

2024 USAC MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR SEASON

3-Peat! Consistency Works for Burks on 2024 USAC MWRA Title Run

By: *Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Wyatt Burks is the 2024 USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Car champion. If that sounds familiar to you, it's because it is!

In 2020, 2022, 2023 and now 2024, the driver known as "The Sheriff" shot down the competition to be crowned USAC MWRA champion for the fourth time in the past five seasons after also winning the Iowa Sprint League title in 2019.

For those keeping score, that's three-in-a-row for the Topeka, Kansas native, and while his 2024 campaign resulted in only a single victory in May at Missouri's Electric City Speedway, consistency was the key as he led all drivers in terms of top-fives (10), top-tens (11) and heat race wins (5) on the 13-race slate to score the championship by a 170-point margin.

"We've been fortunate to win it the last three years," the 29-year-old Burks remarked. "This year, we didn't have the greatest season, and we tried some new cars at the beginning of the year and struggled with them. We went back to the Triple X (chassis) in the middle of the year and we were pretty decent with a lot of seconds and thirds."

Toward the end of spring, Burks and team took a couple weeks off to regroup and put their old cars back together to finish out the season, a move which paid off with eight consecutive top-fives to round out the year, including four-straight runner-up finishes in his final four appearances.

Two main factors have been present during his championship run over the past handful of seasons, and every year since Wyatt started racing as a child. The first is Wyatt himself, a smart, driven, and a talented racer and mechanic to boot. The second is his father, Jeff Burks, the 2022 and 2023 USAC MWRA Chief Mechanic of the Year who has the skill set to complement Wyatt's abilities perfectly.

This combination, along with crew members, family, and friends, has created an infrastructure that perfectly fits together to win championships. Wyatt stands as the winningest driver in USAC MWRA history with 17 scores, and this year's title pursuit was a sense of both relief and pride with his dad by his side.

"A lot of that comes down to being consistent along with my dad doing a lot of work at the shop," Burks stated. "Him and I worked our butts off all year long to get here."

Wyatt's father competed in karts and his uncle, Donnie Clausen, is a big race fan and supporter of his career. After racing micro sprints extensively, when the time came to move up to a sprint car, Wyatt made the successful transition.

"My parents took me up all the way through the micro scene, but we pretty much knew from there that we couldn't afford to go any further," Burks revealed. "My uncle came around and he wanted to buy me a sprint car. He got me into the sprint cars and I've been lucky enough to drive for a few people from there on out. Then we've been able to keep going through race funds and sponsors, and I'm very grateful for everybody who's given me these opportunities."

A plumber by trade, Wyatt has been racing sprint cars for 11 years now, getting his start at the age of 15 behind the wheel of a winged sprint car. After dabbling a bit in 360 c.i. competition, Wyatt had shed the wing by his 18th birthday, dropped in a 410 c.i. engine between the frame rails, and since that point, has never looked back.

In his own Wyatt Burks Racing/Wholesale Batteries - Harris Fabrication - KH Suspension/Triple X/BR Chevy, Burks has only finished outside the top-10 once in the past three seasons with USAC MWRA, and the only reason that occurred was due to flipping while going for the lead in the 2024 opener at Missouri's Valley Speedway.

Three drivers shared the stat line for most series feature wins on the season by grabbing two victories each. Cody Baker (Lone Jack, Mo.) secured August rounds at Kansas' Lakeside Speedway during the Weld Memorial and Missouri's Valley

Speedway. Wesley Smith (Nixa, Mo.) collected a pair of early season wins in April at Missouri's I-70 Motorsports Park and Electric City Speedway. Jack Wagner (Lone Jack, Mo.) annexed Valley Speedway twice in May and again in June while leading all series drivers with 66 laps led.

Six drivers tallied one win apiece on the 2024 USAC MWRA trail, including Kory Schudy (Battlefield, Mo.) on April 6 at Valley Speedway; Braydon Cromwell (Lone Jack, Mo.) on April 19 at Electric City Speedway; Xavier Doney (Odessa, Mo.) on May 10 at Lakeside Speedway and Ricky Lewis (Camarillo, Calif.) closing out the season with a victory in September at Valley Speedway's Helm Memorial.

Two of those drivers became first time USAC MWRA winners during the season, both of which came at Missouri's I-35 Speedway. Kobe Simpson (Bonham, Texas) corralled his initial victory in July while Chris Parkinson (Gladstone, Mo.) won for the very first time in what was his 54th career series start in September.

Chris' father, veteran racer Junior Parkinson (Wichita Falls, Texas), was the lone driver to start all 13 feature events in 2024 en route to a third-place finish in the standings following a best result of third at I-35 in September.

Meanwhile, Dakota Earls (Independence, Mo.) finished a career best second in points. Chad Winfrey (Gladstone, Mo.) slotted into the fourth spot of the final points tally, his third consecutive year ranking inside the top-five. For the first time in his career, Zach Clark (Olathe, Kan.) earned a top-five points finish with series, taking fifth.

Furthermore, five non-points special events were held during the season. Justin Grant (Ione, Calif.) and Daison Pursley (Locust Grove, Okla.) collected each night of the Avanti Windows & Doors Corn Belt Clash in May/June at Iowa's Knoxville Raceway in conjunction with the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship.

Additionally, Wesley Smith captured May's Open Wheel Showdown at Missouri's Lucas Oil Speedway. Cody Baker and Mario Clouser (Auburn, Ill.) took each end of the Non-Wing Nationals in August/September at Missouri's Lake Ozark Speedway. All three of these events were co-sanctioned by the POWRi WAR Sprint Car League.

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Schudy Sizzles in Grain Valley's USAC MWRA Opener

By: Ray Cunningham

Grain Valley, Missouri (April 6, 2024).....Kory Schudy took home the first-place prize in Saturday night's USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Car season opener at Missouri's Valley Speedway.

Schudy (Battlefield, Mo.) held off the Wagner Brothers at the end of 25-lap feature distance in his Jon Sawyer Racing machine, as the 2021 series champ bested the 28 entries on hand for the event for his ninth career USAC MWRA feature win, third best all-time.

The main event was a barnburner, but also a war of attrition. Three-time and defending series champion Wyatt Burks (Topeka, Kan.) led from the get-go before being passed following a restart by Jack Wagner (Lone Jack, Mo.). In an attempt to regain first, Burks went high, opening the door for Schudy to go low as he moved from his sixth starting spot to second place.

Schudy was on a rail as he took the fight to Wagner and his Jesse Hockett Racing No. 77, eventually passing Wagner on the high side to take the lead with seven laps remaining. Meanwhile, Burks continued to give all he had from third to catch the leading twosome before losing traction. As he began to spin, he performed a pirouette before turning over, which finished his evening, although he was okay.

On the restart with four laps remaining, Schudy was able to hold off Jack Wagner as his brother, Samuel Wagner (Lone Jack, Mo.), fought his way through the pack steadily, advancing 14 positions to earning third.

Samuel, the younger Wagner brother, experienced a wild evening which included venturing off the track on the hook following an incident involving multiple cars at the start of the second heat. He recovered by advancing from 11th to second during the semi, then took the hard charger award after his third place run in the feature after starting 17th.

At the finish line, Jack Wagner took second with Samuel Wagner earning a series career-best third place result. Rounding out the top-five were Taylor Walton (Odessa, Mo.) in fourth and Luke Howard (Overland Park, Kan.) in fifth. Craig Carroll (Collinsville, Okla.), Zach Clark (Olathe, Kan.), Chris Parkinson (Gladstone, Mo.), Ty Hulsey (Owasso, Okla.) and Kobe Simpson (Bonham, Texas) rounded out the top-10.

A packed house at Dennis Shrout's Valley Speedway also saw Michael Moore (Camden, Mo.), Xavier Doney (Odessa, Mo.), Schudy and Jack Wagner score heat race wins. Tom Curran (Kansas City, Mo.), meanwhile, captured the 12-lap semi. Wesley Smith (Nixa, Mo.) took high point honors for the evening after advancing from seventh to third in his heat race.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: April 6, 2024 – Valley Speedway – Grain Valley, Missouri

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 21m-Michael Moore (1), 2. 93w-Taylor Walton (4), 3. 26-Zach Clark (3), 4. 21K-Kobe Simpson (7), 5. 33L-Mark Lane (6), 6. 9m-Matt Fox (2), 7. 03-Tyler Burton (5).

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 74-Xavier Doney (1), 2. 11w-Wyatt Burks (4), 3. 9H-Cody Baker (3), 4. 65w-Chad Winfrey (7), 5. 11x-Tom Curran (5), 6. 24H-Ty Hulsey (6), 7. 73-Samuel Wagner (2).

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 28-Kory Schudy (2), 2. 65-Chris Parkinson (3), 3. 2H-Luke Howard (1), 4. 93-Junior Parkinson (4), 5. 1-Chris Desselle (5), 6. 52-Dean Bowers (6), 7. 33-Bryson Smith (7).

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 77-Jack Wagner (2), 2. 24c-Craig Carroll (4), 3. 2-Wesley Smith (7), 4. 15E-Dakota Earls (1), 5. 88G-Garrett Hulsey (6), 6. 27J-Justin Johnson (5), 7. 7x-Lance Silvers (3).

SEMI: (12 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Tom Curran (2), 2. Samuel Wagner (11), 3. Ty Hulsey (10), 4. Dean Bowers (4), 5. Garrett Hulsey (1), 6. Chris Desselle (3), 7. Bryson Smith (7), 8. Matt Fox (6), 9. Tyler Burton (8), 10. Justin Johnson (5), 11. Lance Silvers (9), 12. Dakota Earls (12).

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kory Schudy (7), 2. Jack Wagner (3), 3. Samuel Wagner (17), 4. Taylor Walton (4), 5. Luke Howard (14), 6. Craig Carroll (2), 7. Zach Clark (12), 8. Chris Parkinson (8), 9. Ty Hulsey (18), 10. Kobe Simpson (6), 11. Mark Lane (16), 12. Junior Parkinson (15), 13. Dean Bowers (20), 14. Wyatt Burks (1), 15. Michael Moore (9), 16. Garrett Hulsey (19), 17. Xavier Doney (10), 18. Cody Baker (13), 19. Chad Winfrey (11), 20. Wesley Smith (5), 21. Chris Desselle (21), 22. Tom Curran (22).

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-6 Wyatt Burks, Laps 7-18 Jack Wagner, Laps 19-25 Kory Schudy.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Kory Schudy-200, 2-Luke Howard-170, 3-Zach Clark-160, 4-Kobe Simpson-145, 5-Mark Lane-140, 6-Junior Parkinson-135, 7-Dean Bowers-130, 8-Wyatt Burks-125, 9-Michael Moore-120, 10-Xavier Doney-110.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACE: April 19, 2024 – Electric City Speedway – Butler, Missouri

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Patient Cromwell Seizes USAC MWRA Win at Electric City

By: Ray Cunningham

Butler, Missouri (April 19, 2024).....Lone Jack, Missouri's Braydon Cromwell seized his second career USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Sprint Car victory in as many seasons on Friday Night at Butler, Missouri's Electric City Speedway.

Cromwell took over the top spot when leader Kory Schudy (Battlefield, Mo.) blew a tire on the final circuit. Early leader Wyatt Burks (Topeka, Kan.) came home second with Dakota Earls (Independence, Mo. picking up the final podium spot. Zach Clark (Raymore, Mo.) took fourth and Taylor Walton (Odessa, Mo. completed the top-five.

Schudy, running the Jon Sawyer Racing machine, finished sixth after initially charging from fifth to first and was leading until his right rear gave up following a green-white-checker restart.

Garrett Hulsey (Lone Jack, Mo.) grabbed seventh as Wesley Smith (Nixa, Mo. followed in eight after starting 15th. Chad Winfrey (Gladstone, Mo. crossed the line in ninth while Michael Moore (Camden, Mo. rounded out the top-10.

On a cold and crisp evening, Kobe Simpson (Bonham, Texas) earned high point honors after winning heat race number one. Burks held off Cromwell to win the second heat while Schudy collected the third heat over Winfrey under dramatic circumstances. Schudy cut a tire while leading, then was hit by Winfrey exiting the fourth turn. After that, Brad Wyatt made contact with Schudy and flipped wildly across the start/finish line. After changing both rear tires, Schudy returned to the fray to come from fifth to first to win after going to the top and passing cars that included Winfrey on the last lap.

Meanwhile, the Valor Racing No. 41 of Wyatt returned to the pits for repairs only to become involved in yet another incident in the feature where the Kearney, Mo. driver was an innocent bystander. The incident sent him to the pits for good. Wyatt was okay but his mount received extensive damage.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: April 19, 2024 – Electric City Speedway – Butler, Missouri

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 21K-Kobe Simpson (2), 2. 2H-Luke Howard (4), 3. 13-Chase Howard (1), 4. 15E-Dakota Earls (7), 5. 88G-Garrett Hulsey (6), 6. 03-Tyler Burton (5), 7. 7x-Lance Silvers (3). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 11w-Wyatt Burks (2), 2. 4-Braydon Cromwell (4), 3. 93w-Taylor Walton (5), 4. 21m-Michael Moore (1), 5. 97-Cam Schafer (3), 6. 2-Wesley Smith (7), 7. 27J-Justin Johnson (6). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 28-Kory Schudy (1), 2. 65w-Chad Winfrey (2), 3. 26-Zach Clark (3), 4. 9-Chad Goff (5), 5. 93-Junior Parkinson (6), 6. 41-Brad Wyatt (4). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Braydon Cromwell (4), 2. Wyatt Burks (2), 3. Dakota Earls (7), 4. Zach Clark (9), 5. Taylor Walton (6), 6. Kory Schudy (5), 7. Garrett Hulsey (12), 8. Wesley Smith (15), 9. Chad Winfrey (8), 10. Michael Moore (14), 11. Chad Goff (10), 12. Justin Johnson (19), 13. Luke Howard (3), 14. Tyler Burton (17), 15. Junior Parkinson (13), 16. Kobe Simpson (1), 17. Chase Howard (11), 18. Cam Schafer (16), 19. Brad Wyatt (18), 20. Lance Silvers (20). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-8 Wyatt Burks, Laps 9-24 Kory Schudy, Lap 25 Braydon Cromwell.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Kory Schudy-365, 2-Taylor Walton-345, 3-Zach Clark-335, 4-Wyatt Burks-310, 5-Luke Howard-300, 6-Michael Moore-265, 7-Kobe Simpson-260, 8-Junior Parkinson-255, 9-Wesley Smith-250, 10-Chad Winfrey-250.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACE: April 20, 2024 – I-70 Speedway – Odessa, Missouri

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Smith Wins USAC MWRA Shootout at I-70

By: Ray Cunningham

Odessa, Missouri (April 20, 2024).....Wesley Smith won an old-fashioned 25-lap shootout on Saturday night at Odessa, Missouri's I-70 Speedway.

The Nixa, Mo. gasser raced by Xavier Doney with three laps remaining to earn his first USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Car feature of the season. It was the 11th victory of Smith's USAC MWRA career, second best all-time.

Smith described the racing surface as a "bad fast race track, slick all the way around to the wall" which allowed multiple groove passing and a slide for your life situation in the \$3,000-to-win event co-sanctioned by the POWRi WAR Sprint Car League and the Western Iowa Non-Wing Sprints (WINS) for the second annual Open Wheel Classic sponsored by Rod End Supply.

Smith showed he was ready from the get-go on this night as the Wesley Smith Racing No. 44 set the fastest time in hot laps at 16.354 seconds. Smith, however, had plenty of competition to navigate in the feature as he dealt with Doney (Odessa, Mo. in the Doney & Lawson No. 74 and third place finisher Samuel Wagner (Lone Jack, Mo.) who led the first half of the barnburner in his Jesse Hockett Racing/Wagner Boys No. 73.

Bonham, Texas chauffeur Kobe Simpson advanced seven spots to fourth after starting 11th, earning hard charger honors for the night while defending race winner Wyatt Burks of Topeka, Kan. ran fifth.

From "choose cone" restarts to navigating traffic and fending off the hard charging of Doney and Wagner, Smith was challenged repeatedly before taking the hard-fought victory.

While the top-five certainly came to race on this night, drivers who raced to positions sixth through 10th also shined brightly led by Little Canada, Minnesota's Cam Schafer, the defending WINS Series champ who earned high points honors for the night after impressively winning the first heat race, then finished sixth in the feature.

Nesbit, Mississippi's Chase Howard grabbed seventh as new USAC MWRA point leader Taylor Walton crossed in eighth. Ninth went to Overland Park, Kan. racer Luke Howard while veteran Chad Goff (Spring Hill, Mo.) rounded out the top-10.

Earlier in the evening, Schafer took the first heat win over Riley Kreisel who advanced from seventh to second in spectacular fashion. Samuel Wagner held off Smith for heat race win number two after Smith charged from last to first only to be collected after another car spun in front of him. Smith restarted last again, and with four laps remaining, took over second. Finally, Wyatt Burks dominated the third and final heat race.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: April 20, 2024 – I-70 Speedway – Odessa, Missouri – Open Wheel Classic

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 97-Cam Schafer (5), 2. F5-Riley Kreisel (7), 3. 13-Chase Howard (6), 4. 03-Tyler Burton (1), 5. 38-Kevin Frisbie (3), 6. 15E-Dakota Earls (2), 7. 65w-Chad Winfrey (4). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 73-Samuel Wagner (5), 2. 44-Wesley Smith (7), 3. 2-Chad Goff (3), 4. 93w-Taylor Walton (4), 5. 21m-Michael Moore (2), 6. 27-Justin Johnson (6), 7. 7x-Lance Silvers (1). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 11w-Wyatt Burks (1), 2. 2H-Luke Howard (2), 3. 74-Xavier Doney (7), 4. 21K-Kobe Simpson (3), 5. 9-Cody Baker (4), 6. 93-Junior Parkinson (6). NT

ALSO AT THE TRACK: 77-Jack Wagner

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Wesley Smith (4), 2. Xavier Doney (5), 3. Samuel Wagner (2), 4. Kobe Simpson (11), 5. Wyatt Burks (7), 6. Cam Schafer (1), 7. Chase Howard (6), 8. Taylor Walton (10), 9. Luke Howard (8), 10. Chad Goff (9), 11. Justin Johnson (16), 12. Michael Moore (15), 13. Tyler Burton (12), 14. Kevin Frisbie (14), 15. Lance Silvers (18), 16. Riley Kreisel (3), 17. 93-Junior Parkinson (17), 18. Chad Winfrey (20). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-12 Samuel Wagner, Laps 13-22 Xavier Doney, Laps 23-25 Wesley Smith.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Taylor Walton-420, 2-Wyatt Burks-385, 3-Luke Howard-375, 4-Kory Schudy-365, 5-Michael Moore-340, 6-Zach Clark-335, 7-Kobe Simpson-335, 8-Junior Parkinson-330, 9-Chad Winfrey-325, 10-Wesley Smith-325.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACE: May 3, 2024 – Callaway Raceway - Fulton, Missouri – Non-Points Special Event

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Smith Keeps Winning, Scores USAC MWRA Special in Wheatland

By: POWRi

Wheatland, Missouri (May 4, 2024).....Wesley Smith led every revolution of Saturday night's 13th Annual Impact Signs, Awnings & Wraps Open Wheel Showdown presented by Start2Finish TV feature event at Wheatland, Missouri's Lucas Oil Speedway.

Racing onto the quick surface of LOS, the co-sanctioned USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Car and POWRi WAR Sprint League event found traditional sprinters witnessing Jack Wagner set a quickest hot lap time of 15.292 seconds as Wesley Smith and Jack Wagner each earned heat race victories.

Enthralling the packed crowd on the initial green flag start with high-point qualifier Wesley Smith and Cody Baker lined up in the front row, Smith gained the lead on the opening lap after a scary moment in turn one saw Baker flip and collect Zach Clark and Dean Bowers. All drivers were okay.

After a fresh start, with Smith and Kory Schudy now making up the front row, Smith didn't waste any time in taking the preferred position with a speedy row two-starting Jack Wagner blasting into the runner-up spot.

Separating from the field, the top two put on a dazzling display of open wheel excitement as Smith and Jack Wagner contended for the top spot on nearly every lap with Smith able to hold off the racy Wagner.

Leading every lap, Wesley Smith emerged victorious. Staying in the hunt, Jack Wagner finished as the runner-up while Kory Schudy completed the final podium placements.

"I joked with Jack after the race about showing me the line one lap too soon," said the victorious Wesley Smith in the victory lane celebrations. "I think the new dirt did wonders for this surface and I love it. These races are won in the shop during the week, and we've been spending a lot of time there. It's very rewarding to reap the benefits."

Challenging closely behind was Keith Martin who finished fourth as Samuel Wagner rounded out the top-five finishers.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR SPECIAL EVENT RACE RESULTS: May 4, 2024 – Lucas Oil Speedway – Wheatland, Missouri – 13th Annual Impact Signs, Awnings & Wraps Open Wheel Showdown – Co-Sanctioned by the POWRi WAR Sprint League

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 44-Wesley Smith (7), 2. 9-Cody Baker (9), 3. 21K-Kobe Simpson (1), 4. 33-Bryson Smith (3), 5. 79-Keith Martin (8), 6. 13-Chase Howard (4), 7. 45-Jesse Bebee (2), 8. F5-Riley Kreisel (6). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 77-Jack Wagner (1), 2. 73-Samuel Wagner (2), 3. 28-Kory Schudy (7), 4. 11w-Wyatt Burks (4), 5. 26-Zach Clark (6), 6. 52-Dean Bowers (3), 7. 9m-Matt Fox (8), 8. 79x-Kyle Jones (5).

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Wesley Smith (1), 2. Jack Wagner (4), 3. Kory Schudy (3), 4. Keith Martin (6), 5. Samuel Wagner (5), 6. Kobe Simpson (7), 7. Wyatt Burks (8), 8. Riley Kreisel (15), 9. Chase Howard (12), 10. Bryson Smith (9), 11. Matt Fox (11), 12. Kyle Jones (16), 13. 88G-Garrett Hulsey (17), 14. Jesse Bebee (14), 15. Cody Baker (2), 16. Zach Clark (10), 17. Dean Bowers (13). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Wesley Smith.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACE: May 10, 2024 – Lakeside Speedway – Kansas City, Kansas

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X-Man Doney is Extra Special at Lakeside

By: Ray Cunningham

Kansas City, Kansas (May 10, 2024).....Xavier Doney of Odessa, Mo. took a hard fought USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Car victory on Friday night at Lakeside Speedway in Kansas City, Kan.

Doney took over the lead from Jack Wagner five laps from the finish line to earn his third career series victory and his first since June of 2022. Jack Wagner (Lone Jack, Mo.) wound up second with Samuel Wagner (Lone Jack, Mo) third, Braydon Cromwell (Lone Jack, Mo.) fourth and Riley Kreisel (Warsaw, Mo.) completing the top-five.

Doney, driving the Doney-Lawson No. 74, and Jack Wagner, at the wheel of the Jesse Hockett Racing-Wagner Brothers Racing No. 77, fought it out for the prize. Ultimately, that was Doney after he stalked Jack Wagner for much of the second half of the 25-lapper before seizing an opportunity to pass his rival in traffic.

Afterwards, Doney, the 2021 USAC MWRA Rookie of the Year, called the track, "technical but racy," stating further that "there was a patch of moisture I found about three lanes off the bottom coming out of two that I used to gain momentum going down the backstretch and into three. That was very helpful to my race to the win."

Meanwhile, Samuel Wagner worked his late race magic to another podium finish in the Wagner Boys Racing No. 73, his third podium finish with USAC MWRA in 2024 in three-points race starts. Cromwell finished fourth in the Cromwell Racing No. 4 after winning earlier at Butler, Missouri's Electric City Speedway on April 19 to give the Lone Jack contingent three out of the top-four spots. Kreisel raced his F5 mount to its best result so far in 2024, coming home fifth.

Several heavy hitters rounded out the top-10 with Kory Schudy (Battlefield, Mo.) sixth; Kobe Simpson (Bonham, Texas) in seventh. The Country Kids Hard Charger award went to Luke Howard (Overland Park, Kan.) who advanced 11 spots from 19th to eighth.

Series point leader Taylor Walton (Odessa, Mo.) retained his place atop the standings with a ninth while defending series champion Wyatt Burks (Topeka, Kan.) completed the top-10.

In the feature, Natalie Doney (Odessa, Mo.) flipped the Lewis Racing machine. Natalie walked away, but the car received extensive front-end damage.

Earlier in the evening, three heat races were conducted for the 23 combatants with Kreisel winning the first heat. Doney scored the second heat after a great battle with Simpson. Cromwell charged from the back to earn high point honors for the night after besting Walton at the line by 23 hundredths of a second in heat race number three.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: May 10, 2024 – Lakeside Speedway – Kansas City, Kansas

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. F5-Riley Kreisel (3), 2. 73-Samuel Wagner (1), 3. 77-Jack Wagner (8), 4. 65-Chris Parkinson (4), 5. 03-Tyler Burton (7), 6. 11W-Wyatt Burks (6), 7. 2H-Luke Howard (5), 8. 2-Natalie Doney (2). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 74-Xavier Doney (1), 2. 21K-Kobe Simpson (2), 3. 28-Kory Schudy (3), 4. 15E-Dakota Earls (4), 5. 26-Zach Clark (8), 6. 21m-Michael Moore (7), 7. 41-Brad Wyatt (5), 8. 93-Junior Parkinson (6). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 4-Braydon Cromwell (6), 2. 93w-Taylor Walton (1), 3. 9-Chad Goff (2), 4. 33L-Mark Lane (3), 5. 88G-Garrett Hulsey (7), 6. 65w-Chad Winfrey (4), 7. 27J-Justin Johnson (5). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Xavier Doney (4), 2. Jack Wagner (1), 3. Samuel Wagner (6), 4. Braydon Cromwell (2), 5. Riley Kreisel (3), 6. Kory Schudy (9), 7. Kobe Simpson (5), 8. Luke Howard (19), 9. Taylor Walton (7), 10. Wyatt Burks (17), 11. Dakota Earls (14), 12. Chad Goff (10), 13. Chris Parkinson (13), 14. Garrett Hulsey (11), 15. Chad Winfrey (18), 16. Justin Johnson (21), 17. Tyler Burton (12), 18. Junior Parkinson (22), 19. Mark Lane (15), 20. Zach Clark (8), 21. Michael Moore (16), 22. Brad Wyatt (20), 23. Natalie Doney (23). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-20 Jack Wagner, Laps 21-25 Xavier Doney.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Taylor Walton-570, 2-Kory Schudy-530, 3-Wyatt Burks-530, 4-Luke Howard-530, 5-Kobe Simpson-495, 6-Dakota Earls-445, 7-Chad Winfrey-445, 8-Junior Parkinson-435, 9-Zach Clark-430, 10-Michael Moore-430.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACE: May 11, 2024 – Valley Speedway – Grain Valley, Missouri

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No More Seconds for Jack Wagner at Valley

By: Ray Cunningham

Grain Valley, Missouri (May 11, 2024).....After back-to-back second place finishes in each of his past two USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Car starts, Jack Wagner broke through to collect his first win of the 2024 season on Saturday night at Valley Speedway in Grain Valley, Mo.

On this occasion, Wagner (Lone Jack, Mo.) was not a bridesmaid once more as he fought his way from the fifth starting spot to the lead after first passing his brother, Samuel Wagner, for second, and finally, Kobe Simpson following a restart on lap 10 of the 25-lapper behind the wheel of the Jesse Hockett Racing/Wagner Boys Racing No. 77.

From that point forward, "Gentleman Jack" built up a sizeable advantage before having to hold off Kory Schudy (Battlefield, Mo.), Wyatt Burks (Topeka, Kan.), Samuel Wagner (Lone Jack, Mo.) and Cody Baker (Lone Jack, Mo.) after a green, white, checker dash to the finish.

Jack Wagner's run to his third career USAC MWRA victory was, at times, calm compared to the wild and wackiness happening to his fellow competitors who were chasing him all the while. The race for positions second through fifth included three and four abreast racing on the small confines.

Schudy came home second after surviving that sequence and dropped back to as far back as 10th in the early going after hitting a rut between turns three and four as he scrambled to regain control of his Jon Sawyer Racing 28. Meanwhile, Burks had his hands full as well, making a move down the straightaway at one point to split between two cars before finishing on the podium in third. "The Hammer" Samuel Wagner fought his way to fourth while Baker finally had some good luck for a change to finish a season best fifth.

"Survive and advance" is a term used typically in the NCAA Basketball Tournament but could also just as easily describe the second half of the top-10 on Saturday night. Wesley Smith (Nixa, Mo.) survived and advanced after an early caution sent him to the rear of the field before steadily working his way to sixth by the end of the feature.

Smith's teammate, Luke Howard (Overland Park, Kan.) took the seventh spot while Brad Wyatt (Kearney, Mo.) rebounded after having handling issues 24 hours earlier to come eighth by advancing 11 spots to earn the Country Kids Day Care Hard Charger award. Zach Clark (Raymore, Mo.) took ninth and Dakota Earls (Independence, Mo.) rounded out the top-10.

Before the start of the feature, Valley Speedway track announcer Greg Clemons, who passed away overnight, was honored with the missing man formation.

Heat races once again proved to be very entertaining as Baker won heat number one. Kory Schudy drove from fifth to first to win the second heat. Jack Wagner hustled from the last row to win heat three to earn high point honors for the evening before rolling a three afterwards to invert the first three rows of the 22-car feature starting field.

USAC WHOLESale BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: May 11, 2024 – Valley Speedway – Grain Valley, Missouri

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 9H-Cody Baker (1), 2. 11x-Tom Curran (3), 3. 21K-Kobe Simpson (6), 4. 2H-Luke Howard (2), 5. 88G-Garrett Hulsey (7), 6. 15E-Dakota Earls (4), 7. 27J-Justin Johnson (5), 8. 604-Danny Billings (8). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 28-Kory Schudy (5), 2. 73-Samuel Wagner (4), 3. 2-Wesley Smith (6), 4. 93w-Taylor Walton (2), 5. 21m-Michael Moore (1), 6. 65w-Chad Winfrey (3), 7. 41-Brad Wyatt (7). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 77-Jack Wagner (7), 2. 11w-Wyatt Burks (5), 3. 26-Zach Clark (6), 4. 03-Tyler Burton (2), 5. 93-Junior Parkinson (1), 6. 33L-Mark Lane (4), 7. 38-Kevin Frisbie (3). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Jack Wagner (5), 2. Kory Schudy (6), 3. Wyatt Burks (3), 4. Samuel Wagner (4), 5. Cody Baker (8), 6. Wesley Smith (2), 7. Luke Howard (11), 8. Brad Wyatt (19), 9. Zach Clark (7), 10. Dakota Earls (16), 11. Chad Winfrey (18), 12. Junior Parkinson (15), 13. Tyler Burton (13), 14. Justin Johnson (20), 15. Kevin Frisbie

(21), 16. Garrett Hulsey (10), 17. Michael Moore (14), 18. Kobe Simpson (1), 19. Danny Billings (22), 20. Taylor Walton (12), 21. Mark Lane (17), 22. Tom Curran (9). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-9 Kobe Simpson, Laps 10-25 Jack Wagner.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Kory Schudy-715, 2-Wyatt Burks-710, 3-Luke Howard-690, 4-Taylor Walton-665, 5-Kobe Simpson-600, 6-Dakota Earls-590, 7-Chad Winfrey-585, 8-Zach Clark-580, 9-Junior Parkinson-570, 10-Michael Moore-540.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACES: May 17-18, 2024 – Electric City Speedway – Butler, Missouri

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SMITH TAKES IMPROBABLE USAC MWRA SPRINT WIN AT ELECTRIC CITY

By: Ray Cunningham

Butler, Missouri (May 17, 2024).....The probable became the improbable for Wesley Smith during Friday night's USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Car feature at Electric City Speedway.

Smith (Nixa, Mo.) worked his way from 10th to first to win his second USAC MWRA points race of 2024, and his 12th overall in series history, while driving the Brent Lewis Racing No. 2.

If that wasn't enough of the improbable, Smith's charge to the front that earned him the Country Day Care Kids of Olathe Hard Charger Award certainly was. Smith had a rough run in the second heat after shock issues left him with an ill-handling racecar and a subpar fifth place finish. However, he rebounded with an excellent run in the feature on a technical track to provide his car owner his first feature win with the USAC MWRA.

Afterwards, Smith was quoted as saying, "Usually when we start towards the back, the night typically doesn't end up well. But tonight, the Lewis sprint car was ready to go, and we took full advantage of our opportunities to win the race."

On a night where bad luck was certainly plentiful, performances by Wyatt Burks (Topeka, Kan.) in second, Michael Moore (Camden, Mo.) third, Kobe Simpson (Bonham, Texas) fourth and Zach Clark (Raymore, Mo.) fifth stood out. Burks' run to second followed a third-place finish last week at Valley and moved him into first place in the series points.

Moore's third place go represented his first podium with the USAC MWRA series, and also included a heat race win. Meanwhile, Simpson's long trip from Texas also proved to be fruitful after winning his heat as well before running fourth in the main event. Clark's fifth place result was his second of the 2024 season.

Chad Winfrey (Gladstone, Mo.), Mark Lane (Grain Valley, Mo.), Junior Parkinson (Wichita Falls, Texas), Luke Howard (Overland Park, Kan.) and Taylor Walton (Odessa, Mo.) completed the top-10 on a wild night of racing that saw three cars flip in the feature: Kory Schudy (Battlefield, Mo.), Dakota Earls (Independence, Mo.) and Walton with five laps to go.

All drivers were okay, but their cars all received significant damage. Howard, who led for almost the entire distance, dropped out with a couple laps left after being passed by Smith following the final restart of the 25-lapper.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: May 17, 2024 – Electric City Speedway – Butler, Missouri

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 21m-Michael Moore (1), 2. 11w-Wyatt Burks (5), 3. 15E-Dakota Earls (4), 4. 26-Zach Clark (6), 5. 03-Tyler Burton (3), 6. 27J-Justin Johnson (8), 7. 33L-Mark Lane (2), 8. 9m-Matt Fox (7). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 21K-Kobe Simpson (2), 2. 2H-Luke Howard (1), 3. 28-Kory Schudy (6), 4. 93w-Taylor Walton (3), 5. 2-Wesley Smith (4), 6. 65w-Chad Winfrey (5), 7. 93-Junior Parkinson (7). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Wesley Smith (10), 2. Wyatt Burks (5), 3. Michael Moore (4), 4. Kobe Simpson (6), 5. Zach Clark (7), 6. Chad Winfrey (12), 7. Mark Lane (14), 8. Junior Parkinson (13), 9. Luke Howard (1), 10. Taylor Walton (8), 11. Tyler Burton (11), 12. Matt Fox (15), 13. Dakota Earls (2), 14. Justin Johnson (9), 15. Kory Schudy (3). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-22 Luke Howard, Laps 23-25 Wesley Smith.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Wyatt Burks-895, 2-Luke Howard-840, 3-Kory Schudy-835, 4-Taylor Walton-810, 5-Kobe Simpson-775, 6-Zach Clark-750, 7-Chad Winfrey-750, 8-Junior Parkinson-725, 9-Dakota Earls-720, 10-Michael Moore-720.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACE: May 18, 2024 – Electric City Speedway – Butler, Missouri

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BURKS FLIPS THE SWITCH TO WIN AT ELECTRIC CITY

By: Ray Cunningham

Butler, Missouri (May 18, 2024).....Wyatt Burks didn't skip a beat in his return to Butler, Missouri's Electric City Speedway on Saturday night even though his travel plans required hustling back to the track after attending a wedding in his hometown of Topeka, Kan. on Saturday afternoon, a two-plus hour drive away.

After finishing second during Friday night's Electric City program, Burks (Topeka, Kan.) won his heat race, then seized the lead early from pole sitter Chad Winfrey in the 25-lapper and survived multiple red flag stoppages to win his series leading 17th feature event win with the USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Cars.

Tom Curran (Kansas City, Mo.) and Kobe Simpson (Bonham, Texas) rounded out the podium behind Burks. For all three drivers, this represented their best finish of the season with USAC MWRA.

Curran had previously suffered many hard luck situations over the last two seasons in his own No. 11x. With the only highlight of 2024 coming at Valley earlier this season when he won the semi-feature, Curran's fortunes changed on Saturday in a big way when he went from last to second in his heat race to win high point honors heading into the feature. He then proceeded to solidify his great night by finishing a career best second with USAC MWRA.

Texas' Simpson, who has made the tow from the Lone Star State for all USAC MWRA shows in 2024, finished third. This was his first podium of the year with the series and was only bested by his second-place finish at 81 Speedway last year.

Wesley Smith (Nixa, Mo.) came home in fourth place after winning on Friday night at Electric City in his Brent Lewis Racing machine. Zach Clark (Raymore, Mo.) rounded out the top-five.

Dakota Earls (Independence, Mo.) ran sixth while Chad Winfrey (Gladstone, Mo.), a heat race winner earlier in the program, finished seventh as Justin Johnson (Kansas City, Kan.), Junior Parkinson (Wichita Falls, Texas) and Luke Howard (Overland Park, Kan.) came home eighth, ninth and tenth, respectively. Howard was also the recipient of the Hard Charger award from Country Kids Day Care of Olathe.

Unfortunately, accidents in the feature caused multiple DNFs for Bryson Smith, Michael Moore and Tyler Burton. All drivers were okay, but their cars received significant damage.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: May 18, 2024 – Electric City Speedway – Butler, Missouri

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 65w-Chad Winfrey (1), 2. 2-Wesley Smith (5), 3. 21K-Kobe Simpson (7), 4. 26-Zach Clark (6), 5. 15E-Dakota Earls (4), 6. 93-Junior Parkinson (3), 7. 33-Bryson Smith (8). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 11w-Wyatt Burks (1), 2. 11x-Tom Curran (6), 3. 03-Tyler Burton (2), 4. 27J-Justin Johnson (3), 5. 41-Brad Wyatt (5), 6. 21m-Michael Moore (7), 7. 9m-Luke Howard (4). NT

ALSO AT THE TRACK: 33L-Mark Lane

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Wyatt Burks (2), 2. Tom Curran (3), 3. Kobe Simpson (5), 4. Wesley Smith (4), 5. Zach Clark (7), 6. Dakota Earls (9), 7. Chad Winfrey (1), 8. Justin Johnson (8), 9. Junior Parkinson (12), 10. Luke Howard (14), 11. Tyler Burton (6), 12. Michael Moore (11), 13. Bryson Smith (13), DQ. Brad Wyatt (10). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Wyatt Burks.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Wyatt Burks-1095, 2-Luke Howard-985, 3-Kobe Simpson-955, 4-Zach Clark-920, 5-Chad Winfrey-910, 6-Dakota Earls-885, 7-Junior Parkinson-875, 8-Wesley Smith-865, 9-Michael Moore-855, 10-Kory Schudy-835.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR SPECIAL EVENT RACE: May 26, 2024 – Double X Speedway – California, Missouri – Co-Sanctioned by the POWRi WAR Sprint League

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SPOILER ALERT! GRANT WINS 50TH USAC SPRINT RACE AT KNOXVILLE

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Knoxville, Iowa (May 31, 2024).....Mired in one of the most prolonged slumps of his career, Justin Grant played all the right notes, keys and chords in capturing his 50th career USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship victory during Friday night's Avanti Windows & Doors Corn Belt Clash opener at Iowa's Knoxville Raceway.

Over his past nine series starts this year, Grant (Ione, Calif.) had finished 13th or worse in seven of them and had trudged through the last month's schedule with an average finish of 15.7. Entering Knoxville, the two-time reigning series champion had fallen to eighth in points, a staggering 256 markers out of the lead.

Things were seemingly out of whack on the trusty, TOPP Motorsports/NOS Energy Drink – Bow Foundation – TOPP Industries/Maxim/Kistler Chevy. What started at the shop led to struggles on the track, which soon turned into a major headache and soul searching for all involved.

"We had some things a little goofy," Grant admitted. "I work on these things every day during the week, and we had some instrument issues. Things were not the way they should be. But I'm very fortunate that two weeks feels like a slump. We're very fortunate we've got a rocket ship of a racecar. I feel like we've got it back and I feel like I'm a racecar driver again."

On Friday night, Grant led the opening 13 laps of the 25-lap main event before Brady Bacon made his way into the lead for the 14th and 15th circuits. Yet, following a caution, Grant steadied the course, righted the ship and steered his way back to the front with a slide job for the lead on the lap 16 restart. From there, Grant withstood the challenges of Chase

Johnson and Bacon late to earn his fifth USAC National Sprint Car victory of the season, equaling point leader Logan Seavey in that department.

Grant's triumphant performance was his second at Knoxville's 1/2-mile dirt oval after scoring back in 2017, and it placed him as one of just four drivers to reach 50 career USAC National Sprint Car feature wins. Grant now trails only Dave Darland (62), Brady Bacon (54) and Tom Bigelow (52).

Although it was certainly easy to get down on himself during this stretch, Grant appeared as if he never wavered on that front throughout the course of Friday night. In fact, nobody ever stopped believing in him while holding on to that feeling. Well, most people at least.

"This team never stops believing in me," Grant acknowledged. "My wife, Ashley, never stops believing in me. My kids do. They've been telling me how good Logan (Seavey) and Brady (Bacon) are every week, and I was getting awfully sick of that. So, it feels awfully good to get back into victory lane here."

Starting on the outside of the front row, Grant led the entire first half of the race while Bacon perpetually gave chase. By lap nine, the two frontrunners were weaving their way through lapped traffic and escaping from the rest of the field in a two-car breakaway.

"I was good early there," Grant remembered. "I felt really comfortable, then as this place got slick and curbed up, it got scary. Knoxville is scary. It's fast. It's almost off-camber up there; you're up on the curb and there's little weird holes in the cushion."

On lap 13, Bacon took his first real shot at Grant in turn three, but his slider attempt just missed. Bacon managed to stay right in line with Grant, however, as the pair went wheel-to-wheel momentarily before Grant edged ahead off turn four.

Nonetheless, Bacon kept his foot in it, and by the end of the front straightway on lap 14, he'd pulled even with Grant before sliding up across the racetrack in front of Grant to secure the spot. One lap later, the yellow flag was displayed for fifth running C.J. Leary who slowed suddenly with a disconnected left rear shock that had sent a shower of sparks trailing off the rear end of the car. Earlier in the night, Leary became the fourth driver to reach 50 career fast qualifying times in USAC National Sprint Car competition.

The red flag was waved on the ensuing lap 16 restart as Wesley Smith (9th) contacted the turn two fence, which sent him barrel rolling several times before coming to a rest. He ultimately climbed out of his car but was out of the race.

And just when things seemed down and out for Grant, he wasted no time conjuring up a new plan and putting himself in the perfect frame of mind to get back to where he wanted to be for the restart.

"I kind of got to sitting down in the seat, trying not to crash the thing," Grant recalled. "Brady slid me, and I had a lap or two of the mopes, feeling like 'we're not going to win again.' Then we got rolling through lapped traffic and I thought 'I should sit up and drive this thing, you've still got a shot.' We got a yellow, and I was able to slide him there on the restart."

Grant attacked the bottom of turn one and slid past Bacon for the lead with just 10 laps remaining. Chase Johnson, making his first series start of the year, glided along the bottom past both Daison Pursley and Bacon to rise from fourth to second.

All the while, Grant had pulled away to a 1.3 second lead until the final incident of the evening necessitated a red flag with just three laps to go. Dakota Earls (25th) banged the turn two cushion, which swapped him around 90 degrees as his left side wheels dug in and sent him barrel-rolling six times before the roller coaster ride abruptly ended. Earls climbed out of the car under his own power.

Meanwhile, precipitation began to fall from the sky. Under the yellow flag, the field was directed to buzz the track to save it from being swallowed up by mother nature. After a few minutes, the moisture in the air had subsided and the final sprint to the checkered was able to resume.

On the restart, second running Johnson's left rear tire was noticeably flat as he attempted to take one final stab amid his pursuit of a first USAC National Sprint Car win. However, over time, he drifted back to fifth and Bacon was now once again

Grant's most ardent challenger, setting the stage for the two winningest driver/team combos in USAC National Sprint Car history to duke it out for the win.

Bacon took one last run at Grant in turn three on the final lap but could only muster up enough to briefly pull even. Grant powered off the top of turn four to defeat Bacon by a scant three car length margin – 0.247 seconds to be precise – leading Grant to remark, "If you come to Knoxville and you beat Brady Bacon, I feel like you've done something."

Pursley came home third while 2023 Corn Belt Clash winner Jake Swanson notched fourth after starting 13th. Johnson delivered his best career USAC National Sprint Car result to date by rounding out the top-five.

Brady Bacon (Broken Arrow, Okla.) resumed his incredible record of achievement with the USAC National Sprint Cars at Knoxville during his career. In 10 career starts dating back to 2010, Bacon has finished inside the top-two in eight of those starts. On Friday night, he recorded his fourth consecutive podium finish with the series and his second consecutive runner-up result at Knoxville aboard his Dynamics, Inc./Next Level Metal – Davis Brothers Trucking – Hutson John Deere/Triple X/Rider Chevy.

Daison Pursley (Locust Grove, Okla.) was a force once again as he recorded his third consecutive third-place finish with the series in his Team AZ Racing/Apache Transport – Oak Craft Elegant Cabinetry/DRC/1-Way Chevy. Over his past seven USAC National Sprint Car starts this season, Pursley hasn't finished worse than sixth.

J.J. Yeley (Phoenix, Ariz.) earned his first top-10 in USAC National Sprint Car competition since July of 2009 during the Indiana Sprint Week round at the Terre Haute (Ind.) Action Track. Yes, that was only three starts ago, albeit separated by 15 years, but Yeley was impressive once again on Friday night. Starting 23rd, Yeley finished 10th to earn hard charger honors for the night at Knoxville in the driver's seat of his Yeley Racing/Avanti Windows & Doors – CK Electric – Apache Transport/Spike/Stanton Chevy.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: May 31, 2024 – Knoxville Raceway – Knoxville, Iowa – Avanti Windows & Doors Corn Belt Clash – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Car Special Event

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-18.807; 2. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-18.976; 3. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-19.034; 4. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-19.086; 5. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-19.090; 6. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-19.102; 7. Xavier Doney, 74, Doney/Lawson-19.138; 8. Wesley Smith, 44, Smith-19.163; 9. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-19.195; 10. Chase Johnson, 4J, Ford-19.265; 11. Jake Swanson, 2B, 2B Racing-19.389; 12. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-19.405; 13. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-19.432; 14. Jadon Rogers, 17GP, Dutcher-19.485; 15. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-19.489; 16. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-19.571; 17. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-19.620; 18. Logan Calderwood, 73, Ford-19.652; 19. Korbyn Hayslett, 1H, Hayslett-19.716; 20. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-19.805; 21. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-19.921; 22. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-19.986; 23. J.J. Yeley, 2, Yeley-20.013; 24. A.J. Johnson, 93, Germar-20.061; 25. Dakota Earls, 15E, Earls-20.207; 26. Eric Schulz, 38, Grein-20.332; 27. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-NT (Time of 18.777 disallowed due to an illegal left rear tire).

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Chase Johnson, 2. Chase Stockon, 3. Xavier Doney, 4. Robert Ballou, 5. C.J. Leary, 6. Kyle Cummins, 7. Charles Davis Jr., 8. Korbyn Hayslett, 9. Dakota Earls. 2:41.436

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Matt Westfall, 2. Wesley Smith, 3. Daison Pursley, 4. Jadon Rogers, 5. Justin Grant, 6. Jake Swanson, 7. J.J. Yeley, 8. Eric Schulz, 9. Hunter Maddox. 2:44.986

T.J. FORGED / CAR IQ THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Seavey, 2. Joey Amantea, 3. Brady Bacon, 4. Carson Garrett, 5. Mitchel Moles, 6. Kevin Thomas Jr., 7. Kobe Simpson, 8. Logan Calderwood, 9. A.J. Johnson. NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (2), 2. Brady Bacon (4), 3. Daison Pursley (5), 4. Jake Swanson (13), 5. Chase Johnson (7), 6. Xavier Doney (10), 7. Mitchel Moles (1), 8. Logan Seavey (8), 9. Kyle Cummins (17), 10. J.J. Yeley (23), 11. Robert Ballou (15), 12. Matt Westfall (9), 13. C.J. Leary (6), 14. Carson Garrett (26), 15. Kevin Thomas

Jr. (12), 16. Hunter Maddox (20), 17. Jadon Rogers (16), 18. Joey Amantea (14), 19. Chase Stockon (3), 20. Charles Davis Jr. (22), 21. Korbyn Hayslett (19), 22. Kobe Simpson (21), 23. Logan Calderwood (18), 24. Eric Schulz (25), 25. Dakota Earls (24), 26. Wesley Smith (11). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-13 Justin Grant, Laps 14-15 Brady Bacon, Laps 16-25 Justin Grant.

****A.J. Johnson** flipped during the third heat. Wesley Smith flipped on lap 16 of the feature. Dakota Earls flipped on lap 23 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-1053, 2-C.J. Leary-947, 3-Kevin Thomas Jr.-946, 4-Daison Pursley-911, 5-Brady Bacon-892, 6-Justin Grant-816, 7-Kyle Cummins-804, 8-Robert Ballou-802, 9-Mitchel Moles-790, 10-Chase Stockon-762.

OVERALL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-81, 2-Robert Ballou-73, 3-Logan Seavey-69, 4-Daison Pursley-67, 5-Joey Amantea-54, 6-Carson Garrett-50, 7-Brady Bacon-46, 8-Kyle Cummins-41, 9-Matt Westfall-41, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-38.

CORN BELT CLASH PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Carson Garrett-17, 2-J.J. Yeley-14, 3-Jake Swanson-9, 4-Kyle Cummins-8, 5-Brady Bacon-5, 6-Daison Pursley-5, 7-Xavier Doney-5, 8-Chase Johnson-4, 9-Robert Ballou-4, 10-Hunter Maddox-4.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: June 1, 2024 – Knoxville Raceway – Knoxville, Iowa – Avanti Windows & Doors Corn Belt Clash – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Car Special Event

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Chase Stockon (19.086)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: C.J. Leary (18.807)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Chase Johnson

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Matt Westfall

T.J. Forged / Car IQ Third Heat Winner: Logan Seavey

Hard Charger: J.J. Yeley (23rd to 10th)

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ON POINT! PURSLEY PLUCKS KNOXVILLE'S CORN BELT CLASH & FIRST USAC SPRINT WIN

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Knoxville, Iowa (June 1, 2024).....When Daison Pursley won at Florida's Volusia Speedway Park in February of 2023, he was reintroducing himself to the racing world after a severe spinal cord injury briefly derailed both his life and career.

With a victory on Saturday night at Iowa's Knoxville Raceway, the Locust Grove, Okla. racer introduced himself to the racing world as the legit deal, the genuine article, the real McCoy.

Whereas Pursley's Volusia triumph nearly 16 months ago is technically listed as a non-points special event in the record books, there was no technicality in any form or fashion this time around. Pursley officially stamped his name as a certified

points-paying USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car feature winner in what was his 54th career series start on Saturday night at Knoxville's famed half-mile.

For his efforts at the Avanti Windows & Doors Corn Belt Clash, Pursley pocketed a \$12,000 top prize and the distinction of becoming the first points-paying USAC National Sprint Car feature winning driver since Jadon Rogers in 2022 at Indiana's Tri-State Speedway.

Yet, more than anything, Pursley completed a task that had been lingering in his mind for some time. After three consecutive third place results in his three most recent series starts, Pursley had grown tiresome of merely being in the hunt for a victory. He held a burning desire to finish the job up front, and finish with authority.

At the controls of his Team AZ Racing/Apache Transport – Oak Craft Elegant Cabinetry/DRC/1-Way Chevy, Pursley led the initial 12 laps before a wonky restart seemingly cost him dearly. Nonetheless, Pursley maintained his cool and capitalized late by tracking down race leader and fellow Okie Brady Bacon with nine laps remaining to earn the long-awaited and long-anticipated distinction.

"It's huge," Pursley reflected. "I feel like I've been super close so many times to finally winning a points-paying USAC race, and tonight, I was finally able to pull it off. I thought I gave it away once when I messed up on that restart and let Brady get underneath me. I thought it was over from there because Brady usually doesn't make any mistakes. I'm just very, very fortunate to have a very fast racecar. I just didn't give up there. I wanted to win really bad, and I think that showed here tonight."

On the other hand, for Team AZ Racing, it was a repeat celebration at Knoxville. With Jake Swanson at the wheel of the No. 21AZ, the team scored the Saturday night Corn Belt Clash finale in 2023. On this particular evening in 2024, the team rolled from the number one spot and remained there for most of the first half of the 30-lap main event distance.

Action came to an abrupt halt on the opening lap as 24th running Eric Schulz barrel-rolled five times down the back straightaway to prompt a red flag. The South Dakota driver ultimately walked away from the incident.

Following the restart, Pursley maintained command up front by pulling out to a 2.2 second lead over Bacon who had threaded the needle en route from sixth to second, blasting by C.J. Leary for the second position in turn three on the fifth lap.

Moments later, impressive 18-year-old up-and-comer Xavier Doney (7th) biked atop the turns three and four cushion before banging off the guardrail and flipping over several times. Doney, who won a heat race earlier in the program, climbed out and walked away under his own power.

Forced to restart behind Leary due to scoring reverting back to the last completed lap, Bacon took back second for himself with a topside maneuver on the fifth lap reset, then began to reel Pursley in as the top-two broke away from the remainder of the contingent.

Among that contingent was eighth running Logan Seavey who suddenly slowed on the front straightaway 13 laps into the contest. After being pushed into the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area for service, Seavey's Abacus Racing team swapped out the car's mag box. However, the repairs didn't take, and Seavey was out of the show with a season worst 21st place result.

On the ensuing lap 14 restart, Pursley's car experienced a failure to launch. Bacon took advantage of the situation and powered past Pursley to take over the top spot entering turn one. Pursley subsequently drifted over the cushion in turns three and four, thus allowing Bacon to march forward to a hefty 2.192 second advantage.

The yellow flag was displayed once more on lap 16 as Carson Garrett tagged the guardrail around the perimeter of turns three and four. On the following restart, Pursley again wasn't able to take off as planned, which allowed Leary to swipe the second spot away ever so briefly. However, a half lap later, Pursley recovered and dove back under Leary in turn three to retake the runner-up spot.

By the time lap 22nd had arrived, Pursley had gained his second wind. It was then that he had caught back up to Bacon and surged past with a charge on the inside of turn three.

"I had to keep him within distance to make a move," Pursley explained. "I just tried to keep on pressuring him in three and four. Thankfully, he went down there, and then missed it in one and two. He messed up down there in three and four and hit the curb wrong. That allowed me to inch closer to him every time. It was very hard to hit the bottom of two consistently and I feel like I did a good job with that. I'm very fortunate that he missed it right there and I was just close enough to make a move into three."

In the immediate laps, Pursley pumped up his lead over Bacon to over a second and found himself in total control down the stretch while Bacon posed on two wheels above the turn three cushion, putting an end to any inkling of a late-race comeback.

Pursley steadily increased his interval over Bacon throughout the final laps, crossing the stripe 2.211 seconds out in front of the field over Bacon, Kevin Thomas Jr., C.J. Leary and Kyle Cummins.

Brady Bacon (Broken Arrow, Okla.) turned heads in Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying by going out last in the order and laying down the fastest lap of the night, thus becoming the fifth driver in the history of the series to record 50+ fast times in his career along with Tom Bigelow (65), Dave Darland (62), Tracy Hines (60) and C.J. Leary (50) who reached the mark one night earlier. In the end, Bacon notched his fifth consecutive podium feature finish with the series in his Dynamics, Inc./Next Level Metal – Davis Brothers Trucking – Hutson John Deere/Triple X/Rider Chevy. Now, in 11 career USAC Sprint Car starts at Knoxville, he has finished on the podium in 11 of them.

Kevin Thomas Jr. (Cullman, Ala.) and his Rock Steady Racing team were racing with heavy hearts at Knoxville following the Friday passing of 2000 Kokomo (Ind.) Speedway sprint car track champion Tony Jarrett. Jarrett was the father-in-law of Rock Steady crewman Brian Karraker and was well-known in the Indiana sprint car community. Sporting a helmet honoring Jarrett, KTJ recovered from a 15th place finish the night before to score a solid third place result on Saturday in his Inferno Armor – Eddie Gilstrap Motors – Creative Finishing/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy.

J.J. Yeley (Phoenix, Ariz.) was once again the man on the move at Knoxville. For the second night in a row, the USAC Triple Crown champion was the hard charger, advancing from 17th to 10th in his Yeley Racing/Avanti Windows & Doors – CK Electric – Apache Transport/Spike/Stanton Chevy. Furthermore, he collected a \$500 bonus from ProSource as the Corn Belt Clash Passing Master after advancing a total of 21 positions throughout the two nights of racing at Knoxville.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: June 1, 2024 – Knoxville Raceway – Knoxville, Iowa – Avanti Windows & Doors Corn Belt Clash – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Car Special Event

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-19.708; 2. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-19.769; 3. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-19.863; 4. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-19.918; 5. Jake Swanson, 2B, 2B Racing-20.027; 6. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-20.031; 7. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-20.224; 8. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-20.245; 9. Xavier Doney, 74, Doney/Lawson-20.275; 10. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-20.306; 11. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-20.329; 12. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-20.377; 13. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-20.396; 14. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-20.432; 15. Chase Johnson, 4J, Ford-20.485; 16. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-20.495; 17. J.J. Yeley, 2, Yeley-20.576; 18. Wesley Smith, 44, Smith-20.640; 19. Korbyn Hayslett, 1H, Hayslett-20.933; 20. Jadon Rogers, 17GP, Dutcher-20.981; 21. Logan Calderwood, 73, Ford-20.998; 22. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-21.064; 23. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-21.131; 24. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-21.322; 25. Eric Schulz, 38, Grein-21.428; 26. Tyler Graves, T4, Graves-NT.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. Brady Bacon, 3. Joey Amantea, 4. Carson Garrett, 5. Matt Westfall, 6. Logan Seavey, 7. Korbyn Hayslett, 8. Charles Davis Jr., 9. Eric Schulz. 2:45.569

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Mitchel Moles, 4. Jake Swanson, 5. Justin Grant, 6. J.J. Yeley, 7. Jadon Rogers, 8. Hunter Maddox, 9. Tyler Graves. 2:47.168

T.J. FORGED / CAR IQ THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Xavier Doney, 2. Daison Pursley, 3. Chase Johnson, 4. C.J. Leary, 5. Chase Stockon, 6. Wesley Smith, 7. Logan Calderwood, 8. Kobe Simpson. 2:48.136

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Korbyn Hayslett, 2. Logan Calderwood, 3. Charles Davis Jr., 4. Jadon Rogers, 5. Kobe Simpson, 6. Eric Schulz, 7. Hunter Maddox, 8. Tyler Graves. 2:54.648

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Daison Pursley (1), 2. Brady Bacon (6), 3. Kevin Thomas Jr. (9), 4. C.J. Leary (4), 5. Kyle Cummins (11), 6. Justin Grant (5), 7. Robert Ballou (8), 8. Mitchel Moles (13), 9. Jake Swanson (2), 10. J.J. Yeley (17), 11. Chase Johnson (15), 12. Matt Westfall (16), 13. Carson Garrett (3), 14. Chase Stockon (14), 15. Jadon Rogers (20), 16. Charles Davis Jr. (22), 17. Korbyn Hayslett (19), 18. Logan Calderwood (21), 19. Kobe Simpson (23), 20. Joey Amantea (12), 21. Logan Seavey (10), 22. Xavier Doney (7), 23. Wesley Smith (18), 24. Eric Schulz (24). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-12 Daison Pursley, Laps 13-21 Brady Bacon, Laps 22-30 Daison Pursley.

**Eric Schulz flipped on lap 1 of the feature. Xavier Doney flipped on lap 5 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-1080, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1018, 3-C.J. Leary-1017, 4-Daison Pursley-989, 5-Brady Bacon-972, 6-Justin Grant-880, 7-Kyle Cummins-869, 8-Robert Ballou-862, 9-Mitchel Moles-845, 10-Chase Stockon-801.

BUBBY JONES MASTER OF GOIN' FASTER PRESENTED BY SPIRE SPORTS + ENTERTAINMENT POINTS: 1-Kevin Thomas Jr.-275, 2-C.J. Leary-275, 3-Logan Seavey-260, 4-Brady Bacon-258, 5-Daison Pursley-256, 6-Justin Grant-236, 7-Kyle Cummins-230, 8-Mitchel Moles-226, 9-Jake Swanson-205, 10-Robert Ballou-204.

OVERALL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-81, 2-Robert Ballou-74, 3-Logan Seavey-69, 4-Daison Pursley-67, 5-Joey Amantea-54, 6-Brady Bacon-50, 7-Carson Garrett-50, 8-Kyle Cummins-47, 9-Matt Westfall-45, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-44.

FINAL CORN BELT CLASH PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-J.J. Yeley-21, 2-Carson Garrett-18, 3-Kyle Cummins-16, 4-Brady Bacon-13, 5-Jake Swanson-10, 6-Charles Davis Jr.-10, 7-Daison Pursley-8, 8-Chase Johnson-8, 9-Xavier Doney-8, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-7.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: June 11, 2024 – Grandview Speedway – Bechtelsville, Pennsylvania – 17th USAC Eastern Storm – 1/3-Mile Dirt Oval

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Daison Pursley (19.918)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Brady Bacon (19.708)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

T.J. Forged / Car IQ Third Heat Winner: Xavier Doney

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Korbyn Hayslett

Hard Charger: J.J. Yeley (17th to 10th)

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JACK WAGNER WINS LAWSON MEMORIAL AT VALLEY

By: Ray Cunningham

Grain Valley, Missouri (June 22, 2024).....Jack Wagner reigned victorious during Saturday night's Bill Lawson Memorial presented by Design Source Flooring at Missouri's Valley Speedway.

The Lone Jack, Mo. racer led the final 18 laps to score his second USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Sprint Car Association main event victory of the season, both of which have come at Valley. Overall, it's his fourth career USAC MWRA triumph.

Wagner fell back to fourth place early in the feature before charging his way to the front utilizing the high line in turns one and two, and the middle of the track in three and four, to grab the lead. Driving his JHR/WBR 77, Wagner then navigated lapped traffic as well as a last lap adventure where he slipped off the rim in turn two before recovering to come home first.

Tom Curran (Kansas City, Mo.) took second ahead of Cody Baker (Lone Jack, Mo.) in third, series point leader Wyatt Burks (Topeka, Kan.) fourth while Kory Schudy (Battlefield, Mo.) completed the top-five on a hot and steamy night.

Driving his TCR No. 11x, Curran was at the top of his game in finishing with his second consecutive runner-up result in the series after notching the same position at Electric City Speedway on May 18th. Meanwhile, Baker had his best result of the season after advancing from 12th to third in a brilliant drive that watched him gain momentum while running the top in his THR No. 9H.

Wesley Smith (Nixa, Mo.) grabbed sixth with early leader Luke Howard (Overland Park, Kan.) crossing the stripe in seventh as Chad Goff (Spring Hill, Kan.) advanced seven spots to run eighth after starting 15th.

Ninth place finisher Samuel Wagner (Lone Jack, Mo.) earned the Country Kids Day Care of Olathe Hard Charger Award after starting last in the 22-car field and advanced 13 positions to score ninth. Zach Clark (Raymore, Mo.) nearly duplicated that feat as he charged from the inside of the last row (21st) to finish 10th.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: June 22, 2024 – Valley Speedway – Grain Valley, Missouri

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 77-Jack Wagner (1), 2. 74-Xavier Doney (2), 3. 28-Kory Schudy (5), 4. 93-Junior Parkinson (4), 5. 9H-Cody Baker (6), 6. 15E-Dakota Earls (3), 7. 9-Chad Goff (8), 8. 74N-Natalie Doney (7). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 2H-Luke Howard (2), 2. 15B-Quinton Benson (5), 3. 2-Wesley Smith (3), 4. 27J-Justin Johnson (1), 5. 65w-Chad Winfrey (6), 6. ST1-Lane Stone (4), 7. 85A-Kyle Gorham (7). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 11x-Tom Curran (3), 2. 21m-Michael Moore (1), 3. 11w-Wyatt Burks (5), 4. 52-Blake Bowers (6), 5. 21K-Kobe Simpson (4), 6. 26-Zach Clark (2), 7. 73-Samuel Wagner (7). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Jack Wagner (2), 2. Tom Curran (3), 3. Cody Baker (12), 4. Wyatt Burks (6), 5. Kory Schudy (5), 6. Wesley Smith (10), 7. Luke Howard (1), 8. Chad Goff (15), 9. Samuel Wagner (22), 10. Zach Clark (21), 11. Xavier Doney (7), 12. Chad Winfrey (13), 13. Lane Stone (16), 14. Natalie Doney (19), 15. Kobe Simpson (20), 16. Dakota Earls (17), 17. Justin Johnson (14), 18. Michael Moore (8), 19. Junior Parkinson (11), 20. Kyle Gorham (18), 21. Quinton Benson (4), 22. Blake Bowers (9). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-7 Luke Howard, Laps 8-25 Jack Wagner.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Wyatt Burks-1270, 2-Luke Howard-1145, 3-Kobe Simpson-1075, 4-Zach Clark-1065, 5-Chad Winfrey-1045, 6-Wesley Smith-1030, 7-Kory Schudy-1005, 8-Dakota Earls-1000, 9-Junior Parkinson-975, 10-Michael Moore-960.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACE: June 28, 2024 – Electric City Speedway – Butler, Missouri

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SIMPSON SAILS TO FIRST USAC MIDWEST WINGLESS SPRINT CAR WIN AT I-35

By: Ray Cunningham

Winston, Missouri (July 6, 2024).....Kobe Simpson sailed to victory on Saturday night at Winston, Missouri's I-35 Speedway to score not only his first career USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Car feature win, but his first triumphant performance of any kind behind the wheel of a sprint car.

Simpson (Bonham, Texas), who earned USAC MWRA Rookie of the Year honors in 2023, was on point all evening in his new mount recently purchased from second place finisher Wyatt Burks (Topeka, Kan.). Simpson won his heat race and carried high point honors for the feature.

After rolling a two for the invert, Simpson was positioned to start the feature from the inside of the second row. However, after metal was found in pole sitter Zach Clark's oil, Simpson was moved to the outside of the front row for the start of the 20-lap main event.

From the get-go, Simpson looked strong, and after dispatching Dakota Earls on lap eight, Simpson led the balance of the 13 laps on a fast and racy surface. Defending champion Burks' situation was entirely different. After starting on the inside of the second row, "The Sheriff" quickly worked his way to second before spinning on lap seven, which sent him to the rear of the field. From there, Burks patiently worked his way up to second place, gaining ground on Simpson but never being able to challenge for the win.

In the end, Wyatt Burks (Topeka, Kan.) took second ahead of Dakota Earls (Independence, Mo.), Chad Winfrey (Gladstone, Mo.) and Michael Moore (Camden, Mo.). Junior Parkinson (Wichita Falls, Texas) finished sixth in front of Tyler Burton (Independence, Mo.) and Kyle Gorham (Blue Springs, Mo.).

Earls ran a steady race to finish third while picking up his second podium of the 2024 season. Meanwhile, Winfrey's fourth place result represented his best finish so far this year. Like Burks, Moore's fifth place run followed a great performance by the driver, but also his crew after the Missouri racer flipped out of the park at the end of the first heat race. After much thrashing on the rear end, Moore was able to come back and run the entire feature to come home fifth. Parkinson was very racy all night long to finish sixth as Burton returned to action with MWRA to finish seventh after having to build a new car following an accident at Electric City Speedway on May 18.

Zach Clark, (Raymore, Mo.), the second heat race winner, as well as Luke Howard (Overland Park, Kan.) were unable to make the starting grid for the feature due to engine problems after the heat races.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: July 6, 2024 – I-35 Speedway – Winston, Missouri

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 21K-Kobe Simpson (3), 2. 11w-Wyatt Burks (5), 3. 65w-Chad Winfrey (1), 4. 21m-Michael Moore (4), 5. 2H-Luke Howard (2). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 26-Zach Clark (2), 2. 15E-Dakota Earls (1), 3. 93-Junior Parkinson (4), 4. 03-Tyler Burton (3), 5. 85A-Kyle Gorham (5). NT

FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kobe Simpson (2), 2. Wyatt Burks (3), 3. Dakota Earls (1), 4. Chad Winfrey (5), 5. Michael Moore (7), 6. Junior Parkinson (4), 7. Tyler Burton (6), 8. Kyle Gorham (8). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-7 Dakota Earls, Laps 8-20 Kobe Simpson.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Wyatt Burks-1455, 2-Kobe Simpson-1275, 3-Chad Winfrey-1220, 4-Luke Howard-1195, 5-Dakota Earls-1180, 6-Junior Parkinson-1140, 7-Michael Moore-1130, 8-Zach Clark-1115, 9-Wesley Smith-1030, 10-Kory Schudy-1005.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACE: July 13, 2024 – Valley Speedway – Grain Valley, Missouri

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Baker Blasts to Weld Memorial Victory at Lakeside

By: Ray Cunningham

Kansas City, Kansas (August 16, 2024).....Cody Baker blasted his way to victory in Friday night's Weld Memorial USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Car feature at Lakeside Speedway in Kansas City, Kansas.

Baker seized the lead on lap three, then expertly navigated the 1/3-mile dirt oval track to win the \$2,500 top prize and a trophy that towered over him and everyone else in victory lane.

The Lone Jack, Mo. racer accomplished this feat while driving for his grandfather, Ted Hall, in the THR Racing No. 9H. Hall, a lifelong friend of the Weld family and an integral part of their racing heritage and success, was just as excited to win the race as his grandson.

For the family race team from Missouri, the win was also their third triumph with USAC MWRA after previously winning points paying races at Nevada Speedway and Valley Speedway during the Helm Memorial in 2022.

While Baker controlled the point after taking the lead early, racing throughout the pack in the 25-lapper was intense and featured several changes of position between second and sixth.

At the finish, point leader Wyatt Burks (Topeka, Kan.) came home second in his WBR No. 11w over Kobe Simpson (Bonham, Texas) and his KSR No. 21K in third. Samuel Wagner (Lone Jack, Mo.) grabbed fourth at the wheel of his Wagner Brothers Racing/Jesse Hockett Racing No. 73 in fourth. Fellow Lone Jack, Mo. gasman Braydon Cromwell rounded out the top-five in his own BCR No. 4.

Positions fifth through 10th featured Tom Curran (Kansas City, Mo.) having another solid result as he drove to a sixth place finish in his TCR No. 11x. Zach Clark (Raymore Mo.) took seventh in the ZCR No. 26. Dakota Earls (Independence, Mo.) scored eighth at the control of his DER No. 15E.

Chris Parkinson (Gladstone, Mo.) earned the Country Kids Day Care of Olathe, Kan. Hard Charger award by advancing from 18th to 9th aboard his CPR No. 65. Chad Goff (Spring Hill, Kan.) completed the top-10 at Lakeside with a 10th place finish in the CGR No. 9.

In the feature event, after completing the opening lap, Michael Moore (Camden, Mo.) was involved in an accident on the backstretch, resulting in his car flipping and catching fire. Moore quickly exited his machine and was okay. Unfortunately, his car received significant damage.

Jack Wagner (Lone Jack, Mo.) charged early, rising from 17th to 7th before hitting a rut coming into the third turn on lap 11. That sent Wagner bicycling before hitting the wall flipping before coming to a rest between turns three and four. After much consultation with the safety crew and first responders, Wagner, though sore, was okay, and was able to remain at the track. Unfortunately, his car also received significant damage.

Burks, Simpson and Baker won heat races. Simpson earned high-point honors after moving from fifth to first in the second heat.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: August 16, 2024 – Lakeside Speedway – Kansas City, Kansas – Weld Memorial

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 11w-Wyatt Burks (2), 2. 2-Chris Morgan (3), 3. 21m-Michael Moore (6), 4. 27J-Justin Johnson (7), 5. 65w-Chad Winfrey (4), 6. 77-Jack Wagner (5), 7. 03-Tyler Burton (1). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 21K-Kobe Simpson (5), 2. 4-Braydon Cromwell (6), 3. 15E-Dakota Earls (2), 4. 26-Zach Clark (4), 5. 11x-Tom Curran (7), 6. 65-Chris Parkinson (1), 7. 85A-Kyle Gorham (3). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 9H-Cody Baker (2), 2. 73-Samuel Wagner (3), 3. 88-Chad Tye (1), 4. 93-Junior Parkinson (4), 5. 9-Chad Goff (5), 6. 2H-Luke Howard (6). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Cody Baker (2), 2. Wyatt Burks (5), 3. Kobe Simpson (1), 4. Samuel Wagner (3), 5. Braydon Cromwell (4), 6. Tom Curran (10), 7. Zach Clark (12), 8. Dakota Earls (8), 9. Chris Parkinson (18), 10. Chad Goff (14), 11. Chad Winfrey (15), 12. Justin Johnson (11), 13. Junior Parkinson (13), 14. Chad Tye (9), 15. Jack Wagner (17), 16. Tyler Burton (20), 17. Kyle Gorham (19), 18. Chris Morgan (7), 19. Michael Moore (6), 20. Luke Howard (16). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Kobe Simpson, Laps 3-25 Cody Baker.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Wyatt Burks-1640, 2-Kobe Simpson-1455, 3-Chad Winfrey-1360, 4-Dakota Earls-1335, 5-Luke Howard-1290, 6-Zach Clark-1275, 7-Junior Parkinson-1270, 8-Michael Moore-1230, 9-Tyler Burton-1045, 10-Wesley Smith-1030.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACE: August 24, 2024 – Valley Speedway – Grain Valley, Missouri

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Back-to-Back for Baker at Valley

By: Ray Cunningham

Grain Valley, Missouri (August 24, 2024).....Cody Baker validated his big win at the Weld Memorial last weekend by becoming the first driver to win back-to-back points-paying races with the Wholesale Batteries USAC Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Cars in 2024.

On Saturday night at Missouri's Valley Speedway, Baker (Lone Jack, Mo.) competed behind the wheel of the Ted Hall Racing No. 9H owned and wrenched by his grandfather. This victory also represented their fourth career MWRA feature in points-paying events.

Zach Clark and Wyatt Burks exchanged the lead during the first four laps with Clark spearheading three of the first four laps. Burks ducked in to lead briefly on lap three before losing the advantage, then gaining it back on lap five and holding serve through lap 13.

Baker took over on lap 14, then led the remaining 12 circuits of the 25-lap affair over point leader Burks (Topeka, Kan.) in his WBR No. 11w. Chad Goff (Spring Hill, Kan.), running his own CGM 9, collected a third-place result with Wesley Smith (Nixa, Mo.) grabbed fourth at the helm of his John Helm No. 12. Luke Howard (Overland Park, Kan.) rounded out the top-five aboard his LHR No. 2H.

For Goff, it was first podium result of the season after advancing from 8th to 3rd. Smith, meanwhile, captured the Country Kids Day Care of Olathe Hard Charger award, advancing from 12th to 4th on a juiced up track at Dennis Shrout's Valley Speedway.

Early leader Zach Clark (Raymore, Mo) finished sixth, Dakota Earls (Independence, Mo) seventh, Justin Johnson (Kansas City, Kan.) eighth, Chad Winfrey (Gladstone, Mo.) ninth and Junior Parkinson (Wichita Falls, Texas) 10th.

Earlier in the evening, Burks earned his fifth heat race win of the 2024 USAC MWRA season to earn high point honors while Baker took his third of the MWRA campaign.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: August 24, 2024 – Valley Speedway – Grain Valley, Missouri

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 11w-Wyatt Burks (2), 2. 26-Zach Clark (1), 3. 2-Chris Morgan (4), 4. 2H-Luke Howard (3), 5. 9-Chad Goff (7), 6. 12-Wesley Smith (5), 7. 65w-Chad Winfrey (6), 8. 93-Junior Parkinson (8). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 9H-Cody Baker (2), 2. 604-Danny Billings (1), 3. 27J-Justin Johnson (3), 4. 15E-Dakota Earls (6), 5. 88-Chad Tye (4), 6. 03-Tyler Burton (7), 7. 44-Jared McCarty (8), 8. 11x-Tom Curran (5). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Cody Baker (4), 2. Wyatt Burks (3), 3. Chad Goff (8), 4. Wesley Smith (12), 5. Luke Howard (9), 6. Zach Clark (1), 7. Dakota Earls (6), 8. Justin Johnson (7), 9. Chad Winfrey (13), 10. Junior Parkinson (14), 11. Chad Tye (10), 12. Tyler Burton (11), 13. Jared McCarty (15), 14. Danny Billings (2), 15. Chris Morgan (5). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Zach Clark, Lap 3 Wyatt Burks, Lap 4 Zach Clark, Laps 5-13 Wyatt Burks, Laps 14-25 Cody Baker.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Wyatt Burks-1825, 2-Chad Winfrey-1510, 3-Dakota Earls-1495, 4-Luke Howard-1460, 5-Kobe Simpson-1455, 6-Zach Clark-1440, 7-Junior Parkinson-1415, 8-Michael Moore-1230, 9-Wesley Smith-1205, 10-Tyler Burton-1180.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACE: September 7, 2024 – I-35 Speedway – Winston, Missouri

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Baker Claims Checkers at Lake Ozark

By: POWRi.com

Eldon, Missouri (August 31, 2024).....Cody Baker perfected the event by leading all 20 laps of Saturday night's Non-Wing Nationals presented by Start2Finish TV opener at Lake Ozark Speedway, co-sanctioned by the POWRi WAR Sprint Car League and USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association.

Racing onto the quick surface of Lake Ozark in a field featuring 20 talented traditional sprinters, Cody Baker set the quickest hot lap time of 13.649 seconds as Cody Baker and Xavier Doney each earned heat racing victories.

Kickstarting the initial green flag start with high-point qualifier Xavier Doney and Cody Baker lined up in the front row, Baker gained the lead on the opening lap with Zach Clark blasting into the runner-up spot as Xavier Doney, Anthony Nicholson and Justin Johnson all battled inside the early top-five.

Cruising to a comfortable lead, Baker set sail out front as Wesley Smith rapidly ran into the runner-up position early after starting deep in the field with Samuel Wagner also racing through the field after visiting the work area during the parade lap.

Driving into a battle for the lead, Smith jumped the cushion out of turn four to relinquish multiple spots as Clark, Nicholson, Jack Wagner and Samuel Wagner all battled closely inside the contending group of drivers.

Never wavering, Baker emerged victorious at the finish line. Staying in the hunt and hard-charging towards the front, Smith recovered to finish as the runner-up after starting 16th as point leader Samuel Wagner completed the final spot on the podium.

"I knew Wesley would be coming towards the front; I just didn't expect him that quickly," said victorious Cody Baker. "I was a little worried on the late restart, so I loosened all my shocks and just stood on it."

Challenging closely behind were Anthony Nicholson who finished fourth as defending champion Jack Wagner rounded out the top-five.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR SPECIAL EVENT RACE RESULTS:
August 31, 2024 – Lake Ozark Speedway – Eldon, Missouri – 6th Annual Non-Wing Nationals

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 9H-Cody Baker (3), 2. 77-Jack Wagner (4), 3. 4T-Taylor Forbes (2), 4. 16-Anthony Nicholson (9), 5. 99-Bryan Roach (6), 6. 52-Blake Bowers (5), 7. 44-Wesley Smith (1), 8. 13-Chase Howard (7), 9. 11T-Trey Osborne (8), 10. 51-Doug Martens (10). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 74-Xavier Doney (6), 2. 9-Chad Goff (3), 3. 27-Justin Johnson (1), 4. 26-Zach Clark (2), 5. 73-Samuel Wagner (9), 6. 75-Glen Saville (4), 7. 82-Vinny Ward (5), 8. 97-Bret Mellenberndt (10), 9. 33-Bryson Smith (8). NT

FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Cody Baker (2), 2. Wesley Smith (16), 3. Samuel Wagner (6), 4. Anthony Nicholson (3), 5. Jack Wagner (4), 6. Zach Clark (10), 7. Xavier Doney (1), 8. 98-Saban Bibent (20), 9. Trey Osborne (17), 10. Bryan Roach (9), 11. Chad Goff (5), 12. Justin Johnson (8), 13. Vinny Ward (14), 14. Chase Howard (15), 15. Doug Martens (19), 16. Bryson Smith (18), 17. Bret Mellenberndt (13), 18. Blake Bowers (11), 19. Taylor Forbes (7), 20. Glen Saville (12). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-20 Cody Baker.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR SPECIAL EVENT RACE:
September 1, 2024 – Lake Ozark Speedway – Eldon, Missouri – 6th Annual Non-Wing Nationals

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Clouser Masters Lake Ozark Sprint

By: POWRI.com

Eldon, Missouri (September 1, 2024).....Mario Clouser rapidly advanced five spots to lead the last nine laps on the final night of the Non-Wing Nationals presented by Start2Finish TV at Lake Ozark Speedway, co-sanctioned by the POWRI Wingless Auto Racing Sprint League and the USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association.

A field of 21 traditional sprinters witnessed Trey Osborne set the quickest hot lap time of 14.620-second lap as Anthony Nicholson and Cody Baker each earned heat race victories.

The initial green flag start saw high-point qualifier Jack Wagner and Nicholson lined up on the front row. Nicholson gained the lead on the opening lap with Jack Wagner blasting into the runner-up spot.

Suffering mechanical issues on the next lap, leader Nicholson relinquished the lead to Jack Wagner on lap two as Wesley Smith moved into the runner-up position with Cody Baker, Bret Mellenberndt and Osborne rounding out the early top-five.

Leading the next nine laps, Jack Wagner appeared to be on a rail as Mario Clouser began his chase for the top spot before eventually overtaking the preferred position on lap 11 with Xavier Doney, Smith, Chase Howard and Osborne staying within striking distance.

Leading the final revolutions perfectly, Clouser emerged victorious over Wesley Smith finished runner-up as Doney completed the final podium placements.

“We’ve had an unbelievable difficult season, so this feels great to be here in victory lane,” said Clouser. “We had a great track tonight, and to get success, finally feels great while making the eight hour trip worth it.”

Challenging closely behind was fourth place finisher Trey Osborne while Bret Mellenberndt rounded out the top-five.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR SPECIAL EVENT RACE RESULTS:
September 1, 2024 – Lake Ozark Speedway – Eldon, Missouri – 6th Annual Non-Wing Nationals

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 16-Anthony Nicholson (2), 2. 44-Wesley Smith (4), 3. 33-Bryson Smith (1), 4. 73-Samuel Wagner (3), 5. 97-Bret Mellenberndt (8), 6. 11T-Trey Osborne (10), 7. 27J-Justin Johnson (6), 8. 4T-Taylor Forbes (11), 9. 99-Bryan Roach (7), 10. 9-Chad Goff (9), 11. 52-Blake Bowers (5). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 9H-Cody Baker (2), 2. 77-Jack Wagner (10), 3. 6-Mario Clouser (3), 4. 98-Saban Bibent (1), 5. 13-Chase Howard (5), 6. 74-Xavier Doney (9), 7. 26-Zach Clark (6), 8. 75-Glen Saville (4), 9. 82-Vinny Ward (8), 10. 51-Doug Martens (7). NT

FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Mario Clouser (6), 2. Wesley Smith (4), 3. Xavier Doney (9), 4. Trey Osborne (7), 5. Bret Mellenberndt (5), 6. Chase Howard (12), 7. Saban Bibent (11), 8. Chad Goff (19), 9. Samuel Wagner (10), 10. Jack Wagner (1), 11. Zach Clark (15), 12. Cody Baker (3), 13. Glen Saville (16), 14. Bryan Roach (18), 15. Vinny Ward (17), 16. Bryson Smith (8), 17. Justin Johnson (14), 18. Blake Bowers (21), 19. Taylor Forbes (13), 20. Anthony Nicholson (2), 21. Doug Martens (20). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Anthony Nicholson, Laps 2-10 Jack Wagner, Laps 11-20 Mario Clouser.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACE: September 7, 2024 – I-35 Speedway – Winston, Missouri

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Parkinson Parks It at I-35 for First USAC MWRA Win

By: Ray Cunningham

Winston, Missouri (September 7, 2024).....For the first time in his career, Chris Parkinson became a USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Association Sprint Car winner on Saturday night at Winston, Missouri's I-35 Speedway.

Parkinson (Gladstone, Mo.) had come oh-so-close before, and had finished fourth in series points for 2020, third in 2021 and was the runner-up in each of the past two seasons.

Stepping back in 2024 to run a limited schedule, Parkinson drove a nearly perfect race, coming from fifth to second by picking off the frontrunners one-by-one as he rode the rim at the northwest Missouri speed plant.

Parkinson secured the win following a lap 19 restart when he passed leader Zach Clark (Raymore, Mo.) entering the first turn, and then motored to victory over opening lap leader Dakota Earls (Independence, Mo.). Clark crossed the stripe in third while Junior Parkinson, (Wichita Falls, Texas) and Tyler Burton (Independence, Mo.) completed the top-five.

Earls' second place run came after a heat race win, and leading early on in the 25-lap feature. The Missourian relinquished the top spot to Clark by lap two, then fell back as far as fourth before rebounding late in the going to repass Clark for second to duplicate his best ever finish with the series.

Like Parkinson and Earls, third place finisher Clark was looking for his first win in the series. After winning his heat race and earning high point honors, Clark was in position to do just that. He rolled a two in the redraw, sending him to the second row for the start of the feature. However, he didn't remain there long as he took the lead from Earls on the second lap, then stormed to a sizable lead.

Clark's margin up front was a mere car length when Cody Baker rode the high side up to second place, and then caught Clark who was running the bottom. Unfortunately for Baker, he went off the rim going into turn one to bring out the yellow flag. That sent the Lone Jack, Mo. driver to the tail of the lead lap cars for the restart with seven laps to go.

A couple of attempted restarts ensued. On the first lap 19 attempt, Baker, now with brake issues, tagged fifth place running Chad Winfrey, resulting in both cars being sidelined for the remainder of the race. On the next restart, Clark, also suffering brake issues, was passed by Parkinson on his way to victory.

Chris' father, Junior Parkinson, and Burton rounded out the top-five. For both drivers, it was their best career result in USAC MWRA competition.

Finishing sixth was Justin Johnson (Parkville, Mo.) who took the Country Kids Day Care of Olathe Hard Charger award after advancing from 10th to 6th in the 25-lap feature. Dusty Murray (Kansas City, Mo.) ran seventh, and veteran Max Grogan (Basehor, Kan.) took eighth. Winfrey, Baker, Jared McCarty (Independence, Mo) and Lance Silvers (Ottumwa, Iowa) completed the field after not finishing the feature.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: September 7, 2024
– I-35 Speedway – Winston, Missouri

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 26-Zach Clark (4), 2. 9-Cody Baker (5), 3. 46m-Dusty Murray (2), 4. 03-Tyler Burton (3), 5. 7x-Lance Silvers (1), 6. 27-Justin Johnson (6). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 15E-Dakota Earls (1), 2. 65w-Chad Winfrey (2), 3. 65-Chris Parkinson (3), 4. 93-Junior Parkinson (4), 5. 66m-Max Grogan (5), 6. 44-Jared McCarty (6).

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Chris Parkinson (5), 2. Dakota Earls (1), 3. Zach Clark (3), 4. Junior Parkinson (7), 5. Tyler Burton (8), 6. Justin Johnson (10), 7. Dusty Murray (6), 8. Max Grogan (9), 9. Chad Winfrey (2), 10. Cody Baker (4), 11. Jared McCarty (11), 12. Lance Silvers (12). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Dakota Earls, Laps 2-18 Zach Clark, Laps 19-25 Chris Parkinson.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Wyatt Burks-1825, 2-Dakota Earls-1680, 3-Chad Winfrey-1660, 4-Zach Clark-1620, 5-Junior Parkinson-1590, 6-Luke Howard-1460, 7-Kobe Simpson-1455, 8-Tyler Burton-1350, 9-Justin Johnson-1345, 10-Michael Moore-1230.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACE: September 28, 2024 – Valley Speedway – Grain Valley, Missouri

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Lewis Wins Helm Memorial at Valley, Burks 3-Peats as USAC MWRA Champ

By: Ray Cunningham

Grain Valley, Missouri (September 28, 2024).....Ricky Lewis notched the victory and Wyatt Burks captured another series crown during Saturday night's USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Car season finale at Grain Valley, Missouri's Valley Speedway.

Twenty-seven cars checked in at Valley Speedway for the 7th Annual John E. Helm Memorial to honor the Colonel. For the 13th and final feature of 2024, 23 cars made the call for the 25-lap feature. Burks jumped out to the early lead, but after one lap was completed, Zach Clark (Raymore, Mo.) flipped, bringing out the red flag. Clark was okay, but his machine was not as his number 26 went off on the hook.

On the single file restart Burks resumed his lead as Baker (Lone Jack, Mo.) attempted to hold off Lewis (Camarillo, Calif.) for second place. The Californian, however, had other plans as he motored by Baker, then Burks on the outside to grab a lead he never relinquished.

For the next several laps, the top-five set a torrid pace, which was led by Lewis into heavy lapped traffic. Sometimes racing three and four wide, Burks valiantly tried to stay as close as possible to Lewis while Wesley Smith (Nixa, Mo.) charged from seventh to third and young gun Kobe Simpson (Bonham, Texas) held down fourth. Baker went off the rim between turns one and two before coming back on the track to remain in the fast five.

With only three laps remaining, Lewis had his sizable lead evaporate after teammate Todd Pratt (Las Vegas, Nev.) spun to bring out the first yellow of the feature.

On the restart, Lewis was able to maintain the lead and roared to his first win of the MWRA season, and second win all-time with the series after also winning the 2023 Helm Memorial as well.

Burks finished second to secure his record-breaking fourth career USAC MWRA driving title in a five-year span (2020-2021-2023-2024). He clinched the deed after successfully transferring through his heat race to earn the \$10,000 top prize from Wholesale Batteries.

Smith placed third in the feature to reach the podium for the fifth time in seven starts at the Helm Memorial since 2018, including a second place in 2023 and three-straight wins in 2019, 2020 and 2021. Simpson and Baker, meanwhile, rounded out the top-five.

Luke Howard (Overland Park, Kan.) advanced from 13th to sixth to win the Country Kids Day Care of Olathe Hard Charger award, while second place points finisher Dakota Earls (Independence, Mo.) ran seventh. Taylor Walton (Odessa, Mo.) took eighth with Tom Curran (Kansas City, Mo.) ninth and Junior Parkinson (Wichita Falls, Texas) 10th.

For the veteran Parkinson, it was a night to remember as he also won his first ever USAC MWRA heat race, and then started on the pole following the redraw. Furthermore, Baker won his fourth heat race win of the season to earn high point honors for the night. For Clark, it was his third series heat victory of 2024, and Lewis' first.

Throughout the night, several contingency prizes were awarded by John Helm as well as C & C Motorsports. Among those were Chris Parkinson (draw 12), Ricky Lewis (furthest tow), Tyler Burton & Mark Lane (shortest tow), Wyatt Burks (Sportsman), Luke Howard (Hard Charger), Junior Parkinson (Reverse Charger), Dakota Earls (Best Appearing), Tom Curran (FT Feature), Todd Pratt (ST Feature), Justin Johnson (12th place) and Zach Clark (Hard Luck).

**USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: September 28, 2024
– Valley Speedway – Grain Valley, Missouri**

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 9H-Cody Baker (4), 2. 21K-Kobe Simpson (5), 3. 1-Chris Desselle (1), 4. 85A-Kyle Gorham (6), 5. 44-Jared McCarty (7). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 93-Junior Parkinson (3), 2. 15E-Dakota Earls (1), 3. 93w-Taylor Walton (4), 4. 2H-Luke Howard (6), 5. 03-Tyler Burton (5). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 26-Zach Clark (2), 2. 11w-Wyatt Burks (3), 3. 11x-Tom Curran (4), 4. 27J-Justin Johnson (5), 5. 7-Jake Richards (6), 6. 7x-Lance Silvers (7), 7. 65-Chris Parkinson (1). NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 41-Ricky Lewis (2), 2. 12-Wesley Smith (3), 3. 604-Danny Billings (5), 4. 33L-Mark Lane (1), 5. ST1-Lane Stone (4), 6. 46m-Dusty Murray (7), 7. 33-Bryson Smith (6). NT

ALSO AT THE TRACK: 88-Chad Tye

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Ricky Lewis (3), 2. Wyatt Burks (2), 3. Wesley Smith (7), 4. Kobe Simpson (5), 5. Cody Baker (4), 6. Luke Howard (13), 7. Dakota Earls (9), 8. Taylor Walton (10), 9. Tom Curran (11), 10. Junior Parkinson (1), 11. Danny Billings (8), 12. Justin Johnson (14), 13. Jake Richards (16), 14. Lane Stone (19), 15. Tyler Burton (18), 16. Chris Desselle (15), 17. Mark Lane (17), 18. 17-Todd Pratt (23), 19. Kyle Gorham (12), 20. Jared McCarty (21), 21. Lance Silvers (20), 22. 66m-Max Grogan (22), 23. Zach Clark (6). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Wyatt Burks, Laps 3-25 Ricky Lewis.

FINAL USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Wyatt Burks-2010, 2-Dakota Earls-1840, 3-Junior Parkinson-1735, 4-Chad Winfrey-1710, 5-Zach Clark-1700, 6-Kobe Simpson-1630, 7-Luke Howard-1625, 8-Justin Johnson-1480, 9-Tyler Burton-1470, 10-Wesley Smith-1385.

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2024 USAC MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR STAT LEADERS:

Driver Champion: Wyatt Burks

Most Wins: 2-Cody Baker, Wesley Smith & Jack Wagner

Most Laps Led: 66-Jack Wagner

Most Top-Fives: 10-Wyatt Burks

Most Top-Tens: 11-Wyatt Burks

Most Heat Race Wins: 5-Wyatt Burks

Most Feature Starts: 13-Junior Parkinson

2024 USAC MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR DRIVER POINT STANDINGS:

POS.	PTS.	DRIVER, HOMETOWN
1.	2010	Wyatt Burks, Topeka, Kan.
2.	1840	Dakota Earls, Independence, Mo.
3.	1735	Junior Parkinson, Wichita Falls, Texas
4.	1710	Chad Winfrey, Gladstone, Mo.
5.	1700	Zach Clark, Olathe, Kan.
6.	1630	Kobe Simpson, Bonham, Texas
7.	1625	Luke Howard, Overland Park, Kan.
8.	1480	Justin Johnson, Parkville, Mo.
9.	1470	Tyler Burton, Independence, Mo.
10.	1385	Wesley Smith, Nixa, Mo.
11.	1245	Cody Baker, Lone Jack, Mo.
12.	1230	Michael Moore, Camden, Mo.
13.	1005	Kory Schudy, Battlefield, Mo.
14.	965	Taylor Walton, Warrensburg, Mo.
15.	905	Tom Curran, Kansas City, Mo.
16.	830	Chad Goff, Spring Hill, Kan.
17.	650	Mark Lane, Grain Valley, Mo.
18.	525	Xavier Doney, Odessa, Mo.
19.	460	Kyle Gorham, Kansas City, Mo.
20.	445	Lance Silvers, Ottumwa, Iowa
21.	390	Brad Wyatt, Kearney, Mo.
22.	230	Bryson Smith, Springfield, Mo.
23.	205	Chris Desselle, Richmond, Mo.
24.	200	Ricky Lewis, Camarillo, Calif.
25.	185	Chase Howard, Nesbit, Miss.
26.	130	Dean Bowers, Knob Noster, Mo.

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2024 USAC MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR FEATURE WINNERS:

Apr 6: Valley Speedway - Grain Valley, MO

WINNER: Kory Schudy (Jon Sawyer Racing #28)

Apr 19: Electric City Speedway - Butler, MO

WINNER: Braydon Cromwell (Mike Cromwell #4)

Apr 20: I-70 Motorsports Park - Odessa, MO

WINNER: Wesley Smith (Wesley Smith Racing #44)

May 4: (SE) Lucas Oil Speedway - Wheatland, MO

WINNER: Wesley Smith (Wesley Smith Racing #44)

May 10: Lakeside Speedway - Kansas City, KS

WINNER: Xavier Doney (Doney-Lawson Racing #74)

May 11: Valley Speedway - Grain Valley, MO

WINNER: Jack Wagner (Jesse Hockett Racing #77)

May 17: Electric City Speedway - Butler, MO

WINNER: Wesley Smith (Brent Lewis Racing #2)

May 18: Electric City Speedway - Butler, MO

WINNER: Wyatt Burks (Wyatt Burks Racing #11w)

May 31: (SE) Knoxville Raceway - Knoxville, IA

WINNER: Justin Grant (TOPP Motorsports #4)

Jun 1: (SE) Knoxville Raceway - Knoxville, IA

WINNER: Daison Pursley (Team AZ Racing #21AZ)

Jun 22: Valley Speedway - Grain Valley, MO

WINNER: Jack Wagner (Jesse Hockett Racing #77)

Jul 6: I-35 Speedway – Winston, MO

WINNER: Kobe Simpson (Kevin Simpson #21K)

Aug 16: Lakeside Speedway - Kansas City, KS

WINNER: Cody Baker (Tribble-Hall Racing #9H)

Aug 24: Valley Speedway - Grain Valley, MO

WINNER: Cody Baker (Tribble-Hall Racing #9H)

Aug 31: (SE) Lake Ozark Speedway - Eldon, MO

WINNER: Cody Baker (Tribble-Hall Racing #9H)

Sep 1: (SE) Lake Ozark Speedway - Eldon, MO

WINNER: Mario Clouser (Mario Clouser Motorsports #6)

Sep 7: I-35 Speedway - Winston, MO

WINNER: Chris Parkinson (Chris Parkinson #65)

Sep 28: Valley Speedway - Grain Valley, MO

WINNER: Ricky Lewis (Stensland Motorsports #41)

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2024 USAC MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR FEATURE WINS: (FULL POINTS)

2-Cody Baker (Aug 16 at Lakeside Speedway & Aug 24 at Valley Speedway)

2-Wesley Smith (Apr 20 at I-70 Motorsports Park & May 17 at Electric City Speedway)

2-Jack Wagner (May 11 at Valley Speedway & Jun 22 at Valley Speedway)

1-Wyatt Burks (May 18 at Electric City Speedway)

1-Braydon Cromwell (Apr 19 at Electric City Speedway)

1-Xavier Doney (May 10 at Lakeside Speedway)

1-Ricky Lewis (Sep 28 at Valley Speedway)

1-Chris Parkinson (Sep 7 at I-35 Speedway)

1-Kory Schudy (Apr 6 at Valley Speedway)

1-Kobe Simpson (Jul 6 at I-35 Speedway)

2024 USAC MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR FEATURE WINS: (NON-POINTS SPECIAL EVENTS)

1-Cody Baker (Aug 31 at Lake Ozark Speedway)

1-Mario Clouser (Sep 1 at Lake Ozark Speedway)

1-Justin Grant (May 31 at Knoxville Raceway)

1-Daison Pursley (Jun 1 at Knoxville Raceway)

1-Wesley Smith (May 4 at Lucas Oil Speedway)

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2024 USAC MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR FEATURE LAPS LED:

66-Jack Wagner

51-Wyatt Burks

35-Cody Baker
29-Luke Howard
24-Kobe Simpson
23-Ricky Lewis & Kory Schudy
20-Zach Clark
15-Xavier Doney
12-Samuel Wagner
8-Dakota Earls
7-Chris Parkinson
6-Wesley Smith
1-Braydon Cromwell

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2024 USAC MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR TOP-5 FEATURE FINISHES:

10-Wyatt Burks
6-Kobe Simpson
5-Cody Baker, Wesley Smith & Samuel Wagner
4-Zach Clark & Jack Wagner
3-Braydon Cromwell, Dakota Earls & Kory Schudy
2-Tom Curran, Xavier Doney, Luke Howard, Michael Moore & Taylor Walton
1-Tyler Burton, Chad Goff, Riley Kreisel, Ricky Lewis, Chris Parkinson, Junior Parkinson & Chad Winfrey

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2024 USAC MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR TOP-10 FEATURE FINISHES:

11-Wyatt Burks
9-Zach Clark & Luke Howard
8-Dakota Earls, Kobe Simpson & Wesley Smith
6-Cody Baker, Junior Parkinson, Samuel Wagner, Taylor Walton & Chad Winfrey
5-Kory Schudy
4-Tom Curran, Chad Goff & Jack Wagner

3-Braydon Cromwell, Justin Johnson, Michael Moore & Chris Parkinson

2-Tyler Burton & Xavier Doney

1-Craig Carroll, Kyle Gorham, Max Grogan, Chase Howard, Garrett Hulsey, Ty Hulsey, Riley Kreisel, Mark Lane, Ricky Lewis, Dusty Murray, Cam Schafer & Brad Wyatt

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2024 USAC MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR HEAT RACE WINS:

5-Wyatt Burks

4-Cody Baker & Kobe Simpson

3-Zach Clark, Kory Schudy & Jack Wagner

2-Xavier Doney & Michael Moore

1-Braydon Cromwell, Tom Curran, Dakota Earls, Luke Howard, Riley Kreisel, Ricky Lewis, Junior Parkinson, Cam Schafer, Samuel Wagner & Chad Winfrey

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2024 USAC MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR SEMI-FEATURE WINS:

1-Tom Curran

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2024 USAC MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR FEATURE STARTS:

13-Junior Parkinson

12-Wyatt Burks & Chad Winfrey

11-Tyler Burton, Zach Clark, Dakota Earls, Luke Howard, Justin Johnson & Kobe Simpson

10-Michael Moore

9-Wesley Smith

7-Cody Baker & Taylor Walton

6-Tom Curran, Chad Goff, Kory Schudy & Samuel Wagner

5-Mark Lane & Jack Wagner

4-Xavier Doney, Kyle Gorham, Garrett Hulsey, Chris Parkinson, Lance Silvers & Brad Wyatt

3-Danny Billings, Braydon Cromwell & Jared McCarty

2-Chris Desselle, Natalie Doney, Kevin Frisbie, Max Grogan, Chase Howard, Riley Kreisel, Chris Morgan, Cam Schafer, Lane Stone & Chad Tye

1-Quinton Benson, Blake Bowers, Dean Bowers, Craig Carroll, Matt Fox, Ty Hulse, Ricky Lewis, Dusty Murray, Todd Pratt, Jake Richards & Bryson Smith