

“Bumgarner and Bruce Steal the Show”

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The Catawba Valley would roar to life on Saturday night with the return of the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series to America’s Most Famous Short Track, Hickory Motor Speedway.

Leading off the night’s racing action would be the Leapfrog Lawncare and Landscaping Late Models for their first 40 lap feature of a doubleheader. Helio Meza in the #27 would pace qualifying and start from the pole position with Michael Bumgarner in the #97 to his outside. Charlie Watson the #9 and Blayne Harrison in the #7 would make up row two for the start. Bumgarner would use the high lane to pull to the early lead with Meza close behind. Harrison and Watson would quickly pressure Meza for second. The battle for second would go three wide with Watson on the inside, Harrison in the middle, and Meza on the outside. Meza would drop back to fourth as Watson and Harrison would continue the battle for second. Watson would nose ahead and take the position with Harrison in third. Bumgarner would take the opportunity to stretch out his lead with the close racing behind him. The lead would begin to become smaller, as Watson would begin to reel in the leader. Bumgarner would drive on to take the win. Watson would finish 2nd with Harrison grabbing 3rd. Thomas Beane in the #01 would take 4th and Meza would come home in 5th.

Next up would see the rowdy Renegades roll off for their 20 lap feature. Steve Smart in the #16 would top time trials and start from the top spot with Jackson Sparks in the #7 to his outside. Row two would see Jordan Cook in the #55 and Matthew Chambers in the #81 side by side for the start. After several laps, Smart would pull to the lead. Sparks would pull to the bumper of the leader, Smart, in his bid for the top spot. Repeatedly looking to the inside of Smart, Sparks could pull close, but not quite make the pass. Smart would prove too strong and drive on to take the win. Sparks would finish 2nd, Cook would take 3rd, and Chambers would grab 4th.

The Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models would pound the historic pavement next for 50 laps in Round #3 of the Paramount Kia “BIG 10” Racing Challenge. Billy Snodgrass in the #99 would set fast time in qualifying and start from the pole position with Helio Meza pulling double duty in the #27 to his outside. Aiden King in the #5 and Walter Jenkins IV in the #1 would line up side by side in row two. Snodgrass would pull to the lead with Meza close behind. Lee Faulk Racing teammates, Jenkins and King would battle for the third position. Jenkins would take third as King would face a challenge from Daniel Wilk in the #71 for fourth. Wilk would take the

position and look to chase down Jenkins for third. The caution would fly on lap 18 for a spin in turn three by the #78 of Gracie Crocker. Snodgrass and Meza would bring the field back to the green flag. After several laps Snodgrass would move to the lead with Meza seeing pressure for second from Wilk. Snodgrass, Wilk, Meza, Jenkins, and King would be the top five at the halfway point. Jenkins and King would both move around Meza for third and fourth. Snodgrass would drive on take the win. Wilk would finish 2nd with Jenkins taking 3rd. King would take 4th and Meza would come home for another 5th.

Next up would see the Super Trucks do battle for 35 laps. Josh Goble would pace qualifying and start from the top spot with Duane Cook in the #17 to his outside. Kyle Barnes in the #00 and Jesse Smith in the #08 would make up row two. Goble would pull to the early lead as Cook would see Barnes and Ricky Dennie in the #6 move around and drop him back to fourth. Dennie would pass Barnes for second and set sail for the leader, Goble. As Dennie would pull to the bumper of Goble, the battle for the lead would be a five truck affair. Dennie would make the pass on Goble for the top spot and bring Barnes with him to second. The caution would fly on lap 28 for a spin by the #88 of Jamie Johnson. Dennie and Barnes would bring the field back to the green flag. The caution would quickly fly on the restart for a spin by the #30 of Joey Shuryan. Dennie and Barnes would pace the field once again. Dennie would pull to the lead with Barnes close behind. Jacob Hayes in the #0 would move to fourth around Goble. The caution would fly once again for a spin by Shuryan. Dennie and Barnes would bring the field back to the restart. After making contact with the outside wall on the backstretch, Barnes would spin and bring out yet another caution. The restart would see Dennie and Hayes lead the field to the green flag. As soon as Dennie would nose ahead for the lead Hayes would make the crossover and drop to Dennie's inside coming off of turn two. As Hayes would drive into turn three under Dennie the rear of his Hayes' truck would begin to step out. Hayes would stay in the gas and use his dirt track experience to stay in the lead as they exited turn four. The caution would soon fly for a wreck on the front stretch between Johnson and Jay Norville in the #91. The restart would see Hayes and Dennie lead the field for the final restart. After a thrilling side by side battle Hayes would take the win, his first Hickory Motor Speedway Super Truck victory. Dennie would finish 2nd and Smith would take 3rd. Goble would bounce back after a late race pit stop to grab 4th and Cook would come home in 5th.

The Heritage Finance Street Stocks would fire off next for their 30 lap event. Cody DeMarmels in the #53 would top time trials and start from the point position with John Reynolds in the #55 to his outside. Trey Buff in the #48 and Steve Smart in the #16 would make up row two for the start. Reynolds would get the jump and move to the lead with DeMarmels giving chase. Smart would drive to DeMarmels' bumper in his bid for the second position. Buff would chase down Smart and challenge him for third. Buff would make the pass around Smart for third and bring Marshall Sutton in the #64 to fourth. DeMarmels would pressure Reynolds for the top spot. Sutton would pull to the bumper of Buff in his bid for third. Reynolds would drive on to the win. DeMarmels would finish 2nd and Buff would win a close battle with Sutton for 3rd. Sutton would grab 4th and Smart would come home in 5th.

After an eight car invert from the finishing order of race one, Graham Hollar in the #25 and Tristin Bruce in the #14 would line up in row one for the green flag. Taylor Reimer in the #25 and Helio Meza in the #27 would make up row two. Hollar would pull to the early lead with Bruce facing a challenge from Reimer. Thomas Beane in the #01 would move to fourth with the #9 of Charlie Watson and the #97 of Michael Bumgarner close behind him. The caution would fly on lap 15 for a spin by the #7 of Blayne Harrison. Hollar and Bruce would bring the field back to the green flag. Bruce would use the high line to move around Hollar for the lead. Watson would move to third around Reimer. Hollar would pressure Bruce for the top spot and quickly see his own challenge from Watson. Watson would make the pass around Hollar for second. As Hollar and Watson would battle for second, Bumgarner would move around Beane for fourth. Bruce would drive on to take the win, his first Hickory Motor Speedway win in only his second NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Leapfrog Landscaping Late Model start. Watson would finish 2nd and Hollar would take 3rd. Bumgarner would grab 4th with Beane coming home in 5th.

This Saturday, April 26th, the always popular Tour of Destruction rolls back into town for a night of metal crunching mayhem.

Saturday, May 3rd, the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series rolls back into action for three straight weeks beginning with United Sewing Night at the Races presented by Compleat Kidz.

Saturday, May 10th, the Catawba County Shriners sponsor the Shriners 100.

Saturday, May 17th, will be Bumgarner Oil Military Appreciation Night.

Thursday, May 22nd, the ASA Stars roll into town for an exciting weeknight Super Late Model spectacular.

Closing out the month of May the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series is back on.

Saturday, May 31st, for AvendiRX Night at the races.

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

Official Hickory Motor Speedway Results 4/19/25

Leapfrog Landscaping Late Models Race #1:

- 1 #97 – Michael Bumgarner
- 2 #9 – Charlie Watson
- 3 #7 – Blayne Harrison
- 4 #01 – Thomas Beane
- 5 #27 – Helio Meza
- 6 #25 – Taylor Reimer
- 7 #14 – Tristin Bruce
- 8 #25 – Graham Hollar
- 9 #17 – Skyler Chaney

Leapfrog Landscaping Late Models Race #2:

- 1 #14 – Tristin Bruce
- 2 #9 – Charlie Watson
- 3 #25 – Graham Hollar
- 4 #97 – Michael Bumgarner
- 5 #01 – Thomas Beane
- 6 #27 – Helio Meza
- 7 #25 – Taylor Reimer
- 8 #7 – Blayne Harrison
- 9 #17 – Skyler Chaney

Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models:

- 1 #99 – Billy Snodgrass
- 2 #71 – Daniel Wilk
- 3 #1 – Walter Jenkins IV
- 4 #5 – Aiden King
- 5 #27 – Helio Meza
- 6 #5 – Trey Burke
- 7 #97 – Billy Jack Lester
- 8 #7 – Jeff Allen
- 9 #37 – Corey Smith
- 10 #78 – Gracie Crocker

Heritage Finance Company Street Stocks

- 1 #55 – John Reynolds
- 2 #53 – Cody DeMarmels
- 3 #48 – Trey Buff
- 4 #64 – Marshall Sutton
- 5 #16 – Steve Smart
- 6 #05 – Jonathan Goodwin

Super Trucks:

- 1 #0 – Jacob Hayes
- 2 #6 – Ricky Dennie
- 3 #08 – Jesse Smith
- 4 #65 – Josh Goble
- 5 #17 – Duane Cook
- 6 #91 – Jay Norville

- 7 #88 – Jamie Johnson
- 8 #00 – Kyle Barnes
- 9 #30 – Joey Shuryan
- 10 #28 – John Wayne

Renegades:

- 1 #16 – Steve Smart
- 2 #7 – Jackson Sparks
- 3 #55 – Jordan Cook
- 4 #81 – Matthew Chambers