

“Hall Is Up for the Sweep”

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For Immediate Release:

The Catawba Valley roared to life on Saturday with the sound of speed during the running of the Smart Electric Night at the Races at Hickory Motor Speedway.

The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Models would lead off the night's festivities with the first of their twin 40 lap features. Connor Hall in the #77 would pace qualifying and start from the top spot with Daniel Wilk in the #71 to his outside. Skyler Chaney in the #17 and Clark Houston in the # 6 would make up row two for the start. Hall would jump to the early lead with Wilk facing a challenge from Chaney. Wilk would hold the position with Chaney glued to his bumper. Houston would see Thomas Beane in the #01 challenge him for fourth. Beane would make the pass for fourth position with Houston running fifth. Chaney would move around Wilk to take second position and begin to chase down the leader, Hall. The halfway point would see Hall, Chaney, Wilk, Beane, and Houston as the top five. Katie Hettinger in the ever popular #71 would move around Houston to take the fifth position. Beane would pressure Wilk for third and take the spot after a battle for several laps. Hall would prove too strong in race one and drive on to take the win. Chaney would grab his best late model finish of 2nd with Beane taking 3rd. Michael Bumgarner in the #97 would finish 4th and Hettinger would come home in 5th.

Next up would see the Heritage Finance Street Stocks hit the famed 3/8 mile oval next for their 30 lap feature. Cody DeMarmels in the #53 would top time trials and start from the point position with Greg Wise in the #13 to his outside. Johnny Reynolds in the #55 and Jeff Morse in the #99 would start from the second row. DeMarmels would pull to the lead, but an incident in turn one between Wise and Marshall Sutton in the #64 would bring the field to yellow and require a complete restart. DeMarmels and Johnny Reynolds would bring the field back to the green flag. DeMarmels would pull to the lead with Johnny Reynolds close behind. Trey Buff in the #48 would move around Morse to take third. Morse would face a challenge from John Reynolds in the #55 for fourth. Sutton would move around John Reynolds for fifth. DeMarmels, Johnny Reynolds, Buff, Morse, and Sutton would make up the top five at the halfway point. Sutton would pressure Morse for fourth and make the pass for position. John Reynolds would follow suit and move around Morse for fifth. DeMarmels would drive on to take the win. Johnny Reynolds would finish 2nd and Buff would grab 3rd. Sutton would take 4th and John Reynolds would come home in 5th.

The Super Trucks would roll off next for their 35 lap event. The front row would see a battle of the Charlies with Charlie Watson in the #9 starting from the pole and Charlie Neill in the #2 starting to his outside. Neil Meredith in the #36 and Joey Shuryan in the #30 would make up

row two. Watson would take the lead off turn two, but hard racing with Neill would see Watson sideways in turn four until halfway down the frontstretch. Meredith would take the opportunity to jump past Watson and Neill to take the lead. Watson would slowly reel in Meredith and retake the lead on lap 5. Neill would follow suit a lap later and move around Meredith for second. The halfway point would see Watson, Neill, Meredith, Josh Goble in the #65, and Ricky Dennie in the #8 as the top five. Meredith would turn up the heat on Neill in his bid for second. Meredith would make the pass on Neill for second on lap 21. Watson would drive on to take the win. Meredith would grab 2nd while Neill would finish 3rd. Goble would take 4th and Dennie would come home in 5th.

The Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models would roll off next for 50 laps in Round 1 of the Paramount Kia 'BIG 10' Racing Challenge. Darren Krantz Jr in the #77 would pace qualifying and start from the top spot with Justin Oplinger in the #7 to his outside. Graham Hollar in the #25 and Billy Snodgrass in the #99 would roll off from row two. Krantz would nose ahead the early, but Oplinger would stay strong on the high side. Oplinger would use the high line to move around Krantz for the lead. Trey Canipe in the #5 would move to fourth around Snodgrass. Michael Klein in the #32 would move up into the top five in fifth. Oplinger, Krantz, Hollar, Canipe, and Klein would make up the top five at the halfway point. The caution would fly on lap 25 for an incident involving the #57 of Hunter Deshautelle. The restart would see Oplinger and Krantz bring the field back to the green. Krantz would use the high line to move to the lead around Oplinger. Hollar would face additional pressure from Canipe. Hollar would hold the spot as Canipe would see the #37 of Chris Phipps move around him for the fourth position. Jordan McGregor in the #30 would take the fifth position away from Canipe. The caution would fly on lap 46 for an incident involving the #28 of Chris Huffman. The restart would see Krantz and Oplinger bring the field back to the green flag. Krantz would nose ahead in the dash for the cash, with a handful of challengers making their bid for the win. Oplinger would make his move to the inside of Krantz with two laps to go. After going door to door for a lap and a half they would drag race to the checkered flag off for the win, Krantz on the high lane and Oplinger on the inside. Krantz would take the win by a fraction of a car length. Oplinger would settle for a hard fought 2nd with Phipps jumping to 3rd. Hollar would finish 4th and McGregor would come home in 5th.

The Crown Vics would hit the track next for 15 laps in their first visit to America's Most Famous Short Track. With the draw for position, the front row would be made up of Vincent Morlando in the #279 and Tony Black in the #99. Dustin Wilson in the #42 and Nikki Hartman in the #808 would make up row two. Black would quickly move to the lead with Vincent Morlando facing pressure from Dustin Wilson. Dustin Wilson would move around Vincent Morlando for second. Dennis Wilson would pressure Vincent Morlando for third and make the pass. Smoke would billow from the leader, Black, as Dustin Wilson and Dennis Wilson would both move around him for position. Dustin Wilson would take the win. Dennis Wilson would grab 2nd while Black would finish 3rd. Shawn Hayes in the #0 would move from his last place starting position to finish 4th and Vincent Morlando would come home in 5th.

Next up would see the Renegades grace the Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars for their 20 lap feature. Dalton Ledbetter in the #32 would top time trials and start from the pole position with Steve Smart in the #16 to his outside on Smart Electric Night at the Races. Justin Austin in the #1 and Tim Childers in the #14 would make up row two for the start. Ledbetter would jump to the lead as Austin would pressure Smart for position. The caution would fly on lap 1 for a spin by Kyle Boice in the #25 in turn one. The restart would see Ledbetter and Smart pacing the field back to the green flag. Ledbetter would pull to the lead with Smart giving chase. Austin and Childers would have a spirited battle for third. Ledbetter would prove too strong and take the win. Smart would finish 2nd with Austin taking 3rd. Childers would grab 4th and Blair Patterson in the #91 would come home in 5th.

The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Models would close out the night's festivities with their 40 lap finale. After a 9 car invert from the finishing order of race one, Daniel Wilk in the #71 and Lee Tissot in the #16 would make up row one. Row two would see Charlie Watson in the #9 and Clark Houston in the #6 side by side for the start. Wilk and Tissot would take the field into turn three as Watson would come move to the inside, making the lead battle a three wide affair. Watson would be the leader on lap one. Connor Hall in the #77 would make his way into the top five on lap 10 after starting ninth. The halfway point would see Watson, Hall, Tissot, Houston, and Katie Hettinger in the #71 as the top five. Lap 25 would see Hall make his way back to the top spot with Watson now running second. Hall would drive on to take the win, sweeping the night's doubleheader. Watson would finish 2nd with Tissot taking third. Houston would grab 4th and Hettinger would come home in 5th.

The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series returns to Hickory Motor Speedway next week, March 30th, with Patriot Jerky Night at the Races.

The ZMAX Cars Tour comes to town Saturday April 6th for the Tuff Shed 250.

Tickets are now on sale for the ZMAX Cars Racing Tour on April 6th at 828-464-3655.

The Smart Modifieds return to Hickory Motor Speedway on April 13th, presented by Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet.

For more info check us out at

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Official Hickory Motor Speedway Results 3/23/24

Late Model Race #1:

- 1 #77 –Connor Hall
- 2 #17 – Skyler Chaney
- 3 #01 – Thomas Beane
- 4 #97 – Michael Bumgarner
- 5 #71 – Katie Hettinger
- 6 #6 – Clark Houston

- 7 #9 – Charlie Watson
- 8 #16 – Lee Tissot
- 9 #71W – Daniel Wilk
- 10 #81 – Sam Butler
- 11 #7 – Blayne Harrison
- 12 #37 – Landon D. Huffman
- 13 #1B – Toni Breidinger
- 14 #22 -Jonathan Philyaw
- 15 #4 – Daniel Dean
- 16 #13 – Mark Johnson

Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Model Paramount Kia “Big 10” Racing Challenge Race #1:

- 1 #77 – Darren Krantz Jr.
- 2 #7 – Justin Oplinger
- 3 #37 – Chris Phipps
- 4 #25 – Graham Hollar
- 5 #30 – Jordan McGregor
- 6 #5 – Trey Canipe
- 7 #28 – Bub Haney
- 8 #25R – Taylor Reimer
- 9 #99 – Billy Snodgrass
- 10 #28H – Chris Huffman
- 11 #57 – Hunter Deshautelle
- 12 #32 – Michael Klein

Heritage Finance Company Street Stocks:

- 1 #53 – Cody DeMarmels
- 2 #55R – Johnny Reynolds
- 3 #48 – Trey Buff
- 4 #64 – Marshall Sutton
- 5 #55 – John Reynolds
- 6 #99 – Jeff Morse
- 7 #11 – Dustin Little Jr.
- 8 #13 – Greg Wise

Renegades:

- 1 #32 – Dalton Ledbetter
- 2 #16 – Steve Smart
- 3 #1 – Justin Austin
- 4 #14 – Tim Childers
- 5 #91 – Blair Patterson

- 6 #55 – Jordan Cook
- 7 #25 – Kyle Boice
- 8 #81 – Matthew Chambers
- 9 #4 – Haley Bell

Super Trucks:

- 1 #9 – Charlie Watson
- 2 #36 – Neil Meredith
- 3 #2 – Charlie Neill
- 4 #65 – Josh Goble
- 5 #8 – Ricky Dennie
- 6 #30 – Joey Shuryan
- 7 #88 – Jamie Johnson

Late Model Race #2:

- 1 #77 – Connor Hall
- 2 #9 – Charlie Watson
- 3 #16 – Lee Tissot
- 4 #6 – Clark Houston
- 5 #71 – Katie Hettinger
- 6 #01 – Thomas Beane
- 7 #97 – Michael Bumgarner
- 8 #7 – Blayne Harrison
- 9 #81 – Sam Butler
- 10 #37 – Landon D. Huffman
- 11 #13 – Mark Johnson
- 12 #1B – Toni Breidinger
- 13 #22 – Jonathan Philyaw
- 14 #4 – Daniel Dean
- 15 #17 – Skyler Chaney
- 16 #71W – Daniel Wilk

Crown Vic:

- 1 #42 – Dustin Wilson
- 2 #42S – Dennis Wilson
- 3 #99 – Tony Black
- 4 #0 – Shawn Hayes
- 5 #279 – Vincent Morlando
- 6 #013 – Dominic Morlano
- 7 #K9 – James Duckworth
- 8 #808 – Nikki Hartman

