

“McKee Doubles Up”

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The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series rolled back into the Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars Saturday with the running of NAPA Night at the Races presented by Game Day Men’s Health and Black’s Tire and Auto Service.

Leading off the night’s festivities would be the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Models for their first 40 lap feature of the nights doubleheader. Tristan McKee in the #7 would top time trials and start from the pole position with Michael Bumgarner in the #97 to his outside. Skyler Chaney in the #17 and Kaeden Ballos in the #19 would make up row two for the start. McKee would pull to the lead at the end of lap one with Bumgarner, Chaney, and Charlie Watson in the #9 giving chase. Chaney would face pressure from Watson for third. McKee would set the pace with Bumgarner keeping touch in his tire tracks a couple car lengths behind. McKee, Bumgarner, Watson, Chaney, and Ballos would make up the top five at halfway. NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Model points leader, Bumgarner, would look to reel in McKee over the closing laps in his bid to grab the victory. McKee, however, would prove too strong and drive on to take the win. Bumgarner would finish 2nd with Watson grabbing 3rd. Chaney would take 4th and Ballos would come home in 5th.

Next up would see the first visit of 2024 by the Vintage Racers. Cody DeMarmels in the #0 would pace qualifying and start from the top spot with Kevin Bumgarner in the #47 to his outside. Bobby Griffin in the #12 and Bobby Wallace in the #35 would make up row two for the start. DeMarmels would make the decision to start from the rear instead of his pole position. Bumgarner would pull to the early lead with Griffin giving chase. DeMarmels would start the chore of working his way from the rear with a fast, but steady progression. By lap 10 DeMarmels had worked his way to third. Bumgarner wouldn’t be ready to give up easily as he would lay down some fast laps with his sentimental throw back paint scheme to his father, Mike Bumgarner, and build a lead of nearly half a lap over DeMarmels. Griffin, in his own sentimental throwback to his father Jimmy Griffin, would battle with DeMarmels for second until halfway point when DeMarmels would take the position. With a four second lead built up over second place running DeMarmels, Bumgarner would only need to stay consistent over the closing laps. While DeMarmels would cut the lead to less than one second Bumgarner would do all that he would need to do to put his fast vintage hot rod in victory lane. DeMarmels would finish 2nd with Griffin taking 3rd. Wallace would grab 4th and Mark Whitten in the #39 would come home in 5th.

The Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models would roll off next for 50 laps in Round #8 of the Paramount Kia “BIG 10” Racing Challenge. Jordan McGregor in the #30 would top time trials

and start from the pole position with Graham Hollar in the #19 to his outside. Darren Krantz Jr in the #77 and Taylor Reimer in the #25 would make up row two for the start. McGregor would pull to the early lead with Hollar facing pressure from Krantz and Reimer for second. Krantz would eventually take the position with Hollar settling in line in third. McGregor would face pressure from Krantz for the top spot. The caution would fly on lap 18 for a spin on the backstretch by the #97 of Billy Jack Lester. The restart would see McGregor and Krantz bring the field to the green flag. McGregor and Krantz would battle door to door for several laps until McGregor would nose ahead for the lead. Hollar would take the opportunity to challenge Krantz for second. McGregor, Hollar, Krantz, Reimer, and Billy Snodgrass in the #99 would make up the top five at halfway. Trey Canipe in the #5 would pressure Snodgrass for fifth position and complete the pass. Canipe would drive to the rear bumper of Reimer and challenge for fourth. Over the closing laps the lead would narrow to less than a car length, but McGregor would hang on and take the win. Hollar would finish 2nd with Krantz taking 3rd. Reimer would grab the battle for 4th and Canipe would come home in 5th.

Hitting the famed 3/8 mile oval next would be the Heritage Finance Street Stocks for their 30 lap feature. Cody DeMarmels in the #53 would pace qualifying and start from the top spot with Trey Buff in the #48 to his outside. Kyle DiVanna in the #71 and Marshall Sutton in the #64 would make up row two for the start. DeMarmels would pull to the early lead with Buff giving chase and Sutton looking to join the battle. Buff and Sutton would be side by side for several laps before Sutton would move to the second position. Kyle DiVanna would pull to the bumper of Buff in his bid for a podium finishing spot. Sutton would match DeMarmels lap times over the closing laps in his bid for the win. DeMarmels would prove too strong on the night and take the win. Sutton would finish 2nd with Buff grabbing 3rd. Kyle DiVanna would take 4th while Robert DiVanna in the #71 would come home in 5th.

The Super Trucks would roar to life for the next 35 laps of racing action. Josh Goble in the #65 would top time trials and start from the pole position with Ricky Dennie in the #8 to his outside. Jamie Johnson in the #88 would make up row two for the start. Dennie would use the high line to pull to the early lead with Goble giving chase. The caution would fly on lap 9 for a spin by Johnson. Dennie and Goble would bring the field to the restart. Dennie and Goble would battle door to door several laps until Dennie would pull back to the lead. Over the closing laps Goble would drive to Dennie's rear bumper. With two laps to go and the gap would be a mere inches Goble's truck would get loose off the corner and it would be all he could do to save it and keep it out of the wall. Dennie would drive on to the win. Goble would finish 2nd with Johnson taking 3rd.

The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Models would close out the night's action with their second 40 lap feature. After a 6 car invert from the finishing order of race one, Lanie Buice in the #8 and Kaeden Ballos in the #19 would start from the front row. Row two would be made up of Skyler Chaney in the #17 and Charlie Watson in the #9. Buice and Ballos would battle door to door before Ballos would pull to the lead. Michael Bumgarner in the #97 would challenge Chaney for third while Tristan McKee in the #7 would challenge Watson for fifth. McKee would make the pass for fifth and challenge Bumgarner for fourth. McKee would make

the pass and pressure Chaney for third. Bumgarner would finally make the pass on Chaney for fourth. McKee would catch Buice and make the pass for second. Ballos, McKee, Buice, Bumgarner, and Chaney would make up the top five at halfway. Eloy Falcon in the #6 would put pressure on Chaney for fifth. Ballos had built a nice lead but McKee would begin chipping away as the laps wound down. With three laps to go McKee would catch Ballos coming off turn two and make the pass on the backstretch. Bumgarner would drive to the bumper of Buice in his bid for a podium finish. McKee would go on to win, sweeping the night's twin 40 lap features. Ballos would finish 2nd with Buice grabbing 3rd. Bumgarner would take 4th and Falcon would come home in 5th.

This coming Saturday, August 31st, the prestigious Paramount Auto Group Bobby Isaac Memorial returns with a special family night celebrating 50 years of Paramount Automotive. Women and children get in free and men's admission is only \$2!

In 2 weeks, Saturday, September 14th, track champions will be crowned on Championship Night presented by the Catawba County United Way. For the 3rd consecutive year admission will be absolutely FREE!

On Saturday, September 28th, the fan favorite Tour of Destruction returns for a one night event. This event will sell out so get your tickets early at tourofdestruction.com.

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Official Hickory Motor Speedway Results 8/24/24

Late Model Race Twin #1:

- 1 #7 – Tristan McKee
- 2 #97 - Michael Bumgarner
- 3 #9 – Charlie Watson
- 4 #17 – Skyler Chaney
- 5 #19 – Kaeden Ballos
- 6 #8 – Lanie Buice
- 7 #6 – Eloy Falcon
- 8 #23 – Zachary Dabbs

Late Model Race Twin #2:

- 1 #7 – Tristan McKee
- 2 #19 – Kaeden Ballos
- 3 #8 – Lanie Buice
- 4 #97 – Michael Bumgarner
- 5 #6 – Eloy Falcon
- 6 #17 – Skyler Chaney

- 7 #9 – Charlie Watson
- 8 #23 – Zachary Dabbs

Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Model:

- 1 #30 – Jordan McGregor
- 2 #19 – Graham Hollar
- 3 #77 – Darren Krantz Jr.
- 4 #25 – Taylor Reimer
- 5 #5 – Trey Canipe
- 6 #99 – Billy Snodgrass
- 7 #37 – Chris Phipps
- 8 #23 – Reilly Doyle
- 9 #5 – Aiden King
- 10 #28 – Bub Haney
- 11 #15 – Caleb Bacon
- 12 #U2 – Gregory Estell
- 13 #97 – Billy Jack Lester
- 14 #36 – Andrew Amos
- 15 #13 – Mark Johnson

Heritage Finance Company Street Stocks

- 1 #53 - Cody DeMarmels
- 2 #64 – Marshall Sutton
- 3 #48 – Trey Buff
- 4 #71 – Kyle DiVanna
- 5 #71 – Robert DiVanna

Super Trucks:

- 1 #8 – Ricky Dennie
- 2 #65 – Josh Goble
- 3 #88 – Jamie Johnson

Vintage Cars:

- 1 #47 – Kevin Bumgarner
- 2 #0 – Cody DeMarmels
- 3 #12 – Bobby Griffin
- 4 #35 – Bobby Wallace
- 5 #39 – Mark Whitten
- 6 #4 – Jesse Martin
- 7 #16 – Mackie Webb
- 8 #71 – Bill Powell

- 9 #93 – Ronnie Sewell
- 10 #83 – Tom Fenn