rachels in the #34 and Brendan Doyle in the #23 would both end the season with good runs as they would round out the top 5.

This Saturday, September 24th, the PASS Series makes the third of its annual visits to Hickory Motor Speedway to turn the mighty Super Late Models loose on the tight 3/8 mile oval. They will also have Limited Late Models and Street Stocks racing.

Tickets only \$15 Adults, \$5 Children 6-12, Children 5 & under FREE!

**Hickory Motor Speedway
Race Results for 9/17/2016**

4-Cylinders - Feature

Finish	Car No	Driver	Hometown	DQ/DNS/DNF
1	24	AJ Sanders	,	
2	4M	Dylan Mundy	Concord, NC	
3	6T	Rodney Trivette	Newton, NC	
4	98	Rob Lewis	Morganton, NC	
5	59	Donn Wardo	Harmony, NC	
6	17	Curtis Pardue	Hickory, NC	
7	27	Austin Cates	Tobaccoville, nc	
8	16Z	Terry Thompson	,	
9	51	Nathaniel Kanupp	Hildebran, NC	
10	9	Cody Combs	Lenoir, NC	
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Late Model - Feature

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1	25	Matt Piercy	Conover, NC	
2	5C	Dexter Canipe, Jr.	Conover, NC	
3	1W	Dylon Wilson	Taylorville, NC	
4	15S	Bob Saville	New London, NC	
5	29	Jake Ruggles	Kannapolis, NC	
6	12G	Andrew Garcia	Eagle Pass TX, NC	
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1	21	Monty Cox	Granite Falls, NC	
2	18S	Evan Swilling	Cohutta, GA	
3	51	Jeremy Pelfrey	Lenoir, NC	
4	34	Pat Rachels	China Grove, NC	
5	23D	Brendan Doyle	Harrisburg, NC	
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1	71	Kyle Divanna	Statesville, NC	
2	8	Kenneth Roberts	Hickory, NC	
3	9	Adam Blake Walker	Lenoir, NC	
4	71D	Robert Divanna	Statesville, NC	
5	97	Danny Crump, Jr.	Morganton, NC	
6	18	Casey Meyer	Troutman, nc	
7	83	David Hasson	Newton, NC	
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1	10T	Kevin Townsend	Lenoir, NC	
2	18D	Cody DeMarmels	Newton, NC	
3	3	Kevin Eby	Lenior, NC	
4	64	Marshall Sutton	Burnsville, NC	
5	52	Don Machutta	Mooreville, NC	
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Super Trucks - Feature

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1	15C	Sheflon Clay	Asheville, NC	
2	30	Joey Shuryan	Dearborn, MI	
3	51	Allen Huffman	Hickory, NC	
4	36D	Tyler Dayton	Mooreville, NC	
5	05T	Tony Black	Lexington, NC	
6	45	Tanner Long	Kernersville, NC	
7	10	Lee Queen	Catawba, NC	
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