

# “Bumgarner Wins Crown Jewel”

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For Immediate Release:

For the 49th year in a row, Hickory Motor Speedway would honor a racing legend with running of the Paramount Auto Group Bobby Isaac Memorial. Isaac, the 1970 NASCAR National Champion, still holds the NASCAR record for most pole positions in a single season(1969) and also still holds several land speed records from the Bonneville Salt Flats.

The Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models would roll off first for their 50-lap feature in Round #9 of the Paramount Kia “BIG 10” Racing Challenge. Zach Bruenger in the #55 would set fast time in qualifying and start from the pole position with Daniel Wilk in the #71 to his outside. Ethan Tovo in the #13 and Ben Mack in the 13 would make up row two for the start. An incident on lap one would collect multiple cars including Mark Johnson in the #13, Don Carlton in the #14, Kenneth Pardue in the #43, Jaxon Lash in the #8, and Mack. The restart would see Bruenger and Wilk at the front of the field. Wilk would slow on the restart and bunch the field bringing out another caution collecting several cars in a turn one incident including the #31 of Jackson Tovo, Justin Parry in the #31, and Pardue. Bruenger and Ethan Tovo would be up front for the restart. Wilk would roll to a stop on the backstretch and bring out yet another caution once again. Bruenger and Ethan Tovo would bring the field back to the green flag. Bruenger would pull to the lead with Ethan Tovo giving chase. Wilk would work his way back up into the top five after restarting in the rear. Walter Jenkins IV in the #1 would make his way to third. The caution would fly on lap 10 after a spin in turn four by Parry. Bruenger and Ethan Tovo would again pace the field back to the green flag. Wilk would make a charge up to second on the restart and look to chase down Bruenger for the lead. Lap 27 would see the caution fly for an incident involving Pardue and Parry. Bruenger and Wilk would lead the field to the green flag, back where they started. Bruenger would pull to the hard fought lead after several laps of side by side racing. Lap 46 would see the caution fly for a spin by the #10 of Graham Hildebran. Bruenger and Wilk would lead the field to the green flag on the front row for an epic race to the finish. Bruenger would pull to the lead, but have Wilk battling hard for the win. After a thrilling door to door battle over the closing laps, Wilk would make the last lap pass to take the win. Bruenger would finish 2nd while Ethan Tovo would grab 3rd. Jenkins would take 4th with Aiden King in the #5 coming home in 5th.

Next up would see the Heritage Finance Street Stocks hit famed oval for their 30 lap feature. Cody DeMarmels in the #53 would top time trials and start from the top spot with John Reynolds in the #55 to his outside. Trey Buff in the #48 and Marshall Sutton in the #64 would make up row two. DeMarmels would pull to the early lead with Reynolds giving chase. Steve Smart in the #16 would pressure Sutton for the fourth position. The battle for

third would be the three of Buff, Sutton, and Smart. All would run nose to tail three deep. DeMarmels would prove too strong and drive on to take the win. Reynolds would finish 2nd with Buff grabbing 3rd. Sutton would take 4th and Smart would round out the top five in 5th.

Closing out the night's racing action would be the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Leapfrog Lawncare & Landscaping Late Models rolling off for 150 laps in the 49th Annual Paramount Auto Group Bobby Isaac Memorial. Caden Kvapil in the #32 would set fast time in qualifying to win the pole position with Doug Barnes Jr in the #88 to his outside. Thomas Beane in the Pete Silva throwback #X and Michael Bumgarner in the #97 would make up row two. Barnes would pull to the early lead as Beane, Kvapil, and Bumgarner would run three wide for second. Beane would pull to second as contact would see Bumgarner sideways coming off the corner and make the save to keep his car moving in the right direction and maintain his shot at the win. Helio Meza in the #27 would pounce on the opportunity to move up to the third position. Beane would move around Barnes for the top spot. Bumgarner would come roaring back with a vengeance and jump back up to second also moving around Barnes. Austin McDaniel in the #12 would move up to the third spot and bring Charlie Watson in the #9 with him to fourth. Barnes would move around Watson to the fourth position as there was action all around the track. Bumgarner would move around Beane for the top spot on lap 55. Bumgarner, Beane, McDaniel, Barnes, and Kvapil would be the top five at the halfway point. McDaniel would chase down Beane and move around him for second. Meza would dive to the bumper of Kvapil and challenge for fifth position. Bumgarner would add another jewel to his resume and drive on to the win the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Paramount Auto Group Bobby Isaac Memorial. McDaniel would finish 2nd while Beane would grab 3rd. Barnes would take 4th with Kvapil rounding out the top five in 5th.

Next Saturday, September 6th, the Foothills Frenzy Drifting Event slides into town. Saturday, September 13th, we will see the season ending Championship Night presented by Catawba County United Way / AvendiRX. Saturday, September 27th, the fan favorite Tour of Destruction crashes back into town.

For more info check us out at [www.hickorymotorspeedway.com](http://www.hickorymotorspeedway.com), Facebook, Twitter, or call 828-464-3655.

## Official Hickory Motor Speedway Results 8/30/25

### Leapfrog Lawncare & Landscaping Late Models

- 1 #97 – Michael Bumgarner
- 2 #12 – Austin McDaniel
- 3 #X – Thomas Beane
- 4 #88 – Doug Barnes Jr.

- 5 #32 – Caden Kvapil
- 6 #27 – Helio Meza
- 7 #7 – Blayne Harrison
- 8 #9 – Charlie Watson
- 9 #99 – Billy Snodgrass
- 10 #12 – Hudson Bulger
- 11 #6 – Nathan Lyons
- 12 #9 – Brandon Ward
- 13 #4 – Jonathan Findley
- 14 #8 – Cassidy Keitt - DNS

Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models:

- 1 #71 – Daniel Wilk
- 2 #55 – Zach Bruenger
- 3 #13 – Ethan Tovo
- 4 #1 – Walter Jenkins IV
- 5 #5 – Aiden King
- 6 #05 – Hannah Bell
- 7 #32 – Justin Parry
- 8 #37 – Corey Smith
- 9 #10 – Graham Hildebran
- 10 #97 – Billy Jack Lester
- 11 #43 – Kenneth Pardue
- 12 #13 – Ben Mack
- 13 #14 – Don Carlton
- 14 #13 – Mark Johnson
- 15 #31 – Jackson Tovo
- 16 #8 – Jaxon Lash

Heritage Finance Street Stocks:

- 1 #53 – Cody DeMarmels
- 2 #55 – John Reynolds
- 3 #48 – Trey Buff

- 4 #64 – Marshall Sutton
- 5 #16 – Steve Smart

Leapfrog Lawncare and Landscaping Bonus Money:

NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Leapfrog Lawncare & Landscaping Late Models:

6<sup>th</sup> at Lap 100 - Blayne Harrison \$250.00

8<sup>th</sup> at Lap 100 - Charlie Watson \$0 Did not display Leapfrog Lawncare and Landscaping Windshield Decal

Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Model:

5<sup>th</sup> at Lap 25 Billy Jack Lester \$100.00

6<sup>th</sup> at Lap 25 Aiden King \$100.00

7<sup>th</sup> at Lap 25 Hannah Bell \$100.00

8<sup>th</sup> at Lap 25 Corey Smith \$100.00

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