

## “TWO CHAMPS CROWNED AT HICKORY SPEEDWAY”

Newton, NC.....Two points division championships were determined on Saturday, September 9 th , at Hickory Motor Speedway during “EPW Communications Night at the Races!”

Advance Auto Parts Super Trucks and Hobby Stocks will both had their final points race of the 2006 Racing Season.

Divisions racing included Bojangles' Late Model Stocks, Limited Late Models, Pro-4's, plus the Super Trucks and Hobby Stocks.

The Advance Auto Parts Super Trucks championship battle came down to the last race of the season with #24 Ben Stancill leading the pack with 400 points going into the final event. #44 Ben Ebeling was in second place with 380 points, followed by #69 Trevor Hignutt with 368. Kenneth Pardue had 336 points for fourth place, with rookie #6 Cole Miktuk coming on strong in fifth with 326 points. Each finishing position is separated by only 2 points, so it was very possible for those positions to change for the final points standings.

#09 Scott Whittaker started out strong after taking the Denver Marine Pole Award with a 15.870 sec. Qualifying time, with Stancill starting outside front row. Stancill wasted no time in doing what had to be done to win the championship, taking the lead and setting sail. Ebeling had a strong fourth-place starting position and looked very good until an early spin sent him to the back and he was forced to make his way back through the pack. Hignutt, after starting in sixth place, lit his rocket during the final laps of the event to charge to the front, making a last-lap pass on Stancill for the win. However, Hignutt's truck failed to pass post-race Tech inspection and was DQ'd from the event. Stancill inherited the win and secured the championship. #16 Mack Little III was awarded second place, followed by #19 Jordan Anderson third, #90 Whittaker fourth, and #6 Waylon Flynn in fifth.

Stancill takes the Advance Auto Parts Super Trucks 2006 Championship, followed by Ebeling in second, Hignutt and #45 Kenneth Pardue in third and fourth, and Whittaker fifth in points.

Hobby Stocks also had their final points race of the 2006 season Saturday. Hobby Stocks points leader #10 Tim Reece was atop the leaderboard with 362 points, followed by his brother #11 Jimmy Whisnant with 352. #90 Ronnie Sims was in third spot going into the event, ahead of #30 Caleb Roark, and #5 Nikki Long.

Long started from the front and stayed there to take her fifth win of the season, and Tim Reece managed to take a rough-running car through the event to secure the 2006 division championship. #15 Stephen Clippard finished second in the event, followed by #21 Nick Maurer in third, #90 Ronnie Sims fourth, and #07 Denver Jones fifth. #11 Jimmy Whisnant and #90 Ronnie Sims rank second and third in season-long points, with #80 Caleb Roark fourth, and Long in fifth.

The 2006 Champions Banquet is set for November 18 th , 2006, at the Holiday Inn Select in Hickory.

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## JUNIOR MILLER SCORES FIFTH VICTORY OF 2006 NASCAR WHELEN SOUTHERN MODIFIED TOUR SEASON SATURDAY NIGHT AT HICKORY MOTOR SPEEDWAY

**HICKORY, N.C. (Sept. 30, 2006)** – NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour driver Junior Miller showed why he's nicknamed 'The King of the Southern Modifieds' on Saturday night as he scored the Hickory 150 victory in close fashion over championship rival Tim Brown. It was Miller's fifth win in 11 NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour races this year.

Plus the race might well have been the most competitive in series history as there were 14 lead changes among seven different drivers, with Miller coming out on top by a .219 second margin of victory. The win allowed Miller to regain his lead in the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour championship standings by nine points over Brown with only two races remaining.

“This was a heck of a race,” Miller said. “Those guys up front were really going after it for the lead so I just rode around there and took my time until it was time to go racing for the lead. This ol' car was a good one and it took me to the front when I needed it to. We haven't raced here at Hickory in a long time and the track was a little bit more worn than what I expected. I just rode around until it was time to get with it. The point race is still tight between me and Tim and it's all going to come down to these last couple of races.”

Rounding out the top-five behind Miller and Brown were, respectively, Burt Myers, L.W. Miller and Bobby Hutchens.



“Second place isn't where I wanted to end up, but I guess it's good to be happy with running second,” Brown said. “We had a good car all night long but Junior did a really good job of using the lapped cars to keep me behind him and he earned it.”

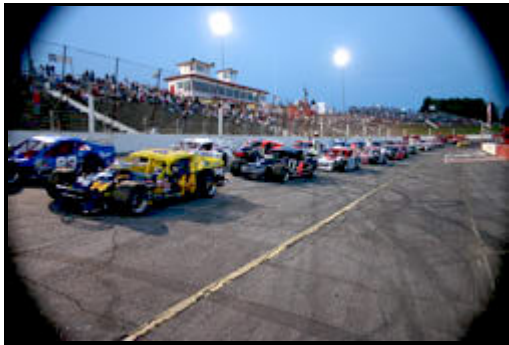
Burt Myers won his third Bud Pole Award of the season with a lap of 89.534 mph, but started sixth after the draw-redraw. That put the front row starters of Bobby Hutchens out first with Tim Brown in second for the 150-lapper. Brown led the first 13 laps before he was overtaken by Josh

Nichols before Brandon Ward took the top spot two laps later.

The action in the first 40 laps literally looked like high speed pace laps as most every driver in the field was racing side-by-side with little to no contact – as Ward and Nichols swapped the lead back

and forth. To put how close the racing was in the first third of the race, consider the fact that there were six lead changes in the first 50 laps with Nichols holding the top spot on Lap 51.

Just past the halfway mark on Lap 80, Michael Clifton worked his way into the top spot to become the fourth different leader with 10 lead changes among four drivers. Rounding out the top-five at this point were Nichols, Brown, Junior Miller and Burt Myers with an astonishing 22 of the full field of 26 cars still on the lead lap.



It was NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour racing at its best, though it would end up getting better and better as the laps wound down. Burt Myers took a brief stint in the lead when he took the top spot on Lap 97, before trading that spot back and forth with Nichols over the next two laps.

With the laps winding down, just like so many times before, it was Miller lurking until the time was right as he took the lead for good with 32 laps remaining.

As a testament to the clean racing on Saturday night at Hickory , all 26 cars in the race left the famed short track without a scratch on them.

The NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour returns to action next Saturday night at Southern National Speedway in Kenly, N.C.

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#### **NASCAR Race Number 11 Unofficial Race Results For The Whelen Southern Modified Tour 150 Hickory Motor Speedway September 30, 2006**

1. (5) #69 Junior Miller, Pine Hall N.C. , Dodge, 150, 82.548 mph, \$2,200
2. (2) #83 Tim Brown, Cana Va. , Chevrolet, 150, \$1,500
3. (6) #1 Burt Myers, Walnut-Cove N.C. , Chevrolet, 150, \$1,325
4. (13)#36 L.W. Miller, Mooresville N.C. , Pontiac, 150, \$1,050
5. (1) #14 Bobby Hutchens, Lexington N.C. , Chevrolet, 150, \$1,000
6. (10) #42 Brandon Ward, Winston-Salem N.C. , Chevrolet, 149, \$850



7. (12) #07 Frank Fleming, Mount Airy N.C., Chevrolet, 149, \$750

8. (9) #17 Brian King, Burlington N.C. , Chevrolet, 149, \$690

9. (11) #23 Brian Loftin, Lexington N.C. , Chevrolet, 149, \$590

10. (8) #34 Josh Nichols, Mooresville N.C. , Chevrolet, 149, \$550

11. (7) #81 Brian Pack, Walkertown N.C. , Chevrolet, 149, \$525

12. (22) #8 Jay Mize, Clemmons N.C. , Chevrolet, 149, \$700

13. (3) #4 Jason Myers, Walnut Cove N.C. , Chevrolet, 148, \$485

14. (23) #53 Johnathon Brown, Winston-Salem N.C. , Chevrolet, 148, \$460

15. (15) #57 Jay Foley, Stuart Va., Chevrolet, 147, \$445

16. (19) #79 Johnny Sutton, Harrisburg N.C. , Chevrolet, 147, \$430

17. (20) #01 Lee Jeffreys, High Point N.C. , Chevrolet, 147, \$420

18. (18) #44 Brandon Hire, Winston-Salem N.C. , Chevrolet, 147, \$410

19. (21) #04 Kevin Powell, Winston-Salem N.C. , Ford, 146, \$400

20. (14) #30 Earl Baker, Winton-Salem N.C. , Chevrolet, 146, \$390

21. (16) #25 Wesley Swartout, Stroudsburg Pa. , Chevrolet, 146, \$380

22. (25) #00 Bo Bo Brown, Winston-Salem N.C. , Chevrolet, 138, \$360

23. (4) #50 Michael Clifton, Walkertown N.C. , Chevrolet, 106, Oil Pump, \$340

24. (17) #31 Gene Pack, Myrtle Beach S.C. , Chevrolet, 83, Steering, \$320

25. (26) #22 Joe Lucas, Riner Va. , Chevrolet, 40, Ignition, \$300

26. (24) #26 Tyler Haydt, Kunkletown Pa. , Chevrolet, 3, Rear End, \$300



**Time of Race:** 39 mins, 15 secs **Average Speed:** 82.548 mph **Margin of Victory:** .219 Seconds

**BUD POLE AWARD:** Burt Myers, 1 Kernersville Carpets/DMC Auto Exchange Chevrolet

**FEATHERLITE 'MOST IMPROVED DRIVER':** Junior Miller, 69 Advance Auto Dodge

**POWERADE 'POWER MOVE OF THE RACE':** Jay Mize, 8 Mize Construction Chevrolet

**Caution Flags:** 0

**Lap Leaders:** Tim Brown 1-13, Josh Nichols 14-16, Brandon Ward 17-31, Josh Nichols 32-39, Brandon Ward 40-50, Josh Nichols 51-61, Brandon Ward 62-66, Josh Nichols 67-77, Michael Clifton 78-79, Josh Nichols 80-97, Burt Myers 98, Josh Nichols 99-100, Burt Myers 101-117, Junior Miller 118-150

**Total Laps Led:** Josh Nichols 53, Junior Miller 33, Brandon Ward 31, Burt Myers 18, Tim Brown 13, Michael Clifton 2. 13 changes involving 6 drivers.

**Top 10 Driver Points:** Junior Miller 1776, Tim Brown 1767, Burt Myers 1602, L.W. Miller 1584, Brian King 1540, Bobby Hutchens 1512, Jason Myers 1504, Brian Pack 1466, Gene Pack 1447, Frank Fleming 1422

**Next Race :** Southern National Speedway (Oct. 7)

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