

" Ryan Millington wins 45th Annual Bobby Isaac Memorial "

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9/4/21 - Hickory Motor Speedway was blessed with beautiful weather on Labor Day weekend as the historic 3/8 mile oval would celebrate the legacy of a true Catawba County legend with the 45th running of the Paramount Auto Group Bobby Isaac Memorial.

Leading off the night's action would be the Heritage Finance Street Stocks with 30 laps of door to door racing excitement. Jesse Clark in the #5 would pace qualifying and start from the pole position with Marshall Sutton in the #64 to his outside. Rick Hale in the #7 and John Clark in the #5 would make up row two for the green flag. Jesse Clark and Sutton would battle for several laps until Clark would nose ahead to an early lead. Derek Fowler in the #31 would be the early charger moving from fifth to third, one week after his first Hickory Motor Speedway victory. Hale would also have a strong run going in fourth, with his son Zach in attendance after enlisting in the US Navy. The caution would fly on lap 15 as the cars of John Clark and Don Machutta in the #52 would make contact and Clark would spin in turn three. The restart would see Jesse Clark and Sutton bringing the field back to the restart. Once again the battle up front would have the fans on their feet with Jesse Clark and Sutton dueling for the win. After five laps Jesse Clark would pull to the lead, but face constant pressure from Sutton for the spot. Jesse Clark would hang on to take the win. Sutton would have to settle for 2nd with Fowler taking 3rd. Machutta would take 4th and Hale would come home in 5th.



Next up would be the Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models in another installment of the Paramount Kia "BIG 10" Chase for the Championship and 50 laps of exciting action. Katie Hettinger in the #71 would take the top spot in qualifying with her first pole of the season with Max Price in the #22 starting to his outside. Row two would see Bryson Ruff in the #24 and Travis Byrd in the #88 door to door for the start. Price would use the high side to pull to the early lead with Hettinger waiting to make her move. Akinori Ogata in the #14 would be the early mover as he would pick up three positions to move to fourth after only ten laps. Lap 16 would see Ogata move around Byrd for third. Hettinger would look under Price for the top spot on lap 24 and after a three lap battle, she would take the position and move to the point. Stark would move to fifth on lap 35 moving around teammate Mason Maggio in the #12. Lap 38 would see Ruff move to fifth around Stark. Hettinger would pull ahead for the win, her first at Hickory Motor Speedway. Price would come home in 2nd and Ogata would take 3rd. Byrd would finish 4th and Ruff would bring it home 5th.

Finishing out the night's festivities would be the Heritage Finance Late Models with the 45th running of the Bobby Isaac Memorial. Sam Butler in the #8 would pace qualifying and start from the pole position with Mitch Walker in the #6 to his outside. Ryan Millington in the #15 and Annabeth Barnes-Crum in the #12 would make up row two for the green flag. After a couple of laps, Butler would move to the lead with Walker close behind. Mike Darne in the #24 would move to fourth around Barnes-Crum. Millington would look to the high side and move around Walker for second and do the same to Butler to take the lead. Walker and Darne would move to second and third sending Butler back to fourth. The #41 of Magnum Tate, #55 of Isabella Robusto, and the #34 of Lavar Scott would have a three way battle working for the fifth spot. Butler would move back around Darne for third at lap 33. Robusto would win the battle for fifth and move by Darne on lap 43 for fourth as he would fall off the pace with a mechanical problem. The halfway point would see Millington, Walker, Butler, Robusto, and Scott as the top five. Butler would drive up to the bumper of Walker and give pressure for second. Lap 63 would see Butler make the move around Walker for second. The caution would fly on the next lap as Joe Valento in the #17 would spin on the front stretch. The restart would see Millington and Butler side by side for the green flag. Millington would pull to the lead and Walker would move around Butler for second. Tate and Scott would battle for fifth with Tate nosing ahead. Robusto would drive to the bumper of Butler to press for the third position. Millington would prove too strong and drive on to the win. Walker would finish 2nd and Butler would take 3rd. Robusto would finish 4th and Tate would come home 5th.

The NAAPWS will be in action the Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars over the next two weeks as the regular seasons nears its end. Saturday September 11 th , will honor all military and emergency personnel with a free night of racing with their ID, compliments of Smart Electric Company and Bumgarner Oil Company.

Saturday September 18 th , Champions will be crowned for Napa Auto Parts Championship Night at the Races.

Hickory Motor Speedway Results 9/4/21

Late Model

- 1 #15 – Ryan Millington
- 2 #6 – Mitch Walker
- 3 #8 – Sam Butler
- 4 #55 – Isabella Robusto
- 5 #41 – Magnum Tate
- 6 #34 – Lavar Scott
- 7 #12 – Annabeth Barnes Crum
- 8 #54 – Chase Janes

9 #T2 – Travis Truett

10 #17 – Joe Valento

11 #22 – Whitney Meggs

12 #19 – Jessie Cann

13 #24 – Mike Darne

Limited Late Model

1 #71 – Katie Hettinger (r)

2 #22 – Max Price

3 #14 – Akinori Ogata

4 #88 – Travis Byrd

5 #24 – Bryson Ruff (r)

6 #17 – Skyler Chaney

7 #32 – Josh Stark

8 #12 – Mason Maggio (r)

9 #43P – Kenneth Pardue

10 #23 – Reilly Doyle

11 #34 – Stephen Mallozzi

12 #25 – Graham Hollar

13 #13 – Chase Murphy

Street Stocks

1 #5 – Jesse Clark

2 #64 – Marshall Sutton

3 #31 – Derek Fowler

4 #52 – Don Machutta

5 #7 – Rick Hale

6 #5X – John Clark

7 #69 – Troy DeMarmels

8 #2 – Ethan Johnson