

# “Bumgarner Takes Two”

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For Immediate Release:

The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series hit the famed oval at Hickory Motor Speedway on Saturday for Family Guidance Center Night at the Races.

The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Models hit the track first for the first of their twin 40 lap features. Clark Houston in the #6 would top time trials and start from the pole position with Matthew Gould in the #27 to his outside. Michael Bumgarner in the #97 and Casey Pierce in the #7 would make up row two for the start. Houston would pull to the early lead with Gould facing a challenge from Bumgarner for second. Bumgarner would complete the pass and set his sights on the leader, Houston. The halfway point would see Houston, Bumgarner, Gould, Pierce, and Darrick Coomer in the #9 make the top five. Lap 25 would see Bumgarner pull to Houston’s bumper and set up what would be an epic Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars finish. The last fifteen laps would see the lead duo door to door and separated by mere inches in their battle for the win. Coming to the white flag Bumgarner would pull to the lead but as the cars dove into turn one Houston would drive back to Bumgarner’s rear bumper, moving Bumgarner out of the preferred low line and allowing Houston to move up to Bumgarner’s door down the backstretch and into turn three. Houston’s car would bobble on the bottom of the track in turn four allowing Bumgarner to pull back even as the battle would be settled a few hundred feet down the front stretch. As the checkered flag would fly Bumgarner would take the win in a photo finish by mere inches. Houston would have to settle for 2nd with Gould finishing 3rd. Pierce would take 4th and Coomer would come home in 5th.

The Heritage Finance Street Stocks would roll off next for their 30 lap feature. Cody DeMarmels in the #53 would pace qualifying and start from the top spot with Zach Mullins in the #19 to his outside. Trey Buff in the #48 and Dillon Crouch in the #2 would make up row two for the start. Mullins would get the lead on the start, but see DeMarmels come charging back to the lead in turn three. The caution would quickly fly as contact between Buff and Mullins would send Mullins spinning in turn three. The restart would see DeMarmels and Crouch bring the field back to the green flag. DeMarmels would pull to the lead with Crouch giving chase. The battle for third would resume with the participants from the previous caution, Mullins and Buff, doing battle on the track. Buff would take the spot, but see Mullins close behind. Second place would be a three battle with Crouch holding the spot, however Buff and Mullins would be wanting it. Buff would take the second position from Crouch and bring Mullins with him to third. DeMarmels would prove too strong on the night and drive on to the win. Buff would

finish 2nd with Mullins taking 3rd. Crunch would grab 4th and Jeff Byers in the #64 would come home in 5th.

Next up would see the Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models hit the track for their 35 lap feature. Daniel Wilk in the #71 would top time trials and start from the pole position with Billy Snodgrass in the #99 to his outside. Chris Phipps in the #37 and Bub Haney in the #28 would make up row two for the start. Wilk would pull to the lead with Snodgrass giving chase. Dwight Huffman Racing teammates, Phipps and Haney, would battle door to door for a handful of laps for the third position. Haney would take the position as Phipps would face a challenge from Trey Canipe in the #5 for fourth. Canipe would take the spot as Phipps would see pressure from Reilly Doyle in the #23. Wilk, Snodgrass, Haney, Canipe, and Doyle would make up the top five at halfway. Zachary Dabbs in the #23 would pressure Phipps for the sixth position. As the laps would close Canipe would challenge Haney for third. Wilk would drive on to the win. Snodgrass would finish 2nd with Canipe winning the battle for 3rd. Haney would take 4th and Doyle would come home in 5th.

The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Models would hit the track next for the second of their twin 40 lap races. After the 4 car invert from the finishing order of race one, Casey Pierce in the #7 and Matthew Gould in the #27 would make up the front row. Row two would see Clark Houston in the #6 and Michael Bumgarner in the #97 side by side for the start. Pierce and Gould would go door to door and see Houston look to make it three wide on the backstretch. Gould would come out of the skirmish with the lead and Bumgarner jumping to second with Houston glued to his rear bumper for third. Bumgarner would pressure Gould for the top spot and take the lead on lap 10. Houston would look to the inside of Gould in his bid to keep pace with the leader, Bumgarner. The halfway point would see Bumgarner, Gould, Houston, Pierce, Darrick Coomer in the #9 as the top five. Bumgarner would set a blistering pace on a scalding hot summer evening in his bid to sweep the twin 40 lap events. Gould and Houston would match the leader's lap times in their bid to run Bumgarner down for the win. Bumgarner would prove too tough and drive on to the win, sweeping the twin 40 lap races. Gould would finish 2nd with Houston taking 3rd. Coomer would finish 4th and Pierce would come home in 5th.

The Renegades would close out the night's action with their 20 lap event. Steve Smart in the #16 would pace qualifying and start from the top spot with Justin Austin in the #1 to his outside. Matthew Chambers in the #81 and Jordan Cook in the #55 would make up row two for the start. Smart would drive to the lead with Austin giving chase. Chambers and Cook would battle door to door for third before Chambers would nose ahead for position. The caution would fly on lap 4 for a spin by the #91 of Blair Patterson in turn two caused by a flat tire. Smart and Austin would bring the field back to green flag. Smart would pull to the lead with Chambers moving to second as Austin would not get the restart he wanted. Austin would regain his speed and drive to the bumper of Chambers. Chambers and Austin would drive to the rear bumper of Smart in their battle for the lead. Austin would move around Chambers for second as Smart would stretch his lead during the battle for second. Smart would drive on to take the win.

Austin would grab 2nd with Chambers finishing 3rd. Cook would take 4th and Harley Bell in the #4 would come home in 5th.

Next week, Saturday, June 29th, the American Big Rig Racing Series roll into Hickory Motor Speedway with exciting big rig racing action.

In two weeks, Saturday, July 6th, the Dive Bar 195 rings in Happy Birthday Hickory Motor Speedway with NAAPWS racing.

In three weeks, Saturday, July 13th, the fan favorite Tour of Destruction rolls back into town for more metal crunching mayhem.

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#### Official Hickory Motor Speedway Results 6/22/24

##### Late Model Race Twin #1:

- 1 #97 – Michael Bumgarner
- 2 #6 – Clark Houston
- 3 #27 – Matthew Gould
- 4 #7 – Casey Pierce
- 5 #9 – Darrick Coomer
- 6 #17 – Skyler Chaney

##### Late Model Race Twin #2:

- 1 #97 – Michael Bumgarner
- 2 #27 – Matthew Gould
- 3 #6 – Clark Houston
- 4 #9 – Darrick Coomer
- 5 #7 – Casey Pierce
- 6 #17 – Skyler Chaney

##### Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Model:

- 1 #71 – Daniel Wilk
- 2 #99 – Billy Snodgrass
- 3 #5 – Trey Canipe
- 4 #28 – Bub Haney
- 5 #23D – Reilly Doyle
- 6 #23 – Zachary Dabbs
- 7 #37 – Chris Phipps
- 8 #32 – Michael Klein
- 9 #43 – Kenneth Pardue

10 #30 – Jordan McGregor

Heritage Finance Company Street Stocks:

- 1 #53 – Cody Demarmels
- 2 #48 – Trey Buff
- 3 #19 – Zachary Mullins
- 4 #2 – Dillon Crouch
- 5 #64 – Jeff Byers

Renegades:

- 1 #16 – Steve Smart
- 2 #1 – Justin Austin
- 3 #81 – Matthew Chambers
- 4 #55 – Jordan Cook
- 5 #4 – Harley Bell
- 6 #91 – Blair Patterson