

“Hall and Brown Split the Pair”

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For Immediate Release:

Brutally hot temperatures would cover the Catawba Valley on Saturday night as the heat would be turned up on and off the track at Hickory Motor Speedway with NAPA Auto Parts Night at the Races presented by Compleat Kidz.

The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Models would roll off first with 17 cars strong for race one of their doubleheader in week #2 of the championship playoffs. Kade Brown in the #23, and fifth in national points, would top qualifying and start from the pole position with NASCAR National Points leader Connor Hall in the #77 to his outside. Row two would see Doug Barnes Jr in the #88, who sits second in national points, and Tyler Matthews in the #15 side by side for the green flag. Brown and Hall would duel for the top spot as Hall would take the high line to the lead after lap one. Brown would continue to look to the inside of Hall for the top spot throughout the first ten laps. Michael Bumgarner in the #97 would move around Matthews for fourth in the first half of the event and look to chase down Barnes for third. Matthews would uncharacteristically drop through the field as Clark Houston in the #6, Bryce Applegate in the #45 and Akinori Ogata in the #14 would all move around before the halfway point. Hall, Brown, Barnes, Bumgarner, and Houston would make up the top five on lap 20. Lap 21 would see the caution fly as the #1 of Toni Breidinger would go up in smoke with mechanical issues and require track cleanup. The restart would see Hall and Brown door to door for the first spot. Hall would move back to the top spot with Brown looking to his inside. Bumgarner would be glued to the bumper of Brown after passing Barnes for third. Lap 24 would see the caution fly as Barnes would spin in turn one after racing with Applegate and Houston for fourth. The restart would see Hall and Brown bring the field back to the green flag. Hall would move back to the lead with Brown giving chase. The caution would fly again on lap 30 for a spin by the #7 of Kevin Dill. Hall and Brown would bring the field back to the restart once again. Hall would pull to the lead with Brown and Bumgarner trying to make the battle for the win a three way battle. Hall would drive on to take the win and extend his national points lead. Brown would finish 2nd and Bumgarner would take 3rd. Houston would grab 4th and Ogata would come home in 5th.

The Heritage Finance Street Stocks would hit the famed 3/8 mile oval next for their 30 lap feature. Johnny Reynolds in the #55 would top time trials and start from the top spot with Easton Brewer in the #4 to his outside. Mark Johnson in the #13 and Marshall Sutton in the #64 would make up row two. Reynolds would rocket to the lead with Johnson moving around Brewer for second. Lap 8 would see the caution fly for a spin by Brewer. The restart would see

Reynolds and Johnson bring the field back to the green flag. Reynolds would leap back to the lead with Johnson close in tow. Cody DeMarmels in the #12 would move around Sutton for third and pressure Johnson for second. Lap 12 would see DeMarmels head to pit road with mechanical issues and retire from the event. Reynolds, Johnson, Sutton, Trey Buff in the #48, and Don Machutta in the #52 would make the top five at the halfway point. After the earlier spin, Brewer would work his way back into the top five after a battle with Machutta. Johnson would pressure Reynolds for the lead over the closing laps, however Reynolds would hang on to take the win. Johnson would finish 2nd and Sutton would take 3rd. Buff would grab 4th and Brewer would come home in 5th.

Next up would see the Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models roll off for their 35 lap event. Bryson Ruff in the #24 would set fast time in qualifying and start from the pole position with Boo Boo Dalton in the #50 to his outside. Row two would see Graham Hollar in the #25 and Jordan McGregor in the #30 side by side for the green flag. Ruff would move to the lead with Dalton close behind. Lap 10 would see Gregory Estell in the #U2 pull to the pits with mechanical issues and retire from the event. Ruff, Dalton, Hollar, McGregor, and Darren Krantz Jr in the #1 would make up the top five at the halfway point. Hollar would move to second, getting around Dalton. McGregor would look under Dalton to do the same for the third position. Ruff would prove too strong on the night and drive on to the win. Hollar would finish 2nd and McGregor would take 3rd. Dalton would grab 4th and Krantz would come home in 5th.

The Black Bear Transmission Super Trucks would pound the pavement next for their 35 lap feature. Charlie Neill in the #21 would top time trials and start from the top spot with Joey Shuryan in the #30 to his outside. The #6 of Ricky Dennie and the #7 of Ashley Huffman would make up row two for the start. Neill would pull ahead on the start as Huffman and Shuryan would touch, bringing out the caution before a lap could be completed. The complete restart would see Neill and Dennie bring the field to the green flag. Neill would pull to the early lead with Dennie giving chase. The caution would fly again for a spin in turn three by the #37 of David Johnson. Neill and Dennie would lead the field to the green flag. Neill would pull to the lead with Dennie running a close second. Huffman would work his back up to third, getting around Duane Cook in the #17. Neill, Dennie, Huffman, Cook, and Shuryan would make up the top five at the halfway point. Dennie would be right with the leader, Neill, over the second half of the race. While Dennie would make it close, Neill would hang on to grab the win. Dennie would finish 2nd and Huffman would take 3rd. Cook would grab 4th and Shuryan would come home in 5th.

The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Models would close out the evening's festivities with the second of their 40 lap features. After an 8 car invert from the finishing order of race one, row one would see Bryce Applegate in the #45 and Tyler Matthews in the #15 door to door for the green flag. Mark Wertz in the #55 and Akinori Ogata in the #14 would make up row two for the initial start. Applegate and Matthews would battle hard for the first five laps until Applegate would move to the early lead. Michael Bumgarner in the #97 would move through the field and be up to third on lap 5. Lap 6 would see the caution fly for a spin by

Ogata in turn three. The restart would see Applegate and Matthews bring the field back to the green flag. Matthews would use the high line to rocket to the lead with Applegate facing a challenge from Bumgarner and Kade Brown in the #23. Contact between Applegate and Bumgarner would bring out another yellow flag. Matthews with the lead would bring the field to the restart. Matthews and Brown would battle side by side for the top spot as the caution would fly again for an incident in turn three with Ogata, the #28 of Bub Haney, and the #47 of Sam Butler. Matthew's and Brown would pace the field back to yet another restart. Matthews would pull to the lead with Brown close behind. First race winner, Connor Hall in the #77 would move up to third. Lap 9 would see Brown nose ahead of Matthews for the top spot. Bumgarner would methodically begin to work his way through the field, getting to the top five on lap 17. Brown, Matthews, Hall, Houston, and Bumgarner would make up the top five at the halfway point. Bumgarner would move around Houston for fourth and look to run down Hall for third. Brown would drive on to take win and extend his playoff points lead. Matthews would finish 2nd and Bumgarner would grab 3rd. Houston would take 4th and Trey Canipe in the #5 would come home in 5th.

Racing returns to America's Most Famous Short Track next week, September 2nd, with the 47th running of the Bobby Isaac Memorial presented by Paramount Auto Group. After a week off, racing will return on September 16th with Championship Night presented by the Catawba County United Way. Admission for September 16th will be absolutely FREE!!! On September 30th the ever popular Tour of Destruction returns.

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Official Hickory Motor Speedway Results 8/26/23

NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Model Race #1:

- 1 #77 – Connor Hall
- 2 #23 – Kade Brown
- 3 #97 – Michael Bumgarner
- 4 #6 – Clark Houston
- 5 #14 – Akinori Ogata
- 6 #55 – Mark Wertz
- 7 #15 – Tyler Matthews
- 8 #45 – Bryce Applegate
- 9 #5 – Trey Canipe
- 10 #88 – Doug Barnes Jr.
- 11 #7 – Kevin Dill
- 12 #28 – Bub Haney
- 13 #47 – Sam Butler
- 14 #1 – Toni Breidinger

- 15 #1 – Zac Fowler
- 16 #11 – Dillon Houser
- 17 #36 – Chase Janes

NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Model Race #2:

- 1 #23 – Kade Brown
- 2 #15 – Tyler Matthews
- 3 #97 – Michael Bumgarner
- 4 #6 – Clark Houston
- 5 #5 – Trey Canipe
- 6 #77 – Connor Hall
- 7 #55 – Mark Wertz
- 8 #45 – Bryce Applegate
- 9 #47 – Sam Butler
- 10 #7 – Kevin Dill
- 11 #28 -Bub Haney
- 12 #14 – Akinori Ogata
- 13 #36 – Chase Janes
- 14 #11 – Dillon Houser
- 15 #88 – Doug Barnes Jr. - DNS
- 16 #1 – Toni Breidinger - DNS
- 17 #1 – Zac Fowler - DNS

Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Model:

- 1 #24 – Bryson Ruff
- 2 #25 – Graham Hollar
- 3 #30 – Jordan McGregor
- 4 #50 – Boo Boo Dalton
- 5 #1 – Darren Krantz Jr.
- 6 #47 – Chase Janes
- 7 #71 – Daniel Wilk
- 8 #23 – Reilly Doyle
- 9 #5 – Holly Clark
- 10 #37 – Chris Phipps
- 11 #97 – Billy Jack Lester
- 12 #00 – Cody Jones
- 13 #99 – Billy Snodgrass
- 14 #36 – Andrew Amos
- 15 #U2 – Gregory Estell

Heritage Finance Company Street Stocks:

- 1 #13 – Mark Johnson
- 2 #64 – Marshall Sutton
- 3 #48 – Trey Buff
- 4 #4 – Easton Brewer
- 5 #52 – Don Machutta
- 6 #71 – Robert DiVanna
- 7 #49 – Jacob Hayes
- 8 #34 – Eric Zeh
- 9 #11 – DJ Little Jr.
- 10 #12 – Cody DeMarmels
- 11 #55 – Johnny Reynolds - DQ

Black Bear Transmission Super Trucks:

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