

“Bumgarner and Hollar Split Pair”

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For Immediate Release:

Hickory Motor Speedway would leap into action on Saturday to kickoff the 2025 NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series with the running of the Leapfrog Lawncare & Landscaping Season Opening Blowout.

Kicking off the night's racing action would be the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Leapfrog Lawncare Late Models in the first of their twin 40 lap features. Michael Bumgarner in the #97 would pace qualifying and start from the pole position with Thomas Beane in the #01 to his outside. Charlie Watson in the #9 and Blayne Harrison in the #7 would make up row two for the start. Bumgarner would pull to the early lead with Beane close behind. Beane would face constant pressure from Watson for second. Watson would make the pass and bring Akinori Ogata in the #14 with him to third. The caution would fly on lap 22 for a spin in turn three by the #8 of Cassidy Kiett. The restart would see Bumgarner and Watson bring the field back to the green flag. Bumgarner would pull back to the lead with Watson in tow. Ogata and Beane would battle door to door for the third position. After several laps side by side Ogata would pull ahead for the position with Beane giving chase. Bumgarner would drive on to take the win. Watson would finish 2nd with Ogata grabbing 3rd. Beane would take 4th and Harrison would come home in 5th.

The Rowdy Renegades would roll off next for their 20 lap feature. Gary Ledbetter in the #28 would top time trials and start from the point with Jordan Cook in the #55 to his outside. Steve Smart in the #16 and Matthew Chambers in the #81 would make up row two for the start. Ledbetter would rocket to the early lead with Cook giving chase. Smart would drive to the bumper of Cook, looking for the second position. Smart would make the pass for second with Cook close behind in third. Ledbetter would prove too strong on the night and drive on to take the win. Smart would grab 2nd, Cook, would finish 3rd, and Chambers would come home in 4th.

Next up would see the Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models hit the famed 3/8 mile oval in Round 1 of the Paramount Kia “BIG 10” Racing Challenge. Zach Bruenger in the #55 would pace qualifying and start from the pole position with Aiden King in the #5 to his outside. Dalton Ledbetter in the #32 and Trey Burke in the #5 would make up row two for the start. Bruenger would jump to the early lead with King close behind. Daniel Wilk in the #71 would move around Ledbetter for the fourth position as the top four spots would run nose to tail. King would pressure Bruenger for the top spot. After several laps side by side Bruenger would once again move to the top spot with King facing pressure from Burke for second. William Aldred in

the #9 would start the event in eighth but make the pass on Wilk for fourth. Aldred would continue his charge towards the front moving around Burke for third. Bruenger would drive on to take the win. King would finish 2nd, with Aldred making up five spots to finish 3rd. Burke would grab 4th and Wilk would come home in 5th.

The Super Trucks would pound the weathered pavement next for 35 laps in their feature. Duane Cook in the #17 would top time trials and start from the point with Josh Goble in the #65 to his outside. Joey Shuryan in the #30 and Kyle Barnes in the #00 would make up row two for the start. Goble would sail the high line and drive to the early lead with Cook close in tow. Cook would drive to the bumper of Goble in his bid to regain the top spot after starting the race on the pole position while Jacob Hayes in the #0 would move in to the top five after moving around Jesse Smith in the #08 for fifth. The lead battle would be a three way affair between Goble, Cook, and Barnes as all three trucks would run nose to tail with 10 laps to go. The caution would fly on lap 27 for a spin in turn four by the #88 of David Johnson. Goble and Cook would bring the field back to the green flag. Cook would use the high line to drive around Goble for the lead. Hayes would continue his charge towards the front as he would look to get around Shuryan for fourth. Cook would go on to take the win. Goble would finish 2nd with Barnes taking 3rd. Hayes would grab 4th and Shuryan would come home in 5th.

Rolling off next would be the Heritage Finance Street Stocks in their 30 lap event. Cody DeMarmels in the #53 would pace qualifying and start from the pole position with John Reynolds in the #55 to his outside. Easton Brewer in the #4 and Gary Ledbetter in the #8 would make up row two for the start. The battle for the top spot would be side by side for the first five laps until DeMarmels would finally move ahead to the lead with Reynolds giving chase. Brewer would use the side by side racing between the leaders to make the battle for the top spot three cars deep. After DeMarmels would get out front he would begin to set a torrid pace, leaving Reynolds and Brewer to battle for second. Brewer would make the pass on Reynolds and take the second position. Marshall Sutton in the #64 would move to fourth, around the #7 of Tyler Chapman. DeMarmels would drive on to take the win. Brewer would grab 2nd with Reynolds finishing 3rd. Sutton would take 4th and Chapman would come home in 5th.

The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Leapfrog Lawncare Late Models would close out the night's racing excitement with their second 40 lap feature. After a 9 car invert from the finishing order of race one, Cassidy Kiett in the #9 and Nathan Lyons in the #6 would make up row one for the start. Row two would see Skyler Chaney in the #17 and Graham Hollar in the #25 side by side for the start. The cars of Kiett and Lyons would move to the rear of the field before they would take the green flag. The green flag would see Hollar rocket to the lead with Thomas Beane in the #01 quickly working his way up to second. Charlie Watson in the #9 and Michael Bumgarner in the #97 would fight their way towards the front and decide to do battle for the third position. Chaney, who initially dropped several positions on the start, would drive back to Watson and Bumgarner's bumpers in his bid for the third running position. While most eyes would be glued on the battle for third between Watson and Bumgarner, Hollar would be out in front of the field pulling away in his first full season in the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Leapfrog Lawncare Late Models. Hollar would drive on to take the win in his

rookie championship effort. Beane would finish 2nd with Watson winning the slugfest for 3rd Bumgarner would take 4th and Chaney would come home in 5th .

The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series returns to action next week, March 8th, with a full slate of racing action.

In two weeks the PASS Series comes south for their annual Easter Bunny doubleheader, March 14th & 15th.

The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series returns to action Saturday March 22nd for Doug's Fleet and Auto Glass Night at the Races.

Saturday March 29th will see the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series in action on Smart Electric Night at the Races.

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Official Hickory Motor Speedway Results 3/1/25

Leapfrog Landscaping Late Model Race Twin #1:

- 1 #97 – Michael Bumgarner
- 2 #9 – Charlie Watson
- 3 #14 – Akinori Ogata
- 4 #01 – Thomas Beane
- 5 #7 – Blayne Harrison
- 6 #25 – Graham Hollar
- 7 #17 – Skyler Chaney
- 8 #6 – Nathan Lyons
- 9 #8 – Cassidy Kiett
- 10 #25 – Taylor Reimer

Leapfrog Landscaping Late Model Race Twin #2:

- 1 #25 – Graham Hollar
- 2 #01 – Thomas Beane
- 3 #9 – Charlie Watson
- 4 #97 – Michael Bumgarner
- 5 #17 – Skyler Chaney
- 6 #7 – Blayne Harrison
- 7 #25 – Taylor Reimer
- 8 #8 – Cassidy Kiett
- 9 #6 – Nathan Lyons
- 10 #14 – Akinori Ogata - DNS

Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Model "Big 10" Race #1:

- 1 #55 – Zach Bruenger
- 2 #5 – Aiden King
- 3 #9 – William Aldred
- 4 #5 – Trey Burke
- 5 #71 – Daniel Wilk
- 6 #14 – Don Carlton
- 7 #32 – Dalton Ledbetter
- 8 #15 – Tristen Barnes
- 9 #97 – Billy Jack Lester
- 10 #78 – Gracie Crocker
- 11 #37 – Corey Smith
- 12 #10 – Graham Hildebran – DNS

Heritage Finance Company Street Stocks

- 1 #53 - Cody DeMarmels
- 2 #55 – John Reynolds
- 3 #64 – Marshall Sutton
- 4 #7 – Tyler Chapman
- 5 #8 – Gary Ledbetter
- 6 #16 – Steve Smart
- 7 #48 – Trey Buff
- 8 #15 – Baron Kuritzky
- 9 #05 – Jonathan Goodwin
- 10 #4 – Easton Brewer - DQ

Super Trucks:

- 1 #17 – Duane Cook
- 2 #65 – Josh Goble
- 3 #00 – Kyle Barnes
- 4 #0 – Jacob Hayes
- 5 #30 – Joey Shuryan
- 6 #08 – Jesse Smith
- 7 #8 – Rickie Dennie
- 8 #88 – David Johnson
- 9 #11 – Dustin Little Jr.
- 10 #28 – John Wayne

Renegades:

- 1 #28 – Gary Ledbetter
- 2 #16 – Steve Smart
- 3 #55 – Jordan Cook
- 4 #81 – Matthew Chambers