

## R. D. Smith Hoists Winners Trophy For 40th Annual Bobby Isaac Memorial presented by Paramount Auto Group for the Bojangles Late Models



September 3rd, 2016..With storms raging across the southeast and short tracks having to cancel due to inclement weather, the skies were beautiful and the sun shined brightly on Hickory Motor Speedway as we were ready to remember one of our own, a truly great racing legend with the 40th Annual Bobby Isaac Memorial presented by Paramount Auto Group.

Leading off the night's action would be the Street Stocks in their 30 lap feature. Points leader Kevin Townsend would forego his white #9 and return to his trusty old black #10 and set fast time to grab the pole position with Cody DeMarmels in the #18 to his outside. Townsend would take the lead at the start with DeMarmels and the #03 of Kevin Eby close in tow as the three are in a close points battle for the 2016 HMS Street Stock track championship. Townsend would prove too tough on this night and pull away for the victory. DeMarmels would take 2nd with Eby snatching 3rd. Mark Whitten in the #77 and Trey Buff in the #69 would round out the top 5.

Next up would be the Limited Late Models and their 50 lap battle. Jeremy Pelfrey in the #51 would pace the field in qualifying to grab the top starting position with Evan Swilling in the #18 to his outside. Pelfrey and Swilling would dive into turn one side by side and race hard down the backstretch but by the time they came off of turn four Pelfrey had pulled ahead for the position. Monty Cox in the #21 would stick his nose into the action and would stay close in the third spot. The event would go green until a late race caution with less than 10 laps to go would bunch the field

for one last restart. On the restart, Pelfrey would choose to start on the outside of Swilling and when the flag dropped it would be the wise choice with Pelfrey racing back to the lead. Pelfrey would drive on to grab the win and the custom built oak trophy made for commemorating the 40th Annual Bobby Isaac Memorial. Hickory Motor Speedway points leader Swilling would hold on for 2nd place and allow Pelfrey to cut only 2 points off his lead. The battle for 3rd was close as Ryan Vasconcellos in the #10 would move to the inside of Cox at the checkered flag but come up a fender short as Cox would hold on for 3rd. Vasconcellos would take 4th and Chase Cabre would have another good run finishing 5th.

Headlining the night would be the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Bojangles Late Models as they would roll off for the 40th Annual Bobby Isaac Memorial presented by Paramount Auto Group in their 100 lap feature. Fifteen year old Christian Eckes would pilot his JR Motorsports #1 to the pole position with the fast lap in qualifying with less than a tenth of a second separating the top 10 cars. Points leader Dexter Canipe in the #5 would start on the outside of row one with Austin McDaniel in the #12 and Justin Carroll in the #57 making up the second row. Eckes and Canipe would race side by side for several laps trying to sort out the top spot. Canipe would finally use the high line to his advantage and take early lead. McDaniel would also look under Eckes and eventually get by for the second spot. The race would go caution free for the first third of the event but a caution would then bunch the field. A new contender, R.D. Smith in the #16, had thrown his hat into the ring with a strong run from tenth to fourth and looked to have a strong effort for the long haul. The green flag would see Canipe and McDaniel battle for the top spot as Smith would work his way around Eckes for 3rd. Canipe would once again grab the point as McDaniel would settle in for second with Smith hot on his heels. Smith would look to the inside and make the pass on McDaniel for the second spot and set his sights on the leader, Canipe. After catching up with Canipe, Smith would once again use the low line to make his move for the lead. The front pair would race side by side for several laps before Smith would finally move to the top spot. A late race caution and subsequent red flag for track cleanup would bring the action to a halt for a moment. When the green flag dropped Canipe would use the high line to once again move ahead but that lead would be short lived as Smith would get back by for the top spot. Smith would hold on and grab the win and his share of the beautiful custom made by Hickory Motor Speedway solid oak commemorative trophies. Canipe would hold on for 2nd but not until a great side by side battle with 3rd place finisher McDaniel over the closing

laps. Eckes would pressure for second and third over the closing laps but would settle for 4th. Justin Carroll in the #57 would have a great run finishing 5th out of the 22 car field.

Closing out the night would be the season finale for the Catawba Realty & Insurance Classic Sportsmen Racing Association and their 25 lap feature. Points leader Eddie Gilbert in the #95 would bring the field to the green flag after setting the fast lap in qualifying. Gilbert would set a torrid pace in the caution free event and drive on to the victory and also take the 2016 Hickory Motor Speedway Catawba Realty & Insurance CSRA Track Championship. Dennis Hinkle in the #4 would hold off Bill Webb in the #16 as the pair would come across 2nd and 3rd. Bill Powell in the Bobby Isaac inspired #71 and Rob Lewis in the #90 would round out the top 5.

Racing action returns next Saturday with Gaston Rentals Night @ the Races, featuring Twin 40s for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Bojangles Late Models, 35 laps for the Limited Late Models, 35 laps for the Super Truck, 30 laps for the Street Stocks, and 20 laps for the Renegades.

Gates open at 4:45pm, Qualifying at 5pm, Autograph Session at 6pm, and Racing at 7pm.

Tickets only \$11 Adults, \$9 Teens/Seniors, and Children 12 & under FREE!

**Hickory Motor Speedway  
Race Results for 9/3/2016**

**Classic Sportsman Racing - Feature**

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**Late Model - Feature**

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1	16S	R D Smith II	Burlington, NC	
2	5C	Dexter Canipe, Jr.	Conover, NC	
3	12	Austin McDaniel	Harrisburg, NC	
4	1E	Christian Eckes	Middletown, NY	
5	57C	Justin Carroll	Concord, NC	
6	21C	Tyler Church	Hickory, NC	
7	9W	Charlie Watson	Lenoir, NC	
8	22H	Ashley Huffman	Connelly Springs, NC	
9	17M	Ryan Millington	Statesville, NC	
10	25	Matt Piercy	Conover, NC	
11	29M	Mitch Walker	Newton, NC	
12	15O	Omar Jurado	Huntersville, NC	
13	12G	Andrew Garcia	Eagle Pass TX, NC	
14	87	Hayden Woods	Piney Flats, TN	
15	0	Shane Lee	Newton, NC	
16	29W	Paul Williamson	Kenansville, NC	
17	8R	Trevor Rizzo	Bluffton, SC	
18	1W	Dylon Wilson	Taylorsville, NC	
19	98S	Stefan Parsons	Cornelius, NC	
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2	18S	Evan Swilling	Cohutta, GA	
3	21	Monty Cox	Granite Falls, NC	
4	10	Ryan Vasconcellos	Sherrills Ford, NC	
5	2C	Chase Cabre	Tampa, FL	
6	18R	Alex Reece	Granite Falls, NC	
7	10B	Marcel Berndt	Berlin,	
8	23D	Brendan Doyle	Harrisburg, NC	
9	21N	Tommy Neal	Walkertown,	
10	3M	Miguel Cesar, Jr.	Clemmons, NC	
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3	3	Kevin Eby	Lenior, NC	
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