

“Bumgarner Claims First Victory of 2024”

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For Immediate Release:

The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series thundered back into America’s Most Famous Short Track, Hickory Motor Speedway, on Saturday for Everett Collision Center Night at the Races.

The Crown Vics would make their second visit to the Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars for their 15 lap feature. The starting lineup would be set by a random draw. Dominic Morlando in the #13 and Jacobs Hayes in the #0 would make up the front row. Tony Black in the #88 and Vincent Morlando in the #279 would make up row two. Hayes would move to the early lead with Dominic Morlando facing pressure from Black. Black would move to second on lap two. Hayes and Black would battle side by side until Black would move to the lead on lap four. Dominic and Vincent Morlando would have a family battle for the final podium spot. Black would drive on to take win with Hayes taking 2nd. Vincent Morlando would make a pass in the final corner to finish 3rd with Dominic Morlando taking 4th.

Next up would see the Heritage Finance Street Stocks for their 30 lap event. Qualifying would see Jeff Sparks in the #7 set fast time and start from the pole with Cody DeMarmels in the #53 to his outside. Johnny Reynolds in the #55 and Trey Buff in the #48 would make up row two. Sparks would pull to the early lead with DeMarmels chasing in second. Luther Johnson in the #05 would hold fifth position, but would see Jeff Morse in the #99 giving constant pressure for the spot. The caution would fly on lap 16 as smoke would billow from Reynolds’ car. Reynolds would bring his car to pit road for the rest of the event. The restart would see Sparks and DeMarmels lead the field. Sparks would pull to the lead again with DeMarmels close behind. Sparks would drive on to take the win. DeMarmels would finish 2nd while Buff would grab 3rd. Johnson would take 4th as Jeff Byers in the #64 would come home in 5th.

The Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models would roll off next for the 35 lap feature. Trey Canipe in the #5 would top time trials and start from the pole position with Jordan McGregor in the #30 to his outside. Graham Hollar in the #25 and Darren Krantz Jr in the #77 would make up row two. Canipe and McGregor would battle door to door in a fierce battle for the top spot. Lap three would finally see McGregor pull to the top spot with Canipe giving chase. The halfway point would see McGregor, Canipe, Hollar, Krantz, and Taylor Reimer in the #25 as the top five. Canipe would shrink McGregor’s lead over the closing laps, but would run

out of time as McGregor would bring home the win. Canipe would finish 2nd with Hollar grabbing 3rd. Krantz would take 4th and Reimer would come home in 5th.

Hitting the famed 3/8 mile oval next would be the Renegades for 20 laps. Qualifying would see Gary Ledbetter Jr in the #28 set fast time and start from the pole position with Steve Smart in the #16 to his outside. Jordan Cook in the #55 and Tim Childers in the #14 would make up row two. Ledbetter would pull to the early lead as Smart would be close behind. Justin Austin in the #1 would start from the rear of the field, but make a quick charge to third position on lap 5. Ledbetter, Smart, Austin, Cook, and Childers would make up the top five at halfway. Childers would drive to Cook's bumper in his bid to take the fourth position. Ledbetter would prove too strong and drive on to take the win. Smart would finish 2nd with Austin grabbing 3rd. Childers would secure 4th and Cook would come home in 5th.

The Super Trucks would roar to life next for their 35 lap feature. Charlie Watson in the #9 would top time trials and start from the top spot with Ricky Dennie in the #8 to his outside. Joey Shuryan in the #30 and Jamie Johnson in the #88 would make up row two. Watson would pull to the early lead with Dennie facing a challenge from Shuryan. Watson, Dennie, Shuryan, and Johnson would be the running order at halfway. Watson would drive on to take the win with Dennie finishing 2nd. Shuryan would grab 3rd while Johnson would take 4th.

Finishing out the night's action would be the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Models 75 lap feature. Brody Monahan in the #17 would pace qualifying and start from the pole position with Michael Bumgarner in the #97 to his outside. Clark Houston in the #6 and Skyler Chaney in the #17 would make up row two. Bumgarner would pull to the lead on lap two with Monahan facing pressure from Houston for second. Houston would take second as Monahan would see Charlie Watson in the #9 pressure him for third. Watson would move to third as Monahan would see Chaney drive around him for fourth. Watson would then begin to pressure Houston for second. Watson would take second and bring Chaney to third. Lap ten would see Watson drive by Bumgarner to take the lead. Chaney would drive under Bumgarner in his bid for second, However Bumgarner would hold tough and maintain the position with Chaney glued to his bumper. The halfway point would see Watson, Bumgarner, Chaney, Houston, and Monahan as the top five. Bumgarner would begin to reel in Watson, cutting into his lead. Lap 49 would see Bumgarner catch Watson and make the pass for the lead. As the laps counted down Houston would begin to reel in Chaney for the third position. Houston would move around Chaney with less than ten laps to go. Bumgarner would drive on to take the win. Watson would finish 2nd while Houston would take 3rd. Chaney would grab 4th and Monahan would come home in 5th.

Next week, April 27th, will see the NAAPWS returns to action with Southern Lawnsapes Night at the Races.

In two weeks, May 4th, Complete Kidz Night at the Races will see a full slate of racing.

In 3 weeks, May 11th, we will see Bumgarner Oil Military Appreciation Night presented by Hickory Sealing and Striping.

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Official Hickory Motor Speedway Results 4/20/24

Late Model Race:

- 1 #97 – Michael Bumgarner
- 2 #9 – Charlie Watson
- 3 #6 – Clark Houston
- 4 #17C – Skyler Chaney
- 5 #17 – Brody Monahan
- 6 #32 – Michael Klein

Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Model:

- 1 #30 – Jordan McGregor
- 2 #5 – Trey Canipe
- 3 #25 – Graham Hollar
- 4 #77 – Darren Krantz Jr.
- 5 #25R – Taylor Reimer
- 6 #28 – Bub Haney
- 7 #36 – Andrew Amos

Heritage Finance Company Street Stocks:

- 1 #7 – Jeff Sparks
- 2 #53 – Cody DeMarmels
- 3 #48 – Trey Buff
- 4 #05 – Luther Johnson
- 5 #64 – Jeff Byers
- 6 #11 – Dustin Little Jr.
- 7 #99 – Jeff Morse (r)
- 8 #55 – Johnny Reynolds

Super Trucks:

- 1 #9 – Charlie Watson
- 2 #8 – Ricky Dennie
- 3 #30 – Joey Shuryan
- 4 #88 – Jamie Johnson (r)

Renegades:

- 1 #28 – Gary Ledbetter
- 2 #16 – Steve Smart

- 3 #1 – Justin Austin
- 4 #14 – Tim Childers
- 5 #55 – Jordan Cook
- 6 #81 – Matthew Chambers
- 7 #91 – Blair Patterson
- 8 #25 – Kyle Boice
- 9 #4 – Harley Bell

Crown Vics:

- 1 #99 – Tony Black
- 2 #0 – Jacob Hayes
- 3 #013 – Dominic Morlando
- 4 #279 – Vincent Morlando