

Piercy Secures Track Championship



Matt Piercy
2015 HMS Bojangles Late Model Track Championship.



(September 19th 2015) - A beautiful mid-September day would greet competitors and fans alike as the Hickory Motor Speedway regular season points battles would come to a close on Cargo Transporters Championship Night presented by NAPA.

First up would be the 4-Cylinders and their 25 lap feature. Randy Canipe in the #09 would set the early pace after starting from the pole position, but the #00 of Eddie Gilbert would keep him within striking distance. With only a few laps remaining in the race Gilbert would pressure Canipe for the lead, making the pass and taking the win. Michael Tucker in the #16 would move up to the 2nd spot but the points he accumulated for the season would give him the 2015 Hickory Motor Speedway 4-Cylinder Track Championship. Dennis Trivette in the #28 would jump up to 3rd and with that finish secured his 2nd place finish in the points battle. Canipe would come home 4th and Rob Lewis in the #98 would finish 5th and secure 3rd place in the points battle.

The closest points battle of the night would be settled on track next when the Smokey's Super Trucks would take center stage. Coming into the race 10 points would separate the top 3 trucks: Sheflon Clay in the #15 leading, Tyler Dayton in the #36 only 4 points behind, and Allen Huffman in the #51 only 10 behind. Ashley Huffman in the #7 would set the fast time in qualifying with Dayton starting to his outside. At the drop of the green flag the two trucks seemed evenly matched. Dayton knew that he had to finish at least 2 spots ahead of Clay and drove hard to take the point. Ashley Huffman would settle in and wait for his opportunity. Clay and Allen Huffman would both start working their way towards the front in hopes of taking the championship. Ashley Huffman would give way and not contest the position as the pair work their way up, allowing the top 3 to settle the championship. With Dayton leading, Clay in second, and Allen Huffman in third it appeared as if Clay would squeeze out the championship by two points but as the laps waned Allen Huffman inched closer and closer until he was on Clay's bumper. Dayton would take the win as the checkered flag flew but would be unsure of his title hopes until Clay and Allen Huffman would cross the finish line. As the pair came into turn three Allen Huffman looked inside of Clay for the position. As they progressed through the turn contact would be made between the two sending Clay and his championship hopes into a spin. Allen Huffman would grab the 2nd spot and Ashley Huffman would narrowly avoid the spinning

Clay and finish 3rd. Clay would cross the line 4th and Dakota Ratcliff in the #09 round out the top 5. After the last lap action Dayton would be the 2015 Hickory Motor Speedway Smokey's Super Trucks Track Champion. Clay would finish only 2 points behind as runner up and Allen Huffman would end up third, 8 points behind.

Next up would be the Street Stocks and their 30 lap feature. Cody Demarmels in the #18 would turn the hot lap in qualifying with Brendan Doyle in the #23 starting to his outside. As the green flag flew the pair would do battle for the point with the #2N of Charlie Neill and the #2 of Larry Mosher joining the fray. After several laps of side by side action Demarmels would take the lead and eventually drive on to the win. Neill would get by for 2nd and Doyle would come home in 3rd. Mosher would grab 4th and with that secure third place in the points battle. Kevin Eby in the #03 would round out the top 5 and grab his sixth title in a row with the 2015 Hickory Motor Speedway Street Stocks Track Championship. Marshall Sutton in the #64 would come home in 7th and take the runner up position in the points race.

The NASCAR Whelen All American Series Bojangles Late Models would be next up with Round 10 of the Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Chase for the Championship. The #87 of Hayden Woods would grab the pole position with the #00 of Shane Lee to his outside. Points leader Matt Piercy in the #25 would start 3rd, Dexter Canipe in the #5 would start 4th, and second in points Landon Huffman in the #75 would start 5th. Woods would be the early leader as the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Bojangles Late Models roared to life, but Lee was keeping a close eye on the leader. After a two car incident involving Spencer Boyd in the #1 and Dylan Smith in the #6 on lap 16, the restart would see Woods and Lee side by side coming to the green flag. This time Lee would make his way to the point bringing Canipe with him as he worked his way to 2nd. Landon Huffman and Piercy would keep a close eye on one another the entire race as Piercy would mirror Huffmans #75 needing a seventh place or better finish to secure the Championship. With 15 laps remaining Canipe's car would slow and come to a rest with mechanical failure on the right front. Casey Pierce in the #18 would make his first NASCAR Whelen All American Series Bojangles Late Model start and be having a great run until he made a trip to the pits during a caution, relinquishing third place. As the cars would line up for the restart Lee would be on point, Landon Huffman to his outside, Piercy inside row 2 in third, and Ashley Huffman in the #7 outside row 2 in fourth. As the green flag waved Lee would take the spot once more with everyone else setting sail to catch him. Lee would take the checkered flag in dominating fashion. This would help him to finish his season in 3rd place in the points battle only 18 points out of first and 8 out of second. Landon Huffman would bring his ride home in 2nd and finish the season in the runner up spot for the points battle, only 8 behind. However, he would also win the prestigious Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Chase for the Championship and the bonus check that goes with it at the end of the year. Finishing 3rd for the second time in the night would be Ashley Huffman. Coming home in 4th place would be Piercy. The finish would garner enough points for him to take the Grand Prize and be crowned the 2015 Hickory Motor Speedway NASCAR Whelen All American Series Bojangles Late Model Track Champion. Pierce would battle back from the late race pit stop to grab a top 5 in his first ever NASCAR Whelen All American Series Bojangles Late Model start.

The last points battle to be settled for the night would be the Wrench Rags Renegades. Blake Walker in the #09 would start from the point with Kenneth Roberts in the #8 to his outside. The pair would battle side by side for several laps until Walker would clear Roberts for the lead. Great racing action behind the leaders would see the #16 of Randy Truett, #4 of Justin Austin, #69 of Ben Campbell, #71 of Kyle Divanna, and #6 of Darren Dickinson all taking their shot at the top 3 during the race. Walker would end the season on a strong note leading every lap on his way to the victory and the 2015 Hickory Motor Speedway Wrench Rags Renegades Track Championship. Dickinson would get by Roberts coming off of turn 4 to grab the runner up spot on the track and also runner up for the season points battle. Divanna would also get by Roberts to grab the 3rd spot and also finishing 4th on the season. Roberts would salvage a 4th place finish on the night and a 3rd place in the points battle. Austin would round out the top 5 on the night and for the season points battle as well.

Finishing out the night would be the always exciting T-Mobile Limited Late Models and their 35 lap feature. Evan Swilling in the #48 would grab the pole for the race but have a suspension failure under the pace laps that would end his night in the pits. As the green flag would fly Mitch Walker with the #29 and Travis Byrd in the #77 would take to the point to do battle side by side. After several laps Byrd would grab the top spot and set sail to end his dream season on a high note. Byrd would go on to win the race, taking his 7th in a row, and 12th overall on the season. After clinching the title the week before, Byrd would get to officially celebrate being the 2015 Hickory Motor Speedway T-Mobile Limited Late Model Track Champion. Walker would grab another runner up spot on the night and also for the season points battle. Pat Rachels in the #34 would grab the 3rd spot, Dan Moore in the #22 would come home 4th, and Hayden Humphrey in the #07 would round out the top 5 on the night and for the points battle.

Upcoming races at the Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars would include:

October 3rd-NASCAR Whelen Southern Modifieds for 150 laps with the Street Stocks and a \$500 to win Wrench Rags Renegade race

October 9th & 10th-Hickory Vintage Swap Meet

October 24th-Fall Brawl: 200 lap Late Models, 100 lap Limited Late Models, 50 lap Smokeys Super Trucks and the Classic Sportsman Racing Series

November 1st(Sunday)-CARS Tour MTP 300(150 lap Late Model, 150 lap Super Late Model), and a chance for a driver who can win both races to win an additional \$40,000 and a registered fan could win \$10,000 if the driver they are paired with wins both races

November 21st-PASS Mason Dixon Meltdown: Super Late Models

**Hickory Motor Speedway
Race Results for 9/19/2015**

4-Cylinders - Feature

Finish	Car No	Driver	Hometown	DQ/DNS/DNF
1	00G	Eddie Gilbert	Newton, NC	
2	16T	Michael Tucker	Thomasville, NC	
3	28T	Dennis Trivette	Newton, NC	
4	9	Randy Canipe	Maiden, NC	
5	98	Rob Lewis	Morganton, NC	
6	6T	Rodney Trivette	Newton, NC	
7	17	Curtis Pardue	Hickory, NC	
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8	82F	Rusty Fann	Hickory, NC	
9	98	Rob Lewis	Morganton, NC	DNS

Late Model - Feature

Finish	Car No	Driver	Hometown	DQ/DNS/DNF
1	0	Shane Lee	Newton, NC	
2	75	Landon Huffman	Claremont, NC	
3	7	Ashley Huffman	Connelly Springs, NC	
4	25	Matt Piercy	Conover, NC	
5	18P	Casey Pierce	Lenoir, NC	
6	87	Hayden Woods	Piney Flats, TN	
7	37	Adam Gray	Kingsport, TN	
8	6D	Dylan Smith	Concord, NC	
9	5C	Dexter Canipe, Jr.	Conover, NC	
10	17K	Baron Kuritzky	Connelly Springs, NC	
11	4D	Natalie Decker	,	
12	1B	Spencer Boyd	Concord, NC	

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12	17K	Baron Kuritzky	Connelly Springs, NC	DNF

Limited Late Model - Feature

Finish	Car No	Driver	Hometown	DQ/DNS/DNF
1	77B	Travis Byrd	Sherrills Ford, NC	
2	29	Mitch Walker	Newton, NC	
3	34	Patrick Rachels	China Grove, NC	
4	22	Dan Moore	Conover, NC	
5	07H	Hayden Humphrey	Cornelius, NC	
6	21	Monty Cox	Granite Falls, NC	
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Renegades - Feature

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1	09W	Adam Blake Walker	Lenoir, NC	
2	6	Darren Dickinson	Hickory, NC	
3	71	Kyle Divanna	Statesville, NC	
4	8	Kenneth Roberts	Hickory, NC	
5	4A	Justin Austin	Granite Falls, NC	

6	69	Ben Campbell	Hudson, NC
7	97	Danny Crump, Jr.	Morganton, NC
8	16T	Randy Truett	Granite Falls, NC

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4	4A	Justin Austin	Granite Falls, NC	
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6	69	Ben Campbell	Hudson, NC	DQ
7	71	Kyle Divanna	Statesville, NC	DQ
8	6	Darren Dickinson	Hickory, NC	DQ

Street Stocks - Feature

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1	18D	Cody DeMarmels	Newton, NC	
2	2N	Charlie Neill	Hickory, NC	
3	23	Brendan Doyle	Harrisburg, NC	
4	2	Larry Mosher	Taylorsville, NC	
5	3	Kevin Eby	Lenior, NC	
6	52	Don Machutta	Mooresville, NC	
7	64	Marshall Sutton	Burnsville, NC	
8	69	Trey Buff	Hickory, NC	
9	16	Carroll McKinney	Hildebran, NC	
10	47	Tyler McKinney	Hickory, NC	
11	10	Ethan Johnson	Hudson, NC	
12	32J	Jeremy Harrell	Newton, NC	
13	7	Eric Evans	Mooresville, NC	
14	3W	Mark Whitten	Hogtown, VA, VA	DNS

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13	10	Ethan Johnson	Hudson, NC	DNS
14	3W	Mark Whitten	Hogtown, VA, VA	DNS

Super Trucks - Feature

Finish	Car No	Driver	Hometown	DQ/DNS/DNF
1	36D	Tyler Dayton	Mooresville, NC	
2	51	Allen Huffman	Hickory, NC	
3	7H	Ashley Huffman	Connelly Springs, NC	
4	15C	Sheflon Clay	Asheville, NC	
5	09D	Dakota Ratcliff	Cornelius, NC	
6	03L	Kerry Lawrence	Winston-Salem, NC	
7	6F	Jonathan Fleming	Hendersonville, NC	
8	25S	Jason Smith	Claremont, NC	
9	15Z	Zach Hale	Catawba, NC	
10	17A	Terry Absher	North Wilkesboro, NC	
11	70A	Zack Anderson	,	DNS

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1	7H	Ashley Huffman	Connelly Springs, NC	
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7	15Z	Zach Hale	Catawba, NC	
8	25S	Jason Smith	Claremont, NC	DNS
9	6F	Jonathan Fleming	Hendersonville, NC	DNS
10	17A	Terry Absher	North Wilkesboro, NC	DNS
11	70A	Zack Anderson	,	DQ