

“Houston Gets First Win, Brown Wins Another”

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The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series returned to action on Saturday night for Bumgarner Oil Military Appreciation Night presented by Sun Drop.

The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Models would lead off the night in the first of their twin 40 lap features. Kade Brown in the #23 would top time trials in qualifying and start from the pole position with Landon Huffman in the #75 to his outside. Tyler Matthews in the #15 and Vicente Salas in the #55 would make up row two for the green flag. Brown and Huffman would duel it out for the lead until lap 3 when Brown would nose ahead to the top spot. The battle for eighth would be a spirited battle with Akinori Ogata in the #14, Annabeth Barnes-Crum in the #12, and Ryan Joyner in the #15 all battling for the same spot. Brown, Huffman, Matthews, Clark Houston in the #6, and Salas would make up the top five at the halfway mark. Matthews would draw tight to Huffman’s bumper in his bid for second place. Lap 26 would see Matthews move around Huffman for second. Salas would battle with Houston for fourth position on the track. Brown would prove too strong and drive on to the win. Matthews would take 2nd with Huffman in 3rd. Houston would take 4th and Salas would come home in 5th.

Next up would be the Renegades for 20 laps. Brian Larkin in the #6 would set fast time and start from the top spot with Zach Mullins in the #72 to his outside. Justin Austin in the #1 and Brandon Hason in the #82 would make up row two for the green flag. Larkin would move to the early lead with Mullins facing a challenge from Justin Austin and Hason for second. Justin Austin would move to second with Hason in third, but continuing to battle with Mullins. The halfway point would see Larkin, Justin Austin, Hason, Mullins, and the #55 of Jordan Cook as the top five. The third place battle would continue throughout the event between Hason and Mullins with less than a car length separating the pair. Justin Austin would drive to the bumper of Larkin in his bid for the top spot. Larkin would drive on to capture the win. Justin Austin would take 2nd with Hason finishing 3rd. Mullins would grab 4th and Cook would come home in 5th.

The Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models would roll off next for 50 laps in round 4 of the Paramount Kia Big ‘10’ Racing Challenge. Chase Janes in the #47 would top time trials and start from the pole position with Jordan McGregor in the #30 to his outside. Landon Huffman in the #75 and DJ Krantz in the #1 would make up row two. McGregor would move to the lead

after several laps of side by side racing with Janes. Huffman would look to the inside of Janes for second position. The battle for second would last till lap 6 when Huffman would take the spot as Janes would face a challenge from Charlie Watson in the #9 for third. Watson would move to third with Janes settling in fourth. A few sprinkles would bring the caution out on lap 16. The caution would be short lived with McGregor and Huffman bringing the field back to the green flag. Huffman would move around McGregor for the lead on lap 17. The caution would fly on lap 24 with an incident in turn one between the #98 of Billy Smith and the #22 of Chase Thaxton. The restart would see Huffman and McGregor bring the field to the green flag. Huffman, McGregor, Janes, Watson, and Zack Wells in the #66 would make up the top five at halfway. Watson would battle back around Janes for third. The caution would fly on lap 32 with an incident involving the #97 of Billy Jack Lester and the #2 of Ray Alfala. Huffman and McGregor would bring the field back to the restart. Huffman would pull back to the lead with McGregor facing a challenge from Watson. McGregor would take the spot as Watson would face pressure from Janes for third. Janes would take third as Watson would face another challenge for fourth from Krantz. Huffman would drive on to take the win. McGregor would take 2nd while Janes would finish 3rd. Watson would grab 4th and Krantz would come home in 5th.

Next up would be the Heritage Finance Street Stocks for their 30 lap feature. Cody DeMarmels in the #12 would set fast time and start from the top spot with Johnny Reynolds in the #55 to his outside. Row two would see Jacob Hayes in the #49 and Marshall Sutton in the #64 door to door for the green flag. DeMarmels would pull to the early lead with Reynolds close behind, but not before Hayes would make it a three wide affair for the top spot. Sutton would drive up to the bumper of Hayes in the battle for third. The third place battle would go door to door with the youngest competitor in the division, against the competitor with the most laps all-time around the famous 3/8 mile oval. Sutton would take the third spot after several laps side by side putting Hayes back to fourth and facing the challenge from Trey Buff in the #48. DeMarmels, Reynolds, Sutton, Hayes, and Buff would round out the top five at halfway. DeMarmels would set the pace, as Reynolds would try to turn up the wick in his battle for the top spot. DeMarmels would prove too tough on the event and drive on to the win. Reynolds would take 2nd with Sutton finishing 3rd. Hayes would grab 4th and Buff would come home in 5th.

The Black Bear Transmission Super Trucks would roll off next for their 35 lap event. Charlie Neill in the #21 would top time trials and start from the pole position with Charlie Watson in the #9 to his outside. Ashley Huffman in the #7 and Ricky Dennie in the #6 would make up row two for the start. The battle for the top spot would be a door to door battle with two drivers, Neill and Watson, who wanted the win. Huffman would drive up to the rear bumper of the lead drivers and consider making it a three wide battle for the lead. Wisdom would win out as Huffman would decide to bide his time instead of pushing the issue early on and watch closely for an opening. Watson would continue to use the high line to his advantage as he would maintain a slight advantage. Watson, Neill, Huffman, Dennie, and Joey Shuryan in the #30 as the top five at halfway. Lap 21 would see Neill nose out a slight advantage, but this race was far from over with Watson and Huffman glued to the rear bumper. Watson would squeeze back

ahead of Neill and the side by side racing would continue. Neill would slow and come to pit road on lap 32, ending his chance at victory after an epic battle with Watson. Watson would drive on to take the win. Huffman would take 2nd while Dennie would finish 3rd. Shuryan would grab 4th and Duane Cook in the #17 would come home in 5th.

Closing out the night's festivities would be the final 40 lap feature for the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Models. After an 8 car invert from the finishing order of race one Annabeth Barnes-Crum in the #12 and Akinori Ogata in the #14 would line up in row one. Row two would see Michael Bumgarner in the #97 and Vicente Salas in the #55 side by side for the start. Barnes-Crum would pull to the early lead with Ogata close in second. Clark Houston in the #6 would make the early move as he would move around Salas and Bumgarner for third. The next lap would see Houston move around Ogata for second in his bid for his first Late Model win. Houston would drive to the bumper of Barnes-Crum and glue himself there waiting for a mistake so he could make his move for the top spot. The caution would fly on lap 13 as Bryson Ruff in the #24 would spin in turn two. The restart would see Barnes-Crum and Houston bringing the field to the green flag. Houston would make the low line work and move to the top spot. Houston, Barnes-Crum, Ogata, Tyler Matthews in the #15, and Landon Huffman in the #75 would make up the top five at halfway. The caution would fly on lap 29 for a spin by Paige Rogers in the #2. The restart would see Houston and Barnes-Crum lead the field to the green flag. Houston would pull back to the lead with Barnes-Crum close behind. The caution would fly on lap 36 for a wild spin on the front stretch by Ogata. The restart would see Houston and Barnes-Crum lead the field back to the green flag. Houston would pull back to the lead with Barnes-Crum close behind. The battle for second would get intense with Huffman and Matthews looking to take Barnes-Crum three wide down the backstretch in their bid for the win. Turn four would see contact with Huffman and Barnes-Crum spinning to bring out the caution. The restart would see Houston and Matthews bring the field to the green flag. Houston would pull back to the lead with Matthews facing pressure from Kade Brown in the #23 for second. Houston would take the win, his first at Hickory Motor Speedway. The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Model points leader, Matthews, would finish 2nd while Brown would drive back up to 3rd. Bumgarner would grab 4th and Salas would come home in 5th for the second time on the night.

This week the ASA Stars will invade Hickory Motor Speedway for a special Thursday Night Thunder with the Tarheel 250. Several NASCAR stars including Chase Elliott plan to make special mid-week event.

Next Saturday Night, May 27th, the engines will be silenced at America's Most Famous Short Track, but the Rock will be cranked wide open at Hickory Rock Fest!

In two weeks, Saturday June 3rd, racing returns with United Sewing Night at the Races. For more info check us out at www.hickorymotorspeedway.com, Facebook, Twitter, or call 828-464-3655.

Official Hickory Motor Speedway Results 5/20/23

Late Model Twin Race #1:

- 1 #23 – Kade Brown
- 2 #15 – Tyler Matthews
- 3 #75 – Landon D. Huffman
- 4 #6 – Clark Houston
- 5 #55 – Vicente Salas
- 6 #97 – Michael Bumgarner
- 7 #14 – Akinori Ogata
- 8 #12 – Annabeth Barnes Crum
- 9 #24 – Bryson Ruff
- 10 #15 – Ryan Joyner
- 11 #17 – Skyler Chaney
- 12 #6 – Justin Campbell
- 13 #28 – Sean Abell
- 14 #2 – Paige Rogers
- 15 #9 – Sam Rohrbaugh
- 16 #1 – Amber Balcaen
- 17 #2 – Gracie Trotter

Late Model Twin Race #2:

- 1 #6 – Clark Houston
- 2 #15 – Tyler Matthews
- 3 #23 – Kade Brown
- 4 #97 – Michael Bumgarner
- 5 #55 – Vicente Salas
- 6 #15 – Ryan Joyner
- 7 #6 – Justin Campbell
- 8 #28 – Sean Abell
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- 17 #17 – Skyler Chaney

Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Model:

- 1 #75 – Landon D. Huffman
- 2 #30 – Jordan McGregor
- 3 #47 – Chase Janes
- 4 #9 – Charlie Watson
- 5 #1 – DJ Krantz
- 6 #66 – Zack Wells
- 7 #5 – Trey Canipe
- 8 #25 – Graham Hollar
- 9 #13 – Mark Johnson
- 10 #28 – Bub Haney
- 11 #97 – Billy Jack Lester
- 12 #2 – Ray Alfala
- 13 #12 – Christopher Martin Jr.
- 14 #98 – Billy Smith
- 15 #22 – Chase Thaxton

Heritage Finance Company Street Stocks:

- 1 #12 – Cody DeMarmels
- 2 #55 – Johnny Reynolds
- 3 #64 – Marshall Sutton
- 4 #49 – Jacob Hayes
- 5 #48 – Trey Buff
- 6 #9 – Jon Austin
- 7 #11 – DJ Little Jr.
- 8 #73 – Kyle Boice
- 9 #99 – Jeff Morse
- 10 #4 – Dillon Crouch

Renegades:

- 1 #6 – Brian Larkin
- 2 #1 – Justin Austin
- 3 #82 – Brandon Hasson
- 4 #72 – Zachary Mullins
- 5 #55 – Jordan Cook
- 6 #16 – Steve Smart

- 7 #25 – Skylar Hudson
- 8 #81 – Matthew Chambers
- 9 #4 – Gage Austin

Black Bear Transmission Super Trucks:

- 1 #9 – Charlie Watson
- 2 #7 – Ashley Huffman
- 3 #6 – Ricky Dennie
- 4 #30 – Joey Shuryan
- 5 #17 – Duane Cook
- 6 #86 – Joe Simpson
- 7 #21 – Charlie Neill
- 8 #37 – David Johnson