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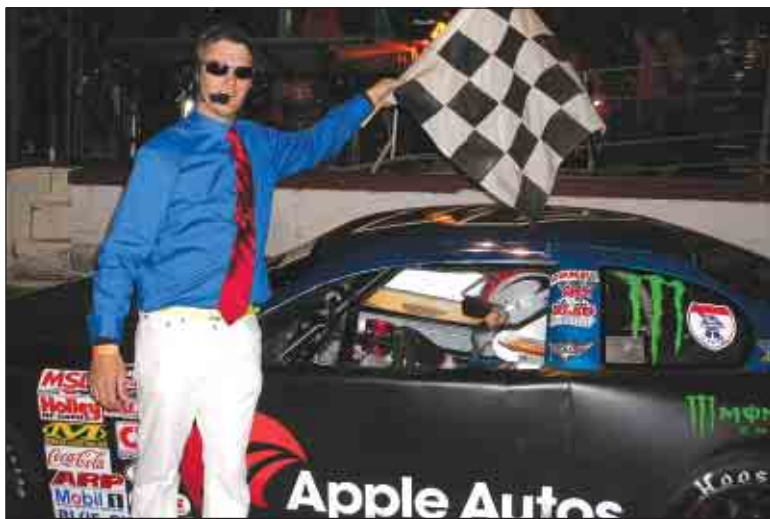
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## ***Caho Captures St. Croix Falls***



## ***Reuvers Sweeps Elko***



## ***Oregon Big 8 Goes to Nottestad***



## ***Three in a Row for Papini***



## ***Pfaff Tops Lacrosse Main***



## ***Skaja Wins at Raceway Park***





## Racing According to Plan

By Dan Plan

### The Retro Issue Part 2 and Half Empty or Half Full

Welcome to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Retro Issue. Last year we had the idea of putting together a retro issue after picking up a copy of Newsweek magazine at the airport. Newsweek published an issue that looked like it was right out of the 1960's. Newsweek was the #2 magazine in the United States, and as of 2013, the magazine is only available in digital format and no longer printed. Could digital only be the wave of the future? One never knows, but we still like seeing people sitting in the bleachers with a copy of *The Midwest Racing Connection* in their hands.

Getting back to our retro issue, we had a lot of positive feedback from people that picked up a copy last year encouraging us to do it again. Our goal last year, and again this year, was to make *The Midwest Racing Connection* resemble one of our favorite racing papers through the years, *The Checkered Flag Racing News*. To try and make things bigger and better this year, we extended an offer to several tracks that aren't normally covered in MRC, or don't normally send photos/press releases our way. Unfortunately, only a handful of them took us up on the offer, but you can't say we didn't try to make things look like the old Checkered Flag Racing News. We think things turned out OK, and hopefully you do as well.

**Half Full or Half Empty?** The past several years, there's been much chatter about the decline in attendance at motorsports events. Everything from the big guys on TV to the local short tracks. I'm going to go out on a limb, and say it looks like we might be getting ready to turn the corner, at least at the short track level. We've witnessed decent sized crowds all year long, and recently witnessed 4 straight nights in a row of packed grandstands (three at Cedar Lake and one at Raceway Park), and saw photos from three other tracks the very same weekend (Elko, LaCrosse and Rockford) showing huge crowds. Now, it might not be this way every weekend, but honestly I don't think it ever was packed every weekend the entire racing season. It looks like things may be taking a turn in the right direction for short track racing. We'll hold off on our comments regarding the big guys on TV, but that's a entirelyly different kind of show.

Some people might tell you "when I was a kid, the grandstands were packed every weekend". I simply can't



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believe that was true. I've been watching races for a long time, pretty much since I was in diapers and don't ever remember an entire season of a packed house. Sure, there were special events that packed the house years ago, and maybe these were different types of special events than we see these days, but I'm pretty sure every race track wasn't packed every night during the good old days. Another thing to consider is the amount of seats available at a lot of tracks these days. I've had this conversation with many people that are knowledgeable about the sport. As several short tracks have aged, additional seating was added for special events, and they ended up with extra seats left available for "regular" race nights. If you see a small crowd one night, the same number of people might have filled the place up 20 years ago.

**Miscellaneous News and Notes:** We were able to spend all three days at the USA Nationals again this year. This was the first time in a long time that I can remember the weather being just about perfect all weekend long. No

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rain, not too hot, and just cool enough at night to enjoy a campfire. It really doesn't get any better than this.

On the scene a little closer to home, a benefit is being held for Jake Adelman on August 23 at The Endzone in Elko New Market. Jake is a crew member of Jonathan Eilen's 2012 Midwest Tour Championship team and was injured earlier this year in a motorcycle accident.

If you haven't thanked Raceway Park Figure 8 driver Mark Bronstad yet, make sure you do. Mark championed

*Dan Plan photo*

*Martin DeFries photo*

*Several short tracks in the upper-Midwest (Cedar Lake shown above, and Elko on the left) had packed houses during the first weekend in August.*

the cause of packing the stands one last time at Raceway Park. Many other drivers/fans/crewmembers helped out in this deal, but Mark was the guy that spent the most time keeping the idea in front of everyone.

And finally, congratulations go out to two of our regular contributors of The Midwest Racing Connection. Columnist Kris McMartin and photographer Vince Peterson (aka Track Rat Vinster)

have decided to tie the knot. The two will exchange nuptials Saturday afternoon, September 7, at Cedar Lake Speedway prior to the Jerry Richert Memorial event. MRC sends our best wishes to Kris and Vince.



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## Going In Circles

By Charlie Spry

I've been to the final two "Wild Wednesday" shows at the Rockford Speedway. These shows are a showcase for the lower dollar racing divisions, and I enjoyed these shows very much this year. Jason Dull took the feature win in the Bandits on one of the nights, as this multi-talented driver led the whole distance, breaking the string of wins that Charlie Frisch had obtained, as Frisch dropped out of the event with problems.

On hand to race in the Bandit division on the second-to-final night was Columbus Late Model rookie John Beale, along with his Cousin, Brian. John still has his old Nissan Bandit car, and when the planned driver backed out of running, John figured he might as well give it a run. Both had never been to the Rockford oval before. John formerly spotted for Super Late Model racer Brian Hoppe, who has turned some laps on the Rockford oval. He said that he sent a text to Brian stating that he had won his heat race, and Brian responded by texting back that John had already won as many races at Rockford as he did in his career!

Nice to talk with Roadrunner division racer Curt Nighswonger. "I try to race as much as I can, and do all the events. I'm building a new car, but the way it is going I won't make it out with it this year." On the last Wednesday of the season, Curt suffered a setback, as he blew the motor in his racer. "that is the third one this year, not sure if I will be back out again this year. I've run out of money." Curt races in challenge races, regular events, figure-8, doesn't matter, and this is an unfortunate blow, as he was a great supporter of all Roadrunner events at the track. Hopefully, his fortunes will turn and he can make it back out this year. Curt has been racing since 2001, and has raced the same car for the last five years.

The WWOW (Winged Women On Wheels) feature was shaping up to be a showdown, although it didn't quite turn out as planned for at least two of those involved. Wanda Dobbs, Jocelyn Davenport, and Cassidy Frisch were all in the hunt for the title entering the final night. Frisch suffered from car problems all night and dropped out of the feature, while Davenport broke a rim on her racer and shot into the wall, also taking a trip to the hospital, where it was reported that she was later released. Dobbs did just fine, doing what she needed to win the title, taking a second place feature finish home to the title. Destiny Robinson won the feature, her first career.

Trevor "magic Shoes" Robinson won the Roadrunner Wednesday finale, getting some consolation for a series that could have been even better. They battled a misfire for the past couple of weeks, finally solving the problem during the night. Trevor and his team were in the hunt for the title, but a couple of bad nights at the end changed their fortunes. Kyle McQuality was steady all year, winning the title.

Tim Dickson won the feature on the final night in the Bandits, leaving little doubt who the season title holder would be.

The spectator drag events here continue to impress me in quality and quantity. I have to admit that there are few of the cars racing out there that I would take to the oval if they were mine! Nice equipment, and a nice mixture of modern muscle and old school.

At the Columbus 151 Speedway we recently had a visitor in the late models, as Iron River, Mi. racer Putch Bentley showed up to run one night. Putch stated that he has changed his car over to be more in line with Wisconsin limited late rules, and plans to do some other racing throughout the state as time and finances permit, most notably engine setback. "It's hard, as I'm a one man band

tonight," Said Putch, as he was all by himself without any pit help.

The hobby stock division has seen a variety of competitors show up recently, making for decent car counts in a division that had only a few weeks ago produced only three cars. There are some dedicated hobby stock drivers who are trying their best to bring more cars in and save the division, and it appears to be working.

One very excited young man who made his first appearance here was hobby stock racer Erik Bennett, who also went out and won his very first race in the division when he won a heat race. Other new hobby stock racers who made appearances include A.J. Lloyd, Ken Au, and Michael Held. New Bandit drivers include Darren Brown, Tim Bristol, and Scott Magner. In the street stocks, Jeff Neherkorn showed up and won the feature on his first night here.

Bandit racer Tim Bristol won his heat race his first night out, and said that he just dug the car out recently and prepared it to race after a small hiatus. Announcer Ben Hallock quipped that Tim had to evict a family of cats from the car after it had been sitting outside, while Tim told me that there were a bunch of walnuts inside the car that had to be cleaned out. Whatever it was, the car still works good, and I love the attitude that Tim has for racing, that it should always be for fun!

Late model racer Ron Bishofberger recently won two features in a row, moving him ahead of Pete Moore and into sole ownership of the all-time limited late model feature win list at the track, with 30 career features here in the class since 1979. Ron also won some features here previous to that, when the races were pretty much "run what ya brung". "I started racing in 1975," said Ron. "I had a big old Torino that I decided to run in spectator pack style racing. I got up about half way through the pack, and a guy with a Trans Am with big fat tires got into me. After two nights of that we decided that we should just build a regular stock car, so we got a '65 Mustang that Duane Deppe had, and was going to restore. It was too far gone, so we got it and made it into a racer."

Nice to see more and more different cars show up in the Bandit division here, as recently, two dirt cars showed up who normally race at Wilmot. It truly is a "melting pot" of Bandit racing.

Making his first start in a late model was 14 year old Michael Raskovic. He previously raced Bandit cars for a short stint, and now went to a late model. Quite a step, but he did alright on his first night, started in the back, kept up to the pack, and only spun out once.

Took in the show at the State park Speedway on Thursday night. Jay VanDerGeest won the super late model feature, aggressively driving to the front of the pack and win. His style did not endear him to some of the fans or probably some of the other drivers, but the fact remains that he got the win. Mark Eswein, Tim Sauter, Mark Mackesy and Cole Yach followed. Mackesy perhaps didn't have the car he really wanted, but I'm sure he was happy just to have the car racing, as his mount was nearly destroyed last weekend at another track. They will work on the car and he will be winning again probably next week, if I know this team. Props go out to Yach, who had a really good run going. He is going to win a feature real soon.

All of the divisions had extremely competitive and close feature finishes. Adam Eckes edged out Phil Malouf in the mini mods, while Mariah Gajewski dominated the stock fours, Mike Brooks took the win in the limited lates, and Karl Genett edged out a fast closing Tim Nawrocki to win the pure stock feature. Derek Kraus dominated the Bandoleros.

Super late model racer Jesse Haase has found the season to be a trying one, stating, "Ever since late last year when we won the Lodi (Wayne Lodholz) race, it has been one thing after another. We're searching for that "some-

thing" that we need to win. We just keep working, all you can do."

Pure stock racer Travis Volm has had another good season, leading the points here and currently second at Golden Sands. "We lost a lot of points last week at 'Sands with problems, so we have to really gain now in these upcoming weeks." Travis is already looking forward to some of the post-season specials, making plans on where to attend.

Another pure stock racer looking for a strong finish to the year is Dave Lashua. "It hasn't been a bad year, overall. Getting the win on the Detjens night was real special. I'm looking forward to some post season stuff, too. Would be fun to run on the big track at Oktoberfest."

Took in the regular Saturday night show at Rockford on August 10th. Alex Papini won the feature once again, and did it by driving smart and with great track awareness, as the two lead cars crashed, with Alex driving through the mess with only a crinkled fender to show for it. Sometimes you just have it all together, and Alex definitely does this year, although he is quite quick to give credit to his crew and sponsors for making things possible.

As for the "99 Chronicles" this week, Justin Sellers drove his blue Camaro to his first feature win of the season in the sportsman division, stating that it has been a difficult year. "We threw a lot at the car, and it worked," Said Justin. He also won his heat race, while Johnny Robinson also had a good night, placing third in the dash, second in his heat, and fifth in the feature. The battle for second place was quite intense, with Howie Ware taking the spot over Daryl Gerke.

Joining the late model field tonight was Dave Edwards. You just never know where Dave will be, as he races at many different tracks on any given week. He certainly puts plenty of miles on his hauler! His feature finish tonight matched his car number, five.

Nice to see a "non-winners" feature run for the Roadrunners. This consisted of a 15 lap feature for all drivers who had not won a feature event yet this year, had previously scored points this year, and were behind the wheel of their own car. Shawn Rickelman took the win, while Arlyn Roush won the regular feature. The Roadrunner challenge race was a drivers' bike race, with Roush proving that not only can he drive fast, he can pedal fast as well, as he won that event.

The Hornets were on hand tonight, as these strictly stock four cylinders run on a course that includes the front stretch and part of the figure-eight track to add some spice. Bernie Robinson appeared poised for the win, but had a tire go flat, with Richie Schinderling taking the lead and win. Robinson also lost out on a feature win earlier this year when his car overheated.

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## A CAUTIONARY TALE: NOTTESTAD VICTORIOUS AT MIS

By Eric Huenefeld

The saying has always been, "the third time's the charm." That saying rang true for Dale Nottestad Friday night at Madison International Speedway. Nottestad slipped ahead of John DeAngelis Jr twice in Friday's Big 8 Late Model Series presented by Gandrud Chevrolet feature race, only to see yellow flags negate both of his moves to the front. Nottestad could not be denied however, taking the lead from DeAngelis with 12 laps to go en route to his first Big 8 Series victory of the season.

DeAngelis started the 48 lap feature race from the outside pole, stealing the lead from pole sitter Steve Dobbratz in the race's opening corners. After assuming the lead, DeAngelis was able to step away from the pack which battled furiously behind him. In the middle of that pack was Nottestad, the two-time Madison International Speedway track champion, who started in ninth position. Nottestad quickly made a push through the field, following Quarter-master Fast Qualifier Dan Lensing forward. Both Nottestad and Lensing worked into the top five by lap 20. Then, the fun began.

On the lap 21 restart, Nottestad chose the bottom lane behind leader DeAngelis, with Lensing opting for the top side. Nottestad hung with DeAngelis and inched ahead of the teenager for the lead on the backstretch. But before Nottestad could hit the line to officially assume the top spot, the yellow flag flew and DeAngelis had dodged a bullet. On the ensuing restart, it was Lensing getting the jump from the high side. Lensing and DeAngelis raced side-by-side for the lead, with both drivers racing hard and trading the top spot. Lensing led laps 25 and 26, with DeAngelis pulling back ahead on lap 27.

Nottestad embraced the opportunity to sneak under Lensing, taking back the runner up spot then closing back to DeAngelis. On lap 35, Nottestad again edged ahead of DeAngelis in turn three for the lead. But as the leaders hit turn four, the yellow flag flew yet again and Nottestad's move to the front was negated.

On the next restart, Nottestad wasted little time, disposing of DeAngelis within a lap. Nottestad finally led the field to the line and was officially the new race leader. No caution flags were displayed in the final 12 laps, allowing Nottestad to sprint to the checkered flag, capturing his fourth career Big 8 Series victory. DeAngelis finished the race in second, his best ever Big 8 Series effort. Lensing ended the race in third spot, his first ever Big 8 Series top five. Austin Nason finished a Big 8 race in the

top five for the second time in three races, coming home in fourth. 2010 Rockford Speedway champion Tim Sargent collected his third straight Series top five, finishing the race in fifth.

Big 8 Series points leader Casey Johnson made the best of a bad night. Before his black #5 car could take an official qualifying lap, engine troubles forced Johnson to pull his car to the infield. Fellow competitor Brian Ulrich loaned his car to Johnson for the night, allowing the Edgerton native the chance to protect his Series point lead. Johnson started at the back of an 8-car qualifier, finishing third. The two-time Jefferson Speedway champion started the 48-lap feature in 20th position, finishing the 48 laps in 8th position. The effort by Johnson was enough to earn the Powersource 'Power Mover' of the Race award. Johnson's points lead is now a mere 12 points over race winner Nottestad as the series looks forward to a four week stretch starting in September where a new Big 8 Series Champion will be decided.

### Big 8 Late Model Series

A-Main 01 — 1. Dale Nottestad, Cambridge, Wis; 2. John DeAngelis, Jr, Hubertus, Wis; 3. Dan Lensing, Poplar Grove;

4. Austin Nason, Roscoe; 5. Tim Sargent, South Beloit; 6. Bob Wilberg, Beloit, Wis; 7. Jeff Holtz, Franksville, Wis; 8. Casey Johnson, Edgerton, Wis; 9. Jesse Bernhagen, Markesan, Wis; 10. Kevin Knuese, Waukesha, Wis; 11. Shane

Morrissey, Cuba City, Wis; 12. Danny Church, Delavan, Wis; 13. Brady Liddle, Oregon, Wis; 14. Cory Kemkes, Appleton, Wis; 15. Dave Edwards, Salem, Wis; 16. John Ovadal, Jr., Watertown, Wis; 17. Michael Lange, West Allis,

Wis; 18. Eric Connell, Fort Atkinson, Wis; 19. Gary Krueger, Edgerton, Wis; 20. Tom Jasinski, Pewaukee, Wis; 21.

Steve Dobbratz, Rio, Wis; 22. Jody Krueger, Edgerton, Wis; 23. Casey Strese, Johnson Creek, Wis; 24. Andy Evraets,

Menomonee Falls, Wis; 25. Jay Foster, Dekalb; 26. J. Herbst, LaCrosse, Wis; 27. Billy Baumeister, Janesville, Wis; 28.

Rich Schumann, Jr., Portage, Wis; 29. Don Wickstrum, Monroe, Wis; 30. Jacob Finney, Sycamore.



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## Auto Racing Facts, Observances and Opinions

By Dale P. Danielski

With this being the annual MRC retro issue to the Checkered Flag Racing News which kept us informed for so many years it's only fitting to cover an event in memory of Dick Trickle who practically filled the paper on numerous occasions with his many racing accomplishments. Marshfield Motor Speedway, Marshfield, WI., held the White Knight 99 + 1 Feature event here July 25<sup>th</sup> in memory of the legend, Dick Trickle who left this earth this past May. A huge crowd was on hand to witness the action and reminisce about the days gone by watching Dick Trickle compete. A field of 33 Super Late Models was also here to compete in paying tribute to the fallen hero. But certainly Dick Trickle would have wanted discussion to pertain to the racing action rather than his passing, and there was plenty of that on this special night.

Looking down at my vehicles odometer upon arriving at the track it read 97. That was how many miles traveled to the speedway and if that wasn't a premonition of things to come nothing could be as that is the car number used by Steve Holzhausen! After setting fast time on the night Holzhausen proceeded to dominate the Feature which has been the case most of the time this year as he took the main event lead at the halfway point never to be threatened again. Tim Schendel had a strong race car the first half of the event but he was no match for Holzhausen and wound up 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mark Eswein placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and was followed by Cardell Potter and Rich Bickle Jr. In victory lane Holzhausen recalled racing with Trickle through the years, as he was one of the few in attendance that did, and becoming good friends. He also recalled Trickle who was known for much late night carousing would approach each days racing. "For 100 laps of racing you need 1 hour of sleep. So if we race in a 300 lapper you need 3 hours." Holzhausen on the night raced like he had plenty of sleep and in typical Trickle fashion came from deep in the field to win. It really was a fitting way to end the night as mentioned earlier, Holzhausen was one of the few to have gone head to head with Trickle back in his heyday of racing in the 1970s and '80s. And, after we arrived back from the Marshfield track, taking a slightly different way home we noted the odometer read 199 miles. #97 wins on The White Knight's #99 memorial evening of racing. Now how fitting is that.

### Dale's Picture from the past



*Dick Trickle the White Knight at the Milwaukee Mile in 1981. Note long time crew members Vic Getzloff, L and Jim Bohmsach in background. Of course Dick Trickle under the hood making last second adjustments.*

Here and there...Another Trickle-ism..."A rainout just means we start partying earlier." With rain coming down heavily at Marshfield Motor Speedway Thursday night many thought the local watering hole would see folks arriving early from the race track. The rain quit, rapid drying took place and actually things got started on time and ran smoothly the rest of the night for the White Knight 99 + 1. Folks just had to wait a little longer for the celebration later...As part of the White Knight 99 + 1 the track offered discounted adult admission at just \$4.99 for the night. Pabst and Coors Light beers were just \$.99 on the night. Trickle was of course known for his beer sponsorship the aforementioned being to that backed his efforts... Brad Powell picked up his 3<sup>rd</sup> Feature win of the year in NASCAR Late Models July 27<sup>th</sup> at La Crosse Fairgrounds Speedway. If not for a wreck early in the year which forced him to miss two events Powell could easily be challenging Carlson for the track championship...To say he was overdue would definitely be an understatement as Todd Korish finally found himself in victory lane after winning a Feature at La Crosse Fairgrounds Speedway August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Korish although the defending NASCAR Late Model track champion hadn't won a main event there since May 28<sup>th</sup> 2011. That streak is now over as Korish captured the 25 lap top billed race...And speaking of overdue, Shawn Pfaff broke his NASCAR Late Model Feature drought with a win August 10<sup>th</sup> at Lax. In a wreck marred main event Pfaff held off Steve Carlson for the win...With all the wrecks it gave drivers you don't normally see in the top ten get a finish there as Adam Moore, Albert Locy and Jonathan Eckleberg were 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, career bests for the trio...Talk about being on a roll. Travis Sauter did it again winning the Feature event at Madison International Speedway, Oregon, WI., July 29<sup>th</sup>. For Sauter, that was his 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive win at the track. Yes, you read that correctly...Of course a major reason we have put on Racing Reunions in the area through the years is to honor and appreciate those that were involved in the sport the last 50 years. And, none of us will live forever. Case in point here recently as long time race driver Pete Mahlum passed away on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Pete's history goes back to the old North La Crosse Speed bowl while he also raced at nearly all the Central and Western Wisconsin tracks as well as specials in Minnesota. Pete was 72 at the time of his passing. Mark Zielke another individual involved in the sport dating back to the 1960s also passed away July 28<sup>th</sup>. Mark owned cars and helped numerous drivers through the years including John Scott and Les Katzner. Mark was 73...Speaking of retro, it was Dick Trickle winning the Mid-Summer Championships 40 lap Feature at the Dells Motor Speedway on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1964. Lyle Nabbefeldt and Marv Marzofka placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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### DAIRYLAND NEWS AND VIEWS



by Dale Danielski

"By-God, we know we're going to win a feature with it," a tired but relieved Dick Trickle stated as his recently completed 1979 Firebird was being weighed at Wausau's State Park Speedway Thursday night. Trickle's performance in the 30-lap main was far from picture perfect, but it was enough to win in only his second appearance in the new machine. After timing in 8<sup>th</sup> quick, Trickle was able to grab an early lead in the night's main and run the groove of his choice which proved to be most beneficial as Marv Marzofka, Tom Reffner, Mike Miller, and Larry Detjens fought it out side by side trying to catch him. Marzofka, who seemed to have the best shot at catching Dick, was noticeably dejected with placing third after greasing his tires late in the race. "If I wouldn't have got so tied up in catching him, I'd have got second." As it was, Reffner finished in that position with Miller and Detjens fourth and fifth.

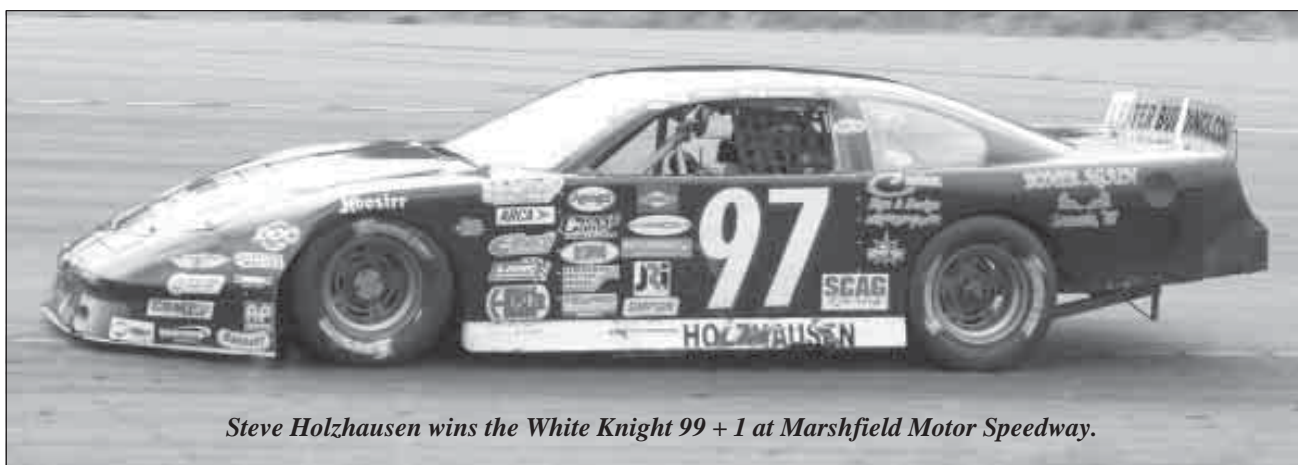
Dick was not quite as successful in the special shopping cart race, but he put on his usual extraordinary performance.

Teaming up with C.W.R.A. president, Clem Droste, the two set off in hopes of putting down the other 17 entrants. After rounding the number one corner, it was obvious a superhuman effort was imperative if the two were going to win, or even finish. Huffing and puffing down the back straight, losing more ground than gaining, the duo decided on a new plan of action. Upon reaching the rear pit entrance, the two "speedsters" made a quick left and dashed to the finish line. It was too little too late, however, as the lead carters had such a huge advantage they still managed to finish ahead of our pooped out pair.

The conclusion of the race was exciting nonetheless. Especially for promoter Phil Bickley, who was looking the other way when Clem and Dick came barreling through the pits. Phil, although directly in their path, managed to step aside just in time and, although startled, was none the worse for wear. It was truly an exciting night of racing.

Answers to last week's quiz are as follows. 1. Denny Sobkowiak was known as the Patriotic Polock, and he raced a '72 Plymouth out of LaCrosse, WI. 2. In 1976 Lockport, IL, Larry Schuler won 43 features, the most of anyone that year. 3. Wisconsin Dells late model competitor Mike Braun numbered his racers 55S before Lyle Nabbefeldt used that number.

*Accompanying column by Dale from Checkered Flag Racing News, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 1979*



*Steve Holzhausen wins the White Knight 99 + 1 at Marshfield Motor Speedway.*



## Record Purse to Be Offered for 38th Red Clay Classic

by Nick Gima

Ashland, WI — In planning for the 38th annual Red Clay Classic, the folks at the ABC Raceway just made the most anticipated race event of the 2013 stock car racing season in the Northland a little more attractive - especially for the drivers.

The venerable three-eighths-mile red-clay oval located south of Ashland will host its traditional season finale on Friday and Saturday, September 27-28, and this year's edition will offer a record purse sure to attract more racers and fans to the popular event.

Drivers from throughout the Upper Midwest and south-central Canada are expected to attend, bringing upwards of 200 WISSOTA-sanctioned Late Models, Modifieds, Super Stocks and Midwest Modifieds to compete for their share of what is one of the biggest offerings in regional short-track stock car racing.

The planned overall purse has been increased to exceed \$80,000 for this year's edition, with the vast majority of the approximately \$6,000 pay bump earmarked for the middle-of-the-pack finishers in Saturday's four championship features.

The winner's share in three of the four features remains the same as in the past few years. The Mid-Mods will race 25 laps on that Saturday night for \$600 to win, the "big" Mods will battle 35 laps for a \$3,000 first-place check, and the Late Models will run their 50-lap main event for a top prize of \$4,000. Only the Super Stocks will see an increase at the very top, with an ABC Raceway division-record \$1,800 check to be written out to the winner of their 30-lap headliner, but the increase is offered throughout their payout as well.

"We felt that by offering the purse increase to the middle of the feature payouts instead of just to the top (finishers), it will help more drivers feel that the trip to the Red Clay Classic is worthwhile," explained Raceway Board member Eric Erickson, who created the purse proposal.

"More and more drivers want to see a special event like this pay well for a top-ten or top-15 finish. They all know it pays big to win."

In addition to the huge winners' checks and healthy overall payout, another \$2,600 in bonuses will be offered. The track is again offering a \$500 "Champions' Challenge" to any past RCC winner who captures a feature on that Saturday, and Northern Clearing Inc of Ashland is ponying up another \$150 each to the drivers that post the fastest timed laps in each of the four main events.



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## Reuvers Sweeps Elko Speedway



By Jason Searcy

Elko MN - Nine time Elko Speedway Champion Donny Reuvers from Dundas (MN) scored maximum points in the NASCAR Whelen All American series Super Late Model division on Kids Night Saturday August 10th, 2013.

Ruevers started the night by setting fast time in qualifying with a 13.816 second lap, that is 97.713 mph around the 3/8 mile track at Elko Speedway. He then won the heat race and started the 20 car, 40 lap feature event on the outside of the third row. 2012 Big 8 champion Jake Ryan started on the front row and lead much of the race until Reuvers challenged him for the top spot in an epic 20 lap duel to the finish. "It was fun to race side by side" said Ruevers "fortunately we came out on top so, that makes it even better." Jake Ryan finished second with Matt Goede in third and Adam Royle edging Joey Garofalo by .001 for fourth place.

Adam Royle now has only a 6 point lead over Donny Reuvers in the point standings.

Travis Stanley from Prior Lake (MN) came from the outside of row three to win his third Big 8 feature of 2013. Jon Lemke started on the front row and had a big lead until he had a tire problem and slowly faded back to 6th position. Stanley took the lead and held off Chris Marek by 1.502 seconds at the finish line.

Marek now has a 10 point lead over Dylan Moore and 20 point lead over Jon Lemke in the point standings.

Ted Ruevers from Dundas (MN) came from the second row starting position to win his second feature of the year in the Thunder Car division. "I was patient with the front guys and then I watched my mirror because I knew Brent Kane was there, so I just drove as fast as I could" said Reuvers.

Kane finished second in the 25 lap cautionless race and now leads Reuvers by 50 pts in the standings with Dustin Mann in third.

Taylor Goldman from Minnetonka (MN) won her third Power Stock feature event of 2013 after starting inside third row "I worked my way to the top, the race came to me," she said. Goldman held off the hard charges of Tom Doten the last few laps "I was telling myself, don't look in the mirror, just drive forward and drive your heart out, I surely did and boy did it pay off!" said Goldman.

John Lebens is still the point leader with Taylor Goldman 13 points behind him in second and Tom Doten currently 16 points back in third.

16 year old Michael Ost diek from Lakeville (MN) won his fifth consecutive Great North Legends feature and now holds a commanding 51 point lead in the standings. Derek Lemke finished second and Ted Hough in third.

Tyler Kingery from Prior Lake (MN) won the Bandoleros feature event, Jared Duda finished second and still leads in the standings by 23 points over Cole Klein.

Eleven time National Jet Car Champion Doug Rose and the Green Mamba entertained the crowd for Kids night at Elko Speedway. Kids also had the opportunity to ride a school bus around the track and paint a bus that will compete in an upcoming Eve of Destruction event.



## Kyle Smith Aces King Kollision 50

JEFFERSON, WI - Kyle Smith of Lake Mills captured his first career Late Model feature victory by hanging on after a late restart in the King Kollision 50 lap main event. While Smith was grabbing the win, Dale Nottestad of Cambridge overtook Zack Riddle in the standings with only four weeks remaining until we crown a champion.

Bruce Lee and Smith paced the field to green as they battled side by side. The duo fought for the top spot until Smith grabbed control on lap five. Dylan Schuyler moved past Lee for second as the top two began to separate themselves from the pack. As the leaders pulled away, Trent Erdman and Dale Nottestad made their way into third and fourth respectively by lap 19. Nottestad began to apply heavy pressure on the low side of Erdman as they battled door to door with Kyle Jarlsberg watching from fifth. Lap after lap, Nottestad tried to clear Erdman. Finally, Nottestad made the pass for third on lap 34 with Jarlsberg in his tracks. Jarlsberg slipped by Nottestad just before the caution waved on lap 42, closing up the field for the final eight circuits. As racing resumed, Nottestad returned the favor on Jarlsberg, getting by for third and pulling alongside Schuyler. Nottestad cleared for second behind Smith with two laps to go. Nottestad tried to get a run on the low side of Smith as they raced down the backstretch one final time. But Smith held off his advances to cross under the checkers first for the win. Nottestad settled for second followed by Jarlsberg in third. Schuyler finished fourth with Casey Johnson rounding out the top five.

In Sportsman action, Jim Taylor of Stoughton was awarded the victory in the 30 lap feature following post race inspection Taylor and Jason Kubicz brought the field to green with Kubicz holding the slight advantage to complete lap one. Taylor powered by Kubicz on the second lap to claim sole possession of the top spot. Seth Lootans followed into second with Jason Dunn in tow for third. After an early caution on lap four, Will Rece and Jason Thoma moved into the top five with Taylor still showing the way. On lap 11, contact between Rece and Thoma resulted in Rece spinning to force the second caution period of the race. Both drivers were relegated to the rear for the restart as Tate began to shadow the top five. Tate found himself in fourth behind Dunn by lap 17. Dunn slipped by Lootans for second on lap 18 with Tate in tow for third. Tate wasted little time as he

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## McCreadie Banks \$50,150 Victory In World of Outlaws Late Model Series USA Nationals At Cedar Lake Speedway

By Kevin Kovac, WoO LMS P.R. Director

NEW RICHMOND, WI –Tim McCreadie celebrated like he's never celebrated before after capturing Saturday night's 26th annual USA Nationals at Cedar Lake Speedway.

With the \$50,150 score representing the biggest and most prestigious triumph of his decade-long dirt Late Model career, the 39-year-old star from Watertown, N.Y., did joyful donuts in his Sweeteners Plus Warrior car off turn four, applauded the standing-room-only crowd in Victory Lane and even invited the fans to join him at his team's trailer for a raucous post-race party.

Yes, it was a memorable evening for McCreadie, the 2006 World of Outlaws Late Model Series champion who has been chasing a signature win since returning fulltime to the national tour in 2010 following a brief foray into NASCAR (2007) and six months on the sidelines in 2009 due to a back injury.

"After everything I've gone through just with health and where I thought my career was going five years ago and where it ended up," said McCreadie, "yeah, this is probably definitely at the top of the list."

McCreadie earned his fifth WoO LMS victory of the season after inheriting the lead on lap 54 of the 100-lap A-Main when race-long pacesetter A.J. Diemel of Elk Mound, Wis., pulled to the infield with engine trouble. He controlled the remaining circuits, outrunning Don O'Neal of Martinsville, Ind., in a race slowed by just a single caution flag.

O'Neal, 49, spent the late stages of the event turning back repeated challenges from defending USA Nationals champion Darrell Lanigan of Union, Ky., to secure the runner-up spot and a \$20,500 payday. The veteran driver steered Larry Moring's Masterbilt machine across the finish line 1.186 seconds behind McCreadie.

Lanigan, 43, settled for third place in his Rocket car after surviving a lap-96 backstretch scrape with O'Neal that momentarily sent both drivers sideways. He started ninth and ran behind O'Neal for the race's final 58 laps.

WoO LMS points leader Josh Richards of Shinnston, W.Va., who won the USA Nationals in 2011, finished fourth after starting from the outside pole in the Rocket Chassis house car and 12th-starter Brandon Sheppard of New Berlin, Ill., who captured Thursday night's WoO LMS preliminary A-Main, registered a career-best USA Nationals finish of fifth in his Rocket mount.

McCreadie started from the pole position after winning Friday's six-lap dash for winners of the six 15-lap heat races, but he took an immediate back seat to home-state favorite Diemel when the green flag flew. Diemel bolted from the third starting spot to the lead on the opening lap and quickly established a convincing advantage, leaving McCreadie to battle for second with O'Neal.

Bidding to become just the second Wisconsin driver to win the USA Nationals alongside Jimmy Mars of Menomonie, Diemel led by as much as three seconds – nearly a full straightaway – before WoO LMS rookie Morgan Bagley of Longview, Texas, slowed with engine problems on lap 42 to trigger the lone caution flag of the 100. Diemel resumed his lead on the restart, but his hopes for an upset victory came to an end on lap 53 when he abruptly pulled his car into the infield with an apparent broken crankshaft.

Diemel's departure presented a golden opportunity for McCreadie, who had his doubts about overtaking the popular Dairy State racer for the lead. McCreadie could only watch helplessly as Diemel blasted past him at the start of the race and was never able to mount a serious challenge for the top spot before Diemel retired.

"I went into (turn) one on the first lap and I couldn't see or hear Josh (Richards) no more, so I just figured the cushion would be good and I eased up, turned it sideways because it was kind of slimy and A.J. just blew right on by me," said McCreadie. "I thought, Oh man. So I just settled in and I was trying to run easy, but it's hard to run easy here. Then Don O'Neal passed me (for second on lap 12) and that was it for me. I just got up and ran as hard as I could until it was over with.

"We had that one restart (on lap 42) and I stayed with (Diemel)," he continued. "I couldn't stay with him before, but I stayed with him and I thought, Oh man, we might have a chance. I kept nosing beside him a little bit on the outside of (turns) three and four, but before he broke I lost a little bit of ground. I thought, Maybe we can hang on to second. That's really kind of what I was hoping for. Then (Diemel) just had bad luck.

"I don't think or know for sure if we could've passed him. I'm not gonna pretend or say I was taking it easy (while in second place), because I was running as hard as I could. I hate it for him because he is a real good guy. I've been around him a little bit and he's first-class. His day will come, that's for sure."

With his right planted firmly to the floor once in command, McCreadie kept O'Neal at bay for the remainder of the distance. The former DIRTcar Northeast Big-Block Modified regular never let O'Neal get closer than a few car lengths.

"The closer it got to the end, the harder we ran," said O'Neal, who started eighth. "At one point there when I started going into (turn) three real hard and sliding up to the top of four, I thought, Well, maybe I found something. We closed the gap there a little bit (on McCreadie), but then that sort of went away and I had to fend off the 29 car (Lanigan) from then on."

O'Neal, whose best finish in four previous USA Nationals A-Main starts was 13th in 2012, remained winless for his career in WoO LMS competition.

"I keep getting that \$500 (WoO LMS 'Bonus Bucks' for being the highest-finishing non-regular who hasn't won a tour event), but I'd like to get a win," said O'Neal. "We'll go to Iowa and see if maybe we can't pull one off."

Lanigan ducked underneath O'Neal often during the race's second half, but the reigning WoO LMS champion wasn't quite able to complete a pass.

"We just needed him to mess up one time so we could clear him," Lanigan said of O'Neal. "He kept coming back on me and I really didn't have the lane to get up on him.

"I would've liked to get to (heavier) lapped traffic because I was better on the bottom than them guys (McCreadie and O'Neal). They were kind of married to the top, so I think if I could've raced with them in lapped traffic it would've been interesting."

McCreadie slickly handled all the slower cars he had to deal with in the closing circuits, keeping him on top and preserving the party at his trailer that he had promised fans the previous night if he were to win the race. Not surprisingly, after McCreadie's post-race picture-taking ceremonies were completed, he was greeted in the pits by a huge throng of well-wishers.

"I pulled in and it was just as loud as when I was in Victory Lane," said McCreadie, whose best finish in seven previous USA Nationals starts was third in 2009. "These fans up here are amazing, that's for sure."

Finishing in positions 6-10 was Chad Simpson of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, who started in the same spot; fourth-starter Rick Eckert of York, Pa., who slipped out of the top 10 midway through the race but rallied late; a quiet Jimmy Owens of Newport, Tenn.; five-time USA Nationals champion Billy Moyer of Batesville, Ark.; and 16-year-old Bobby Pierce of Oakwood, Ill., who recorded his second consecutive top-10 finish in the event.

Shannon Babb of Moweaqua, Ill., was among the drivers who had a potential strong finish short-circuited by mechanical woes. He charged from the 17th starting spot to fourth by lap 59 and – despite racing without rear brakes – was within striking distance of O'Neal and Lanigan when a burnt piston forced him to the infield on lap 79.

Saturday's program kicked off with two 20-lap B-Mains won by Chris Simpson of Oxford, Iowa, and Eric Wells of Hazard, Ky. Dale McDowell of Chickamauga, Ga., captured the 12-lap Last Chance Race that also transferred runner-up Bagley to the USA Nationals.

Results of World of Outlaws Late Model Series 26th annual USA Nationals 100 at Cedar Lake Speedway (Finishing Position/Start/Driver/Laps Completed/Money Won):

1. (1) Tim McCreadie/100 \$50,150
2. (8) Don O'Neal/100 \$20,500
3. (9) Darrell Lanigan/100 \$10,200
4. (2) Josh Richards/100 \$6,150
5. (12) Brandon Sheppard/100 \$5,000
6. (6) Chad Simpson/100 \$4,500
7. (4) Rick Eckert/100 \$4,450
8. (11) Jimmy Owens/100 \$4,000
9. (7) Billy Moyer/100 \$3,900
10. (5) Bobby Pierce/100 \$3,550
11. (20) Eric Wells/100 \$3,600
12. (22) Brady Smith/100 \$3,000
13. (15) Donnie Moran/100 \$2,850
14. (10) Kent Robinson/100 \$2,700
15. (18) Shane Clanton/100 \$2,550
16. (14) Gregg Satterlee/100 \$2,400
17. (13) Jason Feger/100 \$2,350
18. (16) Dillon Wood/97 \$2,200
19. (21) Tim Fuller/88 \$2,150
20. (17) Shannon Babb/79 \$2,075
21. (28) Scott Bloomquist/71 \$2,150
22. (25) Chub Frank/58 \$2,075
23. (3) A.J. Diemel/53 \$2,000
24. (19) Chris Simpson/51 \$2,025
25. (24) Morgan Bagley/42 \$2,050
26. (27) Jonathan Davenport/40 \$2,000
27. (23) Dale McDowell/16 \$2,000
28. (26) Bub McCool/1 \$2,050





CLAPPER COMMANDS  
COLUMBUS LATE MODELS

BY CHARLIE SPRY

Columbus, WI. It was a night of exciting and perhaps unexpected finishes in the feature events at the Columbus 151 Speedway Friday night, and maybe the most surprised winner was late model feature winner Michael Clapper.

Veterans Russ Grossen and Terry Sauer made up the front row for the late model feature at the start, with the pair holding court over a tight pack of cars on their bumpers. Third running Jacob Vanoskey got into Grossen's bumper a tad, allowing Sauer to finally clear for the lead on lap 10, as Grossen faded from contention. Billy Gray and Andy Tomlinson were now in the fray, with Tomlinson working outside of Gray for the second spot, making the pass stick, then working to the outside of Sauer for the lead, while point leader Ron Bishofberger was quietly sneaking into contention. On lap 21, Sauer made contact with Tomlinson, with the pair sliding up to the wall, bringing out the caution and relegating Sauer to the back of the pack, while Tomlinson retired from the event. Gray now held the lead, with Don Gaserude working the restart cone to his advantage, moving up to second, and Bishofberger in third. A caution once again on lap 24 for a spin brought out the cone again, with Gray still leading, followed by Gaserude, with Michael Clapper suddenly finding a nice surprise of lining up third, as there were few takers for the outside groove. On the restart, Clapper immediately worked outside of Gray for the lead, with Gaserude entertaining thoughts of going down the middle of the pair, but wisely choosing not to. As the field came to the white flag, it seemed that Gray would remain in control, but in trying to stay down in the groove and give room to Clapper, he drove in a little too hard in the low groove, spinning out in turn three all by himself, giving the lead and ultimate win to a very surprised Clapper. Gaserude placed second, followed by Bishofberger, Rob Retallick, and Pete Moore. Earlier in the evening, Clapper also set fast time, with heat race checkered going to Sauer and Moore.

Chester Ace and Jason Clapper brought up the front row for the street stock feature, with Ace gaining control on lap 3. Tim Belz and Scott Lawver stuck like glue to the inside, as Clapper faded on the outside. Mark Deporter worked his way under fourth place Steven Sauer, as Lawver looked inside of Belz for second, just as Ace suddenly dropped into the infield and out of the event while leading on lap 16. Suddenly, Lawver was looking at a gift, as he was the new leader, with Deporter now in second as Belz dropped back. The caution was displayed once more for a spinning car on lap 23, and when the green flew once more it was still Lawver up front and Deporter looking inside and out for a way around. Kevin Anderson used the cone to his advantage and was now up to third, with Sauer fourth. Sauer was able to get back around Anderson, but Lawver

stayed up front the rest of the way, followed by Sauer, Anderson, Dan Schmidt, and Deporter, who got shuffled back at the end. Collin Tomlinson set fast time on his birthday, with Ace taking the win in the heat race.

Justin Wagner took the lead in the hobby stock feature on lap 3, staying ahead of Edgerton driver Peter Shelley. Shelley opened the door on the inside, and that was all that Tony Ciano, Ken Scott and Jimmy Robinson needed to shoot by. Ciano made the pass for the lead on Wagner during lap 10, with Robinson dispatching of Scott and arriving on Ciano's bumper, as Wagner dropped back. Ciano and Robinson pulled away for their own private battle, but stayed in that order to the end, followed by Scott, Cody Buchs, and Jamie Tate. Robinson set fast time, with Wagner and Ciano winning the heat races.

Robert Durst was running his first ever race in the Bandit division tonight, but that inexperience didn't stop him from taking the lead at the start of the feature in that division. Craig Booth and Ronnie Coppernoll moved up to the second and third spots, with a multi-car shunt shuffling things up a bit. The caution was displayed for debris on the track, and Durst again took the lead on the restart, with Booth dropping out. Coppernoll quickly moved into the lead on lap 7, with Nick Schmidt moving into second, followed by the Kohn Brothers, Bob and Jamie, as Durst dropped back. Bob Kohn moved inside of Schmidt for second, with Jamie following, and Jeremy Bredeson and Chester Ace working on Schmidt. Meanwhile, Coppernoll was keeping his cool up front, as the Kohn's caught up to his rear bumper. Coppernoll stayed true to form, winning his first ever Bandit feature here, over Bob Kohn, Jamie Kohn, Ace, and Bredeson. Ace also set fast time, with Durst, Coppernoll, and Dave Schmidt winning the heat races.

J.R. Hur took the initial lead of the backup feature, with George Wachuta moving inside for the lead on lap 2. Andy Ward and Matt Wachuta quickly followed suit, with no change until lap 4, when Matt Wachuta moved under Ward for second. Matt caught up to George, but appeared unable to do anything about it, until suddenly, on the last lap, last turn, George suddenly lost control and spun, handing the lead and win to Matt Wachuta, with Ward following. The backup drivers made a rare qualifying effort during intermission, with Matt Wachuta setting fast time at 17.239 in reverse.

The Wisconsin Sport Trucks made a guest appearance tonight, with a strong field of racers on hand. Brian Vixmer was the early leader of the feature event, until a caution on lap 2 slowed the race. Vixmer again led on the restart, with Jason Plutz and Jake Boldig following. Plutz dropped back, as Bryan Monday quickly moving into contention, getting up to third place before suddenly dropping out on lap 6. Kyle Quella was also moving through the pack, just as the caution was displayed once again on lap 9. On the restart, Vixmer and Boldig ran side by side, trading some paint, as the caution was displayed once more as Taylor Vandermoss ran off the track a bit and rolled over.

All was okay, and Vandermoss rejoined the field once again on the restart. Boldig was sharp on the restart, and shot into the lead, as Quella and Drew Habeck also dislatched of Vixmer. From there on out, the field stayed pat, with Jake Boldig taking the win over Quella, Habeck, Hayden Watzka, and Plutz. Todd Kostichka set fast time, with heat race victories going to Boldig and Quella.

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## Future Photographer

*The past several seasons, we've had a feature known as the Small Car Corner. In the Small Car Corner we would interview some of the young drivers of our sport (Karts, Bandoleros, 1/4 Midgets). For this issue we thought we would try something different and show another side of the sport. In order for the sport to continue on into the future, the younger kids need to be involved. Whether it be as a driver, crew member, fan or photographer. Nathan Blewett's dad (Rick) sent us some photos Nate shot while the 2013 USA Nationals. Nate was able to get some great action shots, as well off-track action such as the flyover. Great job Nate.*



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Hobbies: Racing, football, karate, camping, swimming, fishing, riding bike

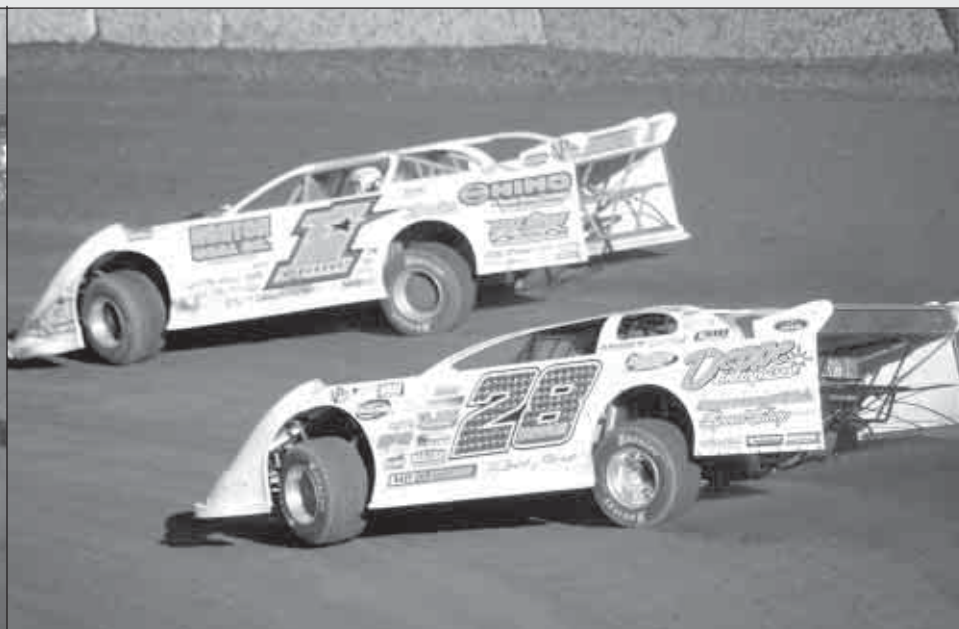
Favorite TV Show: Dog with a Blog

Favorite Candy Bar: Kit Kat

### Nathan Blewett



*Saturday night heat race action got a little crazy for the NASCAR Late Models (left photo), the flyover that's part of the tradition at the USA Nationals (right photo)*



*NASCAR Late Models use every inch of the surface at CLS (left photo), hometown hero Jimmy Mars struggled all weekend and missed the main event for 2013 (right photo)*

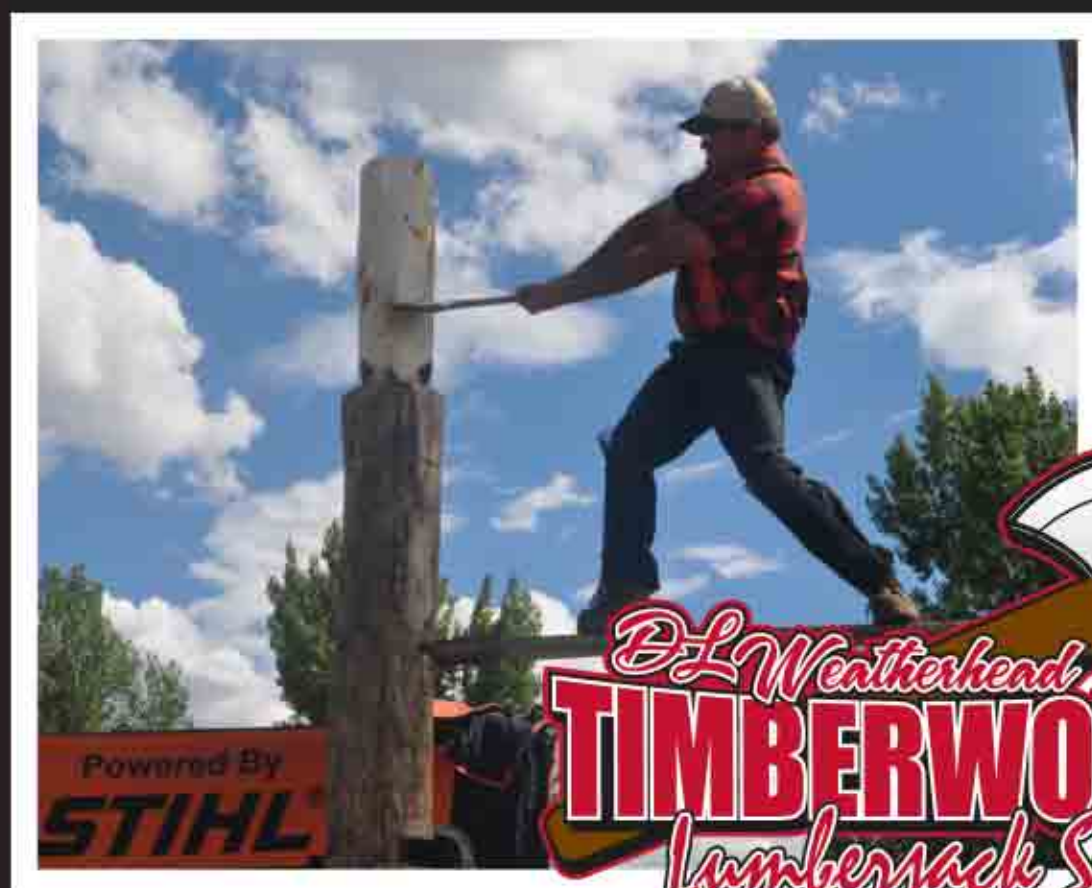




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## Caho and Clark at St. Croix Valley Raceway

By Terry Lehnertz, Joshua Lehnertz and Sarah Lehnertz

St. Croix Falls, WI - Cloudy skies and moderate temperatures greeted fans and drivers to Friday night's races at St. Croix Valley Raceway. Close contests and tiny victory margins were the order of the evening from the first heat race through the night's final feature, as several races weren't decided until the very last possible moment. Tim Baxter set the tone for the night, edging last week's Pure Stock feature winner Jake Silbernagel in a virtual tie in the opening heat race of the Free Food encore event.

When the feature action began, Jake Silbernagel was looking to redeem his narrow heat race defeat from his front row starting spot outside of Rob Lowe. Silbernagel grabbed the early lead and led for the first five laps before spinning on the back stretch, handing the lead over to Ben Kaphing. After Kaphing got out front, he stayed there the rest of the way – picking up his first feature win of the summer in front of Krysta Swearingen, Tim Baxter, Jon Wigchers and Silbernagel.

Future Fours were up next, with "Team Rollover", Damon and Dylan Roberts setting the pace. At the drop of the green, it was Damon Roberts getting the jump from the pole to the lead over heat race winner Dylan, with Dan Rick and Nicki DuBois falling in behind. While the top two remained the same, first DuBois and then Derek Reding worked by Rick, and then the DuBois/Reding battle was the one to watch for the rest of the race. While Damon Roberts began pulling away out front, Reding hunted high and low, trying to power past DuBois – with DuBois running cool and smooth trying to hold her position. When the double checkers waved, it was Damon Roberts picking up his fifth win of the summer over Dylan Roberts, DuBois, Reding and Rick.

The UMSS Micro sprints saw the first visit of the summer from an old friend as Greg Gunderson, who dominated the division at times last summer, made the six hour trek from South Dakota to The Valley on Friday. After taking a nasty spill a week ago, Ty Sampair was looking for a triumphant clean-sweep come back from his pole starting position with Bryan Patrick starting on the outside. Sampair looked strong from the start, snatching the early lead with Gunderson and Collin Olson in dogged pursuit. It took just a lap and a half for "Silent Thunder" Gunderson to overtake Sampair as the new pacesetter. Gunderson was his unflappable self once in the lead, while Olson powered by Sampair for second. The top three running order was unchanged until a late spin by Olson put Sampair back up to the runner-up spot with just three laps remaining. Back

under green, Gunderson powered to an impressive win over Sampair, Patrick, Sandy Traaseth and Allison Berger.

The WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds were their usual multi-grooved selves with speedy and talented drivers sprinkled deep through the line-up. Local favorites Jason Schill and Josh Bazey paced the eighteen car field with Bazey jumping to the point early. A restart after Schill was called for a jumped start saw the same result, Bazey showing the fast way. With seven previous feature winners crammed into the first five rows, the Modifieds set out on their multi-threat hunt for the win in pursuit of Bazey. Justin Oestreich sliced between Jason VandeKamp and Tony Schill to crack the top three on lap three, only to yield third back to VandeKamp a lap later. While Jason Schill was sizing up Bazey for the lead, VandeKamp, Tony Schill, Oestreich, Ryan Olson, Mitch Weiss Joe Chaplin Jr. and John Remington all fanned out across the clay looking for speed and a path to the front. With six laps in the books, VandeKamp took over runner-up honors from Schill, with Oestreich working back up to third by lap eight. At the crossed flags marking the race's midpoint, it was Bazey, VandeKamp, Oestreich, Jason Schill and Tony Schill running in the top five. Coming in to complete lap fourteen, Bazey pushed the right rear of his #55 hot rod over the cushion, opening the door for VandeKamp to take over the point. Three-eighths of a mile later, Oestreich slipped under Bazey for second and Olson finally cracked the top five getting around Jason Schill. Things were somewhat settled down for just the last three laps as VandeKamp began to pull away for his fourth win of the season over Oestreich, Bazey Tony Schill and Olson.

In UMSS Traditional Sprint competition, Rob Caho Jr. has earned a reputation as a high-flying throttle stomper, frequently using the cushion to power his sprinter to wins. Johnny Parsons III, on the other hand, usually can be found running smooth and steady in the low groove. That duo has used contrasting styles to become the co-leaders in career TSCS wins. The roles were reversed Friday, with Caho running the bottom and Parsons in a group of drivers using the cushion and the throttle in search of checkers. To start things off, third heat race winner Mike Mueller and first heat race winner Parsons brought the seventeen sprinters to green with Mueller holding the point early point over Parsons. Fourth starting Kevin Bradwell held down the third spot, chased by reigning Open Wheel Nationals champion Cam Shafer. It wasn't until one looked back to the sixth position of Caho that a driver dared move off the cushion and utilize the lower groove. By lap five, Caho had powered under Shafer, and then Bradwell. With Caho up to third, Shafer followed the points leader to the bottom and high-low battle was on. Still working low on lap six, Caho made the paradoxical low-side pass of Parsons into second place and kept powering forward in pursuit of

Mueller. As the lead duo passed the start-finish line completing lap seven, Caho was ahead by a whisker. After Caho edged out front, things were far from settled as Mueller was successfully keeping pace up high, with Bradwell chasing him – while Shafer was dogging Caho in the low groove. Things got still more interesting by the race's midpoint, as sixteenth starting Brian "The Dragon" VanMeveren had ventured both high and low to crack the top five. Caho's lead would yo-yo between a few car lengths and a few inches as he and Mueller continued their high-low battle for the win and the rest of the field battled in those same grooves behind them. It was a saw-blade, low-high finish with Caho becoming the all-time series win leader over Mueller, Shafer, VanMeveren and Bradwell. After the race, several fans stayed as the Traditional drivers gave an on-track tribute to UMSS Traditional Sprint Car Series racer Jack Clark. Clark has been a stalwart competitor in the wingless series since its inception and the veteran racer has been instrumental in growing the series by providing untold hours of assistance and a wealth of advisement and mentoring to the series' drivers. Clark raced to an eighth place finish in his final TSCS race prior to moving back to northern California later this month. Clark marked his last moments at the track with a victory lap, flying SCVR's unique red-and-white checkered flag.

### Race summary

Pure Stocks:

Feature – Ben Kaphing, Krysta Swearingen, Tim Baxter, Jon Wigchers, Jake Silbernagel, Mason McEvers, Rob Lowe, Casey Ogilvie, Kaylee Remington

Future Fours:

Feature – Damon Roberts, Dylan Roberts, Nicki DuBois, Derek Reding, Dan Rick, Brock Anderson, Alex Hallin

UMSS Micro Sprints:

Feature – Greg Gunderson, Ty Sampair, Bryan Patrick, Sandy Traaseth, Allison Berger, Colin Olson

WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds:

Feature – Jason Vendekamp, Justin Oestreich, Josh Bazey, Tony Schill, Ryan Olson, Jason Schill, Mitch Weiss, Joe Chaplin Jr., Kevin Marlett, John Remington, David Mastell, Tyler English, Kyle Hallin, Elizabeth Toepper, Jacob Toepper, Tony DuBois, Eric Gadach, Craig Elliot

UMSS Traditional Sprints:

Feature – Rob Caho Jr., Mike Mueller, Cam Shafer, Brian VanMeveren, Kevin Bradwell, Johnny Parsons, Denny Stordahl, Jack Clark, Jake Kouba, Katrina Sautbine, Jessie Tripp, D Taubert, Tom Porter, Jeff Pellersels, Jake

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## Pfaff overpowers Carlson for feature win

By Ashley Iwanski

West Salem, WI There was paint being traded, bumpers being rubbed, an eight-car pileup, and a fight to the finish between two former track champions. Just a typical night at La Crosse Fairgrounds Speedway as Shawn Pfaff closed the door on Steve Carlson to win the Kwik Trip NASCAR Late Model feature.

For 15 laps Pfaff was able to hold off a hard-charging Carlson as the duo led the field.

Carlson was weaving back and forth along the back bumper of Pfaff, looking high and low for a chance to take the lead. But Pfaff continued to hit his groove before Carlson was able to secure the top spot; until the last lap.

Carlson soared to the high side of Pfaff in turn one. It looked like a done-deal for Carlson. But Pfaff surged ahead again to remain side-by-side with the points leader.

As the pair exited Turn 4 Pfaff was able gain about half a car length on Carlson to capture the checkered flag.

But that wasn't the only action on the track.

It all started on Lap 2 when Matt Inglett got loose along the backstretch. Inglett slammed into the outside retaining wall as mayhem erupted within the jam-packed field. Cars scattered trying to avoid being caught up in the destruction, but only about half the field was lucky.

Inglett, J. Herbst, Matthew Henderson, Brad Powell, Adam Degenhardt, Brent Kirchner and last week's feature winner Todd Korish all sustained significant damage. Korish was able to come back out onto the track, but he

was missing the back end of his car.

The race restarted with Bill Niles on the point and Mike Carlson on the outside of Row 1. Pfaff and Steve Carlson restarted fourth and fifth, respectively, before storming to the front of the pack.

As Pfaff and Steve Carlson fought for first, two more tandem packs were behind them.

Mike Carlson was trying hard to hang on to the third spot. But it was Cole Howland who escaped the night with a third-place finish after passing Carlson late in the race. Mike Carlson finished fourth.

A little farther back on the track Niles was trying to keep his car in the top 5 with Nick Clements stuck to his back bumper. He couldn't manage to hold on and slipped back to sixth as Clements finished fifth.

Greg Scheck overpowered Jamie Dummer to win the Exhaust Plus Sportsmen feature.

Scheck started sixth and quickly moved up to third. He then managed to make his way around Jerrod Logging, who was holding down the second spot.

Scheck went for the lead around the halfway point, but it wasn't easy. He was side-by-side with Dummer for four laps before he was able to secure the top spot.

Dummer finished second, Steve Bachman third, Logging fourth and Jimmy Gilster rounded out the top 5.

Jordan Myers led Adam Moore and Jason Bolster across the finish line in the United Auto Supply Thunderstox feature.

The Figure-8 feature ended the night as John Clauson weaved his way to a feature win.

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#### Kwik Trip NASCAR Late Models

Coca-Cola 25 Feature (20 Cars) — 1, Shawn Pfaff, Sparta; 2, Steve Carlson, West Salem; 3, Cole Howland, La Crosse; 4, Mike Carlson, West Salem; 5, Nick Clements, West Salem; 6, Bill Niles, Holmen; 7, Branden Berg, Melrose; 8, Adam Moore, Sparta; 9, Albert Locy, Onalaska; 10, Jonathan Eckelberg, West Salem; 11, Curt Eckelberg, West Salem; 12, Jimmy Summerfield, Rockland; 13, Todd Korish, Holmen; 14, Matt Inglett, West Salem; 15, Jerimy Wagner, Onalaska; 16, Matthew Henderson, La Crosse; 17, Adam Degenhardt, Coon Valley; 18, Brent Kirchner, La Crosse; 19, J. Herbst, La Crosse; 20, Brad Powell, La Crosse.

#### Exhaust Plus Sportsmen

Coca-Cola 15 Feature (14 Cars) — 1, Greg Scheck, LaCrosse; 2, Jamie Dummer, Tomah; 3, Steve Bachman, West Salem; 4, Jerrod Logging, West Salem; 5, Jimmy Gilster,

West Salem; 6, Jake Arneson, Taylor; 7, Brian Hesselberg, West Salem; 8, Chad Rosendahl, Houston, Minn.; 9, Bill Martin, Madison; 10, Jeff Thompson, La Crosse; 11, Josh Haessly; 12, Mandi Eckelberg, West Salem; 13, Mark Challet, La Crosse; 14, Nick Clements, West Salem.

#### United Auto Supply Thunderstox

Coca-Cola 15 Feature (11 cars) — 1, Jordan Myers, Sparta; 2, Adam Moore, Sparta; 3, Jason Bolster, Sparta; 4, Charles Vian, Sparta; 5, Mark Challet, La Crosse; 6, Brad Warthan, Sparta; 7, Kayla Lockington, Mindoro; 8, JR Tourtellott; 9, Andy Moore, Sparta; 10, Jesse Vian, Sparta; 11, Dustin Bagstad, La Crosse.

#### Coca-Cola Figure-8

Coca-Cola 15 Feature (12 cars) — 1, John Clauson, Onalaska; 2, Jordan Myers, Sparta; 3, Andy Moore, Sparta; 4, Brian Abbs; 5, Larry Holets, Rochester, Minn.; 6, Garrett Thicke, West Salem; 7, Jason Bolster, Sparta; 8, Brad Warthan, Sparta; 9, Myla Heller; 10, Tyler Mickschl; 11, Jesse Vian, Sparta; 12, Adam Moore, Sparta.



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## BRAUN CAPTURES WIN #3 IN WERNER ELECTRIC 60

By Dan Margetta

Slinger, Wis., —Rob Braun captured his third super late model feature victory of the season Sunday night at the Slinger Super Speedway by holding off the challenges of Steve Apel in the Werner Electric 60.

“He was all over me there and I was just trying to hold my own and hit my marks,” Braun exclaimed, describing the battle with Apel for the win. “I knew if I hit my marks he didn’t have much for me,” Braun continued, “This car is fast.

“We were getting real loose there at the end,” Apel said afterward,” I was just waiting for him to make a mistake and he didn’t.”

Nick Wagner and Fred Winn paced the field to the green flag and the caution flag appeared quickly at the completion of lap one when Jake Vanoskey spun in turn four. Wagner and Winn each chose the inside lane for the restart while Rich Loch utilized the restart cone to try the outside lane and as racing resumed, Loch was able to keep pace with Wagner for a few laps before exiting the speedway with mechanical problems as Winn advanced into second. Behind the lead duo, Rob Braun, Mike Egan, Steve Apel, and Conrad Morgan all raced for positions in the top six. Winn pressured Wagner for the lead and was able to open up some space on the inside to pull even and eventually take the lead from Wagner. With the inside groove open, one by one, Braun, Egan, and Apel all worked their way past Wagner as he was caught in the upper lane. Braun worked Winn for the lead as they ran nose to tail before eventually sweeping by to take command of the race with an inside move entering turn one. At the same time the lead changed hands, Apel raced around Egan for third and began to track down Winn in second. Apel made quick work of Winn’s machine and charged into second, setting his sights on Braun for the lead while Conrad Morgan sliced his way forward and into the top five. Apel caught up to Braun and raced in his tire tracks as the leaders approached lapped traffic while Morgan continued to march forward by moving into third place. With the leaders in lapped traffic racing nose to tail, Morgan began to gradually close on them while Egan exited the speedway with mechanical problems as the laps wound down. Apel

could close to Braun’s bumper but was unable to find a way around for the lead as Braun paced the final circuits to score his third super late model feature victory of the season. Apel finished a close second while Conrad Morgan crossed the stripe in third place. Michael Bilderback used a strong late race run to finish fourth and Jeff Holtz rounded out the top five finishers in fifth. Nick Wagner took the checkered flag in sixth place ahead of Fred Winn in seventh. Lowell Bennett, Tim Lampman, and Braison Bennett finished eighth through tenth respectively.

Super late model heat race victories were captured by Jake Vanoskey, Tim Lampman, and Jeff Holtz while Steve Apel was the fastest qualifier with a lap of 11.527 seconds.

Braison Bennett held off Ryan Farrell in a close finish to win the 40-lap late model main event.

Adam Peschek and Jerry Mueller traded the lead in the early laps before Peschek used the inside lane to establish himself in the lead while Braison Bennett and Dan Church also used the low groove to race by Mueller and into second and third respectively. Bennett then tracked down Peschek for the lead and took command of the race with an outside pass on Peschek while behind them, Alex Prunty, Mike Lichtfeld, and Ryan Farrell all were advancing forward. The complexion of the race changed dramatically on lap 29 when the caution flag waved for a spin by Tyler Schley in turn four and shortly after the yellow was displayed, Prunty and Lichtfeld found themselves hard into the retaining wall entering turn one after some hard racing with Farrell. Both Prunty and Lichtfeld’s cars were damaged too severely to continue and as racing resumed, Bennett and Church continued their lead battle with Church using a strong run up top to take the lead. The caution flag waved again on lap 33 when Gregg Pawelski’s car encountered problems after battling with Stephen Scheel. Church chose the inside lane for the restart with Bennett alongside and Bennett gained momentum exiting turn two to clear Church for the lead entering turn three. As Bennett moved into the lower groove, contact with Church’s car sent his machine looping around. Bennett was allowed to keep his spot on the track after Church used the new “tap-out” gentleman’s rule claiming responsibility for the incident. Bennett chose the inside lane for the restart and Ryan Farrell moved up to the outside slot, a move that initially paid off as Farrell was able to get a strong start to take the lead. Bennett would not be denied however, and he also worked the high lane, making a challenge for the lead on

the final lap. As they exited turn four, Bennett used a strong run on the high side to beat Farrell to the line for the exciting win. Ryan DeStefano finished third while Adam Peschek and Jerry Mueller rounded out the top five.

Tim Lange and Adam Peschek were the winners of the late model heat races and Alex Prunty set fast time with a lap of 12.552 seconds.

Kody Hubred raced to his third feature victory of the season in the 30-lap Area Sportsman main event.

Hubred battled Brad Hetzel for the lead throughout much of the race before taking sole possession of the top spot. Kyle Chwala advanced from the sixth starting spot to finish third while Mark Fogel and Ken Schraufnagel rounded out the top five finishers. Ken Schraufnagel won the first Area Sportsman heat race over John Daley and Kody Hubred picked up the win in the second Area Sportsman heat race over Brad Hetzel. Kyle Chwala was the fastest qualifier after turning in a lap time of 13.238 seconds.

Kenny Joosten claimed top honors in the 35-lap Midwest Sportsman feature as he held off Jack Stern for the victory. Stern finished in second place just ahead of Ryan Gutknecht and early leader Scott Shambeau. Chris Ratajczyk took the checkered flag in fifth. Scott Shambeau and Kenny Joosten were the winners of the Midwest Sportsman heat races and Jay Shambeau set fast time by touring the speedway in 12.961 seconds.

Jacob Schraufnagel was the winner of the 25-lap Slinger Bee feature as he held back the challenges of Brandon Tackes to score the victory. Marty Tackes finished in third place while Heather Stark and Paul Riegles were fourth and fifth respectively. Dale Kiley-Schaefer and Nick Schmidt each won Slinger Bee heat races while Brandon Tackes was the fastest qualifier with a lap of 14.959 seconds.

Willy Van Camp won the Figure 8 race bringing the evening to a close.

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made his move to get by Dunn and set his sights on Taylor on the point. A final caution on lap 22 slowed his efforts as he lined up on Taylor’s rear bumper for the final eight laps. As racing resumed, Tate began to look to the low side of Taylor for the lead. Tate got a great run under Taylor exiting turn two on lap 23. Tate cleared a lap later as he immediately pulled out to a large lead. Tate cruised on his way to crossing the stripe first. Following post race inspection, Tate was forced to vacate his finishing spot, handing the win to Taylor. Dunn was second followed by Lootans, Robert Hansberry and Thoma.

Madison’s Mike Lambert charged to the front of the field on his way to winning the 20 lap International feature event. Dylan Buckingham led lap one from the pole with Keith Bell up to second. Bell drove to the low side of Buckingham on lap two, clearing for the top spot on lap four. Joe Cross made his way to second on lap five with Neil Higgins in his tracks for third. Higgins quickly drove under Cross to grab second on lap 10 and slid up next to Bell for the lead. Lambert joined the leaders as Higgins tried to clear Bell for the lead. Higgins completed the pass on lap 11 with Lambert following into second. Lambert drove to the high side as he drew even with Higgins looking to lead. Lambert pulled ahead of Higgins as they raced down the back stretch with three laps remaining. Lambert stayed out front as he saw the checkers first for the win. Higgins finished second followed by Chris Chenoweth, Bell and Casey Strese.

Waterloo’s Kyle Stark made his debut in the Hobby Stock division and ran away with the 25 lap feature event. Jim Wolf led early as Stark took to the third groove as he

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## First Time Winner

MRC Congratulates First Time Feature Winner Erik Hake



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## PAPINI TAKES THIRD STRAIGHT, BAGS WIN NUMBER EIGHT!

By Eric Huenefeld

Jimmy Ambruoso photo



The calendar may say it's the year 2013, but at Rockford Speedway this season has clearly been 'The Summer of '39.'

Machesney Park's Alex Papini has owned the competition in the Stanley Steemer NASCAR Late Model division, leading the divisional point standings since the first race of the year, winning more features than any other driver and extending his point lead in the rugged summer months.

Papini added another trophy to his shelf on Saturday night, winning his eighth Saturday night feature of the year on Cintas Kid's Night. The victory was Papini's third consecutive and his fourth in the last five weeks.

It was not an easy road to victory for Papini, as he started the 30 laps in seventh position. Dave Edwards and Mike Beyer led the field to green, with Beyer jumping to the lead on the opening lap from his outside front row starting position. Beyer paced the field early, but was soon joined at the front of the field by three-time track champion Jerry Gille. Gille, the evening's fast qualifier, appeared to be the car with the best chance to wrestle the lead from Beyer. With Papini still navigating traffic, Gille and Beyer began their battle for the lead on lap five. Gille challenged Beyer from below, as Beyer defended his lead from the high side. In turn one on lap seven, both cars would touch entering turn one. Gille's racer delivered the bevy of the blow to Beyer, sending the leader into the wall and airborne. The wreck ended Beyer's night and ended Gille's chance for a third victory of the season.

The incident handed the lead to the car who had recently inherited third place, and that was Papini. On the restart, it was Papini leading contenders Jake Gille, Jon Reynolds Jr and Mitch Garfield back to the green. Jake Gille sprinted to second, with Reynolds and Garfield waging war for third. Just past halfway, Garfield muscled his way past Reynolds and into the top three. Upfront, Jake Gille was able to close on Papini numerous times in the races final laps, yet was never able to give the leader a serious challenge. Papini hit the line first once again, with Jake Gille behind him in the runner up spot. Garfield continued his great second half of the season with a top three finish. Reynolds took fourth, with Edwards fifth.

Justin Sellers has had a season to forget in the Bargain Hunter Sportsman division. Sellers, a two-time winner in the division last year, has fought an ill-handling car and some tough luck throughout this 2013 racing season. However, this past Saturday night, all would be forgotten as Sellers turned in his best run of the year, dominating the 25 lap Sportsman feature and collecting his first win of the season.

Sellers had the 'best seat in the house,' starting the Sportsman main from the pole position. Sellers was able to

convey that pole start into a big lead and ran away from the field in the caution-free feature race. Behind Sellers, action the action was non-stop, with battles all throughout the top ten. The tussle for second place was contested among three cars, with Howie Ware holding off the advances of fast qualifier Daryl Gerke in the race's final five laps. Johnny Robinson II settled for fourth, after earlier challenging Ware for second, then losing third to Gerke. Bobby Frisch finished fifth, holding off the advances of drivers like Darrell Garman, Brett McCoy and Doug Bennett.

Arlyn Roush returned to victory lane Saturday night in the Rockstar Energy Drink Roadrunner division, collecting his season-high fifth feature win of the year. Roush stole the lead late from Jeff "Ace" Allendorf on his way to the win. Allendorf fell to third in the final standings as he was over taken with two laps to go by 73-year old Gene Marocco. Austin Fowler had a solid finish, ending the 20 laps in fourth spot. 'Wild Wednesday' Roadrunner champion Kyle McQuality rounded out the top five. Later in the evening, Shawn Rickelman topped 11 other competitors in the Roadrunner Non Feature Winners Race. Rickelman outran James Gregory for the win in the 15 lapper.

Richie Schinderling was the victor in the final race of the evening, the 15 lap Crap Scrapper Hornet feature race. Schinderling inherited the lead following a mechanical failure on leader Bernie Robinson's automobile with three laps remaining. The win was Schinderling's first ever feature win at Rockford Speedway. Ryan Eddy finished the Hornet race in second spot, with Kodee Busekros fighting to a third place finish.

### NASCAR All American Sportsmen

A-Main 01 — 1. Justin Sellers, Carol Stream; 2. Howie Ware, South Beloit; 3. Daryl Gerke, Whitelaw, Wis; 4. Johnny Robinson, II, Beloit, Wis; 5. Bobby Frisch, Beloit, Wis; 6. Darrell Garman, South Beloit; 7. Brett McCoy, Belvidere; 8. Doug Bennett, Brodhead, Wis; 9. Patrick Featherston II, Byron; 10. Deanna Chandler (r), Machesney Park; 11. Brian Mayer (r), Machesney Park; 12. John Dietrich, Carol Stream; 13. Rob Goodman, McHenry.

### Hornets

A-Main 01 — 1. Rich Schinderling Jr, Port Charlotte, Fla.; 2. Ryan Eddy, Roscoe; 3. Kodee Busekros, Loves Park; 4. Brent Lowe, Beloit, Wis; 5. Guy Miller, Rockford; 6. Steve Putman, Jr., Beloit, Wis; 7. Jason Schlesner, Roscoe; 8. Jacob Bigelow, Rockton; 9. Ryan Andrews, Woodstock; 10. Steven Clark, Machesney Park; 11. Bernard Robinson, Beloit, Wis; 12. Blake Andrus, Rockford; 13. Stephen Hillary, Machesney Park.

### NASCAR Late Models

A-Main 01 — 1. Alex Papini, Machesney Park; 2. Jacob Gille, Machesney Park; 3. Mitchell Garfield, Gilberts; 4. Jon Reynolds, Jr., Rockford; 5. Dave Edwards, Salem, Wis; 6. Jerry Gille, Roscoe; 7. Mike Beyer, Machesney Park.

### NASCAR Road Runners

A-Main 01 — 1. Arlyn Roush, Woodstock; 2. Gene Marocco, Machesney Park; 3. Jeff Allendorf, Belvidere; 4. Austin Fowler, Loves Park; 5. Kyle McQuality, Stillman Valley; 6. Jason Van Hise, Loves Park; 7. Terrance Robinson, Beloit, Wis; 8. Rick Rickelman, Machesney Park; 9. Daniel Opsahl, Rockford; 10. Chad Lounsbury, Beloit, Wis; 11. Shawn Rickelman, Rockton; 12. Steve Gregory, Machesney Park; 13. Robert Roush, Marengo; 14. Dennis Smith, Jr, South Beloit; 15. Adam Cartwright, Belvidere; 16. James Gregory, Winnebago; 17. Ryan Ostenson, Beloit, Wis; 18. Kevin Memoli, Geneva; 19. Terry Van Hise, Machesney Park; 20. Richard Pixler, Winnebago.

B-Main 01 — 1. Shawn Rickelman, Rockton; 2. James

Gregory, Winnebago; 3. Chad Lounsbury, Beloit, Wis; 4. Daniel Opsahl, Rockford; 5. Rick Rickelman, Machesney Park; 6. Ryan Ostenson, Beloit, Wis; 7. Terry Van Hise, Machesney Park; 8. Jeff Allendorf, Belvidere; 9. Robert Myher, South Beloit; 10. Austin Fowler, Loves Park; 11. Steve Gregory, Machesney Park; 12. Kenneth Brazee III, Rockford; 13. Autumn Rudeen, Loves Park.

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charged towards the front. By lap three, Stark was already up to second using this outside as he looked to pressure Wolf. Stark stayed high as he pulled alongside Wolf on lap four. Stark cleared entering turn one on lap five and immediately began to stretch his advantage. Tony Ciano worked up to second on lap six with point leader Bobby Selsing Jr in tow for third. Ciano and Selsing waged an intense battle for second while Stark continued to dominate. At the checkers, it was Stark by a big margin. Ciano claimed second with Selsing settling for third. Chester Williams and Lucas Buckingham rounded out the top five.

Jefferson's Chris Gottschalk charged to the front and drove away to win the 20 lap Road Warrior feature event. Jason Haas and Jordan Lamb led the field to green with Lamb taking the early lead. Haas fell back to second with Gottschalk already up to third. Gottschalk slipped by Haas on lap three as he pulled up behind Lamb on the point. Gottschalk dropped down low entering three as he drew even with Lamb on lap four. Gottschalk cleared for the lead just before the caution waved for debris. Gottschalk restarted as the leader while Tadd Douglas sliced up to second with Bill Reynolds following for third. Gottschalk moved out to a large lead while Douglas and Reynolds fought for the runner up spot. Reynolds drove to the outside of Douglas in the closing laps as Gottschalk cruised to the win. Reynolds nipped Douglas for second with Bill Sweeney and Rob Lange completing the top five.

Nick Schmidt of Oak Creek was awarded the win following completion of the 20 lap Bandit feature event. Trent Reuth led early with Tyler Deporter up to second. Deporter quickly drove under Reuth entering turn three, clearing for the lead on lap two. Devon Dixon used the high side to fire up to second on lap three. Dixon continued on the outside as he drew even with Deporter for the lead. Dixon cleared on lap four and began to open up a large lead while Schmidt and Josh Marx drove up to second and third respectively. Dixon led the way over the final 15 laps as Schmidt held off Marx. Following post race inspection, Dixon was forced to vacate his position handing the win to Schmidt. Marx claimed second followed by Josh Rusch, Brandon DeLacy and Deporter.

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## Skaja Picks Up First Win of the Year At Raceway Park

By Kevin Busse

Drew Skaja led from the drop of the green flag in the Leo's South / CF Moto NASCAR Hobby Stock feature, but every time he tried to extend the distance of his lead, cautions reeled him back in. The first caution occurred as Chaska's Jeremy Wolff spun in turn two with 12 laps to go. At the restart, as Skaja again took to the point, a battle for second developed between Jim Gustafson of Prior Lake and Lakeville's Conrad Jorgenson. The two were running side by side with 7 laps to go, and as Skaja was once again building his lead, both drivers collided entering turn 3, spinning and bringing out the second caution. Lane choice placed Shakopee's Mark Hawes next to the Burnsville driver, and with the green Skaja again resumed the lead, leaving Hawes in a race for second with Brent Kane of Lonsdale. The two drivers kept it side by side until 4 laps to go, when suddenly a burst of heavy white smoke and flames erupted from Kane's machine as fluid sprayed over the racing surface, resulting in another caution as clean up began. It was a shootout finish between Skaja and Hawes, with the Burnsville driver taking the victory, Hawes second, and Red Wing's Don Whitebear finishing in third place.

After several weeks of increasingly narrow misses in the Crossroads Of Doom, this past Sunday night at Raceway Park in Shakopee the wreck finally happened during the Turtle's Bar & Grill Wild'n'Crazy Figure-8 feature. To be honest, it actually happened twice, with both feature runs having their share of destruction in the "X."

The first feature began with Prior Lake driver Steve Dehler taking the early lead at the drop of the green, with Mark Bronstad of Maple Plain charging to second 2 laps into the run. With 11 laps remaining, Bronstad was challenging Dehler for the lead, joined by Farmington's Ricky Martin which made it a 3-way battle. Just 2 laps later Martin got crossed up with Dehler, sending the Prior Lake driver around, and a Black Flag on Martin for spinning the leader. With 6 laps to go, and heavy traffic in the crossroads ahead, Dehler came to a complete stop just ahead of the "X." Fred Radiske of Mound was looking down the circuit to the cars exiting the highway turns, and as he came out of the pit turn, spotted an opening ahead and hit the gas, but didn't see that Dehler had stopped. The Radiske machine plowed full-speed into the back of Dehler's racer, sending both cars skidding into the crossroads and directly into the path of Shakopee's John Lebens. All 3 drivers collided, coming to a halt on the infield as the caution waved. Raceway Park NASCAR Safety Officials went into action, with all drivers coming out of the wreck unscratched, but the same couldn't be said for their cars.

After clean up, it was Bronstad joined at the restart by Todd Tacheny of Mankato. The Maple Plain driver took the lead, and the top 3 began to pull away from the rest of the group for the final 3 laps. At the line it was Bronstad with the win, Tacheny in second, and Eric Hake of Bloomington finishing third.

The excitement continued in the second Figure-8s feature, as Bloomington's Mike Dickey built a big lead in the first 3 laps over the rest of the group, with cars already mixing it up in the crossroads by 11 laps to go. With 6 laps remaining, and plenty of side by side racing back in the pack, brother Matt Dickey of Shakopee began to close in as Mike kept having to slow to deal with the hard racing crossing ahead of him in the intersection. The caution came out with 3 laps to go as Adam Radiske of Minneapolis passed through the "X" and was clipped hard in the back by Todd Tacheny, tearing the bumper off Radiske's car and sending it bouncing down the asphalt. Again, both drivers came through the incident unhurt, and at the restart it was brother against brother. The remaining laps were the Dickey & Dickey show with a back and forth battle as Mike came out of the final turn just ahead to take the win. Matt was right behind in second, and third going to Lakeville's Rick Martin.

In other NASCAR action, the Showcar Supply Mini-Stock feature started out strong for Burnsville driver Chad Reller, leading for the first half of the run while holding off a challenge by Aaron Hopkins of Burnsville who moved up through the pack of drivers and right in with Reller with 10 laps to go. As Reller and Hopkins started to work into the slower traffic, they were joined by Montgomery's Blake Dorweiler from third as 6 laps remained. For the next 3 laps the three drivers were caught up in the chase for the lead, building to the very last lap when Hopkins cleared just enough to grab the lead and the win as they came up to the line. Dorweiler crossed second less than a fender length apart from the winner, with Reller settling for third.

The Monster Energy Short Tracker feature began with an early lead by Plymouth driver Dave Reed, with Charlie Pehrson of Prior Lake running second. Pehrson closed in quickly and was right on the back bumper of the leader with 10 laps to go. After being joined by veteran racer Terry Larson of Shakopee, the top 3 began to pull away from the rest of the group. With 5 laps remaining it was a side by side run for the lead before Pehrson was able to just edge ahead over the course of the last 3 laps. Pehrson kept the lead to the checkers, Reed finished a close second, and Larson marked his return to Raceway Park with a third place finish.

In the Impact Printing Bomber feature, the race was filled with continual 2 and 3-wide racing throughout the



pack, as drivers battled for position and those all important points leading toward the final night of racing just weeks away. A caution with 18 laps to go after James Tich of Crystal and New Hope's Josh Steelman got together in turn 4, turned to a restart that placed Prior Lake's Nate Borchardt in the lead. Borchardt kept the point for the remainder of the run, extending the lead while a 4 way battle for second developed between Greg Michaud of Maple Grove, Ramsey driver Eric Prindle, Mike Stoer of Prior Lake, and Racine's Ryan Varner of Minnetonka all going back in forth as each one tried to make their move over the final 6 laps of racing. Borchardt took an easy win, with Prindle crossing second, followed immediately by Greg Michaud for third place.

The final round of spectator drags was dominated by Shakopee's Justin Otterholt. His 1979 Pontiac Firebird came out on top after a single elimination round over 12 other competitors driving everything from a custom Chevy Caprice to pickup trucks.

Drag Racing legend Doug Rose returned to Raceway Park with the legendary Green Mamba Jet Car, and a spectacular vehicle melt down as he burned a still-running Chevy Suburban to the ground following a direct blast from his powerful jet engine dragster. It was an incredible show of flames, sparks and molten metal as the vehicle took the full force of the jet engine which lasted for several minutes before Rose pulled away, leaving the Shakopee Fire Department to put out the flames as part of Raceway Park's Public Safety Appreciation Night.

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## SEVENTH HEAVEN: Schatz Wins His seventh FVP Knoxville Nationals in Historic Fashion

KNOXVILLE, Iowa - Donny Schatz didn't just win the 53rd running of the storied FVP Knoxville Nationals on Saturday night at Knoxville Raceway, he turned in one of the greatest performances in the history of sprint car racing on the sport's biggest stage.

After struggling during the Wednesday preliminary feature, Schatz was forced to start Saturday on the outside of the second row in the Last Chance Showdown, or B-main. He won that race to earn the 21<sup>st</sup> starting position in the \$150,000-to-win, 50-lap A-main.

Nobody had ever won the Nationals from deeper than 14th and here was Schatz attempting to win from another area code in his STP Gas Booster J&J. Then, in one of the most dominating runs in World of Outlaws STP Sprint Car Series history, Schatz picked off car after car until finally, with nine laps to go, he caught and passed leader Brian Brown, who finished second to Schatz for the second consecutive year.

Justin Henderson, Paul McMahan and Chad Kemenah rounded out the top five finishers.

"It was a fun run," said Schatz, of Fargo, N.D., who also turned 36 on Saturday. "We went where we had to, we go to the top, or the bottom, but we couldn't really make the bottom work. I just can't say enough for the STP Gas Booster guys. We tried to win the Speed Sport News World Challenge on Friday night, but we also tried something new with the car to see what we could find. We wanted to get locked in. It put a lot of doubt in a lot of minds because I usually run well on the World Challenge night, but when you're not that good you have nothing to lose testing. I'd rather crash than run 20th or fifth."

Schatz won the LCS on a last lap pass and followed it up by leading the final nine laps of the feature event on Saturday night after he raced under Brown as they exited turn two.

The victory in the LCS moved Schatz into the 21st starting position in the \$150,000 finale, seven positions deeper than when Steve Kinser won in 1995 and when Jerry Richert Jr. won in 1962.

It didn't make any difference to Schatz. After a dramatic salute to the crowd that featured more than 50 vehicles on track, including support vehicles, and several pyrotechnic booms, it was simply time to race. After the initial green a red flag was quickly displayed for a flip by Stevie Smith in turn one and another quick delay was marked on the second lap as Cody Darrah spun in turn two.

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When the field restarted Schatz was 15th and on the move working the bottom. Eight laps later he was running eighth and challenging Knoxville legend, Danny Lasoski, who held the battle for two more laps before Schatz powered past him. Another 8 laps and another position for Schatz, who was then running sixth before a caution brought out by Ian Madsen.

Schatz restarted behind Brown who led the race virtually unchallenged over Joey Saldana who held a strong grip on the second spot.

Five laps later when the red flew at the midpoint of the feature for a fuel stop the top of the order remained the same while Schatz had moved up to the fifth position. The teams changed tires and anything else they thought could help them improve their odds at winning the historic event.

On lap 27 Brown still led and was pulling a gap over second place Saldana, meanwhile, Schatz began working on Henderson for the third position and two laps later had successfully sieged the position. On lap 31, he had caught Saldana as the charge continued. Meanwhile, upfront Brown enjoyed a lead of over three seconds. Saldana did not have enough to hold off Schatz and dropped to third.

On lap 34, Schatz had virtually erased the three-second lead that Brown had enjoyed and still pressed forward. Brown fought valiantly and for seven laps held onto the lead and fended off the charges. On lap 41, however, he couldn't hold off Schatz anymore.

A pass from the bottom of turn four took the wind out of Brown faithful in the packed grandstands as Schatz used the remaining nine laps to cruise to victory. It was the 16<sup>th</sup> A- Main appearance of Schatz's career. He Has now led 177 laps in the FVP Knoxville Nationals, second only to Steve Kinser's 302 laps led.

Brown and Henderson tightened up with three to go for a great battle for second. The two raced side-by-side for a pair of laps before Brown secured the position entering turn three on the final corner and took the stripe with another painful second place finish.

"We're disappointed, that's the biggest thing, but we don't take a second place at the Knoxville Nationals for granted," said Brown, the Grain Valley, Mo., native and driver of the FVP/Casey's General Stores Maxim who collected \$75,000 for his effort. "We could finish third, fourth or miss the show. My car went away at the end, our car went tight and then loose and I'm not sure if I used up my tires or what happened. Hats off to Donny Schatz his team they did a great job and he's a true champion. We'll keep plugging away and come back next year and either break his legs or beat him."

Henderson found third position bittersweet with a second so close at hand.

"I'm a little bummed to run third," said Henderson, of Sioux Falls, S.D., and a three-time feature starter in the nationals. "It's awesome and it's an honor, but if you would've told me coming in that I would run third coming into this place, I'd have thought that's sweet. But when it's right there as a driver, you want to win, especially when it's \$150,000. When it finally sinks in tomorrow when we're on the drive home I'll probably be cheering for myself."

World of Outlaws STP Sprint Car Series Statistical

Report; FVP Knoxville Nationals Night 4; Knoxville (Iowa) Raceway; A-Main (50 laps): 1. Donny Schatz (21) (\$150,000); 2. Brian Brown (2) (\$75,000); 3. Justin Henderson (4)(\$37,500); 4. Paul McMahan (6)(\$26,000); 5. Chad Kemenah (19)(\$21,000); 6. Kyle Larson (17)(\$20,000); 7. Joey Saldana (1)(\$19,000); 8. Danny Lasoski (13)(\$18,000); 9. Steve Kinser (12)(\$17,000); 10. Cap Henry (18)(\$16,000); 11. Dusty Zomer (23)(\$15,000); 12. Greg Hodnett (16)(\$14,000); 13. Brad Sweet (5)(\$13,000); 14. Daryn Pittman (11)(\$12,000); 15. Cody Darrah (10)(11,000); 16. Kerry Madsen (8)(10,500); 17. Shane Stewart (3)(\$10,000); 18. Roger Crockett (15) (\$10,000); 19. Brooke Tatnell (25) (\$10,000); 20. Kevin Swindell (9) (\$10,000); 21. Ian Madsen (24) (\$10,000); 22. Lynton Jeffrey (22) (\$10,000); 23. David Gravel (7) (\$10,000); 24. Jac Haudenschild (20) (\$9,500); 25. Stevie Smith (14) (\$9,500).

B-Main (22 laps): 1. Donny Schatz (4)(\$1,000); 2. Lynton Jeffrey (1) (\$1,000); 3. Dusty Zomer (9) (\$1,000); 4. Ian Madsen (8) (\$1,000); 5. Scott Winters (2) (\$8,000); 6. Brandon Wimmer (11) (\$7,000); 7. Wayne Johnson (13) (\$6,000); 8. Jason Sides (3) (\$5,000); 9. Bronson Maeschen (19) (\$4,000); 10. Terry McCarl (7) (\$3,500); 11. Craig Dollansky (6) (\$3,000); 12. Davey Heskin (16)\$2,500); 13. Mark Dobmeier (\$2,250); 14. Randy Hannagan (14) (\$2,000); 15. Jason Johnson (12) (\$1,750); 16. Danny Dietrich (23) (\$1,500); 17. Jeff Swindell (15) (\$1,450); 18. Don Droud Jr. (17) (\$1,400); 19. Josh Schneiderman (24) (\$1,350); 20. Logan Schuchart (20) (\$1,300); 21. Sam Hafertepe Jr. (21) (\$1,250); 22. Tim Kaeding (5) (\$1,200); 23. James McFadden (18) (\$1,150); 24. Tim Shaffer (22) (\$1,100).

C-Main (15 laps): 1. Sam Hafertepe Jr. (1); 2. Tim Shaffer (7); 3. Danny Dietrich (4); 4. Josh Schneiderman (2); 5. Kraig Kinser (16); 6. Brad Loyet (12); 7. Sammy Swindell (22); 8. R.J. Johnson (11); 9. Rager Phillips (6); 10. Brent Marks (19); 11. Ed Lynch Jr. (5); 12. Lance Dewease (13); 13. Cole Wood (10); 14. Sheldon Haudenschild (21); 15. Jimmy Light (18); 16. Johnny Herrera (15); 17. Kaley Gharst (23); 18. Skylar Prochaska (17); 19. Dustin Selvage (3); 20. Austin McCarl (8); 21. Rob Kubli (24); 22. Dale Blaney (20); 23. Danny Smith (14); 24. Tasker Phillips (9).

D-Main (12 laps): 1. Dale Blaney (3); 2. Sheldon Haudenschild (2); 3. Sammy Swindell (18); 4. Kaley Gharst (1); 5. Rob Kubli (4); 6. Tony Bruce Jr. (8); 7. Rico Abreu (10); 8. Bill Rose (7); 9. Mike Moore (6); 10. Jonathan Allard (15); 11. Chris Shirek (9); 12. Bill Balog (21); 13. Caleb Helms (5); 14. Josh Hodges (13); 15. Brady Bacon (17); 16. Jarrod Schneiderman (11); 17. Trey Gustin (16); 18. Bob Weuve (14); 19. Jacob Allen (12); 20. Paul Morris (22); 21. Kevin Ingle (24); 22. Thomas Kennedy (20); 23. Glen Saville (23); 24. AJ Moeller (19).

E-Main (10 laps): 1. Sammy Swindell (4); 2. AJ Moeller (2); 3.

Thomas Kennedy (3); 4. Bill Balog (5); 5. Paul Morris (7); 6. Glen Saville (9); 7. Kevin Ingle (6); 8. TJ Peterson (8); 9. Ron Krysl (10); 10. Brian Paulus (11).

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Sauter Makes it Ten in a Row and Claims the Border Wars 2 at MIS

By Kari Shear-Carlson

“Obviously this streak is going to end eventually. We all know that.” But it wasn’t going to be today. Travis Sauter took home his tenth consecutive super late model victory at Madison International Speedway in the ARCA Midwest Tour presented Scag Power Equipment and Lester Buildings Border Wars Part 2 150 lap event.

Dennis Prunty and Ross Kenseth led the field to green and ran side-by-side on lap one. Kenseth got the edge coming out of turn two. The nine-time consecutive winner at Madison International Speedway started in the fifth spot.

Prunty looked to the outside of Kenseth on lap five and took the lead back. Sauter was being patient sitting in fifth.i-gogs Touring Star Jeff Storm and DOC 360 Touring Star Chris Wimmer got together a little bit on the back stretch but gathered it back up. Sauter moved up to fourth past DOC 360 Touring Star Nathan Haseleu.

Storm and Wimmer continued to battle for the sixth spot. Wimmer disposed of Storm and left it open for i-gogs Sunglasses Touring Star Andrew Morrissey as he slid under Storm as well. Storm was locked on the outside as i-gogs Sunglasses Touring Star Dan Fredrickson and i-gogs Sunglasses Touring Star Jonathan Eilen made their way past.Meanwhile Travis Sauter got a run on Bobby Wilberg for third on lap 14 and set his sights on Kenseth.

Fredrickson spun on his own coming out of turn two bringing out the first caution. As the field lined up double-file with 136 to go, Prunty chose the outside with Kenseth going to the inside followed by Sauter. Wimmer also went to the outside.Prunty got the jump as Wimmer took second over Kenseth on the outside and settled into third. Sauter fell back from third to fifth, but was already setting up Morrissey to take back the fourth spot.

The top five got some breathing room up front. Sauter got under Morrissey for fourth, but Storm spun in turn three causing the field to revert back to the previous lap. Dan Fredrickson pulled into the pits under the caution but returned without going a lap down. He recovered to finish third in the end. “I just have to make it so hard on myself,” said Fredrickson after racing his way all the way from the back after that early spin.

This time at the restart Prunty chose the inside. Wimmer went outside. Wimmer was able to get the jump over Prunty taking the lead away. Morrissey was able to grab the second spot. Prunty cleared Kenseth and had to deal with Sauter. Sauter tucked it under Kenseth on the backstretch and got past for fourth on lap 25. Wimmer continued to show the way with about a four car length lead.Sauter quickly closed the gap on Prunty for third and took the position away on the next lap. Sauter started reeling in Morrissey for second.Sauter looked to the outside of Morrissey. He continued to hold on and got by Morrissey on the backstretch but Morrissey was off the

pace the next lap. Dennis Prunty and i-gogs Sunglasses Touring Star Rich Bickle got together on the front stretch causing Bickle to spin and he shared his displeasure under caution pinching Prunty towards the wall as he drove by.

Bickle pulled into the pits but returned under caution and did not lose a lap.With 84 to go Wimmer continued to lead followed by Sauter, Kenseth, Vita Ice Touring Star, Skylar Holzhausen and Haseleu.

At the restart Wimmer went to the outside as Sauter chose the inside followed by Kenseth on the inside. Holzhausen went to the outside of Wimmer.Wimmer was sideways on the restart but the ARCA Midwest Tour officials didn’t like the start so they tried it again. The second time was a charm. Wimmer made it stick as Sauter tucked into second. Holzhausen got by Kenseth for third. Fredrickson moved up to sixth.Sauter closed in on Wimmer with three laps to the break but not within striking distance to close the deal before the 12-minute break.

At the break the top five were Wimmer, Sauter, Holzhausen, Kenseth, and Haseleu.After making some adjustments the field line-up for the second half of the 150-lap event. Wimmer chose the outside with Kenseth right behind him. Sauter went to the inside followed by Holzhausen.Sauter once again settled for second. Wimmer and Sauter were pulling away as Kenseth was trying to hold the inside line to hold off Holzhausen. Skylar took him on the outside for third.Sauter closed in on Wimmer and started taking a peek to the inside. They were side by side on the backstretch, Wimmer tried to take the lead back but Sauter held him off with 65 to go. Fredrickson was now up to fourth trying to close in on Holzhausen for third.

Another caution flag flew for a spin with Prunty and Blake Brown in turn two.This time at the restart Sauter chose the outside and let Wimmer go to the inside.

Fredrickson also chose the outside of Holzhausen in the row two.Sauter tried to pull Wimmer on the outside but Wimmer touched Sauter a little bit on the backstretch. The two held on to it heading into turn three but as they came across the line Griffin McGrath spun bringing out the caution.Sauter once again chose the outside line. With 60 to go they went green again. Sauter got a good restart and was able to pull away a little bit from Wimmer. Fredrickson was trying to make a move on Holzhausen for the third spot but settled into fourth. Sauter continued to pull away a little bit as Wimmer had to deal with the pressure of Holzhausen and Fredrickson in waiting.

The field started to stretch out but the lapped traffic was fighting for position in front of Sauter allowing Wimmer to close in, but Holzhausen was doing the same behind Wimmer with only 30 laps to go. Once he got through traffic Sauter started to stretch it out once again. Holzhausen dove to the inside of Wimmer and made the pass for second on the backstretch. With 15 to go, Fredrickson was closing in on Wimmer for the third spot diving under him for the spot going into turn three.At the line it was Sauter, Holzhausen and Fredrickson.Holzhausen definitely raced his way into second and had a great run overall. “It was a good run to run with him (Sauter). Having him fall back, I don’t know if he was just babying it or what,” said the second place finisher.Sauter will continue


to try to keep his streak going, but he knows that it isn’t going to be easy as today proved. “These guys are good man. You gotta get after it and that’s what we did,” said Sauter.Rick Turner was the highest finishing ARCA/CRA Super Series driver finishing in 17th. Brandon Oakely was next in 25th followed by Ali Kern in 28th and Kenny Tweedy in 29th.

Feature FinishNo. Name Laps

- 5s Travis Sauter 150
- 78H Skylar Holzhausen 150
- 36F Dan Fredrickson 150
- 87H Nathan Haseleu 150
- 52W Chris Wimmer 150
- 58PCardell Potter 150
- 64M Griffin McGrath 150
- 25K Ross Kenseth 149
- 75W Chris Weinkauf 149
- 5M Jeremy Miller 149
- 97 James Swan 149
- 63 Gary LaMonte 149
- 96 Bobby Wilberg 149
- 6L Austin Luedtke 148
- 76W Jason Weinkauf 148
- 77E Jonathan Eilen 148
- 26 Rick Turner 147
- 45D Brad Dahmer 146
- 8G Jacob Goede 143
- 25S Jeff Storm 124
- 42 Dennis Prunty 117
- 71 Blake Brown 89
- 17 Josh Vadnais 77
- 45B Rich Bickle, Jr 75
- 51 Brandon Oakley 74
- 01S Ed Szlagowski Jr. 73
- 43 Matt Kocourek 68
- 28k Ali Kern 65
- 2 Kenny Tweedy 50
- 4 Thor Anderson 35
- 39 Andrew Morrissey 32



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## Nelson, Leer Flex Muscles in AmsOil Speedway RoC Qualifiers

by Nick Gima

Superior, WI — Darrell Nelson and Matt Leer ran off to dominant feature performances, while Curt Myers, Cody Wolkowski and Michael Blevins worked hard to earn their checkered flags on a Friday night at the AmsOil Speedway during which fans got a chance to meet the favorite drivers.

The features held extra significance to the drivers in the WISSOTA-sanctioned divisions, as on this night the winners of those four main events earned the honor of an entry into the prestigious AmsOil Race of Champions, to be held as part of the WISSOTA 100 in mid-September in Huron, SD.

What Nelson did to the other drivers in the 20-lap WISSOTA Late Model feature could be described as nothing short of embarrassment. The division's points leader from Hermantown, MN, started on the pole, beat Don Copp out of turn 2, and ran away and hid, building up a lead that extended to a full straightaway before the race was half over.

Copp, who was bringing out his car for the first time this summer, entrenched himself firmly in second spot throughout the non-stop affair, but behind him there were several spirited battles, including Dave Esse grabbing third away from Steve Laursen and Todd Gehl during the first few laps.

At the crossed flags Nelson was putting backmarkers Robbie Cooper and Scott Herrick in arrears and was well ahead of Copp and the battle for third, which now included Canadian visitor Riley Matthews. Even while slicing his way through slower traffic, Nelson continued to increase his lead over Copp to better than nine seconds - nearly half a lap - with still six laps remaining.

By the time the checkered flag flew Nelson had become the sixth different Late Model feature winner at Superior in as many shows this season, with Copp at least three-quarters of a lap behind and only six of the 14 starters on the lead lap. Laursen eventually won the argument over third place, while Esse and Travis Budisalovich completed the top five.

What Nelson did to the Late Model field, however, Leer did to Nelson and the rest of WISSOTA Modified feature grid one race later. After EJ Hietala's hard first-lap hit into the turn 3 concrete delayed the start of the 20-lap "big mod" headliner, the young man from Bruce worked his way around pole starter Kevin Eder and into the lead. Then, after first-night visitor Brett Hoium spun with one lap in the books, Leer disappeared into the night, opening up a four-second lead before the race reached its mid-point.

Nelson, who also leads the Mod points standings here, used a similar outside move to gain second from Eder just after the restart, and a circuit later Steve Stuart copied the move to take third. It took a few more laps for Jeff Broking to displace Eder in fourth, but with no more caution flags to allow the field to catch up, Leer extended his lead while working his way through slower traffic after mid-race.

The field settled in at a steady, speedy pace for the balance of the run, and the advantage was about five seconds when Leer, who hails from Bruce, crossed the finish line for his first-ever feature win on the big Fairgrounds oval. Nelson had plenty of room between himself and third-finishing Stuart, Broking was a distance back in fourth, and Eder barely held on for fifth by edging Al Uotinen, who extended his track record for consecutive feature laps completed to 750.

The other three feature wins weren't quite so definitive, although the WISSOTA Super Stocks kept their

caution-flag delays just as minimal during their 20-lap A-main. Pole starter Dave Flynn jumped ahead of a three-wide battle for second on the opening lap, but that battle for runner-up honors got ugly on lap 2, when Kevin Burdick, DJ Keeler and others collected in turn 2 in a crash that eliminated divisional points leader Joe Oliver from the race.

Myers restarted third and edged into the runner-up spot when the green lights came back on, while Donnie Lofdahl and Tristan LeBarge swapped fourth and fifth over the next couple of laps. Myers slowly crept up to the back push-bar of Flynn, and over a ten-lap stretch the veteran from Cameron stayed right in the leader's tire tracks, occasionally peeking over Flynn's shoulder for an opening.

With three laps to go Myers tried to make his move by looking to the outside, but lapped traffic and a fast car helped Flynn keep him at bay. Then Myers used Kevin Salin's slower ride as a pick and slipped by as the lead pair took the white flag, and over that final lap Myers established a car-length lead for his third straight AmsOil Speedway feature win. Burdick also took advantage of the traffic to steal second away coming out of the final turn, while Flynn managed to keep Andy Davey a half a car-length back for third. Thirteenth-starting Scott Lawrence finished a distant fifth.

The WISSOTA Midwest Modified feature started with a bone-jarring hit in the first corner and ended with a late-race pass for the win. Originally scheduled for 20 laps, the race was cut to 15 after David Simpson's car got sideways in turn 1 and then was hit hard in the driver's-side door by the nose of Joe Vork's racer. The race was red-flagged for 15 minutes, and the wreck eliminated a half-dozen racers, including that of Adam Shinn, who suffered a shoulder injury as a result.

On the restart Danny Vang pulled around pole starter Ross Fuhrman for the lead, while Wolkowski used a similar move to take third away from Jason Goldfine. Devin Van House began a charge toward the front by overtaking Goldfine on lap 4, just before Mid-Mod points leader Dan Kingsley's car stalled in turn 4 with a flat right-front tire. Wolkowski drew up alongside Fuhrman and slipped past for third on that restart, but the pass was negated by a three-car pile-up on the backchute.

For the final restart of the race Wolkowski repeated his pass of Fuhrman for second, and within three laps Van House captured third with an inside move. The lead trio then pulled away in close formation, with Van House sneaking a peak around Wolkowski on lap 8 and then completing the pass the next time around. But when Van House made a play for the lead with four laps to go, Wolkowski took advantage and stole second, then looked to the bottom for room to get by Vang, taking over the top spot with two laps left.

The margin of his first feature win of the season here wasn't much more than a car-length or two for the youngster from Thunder Bay, ON, while Vang did his best to hang on for second as Van House threatened alongside. Fuhrman enjoyed a great run in maintaining fourth throughout the balance of the run, while Goldfine fended off Skeeter Estey for fifth.

A fierce two-car battle for the win highlighted the 15-lap Pure Stock feature. Justin Madsen grabbed the early lead by getting past Ryan Savoy, with Andy Udeen following Madsen through to second. Points leader Blevins, of Hibbing, MN, charged up from his third-row start to move by Savoy on lap 2 and then Udeen on lap 3, and from there the lead pair put on quite a show, quelled only by the occasional caution flag.

The first of those slowdowns came when Lucas Carlson slowed on lap 3, and the next one came just after the restart, when third-running Savoy looped his ride. Under that yellow flag Udeen took his car to the pits for the night with mechanical woes, giving third to Mike Sirois.

With the green flag waiving Blevins threw several

challenges at Madsen for the lead, but Madsen kept his poise. Finally Blevins took advantage of a slight opening on lap 6 and slipped past, but Madsen stayed on the new leader's rear bumper right up until Mark Korte's car spun with five laps to go.

Blevins, who captured his fifth feature win of the season in six shows, and his fourth straight, didn't gain any breathing room until the final two laps, while behind him there was plenty of jostling and position-swapping. Madsen held off a determined Sirois and a last-lap threat by Steve Udeen for second. Carlson charged back up through the field after his early-race issues for fifth.

WISSOTA Late Models

Feature: Darrell Nelson, Hermantown, MN; Don Copp, Brule; Steve Laursen, Cumberland; Dave Esse, Cloquet, MN; Travis Budisalovich, Minneapolis, MN; Riley Matthews, Thunder Bay, ON; Cory Jorgensen, Hermantown, MN; TJ Adams, Hayward; Gregg Hill, Eveleth, MN; Trevor Wilson, Superior; Todd Gehl, Solon Springs; Scott Herrick, Proctor, MN; Robbie Cooper, South Range; Kyle Peterlin, Hibbing, MN.

WISSOTA Modifieds

Feature: Matt Leer, Bruce; Darrell Nelson, Hermantown, MN; Steve Stuart, Ashland; Jeff Broking, Grand Rapids, MN; Kevin Eder, Ashland; Al Uotinen, Superior; Kelly Estey, Kelly Lake, MN; Rick Rivord, Superior; Deven Van House, Silver Bay, MN; Rick Niemi, Eveleth, MN; Nick Musel, Duluth, MN; Scott Hudack, Ashland; Cory Jorgensen, Hermantown, MN; Brian Mikkonen, Iron River; Destin Lorimor, Superior; Neil Balduc, Bessemer, MI; Pat Cook, Washburn; Scott Heikkinen, Eveleth, MN; Curt Meyers, Cameron; Brett Hoium, Villard, MN; EJ Hietala, Cloquet, MN.

WISSOTA Super Stocks

Feature: Curt Myers, Cameron; Kevin Burdick, Proctor, MN; Dave Flynn, Superior; Andy Davey, Hibbing, MN; Scott Lawrence, Superior; Tristan LaBarge, Kelly Lake, MN; Jim Campbell, Two Harbors, MN; Shawn Rivord, South Range; Nick Oreskovich, Mason; Andy Grymala, Superior; Don Muzzy, Ironwood, MI; Brian Carl, Duluth, MN; Patrick Heikkinen, Eveleth, MN; Kevin Salin, Iron, MN; John Toppozini, Thunder Bay, ON; DJ Keeler, Superior; Donnie Lofdahl, Proctor, MN; Dan Tocheri, Thunder Bay, ON; Shane Kisling, Sarona; Keith Kern, Superior; Joe Oliver, Superior; Willie Johnsen, Superior.

WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds

Feature: Cody Wolkowski, Thunder Bay, ON; Danny Vang, Brainerd, MN; Deven Van House, Silver Bay, MN; Ross Fuhrman, Ashland; Jake Gondik, Foxboro; Skeeter Estey, Kelly Lake, MN; Mack Estey, Kelly Lake, MN; Jesse Ogston, Duluth, MN; Lance Solem, Duluth, MN; Jason Goldfine, Superior; Cody Carlson, Superior; Tom Smart, Kakabeka Falls, ON; Dan Kingsley, Superior; Ross Siiter, Duluth, MN; Norm Anderson Jr, Duluth, MN; Don Craig, Thunder Bay, ON; Justin Bassa, Hermantown, MN; Ricky Davis, Bruno, MN; Chris Bretting, Washburn; Adam Shinn, Duluth, MN; Tyler Luger, Iron River; Dale Suomala, Hermantown, MN; Joe Vork, Cloquet, MN; David Simpson, Thunder Bay, ON.

Pure Stocks

Feature: Michael Blevins, Hibbing, MN; Justin Madsen, Foxboro; Mike Sirois, Hermantown, MN; Steve Udeen, Superior; Lucas Carlson, Cloquet, MN; Chad Carlson, Superior; Glenn Dammer, Duluth, MN; Travis Zembo, Superior; Josh Johnson, Superior; Gary Campbell, Duluth, MN; Ryan Savoy, Superior; Shaina Rapp, Saginaw, MN; Chad Nikstad, Superior; Jim Cooper, Superior; Tim Ayers, Foxboro; Mark Korte, Duluth, MN; Gavin Campbell, Duluth, MN; Maurice Campbell, Duluth; Andy Udeen, Superior; Zene Anderson, Superior; Tim Carlson, Superior.





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