

## 2025 USAC SILVER CROWN SEASON REVIEW



### Coming Up Clutch with a Crutch! Grant Gets USAC Silver Crown Title #2 in 2025

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At one point in late July/early August, question marks surrounded Justin Grant's availability to race again in 2025, let alone continue onward without missing a beat on the way to his second career USAC Silver Crown National Championship.

On July 27, Grant (Ione, California) suffered a broken left foot in a crash during a USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car feature at Indiana's Lawrenceburg Speedway.

At the time, Grant held the USAC Silver Crown point lead and had nearly a third of the series schedule remaining on the docket. With three screws installed in his foot, five broken metatarsals and torn ligaments, things seemed bleak as he lay in a hospital bed fitted with a hard cast, pondering his next move with encouragement from his wife, Ashley, daughter of National Sprint Car Hall of Famer Bubby Jones.

"I broke my foot pretty good there, and I thought it was going to be a bit of a major deal," Grant recalled. "But my wife, immediately said (to the doctors), 'hey, you guys have got to figure something out because he's got to keep racing. I was thinking, 'erm, my foot hurts pretty bad. I don't know about that.'

It wasn't too long before pondering turned into action.

"By the next morning, I was on the phone with (crew chief) Dennis (LaCava) and we were devising how to get me back in the car and how to make the brakes work," Grant explained. "Emotionally, I felt so bad, but I didn't have any extra bandwidth to worry about how I felt emotionally. It was all I could do to get to the racetrack, get into a racecar and run 100 laps."

With only 13 days between the crash and the next Silver Crown race, LaCava went to work, constructing a piece metal that resembled a dolly at first inspection. The piece clamped around Grant's cast and featured a plate on the bottom that could meet up to the pedal. The overarching goal was to alleviate the load off the front half of his foot, thus allowing him to use his ankle and shin to apply the brakes.

At first, the goals were fairly meager heading into the Silver Crown round at the .555-mile paved, high banked oval of Indiana's Salem Speedway on August 9. Through the grapevine, it was suggested that Grant was merely going to show up, run a few laps around the bottom and collect his start points/money.

Yet, as the race wore on, Grant's goals had evolved. In the end, if you had been living under a rock, then watched Grant at Salem, you'd have had no idea of the predicament he was in, outside of him using crutches to "walk" anywhere he needed to go.

"At the beginning, that was all I focused on," Grant recalled. "'If I can start the race, it's better than not going. If I can make it to halfway, that's better than 25. If I can make it to 100, that's better than 50. I went down there and ran second to Kody (Swanson), and said, 'well, I guess this foot's going to be all right. We're going to stay in this thing.'"

Following Salem, Grant reeled off consecutive fourth place finishes on the dirt miles at the Illinois State Fairgrounds and the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds, followed by another fourth in the season finale at Ohio's Eldora's Speedway.

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Coupled by the fact the team had zero DNFs in 2025, 13 top-tens in 13 starts, along with a strong first two-thirds of the season that saw nary a finish worse than seventh all season long, Grant also won back-to-back on the pavement and dirt at Ohio's Toledo Speedway and Kansas' Belleville High Banks in April and May, respectively.

Grant's final tally in the standings was 56 points ahead of C.J. Leary and marked the second USAC Silver Crown driving title for himself, the entrant title for Ron Hemelgarn of Hemelgarn Racing, as well as fellow team members, spotter Brian Karraker, crewman Jason Reynolds and Nick Bohanon, owner of the engine on the dirt car. It was also another feather in the cap for crew chief Dennis LaCava, who quite literally, saved the day and the season for Grant.

"I owe a lot of thanks to Dennis LaCava," Grant praised. "He prepares great racecars and we didn't fall out of anything all year long. That's huge with a short schedule like this. Not only did we not fall out, but we also had a fast racecar every weekend. He's the one who manufactured everything to keep my foot going. Without his efforts, attention to detail and ingenuity, we wouldn't be here."

LaCava is a former midget racer himself, and during the 1990s and 2000s, was crucial to Hemelgarn Racing's success with Buddy Lazier as the winner of the 1996 Indianapolis 500 and the 2000 Indy Racing League championship.

Elsewhere during the 2025 campaign, Logan Seavey picked up the season opening win in April at Indiana's Terre Haute Action Track to become the first back-to-back winner of the Sumar Classic in what was the 300th Silver Crown event held on a dirt track.

Grant's pair of wins came in successive fashion at Toledo and Belleville. His Toledo score came in his 100th career Silver Crown start. At Belleville, he toured the 50-lap, 25-mile distance in just 15 minutes, 36.45 seconds in what was the quickest Silver Crown race in the 55-year history of the series.

During May's 68th running of the Hoosier Hundred at Indiana's Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park, pavement specialist Tyler Roahrig broke through for his first career USAC victory. The triumph came more than a half century after his great uncle, Dave Roahrig, collected a USAC National Sprint Car win in 1973 at Cincinnati, Ohio's Tri-County Speedway.

On a part-time schedule in 2025, Kody Swanson racked up a series-high four victories in just eight starts. He first won in June at Madison, Illinois' World Wide Technology Raceway in a race that also featured two red flags for multiple power outages during the feature! In late June's Rich Vogler Classic, Swanson became the first driver to win four-straight USAC features at Indiana's Winchester Speedway since Ryan Newman in 1999.

In August, Swanson didn't miss a beat as he won his sixth consecutive Silver Crown race at Indiana's Salem Speedway, albeit after a five-year absence from the series schedule. On the Springfield Mile, Swanson became a four-time Bettenhausen 100 victor, winning on the dirt for the first time in four seasons.

At Port Royal in June, Daison Pursley went from wreckers to checkers after crashing into the guardrail after the first of his two qualifying laps. After repairs, he walloped the field in the feature to score his second straight champ car win at Port Royal. In September's season finale at Ohio's Eldora Speedway, Pursley finished off a perfect night in USAC competition, winning all three features he competed: USAC National Sprint Car, USAC National Midget and USAC Silver Crown.

Briggs Danner became a first time USAC Silver Crown winner in July in what was just his 10th start as he preserved his equipment, then persevered late to capture the Salt City 100 at Hutchinson, Kansas' Salt City Speedway.

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C.J. Leary got back into USAC Silver Crown victory lane, winning on the pavement of Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park in July for his first series win since 2022. Furthermore, it was the first win since his father, 1995 USAC Silver Crown Rookie of the Year Chuck Leary, passed away in March at the age of 59. This particular win was also the first for a DRC chassis on pavement since Wayne Reutimann Jr. at Milwaukee in 2006. On Labor Day weekend, Leary and his crew took a dip in the infield lake at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds after he won his first ever race on dirt mile.

Leary finished a career best second in the final Silver Crown standings, his fourth consecutive year inside the top-four. Matt Westfall also performed likewise, finishing a career best third in the standings as did Kyle Steffens (4th), Mario Clouser (5th) and Dave Berkheimer (7th).

Jake Trainor was named USAC Silver Crown MPI Rookie of the Year and finished a best of fifth at IRP in May. That's tied for the best finish by a Rookie during the 2025 season along with Jackson Macenko (5th at WWT Raceway) and Kip Hughes (5th at Salt City).

Kody Swanson led all drivers with 326 laps led and five pole positions, while Justin Grant paced all with 11 top-fives and 13 top-ten finishes. Four drivers started all 13 events, including Dave Berkheimer, Justin Grant, C.J. Leary and Matt Westfall. Brian Tyler had the biggest charge of the year, advancing 20 positions from 26th to 6th at the Illinois State Fairgrounds.

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### Catch 22! Seavey Scores Second Straight Sumar Classic at Terre Haute

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Terre Haute, Indiana (April 13, 2025).....In the long history of USAC Silver Crown racing at Indiana's Terre Haute Action Track, no driver had ever won the Sumar Classic in consecutive years. That is, until Logan Seavey.

In fact, the Sutter, California driver has now collected a pair of Sumar Classic wins a six month span, taking last October's round and then backing it up on Sunday night in the 21st running of the event, which opened the 2025 series season.

Seavey worked his way up through the field from his fourth place starting spot before capitalizing on Daison Pursley's "bike" on lap 55 to take over the lead. Seavey then secured the victory by successfully navigating a green-white-checkered restart to grab the win in his Rice Motorsports-Abacus Racing/Bloomington Bison – Indy Custom Stone – CG CPAs/DRC/Felker Chevy.

In what was the 300th dirt race in USAC Silver Crown history, Seavey punctuated the night with his 10th career USAC Silver Crown victory, tying Gary Bettenhausen, Mike Bliss and Tanner Swanson for 11th place all-time.

When it comes to dirt 1/2-miles in the USAC Silver Crown series, no driver of this era has been more successful than Seavey. Of his 10 career series victories, eight have come on dirt 1/2-miles. That already ranks second all-time behind only Jack Hewitt's nine.

To open the night, Mitchel Moles was the dominant force, recording the fastest lap in Dirt Draft Practice and then scoring the pole position with a fast lap of 20.896 seconds in Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying. That made Moles a perfect three-for-

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three on qualifying for the weekend after also taking fast time honors with the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship on Friday at Lincoln Park Speedway and on Saturday at Lawrenceburg Speedway.

However, at the drop of the green flag for the feature, it was the two Chris Dyson Racing cars wrenched by Sean Michael that flexed their muscles. Outside front row starter Pursley slid into the lead while third place starting Bacon slotted into second. Seavey, meanwhile, popped into third while Moles fell to fourth on the opening lap.

On the 28th lap, Bacon nearly tagged the outside guardrail between turns three and four, losing significant ground while opening the door for Seavey to march through. By lap 30, Seavey was in position to capitalize when he dug in on the bottom of turns one and two to power by Bacon for the runner-up spot, demonstrating the fact that he was letting the race and the track come to him.

"I told my spotter, 'man, I don't really like now that the cushion is up on the flat,'" Seavey recalled. "It went from down on the banking to instantly on the flat against the wall and really big. I didn't really like the look of it. I was a little bit tight early and that wasn't ideal for me. I was trying to run off it as long as I could until the track came to me."

By halfway, the top-two of Pursley and Seavey had broken away from the rest of the field. On lap 55, Pursley's night very nearly came to an end when he got up on two wheels and made contact with the outside turn four guardrail. Seavey once again saw daylight and drove by to occupy the number one spot with 46 laps remaining.

"Daison started to get a little bit tight there as I was closing in and then he biked massively and I was just able to capitalize," Seavey explained. "It would've been really hard to pass as hard as we were running the top, so I was trying to push him a little bit. He's got a spotter in his ear telling him I was four or five seconds back. He was running harder and I was staying right with him, just trying to keep his spotter in his ear and making him run harder and harder and it bit him pretty good over in three and four. I knew it was going to be really hard to slide him. I probably would've crashed sending it in there. I had to pass him a little different way and try to make him make a mistake."

With 35 laps to go, Seavey was forced to fight his way through a wall of six cars at the tail of the lead lap. The congestion on the track briefly caused a congestion headache for Seavey, which allowed Pursley to close the gap to within a couple car lengths. But on lap 70, Pursley's second wind came to a screeching halt as he snagged the turn four cushion with his right rear tire, which clockwised his car 180 degrees before it came to a rest to bring out the caution. Pursley restarted at the tail but ultimately dropped out after completing 95 laps to finish 13th.

Seavey had things well in hand down the stretch, constructing a massive lead of 11.756 seconds with less than five laps to go, even clipping the turn four guardrail with his right rear tire for good measure. Fortunately for him, it was no harm, no foul as he tried to test the delicate balance between staying patient and outrunning his competition. A true catch 22.

"It's kind of tough," Seavey admitted. "You want to go a little bit slower and save your stuff but then you just hit the cushion, and without the tires spinning, it makes it worse. There were 10 laps there where (spotter) Daniel (Whitley) was telling me I had a big lead and I kept getting tight and screwing up. It's a catch 22. You want to calm down, but the more you try to back up your corner, you just get tighter and then you're in the fence even harder. It's tricky. It's another Silver Crown race that felt like a sprint car race. We were hammering for 100 laps straight."

Seavey's massive lead evaporated on lap 98 of 100 when late model star Ricky Thornton Jr., making his USAC Silver Crown debut, slowed to a stop at the bottom of turn four with a flat right rear tire while running eighth. In the end, he wound up 12th in the running order.

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On the ensuing restart, Seavey attempted to slide himself into turn one, but it nearly backed him up as he spun his tires while drifting up to the top of turn two, allowing Bacon to close within a car length of Seavey's rear bumper. Nonetheless, Seavey got back on the horse and managed to gap himself from Bacon and the rest of the field to cross the finish line 0.945 seconds ahead.

Justin Grant's last lap, last turn pass delivered him a runner-up finish with Bacon taking third, Briggs Danner fourth and C.J. Leary rounding out the top-five.

After initially qualifying 16th, Chase Dietz's time was disallowed due to a weight infraction, which relegated him to the 20th starting spot for the feature. Dietz hustled his way up the field 14 positions to finish sixth to earn Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

The Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night went to Saban Bibent who made a terrific comeback after enduring a vicious sprint car crash 24 hours earlier at Lawrenceburg Speedway. At Terre Haute, Bibent went 17th to 11th to earn his best career USAC Silver Crown finish in just his third start.

**USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** April 13, 2025 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – 21st Sumar Classic

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Mitchel Moles, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-20.896; 2. Daison Pursley, 09, Dyson-20.899; 3. Brady Bacon, 9, Dyson-20.928; 4. Logan Seavey, 22, Rice/Abacus-20.981; 5. Justin Grant, 91, Hemelgarn-21.040; 6. Ricky Thornton Jr., 20, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi-21.249; 7. Matt Westfall, 54, 4 Kings-21.309; 8. C.J. Leary, 21, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi-21.403; 9. Briggs Danner, 10, DMW-21.405; 10. Jimmy Light, 118, Thomas-21.449; 11. Kody Swanson, 24, Haggenbottom-21.502; 12. Kaylee Bryson, 26, Pierce-21.575; 13. Chase Stockon, 69, Pink 69-21.904; 14. Jake Swanson, 6, Klatt-21.956; 15. Kyle Steffens, 8, Steffens-21.985; 16. Trey Osborne, 81, BCR-22.175; 17. Shane Cockrum, 97, Lein-22.344; 18. Saban Bibent, 88, Fetter-22.593; 19. Gregg Cory, 32, Williams/Cory-24.429; 20. Bill Rose, 66, Rose-NT; 21. Aric Gentry, 3, Simmons-NT; 22. Kenny Gentry, 18, Gentry-NT; 23. Dave Berkheimer, 31, Berkheimer-NT; 24. Mario Clouser, 92, Kazmark-NT; 25. Chase Dietz, 86, Lee-22.161 (time disallowed due to weight infraction).

**FEATURE:** (100 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (4), 2. Justin Grant (5), 3. Brady Bacon (3), 4. Briggs Danner (9), 5. C.J. Leary (8), 6. Chase Dietz (20), 7. Matt Westfall (7), 8. Kaylee Bryson (12), 9. Mitchel Moles (1), 10. Bill Rose (19), 11. Saban Bibent (17), 12. Ricky Thornton Jr. (6), 13. Daison Pursley (2), 14. Dave Berkheimer (23), 15. Shane Cockrum (16), 16. Kody Swanson (11), 17. Trey Osborne (15), 18. Jake Swanson (14), 19. Chase Stockon (13), 20. Jimmy Light (10), 21. Kenny Gentry (22), 22. Aric Gentry (21), 23. Gregg Cory (18). 54:08.78

**FEATURE LAP LEADERS:** Laps 1-54 Daison Pursley, Laps 55-100 Logan Seavey.

**USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS:** 1-Logan Seavey-70, 2-Justin Grant-67, 3-Brady Bacon-64, 4-Briggs Danner-61, 5-C.J. Leary-58, 6-Chase Dietz-55, 7-Matt Westfall-52, 8-Kaylee Bryson-49, 9-Mitchel Moles-49, 10-Bill Rose-43.

**USAC NATIONAL PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS:** 1-Kale Drake-55, 2-C.J. Leary-47, 3-Briggs Danner-36, 4-Jadon Rogers-26, 5-Chase Stockon-24, 6-Kyle Cummins-19, 7-Robert Ballou-18, 8-Jake Swanson-17, 9-Justin Grant-15, 10-Kayla Roell-15.

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NEXT USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: April 19, 2025 – Toledo Speedway – Toledo, Ohio – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – Hemelgarn Racing/Super Fitness Rollie Beale Classic

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Practice Fastest Driver: Mitchel Moles (20.395)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Mitchel Moles (20.896)

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Chase Dietz (20th to 6th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Race: Saban Bibent

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## 100th Start, 100 Laps Led: Grant Conquers All at Toledo's Rollie Beale Classic

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Toledo, Ohio (April 19, 2025).....There can't possibly be a better way to celebrate a 100th career USAC Silver Crown start the way Justin Grant did during Saturday afternoon's Hemelgarn Racing/Super Fitness Rollie Beale Classic at Ohio's Toledo Speedway.

Grant (Ione, California) started from the outside of the front row, but he didn't run second for very long. In fact, by turn one, Grant had taken a stranglehold of the lead and never relented as he led all 100 laps en route to a dominating 6.684 second margin of victory on the 1/2-mile paved oval in his Hemelgarn Racing/NOS Energy Drink – Super Fitness – Hemelgarn Enterprises/Beast/Speedway Ford.

In the process, Grant completed the 100 lap, 50 mile contest in caution free fashion. In fact, his time for the distance of 26:38.254 (112.623 mph average) set a brand new track record at Toledo, breaking the former mark of 27:07.40 by nearly half a minute, which was set by Jerry Coons Jr. in 2012.

But this particular one hit differently. Grant, who has driven for Toledo native Ron Hemelgarn's team since 2017, had never finished better than third. However, on Saturday, in the very same event that Hemelgarn has supported as a sponsor for all these years, Ron's day in the sun at Toledo had finally arrived.

"It's incredible to pick up a win here at Toledo Speedway for Ron Hemelgarn," Grant exclaimed. "He's been a great supporter of my career and he's let me drive this number 91 for eight or nine years now. Ron said he's never won at Toledo. It's an honor for me to pull that off for him. It's the least I can do to say thanks for all the years he's let me try."

Overall, it was Grant's eighth victory of his USAC Silver Crown career, tying Chris Windom for 16th place all-time. Known primarily for his dirt success, Grant's score was his second in USAC Silver Crown competition on pavement. Back in 2021, he captured a win at Indiana's Winchester Speedway. It's a persistence that has paid off. Over the winter, Grant put a laser focus on bettering his game on the blacktop.

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"I really felt like I went to work this winter on the pavement stuff," Grant explained. "I bet I've watched Kody run 5,000 laps around Toledo, in the dead of winter, and I really tried to study and get serious about this pavement stuff. I'm just super glad it paid off."

To start the day, the question pondered among those on hand was, "who'll stop the rain?" Early morning storms delayed the day's activities by several hours. After Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying, the question changed to, "who'll stop the reign?"

That, of course, refers to Kody Swanson, winner of the past six USAC Silver Crown main events at Toledo dating back to 2018. In all, Swanson owns eight Silver Crown wins at Toledo, and in qualifying, he added his ninth pole position at Toledo, the 55th overall of his career.

However, Swanson, who had led 778 of the 1,200 total laps ever run in Silver Crown competition at Toledo (64.8%) never led a lap on Saturday. Instead, Grant got the advantage over him at the start and never looked back, an ideal situation for Grant which went exactly to his plan.

"I've watched a lot of laps around here and the one thing I've learned was that it's tough to pass here, especially if they're good," Grant pointed out. "You've got to wait for their car to fall off and you can't count on that with Kody. I knew it would make our life a heck of a lot easier if I could get the jump on him. It's 100 laps but I'd rather spend 100 trying to keep him behind me than trying to get by him. He's pretty good. He's really good."

Meanwhile, Tyler Roahrig moved forward to second from his fifth starting spot after dueling side-by-side with Swanson for several laps before emerging into the runner-up spot on lap 37. Seventh starting Dakoda Armstrong muscled past Swanson on the bottom of turns three and four to wrestle away the third spot on the 83rd lap.

All the while, Grant was setting a blistering pace, and shockingly, put Swanson a lap down with an outside pass in turn four on lap 95. That left only three cars on the lead lap at the finish line, a remarkable pace that placed Grant into "untouchable" mode from start to finish in the car set up to perfection by crew chief Dennis LaCava.

"Any advantage I could gain, that's what I was looking for," Grant admitted. "I knew on practice day that I could run between 15.6 to 15.8 (seconds) on really old tires. (Spotter Brian Karraker) kept me running 15.8s the whole race and it felt like a Sunday drive. When these pavement cars are good, they're incredible. This might be one of the best racecars I've ever driven. This thing was on rails. It was incredible."

Six days after taking second on the dirt in the USAC Silver Crown season opener at Indiana's Terre Haute Action Track, Grant pummeled the Toledo field to raise his point lead to 24 after the first pair of events.

Roahrig equaled his best career USAC finish with a second, which was the best ever result for his Newman Racing team. The performance earned Roahrig the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Armstrong took third for his best performance yet at Toledo. Swanson crossed the line in fourth, which equaled his worst Silver Crown outing in 12 career series starts at Toledo after also garnering a fourth in 2012. C.J. Leary rounded out the top-five in the one-of-a-kind, first ever traditional pavement Silver Crown car built by DRC chassis.

In his first USAC Silver Crown start since 2023, Kyle O'Gara earned Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors. O'Gara started 13th and finished seventh in what was also the series debut for the No. 141 A-Maxx Racing machine owned by Charles and Brandi Maxwell.

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Floridian Colton Bettis, meanwhile, became the youngest driver ever to compete in a USAC Silver Crown event at the age of 15 years old. Bettis was running eighth on lap 37 when a fuel cable snapped, ending his series debut early.

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**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Kody Swanson, 77, Doran Binks-15.223; 2. Justin Grant, 91, Hemelgarn-15.244; 3. Kaylee Bryson, 26, Pierce-15.311; 4. Mario Clouser, 22, Rice/Abacus-15.393; 5. Tyler Roahrig, 41, Newman-15.409; 6. C.J. Leary, 21, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi-15.414; 7. Dakoda Armstrong, 5, C & A-15.425; 8. Colton Bettis, 126, Pierce-15.429; 9. Bobby Santos, 98, DJ-15.481; 10. Jake Trainor, 6, Klatt-15.556; 11. Kyle Steffens, 8, Steffens-15.615; 12. Jackson Macenko, 124, Hayes-15.697; 13. Kyle O'Gara, 141, A-Maxx-15.726; 14. Taylor Ferns, 55, Ferns-15.819; 15. Matt Westfall, 54, 4 Kings-15.831; 16. Gregg Cory, 32, Williams/Cory-16.819; 17. Dave Berkheimer, 31, Berkheimer-19.155.

**FEATURE:** (100 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (2), 2. Tyler Roahrig (5), 3. Dakoda Armstrong (7), 4. Kody Swanson (1), 5. C.J. Leary (6), 6. Bobby Santos (9), 7. Kyle O'Gara (13), 8. Mario Clouser (4), 9. Kaylee Bryson (3), 10. Taylor Ferns (14), 11. Jackson Macenko (12), 12. Matt Westfall (15), 13. Kyle Steffens (11), 14. Gregg Cory (16), 15. Colton Bettis (8), 16. Jake Trainor (10), 17. Dave Berkheimer (17). 26:38.254 (New Track Record)

**FEATURE LAP LEADERS:** Laps 1-100 Justin Grant.

**USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS:** 1-Justin Grant-140, 2-C.J. Leary-116, 3-Kody Swanson-95, 4-Kaylee Bryson-95, 5-Matt Westfall-91, 6-Logan Seavey-70, 7-Tyler Roahrig-67, 8-Brady Bacon-64, 9-Dakoda Armstrong-64, 10-Dave Berkheimer-64.

**USAC NATIONAL PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS:** 1-Kale Drake-55, 2-C.J. Leary-48, 3-Briggs Danner-36, 4-Jadon Rogers-26, 5-Chase Stockon-24, 6-Kyle Cummins-19, 7-Robert Ballou-18, 8-Jake Swanson-17, 9-Justin Grant-16, 10-Kayla Roell-15.

**NEXT USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE:** May 4, 2025 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Indiana – 1/2-Mile Paved Oval – Rich Vogler Classic

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Practice Fastest Driver: Kody Swanson (15.223)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Kody Swanson (15.223)

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Kyle O'Gara (13th to 7th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Race: Tyler Roahrig

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## Grant Smokes 'Em, Wins Fastest Ever USAC Silver Crown Race at Belleville

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Belleville, Kansas (May 17, 2025).....One night after scoring his first career Belleville victory on the short track, Justin Grant took his show to the high banks to earn his first career win on the famed 1/2-mile in north central Kansas.

On Saturday night, the lone, California native set a torrid pace to wire all 50 caution-free laps at the Belleville High Banks, completing the 25-mile distance in just 15 minutes, 36.45 seconds, lowering the previous track record by nearly six minutes!

Grant had previously come close to victory at Belleville's daunting banks, finishing 3rd in 2015 and 4th in 2024, and in 2023, led 15 laps before flipping with four laps remaining in a classic duel with Brady Bacon.

But there was no duel on this day as Grant dominated the field by nearly a straightaway in convincing fashion.

"It feels great to win here, especially up on the high banks," Grant exclaimed. "I could just really hammer one and two, but it felt not quite like Belleville while running the bottom of three and four. Our car was locked down on the bottom over there and I thought, 'man, I'm running wide open, so there's no sense in moving up.'"

Grant's run of USAC Silver Crown success through three races on the 2025 schedule has seen him finish 2nd on the dirt at the Terre Haute Action Track, followed by a pair of victories on the pavement of Toledo Speedway and on the soil of the Belleville High Banks, all of which have provided the 2020 USAC Silver Crown champ a 33-point lead in the early going.

After becoming the fastest driver ever to win across all three USAC national divisions in a single season back in late April of this year, following his Belleville scores this weekend, he is now the first driver to win in every division twice with two apiece in Silver Crown, Sprints and Midgets.

Grant lined up on the outside of the front row for Belleville in his Hemelgarn Racing/NOS Energy Drink – Super Fitness – Hemelgarn Enterprises/DRC/Speedway Chevy alongside pole sitter Mitchel Moles who continued his qualifying prowess with a time of 16.927 seconds in the Honest Abe Roofing session, the third of his Silver Crown career.

Quickly, Grant flexed his muscle to get out in front of the pack while third-starting Jake Swanson slotted into second and Moles freefell to fifth. By lap seven, Grant was already slicing his way through traffic and pretty much maintained a 1.5 to 2.0 second advantage over Swanson for most of the first 40 circuits.

Briggs Danner ran lockstep with Swanson for much of the first half in third and was primed to try and make his move when suddenly his engine went up in smoke on lap 28. Danner exited to the pits from his phenomenal third place run up against the guardrail to that point, ending his night prematurely, and moving C.J. Leary up into the third spot.

With 10 laps to go, Grant's lead was cut in half as he sought to make a move to put Bryan Gossel a lap down. That allowed Swanson to chop the gap to seven tenths of a second. However, as soon as Grant cleared Gossel, he was gone from the viewfinder.

Swanson had a slightly breathtaking moment with three laps remaining as he attempted to slide past Gossel in between turns one and two. Swanson's right rear tire nearly (or possibly did) grazed against Gossel's left front Hoosier, sending Gossel squirrely up against the outer rail, which had most onlookers briefly gasping for air.

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But nobody had anything for Grant down the stretch as he finished off his ninth career series victory, tying Belleville's first USAC Silver Crown winner, Tracy Hines, for 15th place on the all-time list.

"We felt like we had a pretty strong package here from 2023," Grant said of his Belleville notebook. "Last year, we fought some things, so went back to what he had in 2023 and made a few tweaks yesterday in practice, which got me really comfortable and really happy. I feel like our dirt program has been really strong on the miles and we're really strong here. I felt like we did make some progress on our flat half-mile stuff at Terre Haute. I'm just feeling really good rolling into any track anywhere we go right now."

Finishing 1.906 seconds behind Grant at the finish line was Jake Swanson who secured a career best second place result to earn Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night accolades. C.J. Leary crossed the line in third with Rod End Supply Hard Charger Chase Stockon taking fourth after starting back in 10th. Logan Seavey, meanwhile, rounded out the top-five.

**USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** May 17, 2025 – Belleville High Banks – Belleville, Kansas – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – Huncovsky Classic

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Mitchel Moles, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-16.927; 2. Justin Grant, 91, Hemelgarn-16.953; 3. Jake Swanson, 6, Klatt-16.993; 4. C.J. Leary, 21, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi-17.032; 5. Briggs Danner, 10, DMW-17.101; 6. Brady Bacon, 9, Dyson-17.107; 7. Bryan Gossel, 06, Gossel-17.185; 8. Logan Seavey, 22, Rice/Abacus-17.192; 9. Matt Westfall, 54, 4 Kings-17.238; 10. Chase Stockon, 69, Pink 69-17.305; 11. Kyle Steffens, 8, Steffens-17.408; 12. Kaylee Bryson, 26, Pierce-17.472; 13. Shane Cockrum, 97, Lein-17.633; 14. Gregg Cory, 32, Williams/Cory-18.536; 15. Dave Berkheimer, 31, Berkheimer-19.571.

**FEATURE:** (50 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (2), 2. Jake Swanson (3), 3. C.J. Leary (4), 4. Chase Stockon (10), 5. Logan Seavey (8), 6. Bryan Gossel (7), 7. Matt Westfall (9), 8. Gregg Cory (14), 9. Dave Berkheimer (15), 10. Brady Bacon (6), 11. Kaylee Bryson (12), 12. Mitchel Moles (1), 13. Kyle Steffens (11), 14. Briggs Danner (5), 15. Shane Cockrum (13). 15:36.45 (New Track Record)

**FEATURE LAP LEADERS:** Laps 1-50 Justin Grant.

**USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS:** 1-Justin Grant-213, 2-C.J. Leary-180, 3-Matt Westfall-143, 4-Kaylee Bryson-136, 5-Logan Seavey-128, 6-Dave Berkheimer-110, 7-Brady Bacon-107, 8-Gregg Cory-104, 9-Briggs Danner-96, 10-Kody Swanson-95.

**USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS:** 1-Kale Drake-103, 2-C.J. Leary-49, 3-Briggs Danner-41, 4-Chase Stockon-37, 5-Robert Ballou-35, 6-Jadon Rogers-30, 7-Justin Grant-28, 8-Gunnar Setser-28, 9-Kyle Cummins-23, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-21.

**NEXT USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE:** May 23, 2025 – Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park – Brownsburg, Indiana – .686-Mile Paved Oval – 68th Hoosier Hundred

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Practice Fastest Driver: C.J. Leary (17.247)

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Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Mitchel Moles (16.927)

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Chase Stockon (10th to 4th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Race: Jake Swanson

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### **Tyler Roars! Roahrig Wins Hoosier Hundred for first USAC Silver Crown Score**

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Brownsburg, Indiana (May 23, 2025).....Tyler Roahrig had done just about everything in his brief but highly successful USAC Silver Crown career. Everything but win, that is.

In 12 career series starts dating back to 2021, the Plymouth, Indiana racer finished on the podium six different times, including a runner-up result in his first career series appearance.

But Friday night's 68th running of the Hoosier Hundred at Brownsburg, Indiana's Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park proved to be the breakthrough he had been oh-so-close to achieving over the years.

Starting on the outside of the front row, Roahrig fell back to third on the opening lap before steadily moving forward on the .686-mile paved oval. By the second lap, he was back in second and then gave chase toward five-time Hoosier Hundred winner Kody Swanson.

On the 26th circuit, Roahrig made the winning move under Swanson, and from there, he paced the field for the final 121 laps of the 146-lap, 100-miler to earn \$15,000 and his first career USAC national victory of any kind in his Newman Racing/Firstline Systems, Inc. – Drywall Distributors – Rocket Fabrication/Beast/Jackson Chevy.

"It's about time," Roahrig exhaled. "I was complaining after (April's) Toledo race that we'd done everything but win one of these things. And man, it sure feels good. It's been a long time coming. I've been in the Silver Crown series for four years but we haven't really run that many races."

The triumphant moment was transcendent across multiple generations of the Roahrig family. In 1973, Tyler's great uncle, Dave Roahrig, captured a USAC National Sprint Car victory in a rear engine car at Cincinnati, Ohio's Tri-County Speedway. More than a half-century later, Tyler made it a priority to put the Roahrig name back into the USAC record books.

"My great uncle is a big part of our team," Roahrig explained. "He comes to the race shop every day. He's taught me a lot about racing and just everything. One reason I wanted to win a USAC race so badly was just so I could have something in common with my uncle. It feels really good to have my name mentioned with my great uncle Dave."

The 121 laps led by Roahrig are the third most by any driver in a USAC Silver Crown event, trailing only the 164 paced by Tom Bigelow at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in 1975 and the 150 Kody Swanson led at Toledo Speedway in 2011.

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The day before, Roahrig had qualified for the pole position of the Little 500 at Indiana's Anderson Speedway. He kept the roll going into Friday but looked on early as pole sitter Mario Clouser led the first lap and third-starting Swanson controlled the next 25 after scooting under Clouser in turns one and two to gain the lead on lap two.

With this particular event being the longest distance marathon of the year at 146 laps, Roahrig was engaged in the mental tug-of-war of whether to make a run at the lead now or whether to ride along and nurture the equipment a little while longer before striking.

"It's always that battle of 'am I going too hard or do I want to pass them when I can,'" Roahrig pondered. "Especially with Swanson. He's kind of the master of management, I guess you could say. I wanted to get the lead when I felt like I could to control the race and control the restarts and it worked out. He's the benchmark in this series and it's always fun racing with him."

Roahrig stalked Swanson until a savory run off turn two on lap 26 launched him alongside Swanson. By turn three, Roahrig had completed the pass, and for all intents and purposes, never looked back.

By halfway, Roahrig's lead had blossomed to 3.3 seconds as he repeatedly worked through traffic, then got into the clear only to encounter traffic again. At the same time, Clouser and Leary began to surge forward toward Roahrig. Clouser swept under Swanson in turn four to gain second on lap 113. Meanwhile, Leary swiped third from Swanson on lap 118 with a nifty maneuver on the bottom of turn four.

Roahrig maintained a 1.5 second lead for the next 20 or so laps, but when he worked his way through the cluster of lapped cars containing Nathan Byrd, Kyle O'Gara and Matt Westfall on lap 131, he was able to regain his breathing room to the tune of 2.4 seconds over Clouser, as he was able to put the field away with sheer will.

"This car was just on a rail," Roahrig praised. "I thought we'd be pretty good after the race here last fall. We had some issues, but the car was really good. We pretty much came back with the same thing and it was really good. I couldn't have asked for a better racecar."

That said, when Clouser became boxed in between Byrd and O'Gara while attempting to put those two a lap down, Leary took advantage of the situation and dove to the bottom to drive past all three and slot into the runner-up spot on lap 133.

Despite Roahrig's lead standing at three-quarters of a straightaway (3.1 seconds ahead) and time running out, Roahrig was a bit apprehensive when discovering Leary had raced his way into second. Not only that, he had shaved a full second off Roahrig's lead. But in the moment, the sands in the hourglass were mostly running on empty.

"C.J. and I tested last week on the same day, so I knew how fast he was," Roahrig quipped. "So I was a little nervous, and I was praying for no yellows. But it all worked out. It's such a relief for me to finally get my first USAC win."

In the end, Roahrig crossed the stripe 2.74 seconds ahead of second running C.J. Leary as Mario Clouser took third, Kody Swanson fourth and Jake Trainor fifth.

By doing so, Roahrig became the first driver to win his first career USAC Silver Crown race during the Hoosier Hundred since Shane Hmiel in 2010, a race which was held at the event's longtime home, the Indiana State Fairgrounds dirt mile.

Oh, what a night it was for C.J. Leary as he advanced from his seventh starting spot to finish second and equal his best career Hoosier Hundred finish (2nd in 2020). With his effort, he earned the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

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It was a top flight night for Mario Clouser as he began the day by earning his first career USAC Silver Crown pole position. In fact, it was his first USAC national fast qualifying time since a 2012 midget event at North Carolina's Ace Speedway. With the pole, Clouser picked up a total of \$1,150 for his efforts between Allgaier Performance and Honest Abe Roofing. Clouser finished Friday's event by leading his first career USAC Silver Crown lap and then went on to equal his best career USAC Silver Crown result with a third.

In just his second career USAC Silver Crown start, series Rookie Jake Trainor was mightily impressive. The Massachusetts native went +11 in his run from 16th to fifth to earn Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

Russ Gamester bowed out after 103 laps with a clutch issue. However, he did set an all-time record in the process. The Peru, Indiana native notched his 30th career Hoosier Hundred start dating back to his 1989 debut. That surpassed the previous record of 29 starts in the event held by Johnny Parsons.

**USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** May 23, 2025 – Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park – Brownsburg, Indiana – .686-Mile Paved Oval – 68th Hoosier Hundred

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Mario Clouser, 92, Kazmark-21.112; 2. Tyler Roahrig, 41, Newman-21.113; 3. Kody Swanson, 77, Doran Binks-21.158; 4. Bobby Santos, 98, DJ-21.259; 5. Justin Grant, 91, Hemelgarn-21.308; 6. Logan Seavey, 22, Rice/Abacus-21.325; 7. C.J. Leary, 21, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi-21.394; 8. Kyle O'Gara, 141, A-Maxx-21.403; 9. Dakoda Armstrong, 5, C & A-21.411; 10. Nathan Byrd, 40, Meyer-21.526; 11. Jackson Macenko, 124, Hayes-21.594; 12. Brian Tyler, 81, BCR-21.620; 13. Kyle Steffens, 8, Steffens-21.711; 14. Russ Gamester, 51, Gamester-21.721; 15. Taylor Ferns, 55, Ferns-21.783; 16. Jake Trainor, 6, Klatt-21.787; 17. Bryan Gossel, 06, Gossel-22.142; 18. Matt Westfall, 54, 4 Kings-22.204; 19. Casey Buckman, 25, C-Buck/Sachs-22.272; 20. Danny Jennings, 61, Grace-22.779; 21. Gregg Cory, 32, Williams/Cory-23.452; 22. Dave Berkheimer, 31, Berkheimer-NT; 23. Derek Bischak, 131, Bischak-NT.

**FEATURE:** (146 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Tyler Roahrig (2), 2. C.J. Leary (7), 3. Mario Clouser (1), 4. Kody Swanson (3), 5. Jake Trainor (16), 6. Logan Seavey (6), 7. Justin Grant (5), 8. Jackson Macenko (11), 9. Nathan Byrd (10), 10. Kyle O'Gara (8), 11. Taylor Ferns (15), 12. Matt Westfall (17), 13. Casey Buckman (18), 14. Gregg Cory (20), 15. Brian Tyler (12), 16. Bobby Santos (4), 17. Russ Gamester (14), 18. Kyle Steffens (13), 19. Danny Jennings (19), 20. Dave Berkheimer (21), 21. Dakoda Armstrong (9), 22. Bryan Gossel (22). 1:00:17.436 (New Track Record)

**FEATURE LAP LEADERS:** Lap 1 Mario Clouser, Laps 2-25 Kody Swanson, Laps 26-146 Tyler Roahrig.

**USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS:** 1-Justin Grant-265, 2-C.J. Leary-247, 3-Logan Seavey-183, 4-Matt Westfall-182, 5-Kody Swanson-156, 6-Tyler Roahrig-140, 7-Gregg Cory-139, 8-Kaylee Bryson-136, 9-Dave Berkheimer-133, 10-Mario Clouser-126.

**USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS:** 1-Kale Drake-103, 2-C.J. Leary-54, 3-Briggs Danner-41, 4-Chase Stockon-37, 5-Robert Ballou-35, 6-Justin Grant-30, 7-Jadon Rogers-30, 8-Gunnar Setser-28, 9-Kyle Cummins-23, 10-Kyle Jones-22.

**NEXT USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE:** June 14, 2025 – World Wide Technology Raceway – Madison, Illinois – 1.25-Mile Paved Oval

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## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Practice Fastest Driver: Bobby Santos (21.184)

Honest Abe Roofing / Allgaier Performance Fast Qualifier: Mario Clouser (21.112)

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Jake Trainor (16th to 5th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Race: C.J. Leary

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## Party's Over! Swanson Turns Out the Lights on USAC Silver Crown Field at WWT

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Madison, Illinois (June 14, 2025).....Throughout Kody Swanson's illustrious USAC Silver Crown career, he's been known to produce "lights out" performances more often than not.

That description couldn't have been more apt during Saturday night's Ranken Technical College Route 66 Classic Presented by Welsch Heating & Cooling at World Wide Technology Raceway in Madison, Illinois.

In a race that featured four lead changes, four different race leaders and two separate power outages, Swanson was the victor once more for the 46th occasion in his USAC Silver Crown career at the helm of his Doran Binks Racing/Mission Foods – Wilke Orthodontics – Glenn Farms/Beast/Lanci Ford.

The Kingsburg, California native's series win tally is now officially twice as many as anyone else. Jack Hewitt ranks second all-time in USAC Silver Crown wins with 23, which is exactly 23 series wins behind Swanson's brand new grand total.

After leading twice for a total of 35 circuits in the 66-lap race, Swanson led the final 22 trips around the 1.25-mile paved oval to earn his first victory of the season. This particular win at WWT came in the fifth event on the 2025 USAC Silver Crown calendar, tied for the furthest into a season Swanson was able to grab his first win dating back to his initial series championship season of 2014. He also won in his fifth series start in 2022.

"It's tough to get to June and to have not had one," Swanson admitted. "But it wasn't for a lack of effort. It's just kind of been one of those years, and sometimes I've had some great runs and I've had some bad luck when we came here. I told (the crew) at the shop this week, "hey, this week, I think this time it's going to flip the other way. We're going to start having some good luck and maybe get one. We never gave up, even through the red flags, light outages, restarts and all that. We just kept after it and gave ourselves a chance."

Swanson also became just the second driver to capture multiple USAC Silver Crown wins at WWT after also getting the victory in 2022. Bobby Santos also doubled up with back-to-back triumphs at the near Saint Louis venue in 2013-2014.

That said, most notably, it was a time for redemption and vindication for Swanson following his late-race heartbreak at WWT one year ago. It was then that Swanson held a comfortable lead on the white flag lap when, suddenly, his engine went up in billowing smoke, ending his bid for victory so unceremoniously.

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Swanson started from the number one spot after earning his 56th career USAC Silver Crown pole position during the afternoon's Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying. But on the opening lap, Swanson was chewed up and spit out as he dropped from first all the way back to fifth while outside front row starter Santos jetted out to the opening lap lead and C.J. Leary slotted into second.

By lap three, Justin Grant was making the biggest moves. He raced down into turn one under Leary, then picked off Santos moments later, taking two spots in rapid fire succession to gain the lead from third. Oh, and if you counted Swanson out at that point, shame on you. By the fourth lap, Swanson had already fought his way back into the runner-up spot behind Grant.

On lap 17, Swanson pounced into the lead, driving to the inside of Grant off turn two to occupy the catbird seat just as Dakoda Armstrong followed suit into second place past Grant a lap later.

A crash on the 21st lap saw Jake Trainor (15th) slam the outside wall in turn one, leaving a long black tire streak against the SAFER barrier for the only on-track incident of the night. Trainor climbed out of his machine under his own power and walked away.

Under the subsequent yellow, the nighttime sky unexpectedly became even darker when the lights along the front straightaway suddenly went dim, resulting in a red flag that brought the field back to pit lane until visibility could be rekindled.

When the race resumed, Armstrong found daylight and charged passed Swanson and into the lead on the lap 30 restart. Meanwhile, Leary, who had ran as high as second and was operating in sixth on lap 40, dramatically slowed in between turns three and four. As the field freight-trained on by, Leary coasted down the length of the straightaway and made the hard left turn into the pit area with a reported brake issue. He'd later return to the race, finishing eight laps down in 14th.

As the 45th lap came around, Swanson remained in the hunt, chasing Armstrong from his second place vantage point. But when Swanson closed the gap via the draft on the back straightaway moments later, he shot to the bottom of Armstrong to reassert himself as the leader once more with 22 laps remaining.

But just as Swanson found his groove and seemed in control, Mother Electricity let it be known that it still had control. On lap 47, the front straightaway track lights went dark for a second time, necessitating another red flag period in which drivers were instructed to park on pit lane once more.

Having one red flag period for drivers and teams to contemplate, strategize and adjust is a difficult aspect to navigate, especially when you're the leader at a track in which the draft and slingshot is such a prevalent maneuver. Swanson remembered the last "lights out" restart which was taken advantage of by Armstrong, but Swanson had a different plan the second time around.

"It was pretty tough," Swanson acknowledged. "After the first red flag and that restart, Dakoda did a great job, and I knew Bobby Santos was coming and we had to race Justin Grant early. There are a bunch of great competitors in this series. If you give them another chance, they're going to steal it from you because they want it too. Luckily, we were able to wrestle the lead back, then we had another red and had to refocus, and all I told them was that I was going to try something different."

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Swanson's timing was impeccable and he was able to fend off Armstrong's bid for the lead as he attempted to charge past Swanson on the front straight. However, although Armstrong was able to pull completely alongside Swanson, Swanson was able to outpace him into turn one and managed to retain the spot.

During the final laps, Swanson continued to stretch his lead over the field, ultimately pacing under the checkered flag as the winner 2.509 seconds ahead of the competition. Armstrong took second with Santos third and Grant fourth.

Jackson Macenko rounded out the top-five following a high line pass around Mario Clouser in turn three on lap 62. It was a career best USAC result for the leading Silver Crown Rookie out of Cincinnati, Ohio. His 11th to fifth run made him the Rod End Supply Hard Charger and also earned him Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night honors.

**USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** June 14, 2025 – World Wide Technology Raceway – Madison, Illinois – 1.25-Mile Paved Oval – Ranken Technical College Route 66 Classic Presented by Welsch Heating & Cooling

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Kody Swanson, 77, Doran/Binks-30.797; 2. Bobby Santos, 98, DJ-30.978; 3. C.J. Leary, 21, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi-30.994; 4. Dakoda Armstrong, 5, C & A-31.177; 5. Justin Grant, 91, Hemelgarn-31.321; 6. Mario Clouser, 92, Kazmark-31.349; 7. Kyle Steffens, 8, Steffens-31.396; 8. Jake Trainor, 6, Klatt-31.537; 9. Taylor Ferns, 55, Ferns-31.708; 10. Nathan Byrd, 40, Meyer-31.762; 11. Jackson Macenko, 124, Hayes-31.930; 12. Billy Wease, 60, Meyer-32.163; 13. Derek Bischak, 22, Rice/Abacus-32.340; 14. Kaylee Bryson, 26, Pierce-32.422; 15. Tyler Roahrig, 41, Newman-32.459; 16. Matt Westfall, 54, 4 Kings-32.570; 17. Gregg Cory, 32, Williams/Cory-34.335; 18. Dave Berkheimer, 31, Berkheimer-37.150.

**FEATURE:** (66 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kody Swanson (1), 2. Dakoda Armstrong (4), 3. Bobby Santos (2), 4. Justin Grant (5), 5. Jackson Macenko (11), 6. Kyle Steffens (7), 7. Mario Clouser (6), 8. Billy Wease (12), 9. Nathan Byrd (10), 10. Taylor Ferns (9), 11. Matt Westfall (16), 12. Kaylee Bryson (14), 13. Gregg Cory (17), 14. C.J. Leary (3), 15. Derek Bischak (13), 16. Jake Trainor (8), 17. Tyler Roahrig (15), 18. Dave Berkheimer (18). NT

**FEATURE LAP LEADERS:** Laps 1-2 Bobby Santos, Laps 3-16 Justin Grant, Laps 17-29 Kody Swanson, Laps 30-44 Dakoda Armstrong, Laps 45-66 Kody Swanson.

**USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS:** 1-Justin Grant-326, 2-C.J. Leary-282, 3-Kody Swanson-232, 4-Matt Westfall-223, 5-Logan Seavey-183, 6-Mario Clouser-178, 7-Gregg Cory-176, 8-Kaylee Bryson-175, 9-Tyler Roahrig-169, 10-Kyle Steffens-166.

**USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS:** 1-Kale Drake-131, 2-Kyle Cummins-54, 3-C.J. Leary-54, 4-Chase Stockon-50, 5-Gunnar Setser-50, 6-Briggs Danner-46, 7-Justin Grant-45, 8-Robert Ballou-41, 9-Jacob Denney-35, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-34.

**NEXT USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE:** June 21, 2025 – Port Royal Speedway – Port Royal, Pennsylvania – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval

**CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:**

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Dirt Draft Practice Fastest Driver: Kody Swanson (30.797)

Honest Abe Roofing / Allgaier Performance Fast Qualifier: Kody Swanson (30.797)

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Jackson Macenko (11th to 5th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Race: Jackson Macenko

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## **Wreckers to Checkers! Pursley Perseveres to Win Port Royal USAC Silver Crown Show**

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Port Royal, Pennsylvania (June 21, 2025).....From wreckers to checkers. That's how Daison Pursley's Saturday night of USAC Silver Crown competition at Pennsylvania's Port Royal Speedway could be succinctly, but accurately, summed up.

After timing in second fastest on his opening qualifying lap, Pursley stuffed his Chris Dyson Racing/Concord American Flagpole – High Performance Lubricants – Macri Concrete/Maxim/Ott Chevy into the turn two outside guardrail.

The damage was fairly extensive and the car subsequently required some diligent work to get the car ready for 50 laps on the 1/2-mile dirt oval for which the team had secured an outside front row starting spot.

When the night was complete, Pursley and the Dyson No. 9 had thoroughly dominated the event, leading all but the first two laps to capture both the driver and team's first victory of the 2025 USAC Silver Crown season.

Furthermore, Pursley remained undefeated in a USAC Silver Crown car at Port Royal, winning his 2024 debut in dramatic fashion with a last lap, last turn pass of Justin Grant. This time around, Pursley disposed of Grant on lap three and never looked back.

Grant opened the evening with the 12th pole position of his USAC Silver Crown career, which ranks seventh all-time in series history. Grant then carried on to score the accompanying USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship feature held just before the Silver Crown race. Grant was vying to sweep both USAC main events by the time he rolled off for the Silver Crown feature from P1.

Instead, Pursley charged to the inside of Grant off the exit of turn four and nipped Grant at the stripe to lead lap three by a wheel. From there, Pursley's lead steadily grew to more than a second by lap 10 and then to a full two seconds by lap 20 until 15th running Jimmy Light slowed with a mechanical issue on the back straight, which brought out the night's first yellow flag.

Another fellow Pennsylvania native, 16th running Dave Berkheimer, spun backwards to a stop in turn two on the 23rd lap, which proved to be the final stoppage of the night, necessitating another restart in short order. Pursley was certainly wary of the looming restarts but was apt to play it cool rather than divert toward a defensive plan that could disrupt his rhythm and bring him nothing else but the blues.

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"I didn't really know where Justin was running and (my spotter) said I had a good lead, so I didn't want to move around too much, but it's so easy to go down there and pull a slider on somebody," Pursley stated. "I figured one was coming eventually if we kept having restarts, but thankfully, we only had two. I feel like I got a pretty good launch off four to distance myself. It felt like the right thing to do was to continue to run where I wanted to run and that's what felt comfortable to me."

With the field bunched up momentarily, Pursley went the remainder of the distance clean and green with Grant giving chase and Mitchel Moles hustling under Jake Swanson on the back straight to slot into the top-three on lap 23. Two-time Port Royal Silver Crown winner Logan Seavey followed suit, as he was seemingly shot out of a cannon into fourth by Swanson on lap 29.

Despite all the shuffling within the top-five, none of it touched Pursley, whose lead had developed into a full-straightaway onslaught with less than 10 laps to go. Heavy lapped traffic loomed for Pursley in the waning stages. However, no challenge to his reign at The Speed Palace was forthcoming for Pursley on this night.

"At Port Royal Speedway, you know the top is going to be fast," Pursley explained. "You want to get up there and hammer those guardrails and that's what we were able to do. This thing was phenomenal. After the mishap in qualifying, (the crew) got the thing back together after I pushed the issue a little bit too hard. I just needed the track to widen out and I knew we would come to life. Sure enough, that's what happened."

Pursley's commanding lead was top of mind, and it can certainly become risky to continue pushing when a substantial lead is at hand. But for Pursley, taking the foot off the proverbial throat at any point very well could have proven to be detrimental. But a healthy balance between both sides of the equation can be beneficial, and that's where he stood on the situation as he put his competition in the distance and pounced through traffic.

"As a racecar driver, I feel like if you slow down, you just get out of the rhythm," Pursley offered. "I was trying to pace myself a little bit to the best of my abilities, but I'm a racecar driver so of course I want to step on the throttle a little bit harder."

Pursley's winning margin was 3.541 seconds when all was said and done. Grant, who led the opening two circuits of the race, increased his championship point lead with a runner-up result. Mitchel Moles rolled to third while Logan Seavey took fourth and local Pennsylvania winged sprint car regular Chase Dietz rounded out the top-five.

Pennsylvania's own Carmen Perigo picked off six in a 12th to sixth run in the feature, which netted him Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors. Perigo also earned hard charger accolades at Port Royal during the inaugural 2022 event at Port. In getting there, it was simply a case of Carmen Perigo doing Carmen Perigo things. When most others were running the top and bottom in unison, Perigo was rolling through the middle of no man's land where nobody else seemingly ran or had success with.

**USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** June 21, 2025 – Port Royal Speedway – Port Royal, Pennsylvania – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – USAC Eastern Blast

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Justin Grant, 91, Hemelgarn-20.088; 2. Daison Pursley, 9, Dyson-20.218; 3. Jake Swanson, 6, Klatt-20.237; 4. Mitchel Moles, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-20.247; 5. Matt Westfall, 54, 4 Kings-20.315; 6. Logan

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Seavey, 22, Rice/Abacus-20.387; 7. C.J. Leary, 21, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi-20.429; 8. Chase Dietz, 86, Lee-20.456; 9. Alex Bright, 24, Haggenbottom-20.607; 10. Kyle Steffens, 8, Steffens-20.699; 11. Chase Stockon, 69, Pink 69-20.768; 12. Carmen Perigo, 52, Stehman-20.781; 13. Briggs Danner, 10, DMW-20.838; 14. Kyle Cummins, 20, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi-20.948; 15. Jimmy Light, 118, Thomas-20.957; 16. Brian Ruhlman, 49, Ruhlman-21.192; 17. Steve Gennetten, 3, Gennetten-21.276; 18. Dave Berkheimer, 31, Berkheimer-21.457; 19. Gregg Cory, 32, Williams/Cory-21.655; 20. Tom Savage, 38, Savage-22.205; 21. Mark Bitner, 4, Yeska-22.386; 22. Travis Mahoney, 65, SV-NT.

FEATURE: (50 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Daison Pursley (2), 2. Justin Grant (1), 3. Mitchel Moles (4), 4. Logan Seavey (6), 5. Chase Dietz (8), 6. Carmen Perigo (12), 7. Briggs Danner (13), 8. Matt Westfall (5), 9. C.J. Leary (7), 10. Jake Swanson (3), 11. Chase Stockon (11), 12. Kyle Steffens (10), 13. Alex Bright (9), 14. Brian Ruhlman (16), 15. Kyle Cummins (14), 16. Mark Bitner (18), 17. Gregg Cory (19), 18. Steve Gennetten (17), 19. Dave Berkheimer (20), 20. Tom Savage (22), 21. Travis Mahoney (21), 22. Jimmy Light (15). 24:08.168 (New Track Record)

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Justin Grant, Laps 3-50 Daison Pursley.

USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-396, 2-C.J. Leary-328, 3-Matt Westfall-272, 4-Logan Seavey-244, 5-Kody Swanson-232, 6-Kyle Steffens-205, 7-Gregg Cory-205, 8-Dave Berkheimer-185, 9-Mario Clouser-178, 10-Kaylee Bryson-175.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-135, 2-Briggs Danner-63, 3-C.J. Leary-58, 4-Robert Ballou-57, 5-Gunnar Setser-57, 6-Kyle Cummins-56, 7-Justin Grant-51, 8-Chase Stockon-50, 9-Jacob Denney-35, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-34.

NEXT USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: June 27, 2025 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Indiana – 1/2-Mile Paved Oval – 34th Rich Vogler Classic

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Practice Fastest Driver: Daison Pursley (20.230)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Justin Grant (20.088)

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Carmen Perigo (12th to 6th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Race: Carmen Perigo

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## 4-Score! Swanson Strikes Again, Wins Winchester's Rich Vogler Classic

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Winchester, Indiana (June 27, 2025).....It had been more than a quarter century since a driver had won four consecutive races within a single USAC division at Indiana's Winchester Speedway.

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Throughout Friday night's 34th running of the Rich Vogler Classic, Kody Swanson made certain it was going to be him as he swept the entire night of events at the 37 degree high-banked 1/2-mile paved oval.

Swanson (Kingsburg, California) started off the evening fastest in Dirt Draft Practice, then followed up by setting fast time in Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying before leading all 100 laps from the pole position aboard his Doran Binks Racing/Mission Foods – Wilke Orthodontics – Glenn Farms/Beast/Lanci Ford.

For Swanson, he partied like it was 1999 as only three previous drivers had won four-straight USAC main events at Winchester, the last two of which occurred 26 seasons ago.

Steve Chassey remains the all-time record holder with five consecutive USAC National Sprint Car victories at Winchester in 1979. Dave Steele collected four-in-a-row with the USAC National Sprint Cars in 1998-1999. Most recently, Ryan Newman corralled four straight USAC National Midget triumphs spanning 1998-1999.

Swanson has now authored four USAC Silver Crown wins at Winchester in succession, taking top honors in 2022-2023-2024-2025. Furthermore, Swanson also added another Rich Vogler Classic victory to his resume after also making winner's circle visits in 2016 and 2019 when the event was held at Indianapolis Raceway Park.

He's already the winningest USAC Silver Crown driver in the history of IRP, and over the past four years, Swanson has made a nice home for himself on the Winchester high banks.

"You come in here and respect the place because of how fast it is," Swanson explained. "I used to struggle coming to the high banks and I remember them saying when I first moved here that, 'well, if you want to go to Indy someday, you've got to get good at the high banks. I may never get to do the Indy part but I sure appreciate the chance to race here and some of the historic places we get to race at with the Silver Crown series."

As coincidence would have it, the last individual to win four USAC races in a row at Winchester, Ryan Newman, was in the field on Friday night, making his first USAC appearance at Winchester since the 2000 season. In the years to come, the 1999 USAC Silver Crown titlist headed south to forge a two-decade-plus career in NASCAR, where he collected 18 career Cup Series wins, including the 2008 Daytona 500.

After earning his record-extending 57th career USAC Silver Crown Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifying award, Swanson immediately wrestled control of the field on lap one over the trailing C.J. Leary and Justin Grant. That said, the early race story belonged to veteran Brian Tyler. Over the course of the first six laps, the 11th place starting Tyler picked off one car per lap to race his way into the top-five.

The ever spectacular Tyler experienced several close encounters of the outside wall kind, making full contact with his right rear tire on lap 11, which white walled the sidewall as white paint dust speckled the air. By lap 23, he had scooted by Bobby Santos for fourth and was still rolling. On lap 43, Tyler pulled off what may have been the save of the year as he dirt tracked his ride through turns three and four, barely scraping by while completely sideways. However, Tyler seemingly never lifted and continued on without much hindrance. One lap later, however, Dakoda Armstrong pounced under Tyler for the fourth spot.

Tyler's run proved to be short lived as, soon thereafter, he began to freefall through the field and was running 11th by the time he dropped off the pace on lap 69. Nonetheless, due to his "if you can't win, be spectacular" style, Tyler was the recipient of the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

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Up at the front of the field, Swanson remained in total control and began to stretch out his lead on second running Leary. For much of the first half of the race, Leary never strayed more than a few car lengths off Swanson's rear bumper. But as the race wore on, Swanson wore the field down, increasing his lead to nearly two seconds with roughly 30 laps to go, but this was certainly no time to let up.

"C.J. kept pressure on me the whole time," Swanson recalled. "Him, Justin (Grant) and the whole field here are really good and they'll make you pay if you mess up."

On lap 95 of 100, a mess did find its way into what had been a fairly clean race from the start. After hitting what the team believed to be a slick spot in turn one, 10th running Matt Westfall's car skidded left and darted right, straight into the outside wall, causing major damage to the right front of the car. Just behind was hard luck, second place running C.J. Leary who attempted to avoid the accident, but as he skidded to miss Westfall, his right rear tire went completely flat, darting him to the bottom of turns one and two and to a stop. Both cars were towed away and unable to restart.

After what had been a relatively stress free environment for Swanson throughout the first 98 laps, the race had suddenly turned into a two-lap dash.

"I was just hoping I could outlast them and I'm out of breath because I feel like I was working hard every lap, especially the last two," Swanson said. "I'm thankful I didn't spin out on that last restart and I'm thankful that we had such a good car. Everyone kept trying all day, and even into qualifying, we were making changes and trying to make this number 77 better."

After the restart, Swanson's quest stayed true to form, as he dashed to the finish line for his 47th career USAC Silver Crown win over Justin Grant, Dakoda Armstrong and Bobby Santos with Ryan Newman rounding out the top-five.

Nathan Byrd flew to his best career Winchester Speedway result. Starting 17th, Byrd edged his way through the field, passing 10 cars to finish a solid seventh to earn Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

**USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** June 27, 2025 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Indiana – 1/2-Mile Paved Oval – 34th Rich Vogler Classic

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Kody Swanson, 77, Doran Binks-14.842; 2. C.J. Leary, 21, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi-15.059; 3. Justin Grant, 91, Hemelgarn-15.162; 4. Kyle Robbins, 7, KR-15.167; 5. Bobby Santos, 98, DJ-15.217; 6. Dakoda Armstrong, 5, C & A-15.257; 7. Ryan Newman, 92, Kazmark-15.260; 8. Matt Westfall, 54, 4 Kings-15.268; 9. Colton Bettis, 126, Pierce-15.273; 10. Logan Seavey, 22, Rice/Abacus-15.293; 11. Brian Tyler, 81, BCR-15.386; 12. Taylor Ferns, 55, Ferns-15.404; 13. Tyler Roahrig, 41, Newman-15.518; 14. Jackson Macenko, 124, Hayes-15.521; 15. Jake Trainor, 6, Klatt-15.562; 16. Kyle Steffens, 8, Steffens-15.891; 17. Nathan Byrd, 40, Meyer-15.911; 18. Gregg Cory, 32, Williams/Cory-17.587; 19. Dave Berkheimer, 31, Berkheimer-NT.

**FEATURE:** (100 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kody Swanson (1), 2. Justin Grant (3), 3. Dakoda Armstrong (6), 4. Bobby Santos (5), 5. Ryan Newman (7), 6. Taylor Ferns (12), 7. Nathan Byrd (17), 8. Kyle Steffens (16), 9. C.J. Leary (2), 10. Matt Westfall (8), 11. Gregg Cory (18), 12. Tyler Roahrig (13), 13. Brian Tyler (11), 14. Colton Bettis (9), 15. Jackson Macenko (14), 16. Jake Trainor (15), 17. Kyle Robbins (4), 18. Logan Seavey (10), 19. Dave Berkheimer (19). 37:54.547

**FEATURE LAP LEADERS:** Laps 1-100 Kody Swanson.

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USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-463, 2-C.J. Leary-374, 3-Matt Westfall-315, 4-Kody Swanson-308, 5-Logan Seavey-271, 6-Kyle Steffens-254, 7-Gregg Cory-246, 8-Dakoda Armstrong-217, 9-Bobby Santos-211, 10-Dave Berkheimer-210.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-135, 2-Briggs Danner-63, 3-C.J. Leary-63, 4-Robert Ballou-60, 5-Kyle Cummins-59, 6-Gunnar Setser-57, 7-Justin Grant-56, 8-Chase Stockon-50, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-39, 10-Jacob Denney-35.

NEXT USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: July 18-19, 2025 – Salt City Speedway – Hutchinson, Kansas – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – Evans Building Salt City 100

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Practice Fastest Driver: Kody Swanson (14.970)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Kody Swanson (14.842)

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Nathan Byrd (17th to 7th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Race: Brian Tyler

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## Star Spangled Danner! Briggs Wins First USAC Silver Crown Race at Salt City 100

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Hutchinson, Kansas (July 19, 2025).....Briggs Danner had provided much of the excitement throughout Saturday night's Evans Building Salt City 100 at Hutchinson, Kansas' Salt City Speedway as he see-sawed between the third and fourth position for the first three-quarters of the 100-lapper.

But when it came to crunch time, the Allentown, Pennsylvania native delivered as he raced from third to first in a three-lap stretch between the 77th and 79th circuit, then had just enough tread on his right rear tire down the stretch to earn his first career USAC Silver Crown victory.

Danner, a three-time USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car winner in his own right, was making just his 10th career Silver Crown start aboard the Advanced Materials Technologies – Fuel Mart – E. Schneider & Sons/DRC/R07 Chevy, which provided Arizona-based DMW Motorsports its first USAC victory after seven seasons of trying.

"I'm happy for (car owner) Mickey (Meyer) and I'm happy for everybody back home who put in a lot of work," Danner said. "We've been really good so many times and we maybe should've had one earlier this year but blew up (at Belleville), but to bring the backup car here, to make this haul and to put it in victory lane, that feels good for sure. That's going to make traveling home a little bit easier."

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In becoming the second consecutive first-time USAC Silver Crown winner to emerge from the Salt City 100 in each of its first two years, Danner also became the first Pennsylvanian to win a Crown race anywhere since Rich Tobias Jr. at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds in Illinois back in 2003.

Danner also put an exclamation point on his first career series win worth \$10,000. On the 100th and final lap, he posted the fastest lap of the race with a time of 22.155 seconds, nearly four tenths of a second quicker than anybody else in the field. That also earned Danner the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

However, for most of the race, Danner was chasing. The twin Team AZ / Rossi / Petty Performance Racing cars for C.J. Leary and Mario Clouser started the race from the front row, the first such teammates to start alongside each other at the front of the grid for a USAC Silver Crown race since Tyler Courtney and Chris Windom did so with the RPM-Fred Gormly team at Ohio's Eldora Speedway nine years earlier in 2016.

Leary captured his eighth career USAC Silver Crown pole position with a new track record lap of 20.994 seconds to open the night, breaking the former mark of 21.090 set by Kevin Thomas Jr. in 2024. However, it was Clouser who got the jump at the start of the main event and proceeded to lead the first 42 laps in succession.

Third-starting Danner initially slotted into fourth but engaged in a back-and-forth duel with Jake Swanson that was persistent throughout much of the first half of the race. On lap 13, Swanson swung high off turn two, allowing Danner to race under to grab the spot. As the front runners got hung up while attempting to put Danny Jennings a lap down, Swanson rose to third past Danner on lap 17 before Swanson got shuffled out of the deck as he tried to pass Leary for second in turn two, opening up the outside lane for Danner to charge back into third on lap 19.

By lap 34, Swanson's car had begun to billow smoke out of the left side headers. As the old notion goes that engines run fastest before they blow, Swanson put it to the test as he zipped past Danner for third off turn four on lap 35. But by lap 40, Swanson had abruptly pulled into the infield, out of the race.

Seemingly, just within the blink of an eye, Leary had taken over the lead after surging past Clouser on the front straightaway on lap 42. Meanwhile, despite Swanson's sudden absence from the fray, Danner still had a challenger for third, and after drifting high in turn two on lap 44, Grant scooted under to gain the spot.

"Once I let Justin by me, I kind of thought we were just riding around," Danner admitted. "But lapped traffic helped a little bit."

On the 55th circuit, Danner swung way high in turn one, getting all four wheels up in the fluff as he attempted to take Grant for third. Danner managed to avoid the wall but lost roughly eighth car lengths to Grant in the process. That said, it didn't take long for Danner to return to the fray as Leary got caught up while trying to put Matt Westfall a lap down. The ensuing accordion effect ricocheted toward third place running Grant, which in turn, opened the door for Danner to race on by for third at the exit of turn two.

The first yellow flag of the night was displayed for Saban Bibent (8th) who slowed to a stop in turn three on lap 68 with a completely bald and flat right rear tire, which sent him to the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area for fresh rubber. When racing resumed on lap 72, Danner found his groove. He got a drive down the back stretch to power past Clouser on lap 77, then tracked down and stormed past Leary for the lead entering turn three on lap 79.

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"I knew (Clouser and Leary) had a softer tire, so I really wasn't sure how it was going to play out," Danner explained. "I didn't expect it to take rubber like it did. I knew it was coming in three and four, but I could keep pace with them running the cushion up top. I felt like if I could save a little bit more, it would help me later. But it came around quickly."

From there, a flurry of stoppages halted the remaining 20 laps. Seventh running Kyle Steffens crashed into the outside wall in turns one and two, then hopped out of his wrecked car and directed his umbrage and a bird in the direction of Bibent who was running 10th, but a few laps down, at that moment.

On the ensuing lap 86 restart, Grant scurried to third under Clouser whose right rear tire was going soft, and ultimately, completely deflated in turns one and two on lap 91, dropping him to 10th in the running order after leading a race-high 42 laps. Grant was the next to fall victim to tire wear on lap 96 as he crawled around the 1/2-mile dirt oval to necessitate a yellow flag, which dropped the series point leader from third to sixth at the finish.

Danner paced the field on the green-white-checkered finish, keeping his car on rails as he finished out a memorable night, winning by a 2.871 second margin over C.J. Leary with Chase Stockon third, Matt Westfall fourth and Kip Hughes rounding out the top five.

"This thing was good all night long from start to finish," Danner praised. "We were good early on and we were really good late. I just had to keep it underneath me once I got out front. I kind of knew how much better I was. I just had to hit those restarts and everything fell into place."

Kip Hughes is no stranger to Salt City Speedway. He's a three-time NCRA Late Model winner at the track after all. But on this night, in just his third career USAC Silver Crown start, he advanced six positions from his 11th place starting spot to finish fifth for his first career USAC top five result.

**USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** July 19, 2025 – Salt City Speedway – Hutchinson, Kansas – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – Evans Building Salt City 100

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. C.J. Leary, 21, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi-20.994 (New Track Record); 2. Mario Clouser, 20, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi-21.034; 3. Briggs Danner, 10, DMW-21.043; 4. Jake Swanson, 6, Klatt-21.044; 5. Justin Grant, 91, Hemelgarn-21.143; 6. Matt Westfall, 54, 4 Kings-21.374; 7. Chase Stockon, 69, Pink 69-21.645; 8. Shane Cockrum, 22, Rice/Abacus-21.679; 9. Kyle Steffens, 8, Steffens-21.854; 10. Saban Bibent, 88, Fetter-22.025; 11. Kip Hughes, 160, Hughes-22.044; 12. Travis Mahoney, 65, SV-22.712; 13. Danny Jennings, 61, Grace-22.908; 14. Dave Berkheimer, 31, Berkheimer-NT.

**FEATURE:** (100 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (3), 2. C.J. Leary (1), 3. Chase Stockon (7), 4. Matt Westfall (6), 5. Kip Hughes (11), 6. Justin Grant (5), 7. Danny Jennings (13), 8. Saban Bibent (10), 9. Travis Mahoney (12), 10. Mario Clouser (2), 11. Kyle Steffens (9), 12. Jake Swanson (4), 13. Shane Cockrum (8), 14. Dave Berkheimer (14). 46:54.175 (New Track Record)

**FEATURE LAP LEADERS:** Laps 1-42 Mario Clouser, Laps 43-78 C.J. Leary, Laps 79-100 Briggs Danner.

**USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS:** 1-Justin Grant-518, 2-C.J. Leary-444, 3-Matt Westfall-376, 4-Kody Swanson-308, 5-Kyle Steffens-295, 6-Logan Seavey-271, 7-Gregg Cory-246, 8-Dave Berkheimer-245, 9-Mario Clouser-224, 10-Briggs Danner-218.

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USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-159, 2-Briggs Danner-97, 3-Kyle Cummins-86, 4-Gunnar Setser-82, 5-Justin Grant-78, 6-C.J. Leary-74, 7-Kevin Thomas Jr.-70, 8-Robert Ballou-66, 9-Logan Seavey-62, 10-Chase Stockon-61.

NEXT USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: July 23, 2025 – Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park – Brownsburg, Indiana – .686-Mile Paved Oval – USAC RaceAid 100

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Practice Fastest Driver: Jake Swanson (21.131)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: C.J. Leary (20.994)

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Kip Hughes (11th to 5th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Race: Briggs Danner

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## He's Baaack! Leary Scores First USAC Silver Crown Win in 3 Years at IRP's RaceAid 100

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Brownsburg, Indiana (July 23, 2025).....Three years is a long time in the world of a racecar driver.

But after 1125 days, C.J. Leary finally busted through to become a USAC Silver Crown race winner once again during Wednesday night's USAC RaceAid 100 at Brownsburg, Indiana's Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park.

Since that point in time, the Greenfield, Indiana native has experienced several flirtations with victory, including eight runner-up finishes and 248 laps led with nary a victory to show for his efforts.

At IRP, he had finished inside the top five in six of his last seven starts, including runner-up results in 2022 and again this past May. And just last Saturday, he started from the pole and led 36 laps before falling to second late in the going on the dirt at Hutchinson, Kansas' Salt City Speedway.

Just four days after Salt City on the .686-mile paved oval at IRP, victory did not elude Leary any longer. Starting second, he passed racelong leader Bobby Santos just before the midway point, then led the remaining 51 circuits of the 100-lapper to score his first Silver Crown triumph since Oregon, Wisconsin's Madison International Speedway in June of 2022, also on pavement.

"I felt like we lost one last weekend due to our tire choice at Hutchinson," Leary lamented. "But it's a good week to get fast. Indiana Sprint Week starts tomorrow and I'm really looking forward to it, but we needed this win badly. It's been a long time since we've been in victory lane."

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In fact, Wednesday's IRP score was Leary's first in USAC national competition since February of 2024 with the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship at Florida's Ocala Speedway, more than 17 months ago! He also captured a USAC Sprint Car non-points special event in that time frame in September of 2024 at The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

By doing so, Leary earned his fourth career USAC Silver Crown win, tying himself with Kyle Larson, Jeff Swindell and Rich Vogler for 36th place all-time.

Furthermore, Leary gave DRC Chassis its first pavement USAC Silver Crown victory since 19 years to the day on July 23, 2006, when Wayne Reutimann Jr. was declared the victor at the Milwaukee Mile in Wisconsin. That came in what was deemed the "new generation" car era for the series.

Leary's triumph was also the first for Team AZ-Petty-Rossi Racing on pavement in their Avanti Windows & Doors – Apache Transportation/DRC/Stanton Chevy, and the first for Leary since joining the team prior to the start of the 2025 campaign after competing with Klatt Enterprises for three seasons between 2022-2024.

"That was a long race. Those last couple of laps felt like an eternity," Leary exhaled. "This place has never been one of my best racetracks, but I was excited to come here today."

Despite claiming IRP as not being among his strong suits, his recent results there beg to differ. Leary has been strong of late at IRP, a process he attributes to his time driving the Klatt No. 6 under the tutelage of USAC Hall of Fame mechanic and car builder Bob East, coupled with the prowess of his newly constructed ride that he just wheeled to victory lane.

"I think getting seat time with Bob East the last couple of years has been good and Joe Devin built a fabulous racecar over the winter. He put so many man hours into it, I'm so thankful."

The win was also special for C.J. whose father, Chuck Leary, passed away in March at the age of 59. Chuck made eight Silver Crown starts at IRP between 1994-2000, winning the pole and finishing third in August of 1999. It was C.J.'s first USAC victory since his father's passing.

"I know my dad would be so proud. He loved this place," C.J. beamed. "He probably hit the wall everywhere around here but never did get the win."

Just prior to the start of the feature, it was announced that fourth starting Kody Swanson and his Doran Binks Racing team had changed a right rear tire, which meant, by rule, they'd have to start at the back of the pack for the feature.

While Bobby Santos established the early lead from his pole starting position, Swanson had picked his way up to the eighth position. But suddenly, on lap 11, Swanson dropped to the apron and fell off the pace as his engine lost power and smoked up the cockpit, which abruptly ended the night of the nine-time IRP Silver Crown race winner.

Meanwhile, Leary slotted into the second spot on lap 19 as he charged under Justin Grant in turn three, then went to work on tracking down Santos. Following a side-by-side battle for several laps with Leary through the middle and Santos to his outside, Leary emerged in front on the 50th lap in turns three and four and began to steadily pull away from the pack.

Santos began to fall down the running order as Grant dove under Santos for second in turns one and two on lap 52. Dakoda Armstrong followed suit to third past Santos on lap 55.

After running caution free for the initial 76 laps, the first and only yellow flag of the night was displayed on lap 77 when fifth running Jake Trainor came to a stop in turn four with a mechanical issue, ending his night.

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By then, Leary had run his lead to more than four seconds. But after the yellow is when Leary turned up the wick even further by running the fastest lap of the race on lap 83. In comparison, no other driver in the field ran their fastest lap after lap seven!

May's IRP USAC Silver Crown winner Tyler Roahrig made his way into the top three on lap 87 with an outside pass of Armstrong in turns three and four, but just a minute or so later on lap 90, Roahrig dropped to the bottom on the back straightaway and crawled his way back to the pits, out of the race with a 10th place result.

Leary's advantage continued to balloon down the stretch, crossing the finish line 6.209 seconds ahead of the field as point leader Justin Grant took second, Dakoda Armstrong third, Nathan Byrd fourth and Bobby Santos fifth.

Kaylee Bryson advanced plus-six by racing her way from her 13th starting spot to finish seventh to earn Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors. In what was her sixth career USAC Silver Crown start at IRP, the seventh place run equaled her best finish at the track, which she also achieved in October 2023.

It was a career best USAC night for the Byrdman. Nathan Byrd finished with his best USAC Silver Crown result to date. His fourth place run topped his previous best of fifth in 2022 at World Wide Technology Raceway. With that, he earned the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Bobby Santos scored his sixth career USAC Silver Crown pole during Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying, tying him with Gary Bettenhausen, Steve Chassey, Jack Hewitt, and Larry Rice for 20th place all-time. Five of Santos' six career series poles have occurred at IRP. Overall, it was Santos' first pole position with the series since May of 2023, also at IRP.

**USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** July 23, 2025 – Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park – Brownsburg, Indiana – .686-Mile Paved Oval – USAC RaceAid 100

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Bobby Santos, 98, DJ-21.232; 2. C.J. Leary, 21, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi-21.277; 3. Justin Grant, 91, Hemelgarn-21.372; 4. Kody Swanson, 77, Doran Binks-21.393; 5. Jake Trainor, 6, Klatt-21.465; 6. Dakoda Armstrong, 5, C & A-21.588; 7. Russ Gamester, 51, Gamester-21.682; 8. Nathan Byrd, 40, Meyer-21.711; 9. Tyler Roahrig, 41, Newman-21.770; 10. Taylor Ferns, 55, Ferns-21.843; 11. Mario Clouser, 92, Kazmark-21.889; 12. Kyle Steffens, 8, Steffens-21.945; 13. Matt Westfall, 54, 4 Kings-22.042; 14. Kaylee Bryson, 26, Pierce-22.198; 15. Dave Doran, 7, Doran Binks-23.772; 16. Derek Bischak, 22, Rice/Abacus-NT; 17. Dave Berkheimer, 31, Berkheimer-NT; 18. Billy Wease, 60, Meyer-NT.

**FEATURE:** (100 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. C.J. Leary (2), 2. Justin Grant (3), 3. Dakoda Armstrong (5), 4. Nathan Byrd (7), 5. Bobby Santos (1), 6. Kyle Steffens (11), 7. Kaylee Bryson (13), 8. Mario Clouser (10), 9. Matt Westfall (12), 10. Tyler Roahrig (8), 11. Jake Trainor (4), 12. Taylor Ferns (9), 13. Russ Gamester (6), 14. Dave Doran (15), 15. Kody Swanson (14), 16. Dave Berkheimer (16). 39:59.269

**FEATURE LAP LEADERS:** Laps 1-49 Bobby Santos, Laps 50-100 C.J. Leary.

**USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS:** 1-Justin Grant-585, 2-C.J. Leary-517, 3-Matt Westfall-422, 4-Kyle Steffens-350, 5-Kody Swanson-341, 6-Dakoda Armstrong-281, 7-Dave Berkheimer-276, 8-Mario Clouser-273, 9-Bobby Santos-272, 10-Logan Seavey-271.

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USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-159, 2-Briggs Danner-97, 3-Kyle Cummins-86, 4-Gunnar Setser-82, 5-Justin Grant-79, 6-C.J. Leary-75, 7-Kevin Thomas Jr.-70, 8-Robert Ballou-66, 9-Logan Seavey-62, 10-Chase Stockon-61.

NEXT USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: August 9, 2025 – Salem Speedway Fueled by the Hoosier Lottery – Salem, Indiana – .555-Mile Paved Oval

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Practice Fastest Driver: Justin Grant (21.460)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Bobby Santos (21.232)

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Kaylee Bryson (13th to 7th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Race: Nathan Byrd

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## Mission Statement! It's 6-in-a-Row for Swanson at Salem

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Salem, Indiana (August 9, 2025).....After a five-year absence for USAC Silver Crown National Championship competition at Indiana's Salem Speedway Fueled by the Hoosier Lottery, Kody Swanson didn't miss a single beat on Saturday night.

The Kingsburg, California driver picked up right where he left off by leading all 100 laps from the pole position to capture his sixth consecutive USAC Silver Crown victory at the .555-mile paved oval following previous scores in 2016-2017-2018-2019-2020.

That tied the record for the most consecutive USAC Silver Crown victories by a single driver at one particular track, equaling Swanson's very own streak of six straight triumphs at Ohio's Toledo Speedway between 2018-2024, a run which ended back in April of this season.

However, Swanson wasn't about to let his Salem dominance end any time soon in his Doran Binks Racing/Mission Foods – Wilke Orthodontics – Glenn Farms/Beast/Lanci Ford as he raced to his third USAC Silver Crown victory of the year and the 48th of his career.

That said, Swanson's latest success at Salem came in a different manner than each of his past five scores, all of which were 75 laps in length. Saturday's race marked the first 100-lap USAC event at Salem in nearly 57 years dating back to Rollie Beale's Sprint Car win on the 33 degree high banks in October 1968.

That fact alone added another 33 percent to each team's fuel load, thus altering the dynamics and feeling of the racecar for all at the start of the race.

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"This is the most fuel we've run here, and I wanted to try and be aware of that early," Swanson explained. "This place is so cool, but it's got a lot of character to it. In three and four, if you time it wrong with your pedals, it can upset your car. So I tried to be aware of that all throughout the race as the fuel load burned off."

To start off the day, Swanson set a brand new USAC Silver Crown one-lap track record at Salem during Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying. His lap of 15.809 seconds, with an average lap speed of 126.384 mph, surpassed his very own eight-year-old former track record of 15.923 seconds set back in 2017. That placed Swanson on the pole position for the sixth consecutive time at Salem.

Prior to the start of the feature, the driver slotted to line up directly behind Swanson in the third spot, C.J. Leary, was forced to pull into the pits due to an issue on the right front shock. After time spent in the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area, Leary returned to the field but was relegated to starting 13th on the grid. By lap 39, Leary had picked his way up through the field to fourth and remained there for the remainder of the event to stay solidly in the hunt for the series championship.

Now slotted on the inside of row two, Justin Grant took advantage and charged by outside front row starter Mario Clouser off the bottom of turn four on the opening lap to make his way into second. Grant was back in action racing for the first time since breaking his left foot in a USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car crash at Lawrenceburg Speedway just 13 days earlier.

On the 39th lap, Clouser made a bid to take second from Grant. Entering turn one, Clouser dove low, but got his front wheels on the flat part of the racetrack, which bottomed out his racecar and sent him into a 90 degree spin straight up the racetrack and directly into the path of Grant. In a moment's notice, Grant's left brake foot was put to the test as he narrowly avoided escaping the spinning Clouser. Clouser miraculously avoided contact of any sort as well. Clouser restarted and finished eighth.

Throughout the remainder of the race, Swanson maintained total control as he continuously upped his lead over his closest challengers. Despite a firm grip of the lead, Swanson still felt the pressure. Salem Speedway is one of the most notoriously fast and unforgiving ovals on the planet, and one misstep could spell disaster.

"You race each other but you also race the racetrack," Swanson explained. "Even to the end, you can't take any corners off because it's too easy to make a mistake here. We had a long run to the end there and there's a lot different about the end of the race that you wish your car was doing but that's the whole job, to hang on. I had a great car, but there are a lot of great cars in the series, and to be able to win one anytime, is special!"

Swanson turned the fastest lap of the race just before the midway point on the 46th circuit of 16.783 seconds while establishing a race pace in the 118-119 mph range. With 10 laps to go, Swanson had run his lead out to five seconds. Meanwhile, the battle for second raged on behind Swanson.

At the exit of turn four on lap 94, Grant dove his way under the sixth place car of Kyle Steffens to put him a lap down while simultaneously escaping the challenge posed by Dakoda Armstrong who had been within one to three car lengths off the back bumper of Grant for practically the entire second half of the race.

Up front, Swanson had everything handled as he crossed under the checkered flag 10.522 seconds ahead as Grant beat Armstrong to the line for second by a single car length. Leary came home fourth while Nathan Byrd raced to his second consecutive top-five result with the series to finish fifth.

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Justin Grant earned the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night following his “tougher than nails” performance with a bum left foot loaded with surgical screws. During the week, crew chief Dennis LaCava spent three days at the team’s shop rigging up a brake pedal that Grant could run off his shin to ease the tension on his foot. Admittedly, Grant’s last 30 laps at Salem gave his pain tolerance the ultimate test. But not only did Grant finish all 100 laps, he gritted it out to finish one of the remarkable runner-up results you’ll ever witness.

Dakoda Armstrong started off his day without brakes, and throughout the feature, fought that nagging issue as well as another problem that allowed him only to go half-throttle at times. In the end, he was unable to garner enough momentum to get by Grant but still collected a third place result for his fifth podium finish in six Silver Crown starts during the 2025 campaign.

**USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** August 9, 2025 – Salem Speedway Fueled by the Hoosier Lottery – Salem, Indiana – .555-Mile Paved Oval – Salem 100

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Kody Swanson, 77, Doran Binks-15.809 (New Track Record); 2. Mario Clouser, 92, Kazmark-16.187; 3. C.J. Leary, 21, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi-16.270; 4. Dakoda Armstrong, 5, C & A-16.348; 5. Justin Grant, 91, Hemelgarn-16.448; 6. Billy Wease, 26, Pierce-16.581; 7. Nathan Byrd, 40, Meyer-16.595; 8. Kyle Steffens, 8, Steffens-16.624; 9. Taylor Ferns, 55, Ferns-16.659; 10. Derek Bischak, 22, Rice/Abacus-16.739; 11. Jake Trainor, 6, Klatt-16.745; 12. Matt Westfall, 54, 4 Kings-16.803; 13. Dave Berkheimer, 31, Berkheimer-20.541; 14. Tyler Roahrig, 41, Newman-NT.

**FEATURE:** (100 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kody Swanson (1), 2. Justin Grant (5), 3. Dakoda Armstrong (4), 4. C.J. Leary (3), 5. Nathan Byrd (7), 6. Kyle Steffens (8), 7. Derek Bischak (10), 8. Mario Clouser (2), 9. Jake Trainor (11), 10. Billy Wease (6), 11. Matt Westfall (12), 12. Taylor Ferns (9), 13. Dave Berkheimer (13). 32:26.943 (New Track Record)

**FEATURE LAP LEADERS:** Laps 1-100 Kody Swanson.

**USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS:** 1-Justin Grant-652, 2-C.J. Leary-578, 3-Matt Westfall-463, 4-Kody Swanson-417, 5-Kyle Steffens-405, 6-Dakoda Armstrong-345, 7-Mario Clouser-322, 8-Dave Berkheimer-313, 9-Bobby Santos-272, 10-Logan Seavey-271.

**USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS:** 1-Kale Drake-184, 2-Briggs Danner-126, 3-Gunnar Setser-100, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-99, 5-Logan Seavey-94, 6-C.J. Leary-91, 7-Kyle Cummins-90, 8-Justin Grant-86, 9-Robert Ballou-69, 10-Jake Swanson-69.

**NEXT USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE:** August 16, 2025 – Illinois State Fairgrounds – Springfield, Illinois – 1-Mile Dirt Oval – 62nd Bettenhausen 100 Presented by Hunt Brothers Pizza

### CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Practice Fastest Driver: Kody Swanson (15.931)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Kody Swanson (15.809)

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Justin Grant (5th to 2nd)

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Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Race: Justin Grant

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## **Hysteria! Kody Swanson Become 4-Time Bettenhausen Winner at the Springfield Mile**

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Springfield, Illinois (August 16, 2025).....Kody Swanson joined the exclusive four-time Bettenhausen 100 winners club on Saturday at the Illinois State Fairgrounds.

The Kingsburg, California native took the lead early, then lost it only to regain it again past the halfway mark, then led the final 42 laps en route to victory aboard his John Haggenbottom/Radio Hospital – Belmont’s Garage – Kreider Manufacturing/Maxim/Hampshire Chevy.

Only five drivers have accrued at least four Bettenhausen 100 Presented by Hunt Brothers Pizza wins in their career, led by Chuck Gurney’s seven, while A.J. Foyt, Jack Hewitt, Brian Tyler and now Swanson have all tallied four apiece.

Swanson, who had previously won 100-mile USAC Silver Crown race victories at the Springfield Mile in 2014, 2015 and 2021, earned his fourth win in the event in much similar fashion as the first three. Well, kind of.

In all three of his previous Springfield triumphs, Swanson was also the fastest qualifier. However, in 2015, he was forced to start 16th on the grid due to missing his spot in the qualifying line. In 2021, he was relegated to the 23rd starting spot due to a pre-race right rear tire change. In all instances, he still found the path to the checkered and the victory lane photograph.

This time around, Swanson set the tone by earning quick time once again, but no grid penalties were in the equation on this occasion as he qualified for and started from the pole, providing Pennsylvania car owner John Haggenbottom his first career USAC Silver Crown pole position and victory on the same day.

For Swanson, it was just his second time in the seat of the Haggenbottom ride, and first since a nondescript 16th place result at Indiana’s Terre Haute Action Track four months earlier in April. The moment wasn’t lost on Swanson, who earned his first dirt win with the series since Springfield in 2021, while also bringing a dream come true to the Haggenbottom team, which had only captured one top-five finish in 52 series starts, just nine top-tens, and had never led a single lap. Until Saturday. No foolin’.

“They’re all extremely special and this one certainly is,” Swanson exclaimed. “To be the first winner in the Haggenbottom 24 is really something. These guys are a great group and have been a part of this series for a while, doing all they can to support it all the way from Philadelphia. They make the tow and I’m so happy to get them the win here today.”

Despite Swanson’s optimal starting position from the pole, it was outside front row occupant Matt Westfall who initially gained the upper hand, holding the lead for the first eight laps of the 100 miler. However, as soon as Swanson fell back, he began to reel Westfall in. On the ninth lap, Swanson used a run down the back straightaway to glide right past Westfall and into the lead.

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Meanwhile, Carmen Perigo was an animal on the dirt mile. Akin to a rocket, starting eighth, Perigo climbed into the top-five under Jimmy Light in turn one on lap 12. On the 14th lap, Perigo flew past Stockon for fourth, then soared to third past Clouser on lap 14. A lap later, he zoomed by Westfall entering turn one on the 15th circuit!

That said, that last pass was negated after Will Armitage (13th) got high and dry in turn three, tagging the wall and flipping over to bring out what turned out to be the only stoppage of the race. Armitage, who was making his USAC Silver Crown debut, walked away under his own power.

Slotted back in third for the lap 16 restart, Perigo wasn't about to let it go. He went to work again, chasing down Westfall and completing the turn three pass around the outside on lap 25. Another nine laps later, Perigo made the same move in the third turn to overtake Swanson for the race lead on the 34th trip.

"It was excruciating to know that could've been for the win and it's going away," Swanson recalled. "I felt terrible. My wife is doing a great job spotting and all I'm hollering is 'what lap is it' because I'm trying to figure out my strategy and if I could make it back to him in time."

For the first time in his USAC career, Perigo held the lead, and wound up leading 25 of them. By lap 58, Perigo's three second lead over Swanson had been slashed to no more than a second. Off turn four on lap 59, Swanson went to the outside and streamed past Perigo to lead at the stripe by a wheel with 42 laps remaining.

Swanson ultimately poured the sugar on to construct a lead of more than four seconds over Perigo with merely a quarter of the race remaining. But by lap 76, Perigo's magnificent run began to fade as Westfall and Mario Clouser freight trained Perigo on the front straightaway to slot into second and third, respectively.

Chase Stockon and Justin Grant followed suit the following lap, on 77, to make their way into fourth and fifth while Perigo fell to sixth. By lap 80, Perigo had dropped to eighth, bringin' on the heartbreak for the veteran racer and taking him out of contention.

Westfall wasn't quite finished yet as he carved into Swanson's lead with all his might, flashing across the start/finish line with only a one second deficit after just moments before trailing by four full seconds with less than 10 laps remaining.

"The track got slick and I was sure my tire was bald," Swanson explained. "But the tire actually looks great, so I'm glad I didn't give it away by just not doing it right."

Although lapped traffic loomed for the front runners, Westfall was unable to budge any closer as Swanson navigated past both Taylor Ferns and A.J. Fike, putting them a lap down in the process, while providing himself with an enviable buffer that allowed him to fan out the flames of Westfall's pressure. For Westfall, it was too late. For Swanson, it was euphoria.

Swanson finished the deal off with a 1.374 second margin of victory over Matt Westfall, who came up just short of his first career USAC Silver Crown win, but instead grabbed his fifth career runner-up finish with the series. Mario Clouser took third with point leader Justin Grant scoring fourth while nursing a broken left foot. C.J. Leary rounded out the top-five.

No driver has passed more cars in USAC Silver Crown history than Brian Tyler with 825 positions advanced dating back to his 1990 debut. On this day, no driver in the field passed more cars than Brian Tyler. Starting 26th on the grid, he went +20 to finish sixth and earn Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

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Carmen Perigo didn't win today, but he sure won the hearts of the fans here at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. Starting eighth, the Pennsylvanian raced his way into the lead by lap 34 and led the first 25 laps of his USAC career before finishing eighth. That earned him the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

**USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** August 16, 2025 – Illinois State Fairgrounds – Springfield, Illinois – 1-Mile Dirt Oval – 62nd Bettenhausen 100 Presented by Hunt Brothers Pizza

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** (top 24 locked into the feature) 1. Kody Swanson, 24, Haggenbottom-30.515; 2. Matt Westfall, 54, 4 Kings-30.714; 3. Jimmy Light, 118, Thomas-30.799; 4. Mario Clouser, 22, Rice/Abacus-30.807; 5. Chase Stockon, 69, Pink 69-30.839; 6. Kyle Steffens, 8, Steffens-30.956; 7. C.J. Leary, 21, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi-30.958; 8. Carmen Perigo, 52, Stehman-30.964; 9. Justin Grant, 91, Hemelgarn-31.011; 10. Chris Urish, 77, Urish-31.195; 11. Jake Swanson, 6, Klatt-31.309; 12. Danny Jennings, 61, Grace-31.352; 13. A.J. Fike, 39, Fike-31.356; 14. Will Armitage, 17, Armitage-31.387; 15. Russ Gamester, 51, Gamester-31.532; 16. Casey Buckman, 25, C-Buck/Sachs-31.547; 17. Taylor Ferns, 55, Ferns/Klatt-31.570; 18. Kyle Wissmiller, 144, Wissmiller-31.803; 19. Travis Mahoney, 65, SV-31.997; 20. Kyle Robbins, 7, KR-32.074; 21. Joey Moughan, 29, MSP-32.166; 22. Mitchel Moles, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-32.191; 23. Korey Weyant, 99, Weyant-32.297; 24. Briggs Danner, 10, DMW-32.475; 25. Tom Savage, 38, Savage-32.561; 26. Rob Caho Jr., 78, Caho-32.585; 27. Tim Kent, 79, Hoover-32.850; 28. Kip Hughes, 160, Hughes-32.963; 29. Kale Drake, 14, McQuinn-33.947; 30. Aric Gentry, 3, Simmons-34.314; 31. Dave Berkheimer, 31, Berkheimer-35.498; 32. Kenny Gentry, 18, Gentry-NT; 33. Shane Cottle, 121, Swanson-NT; 34. Shane Cockrum, 97, Lein-NT; 35. Billy Wease, 60, Meyer/Wilson-NT; 36. Kaylee Bryson, 26, Pierce-NT; 37. Saban Bibent, 88, Fetter-NT; 38. Brian Tyler, 81, BCR-NT (Time of 31.569 disallowed due to illegal left front tire).

**ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS QUALIFYING RACE:** (5 laps, shortened from 8 laps due to attrition, top 6 transfer to the feature) 1. Shane Cottle, 2. Brian Tyler, 3. Kip Hughes, 4. Rob Caho Jr., 5. Tim Kent, 6. Kale Drake, 7. Dave Berkheimer, 8. Aric Gentry. 4:23.942 (New Track Record)

**FEATURE:** (100 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kody Swanson (1), 2. Matt Westfall (2), 3. Mario Clouser (4), 4. Justin Grant (9), 5. C.J. Leary (7), 6. Brian Tyler (26), 7. Chase Stockon (5), 8. Carmen Perigo (8), 9. Jimmy Light (3), 10. Jake Swanson (11), 11. A.J. Fike (13), 12. Taylor Ferns (16), 13. Kip Hughes (27), 14. Korey Weyant (22), 15. Danny Jennings (12), 16. Chris Urish (10), 17. Rob Caho Jr. (28), 18. Joey Moughan (20), 19. Kale Drake (30), 20. Mitchel Moles (21), 21. Kyle Steffens (6), 22. Kyle Robbins (18), 23. Russ Gamester (19), 24. Kyle Wissmiller (17), 25. Tom Savage (24), 26. Shane Cottle (25), 27. Tim Kent (29), 28. Will Armitage (14), 29. Casey Buckman (15), 30. Briggs Danner (23), 31. Dave Berkheimer (31-NT).

*(P)* represents a provisional starter

**FEATURE LAP LEADERS:** Laps 1-8 Matt Westfall, Laps 9-33 Kody Swanson, Laps 34-58 Carmen Perigo, Laps 59-100 Kody Swanson.

\*\*Shane Cockrum flipped during practice. Will Armitage flipped on lap 16 of the feature.

**USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS:** 1-Justin Grant-713, 2-C.J. Leary-636, 3-Matt Westfall-530, 4-Kody Swanson-493, 5-Kyle Steffens-427, 6-Mario Clouser-386, 7-Dakoda Armstrong-345, 8-Dave Berkheimer-326, 9-Taylor Ferns-299, 10-Bobby Santos-272.

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USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-195, 2-Briggs Danner-126, 3-Gunnar Setser-100, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-99, 5-Logan Seavey-94, 6-C.J. Leary-93, 7-Justin Grant-91, 8-Kyle Cummins-90, 9-Jake Swanson-70, 10-Robert Ballou-69.

NEXT USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: August 30, 2025 – Du Quoin State Fairgrounds – Du Quoin, Illinois – 1-Mile Dirt Oval – Ted Horn 100

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Practice Fastest Driver: Chase Stockon (29.739)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Kody Swanson (30.515)

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Brian Tyler (26th to 6th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Race: Carmen Perigo

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## Deep Dive! Leary Hits MILEstone with First Dirt Mile Score at Du Quoin's Ted Horn 100

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Du Quoin, Illinois (August 30, 2025).....C.J. Leary put his family name into an unprecedented category by capturing victory in Saturday afternoon's 71st running of the Ted Horn 100 at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds in southern Illinois.

Nine years ago, C.J. Leary became the first, and still only, son of a past USAC Silver Crown winner to follow in his father's footsteps to become a series winner himself.

C.J. led the final 95 miles at Du Quoin to score his first career victory on a one-mile dirt track. C.J.'s dad, Chuck Leary, corralled his first and only USAC Silver Crown win on the one-mile dirt oval at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in 1997. Thus, the feat made Chuck and C.J. the first father and son to win USAC Silver Crown races on a one-mile dirt track.

Of course, all of it takes on an even more profound meaning following Chuck Leary's passing just five months ago. Two days earlier, Chuck would've celebrated his 60th birthday. Two days later, C.J. achieved one of his greatest career moments on the Magic Mile, all while doing so with his father's name adorning the visor on his Team AZ-Petty-Rossi Racing/Avanti Windows & Doors – Apache Transportation/DRC/Stanton Chevy.

"I think my dad was riding with me those last couple of laps," C.J. said. "I can't express enough how much this would've meant to him, and what it does to me. He won the Hoosier Hundred in 1997 and I've always wanted to rub elbows with him by being a dirt mile winner, and we finally got it done."

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Leary had made eight previous Ted Horn 100 starts at Du Quoin dating back to 2014, finishing a best of second in 2023 and was leading late when a driveline failure sidelined him with just seven laps to go in 2022. It's been a long time coming through the trials and tribulations for the Greenfield, Indiana native, and that time has finally come.

"Man, this is incredible," C.J. exclaimed. "I've been trying to win on a mile for a long time and I've been really close. Something has always struck us and we haven't been able to get it done. It hasn't been from a lack of effort with all the teams I've driven for. But today we were really good."

While Leary started eighth in the 28-car field, it was A.J. Fike who started from the pole position for the first time in 12 seasons when he led the field to green at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in 2013. Fike led the initial four laps but was quickly swarmed by fifth starting Chase Stockon who stormed past Fike for the lead on the front straightaway on lap five.

Stockon's time up front was short lived as Leary made a beeline for the top spot as Leary became the third different leader in the first six laps as he shot by Stockon on the front straight to slot into the top spot on the sixth go around.

By lap 22, one of the emerging storylines was the advancement of Brian Tyler who had already advanced from 16th to sixth. However, in a three-way battle for sixth along with Matt Westfall and Jake Swanson, Tyler and Swanson touched wheels in turn four. As a result, Tyler's left rear tire went down as did Swanson's right front. Both crawled back to the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area for new rubber under the caution and subsequently restarted at the tail.

By midway, Leary had extended his advantage to 2.5 seconds over the field. Simultaneously, attention was diverted to Shane Cockrum, the two-time Ted Horn 100 winner who had started 26th and had climbed all the way up to sixth. Following qualifying, Cockrum and his teammate on the Hans Lein owned team, Ken Schrader, swapped cars and were relegated to starting at the tail, by rule. That said, Cockrum's incredible run came to an end on lap 58 after his car lost fuel pressure, knocking him out of the race.

While Leary had the competition seemingly covered, Stockon raced into second past Grant as the field came to green on lap 63. Mario Clouser followed suit into fourth a lap later with a turn four pass of Steffens on the 64th circuit. On lap 78, Clouser surged to the "show" spot on the podium after Grant drifted high in turn two, then got caught behind the lapped car of Mahoney. Clouser took advantage and slipped under Grant for the spot. By lap 88, Tyler had reemerged into the top-five after his see-saw battle with Steffens went his way.

Down the stretch, Leary's lead began to dwindle chunk by chunk as Stockon's deficit receded from five seconds to four to three to two with two laps remaining. As Leary explained, he felt a bit worrisome about his right rear tire which had endured 100 laps in the daytime at a one-mile racetrack. Turns out, Leary need not worry. He had more than enough.

"I had plenty of tire left," Leary revealed. "I don't know why I was conserving so much at the end. I just had a lot of things going through my mind of what could go wrong. I thought our tire was probably used up a little bit. But the thing looks great, so obviously the car had a really good balance to it and I drove a really good race."

When Leary crossed the stripe for the 100th and final time, he was 2.617 seconds ahead of Chase Stockon who finished with a Silver Crown career best runner-up result. Mario Clouser grabbed a podium finish for the second time on a dirt mile this season, finishing third at Springfield and third again at Du Quoin. Point leader Justin Grant took fourth while Brian Tyler rounded out the top-five.

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In victory lane, Leary and team owner Mike Burkhart went swimming as they both dove into the infield lake in celebration of their triumph.

Technically, Brian Tyler passed 29 cars at Du Quoin. First, he went 16th to sixth before a lap 22 accident put him back on the tail. He then restarted 24th and raced his way to a fifth place finish. Officially, he went 16th to fifth to earn his second consecutive dirt mile Rod End Supply Hard Charger award after also achieving the same feat at Springfield two weeks earlier.

Will Armitage spent the last two weeks rebuilding his crashed champ car after getting upside down at Springfield. On this day at Du Quoin, initially, his car wouldn't take off for the start. That forced him to the tail where he charged his way back to a solid 11th place finish. All of that made a surefire bet for the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Day.

**USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** August 30, 2025 – Du Quoin State Fairgrounds – Du Quoin, Illinois – 1-Mile Dirt Oval – Ted Horn 100

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. A.J. Fike, 39, Fike-30.633; 2. Matt Westfall, 54, 4 Kings-30.651; 3. Justin Grant, 91, Hemelgarn-30.712; 4. Kyle Steffens, 8, Steffens-30.852; 5. Chase Stockon, 69, Pink 69-30.920; 6. Will Armitage, 17, Armitage-30.974; 7. Briggs Danner, 10, DMW-31.019; 8. C.J. Leary, 21, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi-31.034; 9. Mario Clouser, 22, Rice/Abacus-31.039; 10. Saban Bibent, 88, Fetter-31.083; 11. Mitchel Moles, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-31.121; 12. Kevin Thomas Jr., 24, Haggenbottom-31.189; 13. Jake Swanson, 6, Klatt-31.231; 14. Danny Jennings, 61, Grace-31.278; 15. Jimmy Light, 118, Thomas-31.282; 16. Brian Tyler, 81, BCR-31.333; 17. Shane Cockrum, 97, Lein-31.419; 18. Russ Gamester, 51, Gamester-31.450; 19. Ken Schrader, 197, Lein-31.466; 20. Casey Buckman, 25, C-Buck/Sachs-31.516; 21. Korey Weyant, 99, Weyant-31.800; 22. Travis Mahoney, 65, SV-31.950; 23. Kip Hughes, 160, Hughes-32.073; 24. Kyle Robbins, 7, KR-32.222; 25. Tom Savage, 38, Savage-33.170; 26. Dave Berkheimer, 31, Berkheimer-34.472; 27. Aric Gentry, 3, Simmons-NT; 28. Kenny Gentry, 18, Gentry-NT.

**FEATURE:** (100 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. C.J. Leary (8), 2. Chase Stockon (5), 3. Mario Clouser (9), 4. Justin Grant (3), 5. Brian Tyler (16), 6. Kyle Steffens (4), 7. Matt Westfall (2), 8. Kevin Thomas Jr. (12), 9. Danny Jennings (14), 10. Jimmy Light (15), 11. Will Armitage (6), 12. Russ Gamester (17), 13. Saban Bibent (10), 14. Jake Swanson (13), 15. Travis Mahoney (20), 16. Korey Weyant (19), 17. Dave Berkheimer (23), 18. Tom Savage (22), 19. Casey Buckman (18), 20. Mitchel Moles (11), 21. Shane Cockrum (26), 22. A.J. Fike (1), 23. Kyle Robbins (21), 24. Briggs Danner (7), 25. Ken Schrader (27), 26. Aric Gentry (24), 27. Kenny Gentry (25), 28. Kip Hughes (28). 1:08.06.531

**FEATURE LAP LEADERS:** Laps 1-4 A.J. Fike, Lap 5 Chase Stockon, Laps 6-100 C.J. Leary.

**USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS:** 1-Justin Grant-774, 2-C.J. Leary-709, 3-Matt Westfall-582, 4-Kody Swanson-493, 5-Kyle Steffens-482, 6-Mario Clouser-450, 7-Dave Berkheimer-355, 8-Dakoda Armstrong-345, 9-Chase Stockon-310, 10-Taylor Ferns-299.

**USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS:** 1-Kale Drake-207, 2-Briggs Danner-129, 3-Kevin Thomas Jr. 115, 4-Gunnar Setser-112, 5-Logan Seavey-105, 6-C.J. Leary-102, 7-Justin Grant-97, 8-Kyle Cummins-94, 9-Chase Stockon-85, 10-Hayden Reinbold-81.

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NEXT USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: September 19-20, 2025 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – 43rd 4-Crown Nationals Presented By NKTELCO

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Practice Fastest Driver: C.J. Leary (29.687)

Honest Abe Roofing / Southern Illinois Sports Productions / Richard Blakely Fast Qualifier: A.J. Fike (30.633)

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Brian Tyler (16th to 5th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Race: Will Armitage

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## **USAC Sweep! Pursley Triples Up with 3 Wins at Eldora's 4-Crown**

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Rossburg, Ohio (September 20, 2025)....."I love Eldora."

It's clear to see that Eldora Speedway loves Daison Pursley back after the 20-year-old Locust Grove, Oklahoma made history on Saturday night during the 43rd running of the 4-Crown Nationals Presented by NKTELCO at the Rossburg, Ohio 1/2-mile dirt oval.

After winning two out of the three USAC main events one year ago, Pursley topped himself, and then some, on Saturday night as he became just the fourth driver in the event's history to sweep the USAC portion of the 4-Crown by capturing successive victories in USAC's AMSOIL National Sprint Car, NOS Energy Drink National Midget and Silver Crown divisions.

Pursley joins an elite club that includes only Jack Hewitt, who won all four in a single night back in 1998, plus Kyle Larson in 2011 and Logan Seavey in 2023 as the only individuals to win three USAC events in one night at the 4-Crown. For his efforts, Pursley collected \$15,000 for each of his three USAC victories on Saturday night, a quite lucrative \$45,000 evening.

"I love Eldora; there's not much else to say," Pursley stated matter of factly. "This place is absolutely phenomenal. This is what dreams are made of, getting to race on the fence like that."

In 2024, Pursley picked up USAC Sprint Car and USAC Midget feature wins during the 4-Crown and narrowly missed out on the sweep after leading the first 12 laps before finishing fourth in the USAC Silver Crown finale.

This time, Pursley left no doubt. In the USAC Sprint Car feature, he charged from third to first on the opening circuit, then led all 30 laps en route to the victory in his CB Industries/Avanti Windows & Doors – Pristine Auction – NOS/Spike/Stanton Chevy by a 1.438 second margin.

Pursley followed up in the subsequent 25-lap midget main by racing from seventh to first. Steven Snyder Jr. led the initial six laps before catching the turn two cushion and colliding with the wall. Kevin Thomas Jr. held the point from laps seven

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through 13 until Pursley slipped by on the 14th trip and led the final 12 laps in his CB Industries/PristineAuction.com – NOS Energy Drink – TRD – Mobil 1/Spike/Speedway Toyota, closing out a 3.536 second victory. Pursley's plus-six run also earned him Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

After running 18th in the High Limit Sprint Car feature, Pursley strapped in for the 50-lap USAC Silver Crown finale. There, starting on the outside of the front row, he wasted little time getting to the front. He slid early race leader C.J. Leary for the lead in turn one on the eighth lap before Leary cut back under to retake the lead. But by the time the pair reached turn three a half lap later, Pursley repeated the maneuver to take the lead for good in his Chris Dyson Racing/Concord American Flagpole – High Performance Lubricants – Macri Concrete/Maxim/Ott Chevy. From there, it was curtains as Pursley paced the final 43 laps to win by a commanding 2.386 seconds.

Couple the USAC success with his Great Lakes Super Sprint Series 360 victory on Friday night at Eldora, Pursley had the Midas touch all weekend long. It's a long way from where he started just a handful of years ago when The Big E seemed majorly daunting.

"When I started coming to Eldora in 2021, this place intimidated me," Pursley admitted. "Now, it's changed after getting hooked up with the right people and just watching so much film from around here. This is where a lot of big races are and I knew that if I wanted to put my name in that hat, I had to really start getting good at Eldora. I've grown to love this place and run right up against the fence. It takes a lot of bravery for sure. But I feel like you can throw my hat in there now that I've almost kind of mastered it."

In addition to all the other accolades, Pursley also earned the 4-Crown Nationals Parallax Group Passing Master title after passing 24 cars throughout the weekend's USAC events between Thursday's, Friday's and Saturday's festivities. Overall, Pursley now owns five 4-Crown feature victories, which already ranks among the upper echelon in the event, which dates back to 1981. Jack Hewitt towers over all with 19 4-Crown victories. Tyler Courtney and Dave Darland each have seven. Tracy Hines, Logan Seavey, Rich Vogler, Chris Windom, Rico Abreu and now Pursley now have five.

In the USAC tally, Pursley's Silver Crown score was the third of his career. The USAC Sprint Car win was his fourth, while his USAC Midget triumph was his 10th, tying him for 74th place all-time alongside Allen Heath, Doug Kalitta, Brad Kuhn, Steve Lotshaw, Jerry McClung, Thomas Meseraull and Chuck Weyant.

Pursley was the lone driver to compete in all four divisions on Saturday night, and five total throughout the week. With a heavy workload, he was able to shine like so few have at the legendary 1/2-mile dirt oval.

"It's a lot of racing for sure, but I'm still super young and I don't really get tired because of old age, as I've heard a lot of people say," Pursley said with a laugh. "I just love racing and I love racing anytime I can. I know that I'm not going to be able to race as much as I am long-term. I'm thankful for the position I'm in and the opportunity to get to drive not just one great racecar, not three, but five really great racecars."

Additional hard chargers on Saturday night were Brady Bacon (12th to 4th in USAC Sprints) and Carmen Perigo (20th to 3rd in USAC Silver Crown). Perigo was also the recipient of the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night for his Silver Crown performance while Keith Sheffer II collected the honors for a career best USAC Sprint Car finish of ninth. Drake Edwards, meanwhile, bounced back from a rough go in Thursday's Midget feature to finish fifth on Saturday night.

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Finally, Justin Grant finished off the season and the night with his second career USAC Silver Crown driving championship, and his second overall, after previously earning the 2020 series title. For his Hemelgarn Racing team, it was their second series entrant crown and second for crew chief Dennis LaCava.

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**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** (Top-20 locked into the feature – Held September 19) 1. C.J. Leary, 21, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi-17.017; 2. Daison Pursley, 09, Dyson-17.052; 3. Brady Bacon, 9, Dyson-17.057; 4. Justin Grant, 91, Hemelgarn-17.110; 5. Briggs Danner, 10, DMW-17.158; 6. Chase Dietz, 86, Lee-17.196; 7. Jake Swanson, 6, Klatt-17.340; 8. Mario Clouser, 20, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi-17.380; 9. Mitchel Moles, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-17.559; 10. Kevin Thomas Jr., 24, Haggenbottom-17.641; 11. Chelby Hinton, 81, BCR-17.713; 12. Matt Westfall, 54, 4 Kings-17.754; 13. Chase Stockon, 69, Pink 69-17.816; 14. Kyle Robbins, 7, KR-17.867; 15. Saban Bibent, 88, Fetter-17.893; 16. Jimmy Light, 118, Thomas-17.962; 17. Shane Cottle, 92, Kazmark-18.041; 18. Logan Seavey, 22, Rice/Abacus-18.074; 19. Brian Ruhlman, 49, Ruhlman-18.120; 20. Carmen Perigo, 52, Stehman-18.223; 21. Kyle Steffens, 8, Steffens-18.512; 22. Joe Trenca, 166, Karlsen-18.528; 23. Rob Caho Jr., 78, Caho-18.826; 24. Tom Savage, 38, Savage-18.860; 25. Gregg Cory, 32, Williams/Cory-18.978; 26. Travis Mahoney, 65, SV-19.000; 27. Dave Berkheimer, 31, Berkheimer-19.050; 28. Aric Gentry, 3, Simmons-19.492; 29. Mike Adkins, 71, Madkins-NT; 30. Tim Kent, 79, Hoover-NT.

**ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS QUALIFYING RACE:** (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature – Held September 19) 1. Kyle Steffens, 2. Tom Savage, 3. Joe Trenca, 4. Travis Mahoney, 5. Rob Caho Jr., 6. Gregg Cory, 7. Dave Berkheimer, 8. Aric Gentry. NT

**FEATURE:** (50 laps, starting positions in parentheses – Held September 20) 1. Daison Pursley (2), 2. C.J. Leary (1), 3. Carmen Perigo (20), 4. Justin Grant (4), 5. Brady Bacon (3), 6. Chase Dietz (6), 7. Mario Clouser (8), 8. Briggs Danner (5), 9. Mitchel Moles (9), 10. Matt Westfall (12), 11. Kevin Thomas Jr. (10), 12. Kyle Steffens (21), 13. Chase Stockon (13), 14. Logan Seavey (18), 15. Brian Ruhlman (19), 16. Jake Swanson (7), 17. Saban Bibent (15), 18. Gregg Cory (26), 19. Rob Caho Jr. (25), 20. Shane Cottle (17), 21. Jimmy Light (16), 22. Tom Savage (22), 23. Dave Berkheimer (27-P), 24. Travis Mahoney (24), 25. Joe Trenca (23), 26. Kyle Robbins (14), 27. Chelby Hinton (11). 25:51.550

*(P) represents a provisional starter*

**FEATURE LAP LEADERS:** Laps 1-7 C.J. Leary, Laps 8-50 Daison Pursley.

**FINAL USAC SILVER CROWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS:** 1-Justin Grant-835, 2-C.J. Leary-779, 3-Matt Westfall-625, 4-Kyle Steffens-521, 5-Mario Clouser-502, 6-Kody Swanson-493, 7-Dave Berkheimer-375, 8-Chase Stockon-347, 9-Dakoda Armstrong-345, 10-Logan Seavey-306.

**USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS:** 1-Kale Drake-213, 2-Briggs Danner-143, 3-Gunnar Setser-138, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-128, 5-Logan Seavey-117, 6-C.J. Leary-117, 7-Justin Grant-112, 8-Chase Stockon-107, 9-Kyle Cummins-102, 10-Hayden Reinbold-94.

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FINAL 4-CROWN NATIONALS PARALLAX PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-24, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-18, 3-Carmen Perigo-17, 4-Gunnar Setser-17, 5-Hayden Reinbold-16, 6-Brady Bacon-14, 7-Kyle Cummins-14, 8-Keith Sheffer II-14, 9-Brian Ruhlman-14, 10-Logan Seavey-12.

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Practice Fastest Driver: Jake Swanson (16.382)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: C.J. Leary (17.017)

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Qualifying Race Winner: Kyle Steffens

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Carmen Perigo (20th to 3rd)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Carmen Perigo

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## 2025 USAC SILVER CROWN STAT LEADERS:

Most Wins: 4-Kody Swanson

Driver Champion: Justin Grant

Entrant Champion: Hemelgarn Racing

Rookie of the Year: Jake Trainor (19th)

Most Laps Led: 326-Kody Swanson

Most Top-Fives: 11-Justin Grant

Most Top-Tens: 13-Justin Grant

Most Fast Qualifying Times: 5-Kody Swanson

Most Feature Starts: 13-Dave Berkheimer, Justin Grant, C.J. Leary & Matt Westfall

Best Finish By A Rookie: May 23: Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park - Jake Trainor (5th), Jun 14: World Wide Technology Raceway - Jackson Macenko (5th) & Jul 19: Salt City Speedway - Kip Hughes (5th)

Most Positions Advanced in a Race: (20) Aug 16: Illinois State Fairgrounds - Brian Tyler (26th to 6th)

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## 2025 USAC SILVER CROWN SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Apr 13: (D) Terre Haute Action Track - Terre Haute, Indiana

**WINNER:** Logan Seavey (Rice Motorsports-Abacus Racing #22)

Apr 19: (P) Toledo Speedway - Toledo, Ohio

**WINNER:** Justin Grant (Hemelgarn Racing #91)

May 17: (D) Belleville High Banks - Belleville, Kansas

**WINNER:** Justin Grant (Hemelgarn Racing #91)

May 23: (P) Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park - Brownsburg, Indiana

**WINNER:** Tyler Roahrig (Newman Racing #41)

Jun 14: (P) World Wide Technology Raceway - Madison, Illinois

**WINNER:** Kody Swanson (Doran Binks Racing #77)

Jun 21: (D) Port Royal Speedway - Port Royal, Pennsylvania

**WINNER:** Daison Pursley (Chris Dyson Racing #9)

Jun 27: (P) Winchester Speedway - Winchester, Indiana

**WINNER:** Kody Swanson (Doran Binks Racing #77)

Jul 19: (D) Salt City Speedway - Hutchinson, Kansas

**WINNER:** Briggs Danner (DMW Motorsports #10)

Jul 23: (P) Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park - Brownsburg, Indiana

**WINNER:** C.J. Leary (Team AZ-Petty-Rossi Racing #21)

Aug 9: (P) Salem Speedway - Salem, Indiana

**WINNER:** Kody Swanson (Doran Binks Racing #77)

Aug 16: (D) Illinois State Fairgrounds - Springfield, Illinois

**WINNER:** Kody Swanson (John Haggenbottom #24)

Aug 30: (D) Du Quoin State Fairgrounds - Du Quoin, Illinois

**WINNER:** C.J. Leary (Team AZ-Petty-Rossi Racing #21)

Sep 20: Eldora Speedway - Rossburg, Ohio

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**WINNER:** Daison Pursley (Chris Dyson Racing #09)

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## 2025 USAC Silver Crown Driver Points

Pos.	Pts.	Driver, Hometown
1	835	Justin Grant, Ione, California
2	779	C.J. Leary, Greenfield, Indiana
3	625	Matt Westfall, Pleasant Hill, Ohio
4	521	Kyle Steffens, Saint Charles, Missouri
5	502	Mario Clouser, Auburn, Illinois
6	493	Kody Swanson, Kingsburg, California
7	375	Dave Berkheimer, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania
8	347	Chase Stockon, Fort Branch, Indiana
9	345	Dakoda Armstrong, New Castle, Indiana
10	306	Logan Seavey, Sutter, California
11	299	Taylor Ferns, Shelby Township, Michigan
12	299	Briggs Danner, Allentown, Pennsylvania
13	285	Jake Swanson, Anaheim, California
14	273	Gregg Cory, Shelbyville, Indiana
15	272	Bobby Santos, Franklin, Massachusetts
16	263	Nathan Byrd, Goodyear, Arizona
17	261	Tyler Roahrig, Plymouth, Indiana
18	247	Mitchel Moles, Raisin City, California
19	238	(R) Jake Trainor, Medway, Massachusetts
20	237	Kaylee Bryson, Muskogee, Oklahoma
21	186	Daison Pursley, Locust Grove, Oklahoma

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22	183	Brian Tyler, Parma, Michigan
23	181	(R) Jackson Macenko, Cincinnati, Ohio
24	168	Chase Dietz, York, Pennsylvania
25	168	Carmen Perigo, Stoystown, Pennsylvania
26	166	(R) Saban Bibent, Cincinnati, Ohio
27	165	Brady Bacon, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
28	156	(R) Danny Jennings, Norman, Oklahoma
29	155	Jimmy Light, West Springfield, Pennsylvania
30	135	Shane Cockrum, Benton, Illinois
31	130	(R) Travis Mahoney, Oglesby, Illinois
32	125	Russ Gamester, Peru, Indiana
33	112	Billy Wease, Noblesville, Indiana
34	110	(R) Kip Hughes, North Enid, Oklahoma
35	105	Derek Bischak, Angola, Indiana
36	95	Kyle O'Gara, Beech Grove, Indiana
37	90	Kevin Thomas Jr., Cullman, Alabama
38	89	(R) Tom Savage, Red Lion, Pennsylvania
39	87	Kyle Robbins, New Castle, Indiana
40	76	Bryan Gossel, Fort Collins, Colorado
41	76	Casey Buckman, Chandler, Arizona
42	68	(R) Colton Bettis, Lutz, Florida
43	68	Brian Ruhlman, Clarklake, Michigan
44	66	Korey Weyant, Springfield, Illinois
45	65	A.J. Fike, Galesburg, Illinois
46	58	Ryan Newman, South Bend, Indiana
47	58	(R) Aric Gentry, Robards, Kentucky
48	56	(R) Will Armitage, Athens, Illinois

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49	54	(R) Rob Cahill Jr., Rush City, Minnesota
50	48	Kenny Gentry, Henderson, Kentucky
51	43	Bill Rose, Plainfield, Indiana
52	40	Shane Cottle, Kansas, Illinois
53	39	(R) Ricky Thornton Jr., Chandler, Arizona
54	37	(R) Alex Bright, Collegeville, Pennsylvania
55	35	(R) Dave Doran, Cincinnati, Ohio
56	33	Kyle Cummins, Princeton, Indiana
57	31	(R) Mark Bitner, Columbus, New Jersey
58	31	Chris Urish, Elkhart, Illinois
59	29	Trey Osborne, Columbus, Ohio
60	27	(R) Steve Gennetten, Gravois Mills, Missouri
61	27	Joey Moughan, Springfield, Illinois
62	26	(R) Tim Kent, Bristow, Oklahoma
63	25	(R) Kale Drake, Collinsville, Oklahoma
64	19	(R) Kyle Wissmiller, Saybrook, Illinois
65	18	Ken Schrader, Fenton, Missouri
66	18	(R) Joe Trenca, Phoenix, New York
67	16	(R) Chelby Hinton, Dubberly, Louisiana
68	10	(R) Mike Adkins, Bellevue, Washington

*(R)* represents a USAC Silver Crown Rookie

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## 2025 USAC Silver Crown Entrant Points

**Pos.    Pts.    Entrant, Team Location**

1	835	Hemelgarn Racing, LaSalle, Michigan (#91)
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| 2  | 779 | Team AZ-Petty-Rossi Racing, Brownsburg, Indiana (#21)          |
| 3  | 625 | 4 Kings Racing, Battle Creek, Michigan (#54)                   |
| 4  | 615 | Rice Motorsports-Abacus Racing, Brownsburg, Indiana (#22)      |
| 5  | 523 | Klatt Enterprises, Hastings, Nebraska (#6)                     |
| 6  | 521 | Steffens Motorsports, Saint Charles, Missouri (#8)             |
| 7  | 386 | Doran Binks Racing, Lebanon, Ohio (#77)                        |
| 8  | 375 | Dave Berkheimer Motorsports, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania (#31) |
| 9  | 347 | Pink 69 Racing, Evansville, Indiana (#69)                      |
| 10 | 345 | C & A Motorsports, New Castle, Indiana (#5)                    |
| 11 | 308 | Kazmark Motorsports, Joliet, Illinois (#92)                    |
| 12 | 299 | Taylor Ferns Racing, Shelby Township, Michigan (#55)           |
| 13 | 299 | DMW Motorsports, Phoenix, Arizona (#10)                        |
| 14 | 280 | Aaron Pierce, Fishers, Indiana (#26)                           |
| 15 | 273 | Williams-Cory Racing, Shelbyville, Indiana (#32)               |
| 16 | 272 | DJ Racing, Fishers, Indiana (#98)                              |
| 17 | 263 | Meyer Auto Research, Brownsburg, Indiana (#40)                 |
| 18 | 261 | Newman Racing, Snohomish, Washington (#41)                     |
| 19 | 247 | Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports, Gilbert, Arizona (#19)         |
| 20 | 238 | Chris Dyson Racing, Poughkeepsie, New York (#9)                |
| 21 | 234 | John Haggenbottom, Bristol, Pennsylvania (#24)                 |
| 22 | 228 | BCR Group, South Vienna, Ohio (#81)                            |
| 23 | 181 | Brad Hayes Racing, Pendleton, Indiana (#124)                   |
| 24 | 170 | Team AZ-Petty-Rossi Racing, Brownsburg, Indiana (#20)          |
| 25 | 168 | Bruce Lee, Abbottstown, Pennsylvania (#86)                     |
| 26 | 168 | John Stehman, Halifax, Pennsylvania (#52)                      |
| 27 | 166 | Sammy & Mouren Fetter, Bridgeton, Missouri (#88)               |
| 28 | 156 | David Grace Motorsports, Norman, Oklahoma (#61)                |

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29	155	Mike Thomas, Indianapolis, Indiana (#118)
30	130	SV Motorsports, Blackstone, Illinois (#65)
31	125	Gamester Racing, Peru, Indiana (#51)
32	113	Chris Dyson Racing, Poughkeepsie, New York (#09)
33	110	Kip Hughes, North Enid, Oklahoma (#160)
34	98	Hans Lein, Edgerton, Wisconsin (#97)
35	95	A-Maxx Racing, Whiteland, Indiana (#141)
36	89	Tom Savage, Red Lion, Pennsylvania (#38)
37	87	KR Racing, New Castle, Indiana (#7)
38	76	Bryan Gossel, Fort Collins, Colorado (#06)
39	76	C-Buck Motorsports/Eddie Sachs Jr., Chandler, Arizona (#25)
40	69	Meyer Auto Research, Brownsburg, Indiana (#60)
41	68	Aaron Pierce, Fishers, Indiana (#126)
42	68	Ruhlman Racing, Clarklake, Michigan (#49)
43	66	Scott Weyant, Springfield, Illinois (#99)
44	65	A.J. Fike Racing, Galesburg, Illinois (#39)
45	58	Tim & Linda Simmons, Cabot, Arkansas (#3)
46	56	Will Armitage Racing, Athens, Illinois (#17)
47	54	Rob Caho Jr., Rush City, Minnesota (#78)
48	48	Gentry Motorsports, Henderson, Kentucky (#18)
49	43	Bill Rose Racing, Crawfordsville, Indiana (#66)
50	35	Doran Binks Racing, Lebanon, Indiana (#7)
51	31	Henry Yeska, Columbus, New Jersey (#4)
52	31	Urish Racing, Elkhart, Illinois (#77)
53	27	Gennetten Racing, Gravois Mills, Missouri (#03)
54	27	MSP Motorsports, Springfield, Illinois (#29)
55	26	James Hoover, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma (#79)

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56	25	McQuinn Motorsports, Springfield, Illinois (#14)
57	19	Wissmiller Racing, Indianapolis, Indiana (#144)
58	18	Hans Lein, Edgerton, Wisconsin (#197)
59	18	Karlsen Racing, Phoenix, New York (#166)
60	17	Mark Swanson Encore Team, West Des Moines, Iowa (#121)
61	10	Derek Bischak, Indianapolis, Indiana (#131)
62	10	Madkins Racing, Bellevue, Washington (#71)

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### 2025 USAC SILVER CROWN ROOKIE DRIVER POINT STANDINGS:

#### POS. PTS. DRIVER, HOMETOWN

1	238	Jake Trainor, Medway, Massachusetts
2	181	Jackson Macenko, Cincinnati, Ohio
3	166	Saban Bibent, Cincinnati, Ohio
4	156	Danny Jennings, Norman, Oklahoma
5	130	Travis Mahoney, Oglesby, Illinois
6	110	Kip Hughes, North Enid, Oklahoma
7	89	Tom Savage, Red Lion, Pennsylvania
8	68	Colton Bettis, Lutz, Florida
9	58	Aric Gentry, Robards, Kentucky
10	56	Will Armitage, Athens, Illinois
11	54	Rob Caho Jr., Rush City, Minnesota
12	39	Ricky Thornton Jr., Chandler, Arizona
13	37	Alex Bright, Collegeville, Pennsylvania
14	35	Dave Doran, Cincinnati, Ohio
15	31	Mark Bitner, Columbus, New Jersey

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16	27	Steve Gennetten, Gravois Mills, Missouri
17	26	Tim Kent, Bristow, Oklahoma
18	25	Kale Drake, Collinsville, Oklahoma
19	19	Kyle Wissmiller, Saybrook, Illinois
20	18	Joe Trenca, Phoenix, New York
21	16	Chelby Hinton, Dubberly, Louisiana
22	10	Mike Adkins, Bellevue, Washington

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### RACE WINS:

4-Kody Swanson (Jun 14 at World Wide Technology Raceway, Jun 27 at Winchester Speedway, Aug 9 at Salem Speedway & Aug 16 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds)

2-Justin Grant (Apr 19 at Toledo Speedway & May 17 at the Belleville High Banks)

2-C.J. Leary (Jul 23 at Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park & Aug 30 at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds)

2-Daison Pursley (Jun 21 at Port Royal Speedway & Sep 20 at Eldora Speedway)

1-Briggs Danner (Jul 19 at Salt City Speedway)

1-Tyler Roahrig (May 23 at Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park)

1-Logan Seavey (Apr 13 at the Terre Haute Action Track)

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### LAPS LED:

326-Kody Swanson

189-C.J. Leary

166-Justin Grant

145-Daison Pursley

121-Tyler Roahrig

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51-Bobby Santos

46-Logan Seavey

43-Mario Clouser

25-Carmen Perigo

22-Briggs Danner

15-Dakoda Armstrong

8-Matt Westfall

4-A.J. Fike

1-Chase Stockon

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## TOP-FIVE FINISHES:

11-Justin Grant

10-C.J. Leary

6-Kody Swanson

5-Dakoda Armstrong

3-Mario Clouser, Bobby Santos, Logan Seavey & Chase Stockon

2-Brady Bacon, Nathan Byrd, Briggs Danner, Daison Pursley, Tyler Roahrig & Matt Westfall

1-Chase Dietz, Kip Hughes, Jackson Macenko, Mitchel Moles, Ryan Newman, Carmen Perigo, Jake Swanson, Jake Trainor & Brian Tyler

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## TOP-TEN FINISHES:

13-Justin Grant

12-C.J. Leary

9-Mario Clouser & Matt Westfall

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6-Kody Swanson

5-Dakoda Armstrong, Nathan Byrd & Kyle Steffens

4-Briggs Danner, Bobby Santos, Logan Seavey & Chase Stockon

3-Brady Bacon, Kaylee Bryson, Chase Dietz, Taylor Ferns, Mitchel Moles, Carmen Perigo, Tyler Roahrig & Jake Swanson

2-Danny Jennings, Jimmy Light, Jackson Macenko, Kyle O'Gara, Daison Pursley, Jake Trainor, Brian Tyler & Billy Wease

1-Dave Berkheimer, Saban Bibent, Derek Bischak, Gregg Cory, Bryan Gossel, Kip Hughes, Travis Mahoney, Ryan Newman, Bill Rose & Kevin Thomas Jr.

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## FEATURE STARTS:

13-Dave Berkheimer, Justin Grant, C.J. Leary & Matt Westfall

12-Kyle Steffens

9-Mario Clouser

8-Gregg Cory & Kody Swanson

7-Briggs Danner, Taylor Ferns, Chase Stockon & Jake Swanson

6-Dakoda Armstrong, Mitchel Moles, Logan Seavey & Jake Trainor

5-Kaylee Bryson, Nathan Byrd, Jimmy Light, Tyler Roahrig & Bobby Santos

4-Saban Bibent, Shane Cockrum, Russ Gamester, Danny Jennings, Jackson Macenko, Travis Mahoney, Kyle Robbins, Tom Savage & Brian Tyler

3-Brady Bacon, Casey Buckman, Chase Dietz, Kip Hughes, Carmen Perigo & Daison Pursley

2-Will Armitage, Colton Bettis, Derek Bischak, Rob Caho Jr., Shane Cottle, A.J. Fike, Aric Gentry, Kenny Gentry, Bryan Gossel, Kyle O'Gara, Brian Ruhlman, Kevin Thomas Jr., Billy Wease & Korey Weyant

1-Mark Bitner, Alex Bright, Kyle Cummins, Dave Doran, Kale Drake, Steve Gennetten, Chelby Hinton, Tim Kent, Joey Moughan, Ryan Newman, Trey Osborne, Bill Rose, Ken Schrader, Ricky Thornton Jr., Joe Treca, Chris Urish & Kyle Wissmiller

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## HONEST ABE ROOFING FAST QUALIFIERS BY RACE:

Apr 13: Terre Haute Action Track - Mitchel Moles (20.896)  
Apr 19: Toledo Speedway - Kody Swanson (15.223)  
May 17: Belleville High Banks - Mitchel Moles (16.927)  
May 23: Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park - Mario Clouser (21.112)  
Jun 14: World Wide Technology Raceway - Kody Swanson (30.797)  
Jun 21: Port Royal Speedway - Justin Grant (20.088)  
Jun 27: Winchester Speedway - Kody Swanson (14.842)  
Jul 19: Salt City Speedway - C.J. Leary (20.994)  
Jul 23: Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park - Bobby Santos (21.232)  
Aug 9: Salem Speedway - Kody Swanson (15.809)  
Aug 16: Illinois State Fairgrounds - Kody Swanson (30.515)  
Aug 30: Du Quoin State Fairgrounds - A.J. Fike (30.633)  
Sep 19: Eldora Speedway - C.J. Leary (17.017)

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## HONEST ABE ROOFING FAST QUALIFYING TIMES:

5-Kody Swanson  
2-C.J. Leary & Mitchel Moles  
1-Mario Clouser, A.J. Fike, Justin Grant & Bobby Santos

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## QUALIFYING RACE WINNERS: (Presented by Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts)

1-Shane Cottle & Kyle Steffens

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## TOP ROOKIE FINISHER OF THE RACE:

Apr 13: Terre Haute Action Track - Saban Bibent (11th)  
Apr 19: Toledo Speedway - Jackson Macenko (11th)  
May 17: Belleville High Banks (None)  
May 23: Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park - Jake Trainor (5th)  
Jun 14: World Wide Technology Raceway - Jackson Macenko (5th)  
Jun 21: Port Royal Speedway - Alex Bright (13th)  
Jun 27: Winchester Speedway - Colton Bettis (14th)  
Jul 19: Salt City Speedway - Kip Hughes (5th)  
Jul 23: Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park - Jake Trainor (11th)  
Aug 9: Salem Speedway - Jake Trainor (9th)  
Aug 16: Illinois State Fairgrounds - Kip Hughes (13th)  
Aug 30: Du Quoin State Fairgrounds - Danny Jennings (9th)  
Sep 20: Eldora Speedway - Saban Bibent (17th)

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## HARD CHARGER OF THE RACE:

Apr 13: Terre Haute Action Track - Chase Dietz (20th to 6th)  
Apr 19: Toledo Speedway - Kyle O'Gara (13th to 7th)  
May 17: Belleville High Banks - Chase Stockon (10th to 4th)  
May 23: Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park - Jake Trainor (16th to 5th)  
Jun 14: World Wide Technology Raceway - Jackson Macenko (11th to 5th)  
Jun 21: Port Royal Speedway - Carmen Perigo (12th to 6th)  
Jun 27: Winchester Speedway - Nathan Byrd (17th to 7th)

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Jul 19: Salt City Speedway - Kip Hughes (11th to 5th)

Jul 23: Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park - Kaylee Bryson (13th to 7th)

Aug 9: Salem Speedway - Justin Grant (5th to 2nd)

Aug 16: Illinois State Fairgrounds - Brian Tyler (26th to 6th)

Aug 30: Du Quoin State Fairgrounds - Brian Tyler (16th to 5th)

Sep 20: Eldora Speedway - Carmen Perigo (20th to 3rd)

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### DIRT DRAFT FASTEST PRACTICE DRIVER

Apr 13: Terre Haute Action Track - Mitchel Moles (20.395)

Apr 19: Toledo Speedway - Kody Swanson (15.223)

May 17: Belleville High Banks - C.J. Leary (17.247)

May 23: Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park - Bobby Santos (21.184)

Jun 14: World Wide Technology Raceway - Kody Swanson (30.797)

Jun 21: Port Royal Speedway - Daison Pursley (20.230)

Jun 27: Winchester Speedway - Kody Swanson (14.970)

Jul 19: Salt City Speedway - Jake Swanson (21.131)

Jul 23: Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park - Justin Grant (21.460)

Aug 9: Salem Speedway - Kody Swanson (15.931)

Aug 16: Illinois State Fairgrounds - Chase Stockon (29.739)

Aug 30: Du Quoin State Fairgrounds - C.J. Leary (29.687)

Sep 20: Eldora Speedway - Jake Swanson (16.382)

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### INFERNO ARMOR FIRE MOVE OF THE NIGHT:

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May 23: Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park - C.J. Leary

Jun 14: World Wide Technology Raceway - Jackson Macenko

Jun 21: Port Royal Speedway - Carmen Perigo

Jun 27: Winchester Speedway - Brian Tyler

Jul 19: Salt City Speedway - Briggs Danner

Jul 23: Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park - Nathan Byrd

Aug 9: Salem Speedway - Justin Grant

Aug 16: Illinois State Fairgrounds - Carmen Perigo

Aug 30: Du Quoin State Fairgrounds - Will Armitage

Sep 20: Eldora Speedway - Carmen Perigo