

“Bumgarner and Huffman Split the Bill”

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For Immediate Release:

The Catawba Valley roared to life on Saturday night with the sound of horsepower during the running of Heritage Finance Company Night at the Races presented by Dickinson Service Center at America’s Most Famous Short Track, Hickory Motor Speedway.

The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Models would lead off the night’s festivities with their first 40 lap feature of two scheduled for the night. Michael Bumgarner in the #97 would set fast time in qualifying and start from the pole position with Lanie Buice in the #8 to his outside. Charlie Watson in the #9 and TJ Decaire in the #2 would make up row two for the start. Bumgarner would drive to the lead as Buice would face a challenge from Watson for second. Watson would take the second position and draw to Bumgarner’s bumper in his battle for the lead. Lap three would see Watson drive to the inside of Bumgarner. The lead duo would stay side by side until lap thirteen when Watson would complete the pass. However, as soon as Watson would appear to be clear for the lead, Bumgarner would drive back to the inside of Watson and begin the challenge for the top spot all over again. Both drivers would swap the top spot after some controlled contact, keeping the crowd on the edge of their seats. While the leaders would battle side by side, Landon Huffman in the #75 would methodically work his way from seventh place starting spot to running third and attempting to catch the lead pair. After an epic Hickory Motor Speedway battle, Bumgarner would finally clear his way to the front and take the win. Watson would have to settle for 2nd with Huffman taking 3rd. Buice would grab 4th and Crum would come home in 5th.

Next up would see the Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models hit the famed 3/8 mile oval for the first of their twin 25 lap events. Taylor Reimer in the #25 would top time trials and start from the point with Billy Snodgrass in the #99 to his outside. Row two would see Jordan McGregor in the #30 and Tyler Chapman in the #51 side by side for the start. Reimer and Snodgrass would battle side by side until lap two when Snodgrass would pull to the lead. Reimer would feel pressure from McGregor for second. Reimer would hold on to the spot as McGregor would tuck in single file behind her as they would look to chase down Snodgrass. The halfway point would see Snodgrass, Reimer, McGregor, Graham Hollar in the #39, and Trey Canipe in the #5 as the top five at halfway. As the laps would wind down Reimer would work her way back to the bumper of the leader, Snodgrass. She would run out of time however, as Snodgrass would take the win, his first at Hickory Motor Speedway in the Paramount Auto

Group Limited Late Model division. Reimer would finish 2nd while McGregor would take 3rd. Hollar would grab 4th and Canipe would come home in 5th.

The Super Trucks would roll off next for their 35 lap battle. Kade Brown in the #9 would set fast time in qualifying and start from the pole position in the Charlie Watson owned truck, with Charlie Neill in the #2 to his outside. Joey Shuryan in the #30 and Ricky Dennie in the #8 would make up row two for the start. Brown and Neill would battle side by side for the top spot until Brown would nose ahead. Dennie would challenge Neill for the second position. While leading in his first Hickory Motor Speedway Super Truck race, Brown would make the most out of the battle for second and build a comfortable lead over the second and third place runners. Neill would secure the second position and look to chase Brown for the top spot. Brown would prove too strong on the night and drive on to the win. Neill would finish 2nd with Dennie taking 3rd, Shuryan would grab 4th and Jamie Johnson in the #88 would come home in 5th.

Hitting the track next would be the Heritage Finance Street Stocks for their 30 lap feature. Jeff Sparks in the #7 would top time trials and start from the point with Jeff Melton in the #60 to his outside. Row two would see Cody DeMarmels in the #53 and Jeff Morse in the #99 side by side for the start. Sparks would pull to the early lead as Melton would face a challenge from DeMarmels for second. Melton would hold on to the spot and hope to chase down Sparks for the lead. Marshall Sutton in the #64 would move into the top five and challenge Morse for fourth. Contact between the two would send Sutton into the backstretch wall and bring out the caution on lap 24. The restart would see Sparks and Melton bring the field back to the green flag. Sparks would pull back to the top spot with Melton giving chase. Sparks would drive on to take the win. Melton would finish 2nd with DeMarmels taking 3rd. Buff would grab 4th and Kyle DiVanna in the #71 would come home in 5th.

The rowdy Renegades would pound the weathered pavement next for 20 action packed laps. Jackson Sparks in the #7 would set fast time in qualifying and start from the pole position with Justin Austin in the #1 to his outside. Matthew Chambers in the #81 and Steve Smart in the #16 would make up row two for the start. Sparks and Austin would battle door to door for the top spot until Austin would pull to the lead on lap two. Austin would face constant pressure for second from Sparks until lap eight when Sparks would make the pass for the lead. Smart would drive to the bumper of Austin in his bid for the second position as well as their razor thin close battle for the track championship. Sparks would go to take the win. Austin would hold on to 2nd with Smart taking 3rd. Chambers would bounce back from an early afternoon practice crash to finish 4th and Jordan Cook in the #55 would come home in 5th.

The Allison Legacy Series would make a visit to the Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars for a 25 lap feature. Justin Oplinger in the #3 would top time trials and start from the point with Matthew Davey in the #10 to his outside. Row two would see Ethan Elder in the #8 and Andon Mendenhall in the #56 side by side for the start. Oplinger would pull to the early lead as the battle for second would be a three way affair with Davey, Elder, and Mendenhall all wanting the spot. Davey would hold the spot as Elder and Mendenhall would both temporarily jump to single file. Elder would patiently wait for the opportunity and make the pass on Davey for

second. The caution fly on lap 6 for a spin in turn four by the #24 of Caleb Harris. The restart would see Oplinger and Elder bring the field back to the green flag. Oplinger would reassume the top spot. Mendenhall would move around Davey for third. Oplinger would drive on to take the win. Elder would finish 2nd with Davey making a last lap pass for 3rd. Mendenhall would finish 4th and Bobby Mares in the #1 would come home in 5th

Next up would see the Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models roll off for their final 25 lap feature. Tyler Chapman in the #51 would set fast time in qualifying and start from the pole position with Jordan McGregor in the #30 to his outside. Taylor Reimer in the #25 and Billy Snodgrass in the #99 would make up row two for the start. Chapman would nose ahead on lap one but the caution would quickly fly as contact between McGregor and Chapman would cause a multi car incident. Cars involved would include: Chapman, McGregor, Snodgrass, Josh Goble in the #65, and Hunter Deshautelle in the #57. The restart would see Reimer and the #5 of Trey Canipe bring the field back to the green flag. Canipe would use the high line to move to the lead with Reimer close in tow. Graham Hollar in the #39 would move around Reilly Doyle in the #23, up to the third position. The caution would quickly fly as contact between Goble and Michael Klein in the #7 would bring them to a stop in turn two. Canipe and Reimer would pace the field back to another restart. After several laps side by side, Reimer would use the high line to move to the top spot with Canipe on her rear bumper in second. With ten laps to go Canipe would begin to turn up the pressure on Reimer for the top spot. As the outcome would hang in the balance on the final corner, Reimer would come off of turn four sideways, but stay in the gas and take the win over a hard charging Canipe, who would finish 2nd. Hollar would finish 3rd, Doyle would take 4th, and McGregor would bounce back from the early incident and come home in 5th.

The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Models would roll off next in their final 40 lap event for the night. The starting lineup would be set with an 8 car invert from the finishing order of race one. Max Price in the #0 and Zachary Dabbs in the #23 would make up row one for the start. Row two would be made up of Toni Breidinger in the #1 and Annabeth Crum in the #12 door to door. As the field would take the green flag contact between Price and Breidinger would send Price spinning into turn one. Smoke would also trail from the car of Dabbs and he would have to come to pit road to diagnose the issue. The restart would see Breidinger and Crum bring the field back to the green flag. Crum would use the high line to pull to the lead with Landon Huffman in the #75 moving around Breidinger to second. Huffman would look to the inside of Crum in his bid for the top spot. Huffman would make the pass as Michael Bumgarner in the #97 would look to challenge Crum for second. The caution would fly on lap 7 as contact between Bumgarner and Crum would see Crum spin down the frontstretch, collecting Bumgarner as he drove by. Charlie Watson in the #9 would make a move to avoid the accident, turning hard to the inside and driving off the racing surface on the apron. Watson would spin in turn one after the evasive maneuver, but avoid any damage from hitting the cars that were directly in front of him. Both Crum and Bumgarner would be finished for the night. Huffman and Buice would bring the field to the restart. Huffman would pull to the lead with Buice facing pressure from TJ Decaire in the #2 for second. As Buice and Decaire battled door to door, Watson would take the race three wide to move around both for second. Lap 20 would

see Watson drive to the rear bumper of Huffman in his bid for the win. The lead duo would go door to door to the finish with neither driver giving quarter. Each lap the interval between the leaders would be in the hundredths of a second till the end of the race. Huffman would hold a scant lead on laps 22, 23, 24, and 25. Watson would nose ahead and be scored as the leader on lap 26 by mere inches. Watson would bobble slightly and see Huffman lead lap 27 by inches. Watson would come charging hard off of turn four and regain the lead at the flagstand on lap 28. But before lap 28 could be completed the skies would open with a sudden downpour of rain. As Huffman would dive down into turn one he would lose all grip on the suddenly wet racing surface and the car would skate up the track, perilously close to the outside wall. The caution would quickly fly as Huffman would get slowed without incident. The rain would continue and cars would quickly be brought to pit road. Track officials hopes were to complete the event but the rains were not letting up. As the ability to complete the race under green was washed by the rains, the task of determining the winner would fall back to the last completed lap, lap 27. Huffman, who was leading on lap 27, the last completed lap, would be the winner. Watson would have to settle for 2nd and Buice would take 3rd. Breidinger would grab 4th and Decaire would come home in 5th.

The Crown Vics, who were scheduled to race, would unfortunately be rained out for the night and a twin Crown Vic race will be scheduled fore a future date.

Next Saturday, August 17th, Sundown Audio rocks the Catawba Valley with their annual awesome audio competition.

In 2 weeks, August 24th, the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series will be back in action on NAPA Night at the Races presented by GameDay Mens Health and Black's Tire.

And in 3 weeks, August 31st, the prestigious Paramount Auto Group Bobby Isaac Memorial returns with a special family night celebrating 50 years of Paramount Automotive.

Complimentary tickets are available at all Paramount dealerships.

For more info check us out at www.hickorymotorspeedway.com, Facebook, Twitter, or call 828-464-3655.

Official Hickory Motor Speedway Results 8/10/24

Late Model Race Twin #1:

- 1 #97 – Michael Bumgarner
- 2 #9 – Charlie Watson
- 3 #75– Landon D. Huffman
- 4 #8 – Lanie Buice
- 5 #12 – Annabeth Crum
- 6 #1 – Toni Breidinger
- 7 #23 – Zachary Dabbs
- 8 #0 – Max Price

9 #2 – TJ DeCaire

Late Model Race Twin #2:

- 1 #75 – Landon D. Huffman
- 2 #9 – Charlie Watson
- 3 #8 – Lanie Buice
- 4 #1 – Toni Breidinger
- 5 #2 – TJ DeCaire
- 6 #0 – Max Price
- 7 #12 – Annabeth Crum
- 8 #97 – Michael Bumgarner
- 9 #23 – Zachary Dabbs

Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Model Twin #1:

- 1 #99 – Billy Snodgrass
- 2 #25 – Taylor Reimer
- 3 #30 – Jordan McGregor
- 4 #39 – Graham Hollar
- 5 #5 – Trey Canipe
- 6 #23 – Reilly Doyle
- 7 #51 – Tyler Chapman
- 8 #5 – Aiden King
- 9 #65 – Josh Goble
- 10 #7 – Michael Klein
- 11 #U2 – Gregory Estell
- 12 #23 – Scott Yount
- 13 #28 – Bub Haney
- 14 #57 – Hunter Deshautelle
- 15 #36 – Andrew Amos
- 16 #97 – Brian Dauzat

Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Model Twin #2:

- 1 #25 – Taylor Reimer
- 2 #5 – Trey Canipe
- 3 #39 – Graham Hollar
- 4 #23 – Reilly Doyle
- 5 #30 – Jordan McGregor
- 6 #5 – Aiden King
- 7 #U2 – Gregory Estell
- 8 #28 – Bub Haney
- 9 #99 – Billy Snodgrass

- 10 #65 – Josh Goble
- 11 #57 – Hunter Deshautelle
- 12 #7 – Michael Klein
- 13 #36 – Andrew Amos
- 14 #23 – Scott Yount
- 15 #51 – Tyler Chapman
- 16 #97 – Brian Dauzat

Heritage Finance Company Street Stocks

- 1 #7 – Jeff Sparks
- 2 #60 – Jeff Melton
- 3 #53 – Cody DeMarmels
- 4 #48 – Trey Buff
- 5 #71 – Kyle DiVanna
- 6 #99 – Jeff Morse
- 7 #64 – Marshall Sutton
- 8 #94 – Jagger Tomkins
- 9 #48 – Alby Ovitt

Super Trucks:

- 1 #9 – Kade Brown
- 2 #2 – Charlie Neill
- 3 #8 – Ricky Dennie
- 4 #30 – Joey Shuryan
- 5 #88 – Jamie Johnson

Renegades:

- 1 #7 – Jackson Sparks
- 2 #1 – Justin Austin
- 3 #16 – Steve Smart
- 4 #81 – Matthew Chambers
- 5 #55 – Jordan Cook
- 6 #25 – John Reynolds
- 7 #4 – Harley Bell
- 8 #71 – Ethan Perdue

Allison Legacy:

- 1 #03 – Justin Oplinger
- 2 #08 – Ethan Elder
- 3 #10 -Matthew Davey
- 4 #56 – Andon Mendenhall
- 5 #01 – Bobby Mares
- 6 #4 – Cohen Harris
- 7 #60 – Christopher Torrence
- 8 #47 – Luke Fisher
- 9 #24 – Caleb Harris

Crown Vics: Rained Out