

## “Butler / Kvapil Double Up”

9/26/2020 - After an action-packed night of racing on NAPA Championship Night one week ago, the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Models and Carolina Pro Late Model Series returned to Hickory Motor Speedway for Championship Night Part 2.

Leading off the evening's racing action would be the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Late Models for 40 laps in race one of a championship doubleheader. Sam Butler in the #81 would set fast time and start from the pole position with Shane Lee in the #77 to his outside. Row two would see AnnaBeth Barnes-Crum in the #12 and Will Cox in the #3 side by side for the start. Butler would pull to the early lead with Lee close behind. Barnes-Crum and Cox would take a handful of laps to decide who would move ahead for third. Cox would complete the pass and look to run down the lead duo. Mitch Walker in the #15 would pressure Barnes-Crum for the fourth position for a good part of the race. With five laps to go Walker would make the pass for fourth position. As the race would stay green for the event, Butler would work the lap traffic, but still be able to hang on and grab his second win of the year. Lee would finish 2nd with Cox grabbing 3rd. Walker would finish 4th and Barnes-Crum would round out the top five in 5th.

Next up would be the Carolina Pro Late Models for 60 laps in race one of their championship doubleheader. Stevie Johns in the #1X would start from the top spot with Grayson Ward in the #9 to his outside. Row two would see Nick Loden in the #43 and Carson Kvapil in the #35 side by side for the start. The battle for the top spot would be fierce and lap two would see Ward move to the lead. Amber Lynn in the #2 would pressure Loden for fourth position, however Loden would pull ahead and maintain the spot. Lap 10 would see Kvapil get around Johns for second. Lap 15 would see Kvapil take the lead as he would move around Ward. The caution would fly on lap 18 as contact between the #15 of Kyle Campbell and Lynn would send Lynn spinning on the backstretch. The restart would see Kvapil and Ward side by side for the green flag. Kvapil would quickly move back to the lead. Ward would have mechanical issues on lap 19 and bring out the second caution as he would come to a stop in turn three. Kvapil and Johns would make up the front row for the restart. Kvapil would ticket back to the lead and bring Toni Breidinger in the #80 with him to second. The caution would fly on lap 21 as contact would send the #63 of Josh Lowder spinning in turn four. The restart would see Kvapil and Breidinger pacing the field to the green. After surviving several of the early incidents Loden would move around Breidinger for second. The caution would fly again on lap 22 when Bill Catania in the #18 would get into the turn three wall. Kvapil and Loden would lead the field back to the green flag. Kvapil would move back to the lead with Loden close behind. Breidinger and Lynn would put on their own race side by side fourth. After ten laps of hard racing Breidinger would nose back ahead for the fourth spot. Kvapil would prove too strong and drive on to the win. Loden would finish 2nd with Johns taking 3rd. Breidinger would grab 4th and Lynn would come back from the early spin to finish 5th.

The Street Stocks would be the next to roll off for their 20 lap feature. The front row would see Mark Whitten in the #77 and Zach Hale in the #7 door to door for the green flag with Jeff Byers in the #64 starting third. Whitten would pull to the early lead with Hale in second. Whitten would drive on to the win with Hale finishing 2nd and Byers taking 3rd.

The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Late Models finish out their track points season next with their second 40 lap feature. After a 10 car invert from the finishing order of race one the front row would be made up of Rajah Caruth in the #6 and Thomas Beane in the #31. Row two would see Perry Patino in the #51 and Akinori Ogata in the #14 side by side for the start. Beane would nose ahead in turn one, however contact with Caruth would send him



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spinning and the field to a total restart. Ogata would also get collected and have to park for the night. Caruth and Patino would lead the field to the green. Caruth would nose ahead and take the lead. Isabella Robusto in the #55 would move around Patino for second. Sam Butler in the #81 would make the move around Will Cox in the #3 for third. Lap 14 would see Butler move around Robusto for second. Contact between the #15 of Ryan Millington and Patino would bring out the caution. Butler and Caruth would bring the field back to the green flag. Butler would pull back to the lead with the battle brewing for second. Shane Lee in the #77 would take that position from Caruth. Robusto would pressure Caruth for third and take the spot. Contact with Caruth would send Cox spinning as they would come off of turn four. Butler and Lee would lead the field back for the three lap shootout. Butler would pull to the lead with Lee close behind. Butler would hold on and take the win. Lee would finish 2nd with Robusto taking 3rd. Caruth would grab 4th and Walker would finish 5th.

The Carolina Pro Late Models would close out their Hickory Motor Speedway points season next with their second 60 lap feature. After a 4 car invert from the finishing order of race one, the front row would be made up of Toni Breidinger in the #80 and Stevie Johns in the #1X. Row two would see Nick Loden in the #43 and Carson Kvpil in the #35 side by side for the start. Breidinger would rocket to the lead and bring Kvpil with her to second. The caution would fly on lap 3 as the #51 of Zach Keller would spin in turn four. The restart would see Breidinger and Kvpil side by side for the start. Kvpil would use the inside line to move back to the lead. Lap 7 would see Loden move around Breidinger for second. Toby Grynewicz in the #48 would pressure Breidinger for third. The halfway point would see Kvpil, Loden, Breidinger, Grynewicz, and Johns as the top five. Kvpil and Loden would try to check out from the field and settle it between themselves. Kvpil would drive on to the win. Loden would come close but have to settle for 2nd with Breidinger grabbing 3rd. Grynewicz would take 4th and Johns would finish 5th.

America's Most Famous Short Track will be silent the next couple of weeks but racing will return with a great slate of racing action in the running of the Fall Brawl on October 17th.

#### Hickory Motor Speedway Results 9/26/20

##### Late Model – Twin Feature 1

- 1 #81 – Sam Butler ( r )
- 2 #77 – Shane Lee
- 3 #3 – Will Cox III
- 4 #15W – Mitch Walker
- 5 #12B – Annabeth Barnes Crum
- 6 #55 – Isabella Robusto
- 7 #14 – Akinori Ogata
- 8 #51 – Perry Patino
- 9 #31 – Thomas Beane
- 10 #6 – Rajah Caruth
- 11 #15 – Ryan Millington
- 12 #8 – Bob Saville
- 13 #66 – Zack Wells
- 14 #12M – Garin Mash
- 15 #72 – Pete Johns
- 16 #9 – Charlie Watson
- 17 #81B – Zachary Bruenger

## **Late Model – Twin Feature 2**

- 1 #81 – Sam Butler ( r )
- 2 #77 – Shane Lee
- 3 #55 – Isabella Robusto
- 4 #6 – Rajah Caruth
- 5 #15W – Mitch Walker
- 6 #51 – Perry Patino
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## **Street Stocks**

- 1 #77 – Mark Whitten
- 2 #7 – Zach Hale
- 3 #64 – Jeff Byers

## **Carolina Pro Late Models Series – Twin Feature 1**

- 1 #35 – Carson Kvapil
- 2 #43 – Nick Loden
- 3 #1X – Stevie Johns Jr.
- 4 #80 – Toni Breidinger
- 5 #2 – Amber Lynne
- 6 #48 – Toby Grynewicz
- 7 #15 – Kyle Campbell
- 8 #2X – Robbie Brewer
- 9 #51 – Zach Keller
- 10 #11 – Tony Cosentino
- 11 #03 – Sterling Plemmons
- 12 #5 – Mikey Toner Jr.

13 #63 – Josh Lowder

14 #18 – Bill Catania

15 #9 – Grayson Ward

**Carolina Pro Late Models Series – Twin Feature 2**

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