

# “ Bumgarner Wins Two and Secures Late Model Championship”

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The 2025 regular season would come to a close at Hickory Motor Speedway on Saturday night with the running of Championship Night presented by the Catawba County United Way and presented by AvendiRX.

The Super Trucks would start off the night’s festivities with their 35 lap feature. Charlie Neill in the #2 would pace qualifying and start from the pole position with Josh Goble in the #65 to his outside. Jacob Hayes in the #0 and Duane Cook in the #17 would make up row two for the start. Neill would pull to the early lead with Goble giving chase. Goble would soon face pressure from Hayes for second. Dennie would pull to the bumper of Hayes in his bid for third. Goble and Hayes would battle side by side for several laps before Hayes would make the pass for the position. The caution would fly on lap 21 for a spin by Jamie Johnson in the #88. Neill and Hayes would lead the field back to the restart. Neill would pull back to the lead with Hayes giving chase. Dennie would pressure Goble for third. The caution would fly on lap 32 for a spin by Keith Norville in the #91. Neill and Hayes would lead the field back to the green flag. Neill would pull back to the lead and drive on the final few laps to take the win. Hayes would finish 2nd with Goble grabbing 3rd. Dennie would take 4th and Allen Huffman in the #51 would round out the top five in 5th.

With his 3rd place finish Josh Goble would be crowned the 2025 Super Truck Champion.

Next up would see the Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models in action for Round #10 in the Paramount Kia ‘BIG 10’ Chase for the Championship. Vincent Arthur in the #9 would top time trials and start from the top spot with Billy Jack Lester in the #97 to his outside. Row two would see Aiden King in the #5 and Hunter Deshautelle in the #57 side by side for the start. The second place qualifier, Lester, would pull to pit road during the pace laps for a relief driver, Michael Bumgarner. Lester is still recuperating from a medical situation on August 30th during the Bobby Isaac Memorial. Bumgarner would rejoin the field and start at the rear. Arthur would pull to the early lead with King close behind. Tyler Chapman in the #51 would move around Deshautelle for third. Zack Wells in the #66, running fourth, would face the challenge from Walter Jenkins IV in the #1 for the position. Bumgarner, relief driving for Lester, would begin to move into the top five on lap 13 after starting last. The caution would fly on lap 16 for a spin by Justin Parry in the #32. Arthur and King would lead the field to the green. Arthur would pull to the lead after a door to door battle with King. Bumgarner would move around Jenkins for fourth. Shortly before the halfway point Bumgarner would move around Chapman for third. With Arthur setting a torrid pace at the front, Bumgarner quickly pressured King for second, taking the position and hoping not to lose touch with the leader. With ten laps to go, Bumgarner would make

the journey from the back to the front as he would make the pass on Arthur for the lead. Bumgarner would drive on to take the win in a relief effort for Billy Jack Lester. Arthur would finish 2nd while Chapman would take 3rd. King would grab 4th and Jenkins would come home in 5th.

With his 4th place finish, Aiden King would be crowned the 2025 Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Model Champion and the 2025 Paramount Kia 'BIG 10' Challenge Champion.

The Renegades would hit the famed oval next for their 20 lap feature. Steve Smart in the #16 would pace qualifying and start from the pole position with Jordan Cook in the #55 to his outside. Matthew Chambers in the #81 and Jarrett Anderson in the #26 would make up row two for the start. As the cars would roll around the track on their warmup laps, Smart's #16 would roll to a stop on the frontstretch with mechanical failure, ending his night and possibly his championship chances as well. As the green flag would fly Cook would pull to the lead with Chambers giving chase. Ben Campbell in the #67 would work his way up to third after moving around Anderson. The battle for the win would be a three way race with Cook leading, and Chambers and Campbell pressing him hard for the spot. Coming to the white flag Chambers would spin off turn four as Cook and Campbell would pull ahead. Chambers would keep going and avoid the caution stopping the battle. Cook would win the race by a half car length. Campbell would finish 2nd while Chambers would hold on to 3rd. Anderson would finish 4th and Ethan Perdue in the #71 would round out the top five in 5th. With the 6th place finish Steve Smart would win the 2025 Renegade Championship.

The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Leapfrog Lawncare and Landscaping Late Models would roll off next for their 75 lap feature. Thomas Beane in the #01 would top time trials and start from the top spot with Michael Bumgarner in the #97 to his outside. Row two would see Billy Snodgrass in the #99 and Matthew Gould in the #27 side by side for the start. Beane would pull to the early lead with Bumgarner challenging. As quick as Beane would pull to the lead Bumgarner would drive to his inside as they would battle side by side for multiple laps. Beane would nose ahead with Bumgarner close behind. Akinori Ogata in the #14 would move around Gould for fourth. Snodgrass would face pressure from Ogata for third. Ogata would move around Snodgrass for third. As the crossed flags would be displayed signifying the halfway point in the race, Bumgarner would pull to the lead around Beane. Gould would move around Snodgrass for fourth. Beane would keep Bumgarner within a couple car lengths and hope to capitalize on a late race mistake by the leader. Ogata would start chipping away at the lead duo's lap times and narrow the gap considerably over the closing laps. Bumgarner would drive on to take the win as he would extend his single season race win record. Beane would finish 2nd with Ogata taking 3rd. Gould would grab 4th and Snodgrass would come home in 5th. With the win Bumgarner would win the 2025 NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Leapfrog Lawncare and Landscaping Late Model Championship.

Rolling off next would be the Hickory Vintage Series for 25 laps. Tom DeMarmels in the #0 would pace qualifying and start from the pole position with Bobby Wallace in the #35 to his outside. Bill Powell in the #71 and Pressley Cannon in the #83 would make up row two

for the start. DeMarmels would pull to the early lead with Wallace giving chase. Cannon and Powell would battle for third with Powell eventually nosing ahead. DeMarmels would prove too strong on the night and take the win. Wallace would finish 2nd with Powell taking 3rd. Cannon grabbed 4th while Terry Haney in the #61 would round out the top five in 5th.

The Heritage Finance Street Stocks would finish out the night's racing action with their 30 lap feature. Cody DeMarmels in the #53 would top time trials and start from the top spot with Trey Buff in the #48 to his outside. Row two would see John Reynolds in the #55 and Steve Smart in the #16 side by side for the start. DeMarmels would pull to the early lead with Buff facing a challenge from Reynolds for second. Reynolds would take second as Buff would see Smart closing in his mirror. Kevin Eby in the #03 and Marshall Sutton in the #64 would have a spirited battle for fifth, reminiscent of many hard fought races for the win over the years between the two veteran drivers. DeMarmels would drive on to take the win. Reynolds would finish 2nd while Buff would take 3rd. Smart would grab 4th and Sutton would come home in 5th.

With his 2nd place finish John Reynolds would win the 2025 Heritage Finance Street Stocks Championship.

The Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars will take a well deserved night off next week but return to action on Saturday, September 27th, with the fan favorite Tour of Destruction. Racing returns on Saturday, October 11th, with the United Sewing 125 presented by Unified Electric Classic.

Saturday, October 18th, the drifters slide back into America's Most Famous Short Track. And the kids will hit the track on Saturday, October 25th, for Trunk or Treat.

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 9/13/25

##### Leapfrog Lawncare & Landscaping Late Models:

- 1 #97 – Michael Bumgarner
- 2 #01 – Thomas Beane
- 3 #14 – Akinori Ogata
- 4 #27 – Matthew Gould
- 5 #99 – Billy Snodgrass

##### Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models:

- 1 #97 – Billy Jack Lester
- 2 #9 – Vincent Arthur

- 3 51 – Tyler Chapman
- 4 #5 – Aiden King
- 5 #1 – Walter Jenkins IV
- 6 #U2 – Gregory Estell
- 7 #66 – Zack Wells
- 8 #57 – Hunter Deshautelle
- 9 #97 – Brandon Passalacque
- 10 #05 – Hannah Bell
- 11 #37 – Corey Smith
- 12 #36 – Andrew Amos
- 13 #32 – Justin Parry
- 14 #98 – Josh Phillips - DNS

Heritage Finance Street Stocks:

- 1 #53 – Cody DeMarmels
- 2 #55 – John Reynolds
- 3 #48 – Trey Buff
- 4 #16 – Steve Smart
- 5 #64 – Marshall Sutton
- 6 #03 – Kevin Eby
- 7 #71 – Robert DiVanna
- 8 #27 – Jacob Ritchie
- 9 #7 – Tyler Chapman - DNS

Super Trucks:

- 1 #0 – Jacob Hayes
- 2 #65 – Josh Goble
- 3 #6 – Ricky Dennie
- 4 #51 – Allen Huffman
- 5 #08 – Jesse Smith
- 6 #17 – Duane Cook
- 7 #8 – John Reynolds
- 8 #91 – Keith Norville
- 9 #88 – Jamie Johnson
- 10 #1 – Tim Dale
- 11 #2 – Charlie Neill - DQ

Renegades:

- 1 #55 – Jordan Cook
- 2 #81 – Matthew Chambers
- 3 #26 – Jarrett Anderson
- 4 #71 – Ethan Perdue
- 5 #16 – Steve Smart
- 6 #67 – Ben Campbell -DQ

Hickory Vintage:

- 1 #0 – Tom DeMarmels
- 2 #35 – Bobby Wallace
- 3 #71 – Bill Powell
- 4 #83 – Pressley Cannon
- 5 #61 – Terry Haney
- 6 #16 – Mackie Webb - DNS