

# 2025 USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR SEASON REVIEW



## Cummins' Crown! 2025 USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car Season Review

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Just less than two years ago, there was a point in time in which Kyle Cummins was preparing to hang up the helmet and walk away from the sport.

But after receiving an opportunity of a lifetime, the Princeton, Indiana driver's entire landscape changed, and ultimately led to a historically dominant USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship season in 2025.

By the numbers, Cummins was the most dominant USAC National Sprint Car champion ever. He led the points for all 49 events, which is the longest duration anybody has led the series standings. He's also the first driver to lead the points from start to finish since Tracy Hines in 2002.

Cummins' final point margin of 386 surpassed the all-time mark of 369 points that had been held by Pancho Carter since 1976. Along the way, Cummins accumulated 38 top-five finishes and 44 top-tens, both new single season series records formerly held by Brady Bacon since 2021.

Furthermore, with 10 feature victories and 13 second place results, Cummins' 23 top-two finishes in 2025 broke the record of 21 top-twins in a season held by J.J. Yeley since 2003. Cummins' 13 runner-up finishes also set a new single season series record in that department, breaking the former mark of 10 by Chris Windom (2011) and Brady Bacon (2016).

In what was his 23rd season of sprint car racing, at the age of 38, Cummins became the oldest first time USAC National Sprint Car driving champion since Tom Bigelow (39) in 1978. Overall, Cummins is the oldest series champ since Tony Elliott (39) in 2000.

On the path to a championship season in which he earned more than \$236,000 in total prize money, Cummins recorded an average feature finish of 4.5, all while kicking off the year with 22 consecutive top-ten finishes, breaking the record of 21 straight to start a season set by C.J. Leary in 2019. Meanwhile, Cummins provided Petty Performance Racing its first ever USAC entrant title.

The Cummins/Petty pairing all started at team owner Jerry Petty's urging. While Cummins competed for Hank Byram's Rock Steady Racing in 2023 in a car sponsored by Petty's company – Avanti Windows & Doors – Jerry approached Cummins with the idea during the latter part of the season.

"Man, I'll be honest with you. I think I'm done racing and I'm going to run for Hank for a couple of races, but I'm not into traveling all over. I just want to focus on my business," Cummins recalled telling Jerry at the time. "In that conversation, Jerry said, 'what do you mean? You're still young and you need to keep going.' I said, 'I don't know; I'm getting old and I don't want to run full-time; I'm slowing down. It might be my last season. Hank and I are going to do a farewell tour.'"

Before long, akin to Vito Corleone, Petty made an offer that Cummins couldn't refuse to drive his Petty Performance Racing/Avanti Windows & Doors – Premier Recycling/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy.

"Before the conversation got over, (Jerry) was like, 'well, what if it was at your place and we started a new team and you took care of everything? Would you be interested in something like that?' I told him I did that in 2018 and it was the worst year of my life. But, if I had people to help, I think we could do something. He said, 'tell you what. Just draw up what you

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would like and send me a plan of what you think would be the perfect scenario for you. I'll take a look at it and see if it's possible or not.”

After some slight alterations, the math on the proposal checked out. Cummins was going to run the program out of his Princeton, Indiana shop while not having to worry about anything on the financial side. Soon, USAC's newest duo was ready to give it a go on a two-year deal, and from there, see how it goes. Needless to say, it's worked out ever since.

That said, for three quarters of the 2024 season, the team struggled to find its footing. But Cummins cites a few specific turning points that altered the tide, so to speak, namely Arkansas' Texarkana 67 Speedway where he crashed while leading on the final lap. Then, there was the practice session on the final weekend of the year at Oklahoma's Red Dirt Raceway, where the team tested a variety of configurations that they found out clicked. Then, to close out the year, the team captured the Western World Championships at Arizona's Mohave Valley Raceway. In fact, the car used in all these aforementioned events was the same one in which they ran throughout the majority of the 2025 campaign.

To start off 2025, Cummins knew he had to become a more complete driver, one who is able to adapt and excel on both short and long dirt tracks in order to position himself as a legit championship contender.

“Starting this year, I knew I had to focus on the bigger tracks,” Cummins revealed. “On the quarter miles, we've always been good, but on the other ones, we've always struggled. I knew if we were going to try and win the championship, we needed to focus on the tracks we were the worst at, and that's what we did.”

Through trial and error, swapping between different engines and even crew members to find an all-around package, Cummins found himself becoming more comfortable on the big tracks. It wasn't necessarily a change in mindset as Cummins put it. It was more the fact that he always ran the same stuff on tracks big and small, which left him too tight on the 3/8 and 1/2-miles. In turn, that made him feel like he was forever stuck in one groove, and that if the car wasn't good, he wasn't going to run up front very often. Now, he was able to experiment and come up with some options that concocted a championship formula.

He won his first ever 1/2-mile USAC Sprint Car feature in the 2025 season opener at Florida's Volusia Speedway Park, which he cites as his personal favorite moment of the season, surprising not only the racing world at the time, but also himself. By the time he left Florida, he had earned the Big Gator as the DIRTcar Nationals champ at Volusia, and after adding a second win a few days later at Ocala, he earned the Winter Dirt Games XVI title.

Back in his home state, in April, he won again at Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway, then doubled up in mid-May with a weekend sweep at Bloomington Speedway and Tri-State Speedway. He scored at Pennsylvania's Big Diamond Speedway in June, then collected the win in USAC's return to Ohio's Millstream Speedway following a 37-year absence. After a three-month hiatus from victory lane, Cummins shined in USAC's first run at Michigan's Butler Motor Speedway in 35 years. In October, he added two more, including the Greg Staab Memorial at Indiana's Lawrenceburg Speedway, and notched win number 10 in the series' return to Kansas' Dodge City Raceway Park for the first time in 14 years.

With four races to go, Cummins had wrapped up his first USAC championship, a title he couldn't have imagined in his wildest dreams just a short while ago.

“It was something I thought I'd probably never do,” Cummins admitted. “From when I started, I never thought it was really going to be possible. I honestly never knew if I really wanted it that bad. I thought it would be cool to do and I knew all the

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guys wanted it, but I never thought it was something plausible. I think it's that first one; you have to get over the hump. Like my first USAC win, I didn't think I'd ever get one. It took a long time to get one, but we only ran a handful back then."

One of the major changes for Cummins' operation was the addition of young crew members Cameron LaRose and Drake Edwards, both of whom have had their fair share success behind the wheel in 2025. They take care of the racecar, which frees up Cummins' time to focus on his day-to-day business, a machine shop that maintains a variety of automobile parts, racing components and even such random items as sewing needles, and also has contract jobs with coal mines, basically anything that comes through the door and makes money.

Overall, 13 different drivers reached victory lane with the series in 2025. Mitchel Moles finished a career best second in points, winning once in a photo finish .021 second victory over Cummins in September at Indiana's Paragon Speedway, which erased his 61-race winless streak with the series. Furthermore, Moles led all driver with 15 fast qualifying times, tying Kevin Thomas Jr. (2018) for the most quick times in a single season with the series.

Logan Seavey took third in the standings with nine triumphs to his credit in 2025, which included some of the most lucrative events on the schedule, including \$10,000 at Volusia and Red Hill Raceway, \$20,000 at Tri-State's Haubstadt Hustler, \$30,000 at Lawrenceburg's Fall Nationals and more than \$43,000 in the season-ending Western World at Central Arizona Raceway, in which he swept both nights. He also added scores at Lincoln Park, Lawrenceburg and Bloomington during the summer months. Seavey also led all drivers with 249 laps led in feature events.

Kevin Thomas Jr. rolled to four wins and a fourth place finish in the standings. His four victories included a \$15,000 payday at Iowa's Knoxville Raceway, a repeat victory at Pennsylvania's Williams Grove Speedway, a Tri-State Speedway Indiana Sprint Week win and his fourth Smackdown Friday night win at Kokomo in the past five years. Highlighting the year for KTJ was his third career USAC Indiana Sprint Week championship worth \$25,000. He also set a new USAC National Sprint Car record with 29 consecutive top-10 finishes, surpassing Chris Windom's record of 24 set in 2018.

Justin Grant's tumultuous season included the highest of highs and the lowest of lows. He led all drivers with 11 feature wins. In June at Action Track USA, Grant and his TOPP Motorsports team's 51st win together made them the winningest driver/entrant combo in series history. It was also there he clinched his first career Eastern Storm title. In July at Lincoln Park, he surpassed Chase Stockon as the series' Ironman with his 325th consecutive series feature start. In the very next event, Grant broke his left foot in an accident at Lawrenceburg. After missing four races, he bounced back in August to become the first five-time Smackdown champion at Kokomo for a \$31,000 payday. In September at Missouri's Lucas Oil Raceway, Grant became the winningest driver in USAC National Sprint Car history with his 63rd win, surpassing Dave Darland. The victory was also Grant's 100th across the board in USAC competition, the eighth driver to do so. To cap off the year, Grant earned his first Tony Hulman Classic in his 16th try at Terre Haute in October.

Briggs Danner added four wins to finish sixth in series points, including a clean sweep of the Indiana Sprint Week round at Kokomo in July with a last lap pass of Robert Ballou in the feature to win by a 0.196 second margin. Danner followed up with another Kokomo win on the opening night of Smackdown in August, plus first career triumphs at Tri-City and Eldora in September.

Seventh place points finisher C.J. Leary reached victory lane once on the series trail in 2025, ending a drought of 66 races and 17 months without a win. He did so by beating Mitchel Moles to the line in the closest finish of the series season by a single car length 0.173 second margin in July at Circle City.

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Jake Swanson, likewise, hit victory lane once in 2025 during the series debut at Amarillo, Texas' Route 66 Motor Speedway in October, giving Daming Swanson Motorsports its first USAC win while finishing eighth in points. The moment was extra special for Swanson following the unexpected death of car owner Joe Daming in early 2024 at the age of 47. Swanson's first USAC win as a team owner came two years after his most recent series win, and quite fittingly, in the 47th race of the season.

Chase Stockon supplied car owners Tom and Laurie Sertich their first USAC National Sprint Car win in a mesmerizing Indiana Sprint Week round at Terre Haute in July. Stockon did so while nursing a couple broken bones in his right hand courtesy of a crash one week earlier at IMS. The win ended Stockon's 160-race, five-year absence from USAC victory lane, and came during his 500th career series start.

In what was the closest Rookie battle in USAC National Sprint Car racing history, Gunnar Setser prevailed over Hayden Reinbold by a four point margin (2166 to 2162) to earn the Max Papis Innovations Rookie of the Year award.

On a partial USAC schedule in 2025, Brady Bacon posted three wins at Ocala, Eldora and Knoxville. Daison Pursley tallied two wins, first in the Ocala Winter Dirt Games finale, and another during a historical September night in which he won Midget, Sprint Car and Silver Crown features in one night at Eldora, joining Jack Hewitt, Kyle Larson and Logan Seavey as the only drivers to achieve a USAC 4-Crown single night sweep.

Robert Ballou ended a 14-plus month absence from USAC National Sprint Car victory lane during round two of Indiana Sprint Week at Lincoln Park Speedway in July. However, just a week later, Ballou suffered a back injury in a crash at Bloomington that sidelined him for the remainder of the season. Despite competing in just 15 of the 31 events this season, Ballou led all drivers with 15 heat race wins.

Carson Garrett became the series' only first-time victor in 2025, picking up the win in what was his 96th career USAC National Sprint Car start during the Sprintacular at Lincoln Park in early July.

Meanwhile, Kayla Roell became the first woman to win a USAC National Sprint Car heat race at Tri-State in August. She followed it up later than night by earning the best feature finish by a woman in series history with a ninth.

The year 2025 also marked just the second season in which multiple drivers reached double figures in USAC National Sprint Car feature wins – Justin Grant (11) and Kyle Cummins (10). The only other previous occasion it occurred was 48 years earlier in 1977 – Tom Bigelow (14) and Pancho Carter (10).

In August at Kokomo's Smackdown, the O'Connor family promoted its 100th USAC national event. With it, they became just the eighth race organizer to reach the 100+ mark.

USAC was saddened by the death of car owner Steve Phillips who passed away at the age of 70 shortly after suffering a heart attack during September's 4-Crown Nationals at Eldora. Phillips' black No. 71p won several marquee events in USAC competition over the years, 19 in total with drivers Dave Darland and Jason McDougal.

Six drivers started all 49 feature events in 2025: Kyle Cummins, C.J. Leary, Mitchel Moles, Logan Seavey, Jake Swanson and Kevin Thomas Jr. Overall, nine drivers appeared at every event, including those six plus Briggs Danner, Hayden Reinbold and Gunnar Setser.

Ricky Lewis made the biggest charge of the year in any single event, advancing 21 positions in a 26th to 5th run during a Western World prelim night at Central Arizona in October.

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## Open Season! Cummins Commands Volusia USAC Sprint Opener

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Barberville, Florida (February 10, 2025).....Of Kyle Cummins' now 21 career USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship victories, none had ever come on a 1/2-mile dirt track, nor in a season opener, nor at Florida's Volusia Speedway Park.

Cummins (Princeton, Ind.) checked off all those boxes in one fell swoop in a dominant romp to win Monday night's Winter Dirt Games XVI round at Volusia, part of the Federated Auto Parts DIRTcar Nationals festivities.

Starting fourth, Cummins made quick work of the field as he split between Logan Seavey and Mitchel Moles on the back straightway on the first lap, then chased down and swept around the outside of pole sitter Brady Bacon in turns three and four to occupy the lead, once and for all.

Cummins was never headed for the remainder of the 25-lap event, only losing ground due to a pair of late-race cautions which bunched up the field and evaporated his lead momentarily. Yet, when all was said and done, nobody was in the same stratosphere as Cummins and his Petty Performance Racing/Avanti Windows & Doors - Premier Recycling/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy.

"There at the beginning, the car was just great," Cummins noted. "I felt like I was struggling there at the end and I didn't know where to go. A caution when you're coming to the checkered is like the most terrible thing ever, but we got it done and we're pretty excited to chalk this one up. I've never won here before and it's a big 1/2-mile. People say I can't run 1/2-miles. I think we proved them wrong a little bit tonight."

The victory was the second for Cummins in his Winter Dirt Games career following his triumph in February of 2023 at Ocala Speedway, and his second in the Sunshine State of Florida. Overall, it was his 21st career USAC National Sprint Car win, tying him with Greg Weld for 34th on the all-time list.

Furthermore, the win was the third in USAC National Sprint Car competition for the Petty team with Cummins as the driver after the two competed together on the full season tour in 2024. Whereas their first win together came in their 28th try in 2024, this one came right off the bat, swiftly and decisively, in the first opportunity they faced.

Among the items Cummins was eying redemption for was the first of two 2024 USAC National Sprint Car events at Volusia. In the first of those, Cummins led a race-high 14 laps before being surpassed by Seavey with 11 laps remaining. Seavey went on to celebrate the victory, and ultimately, the series championship at season's end.

"Last year was rough," Cummins admitted. "The team that we've got is like family. We're jelling really well, and I knew after the first practice yesterday at Ocala, the car was as good as I've had down here in Florida. I've just got to give it up to (team owner) Jerry Petty for believing in me and giving me this opportunity. It took a year, and it was a lot of work. We've finally found a good balance and all the guys are working great together."

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Just prior to halfway, on lap 10, Cummins had upped his lead to more than two seconds with Bacon and Daison Pursley both in tow several car lengths behind. Cummins julienned, mashed and pureed his way in, out and between the rash of sudden traffic in order to keep Bacon and Pursley at bay, and successfully, he did just that.

"I ran that thing the first 10 laps, and I think I never lifted off the floor," Cummins stated. "It was hooked up good."

By lap 15, Cummins had pushed his lead to four seconds as Justin Grant rushed his way into third past Pursley in traffic. However, on the 20th lap, 17th running Kobe Simpson's ride slowed to a halt in turn three surrounded in smoke with an apparent engine issue. Thus, Cummins' 4.235 second lead was stricken from the record, and now he had to firm up his grip on the steering wheel with the field on his rear bumper with just five laps remaining.

That was of no issue to Cummins, who immediately separated himself from Bacon et al. to the tune of 1.096 seconds over the next four-plus laps and had a checkered flag just within his reach. However, moments after taking the white flag, the yellow flag was displayed for Jake Swanson (12th), who slowed dramatically on the final lap in the middle of turn four. His car limped to the pits, but he was able to refire and rejoin the field.

The stoppage necessitated a green-white-checker restart/finish. Once again, it proved to be no big thing for Cummins who once more stomped his competition by thumping them on the restart, stretching his advantage to 0.840 seconds by the time he crossed the line as the winner.

Meanwhile, coming to the white flag, Pursley stuck the bottom between turns three and four to zip past both Grant and Bacon in succession to climb from fourth to second, where he ultimately wound up in the final order. Bacon took third with Grant fourth and Briggs Danner rounding out the top-five.

Nic Harris of Atlanta, Illinois made his Winter Dirt Games debut a memorable one on this night at Volusia. He went seventh to fifth on the final lap of his heat race to gain the final transfer spot into the feature. That performance earned him the evening's Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

In CB Industries' first outing as a USAC National Sprint Car team, Daison Pursley drove the team's car to quick during Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying. For Pursley, it was his eighth career fast time in USAC Sprint competition, tying Shane Cottle, Bubby Jones, Kelly Kinser, Pat O'Connor and Hunter Schuerenberg for 59th all-time. For Boat, it was his first participation with the USAC National Sprint Cars since competing as a driver in February of 2010 at California's Perris Auto Speedway 15 years ago.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** February 10, 2025 – Volusia Speedway Park – Barberville, Florida – Winter Dirt Games XVI / Federated Auto Parts DIRTcar Nationals – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Daison Pursley, 86, CBI-16.156; 2. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-16.228; 3. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-16.304; 4. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-16.342; 5. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-16.379; 6. Brady Bacon, 20, Dyson-16.413; 7. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-16.440; 8. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-16.531; 9. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-16.643; 10. Brian Ruhlman, 49, Ruhlman-16.667; 11. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-16.708; 12. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-16.718; 13. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-16.719; 14. Kale Drake 2B, 2B Racing-16.720; 15. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming/Swanson-16.725; 16. Nic Harris, N2, Harris-16.751; 17. Trey Osborne, 6T, Osborne-16.763; 18. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-16.773; 19. Tom Harris, 84, Harris-16.779; 20. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-16.825;

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21. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE-16.914; 22. Jadon Rogers, 66, Amati-16.958; 23. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-16.988; 24. Matt Goodnight, 39G, Goodnight-16.991; 25. John Mollick, 4J, Clever-17.013; 26. Mark Smith, M1, Smith-17.063; 27. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-17.090; 28. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-17.155; 29. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-17.554; 30. Eddie Vancil, 7v, Vancil-17.942; 31. Troy Carey, 45N, Carey-18.276; 32. Mike Haggenbottom, 51, Hoagie-18.579; 33. Kyle Jones, 79, Hall-NT; 34. Ricky Lewis, 41, Lewis-NT.

ROD END SUPPLY FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Seavey, 2. Carson Garrett, 3. Daison Pursley, 4. Kobe Simpson, 5. Kayla Roell, 6. John Mollick, 7. Eddie Tafoya Jr. 2:23.752

CAR IQ SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Chase Stockon, 2. Kale Drake, 3. Brady Bacon, 4. Justin Grant, 5. Jadon Rogers, 6. Ricky Lewis, 7. Mark Smith, 8. Brian Ruhlman, 9. Eddie Vancil. NT

K1 RACEGEAR THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Briggs Danner, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Joey Amantea, 4. Jake Swanson, 5. Hayden Reinbold, 6. Tom Harris, 7. Harley Burns, 8. Troy Carey. 2:22.162

HOOSIER TIRE FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. C.J. Leary, 3. Mitchel Moles, 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 5. Nic Harris, 6. Gunnar Setser, 7. Matt Goodnight, 8. Mike Haggenbottom. 2:20.744

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Ricky Lewis, 2. Gunnar Setser, 3. Tom Harris, 4. Brian Ruhlman, 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 6. Mark Smith, 7. John Mollick, 8. Matt Goodnight, 9. Harley Burns, 10. Mike Haggenbottom, 11. Troy Carey, 12. Eddie Vancil. NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kyle Cummins (4), 2. Daison Pursley (6), 3. Brady Bacon (1), 4. Justin Grant (5), 5. Briggs Danner (7), 6. Logan Seavey (2), 7. Kale Drake (14), 8. Kevin Thomas Jr. (10), 9. C.J. Leary (18), 10. Mitchel Moles (3), 11. Robert Ballou (8), 12. Chase Stockon (9), 13. Jadon Rogers (20), 14. Jake Swanson (15), 15. Ricky Lewis (24), 16. Joey Amantea (21), 17. Hayden Reinbold (12), 18. Carson Garrett (19), 19. Kayla Roell (23), 20. Brian Ruhlman (11), 21. Gunnar Setser (22), 22. Nic Harris (16), 23. Tom Harris (17), 24. Kobe Simpson (13). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Brady Bacon, Laps 2-25 Kyle Cummins.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-81, 2-Daison Pursley-79, 3-Brady Bacon-71, 4-Justin Grant-71, 5-Briggs Danner-66, 6-Logan Seavey-65, 7-Kale Drake-59, 8-Kevin Thomas Jr.-54, 9-C.J. Leary-53, 10-Mitchel Moles-52.

USAC NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-9, 2-Ricky Lewis-9, 3-Kale Drake-7, 4-Jadon Rogers-7, 5-Joey Amantea-5, 6-Daison Pursley-4, 7-Kayla Roell-4, 8-Kyle Cummins-3, 9-Briggs Danner-2, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2.

HUGHES RACING / INDIANA MAFIA / FLAMINGO SANDY WINTER DIRT GAMES XVI SPRINT CAR PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Ricky Lewis-17, 2-C.J. Leary-9, 3-Kale Drake-8, 4-Kyle Cummins-7, 5-Jadon Rogers-7, 6-Daison Pursley-6, 7-Briggs Danner-6, 8-Kayla Roell-6, 9-Joey Amantea-5, 10-Gunnar Setser-5.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: February 11, 2025 – Volusia Speedway Park – Barberville, Florida – Winter Dirt Games XVI / Federated Auto Parts DIRTcar Nationals – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track

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Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Justin Grant (16.556)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Daison Pursley (16.156)

Rod End Supply First Heat Winner: Logan Seavey

Car IQ Second Heat Winner: Chase Stockon

K1 RaceGear Third Heat Winner: Briggs Danner

Hoosier Tire Fourth Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Ricky Lewis

Hard Charger: C.J. Leary (18th to 9th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Nic Harris

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## **Gator Chomp! Seavey Serves Notice with Volusia Victory**

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Barberville, Florida (February 11, 2025).....The night before at Florida's Volusia Speedway Park, Logan Seavey did something most unusual of late in USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship competition. After starting on the front row of the feature, Seavey backed up to a sixth-place result.

After earning a front row starting spot once again on Tuesday night, Seavey (Sutter, Calif.) didn't let the opportunity escape from his clutch as he led all 30 laps while dodging racelong challenges from Kyle Cummins and a bevy of cautions/restarts down the stretch to win night two of Winter Dirt Games XVI, part of the Federated Auto Parts DIRTcar Nationals festivities.

Coming off a season in which he collected a record-tying 14 USAC National Sprint Car victories, plus the season championship, Seavey became the first driver to win three USAC feature events at Volusia. No other driver has won more than one.

Meanwhile, by virtue of a victory on Monday and a runner-up result on Tuesday, Cummins earned the Big Gator as the overall USAC champion of the 2025 DIRTcar Nationals. In fact, he and Tuesday's third-place finisher Daison Pursley both tallied 157 points across the two nights. However, due to his Monday night win, Cummins held the tiebreaker over Pursley.

For Seavey, the victory was the 25th of his USAC National Sprint Car career, equaling him with Steve Butler, Jay Drake and Parnelli Jones for 25th place on the all-time series win list.

The 25-car feature field was greeted by a juiced up 1/2-mile dirt track courtesy of a brief rainstorm that moisturized the surface just prior to the feature, which was scheduled for 30 laps, five circuits more than Monday's 25-lap affair.

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Starting from the pole position, Seavey jetted out to the early lead on the opening lap in his Abacus Racing/Mountain Mechanical Contractors – Indy Power Sports/DRC/Stanton Chevy. The fourth starting Cummins slotted into second after racing past Jake Swanson on the opening lap, then zipped underneath Briggs Danner on the low side of turns three and four on lap two.

Seavey maintained a five car length lead over Cummins by the time the two reached the halfway mark at lap 15, leading a two-car breakaway into lapped traffic in the process. Through it all, Seavey managed to sprout his lead to 1.5 seconds over Cummins but still had a long line of tail-end lead lap cars to fight through on the battle front.

Nevertheless, the yellow flag was soon displayed for sixth running Robert Ballou who slowed to a stop atop turns one and two with a shredded right rear tire with 10 to go on lap 21. Ballou managed to restart at the tail and work his way through half the field to finish 13th. However, Seavey's 1.476 second lead had been erased with the field now bunched up following the caution.

Seavey kept the field at bay by nearly nine tenths of a second during the ensuing five laps until 20th running John Mollick slowed to a stop on the front straightaway on lap 26, necessitating another restart opportunity for Cummins to pounce on Seavey and another task for Seavey to face during the waning laps while tire wear weighed heavily on his mind.

"It's just chess," Seavey admitted. "I'm trying different stuff, and he knows I'm going to do something different. He's guessing and anticipating what I'm going to do. That's just about going against a good racecar driver who is tough to defend on restarts. None of the cautions I really wanted to see. I was just nervous about the tires. I could feel how hard we were running on them. When you're running on a big track like that, it's super hard on them. Then to have a yellow where they cool off, shrink a bunch and move all the air, cautions make it even worse for tires for sure."

Seavey successfully nailed the lap 26 restart along with the next 4.5 laps of action before the rug got yanked out from underneath his feet on the 30th, and seemingly, final go around. In turn, Joey Amantea (15th) stopped in the middle of the back straightaway to bring out the caution, thus setting up a second green-white-checker finish in as many nights to begin the 2025 campaign.

This time was different, however. Cummins was able to get in a word edgewise by pulling even with Seavey for the lead through turn two and turn four on the first lap of the restart. Despite that, Seavey counterpunched by entering turns one and three a lane higher on the final lap to ward off any last chance heroics from Cummins.

"I felt like, if I could get away from him down the back stretch, it would be okay as the runs were going on," Seavey explained. "I just really had to protect going into one, but I didn't want him to go up, get a big run and go by me too. It was kind of a sitting duck situation. I kept sliding myself as hard as I could, but he just kept getting better at sticking the middle. I just kept thinking that I could do my job better at getting across and he kept doing a better job and about passed me. So, I'd throw a big block into three and I'd get back going as fast as I could because he's so good at racing and his car is obviously really good."

Seavey successfully defeated the challenge, and Cummins, to the tune of 0.700 seconds as they crossed under the finish line. Daison Pursley took third for his second consecutive podium finish to open the season while Briggs Danner once again finished inside the top-five at Volusia with a fourth.

Kale Drake started 19th before working his way up to finish fifth in the feature. Not only was it his best career USAC National Sprint Car finish to date, his result also earned him hard charger honors for his plus-14 performance.

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Harley Burns got the bottom line rolling in the semi-feature, and in doing so, he advanced his way from a ninth place starting spot to finish third and transfer his way into his first Volusia feature starting field. That alone earned him Inferno Armor's Fire Move of the Night honors.

Early in the night, Pursley became the 12th USAC National Sprint Car driver ever to set fast time during the first two events of a season: Jud Larson (1965), Larry Dickson (1969), Bill Puterbaugh (1970), Lee Kunzman (1973), Tom Bigelow (1978), Eddie Leavitt (1981), Kelly Kinser (1983), Bubby Jones (1985), Max McGhee (2016), Carson Short (2019), Timmy Buckwalter (2021) and now Daison Pursley (2025).

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: February 11, 2025 – Volusia Speedway Park – Barberville, Florida – Winter Dirt Games XVI / Federated Auto Parts DIRTcar Nationals – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track**

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Daison Pursley, 86, CBI-16.275; 2. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-16.304; 3. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-16.442; 4. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming/Swanson-16.457; 5. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-16.552; 6. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-16.573; 7. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-16.585; 8. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-16.594; 9. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-16.603; 10. Brady Bacon, 20, Dyson-16.622; 11. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE-16.685; 12. Ricky Lewis, 41, Lewis-16.711; 13. Tom Harris, 84, Harris-16.776; 14. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-16.786; 15. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-16.870; 16. John Mollick, 4J, Clever-16.882; 17. Kale Drake 2B, 2B Racing-16.896; 18. Mark Smith, M1, Smith-16.899; 19. Matt Goodnight, 39G, Goodnight-16.917; 20. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-16.949; 21. Trey Osborne, 6T, Osborne-16.959; 22. Brian Ruhlman, 49, Ruhlman-17.053; 23. Stevie Sussex, 5, Baldwin/Fox-17.061; 24. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-17.088; 25. Jadon Rogers, 66, Amati-17.192; 26. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-17.336; 27. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.352; 28. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-17.392; 29. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-17.407; 30. Mike Haggenbottom, 51, Hoagie-17.749; 31. Eddie Vancil, 7v, Vancil-17.969; 32. Troy Carey, 45N, Carey-18.033; 33. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-NT.

**ROD END SUPPLY FIRST HEAT:** (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Daison Pursley, 2. Kale Drake, 3. Briggs Danner, 4. Hayden Reinbold, 5. C.J. Leary, 6. Tom Harris, 7. Trey Osborne, 8. Harley Burns, 9. Jadon Rogers. 2:19.401

**CAR IQ SECOND HEAT:** (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Mark Smith, 2. Brady Bacon, 3. Logan Seavey, 4. Chase Stockon, 5. Justin Grant, 6. Brian Ruhlman, 7. Kobe Simpson, 8. Mike Haggenbottom. 2:17.666

**K1 RACEGEAR THIRD HEAT:** (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3. Stevie Sussex, 4. Kyle Cummins, 5. Carson Garrett, 6. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 7. Matt Goodnight, 8. Eddie Vancil. NT

**HOOSIER TIRE FOURTH HEAT:** (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Gunnar Setser, 2. Ricky Lewis, 3. John Mollick, 4. Mitchel Moles, 5. Jake Swanson, 6. Joey Amantea, 7. Kayla Roell, 8. Troy Carey. NT

**ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI:** (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Tom Harris, 2. Brian Ruhlman, 3. Harley Burns, 4. Joey Amantea, 5. Kayla Roell, 6. Jadon Rogers, 7. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 8. Matt Goodnight, 9. Mike Haggenbottom, 10. Eddie Vancil, 11. Troy Carey, 12. Trey Osborne, 13. Kobe Simpson. NT

**FEATURE:** (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (1), 2. Kyle Cummins (4), 3. Daison Pursley (6), 4. Briggs Danner (2), 5. Kale Drake (19), 6. Justin Grant (5), 7. Chase Stockon (17), 8. Jake Swanson (3), 9. Brady Bacon (13), 10. C.J. Leary (24), 11. Mitchel Moles (11), 12. Kevin Thomas Jr. (10), 13. Robert Ballou (7), 14. Carson Garrett (14), 15.

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Gunnar Setser (9), 16. Kayla Roell (25-P), 17. Mark Smith (8), 18. Hayden Reinbold (12), 19. Stevie Sussex (22), 20. Tom Harris (16), 21. Brian Ruhlman (21), 22. Joey Amantea (20), 23. John Mollick (18), 24. Harley Burns (23), 25. Ricky Lewis (15). NT

(P) represents a provisional starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Logan Seavey.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-157, 2-Daison Pursley-157, 3-Logan Seavey-142, 4-Briggs Danner-135, 5-Justin Grant-135, 6-Brady Bacon-124, 7-Kale Drake-124, 8-Chase Stockon-104, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-100, 10-C.J. Leary-100.

USAC NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-23, 2-Kale Drake-21, 3-Chase Stockon-10, 4-Ricky Lewis-9, 5-Daison Pursley-7, 6-Jadon Rogers-7, 7-Kyle Cummins-5, 8-Joey Amantea-5, 9-Brady Bacon-4, 10-Kayla Roell-4.

HUGHES RACING / INDIANA MAFIA / FLAMINGO SANDY WINTER DIRT GAMES XVI SPRINT CAR PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-27, 2-Kale Drake-22, 3-Ricky Lewis-19, 4-Daison Pursley-14, 5-Jadon Rogers-14, 6-Kyle Cummins-11, 7-Chase Stockon-11, 8-Kayla Roell-9, 9-Brady Bacon-8, 10-Briggs Danner-8.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES: February 12-13-14-15, 2025 – Ocala Speedway – Ocala, Florida – Winter Dirt Games XVI – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

DIRTcar Nationals USAC Sprint Car Champion: Kyle Cummins

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Daison Pursley (16.807)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Daison Pursley (16.275)

Rod End Supply First Heat Winner: Daison Pursley

Car IQ Second Heat Winner: Mark Smith

K1 RaceGear Third Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

Hoosier Tire Fourth Heat Winner: Gunnar Setser

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Tom Harris

Hard Charger: Kale Drake (19th to 5th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Harley Burns

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## Mr. Ocala! Grant Gets 8th Career Winter Dirt Games Score

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Ocala, Florida (February 12, 2025).....No driver has been more prolific and successful around Florida's Ocala Speedway in USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship competition than Justin Grant.

He's the only driver to start all 38 USAC National Sprint Car features at the 3/8-mile dirt track dating back to 2011, and his record-extending eighth series victory there during Winter Dirt Games XVI round three on Wednesday night solidified that fact once more.

With five laps remaining in the 30-lap main, the sixth place starting Grant utilized lapped traffic as a pick to sneak past racelong leader Daison Pursley and collect his first USAC National Sprint Car feature victory of the season and the 55th of his career, three wins shy of Brady Bacon for second on the all-time list and just seven behind all-time leader Dave Darland at 62.

Grant chalked up his winning maneuver to his extensive Ocala experience, which has seen him win three more features at the track than any other driver, thus earning himself the unofficial moniker of Mr. Ocala.

"As the track slicked up, we got a little better," Grant explained. "Some of that in lapped traffic was just about having a little bit of knowledge of Ocala Speedway, which paid off. I've got a lot of laps around here and I've been coming here for a lot of years. There are some things you can get away with in lapped traffic, and I was able to use some of that. Sometimes getting to be the old guy pays off every once in a while."

Grant and his TOPP Motorsports/NOS Energy Drink – TOPP Industries – LA Poly/Maxim/Kistler Chevy began the evening by making some history. Grant (Ione, Calif.) recorded his 35th career USAC National Sprint Car Fast Qualifying time, tying the great Rich Vogler for 10th place on the all-time list.

Pursley was the force to reckon with for the majority of the distance as he sought to provide his CB Industries team its first ever USAC Sprint Car triumph with Chase Stockon and Brady Bacon in tow, both of whom would ultimately suffer heartbreak fates during their pursuit of victory.

However, the race quickly slowed to a halt on lap four when Mark Smith (13th) and Briggs Danner (14th) tangled wheels off turn four, sending Danner spinning into the front straightaway wall before sliding backwards to a stop. Danner's race ended on the spot while Smith was able to continue on.

By lap 13, the front runners had reached lapped traffic. Stockon took advantage of the sudden onslaught of obstacles and poked his nose under Pursley off turn two to take over the race lead. However, at the same exact moment, Bacon began to suddenly slow to a stop in between turns one and two to bring out a yellow flag, the victim of a mag box gone rogue. The stoppage proved unfortunate for Stockon, who was forced to relinquish his race lead over to Pursley when the race reverted to the most recently scored lap. With that said, Stockon's misfortune wasn't quite finished yet.

After eighth running Kobe Simpson drastically slowed before rolling to a stop in turn one to necessitate a caution on lap 19, second place running Stockon darted into the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area with a flat left rear tire. Stockon returned in time to restart at the tail but managed only to finish 12th.

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Following the caution, Grant went on the attack. On the lap 19 restart, Grant pulled even with Pursley for the lead in turn two. Pursley stayed strong, however, and fended off Grant for the moment as the remaining laps dwindled down.

Yet, on lap 26, as Pursley and Grant approached the tail end lead lap car of Simpson in turn two, Grant scooted underneath Pursley, then drifted to the topside to shoot around the outside of Simpson. Pursley attempted to counterpunch by sliding underneath Simpson at the entry of turn three, but Pursley and Simpson touched tires, sending Pursley veering high into turn four, thus allowing Cummins to shoot underneath and take over occupancy of the second spot behind Grant.

A yellow flag tightened the field up once more with five laps remaining when a lap 26 yellow flag was brought about after Bacon (15th) shredded a right rear tire before coming to a stop along with Smith (14th) on the back straight.

Despite Grant possessing the lead in such a late stage of the race, his pressure was intensified with the fact that Cummins was now right on his bumper. Early on, it was imperative for Grant to get out in front of the third place starting Cummins and remain put.

"I was most worried about Kyle, honestly," Grant revealed. "I was able to get him put away really early. He kind of got bottled up in some traffic there and I was able to pounce and pocket him. I felt like that was what really won us the race there. I was thinking that if I could get Kyle put away, I could go to work on the other guys and drive by them if things worked into our favor."

As it turned out, it did. Grant was able to close out the final four laps to secure a commanding 1.482 second victory over Cummins with Pursley a distant third. Both Cummins and Pursley have been stalwarts of the podium after having finished inside the top-three in all three 2025 USAC National Sprint Car features to date. Meanwhile, Mitchel Moles and Jake Swanson rounded out the top-five in fourth and fifth, respectively.

Starting dead last on the grid didn't daunt Jadon Rogers one bit as he got up on the horse and drove his Amati Racing number 66 to a 13th place finish. His plus-11 was enough to earn himself hard charger honors for the night.

It was a career best USAC night for Englishman Tom Harris who tied his top USAC National Sprint Car result. His seventh place run equaled the seventh he achieved at Ohio's Eldora Speedway back in 2019. That got him the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: February 12, 2025 – Ocala Speedway – Ocala, Florida – Winter Dirt Games XVI – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track**

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-14.347; 2. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-14.373; 3. Brady Bacon, 20, Dyson-14.534; 4. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-14.608; 5. Daison Pursley, 86, CBI-14.610; 6. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-14.635; 7. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-14.688; 8. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-14.700; 9. Ricky Lewis, 74B, Lewis-14.717; 10. Mark Smith, M1, Smith-14.776; 11. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-14.812; 12. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-14.893; 13. Kale Drake 2B, 2B Racing-14.923; 14. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-14.939; 15. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-14.947; 16. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-14.965; 17. Nic Harris, N2, Harris-15.014; 18. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming/Swanson-15.034; 19. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-15.078; 20. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-15.095; 21. Tom Harris, 84, Harris-15.131; 22. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-15.189; 23. Matt Goodnight, 39G, Goodnight-15.237; 24. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE-15.251; 25. Trey Osborne, 6T, Osborne-15.387; 26. Stevie Sussex, 5, Baldwin/Fox-

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15.403; 27. Jadon Rogers, 66, Amati-15.451; 28. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-15.460; 29. Kyle Jones, 79, Hall-15.543; 30. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-15.556; 31. John Mollick, 4J, Clever-15.970; 32. Troy Carey, 45N, Carey-16.189; 33. Eddie Vancil, 7v, Vancil-16.551; 34. Oliver Akard, 32, Rase-18.717.

ROD END SUPPLY FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Tom Harris, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Kale Drake, 4. Nic Harris, 5. Daison Pursley, 6. Ricky Lewis, 7. Trey Osborne, 8. Kyle Jones, 9. Eddie Vancil. 2:03.783

CAR IQ SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Harley Burns, 3. Mark Smith, 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 5. Mitchel Moles, 6. Logan Seavey, 7. Stevie Sussex, 8. Kayla Roell. 1:58.602

K1 RACEGEAR THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kobe Simpson, 2. C.J. Leary, 3. Brady Bacon, 4. Chase Stockon, 5. Matt Goodnight, 6. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 7. Jadon Rogers, 8. John Mollick. 2:02.354

HOOSIER TIRE FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Hayden Reinbold, 2. Briggs Danner, 3. Kyle Cummins, 4. Robert Ballou, 5. Carson Garrett, 6. Gunnar Setser, 7. Joey Amantea, 8. Troy Carey. 1:59.911

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Ricky Lewis, 2. Logan Seavey, 3. Jadon Rogers, 4. Gunnar Setser, 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 6. Trey Osborne, 7. Kyle Jones, 8. Kayla Roell, 9. Stevie Sussex, 10. John Mollick, 11. Troy Carey, 12. Eddie Vancil. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (6), 2. Kyle Cummins (3), 3. Daison Pursley (2), 4. Mitchel Moles (5), 5. Jake Swanson (7), 6. Robert Ballou (12), 7. Tom Harris (10), 8. Logan Seavey (11), 9. C.J. Leary (15), 10. Kale Drake (17), 11. Hayden Reinbold (9), 12. Chase Stockon (1), 13. Jadon Rogers (24), 14. Harley Burns (21), 15. Gunnar Setser (19), 16. Matt Goodnight (22), 17. Nic Harris (20), 18. Kevin Thomas Jr. (18), 19. Kobe Simpson (8), 20. Mark Smith (14), 21. Brady Bacon (4), 22. Carson Garrett (23), 23. Ricky Lewis (13), 24. Briggs Danner (16). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Daison Pursley, Laps 26-30 Justin Grant.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-233, 2-Daison Pursley-227, 3-Justin Grant-218, 4-Logan Seavey-194, 5-Kale Drake-173, 6-Mitchel Moles-168, 7-Briggs Danner-165, 8-Jake Swanson-162, 9-Brady Bacon-157, 10-Robert Ballou-154.

USAC NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-29, 2-Kale Drake-28, 3-Jadon Rogers-18, 4-Chase Stockon-10, 5-Ricky Lewis-9, 6-Daison Pursley-7, 7-Harley Burns-7, 8-Kyle Cummins-6, 9-Justin Grant-6, 10-Robert Ballou-6.

HUGHES RACING / INDIANA MAFIA / FLAMINGO SANDY WINTER DIRT GAMES XVI SPRINT CAR PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-35, 2-Kale Drake-29, 3-Jadon Rogers-28, 4-Ricky Lewis-20, 5-Kyle Cummins-15, 6-Daison Pursley-14, 7-Justin Grant-13, 8-Harley Burns-13, 9-Robert Ballou-12, 10-Chase Stockon-12.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES: February 13-14-15, 2025 – Ocala Speedway – Ocala, Florida – Winter Dirt Games XVI – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Briggs Danner (15.004)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Justin Grant (14.347)

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Rod End Supply First Heat Winner: Tom Harris

Car IQ Second Heat Winner: Jake Swanson

K1 RaceGear Third Heat Winner: Kobe Simpson

Hoosier Tire Fourth Heat Winner: Hayden Reinbold

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Ricky Lewis

Hard Charger: Jadon Rogers (24th to 13th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Tom Harris

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## **Macho Win! Bacon Bags USAC Sprint Win #59 at Ocala**

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Ocala, Florida (February 13, 2025).....It's a somewhat unfamiliar sightseeing Brady Bacon wheel a car not adorned in the colors of the Dynamics, Inc. No. 69 in USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship competition.

One thing that is a familiar sight, however, is witnessing the four-time USAC National Sprint Car champion from Broken Arrow, Oklahoma in victory lane.

Bacon, in just his fourth appearance with the series behind the wheel of the Chris Dyson Racing/Concord American Flagpole – Macri Concrete/Triple X/Rider Chevy No. 20, put it back in the circle at Florida's Ocala Speedway for the sixth time in his career during Thursday night's round four of Winter Dirt Games XVI.

For Chris Dyson Racing, the victory was their first USAC National Sprint Car triumph in six years, seven months and 25 days, since a June 2018 score with Thomas Meseraull at New York's Weedsport Speedway.

One night after Justin Grant edged closer to Bacon for second place on the all-time USAC National Sprint Car win list, Bacon gained one back in the win column with his 59th career series victory. That puts Bacon just three wins behind Dave Darland (62) for the number one spot on the list, and four ahead of Grant (55) who ranks third.

Bacon is competing on a part-time USAC schedule this season, so there are limited opportunities for him to make some headway in closing the gap on Darland while maintaining his pace ahead of Grant. Nonetheless, Bacon took advantage of the opportunity on Thursday night at the 3/8-mile, racing by racelng leader Daison Pursley with 12 circuits remaining of the 30-lapper to earn his sixth career Winter Dirt Games win at Ocala, second all-time behind Grant's eight.

"We've got two more nights here in Florida and the rest of our schedule is on tracks that we typically do pretty well on," Bacon remarked regarding his pursuit of becoming the winningest USAC National Sprint Car driver of all-time. "It might be harder to keep Justin behind me than it is to catch Dave in front of me. He's probably going to have a good year too."

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Bacon's latest victory also extended his record to 15 consecutive years of winning at least one USAC National Sprint Car feature, a streak which dates back to 2011. Furthermore, it's only his ninth career USAC National Sprint Car win not under the Dynamics, Inc. banner. Over the years, he's picked off victories with Brady Bacon Racing (5), Dooling-Hayward Motorsports (2), Kasey Kahne/Curb Racing (1) and now Chris Dyson Racing (1).

An up-and-down week has been part and parcel for Bacon throughout Winter Dirt Games. Bacon opened with a third and a ninth at Volusia before his first night at Ocala was thwarted by a mag box issue while running third during the feature, then later, a flat right rear tire, which relegated him to a 21st place result.

For the second straight evening, Pursley bolted out to the early lead from his outside front row starting spot and remained there for the bulk of the distance. Pursley kept pole starter Bacon at bay to the tune of four or five car lengths throughout much of the first half of the event.

But on lap 19, while attempting to surge past the tail-end lead lap cars of Jadon Rogers and Gunnar Setser, Pursley chose the higher lane to do so. In turn, the bottom lane was left open for Bacon to get in a word edgewise. Bacon sprinted past Pursley, and within a few laps, disposed of Rogers, Setser and Stevie Sussex, to gain some valuable breathing room.

"(Daison) has been really fast all week but I knew we were really good; traffic is really tough here; and the track changes really fast," Bacon explained. "The top of three and four was kind of going away to where you really couldn't get around traffic that way, so I was trying to experiment with lines in one and two to get a better run down the back stretch."

A slew of stoppages buffered Bacon's vision of victory momentarily. The race was halted for the first time on lap 23 when Tom Harris (22nd) slowed to a stop atop turn four with a flat right rear tire. On lap 27, Ricky Lewis (17th) slowed with a flat right rear tire. Then, on the lap 27 restart, Kale Drake (14th) went for a wild ride, flipping over several times in turn three, but was able to walk away.

All the incidents did was delay Bacon's path to victory, and with a clear track ahead of him for the final four laps, he never lost grip as he crossed the stripe 0.926 seconds ahead of Pursley for the win. For Pursley, it was his fourth consecutive podium finish to start off the USAC season. Justin Grant grabbed third with Mitchel Moles fourth and series point leader Kyle Cummins fifth.

"I'm just really happy for this new team, for me. We've raced a little bit together in Silver Crown, but we're new to sprint cars this year," Bacon said. "It hasn't been the most fruitful week as of yet, but we've had a really fast car, and we finally got it done tonight. I think we've had a car capable of doing it for a few nights and we finally put all the pieces together."

The event was held following a storm that rolled in just before hot laps, dousing the surface with even more moisture than was already added in the normal track preparation process. Bacon hit the sweet spot early on by qualifying well and transferring through his heat race, which set him up for a prime position come feature time.

"It's a super tough field up front and qualifying is super tight," Bacon mentioned. "I think maybe going out as the second car in the second group, this place gets a little grease on it for a couple cars. That hurt us but it was a blessing in disguise as we got to start on the pole for the feature. You've got to take them however you can get them with a lot of good cars, especially when the track is this heavy, you'll take the track position any day."

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Briggs Danner was back in fine form after an early race tangle knocked him out of the previous night's feature. After being buried 24th in the starting lineup for Thursday's feature, Danner steadily worked his way forward, and in the end, his plus-13 performance to finish 11th led him to hard charger honors for the night.

.010 seconds is all that separated Gunnar Setser from C.J. Leary at the end of the semi-feature, which proved to be the closest finish of any race thus far throughout the USAC National Sprint Car season. For his narrow win, Setser was tabbed as the recipient of the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: February 13, 2025 – Ocala Speedway – Ocala, Florida – Winter Dirt Games XVI – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track**

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-13.911, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-14.096, 3. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-14.138, 4. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-14.151, 5. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-14.211, 6. Daison Pursley, 86, CBI-14.226, 7. Brady Bacon, 20, Dyson-14.245, 8. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming/Swanson-14.284, 9. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-14.308, 10. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE-14.340, 11. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-14.363, 12. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-14.364, 13. Kale Drake 2B, 2B Racing-14.384, 14. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-14.472, 15. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-14.545, 16. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-14.567, 17. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-14.611, 18. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-14.631, 19. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-14.702, 20. Stevie Sussex, 5, Baldwin/Fox-14.735, 21. Mark Smith, M1, Smith-14.737, 22. Matt Goodnight, 39G, Goodnight-14.745, 23. Tom Harris, 84, Harris-14.756, 24. Ricky Lewis, 74B, Lewis-14.759, 25. Nic Harris, N2, Harris-14.809, 26. Jadon Rogers, 66, Amati-14.839, 27. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-15.065, 28. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-15.154, 29. Troy Carey, 45N, Carey-15.228, 30. Kyle Jones, 79, Hall-15.695, 31. Eddie Vancil, 7v, Vancil-16.200, 32. Oliver Akard, 32, Rase-NT.

**ROD END SUPPLY FIRST HEAT:** (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Joey Amantea, 2. Kale Drake, 3. Mark Smith, 4. Justin Grant, 5. Logan Seavey, 6. Troy Carey, 7. Nic Harris, 8. Chase Stockon. 1:56.629

**CAR IQ SECOND HEAT:** (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Carson Garrett, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Daison Pursley, 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 5. Kevin Thomas Jr., 6. Jadon Rogers, 7. Matt Goodnight, 8. Kyle Jones. 1:57.567

**K1 RACEGEAR THIRD HEAT:** (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kobe Simpson, 2. Tom Harris, 3. Brady Bacon, 4. Mitchel Moles, 5. Briggs Danner, 6. Gunnar Setser, 7. Eddie Vancil, 8. Robert Ballou. 1:58.787

**HOOSIER TIRE FOURTH HEAT:** (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Stevie Sussex, 2. Ricky Lewis, 3. Harley Burns, 4. Hayden Reinbold, 5. Jake Swanson, 6. C.J. Leary, 7. Kayla Roell. NT

**ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI:** (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Gunnar Setser, 2. C.J. Leary, 3. Robert Ballou, 4. Jadon Rogers, 5. Chase Stockon, 6. Nic Harris, 7. Matt Goodnight, 8. Troy Carey, 9. Eddie Vancil, 10. Kyle Jones, 11. Oliver Akard. NT

**FEATURE:** (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brady Bacon (1), 2. Daison Pursley (2), 3. Justin Grant (6), 4. Mitchel Moles (4), 5. Kyle Cummins (5), 6. Jake Swanson (12), 7. Logan Seavey (3), 8. C.J. Leary (11), 9. Carson Garrett (7), 10. Kevin Thomas Jr. (16), 11. Briggs Danner (24), 12. Robert Ballou (17), 13. Joey Amantea (8), 14. Hayden Reinbold (14), 15. Jadon Rogers (23), 16. Stevie Sussex (10), 17. Harley Burns (18), 18. Gunnar Setser (13), 19. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (19), 20. Tom Harris (21), 21. Kobe Simpson (9), 22. Kale Drake (15), 23. Ricky Lewis (22), 24. Mark Smith (20). NT

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FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-18 Daison Pursley, Laps 19-30 Brady Bacon.

\*\*Kayla Roell flipped during the fourth heat. Kyle Jones flipped during the semi. Kale Drake flipped on lap 27 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-303, 2-Daison Pursley-301, 3-Justin Grant-293, 4-Logan Seavey-252, 5-Mitchel Moles-238, 6-Brady Bacon-233, 7-Jake Swanson-221, 8-Briggs Danner-210, 9-C.J. Leary-207, 10-Kale Drake-203.

USAC NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-32, 2-Kale Drake-28, 3-Jadon Rogers-26, 4-Briggs Danner-15, 5-Robert Ballou-11, 6-Chase Stockon-10, 7-Justin Grant-9, 8-Jake Swanson-9, 9-Ricky Lewis-9, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-8.

HUGHES RACING / INDIANA MAFIA / FLAMINGO SANDY WINTER DIRT GAMES XVI SPRINT CAR PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-38, 2-Jadon Rogers-37, 3-Kale Drake-30, 4-Briggs Danner-25, 5-Robert Ballou-22, 6-Ricky Lewis-20, 7-Kyle Cummins-19, 8-Justin Grant-18, 9-Chase Stockon-17, 10-Daison Pursley-16.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES: February 14-15, 2025 – Ocala Speedway – Ocala, Florida – Winter Dirt Games XVI – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Kyle Cummins (14.715)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Justin Grant (13.911)

Rod End Supply First Heat Winner: Joey Amantea

Car IQ Second Heat Winner: Carson Garrett

K1 RaceGear Third Heat Winner: Kobe Simpson

Hoosier Tire Fourth Heat Winner: Stevie Sussex

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Gunnar Setser

Hard Charger: Briggs Danner (24th to 11th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Gunnar Setser

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## Petty Theft! Cummins Steals Win Late at Ocala

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Ocala, Florida (February 14, 2025).....For 25 consecutive laps, Kyle Cummins stalked his prey in an attempt to reel his way toward victory through clean air, through the throes of traffic and through the last desperate moment.

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When Cummins (Princeton, Ind.) saw a little light around the outside of C.J. Leary on a green-white-checker restart, he reached for it and came out the other side of the tunnel as the first multi-time winner of the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship season on Friday night at Florida's Ocala Speedway.

In fact, Cummins was so clutch, he actually turned the fastest lap of the race when he took over the lead on the very same lap 30 restart. It was not just his personal best lap of the race, it was the best lap of anybody in the 24-car field throughout the feature.

Cummins, who scored an opening night Winter Dirt Games XVI victory at Florida's Volusia Speedway Park on Monday, mesmerized the crowd with his daring move aboard his Petty Performance Racing/Avanti Windows & Doors - Premier Recycling/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy, which provided him with his 22nd career USAC National Sprint Car win, tying him for 31st all-time alongside Rick Hood, Bubby Jones and Sammy Sessions.

"On that white flag, I was going to try to sneak, and we probably would've both crashed," Cummins revealed. "I thought I was going sneak, but then they called yellow, and I was all over the brakes. If (Leary) just would've moved up, he would've won that. But he left me just enough room to get through."

For Cummins, his third career series victory in Florida made him the first driver to win Winter Dirt Games main events at both Ocala and Volusia, where he also won at to begin the week.

Furthermore, Cummins' Valentine's Day victory made him the fourth driver ever to win a USAC Sprint Car feature on February 14 following Chris Windom in 2019 and Brady Bacon in 2020, both at Ocala, and Daison Pursley during a 2023 non-points special event at Volusia.

Cummins began his quest from the fifth starting position at the 3/8-mile egg-shaped dirt track, but before he could even really get going, the caution was displayed for 10th running Joey Amantea who slammed the turn four wall and rode along the top edge ala skateboarder Tony Hawk before coming to a rest on all four wheels, ending his night prematurely.

On the resumption, pole sitter Leary established a lead that he ultimately held for the majority of the race, a much-needed boost for him and his Team AZ / Curb-Agajanian Racing team after finishing no better than eighth in their first four starts together this week.

Quite quickly, however, Cummins had picked his way up to second by the fifth lap as he streamed under Jadon Rogers in turn two, thus beginning his nearly racelong pursuit of Leary up front.

By the halfway point, Leary began to work through traffic, first surpassing Mark Smith to put him a lap down, followed by a slew of others. Yet Cummins was able to match Leary each step of the way and finagled his way through the gridlock as well without losing sizable ground, staying put roughly eighth tenths of a second in arrears.

Cummins tried high and low as he inched forward toward Leary, cutting down the interval to a minuscule couple of car lengths. But when Leary bobbed in turn four on the 25th lap, Cummins was able to get right to Leary's back bumper. Seemingly, Cummins found a boost each time at the exit of turn two, which enabled him to nearly pull even on the back straightaway on multiple occasions within the final five laps.

"I kept showing the bottom down there and I knew he wasn't really sure where to go," Cummins explained. "He had to be hearing that motor because, around the backside there, once I could get up into it, I could really go."

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On what was thought to be the 30th and deciding lap, Cummins got the same launch off turn two, which thrust him right to the right rear of Leary midway down the back straight. At the same moment of uncertainty for the lead, the yellow flag was thrown for the stopped car of Kayla Roell (19th) who caught the turn three wall before sliding to a stop.

Traffic was of no factor at this point with the field bunched up for the final restart on lap 30. Cummins immediately went to the well again as he bolted down the back straightaway with about a car width of space available between Leary and the outside wall. Cummins made it through to the other side, and had free reign on the top through turns three and four, which allowed him to shoot past Leary off turn four to assume control with a single lap remaining.

One lap later, Cummins had finished off the most dramatic feature ending of the season by .659 of a second to pocket another victory in front of an appreciative and applauding crowd. Daison Pursley took second for his fifth consecutive podium finish to start the season. Leary fell to third at the end after leading 29 of the 31-lap distance. Wednesday night Ocala winner Justin Grant crossed the stripe in fourth while Thursday night Ocala winner Brady Bacon rounded out the top-five.

Cummins' "worst" performance in his Winter Dirt Games stretch this past week was a fifth on Thursday after the team experimented with a different setup before soon rectifying that move when they found it not to be to their liking.

"We tried something new last night because we were too tight the first night, so we went back to the same exact stuff we'd been running the whole time," Cummins stated. "We didn't second guess ourselves and we had a pretty good car tonight."

Cummins has led the points leaving Florida before in 2016. But this year feels different as he's put his number 3p up front night-after-night for the first five races without a single blemish outside the top-five to date. As far as being a championship contender, although it's certainly early in the journey, Cummins points to the fact that they have now conquered events on differing racetracks at venues they had struggled mightily at as recently as last year when the foundation of the team was being constructed.

"It's two different tracks – a big track and a small track," Cummins reflected after winning at Volusia's 1/2-mile and Ocala's 3/8-mile in the past week. "We've struggled down here really bad. This is a tricky track, but you could move around, and we were able to qualify good and go from fifth and pass some cars and do it a little bit of the hard way."

To add to his accolades, Cummins also collected the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night for his winning pass.

Daison Pursley's Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifying time to begin the night was his third of the season through five races. It was also the 10th fast time of his USAC National Sprint Car career, tying him with Sonny Ates, Jim Hurtubise, Thomas Meseraull and Jake Swanson for 52nd all-time.

Meanwhile, Robert Ballou and crew had to replace the rear end on their machine early in evening prior to the heat races. By the end of the night, Ballou was moving forward as he went plus-six in the feature from 15th to 9th. The performance earned him hard charger honors for the night.

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HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Daison Pursley, 86, CBI-14.041; 2. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-14.097; 3. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-14.128; 4. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-14.139; 5. Jadon Rogers, 66, Amati-14.193; 6. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-14.197; 7. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-14.226; 8. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming/Swanson-14.231; 9. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-14.282; 10. Brady Bacon, 20, Dyson-14.284; 11. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-14.301; 12. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-14.355; 13. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-14.358; 14. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE-14.370; 15. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-14.411; 16. Nic Harris, N2, Harris-14.463; 17. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-14.508; 18. Ricky Lewis, 74B, Lewis-14.561; 19. Kale Drake 2B, 2B Racing-14.571; 20. Mark Smith, M1, Smith-14.626; 21. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-14.646; 22. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-14.673; 23. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-14.695; 24. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-14.718; 25. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-14.855; 26. Matt Goodnight, 39G, Goodnight-14.895; 27. John Mollick, 4J, Clever-14.922; 28. Tom Harris, 84, Harris-15.079; 29. Troy Carey, 45N, Carey-15.244; 30. Eddie Vancil, 7v, Vancil-15.464; 31. Dustin Burtron, 51, Holston-16.216; 32. Stevie Sussex, 5, Baldwin/Fox-NT; 33. Oliver Akard, 32, Rase-NT.

ROD END SUPPLY FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Joey Amantea, 2. Hayden Reinbold, 3. Logan Seavey, 4. Daison Pursley, 5. Jadon Rogers, 6. Robert Ballou, 7. Kobe Simpson, 8. Troy Carey. 1:59.224

CAR IQ SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Brady Bacon, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Ricky Lewis, 4. Carson Garrett, 5. C.J. Leary, 6. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 7. Matt Goodnight, 8. Eddie Vancil. 1:57.253

K1 RACEGEAR THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kale Drake, 2. Mitchel Moles, 3. Harley Burns, 4. Gunnar Setser, 5. Briggs Danner, 6. Kevin Thomas Jr., 7. John Mollick, 8. Dustin Burtron. 1:58.297

HOOSIER TIRE FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Chase Stockon, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Jake Swanson, 4. Mark Smith, 5. Nic Harris, 6. Kayla Roell, 7. Tom Harris. 1:58.365

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 4. Kayla Roell, 5. Tom Harris, 6. Matt Goodnight, 7. Kobe Simpson, 8. Troy Carey, 9. Dustin Burtron, 10. John Mollick, 11. Eddie Vancil. NT

FEATURE: (31 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kyle Cummins (5), 2. Daison Pursley (6), 3. C.J. Leary (1), 4. Justin Grant (3), 5. Brady Bacon (7), 6. Jadon Rogers (2), 7. Briggs Danner (4), 8. Chase Stockon (8), 9. Robert Ballou (15), 10. Jake Swanson (12), 11. Mitchel Moles (11), 12. Logan Seavey (13), 13. Kale Drake (9), 14. Kevin Thomas Jr. (14), 15. Carson Garrett (16), 16. Gunnar Setser (17), 17. Hayden Reinbold (19), 18. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (22), 19. Harley Burns (23), 20. Kayla Roell (24), 21. Mark Smith (21), 22. Ricky Lewis (20), 23. Nic Harris (18), 24. Joey Amantea (10). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-29 C.J. Leary, Laps 30-31 Kyle Cummins.

\*\*John Mollick flipped during the semi.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-385, 2-Daison Pursley-379, 3-Justin Grant-364, 4-Brady Bacon-299, 5-Logan Seavey-297, 6-Mitchel Moles-286, 7-C.J. Leary-276, 8-Briggs Danner-270, 9-Jake Swanson-270, 10-Kale Drake-248.

USAC WINTER DIRT GAMES XVI POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-385, 2-Daison Pursley-379, 3-Justin Grant-364, 4-Brady Bacon-299, 5-Logan Seavey-297, 6-Mitchel Moles-286, 7-C.J. Leary-276, 8-Briggs Danner-270, 9-Jake Swanson-270, 10-Kale Drake-248.

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USAC NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-32, 2-Kale Drake-28, 3-Jadon Rogers-26, 4-Robert Ballou-17, 5-Briggs Danner-15, 6-Harley Burns-12, 7-Daison Pursley-11, 8-Jake Swanson-11, 9-Kyle Cummins-10, 10-Chase Stockon-10.

HUGHES RACING / INDIANA MAFIA / FLAMINGO SANDY WINTER DIRT GAMES XVI SPRINT CAR PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-38, 2-Jadon Rogers-37, 3-Kale Drake-31, 4-Robert Ballou-29, 5-Kyle Cummins-27, 6-Briggs Danner-26, 7-Justin Grant-22, 8-Daison Pursley-22, 9-Chase Stockon-20, 10-Ricky Lewis-20.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: February 15, 2025 – Ocala Speedway – Ocala, Florida – Winter Dirt Games XVI – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: C.J. Leary (14.202)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Daison Pursley (14.041)

Rod End Supply First Heat Winner: Joey Amantea

Car IQ Second Heat Winner: Brady Bacon

K1 RaceGear Third Heat Winner: Kale Drake

Hoosier Tire Fourth Heat Winner: Chase Stockon

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Robert Ballou

Hard Charger: Robert Ballou (15th to 9th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Kyle Cummins

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## A Matter of Time! Pursley Busts Through to Win Ocala's Winter Dirt Games Finale

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Ocala, Florida (February 15, 2025).....Seemingly, it was only a matter of time before Daison Pursley broke through the iron wall that had stood in his path to victory throughout Winter Dirt Games.

Following finishes of 2nd, 3rd, 3rd, 2nd and 2nd, and leading a total of 43 laps across the past five nights of USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship racing in Florida, the Locust Grove, Oklahoma native finally hurdled the hump to land a long-awaited victory during Saturday night's Winter Dirt Games XVI finale at Ocala Speedway.

Pursley collected \$10,000 for his efforts in the 35-lap feature event at the 3/8-mile dirt oval as he picked his way to the lead past Mitchel Moles on the 21st circuit and led the remaining 15 trips in his CB Industries/Avanti Windows & Doors – Pristine Auction – NOS Energy Drink/Spike/Stanton Chevy.

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For Pursley, it was his third career USAC National Sprint Car points-paying feature victory, and his first for the newly formed CB Industries team owned by former series winning driver Chad Boat. Now, in the team's first six races together, they've yet to finish off the podium.

Although the team was so close to victory on each of the initial five nights, it didn't get them down. All it did was prove that they were apt to put themselves in position to win at any given time they hit the racetrack, and that soon, their time was going to come.

"As the week went on, we wanted to win more and more," Pursley admitted. "This is just a phenomenal racecar. It's been a pleasure to drive, for sure, and I'm just the one lucky enough to get to be in the seat."

Starting third in the 24-car field, Pursley used traffic to his advantage on lap 15 when second-running Brady Bacon became boxed in behind the 22nd place car of Kobe Simpson in turns three and four. Pursley dove to the bottom, then sliced between Bacon and Simpson on the front straightaway to become the new occupant of the runner-up spot.

"I just felt like I was the only one, at least among those ahead of me, who was moving around in one and two, and I knew that was going to be the place to try to do something down the back straightaway with how (Moles) and Brady were floating up," Pursley explained. "I got lucky enough to where Brady decided to try to run the top in three and four, and with lapped traffic, I was the one actually getting to pounce on them."

When the yellow flag was displayed for 14th place Hayden Reinbold's flat right rear tire on the 19th lap, it removed traffic from the equation while also allowing Pursley free reign to discover which path fit to his liking.

On the first lap following the lap 19 restart, Pursley wound himself up on the high side and was able to pull even alongside Moles on the back straightaway. On the ensuing go around, Pursley modified his approach by diving under Moles in turn one to swipe the lead away, albeit briefly.

Moles cut back under Pursley at the exit of turn two to reassume the top spot as Pursley slipped back underneath Moles midway down the dogleg headed for turn three when Pursley ramped his right front tire over Moles' left rear. Pursley landed on all fours to complete the pass on the inside of turn three to become the new leader with 15 laps remaining.

"I just started moving around a little bit, and when Mitchel and I got to racing, I knew his angle was so low in the middle of one and two that it was going to shoot him up the track," Pursley pointed out. "I kind of anticipated it a little bit where I thought he was going to slide a little bit further, then I ended up getting into his left rear a bit as we drag raced into three."

With 10 laps to go, Pursley had established a 1.6 second lead as Bacon worked on Moles for second. Ultimately, on lap 25, Bacon managed to charge around Moles to corral second for good just prior to Logan Seavey (9th) slowing with a flat right rear tire, which dropped the defending series champion to 18th in the final running order.

Although Pursley's lead was subsequently erased multiple times down the stretch due to cautions, including for the final time with five laps to go, he was the class of the field, crossing the finish line 0.351 seconds ahead of Thursday Ocala winner Brady Bacon, Friday Ocala victor Kyle Cummins, Wednesday Ocala winner Justin Grant and Mitchel Moles, who led a race high 20 laps before falling back to fifth at the checkered.

It took a minute for everything to align the way Pursley hoped it would, and after five close calls, the 2023 USAC National Sprint Car Rookie of the Year was able to close out the week on top.

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“It was once again a phenomenal car by Chad and his crew,” Pursley praised. “It’s been a pleasure to drive. This thing’s been really good and I’m excited for the future here. What an amazing racetrack too. You could move around in one and two and there was the typical, unique Bubba line in three and four that you had to be good at. It took me all week to figure it out, but nonetheless, we finally did.”

As a car owner, Chad Boat ranks 10th all-time in terms of USAC National Midget wins with 41, a run which includes two series championships in 2020 and again in 2024, the latter of which came with Pursley at the wheel. But it’s been a long time since he’s been in the USAC National Sprint Car win column, specifically July of 2009, when he raced to his second and final career triumph during Indiana Sprint Week at Kokomo Speedway. Nearly 16 full seasons later, it’s a welcome homecoming for the first-time USAC National Sprint Car winning car owner.

“It’s definitely special,” Boat exclaimed. “These are the best in the business in non-wing sprint car racing. To come out and race against Justin Grant, Kyle Cummins, Brady Bacon and guys like that, it’s tough and it’s a slugfest. These races are tough to win and I’m super proud of Daison. My guys did an amazing job. It’s a new group of guys working together this year and we came out of the box swinging, and I’m really proud of that.”

Kyle Cummins earned the 2025 Winter Dirt Games championship, earning an extra \$5,000 for his efforts throughout the six-race series, which included six top-five finishes and two feature victories. In fact, he and Pursley both tied for the number one spot at 449 points for the week, but Cummins held the tiebreaker with his pair of victories at Volusia Speedway Park and Ocala. Afterward, Cummins promptly proclaimed that he’s “going to Disney World.”

Jadon Rogers passed 39 cars throughout the six races in Florida to score the Hughes Racing / Indiana Mafia / Flamingo Sandy Winter Dirt Games Passing Master title and an \$800 reward. It’s the second such award of his career as he also collected the same honor in 2022.

Sporting a Fu Manchu style “Moose-Stache” similar to his car owner, Tom Sertich, Chase Stockon transformed his night after suffering a flat right rear tire while leading his heat race, which required extensive repairs to the nerf bar and torque tube of the Moosemobile. He started at the tail of the semi-feature and transferred his way through, then earned hard charger honors by advancing from 23rd to 13th in the main event. For that, he earned Inferno Armor’s Fire Move of the Night.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** February 15, 2025 – Ocala Speedway – Ocala, Florida – Winter Dirt Games XVI – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track

**ROD END SUPPLY FIRST QUALIFIER:** (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary (#21AZ Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian), 2. Carson Garrett (#15 BGE), 3. Kale Drake (#2B 2B Racing), 4. Kevin Thomas Jr. (#3R Rock Steady), 5. Harley Burns (#16 Britt Aero), 6. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (#51T Tafoya), 7. Ricky Lewis (#74B Lewis), 8. Dustin Burtron (#51 Holston). 2:26.794

**CAR IQ SECOND QUALIFIER:** (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou (#12 Ballou), 2. Jake Swanson (#5T Daming Swanson), 3. Tom Harris (#84 Harris), 4. Briggs Danner (#39 Hogue), 5. Joey Amantea (#88J JPA), 6. Matt Goodnight (#39G Goodnight), 7. Eddie Vancil (#7v Vancil), 8. Mark Smith (#M1 Smith). NT

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K1 RACEGEAR THIRD QUALIFIER: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Seavey (Abacus #57), 2. Jadon Rogers (#66 Amati), 3. Hayden Reinbold (#19 Reinbold-Underwood), 4. Gunnar Setser (#5G KO), 5. Kayla Roell (#4K Roell), 6. Chase Stockon (#92 Sertich), 7. Troy Carey (#45N Carey), 8. Kobe Simpson (#21K Simpson). NT

FAST DASH: (6 laps) 1. Brady Bacon (#20 Dyson), 2. Mitchel Moles (#19AZ Reinbold-Underwood), 3. Daison Pursley (#86 CBI), 4. Kyle Cummins (#3p Petty), 5. Justin Grant (#4 TOPP), 6. Logan Seavey, 7. Robert Ballou, 8. C.J. Leary. 1:27.767 (New Track Record)

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Oliver Akard (#32 Rase)

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 2. Mark Smith, 3. Chase Stockon, 4. Kobe Simpson, 5. Ricky Lewis, 6. Eddie Vancil, 7. Matt Goodnight, 8. Dustin Burtron. NT

FEATURE: (35 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Daison Pursley (3), 2. Brady Bacon (1), 3. Kyle Cummins (4), 4. Justin Grant (5), 5. Mitchel Moles (2), 6. Carson Garrett (9), 7. Robert Ballou (7), 8. C.J. Leary (8), 9. Kale Drake (12), 10. Jake Swanson (10), 11. Jadon Rogers (11), 12. Briggs Danner (16), 13. Chase Stockon (23), 14. Kevin Thomas Jr. (15), 15. Tom Harris (13), 16. Harley Burns (18), 17. Hayden Reinbold (14), 18. Logan Seavey (6), 19. Kayla Roell (20), 20. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (21), 21. Kobe Simpson (24), 22. Gunnar Setser (17), 23. Joey Amantea (19), 24. Mark Smith (22). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-20 Mitchel Moles, Laps 21-35 Daison Pursley.

\*\*Troy Carey flipped during the third qualifier.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-449, 2-Daison Pursley-449, 3-Justin Grant-425, 4-Brady Bacon-366, 5-Mitchel Moles-344, 6-C.J. Leary-325, 7-Logan Seavey-324, 8-Jake Swanson-313, 9-Briggs Danner-309, 10-Robert Ballou-295.

USAC WINTER DIRT GAMES XVI POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-449, 2-Daison Pursley-449, 3-Justin Grant-425, 4-Brady Bacon-366, 5-Mitchel Moles-344, 6-C.J. Leary-325, 7-Logan Seavey-324, 8-Jake Swanson-313, 9-Briggs Danner-309, 10-Robert Ballou-295.

USAC NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-32, 2-Kale Drake-31, 3-Jadon Rogers-26, 4-Chase Stockon-20, 5-Briggs Danner-19, 6-Robert Ballou-17, 7-Harley Burns-14, 8-Daison Pursley-13, 9-Kyle Cummins-11, 10-Jake Swanson-11.

HUGHES RACING / INDIANA MAFIA / FLAMINGO SANDY WINTER DIRT GAMES XVI SPRINT CAR PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Jadon Rogers-39, 2-C.J. Leary-38, 3-Chase Stockon-35, 4-Kale Drake-34, 5-Briggs Danner-30, 6-Robert Ballou-30, 7-Kyle Cummins-29, 8-Daison Pursley-25, 9-Justin Grant-23, 10-Harley Burns-20.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: April 4, 2025 – Paragon Speedway – Paragon, Indiana – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Winter Dirt Games XVI Champion: Kyle Cummins

Winter Dirt Games XVI Hughes Racing / Indiana Mafia / Flamingo Sandy Passing Master Champion: Jadon Rogers (39)

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Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Justin Grant (14.346)

Rod End Supply First Qualifier Winner: C.J. Leary

Car IQ Second Qualifier Winner: Robert Ballou

K1 RaceGear Third Qualifier Winner: Logan Seavey

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Eddie Tafoya Jr.

Hard Charger: Chase Stockon (23rd to 13th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Chase Stockon

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## New Mentality, Same Winning Ways! Cummins Wins Again at Lincoln Park

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Putnamville, Indiana (April 11, 2025).....He was the first to one win. He was the first to two wins. Now, he's the first to three wins.

Kyle Cummins once again demonstrated his blazing start to the 2025 USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship season on Friday night at Putnamville, Indiana's Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway by winning his third series feature of the campaign so far.

The Princeton, Indiana's latest triumph arrived after scoring the opening race in February at Florida's Volusia Speedway Park followed by another victory later that same week at Florida's Ocala Speedway. In his seven starts thus far in 2025, Cummins has yet to finish outside the top-five and has run his streak to 14 consecutive top-10 results dating back to the end of the 2024 season.

Starting fourth, Cummins wrestled his Petty Performance Racing/Avanti Windows & Doors - Premier Recycling/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy around the tricky 5/16-mile dirt oval surface to the lead past Logan Seavey in turns three and four on lap 10, then led the remaining 21 circuits to earn his first USAC feature win at Lincoln Park since 2019, and his second overall.

Cummins' 23rd career USAC National Sprint Car victory moved him to 29th on the all-time series win list alongside C.J. Leary and Roger McCluskey.

Thus far, Cummins has clicked off finishes of 1st, 2nd, 2nd, 5th, 1st, 3rd and 1st, which has him atop the USAC National Sprint Car standings. It's the type of performance that Cummins has chalked up to a change in mindset.

"This year, things have changed," Cummins explained. "It's a no give up attitude. They might be right behind you, so I just have to go, go, go. I'm not going to get beat because I was going easy. My mentality is a little different. We're pushing every lap and doing what we can do. So far, this season has started out really good."

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From the pole position, Seavey led the opening four laps of the 30-lap contest, while Kyle Shipley slotted into second and Cummins made his way into third. However, Shipley wasn't content to ride around in second for long as he slid under Seavey for the top spot on the fifth lap to lead for the first time in his USAC career.

Shipley's initial visit to the top of the leaderboard proved to be short lived as Seavey cut back underneath Shipley in turn two to retake the lead for the ensuing two laps on the sixth and seventh go around. Shipley didn't stray too far, and on lap eight, he scooted under Seavey in turns three and four to reassume his spot at the head of the field.

Moments later, in turn two, fourth running Mitchel Moles clipped an infield tire and tipped over, bringing out the red flag and taking him out of winning contention. Moles restarted from the tail of the field but came home in the 16th position. Earlier in the night, Moles tallied his 16th career fast time with the series in Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying, tying him with USAC national champions Rollie Beale, Jack Hewitt and Doug Kalitta for 29th place all-time.

On the lap nine restart, Seavey found his way back to the lead for a third stint after Shipley caught a rut in turn two. However, lurking in third and ready to pounce was Cummins who picked off Shipley around the outside for second at the stripe on lap nine, then cut low in turn three a half-lap later to swipe the top spot from Seavey for good on the 10th lap.

Over the course of the span between laps 10 and 19, Cummins constructed a full straightaway lead of 4.085 seconds over Seavey and Justin Grant who had risen into the top-three on a cool and chilly night, conditions in which Cummins claimed he doesn't normally do his best work in, and in a roundabout way, led to him making wholesale changes on the car late in the program.

"Normally, when it's a little chilly, I feel like I'm not as good," Cummins revealed. "With the ruts and stuff we had going on up there, I just kind of moved my line a little bit. I watched the (semi-feature) and got super nervous and changed the whole car. Then, I decided to come back just a little bit. It definitely helped me toward the end of the race. But the first five to ten laps were a little hairy."

That said, Cummins' comfortable lead nearly came to a hasty halt with six to go on lap 25. Daison Pursley (9th), Robert Ballou (12th) and Zack Pretorius (13th) all tangled and stopped at the entry into turn one. Cummins avoided the catastrophe as he evasively swerved off the banking and avoided any and all contact.

With his five second lead evaporated, Cummins had to rebuild, and that he did. Over the next six laps, Cummins bolted out to a 4.433 second margin as he crossed the finish line over runner-up Justin Grant who swiftly worked his way past Seavey for the spot on the back straightaway with three laps to go.

Seavey wound up third, ending his bid for four consecutive USAC National Sprint Car victories at Lincoln Park Speedway after scoring all three wins in 2024. Jake Swanson finished a season best fourth while Kale Drake was simply incredible as he raced his way from the 23rd starting spot to finish fifth, equaling his career best USAC National Sprint Car result, while also earning Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

Prior to Friday night, Kyle Shipley's best career USAC National Sprint Car finish was 14th, earned in July 2024 at Lincoln Park. On this night, he led the first two laps of his USAC career and ran up front before dropping back to sixth at the finish. Still, it was his best career USAC result, and for that, he was the recipient of Inferno Armor's Fire Move of the Night.

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USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: April 11, 2025 – Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway – Putnamville, Indiana – 5/16-Mile Dirt Track

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-12.685; 2. Max Adams, 17GP, Dutcher-12.720; 3. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-12.962; 4. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-13.093; 5. Kyle Shipley, 4u, AJR-13.107; 6. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-13.124; 7. Zack Pretorius, 9z, Pretorius-13.135; 8. Daison Pursley, 86, CBI-13.181; 9. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-13.197; 10. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-13.198; 11. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-13.274; 12. Chance Crum, 83c, Crum-13.276; 13. Jadon Rogers, 66, Amati-13.277; 14. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming/Swanson-13.280; 15. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-13.289; 16. Carson Garrett, 2E, Epperson-13.331; 17. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-13.332; 18. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-13.396; 19. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-13.425; 20. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-13.446; 21. Colin Parker, 16K, Knight-13.456; 22. Tye Mihocko, 24p, Paul-13.479; 23. Gabriel Gilbert, 10G, GGR-13.479; 24. Brayden Fox, 53, Fox-13.540; 25. Kale Drake 2B, 2B Racing-13.585; 26. Nate Ervin, 11, Algieo-13.599; 27. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-13.654; 28. Jake Scott, 33, Miller-13.677; 29. James Turnbull II, 2J, Turnbull-13.712; 30. Sam Hinds, 71H, Hinds-13.825; 31. Tony Helton, 87, Helton-13.891; 32. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Boyd-13.906; 33. Ivan Glotzbach, i1, Glotzbach-14.046; 34. James Boyd, 16B, Boyd-14.166; 35. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-14.226; 36. Bryce Andrews, 17, MSR-14.359; 37. Justin Meneely, 100, Meneely-15.147; 38. Kyle Johnson, 99J, Johnson-NT.

**CAR IQ FIRST HEAT:** (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Jadon Rogers, 2. Kyle Shipley, 3. Mitchel Moles, 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 5. Hayden Reinbold, 6. Kale Drake, 7. Ivan Glotzbach, 8. Justin Meneely, 9. Colin Parker, 10. James Turnbull II. NT

**K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT:** (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Chase Stockon, 3 Logan Seavey, 4. Max Adams, 5. Brandon Mattox, 6. James Boyd, 7. Sam Hinds, 8. Tye Mihocko, 9. Nate Ervin. NT

**HOOSIER TIRE THIRD HEAT:** (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins, 2. Briggs Danner, 3. Robert Ballou, 4. Gabriel Gilbert, 5. Zack Pretorius, 6. C.J. Leary, 7. Harley Burns, 8. Tony Helton, 9. Kayla Roell. 2:18.32

**COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT:** (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Carson Garrett, 2. Chance Crum, 3. Justin Grant, 4. Brayden Fox, 5. Gunnar Setser, 6. Jake Scott, 7. Braydon Cromwell, 8. Bryce Andrews, 9. Daison Pursley. 2:17.75

**ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI:** (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Daison Pursley, 2. Kale Drake, 3. Harley Burns, 4. C.J. Leary, 5. Jake Scott, 6. Bryce Andrews, 7. Kayla Roell, 8. Braydon Cromwell, 9. Sam Hinds, 10. Nate Ervin, 11. Justin Meneely, 12. Tony Helton, 13. James Boyd, 14. Colin Parker, 15. Ivan Glotzbach. NT

**FEATURE:** (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kyle Cummins (4), 2. Justin Grant (3), 3. Logan Seavey (1), 4. Jake Swanson (8), 5. Kale Drake (23), 6. Kyle Shipley (2), 7. Max Adams (5), 8. Jadon Rogers (7), 9. Chase Stockon (13), 10. Carson Garrett (9), 11. Briggs Danner (16), 12. Kevin Thomas Jr. (12), 13. Daison Pursley (11), 14. Zack Pretorius (10), 15. C.J. Leary (24), 16. Mitchel Moles (6), 17. Gunnar Setser (20), 18. Chance Crum (15), 19. Robert Ballou (14), 20. Hayden Reinbold (17), 21. Brayden Fox (22), 22. Brandon Mattox (18), 23. Gabriel Gilbert (21), 24. Harley Burns (19). NT

**FEATURE LAP LEADERS:** Laps 1-4 Logan Seavey, Lap 5 Kyle Shipley, Laps 6-7 Logan Seavey, Lap 8 Kyle Shipley, Laps 9 Logan Seavey, Laps 10-30 Kyle Cummins.

\*\*Tye Mihocko flipped during the second heat. Daison Pursley flipped during the fourth heat. Ivan Glotzbach flipped during the semi. Mitchel Moles flipped on lap 9 of the feature.

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USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-531, 2-Justin Grant-501, 3-Daison Pursley-489, 4-Logan Seavey-395, 5-Mitchel Moles-387, 6-Jake Swanson-382, 7-Brady Bacon-366, 8-C.J. Leary-359, 9-Briggs Danner-357, 10-Kale Drake-354.

PARALLAX GROUP USAC NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-49, 2-C.J. Leary-41, 3-Jadon Rogers-26, 4-Briggs Danner-24, 5-Chase Stockon-24, 6-Robert Ballou-17, 7-Jake Swanson-15, 8-Kyle Cummins-14, 9-Harley Burns-14, 10-Daison Pursley-13.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: April 12, 2025 – Lawrenceburg Speedway – Lawrenceburg, Indiana – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track – Justin Owen Memorial

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Justin Grant (12.939)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Mitchel Moles (12.685)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Jadon Rogers

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Jake Swanson

Hoosier Tire Third Heat Winner: Kyle Cummins

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Carson Garrett

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Daison Pursley

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Kale Drake (23rd to 5th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Kyle Shipley

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## Grant Ties Burg USAC Record, Wins Justin Owen Memorial

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Lawrenceburg, Indiana (April 12, 2025).....When a jubilant Justin Grant hoisted his helmet out of the top of his roll cage following his first career USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car victory at Indiana's Lawrenceburg Speedway in 2012, little did anyone know that it was just the tip of the iceberg when it came to what he would go on to accomplish at the 3/8-mile dirt oval in the years to come.

On Saturday night, nearly 13 years later, Grant once again raised his helmet skyward on the cooldown lap, this time after tying Dave Darland as the winningest driver in USAC National Sprint Car history at Lawrenceburg, matching The Peoples Champ with his seventh score at the venue.

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Moments later, Grant paid homage to the driver in which Saturday night's event was honoring – Justin Owen – by bringing his car to a complete stop atop turn three, the same spot in which Owen lost his life two years earlier during a 2023 USAC Sprint Car qualifying crash.

"It's big. It's really, really big," Grant reflected upon winning the second annual Justin Owen Memorial. "To tie Dave (Darland) here for all-time wins is great, and that's special to me, but it's really special to win this race in Justin's memory. Admittedly, I didn't know him very well but I raced with him down here back when I was in the (Mark Hery) 40 car. He was clearly special with as many people who support this race and with as many people who turn out and everybody doing things in his honor. It shows how special of a person he was to so many people."

Furthermore, Grant's personal USAC National Sprint Car win tally now stands at 56, which has him just six back of Darland's record of 62 on the list of all-time winners and just three behind Brady Bacon's who stands second with 59.

Starting outside the front row in his TOPP Motorsports/NOS Energy Drink – TOPP Industries – LA Poly/Maxim/Kistler Chevy, Grant gave way to pole sitter Chase Stockon for the initial pair of laps at the start until Australian Todd Hobson (17th) flipped in turn one and also collected Jadon Rogers (20th). Hobson climbed out and walked away from the wreckage, but after the car was towed to the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area, repairs were made and Hobson rejoined the field at the tail before ultimately finishing 19th.

From then on, it was a duel at the front between Stockon and Grant, who worked the high line while Stockon operated on the lower half of the track. On lap nine, Grant zipped to the inside of Stockon off turn four, out-dragging him into turn one to take over up front.

Thereafter, Grant refused to relent on the path in which he used to strike the decisive pass, maintaining a residence on the high line while Stockon gave chase in second. But Grant was a man with a plan, stating that he felt as if he might've channeled his days of driving the Hery no. 40 at Lawrenceburg in the early 2010s, recalling that it had been quite some time since he had been above the cushion anywhere. But he knew that if he could stick with it, it was going to pay off in a major way.

"I could just make up so much speed off of two," Grant explained. "The backstretch was slick and I was afraid about coming across the bottom. I'd get tight in the center and then just not get that run down the back stretch. It seemed like it was pretty sketchy into one. But once you got clear of that, it was really nice and smooth up there. Honestly, I was just trying to stay up where it was smooth. It just had that one spot, then I could carry so much momentum. I knew if I could keep it out of the fence getting into one and not get choked up on a restart there, I'd be in good shape."

Grant's quest was soon put to the test following lap 11 when Luke Hall (17th) biked in turn three and flipped upside down, necessitating a red flag and restart. Hall was able to climb out and walk away.

Throughout the middle stages, Stockon was able to pose a challenge to Grant for the lead, briefly pulling ahead of Grant on the low side of turn two. Yet, each time, Grant promptly rocketed off the top to retake the lead from Stockon.

While Grant and Stockon were up front engaging in their own war, the tussle between the third and fourth place cars driven by Mitchel Moles (3rd) and Robert Ballou (4th) was raging. As Moles and Ballou crossed the stripe to complete lap 15, Moles' car appeared to slow up ever so briefly, which was met by front bumper to rear bumper contact between the pair.

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When the same two reached turn two side-by-side, it got even more messy when the two connected wheels with the end result being Ballou's right rear tire ramping over Moles' left front, which sent Moles spinning backward to a stop. Moles' night ended on the spot after he had completed two-thirds of a sweep after setting his 17th career fast time in Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying followed by a triumphant first heat race victory. Ballou, meanwhile, continued onward, and ultimately, finished on the podium.

Over the course of the final 10 laps of the 30-lap main, Stockon managed to sneak a peek on multiple occasions down underneath Grant, edging ahead just slightly on both laps 21 and 22 before giving way to the high-riding Grant who had momentum on his side as he blitzed past Stockon each time, and gradually built up a full two second lead.

In the end, Grant pushed his advantage to 2.678 seconds as he passed under the checkered flag for the second time during the 2025 USAC National Sprint Car season over Stockon, Ballou, Briggs Danner and C.J. Leary who completed the top-five.

In addition to Grant's \$7400 top prize, several more drivers collected a myriad of bonuses courtesy of the late Justin Owen's friends and family as well as from a variety of sponsors and donations, which totaled more than \$6,000 in additions to the purse.

Nick Bilbee took home \$1354.00 in special race bonuses alone, plus money from Rod End Supply for earning hard charger honors by advancing from his 20th place feature starting spot to finish 11th in the feature.

Also, Carson Garrett picked up \$604 as the first non-transfer from the semi-feature. Chase Stockon recorded the second fastest time in hot laps while Logan Seavey was the second quickest in qualifying, with both drivers earning a \$404 reward. Briggs Danner pocketed an extra \$264 as the fourth place feature finisher. An extra \$26 apiece went to the fourth place finishers from each heat race: Shawn Westerfeld, Jadon Rogers, Austin Nigh and Jake Swanson.

C.J. Leary made the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night. All in all, it was a bounce back night for the 2019 USAC National Sprint Car champ who finished his evening by winning his heat race, then racing to a top-five feature finish.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** April 12, 2025 – Lawrenceburg Speedway – Lawrenceburg, Indiana – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track – Justin Owen Memorial

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-14.267; 2. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-14.268; 3. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-14.307; 4. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-14.326; 5. Saban Bibent, 98, Wedgewood-14.335; 6. Shawn Westerfeld, 4J, Fischesser/Owen-14.413; 7. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-14.430; 8. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-14.520; 9. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming/Swanson-14.567; 10. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-14.660; 11. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-14.678; 12. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-14.685; 13. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-14.737; 14. Todd Hobson, 98H, Doran/Wedgewood-14.741; 15. Daison Pursley, 86, CBI-14.754; 16. Austin Nigh, 97, Nigh-14.762; 17. Max Adams, 17GP, Dutcher-14.766; 18. Luke Hall, 23s, Simon-14.794; 19. Kale Drake 2B, 2B Racing-14.821; 20. Nick Bilbee, 69, Bilbee/Hoffman-14.842; 21. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-14.848; 22. Carson Garrett, 2E, Epperson-14.883; 23. Jadon Rogers, 66, Amati-14.903; 24. Ryan Barr, 21B, Barr-15.027; 25. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-15.063; 26. Nate Carle, 14c, Carle-15.392; 27. Zach Lamb, 73, Lamb-15.491; 28. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Boyd-NT.

**CAR IQ FIRST HEAT:** (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Mitchel Moles, 2. Briggs Danner, 3. Todd Hobson, 4. Shawn Westerfeld, 5. Nate Carle, 6. Luke Hall, 7. Carson Garrett. NT

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K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Daison Pursley, 2. Kale Drake, 3. Justin Grant, 4. Jadon Rogers, 5. Kyle Cummins, 6. Logan Seavey, 7. Zach Lamb. 2:01.73

HOOSIER TIRE THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Chase Stockon, 2. Nick Bilbee, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Austin Nigh, 5. Gunnar Setser, 6. Ryan Barr, 7. Braydon Cromwell. 2:03.03

COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. Robert Ballou, 3. Hayden Reinbold, 4. Jake Swanson, 5. Kayla Roell, 6. Max Adams. 2:02.00

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Max Adams, 2. Logan Seavey, 3. Ryan Barr, 4. Luke Hall, 5. Carson Garrett, 6. Zach Lamb, 7. Braydon Cromwell. 2:35:55

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (2), 2. Chase Stockon (1), 3. Robert Ballou (4), 4. Briggs Danner (11), 5. C.J. Leary (8), 6. Logan Seavey (9), 7. Kyle Cummins (12), 8. Jake Swanson (10), 9. Daison Pursley (7), 10. Gunnar Setser (5), 11. Nick Bilbee (20), 12. Kevin Thomas Jr. (13), 13. Kale Drake (19), 14. Hayden Reinbold (14), 15. Max Adams (17), 16. Ryan Barr (22), 17. Kayla Roell (23), 18. Shawn Westerfeld (3), 19. Todd Hobson (15), 20. Austin Nigh (16), 21. Mitchel Moles (6), 22. Luke Hall (18), 23. Nate Carle (24), 24. Jadon Rogers (21). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-8 Chase Stockon, Laps 9-30 Justin Grant.

\*\*Saban Bibent flipped during qualifying. Todd Hobson flipped on lap 3 of the feature. Luke Hall flipped on lap 11 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-587, 2-Justin Grant-577, 3-Daison Pursley-543, 4-Logan Seavey-457, 5-Jake Swanson-436, 6-C.J. Leary-425, 7-Briggs Danner-425, 8-Mitchel Moles-424, 9-Robert Ballou-400, 10-Kale Drake-398.

PARALLAX GROUP USAC NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-55, 2-C.J. Leary-44, 3-Briggs Danner-31, 4-Jadon Rogers-26, 5-Chase Stockon-24, 6-Kyle Cummins-19, 7-Robert Ballou-18, 8-Jake Swanson-17, 9-Kayla Roell-15, 10-Harley Burns-14.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES: May 2-3, 2025 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track – #LetsRaceTwo

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: C.J. Leary (14.572)

2nd Fastest Driver in Hot Laps: Chase Stockon (14.636)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Mitchel Moles (14.267)

2nd Fastest Qualifier: Logan Seavey (14.268)

26th Fastest Qualifier: Nate Carle (15.392)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Mitchel Moles

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K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Daison Pursley

Hoosier Tire Third Heat Winner: Chase Stockon

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: C.J. Leary

4th Place Heat Race Finishers: Shawn Westerfeld, Jadon Rogers, Austin Nigh & Jake Swanson

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Max Adams

First Semi Non-Transfer: Carson Garrett

4th Place Feature Finisher: Briggs Danner

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Nick Bilbee (20th to 11th)

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

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## Win 60! Bacon Banks Milestone #LetsRaceTwo Victory at Eldora

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Rossburg, Ohio (May 2, 2025).....In USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car racing history, only two drivers have hit the 60-win mark. Dave Darland was the first to accomplish the feat in 2018, and on Friday night, Brady Bacon became the second to join the ultra-exclusive club.

Bacon (Broken Arrow, Oklahoma) led all 30 laps from the pole position and lapped nearly half the field in the process to capture his 60th career series win during the #LetsRaceTwo opener at Rossburg, Ohio's Eldora Speedway.

For Bacon, it was his third career USAC National Sprint Car win at Eldora following previous triumphant performances during the 2014 4-Crown Nationals and the opening night of #LetsRaceTwo in 2018. Bacon's career USAC National Sprint Car win tally now stands just two behind Darland's grand total of 62, which currently ranks number one all-time.

The third-place starting Bacon took control of the pace early in his Chris Dyson Racing/Concord American Flagpole – Macri Concrete/Triple X/Rider Chevy as he drifted out in front of outside front row starter and series point leader Kyle Cummins in turn one. A half lap later, Bacon tracked down pole starter Mitchel Moles and swooped across his nose in turn four to gain a lead in which he never relinquished.

In all practicality, Bacon had little in the way of a challenge from Moles or Cummins. However, sixth starting Justin Grant hustled to make his presence felt in the early going, swiping third from Cummins on lap eight before taking over second from Moles with a turn one slider on the 10th lap.

However, by then, Bacon's lead had blossomed to a staggering 6.5 seconds as he began to work his way into lapped traffic where he'd remain for much of the 30-lap affair, setting a torrid pace around the circumference of the famed 1/2-mile dirt oval.

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The delicate balance between aggressiveness and tentativeness weighed on Bacon's mind as he kept his right foot on the pedal, possessing zilch knowledge of the massive lead he had established up to that point in time.

"It was really hard," Bacon admitted of the balance. "You're getting some good cars. Jake Swanson is pretty fast, but eventually, you're going to have to say, 'hey, you're going to have to let me through or it's not going to be good.' I gave him a couple shots there but it's all about momentum, and if you get caught behind someone, then you lose your speed on exit. It's really hard to pass other guys. I don't know how much of a lead I had and I've lost plenty of races here, so I wasn't going to let up any and I just tried to get through lapped traffic as good as I could."

With five laps remaining, Bacon continued to carve his way through the back half of the field, but in doing so, lost nearly 2.5 seconds of his advantage to Grant down the stretch. However, Bacon's entire interval evaporated on lap 25 when Kevin Thomas Jr. (13th) and Korbyn Hayslett (12th) made contact in turn four, sending Hayslett spinning to a stop.

The lone caution of the race reset the hands of times on Bacon's 4.1 second lead. While Bacon had thoroughly dominated the 25-car field throughout the event, the ensuing restart changed the game and breathed new life for the likes of Grant, Moles, Cummins, et al, each of whom now had another opportunity to strike.

"The restart really made me nervous," Bacon acknowledged. "I didn't really know what I should do, so I tried to maybe catch him off guard, and it looked like he got a decent run on me there. I knew if I cleared him, I was going to have to make some pretty big mistakes to lose."

Grant took his shot underneath Bacon on the lap 25 resumption but didn't quite have enough mustard mustered up to beat Bacon to the spot at the top of turn two. Bacon kept his foot in it and powered around the outside of Grant to retain the lead, and for all intents and purposes, put the race on ice.

Bacon closed out the final five laps masterfully as he raced across the line 3.318 seconds ahead of runner-up finisher Justin Grant while Kyle Cummins took third, Mitchel Moles fourth and Robert Ballou rounded out the top-five.

Kale Drake placed sixth in the finishing order after starting 15th on the grid, which earned him Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors for his plus-nine run. In 11 USAC national starts this season, Drake has now earned five hard charger awards. In all, he's passed 81 cars in those 11 features.

Troy, Ohio's own Korbyn Hayslett advanced seven positions in the feature to earn the Inferno Armor Move of the Night. Starting 20th, Hayslett worked his way up to 11th before a lap 26 spin relegated him to the tail of the field where he proceeded to drive his way back to 13th by the end of the race.

Logan Seavey recorded his 16th career Fast Qualifying time in USAC National Sprint Car competition, tying him for 30th all-time alongside fellow USAC national champions Rollie Beale, Jack Hewitt and Doug Kalitta. Seavey has won in all three USAC national divisions at Eldora, but on this night, he earned his first career Fast Qualifying award during Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying at a time 15.755 seconds.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: May 2, 2025 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track – #LetsRaceTwo

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HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-15.755; 2. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-15.859; 3. Shawn Westerfeld, 4J, Fischesser/Owen-15.894; 4. Kyle Shipley, 4u, AJR-15.903; 5. Brady Bacon, 20, Dyson-15.943; 6. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-15.943; 7. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-15.956; 8. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-15.979; 9. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-16.015; 10. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming/Swanson-16.021; 11. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-16.064; 12. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-16.081; 13. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-16.095; 14. Kale Drake 2B, 2B Racing-16.157; 15. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-16.220; 16. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-16.226; 17. Matt Westfall, 23s, Simon-16.241; 18. Ryan Barr, 21B, Barr-16.277; 19. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-16.283; 20. Jadon Rogers, 66, Amati-16.291; 21. Korbyn Hayslett, 1H, Hayslett-16.350; 22. Saban Bibent, 77, Wedgewood-16.376; 23. Abby Hohlbein, 2A, 2B Racing-16.397; 24. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-16.465; 25. Chance Crum, 83c, Crum-16.524; 26. Nate Carle, 14c, Carle-16.545; 27. Zack Pretorius, 9z, Pretorius-16.648; 28. Bryce Dues, 23D, Dues-16.910; 29. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Boyd-NT; 30. Paul Dues, 87, Dues-NT.

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. Jake Swanson, 3. Mitchel Moles, 4. Hayden Reinbold, 5. Kyle Shipley, 6. Gunnar Setser, 7. Saban Bibent, 8. Logan Seavey, 9. Chance Crum, 10. Bryce Dues. NT

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Matt Westfall, 3. Briggs Danner, 4. Brady Bacon, 5. Kale Drake, 6. Kevin Thomas Jr., 7. Jadon Rogers, 8. Abby Hohlbein, 9. Nate Carle, 10. Braydon Cromwell. 2:13.013

HOOSIER TIRE / COOK OUT THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Chase Stockon, 4. Ryan Barr, 5. Shawn Westerfeld, 6. Korbyn Hayslett, 7. Hunter Maddox, 8. Kayla Roell, 9. Zack Pretorius. 2:16.597

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (10 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Jadon Rogers, 2. Logan Seavey, 3. Hunter Maddox, 4. Saban Bibent, 5. Braydon Cromwell, 6. Zack Pretorius, 7. Kayla Roell, 8. Abby Hohlbein, 9. Nate Carle, 10. Bryce Dues. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brady Bacon (3), 2. Justin Grant (6), 3. Kyle Cummins (2), 4. Mitchel Moles (1), 5. Robert Ballou (8), 6. Kale Drake (15), 7. Chase Stockon (11), 8. Briggs Danner (13), 9. C.J. Leary (7), 10. Logan Seavey (9), 11. Matt Westfall (16), 12. Kevin Thomas Jr. (10), 13. Korbyn Hayslett (20), 14. Jake Swanson (12), 15. Jadon Rogers (19), 16. Gunnar Setser (18), 17. Saban Bibent (21), 18. Shawn Westerfeld (5), 19. Hunter Maddox (22), 20. Hayden Reinbold (14), 21. Zack Pretorius (23), 22. Kayla Roell (25-P), 23. Ryan Barr (17), 24. Braydon Cromwell (24), 25. Kyle Shipley (4). NT

(P) represents a provisional starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Brady Bacon.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-659, 2-Justin Grant-657, 3-Daison Pursley-543, 4-Logan Seavey-508, 5-Mitchel Moles-491, 6-Briggs Danner-480, 7-C.J. Leary-479, 8-Jake Swanson-478, 9-Robert Ballou-466, 10-Kale Drake-457.

PARALLAX GROUP USAC NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-81, 2-C.J. Leary-48, 3-Briggs Danner-41, 4-Jadon Rogers-30, 5-Chase Stockon-28, 6-Justin Grant-21, 7-Robert Ballou-21, 8-Kyle Cummins-19, 9-Gunnar Setser-19, 10-Daison Pursley-17.

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NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: May 3, 2025 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track – #LetsRaceTwo

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Kyle Cummins (15.811)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Logan Seavey (15.755)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Justin Grant

Hoosier Tire / Cook Out Third Heat Winner: C.J. Leary

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Jadon Rogers

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Kale Drake (15th to 6th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Korbyn Hayslett

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## Cowboy Up! Cummins Lassoes Larry Rice Classic at Bloomington

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Bloomington, Indiana (May 9, 2025).....Before Friday night, each of Kyle Cummins' 23 previous USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship victories featured distinct characteristics shared across the board.

However, the Princeton, Indiana driver couldn't recall winning a race that resembled anything like his 24th score during Friday's running of the Larry Rice Classic at Indiana's Bloomington Speedway.

"That was a treacherous one," Cummins noted. "There was a lot of turning left and bouncing, but that's what sprint cars do. Sometimes it's smooth and fast and slick and sometimes it's 'cowboy up.' It's kind of cool to get a 'cowboy up' win. The other ones we've won have been pretty slick. To be able to gas it up, get some wheelies going and bike up a little bit, I'm glad we got this one tonight."

The newly installed red clay of Bloomington's 1/4-mile had been doused by the moisture of a rainy Midwest Spring, which produced a track surface with character that required grit, sticktoitiveness and pure guts in order to navigate successfully.

Starting from the outside of the front row, Cummins eventually tracked down pole sitter and defending Larry Rice Classic winner Logan Seavey on the 17th lap and controlled the final 14 circuits of the 30-lap feature despite a bevy of cautions down the stretch which produced several restarts.

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Through 10 starts on the 2025 season, Cummins' latest score was his fourth of the year at the wheel of his Petty Performance Racing/Avanti Windows & Doors - Premier Recycling/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy. Already, Cummins' four series victories equal his winningest seasons in USAC National Sprint Car competition. Cummins also scored four triumphs in both 2022 and 2023.

Overall, Cummins' 24th career USAC National Sprint Car feature win moved him into sole possession of 29th place on the all-time list after advancing ahead of C.J. Leary and Roger McCluskey. Coupled with Justin Grant's issues during the Bloomington feature, Cummins' series point lead has also ballooned from two markers to 49.

Seavey got the initial jump from the pole position as Cummins stayed within arm's reach throughout the entire first half. As the front two worked lap traffic between turns three and four on lap 17, Seavey popped his front wheels into the air after bouncing through a crevice in the track's surface which caused him to drift up the track and leave the door open to the inside.

Meanwhile, Cummins had diamonded from the top of turn three to the bottom of turn four, breezing past Seavey off the corner and past the stripe to lead with 14 trips remaining. And it all started with a change of direction borne out of necessity, and a lack of tear-offs.

"I was just trying to stay calm," Cummins explained. "There at the beginning, (Seavey) got me and I was being a little easy with the car. We have a really, really good, smooth slick track car. Man, that baby's hooked up. All night, we were loosening it up and loosening it up and there, for about the first five six laps, it was super tight, but I was running out of tear-offs. I was kind of getting a little impatient. It was time to get out there so I could at least see where the ruts were at. I think that was the key getting to where you could actually see a little bit and at least try to hit your marks a little bit."

Cummins' lead grew to 2.2 seconds over the next handful of laps until 13th running Rylan Gray stopped backwards over the cushion beyond turn four on lap 21. That sparked a chain of misfortune that reared its ugly head down the stretch with seventh running Justin Grant feeling the brunt of it on lap 26 when he bounced over the top of the turn one cushion before coming to rest. He'd restart at the tail but ultimately bowed out with a flat right rear tire and a 20th place result.

On the ensuing restart, Robert Ballou was hustling. Using the high line, he raced his way to third around Jadon Rogers on lap 27. On the 28th go around, he took Seavey for second, albeit briefly, when Gunnar Setser (15th) dramatically dropped off the pace with a flat right rear tire, necessitating a yellow flag. Without the lap complete, Ballou was shuffled back to third.

At that same moment, Cummins felt fairly comfortable with his situation, knowing that he held the upper hand and his challengers had to put everything on the line in order to defeat him.

"They could've been better than I was but I knew if I got in and got it turned, they were not going to drive around me," Cummins relayed. "They'd have a good shot but being the leader was definitely the place to be. I didn't like to see all those cautions though. It was the longest three last laps that I've ran in a long time."

When activities resumed, Ballou went straight to the top, and to the whip almost instantaneously, to surpass Seavey on lap 28. With two laps left, Ballou's time ran short as Cummins maintained his grip of the top spot as he crossed the line first, completing his 30th and final lap as the fastest lap any driver turned during the entire course of the race.

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Cummins completed the task 1.064 seconds ahead of Ballou, with Seavey third, Kale Drake an impressive fourth and Jadon Rogers a season best fifth.

Ballou (Rocklin, California) believed that a slight turn one bobble earlier in the race might've cost him a shot at the win late, dropping his track position from fifth to seventh after starting ninth aboard his Ballou Motorsports/Suburban Subaru – Mountain Mechanical Contractors/DRC/Ott Chevy. Although the slight slip had its consequences, Ballou put on an absolute clinic from there, charging to second on the high side. All of that came on the heels of his heat race run from seventh to the win, including a single moment in which he passed three cars on the straightaway in one fell swoop, practically clinching the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night before the sun had even set.

Logan Seavey (Sutter, California) returned to the podium with a third place feature finish in his Abacus Racing/Mountain Mechanical Contractors – Indy Power Sports/DRC/Stanton Chevy. In doing so, Seavey also led the most laps in the main event with 16. While he wasn't able to repeat his Larry Rice Classic victory from a year ago, it was Seavey's third straight podium at the event: (3rd 2023), (1st 2024) & (3rd 2025).

Jack Hoyer (Frankfort, Indiana) earned himself Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors in his season debut with the USAC National Sprint Cars. His plus-nine run from 22nd to 13th run on the red clay made him the biggest mover in the feature.

Sixth place feature finisher Mitchel Moles (Raisin City, California) turned his 18th career USAC National Sprint Car Fast Qualifying time, which tied him for 27th on the series all-time list alongside 1960-1961-1962 USAC Sprint Car champ and 1963 Indianapolis 500 winner Parnelli Jones. Moles has now set fast time in three of the last four USAC National Sprint Car events.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: May 9, 2025 – Bloomington Speedway – Bloomington, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Track – Larry Rice Classic**

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-11.513; 2. Kyle Shipley, 4u, AJR-11.613; 3. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming/Swanson-11.614; 4. Carson Garrett, 2E, Epperson-11.616; 5. Jadon Rogers, 66, Amati-11.632; 6. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-11.655; 7. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-11.681; 8. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-11.709; 9. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-11.747; 10. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-11.783; 11. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-11.795; 12. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-11.808; 13. Matt Westfall, 23s, Simon-11.819; 14. Stevie Sussex, 77s, Sturgeon-11.855; 15. Chelby Hinton, 71p, Phillips-11.861; 16. Rylan Gray, 42, Cheney-11.871; 17. Chance Crum, 83c, Crum-11.887; 18. Jake Scott, 33, Miller-11.896; 19. Abby Hohlbein, 2A, 2B Racing-11.955; 20. Todd Hobson, 77, Wingo-11.975; 21. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Boyd-11.997; 22. Tye Mihocko, 24p, Paul-12.012; 23. Matt Thompson, 26, Thompson-12.012; 24. Kale Drake 2B, 2B Racing-12.017; 25. Gabriel Gilbert, 10G, GGR-12.022; 26. Jack Hoyer, 11, Hoyer-12.071; 27. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-12.135; 28. Austin Cory, 00, Cory-12.181; 29. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-12.185; 30. Sam Hinds, 71H, Hinds-12.189; 31. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-12.207; 32. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-12.229; 33. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-12.357; 34. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-12.381; 35. Bryce Andrews, 17, MSR-12.700; 36. Hunter Wilson, 07, American Dream-12.777; 37. Justin Meneely, 100, Meneely-12.780; 38. Mike Larrison, 06, American Dream-12.986; 39. Adyn Schmidt, 12s, Schmidt-13.273.

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CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Seavey, 2. Jadon Rogers, 3. Chance Crum, 4. Matt Westfall, 5. Gabriel Gilbert, 6. Gunnar Setser, 7. Braydon Cromwell, 8. Mitchel Moles, 9. Hayden Reinbold, 10. Justin Meneely. 2:04.800

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Tye Mihocko, 2. C.J. Leary, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Kyle Shipley, 5. Jake Scott, 6. Harley Burns, 7. Jack Hoyer, 8. Sam Hinds, 9. Mike Larrison, 10. Stevie Sussex. NT

HOOSIER TIRE THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Jake Swanson, 4. Matt Thompson, 5. Chelby Hinton, 6. Kayla Roell, 7. Kobe Simpson, 8. Bryce Andrews, 9. Abby Hohlbein, 10. Adyn Schmidt. 2:05.841

COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kale Drake, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Todd Hobson, 4. Brandon Mattox, 5. Rylan Gray, 6. Carson Garrett, 7. Briggs Danner, 8. Austin Cory, 9. Hunter Wilson. NT

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Mitchel Moles, 2. Gunnar Setser, 3. Kobe Simpson, 4. Jack Hoyer, 5. Braydon Cromwell, 6. Hayden Reinbold, 7. Briggs Danner, 8. Bryce Andrews, 9. Adyn Schmidt, 10. Kayla Roell, 11. Abby Hohlbein, 12. Austin Cory, 13. Hunter Wilson, 14. Carson Garrett, 15. Harley Burns, 16. Stevie Sussex, 17. Justin Meneely. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kyle Cummins (2), 2. Robert Ballou (9), 3. Logan Seavey (1), 4. Kale Drake (8), 5. Jadon Rogers (4), 6. Mitchel Moles (10), 7. Tye Mihocko (7), 8. Jake Swanson (5), 9. C.J. Leary (3), 10. Kevin Thomas Jr. (11), 11. Chance Crum (17), 12. Kobe Simpson (12), 13. Jack Hoyer (22), 14. Kyle Shipley (6), 15. Hayden Reinbold (26-P), 16. Jake Scott (18), 17. Briggs Danner (25-P), 18. Matt Thompson (20), 19. Gunnar Setser (24), 20. Justin Grant (13), 21. Rylan Gray (16), 22. Gabriel Gilbert (21), 23. Chelby Hinton (15), 24. Brandon Mattox (23), 25. Matt Westfall (14), 26. Todd Hobson (19). NT

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FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-16 Logan Seavey, Laps 17-30 Kyle Cummins.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-736, 2-Justin Grant-687, 3-Logan Seavey-580, 4-Mitchel Moles-556, 5-Daison Pursley-543, 6-Robert Ballou-541, 7-Jake Swanson-537, 8-C.J. Leary-533, 9-Kale Drake-526, 10-Briggs Danner-509.

PARALLAX GROUP USAC NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-85, 2-C.J. Leary-48, 3-Briggs Danner-41, 4-Jadon Rogers-30, 5-Chase Stockon-28, 6-Robert Ballou-28, 7-Gunnar Setser-24, 8-Justin Grant-21, 9-Kyle Cummins-20, 10-Daison Pursley-17.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: May 10, 2025 – Tri-State Speedway – Haubstadt, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Track – Spring Showdown

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Jake Swanson (12.061)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Mitchel Moles (11.513)

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Car IQ First Heat Winner: Logan Seavey

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Tye Mihocko

Hoosier Tire Third Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Kale Drake

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Mitchel Moles

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Jack Hoyer (22nd to 13th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Robert Ballou

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## **Weekend Sweep! Cummins Completes Perfect USAC Sprint Weekend at Tri-State**

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Haubstadt, Indiana (May 10, 2025).....In Kyle Cummins' USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship career, he'd never before accumulated more than four wins in an entire season's worth of work.

In both 2022 and 2023, Cummins reached his previous highwater mark of four scores. But as far as 2025, well, that's an entirely different story.

In only his 11th start of the year, the Princeton, Indiana native notched his fifth win of the USAC campaign during Saturday night's 12th running of the Spring Showdown at Haubstadt, Indiana's Tri-State Speedway.

Aboard his Petty Performance Racing/Avanti Windows & Doors - Premier Recycling/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy, the fourth starting Cummins chased down early leader Hayden Reinbold by lap five and was never headed for the remainder of the 30-lap main event at the 1/4-mile dirt oval.

Cummins' latest triumphant performance completed a weekend sweep after he collected a victory 24 hours prior at Indiana's Bloomington Speedway. In 22 previous instances of Bloomington and Tri-State sharing a back-to-backer dating back to 2005, no driver had won both in a single weekend. That is, until Cummins had his say so.

"It's pretty exciting to win both of them last night and tonight," Cummins exclaimed. "This is a good Mother's Day gift for my mom."

The feat of capturing at least five wins within the first 11 events of a USAC National Sprint Car season is a rarity. Among those who've done it are Larry Dickson (7 starts in 1968), Don Branson (8 starts in 1959), Larry Dickson (8 starts in 1970), Don Branson (10 starts in 1960), Parnelli Jones (11 starts in 1961), Sammy Sessions (11 starts in 1971) and J.J. Yeley (11 starts in 2003). Now you can add Kyle Cummins (11 starts in 2025).

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Cummins' seventh career USAC National Sprint Car win at Tri-State put him within one of Kevin Thomas Jr.'s record of eight, and as fate played out, it just so happened that it was those same two who crossed the finish line first and second on Saturday night.

Overall, Cummins' 25th career USAC National Sprint Car win placed him squarely within the top-25 all-time. His win total of 25 now equals the number also attained by the likes of Steve Butler, Jay Drake, Parnelli Jones and Logan Seavey, all drivers who've previously captured USAC National Sprint Car championships, a goal Cummins would like to achieve this year. After starting this weekend with a two-point edge in the standings, Cummins' lead now stands at 66.

With that said, Cummins has even more ambitious prospects for the 2025 season. Not only does he envision surpassing the single season USAC National Sprint Car win record of 14 set by Tom Bigelow (1977) and Logan Seavey (2024), he wants to obliterate it. The goal may sound quite lofty at first, but with how the season has transpired thus far, don't put it past him.

"I want 20 wins," Cummins declared. "If I get 20 wins, I should win the points. It's a record that I think would be super hard to get. Logan (Seavey) did unbelievable last year and that's a goal we've set out to accomplish. There are a couple goals, but I want to try to get 20 wins and at least put my name in some kind of record book. I'm not really in anything. I'm like 50th or 30th or whatever, but I want to have something that I can show my kids when I get older that I was pretty good and I got something."

Starting from the outside of the front row, leading series Rookie of the Year contender Reinbold led the first four laps of his USAC National Sprint Car career. Cummins slotted into second by the opening lap ahead of Mitchel Moles who was aiming to complete a sweep of the night's event after earlier setting fast qualifying time and winning his heat race from the sixth starting spot.

By lap five, Cummins was draped all over Reinbold, and when the two hit turn three, Cummins made his move by sliding underneath Reinbold on entry to take over once and for all.

On lap nine, Cummins briefly got caught up in the high stakes game of racing chess. Cummins became bogged down while attempting to work his way around 23rd running Bryce Andrews, which in turn, created an accordion effect that caught second running Reinbold up as well. In the shuffling madness, Moles spurted under his teammate, Reinbold, to secure second and begin his pursuit toward Cummins' lead.

Meanwhile, seventh starting Kevin Thomas Jr. was flying, and on lap 15, he swiped third from Reinbold around the outside of turn four. On a lap 21 restart following a 360 degree spin by Jake Swanson (16th) created by contact with Seavey (15th), Jadon Rogers briefly took third in turn four, but KTJ immediately answered right back and retook the position by the time the two hit the second turn a half lap later.

Thomas ultimately made his way into the second spot by getting a run under Moles in turns one and two on the white flag lap to record his best finish of the year in USAC competition.

But in the end, Cummins was too much, too fast, too strong for anybody to make a play down the stretch. Cummins crossed the stripe 1.379 seconds ahead of runner-up Kevin Thomas Jr. with Mitchel Moles third, Jadon Rogers a season best fourth and Justin Grant rounding out the top-five.

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For Cummins, he chalked up his successful night to being in the right position at the right time and managing to capitalize on every facet from qualifying to his heat race to the early laps of the feature where he established himself as the one everybody was going to have to beat. Just the same as he'd done time and time again this season.

"Track position is everything, and with the way the heat race worked out, luckily I got out in front there," Cummins explained. "With the way the feature went, it was a little treacherous getting in there. I just went to the bottom and kind of rolled around. I set my car up for that. On that last yellow, I decided I was going to roll the bottom and just see what I could do."

The two winningest drivers in Tri-State Speedway USAC National Sprint Car history also had another thing in common. They were both driving the same chassis, the only two of their kind that were entered in the 32-car field.

"Mach 1s ran one-two tonight and I think we both won our heat races too," Cummins correctly recalled. "With the Mach 1s around Tri-State Speedway, it doesn't matter who's driving them. They're fast."

Furthermore, sixth place finisher Robert Ballou made his 528th career USAC National Sprint Car feature start. That surpassed Brady Bacon for second on the all-time list. Only Dave Darland remains ahead of Ballou with 797 career series starts.

Meanwhile, Kale Drake made the biggest move of any driver in the feature, advancing 13 positions from his 23rd starting spot to finish 10th. In 13 USAC national starts between sprint cars and midgets in 2025, Drake has earned the hard charger award an incredible six times.

It was a USAC National Sprint Car debut to remember for Eli Wilhelmus. The sprint car racing newcomer and 2024 Midwest Mini Sprint Association champ raced his way into the feature field with a last lap pass for the final transfer spot in the semi-feature. That earned him Inferno Armor's Fire Move of the Night.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: May 10, 2025 – Tri-State Speedway – Haubstadt, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Track – Spring Showdown**

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-13.003; 2. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-13.381; 3. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-13.452; 4. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-13.457; 5. Jadon Rogers, 66, Amati-13.478; 6. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-13.541; 7. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-13.703; 8. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-13.713; 9. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-13.788; 10. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-13.804; 11. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-13.805; 12. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-13.834; 13. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-14.016; 14. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-14.083; 15. Brady Short, 61m, Edwards-14.141; 16. Carson Short, 21m, Edwards-14.177; 17. Kendall Ruble, 17K, Ruble-14.184; 18. Eli Wilhelmus, 55, Wilhelmus-14.271; 19. Donny Brackett, 4B, Brackett-14.306; 20. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming/Swanson-14.458; 21. Sam Scott, 7s, Scott-14.529; 22. Adyn Schmidt, 12s, Schmidt-14.556; 23. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-14.580; 24. Abby Hohlbein, 2A, 2B Racing-14.588; 25. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE-14.776; 26. Collin Ambrose, 36, Ambrose-14.916; 27. Bryce Andrews, 17, MSR-15.061; 28. Kale Drake 2B, 2B Racing-15.068; 29. Aric Gentry, 10, Gentry-15.137; 30. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Boyd-15.201; 31. Steve Justis, 12J, Justis-15.685; 32. Colton Booten, 2J, JAE-NT.

**CAR IQ FIRST HEAT:** (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Mitchel Moles, 2. Chase Stockon, 3. Jadon Rogers, 4. Kendall Ruble, 5. C.J. Leary, 6. Aric Gentry, 7. Sam Scott, 8. Carson Garrett. 2:15.481

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K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Hayden Reinbold, 3. Gunnar Setser, 4. Adyn Schmidt, 5. Logan Seavey, 6. Eli Wilhelmus, 7. Collin Ambrose, 8. Braydon Cromwell. 2:21.753

HOOSIER TIRE THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins, 2. Robert Ballou, 3. Brady Short, 4. Kobe Simpson, 5. Bryce Andrews, 6. Brandon Mattox, 7. Steve Justis, 8. Donny Brackett. NT

COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Carson Short, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Jake Swanson, 4. Kale Drake, 5. Kayla Roell, 6. Briggs Danner, 7. Abby Hohlbein, 8. Colton Booten. NT

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Briggs Danner, 2. Brandon Mattox, 3. Aric Gentry, 4. Eli Wilhelmus, 5. Carson Garrett, 6. Collin Ambrose, 7. Sam Scott, 8. Braydon Cromwell, 9. Steve Justis, 10. Colton Booten, 11. Abby Hohlbein. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kyle Cummins (4), 2. Kevin Thomas Jr. (7), 3. Mitchel Moles (6), 4. Jadon Rogers (3), 5. Justin Grant (9), 6. Robert Ballou (13), 7. Chase Stockon (10), 8. Carson Short (12), 9. Hayden Reinbold (2), 10. Kale Drake (23), 11. Kobe Simpson (1), 12. Kayla Roell (14), 13. Briggs Danner (8), 14. Gunnar Setser (5), 15. Logan Seavey (11), 16. C.J. Leary (15), 17. Jake Swanson (19), 18. Kendall Ruble (17), 19. Adyn Schmidt (20), 20. Brady Short (16), 21. Brandon Mattox (21), 22. Bryce Andrews (22), 23. Eli Wilhelmus (18), 24. Aric Gentry (24), 25. Carson Garrett (25-P). NT

(P) represents a provisional starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-4 Hayden Reinbold, Laps 5-30 Kyle Cummins.

\*\*Jake Swanson flipped during qualifying. Donny Brackett flipped during the third heat.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-818, 2-Justin Grant-752, 3-Mitchel Moles-633, 4-Logan Seavey-617, 5-Robert Ballou-603, 6-Kale Drake-574, 7-Jake Swanson-572, 8-C.J. Leary-568, 9-Briggs Danner-552, 10-Daison Pursley-543.

PARALLAX GROUP USAC NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-98, 2-C.J. Leary-48, 3-Briggs Danner-41, 4-Robert Ballou-35, 5-Chase Stockon-31, 6-Jadon Rogers-30, 7-Justin Grant-25, 8-Gunnar Setser-24, 9-Kyle Cummins-23, 10-Jake Swanson-19.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: May 21, 2025 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track – 55th Annual Tony Hulman Classic

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Jadon Rogers (13.192)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Mitchel Moles (13.003)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Mitchel Moles

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

Hoosier Tire Third Heat Winner: Kyle Cummins

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Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Carson Short

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Briggs Danner

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Kale Drake (23rd to 10th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Eli Wilhelmus

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## **Wednesday's USAC Tony Hulman Classic Postponed to October 3**

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Terre Haute, Indiana (May 21, 2025).....Wednesday night's 55th annual Tony Hulman Classic at Indiana's Terre Haute Action Track featuring the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship has been postponed to Friday night, October 3.

The track crew worked all race day in order to get the 1/2-mile dirt surface into shape after Tuesday's rain. However, at around 7pm Eastern, the track was deemed not to be safe enough to conduct racing activities.

Tickets and pit passes purchased for the May 21 event may be used for either of the remaining USAC National Sprint Car events during the 2025 season: the July 31 USAC Indiana Sprint Week event or the October 3 Hulman Classic.

For refunds, visit [www.ActionTrackTix.com](http://www.ActionTrackTix.com). Use the "contact" button on the website and submit your request.

Twenty-seven cars and drivers were signed in for the event.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: May 21, 2025 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track – 55th Annual Tony Hulman Classic**

**DRIVERS & CARS IN ATTENDANCE:** (27) Kale Drake (#2B 2B Racing), Kyle Cummins (#3p Petty), Kevin Thomas Jr. (#3R Rock Steady), Justin Grant (#4 TOPP), Kayla Roell (#4K Roell), Gunnar Setser (#5G KO), Jake Swanson (#5T Daming-Swanson), Bill Rose (#6 Rose), Sam Scott (#7s Scott), Jack Hoyer (#11 Hoyer), Nate Ervin (#11x Algieo), Robert Ballou (#12 Ballou), Harley Burns (#16 Britt Aero), Hayden Reinbold (#19 Reinbold-Underwood), Mitchel Moles (#19AZ Reinbold-Underwood), C.J. Leary (#21AZ Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian), Brandon Mattox (#28 Mattox), Briggs Danner (#39 Hogue), Charles Davis Jr. (#47 Davis), Logan Seavey (#57 Abacus), Jadon Rogers (#66 Amati), Nick Bilbee (#69 Bilbee-Hoffman), Saban Bibent (#77 Doran-Wedgewood), Daison Pursley (#86 CBI), Shane Cottle (#86c Stamper), Chase Stockon (#92 Sertich), Austin Nigh (#97 Nigh).

**NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: May 22, 2025 – Circle City Raceway – Indianapolis, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Track – Circle City Salute**

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## 61! Bacon's Knoxville Triumph Puts Him One Shy of USAC Sprint Record

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Knoxville, Iowa (May 30, 2025).....The winningest USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship driver in the history of Iowa's Knoxville Raceway did it yet again on Friday during the opening night of the Avanti Windows & Doors Corn Belt Clash.

In doing so, Brady Bacon placed himself squarely on the cusp of becoming the winningest USAC National Sprint Car driver of all-time – Knoxville and every other track included.

The Broken Arrow, Oklahoma native swiftly maneuvered by racelong leader Chase Stockon with five laps remaining to earn his fifth career USAC National Sprint Car feature victory at Knoxville's 1/2-mile dirt oval after previously scoring in 2011, twice in 2019 and again in 2020.

With all of Brady Bacon's USAC National Sprint Car wins tallied up after Friday's triumph, his career win total with the series stands at 61, just one behind Dave Darland's all-time leading total of 62. A golden opportunity now lies ahead for Bacon to tie Darland's mark on Saturday at Knoxville with a shot at \$15,000-to-win.

Aside from the record, Knoxville has proven to be Bacon's playground over the years. In fact, Friday night's landing spot was his eighth consecutive top-two result in USAC National Sprint Car competition at Knoxville dating back to 2019, and his 12th podium in 13 career series starts at the track.

Needless to say, records are at the forefront of the conversation surrounding Bacon. However, in his personal viewpoint, by winning races, any record that comes his way will naturally take care of itself.

"We always come into Knoxville with a lot of confidence with one goal in mind and that's to win the race," Bacon stated. "We're usually right there or maybe one or two spots away from it."

Bacon started fifth on the grid in his Chris Dyson Racing/Concord American Flagpole – Macri Concrete/Triple X/Rider Chevy. Pole sitter Chase Stockon had the early upper hand as he patrolled the bottom to lead the high-riding Bacon by a car length at the stripe to complete lap one of 25.

As the front two duked it out, Briggs Danner entered the scene and briefly surged ahead of Bacon on lap five, but time and time again, Bacon dug deep to keep Danner at bay for the time being.

The Bacon/Danner duel for second was good news for Stockon who increased his lead to three seconds with 10 laps down and lapped traffic beckoning. That took Stockon off his comfy line around the bottom and forced him to run the top in order to work around the back end of the field. This, in turn, allowed Bacon and Danner to clamp down on Stockon, whose lead had been slashed to a mere half-second in a moment's notice.

On lap 17, Danner got rolling on the top and stormed around the outside of Bacon in turn two to occupy the second position. A lap later, Danner pulled even to the outside of Stockon in turn two. But just as soon as one may have figured Danner's sudden surge was going to lift him to the front, Stockon successfully thwarted Danner's attack while Bacon simultaneously swapped paths and went low on the 19th lap to retake second from Danner.

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With the top-three running nose-to-tail under a blanket, Bacon made his winning move on lap 21 when he chased Stockon on the high side of turn two, then stalked him halfway down the back straight before diving low entering turn three and sliding up in front to take the top spot once and for all and for good.

“We were just better on the top than (Stockon) was,” Bacon explained. “The bottom was really good in one and two and he was a little better than us down there to start the race. It just got so important to find the rhythm and gain momentum. He started getting kind of jammed up getting up to lapped cars, then I was just trying to go where he wasn’t.”

Danner took the high road and followed suit into second on lap 22 after Stockon went back to the bottom and became stifled behind the lapped car of Stevie Sussex in turns one and two. By then, Bacon’s lead stood at nearly a full second. That is, until a dislodged wheel cover laying on the front straightway necessitated the one and only yellow flag of the feature on the final lap. Yet it wasn’t enough to throw Bacon off his game.

“The bottom went away in one and two,” Bacon revealed. “So, I figured that, if I didn’t make the same mistake I made here and let somebody slide me on the restart, I’d be fine. You just had to get up there and get your mile an hour going and don’t make any mistakes. The cushion wasn’t quite as big as it normally is but it could still bite you and it didn’t have quite as much grip to keep you going if you did mess up.”

The key factor is that Bacon did not stumble over the course of the final two laps, crossing the line as the victor for the third time during the 2025 USAC National Sprint Car season 1.284 seconds ahead of runner-up Briggs Danner with Chase Stockon third, Robert Ballou fourth and Justin Grant rounding out the top-five.

“It was kind of like a chess match,” Bacon explained. “This place is so super technical. If you mess up, you’ll pay dearly. I had a really good car, but I just had to make the right moves. I made a couple mistakes but was able to get in the right place when it mattered and I felt like, once I was out front, I had a car good enough to hold everybody off.”

As for Danner and the Hogue Racing Enterprises team, what a way to make a first impression at Knoxville. In his first ever visit to the track, Danner raced to a runner-up finish utilizing a late move to glide his way into second for his best USAC National Sprint Car result of the year so far. That proved to be the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

It was a run to be proud of for Chase Stockon and car owners Tom and Laurie Sertich. Stockon led a race-high 20 laps en route to earning a career best third, the best finish of his career in 10 starts at the track. For the Sertich owned team, it had been 26 years since their most recent Knoxville appearance during the 1999 Non-Wing World Championship with driver Rusty McClure.

Kale Drake's 15th to 6th run at Knoxville continued his incredible theme of 2025. It was the fifth time in 12 USAC National Sprint Car starts this season that he's earned Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

Meanwhile, C.J. Leary reset the USAC National Sprint Car track record at Knoxville during Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying with a time of 18.442 seconds, breaking the former mark of 18.548 set by Kevin Thomas Jr. in 2017. For Leary, it was his 56th career USAC National Sprint Car quick time, which ranks fourth all-time and only nine behind all-time leader Tom Bigelow (65).

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**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-18.442 (New Track Record); 2. Brady Bacon, 20, Dyson-18.523; 3. R.J. Johnson, 33p, Petty-18.719; 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-18.804; 5. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-18.850; 6. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-18.854; 7. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming/Swanson-18.918; 8. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-18.949; 9. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-18.966; 10. Ryan Bernal, 17x, Dunkel-19.005; 11. Jadon Rogers, 66, Amati-19.025; 12. A.J. Johnson, 93, Germar-19.041; 13. Kale Drake 2B, 2B Racing-19.124; 14. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-19.213; 15. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-19.293; 16. Logan Calderwood, 6, Ford-19.299; 17. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-19.311; 18. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-19.438; 19. Wyatt Burks, 11w, Burks-19.469; 20. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE-19.489; 21. Stevie Sussex, 2, Yeley-19.609; 22. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-19.695; 23. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-19.758; 24. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-19.845; 25. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-19.854; 26. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Boyd-19.866; 27. Glen Saville, 75, Grasmere-20.228; 28. Ben Woods, 11B, B & R-20.372; 29. Tyler Graves, T4, Graves-20.781; 30. Vinny Ward, 82, Ward-21.036; 31. Nick Marts, N3, Marts-23.286.

**CAR IQ FIRST HEAT:** (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Kale Drake, 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Briggs Danner, 5. Logan Seavey, 6. Gunnar Setser, 7. Stevie Sussex, 8. Tyler Graves. 2:42.677

**K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT:** (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. Brady Bacon, 3. Ryan Bernal, 4. Chase Stockon, 5. Charles Davis Jr., 6. Kobe Simpson, 7. Braydon Cromwell, 8. Vinny Ward. 2:44.083

**USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT:** (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins, 2. Jake Swanson, 3. R.J. Johnson, 4. Jadon Rogers, 5. Glen Saville, 6. Wyatt Burks, 7. Kayla Roell. NT

**COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT:** (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Carson Garrett, 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3. Mitchel Moles, 4. Hayden Reinbold, 5. Logan Calderwood, 6. A.J. Johnson, 7. Ben Woods. 2:48.932

**ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI:** (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Wyatt Burks, 2. Stevie Sussex, 3. Gunnar Setser, 4. Kobe Simpson, 5. Braydon Cromwell, 6. Tyler Graves, 7. Ben Woods, 8. Kayla Roell, 9. Vinny Ward, 10. A.J. Johnson. NT

**FEATURE:** (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brady Bacon (5), 2. Briggs Danner (2), 3. Chase Stockon (1), 4. Robert Ballou (8), 5. Justin Grant (7), 6. Kale Drake (15), 7. Kevin Thomas Jr. (3), 8. Kyle Cummins (9), 9. Ryan Bernal (13), 10. Jake Swanson (11), 11. C.J. Leary (6), 12. R.J. Johnson (4), 13. Mitchel Moles (12), 14. Logan Seavey (17), 15. Wyatt Burks (19), 16. Carson Garrett (10), 17. Gunnar Setser (23), 18. Stevie Sussex (20), 19. Charles Davis Jr. (21), 20. Kobe Simpson (18), 21. Hayden Reinbold (22), 22. Glen Saville (24), 23. Logan Calderwood (16), 24. Jadon Rogers (14). NT

**FEATURE LAP LEADERS:** Laps 1-20 Chase Stockon, Laps 21-25 Brady Bacon.

\*\*Kayla Roell flipped during the third heat.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS:** 1-Kyle Cummins-875, 2-Justin Grant-818, 3-Mitchel Moles-676, 4-Robert Ballou-672, 5-Logan Seavey-656, 6-Kale Drake-636, 7-Briggs Danner-626, 8-Jake Swanson-622, 9-C.J. Leary-621, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-568.

**PARALLAX GROUP USAC NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS:** 1-Kale Drake-112, 2-C.J. Leary-54, 3-Briggs Danner-41, 4-Robert Ballou-39, 5-Chase Stockon-37, 6-Gunnar Setser-34, 7-Justin Grant-32, 8-Jadon Rogers-30, 9-Kyle Cummins-24, 10-Kyle Jones-22.

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CORN BELT CLASH PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-10, 2-Brady Bacon-8, 3-Gunnar Setser-8, 4-Robert Ballou-6, 5-Wyatt Burks-6, 6-Justin Grant-5, 7-Ryan Bernal-5, 8-Stevie Sussex-5, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-4, 10-Jake Swanson-4.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: May 31, 2025 – Knoxville Raceway – Knoxville, Iowa – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track – Avanti Windows & Doors Corn Belt Clash

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Justin Grant (18.754)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: C.J. Leary (18.442)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Justin Grant

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

Hoosier Tire Third Heat Winner: Kyle Cummins

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Carson Garrett

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Wyatt Burks

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Kale Drake (15th to 6th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Briggs Danner

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## Capital W! KTJ Hits Stride with \$15,000 Knoxville Corn Belt Clash Score

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Knoxville, Iowa (May 31, 2025).....For Kevin Thomas Jr., Knoxville Raceway provided the perfect setting for a transformation weekend for both himself and his Rock Steady Racing team.

KTJ's beginning to the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship season saw him finish no better than eighth in any of his first 10 series starts, and a point ranking of 11th entering this weekend's Avanti Windows & Doors Corn Belt Clash.

On Saturday night at the 1/2-mile dirt oval in Iowa, Thomas parlayed an inside second row starting position into victory. First, the Cullman, Alabama racer narrowly avoided a major catastrophe during the opening laps, then put a clamp on the top spot on a lap eight restart en route to his first USAC victory of the season and the first of his career at Knoxville, one that was worth a cool \$15,000.

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At this time last year, Thomas was on his way to a five-win campaign in USAC National Sprint Car competition. The kind of performances that the team had longed for throughout the first several months of the season have now come back around, and the good times are back again for KTJ and the No. 3R.

"I'm pretty hard on myself in general, but this year has been pretty trying," Thomas admitted. "To be able to win here at Knoxville is historic and this was also our first time having an opportunity and then capitalizing on it."

After a seventh place result in Friday's opener, Thomas knew the capability was there, but everything had to align, from himself and his machine to qualifying well (4th) and setting the tone for the rest of the night at the wheel of his Rock Steady Racing/Inferno Armor – Lucas Oil Center – Creative Finishing/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy.

"There are a lot of people who put up with stuff from me and what I like to feel in a racecar," Thomas explained. "We have tried and tried and tried and there was something that was very much staring us right in the face that we changed. Now it's so much better. Like last night, it was an unfortunate thing that we had a situation with a right rear shock but we were still running good. This was the first time all year that we've been in the invert, and that gave ourselves a chance to win."

The victory moved Thomas another rung up the leader as his 45th career USAC National Sprint Car win sent him to seventh place on the all-time win list alongside 1968-1970-1975 series champion Larry Dickson.

The opening laps to the 30-lap feature were as arduous as they were hazardous. On the first try, A.J. Johnson (17th) and Jadon Rogers (24th) simultaneous flipped hard through turn two to necessitate the first red flag of the night. Both drivers were able to climb out and walk away.

On the ensuing restart, pole sitter Jake Swanson established the early lead, pacing laps one and two with Justin Grant slotting into second. However, the action halted on the third lap when pre-race favorites C.J. Leary (3rd) and Brady Bacon (4th) touched wheels entering turn three.

The resulting contact launched Leary into a series of four barrel-rolls accentuated by major airtime and a meeting with the outside guardrail. Bacon, meanwhile, spiraled three times into the outer guardrail. Each driver was able to climb out and walk away. At the same time, the fifth place running Thomas just narrowly missed contact with the flying car of Leary, appearing to drive completely under and just to the right of the airborne Leary, continuing on without harm.

Swanson continued to maintain possession of the lead through lap eight when Robert Ballou (11th) and Kale Drake (12th) tangled in turn two, sending Drake ramping over Ballou's hood, yet still managing to go onward. Ballou's misfortune in the deal sent him into a 360 degree spin from which Ballou was able to recover from. Restarting at the tail in 19th, Ballou raced his way back up to eighth by the checkered while Drake was unable to continue on.

Just before the yellow, Grant had taken possession of the lead with an outside turn two move on Swanson. However, the yellow flag negated the move, thus sending Grant back to second and reasserting Swanson as the leader.

Things soon changed on the lap eight restart as leader Swanson went to the top of turns one and two while Grant dabbled in the middle and Thomas scoured the bottom. Thomas' low riding groove led him past Grant on the back straight, and when Swanson biked on the cushion in turn four, Thomas zipped on by to take over up front with 23 laps remaining.

Ryan Bernal made a sudden surge to go from fourth to third on lap eight before securing the runner-up position on lap 13 as he drove under Grant in turns three and four to occupy the spot. All the while, Kyle Cummins was carving a path from his 18th starting position, grabbing third from Grant on the 20th circuit.

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Thomas' lead stood at 1.2 seconds as he worked traffic while Bernal inched forward to his back bumper with eighth laps to go. But when Bernal chrome-horned the rear bumper of 19th running Braydon Cromwell in turn two, the contact stifled Bernal and resulted in Thomas gaining precious time on Bernal to the tune of 1.8 seconds.

Finishing his business from there, Thomas led the balance of the distance to the stripe for the biggest payday of the year 1.486 seconds ahead of Bernal as Cummins, Grant and upstart Gunnar Setser rounded out the top-five.

Hank Byram's Rock Steady Racing team garnered their 31st career USAC National Sprint Car triumph, which elevated them into a tie for 15th all-time along with Clauson Marshall Newman Racing.

Ryan Bernal doesn't run USAC National Sprint Cars too often, but when he does, he's always a contender. On this night, he advanced from his seventh starting spot to finish second, all while providing the Tom & Christy Dunkel owned No. 17x its best USAC National Sprint Car result to date.

Kyle Cummins was in the zone as he traveled +15 from 18th to a third place finish to earn Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors. Cummins also maintained his USAC National Sprint Car point lead, which stands at 53.

Wyatt Burks passed a total of 19 cars throughout the two nights of competition at Knoxville over the weekend, most in the field. As a reward, the Topeka, Kansas racer earns the Corn Belt Clash Parallax Group Passing Master title.

Gunnar Setser grabbed his first career top-five finish with the USAC National Sprint Cars. The new Rookie point leader with the series was also the recipient of the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night for his fifth place finish.

It was 20/20 vision for Mitchel Moles as he collected his 20th career USAC National Sprint Car fast qualifying time during Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying. That increased his series-high mark of fast qualifying performances this season to five. Overall, his 20 fast times place him 23rd on the all-time USAC National Sprint Car fast qualifying list along with series champions Jerry Coons Jr., Tony Elliott and Roger McCluskey.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: May 31, 2025 – Knoxville Raceway – Knoxville, Iowa – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track – Avanti Windows & Doors Corn Belt Clash**

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-18.868; 2. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-18.994; 3. Brady Bacon, 20, Dyson-19.010; 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-19.019; 5. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-19.050; 6. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming/Swanson-19.178; 7. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-19.186; 8. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-19.189; 9. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-19.227; 10. Logan Calderwood, 6, Ford-19.351; 11. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-19.363; 12. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-19.373; 13. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-19.376; 14. Ryan Bernal, 17x, Dunkel-19.377; 15. A.J. Johnson, 93, Germar-19.384; 16. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-19.439; 17. R.J. Johnson, 33p, Petty-19.581; 18. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-19.599; 19. Kale Drake 2B, 2B Racing-19.691; 20. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-19.783; 21. Stevie Sussex, 2, Yeley-19.792; 22. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Boyd-19.961; 23. Wesley Smith, 44, Smith-20.026; 24. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE-20.029; 25. Wyatt Burks, 11w, Burks-20.100; 26. Ben Woods, 11B, B & R-20.142; 27. Jadon Rogers, 66, Amati-20.193; 28. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-20.437; 29. Tyler Graves, T4, Graves-20.543; 30. Glen Saville, 75, Grasmere-20.874; 31. Dakota Earls, 15E, Earls-21.342.

**CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature)** 1. C.J. Leary, 2. R.J. Johnson, 3. Wyatt Burks, 4. Mitchel Moles, 5. Briggs Danner, 6. Stevie Sussex, 7. Charles Davis Jr., 8. Tyler Graves. NT

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K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Ryan Bernal, 2. Jake Swanson, 3. Justin Grant, 4. Braydon Cromwell, 5. Logan Calderwood, 6. Kobe Simpson, 7. Ben Woods. 2:46.070

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kale Drake, 2. Robert Ballou, 3. Brady Bacon, 4. Jadon Rogers, 5. A.J. Johnson, 6. Wesley Smith, 7. Hayden Reinbold, 8. Dakota Earls. 2:46.018

COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Gunnar Setser, 2. Logan Seavey, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Carson Garrett, 5. Kyle Cummins, 6. Chase Stockon, 7. Kayla Roell. 2:48.806

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Chase Stockon, 2. Kobe Simpson, 3. Hayden Reinbold, 4. Charles Davis Jr., 5. Ben Woods, 6. Wesley Smith, 7. Stevie Sussex, 8. Kayla Roell, 9. Dakota Earls, 10. Tyler Graves. 3:38.964

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr. (3), 2. Ryan Bernal (7), 3. Kyle Cummins (18), 4. Justin Grant (5), 5. Gunnar Setser (9), 6. Chase Stockon (11), 7. Logan Seavey (15), 8. Robert Ballou (10), 9. Briggs Danner (12), 10. Mitchel Moles (6), 11. Jake Swanson (1), 12. Logan Calderwood (13), 13. R.J. Johnson (19), 14. Wyatt Burks (23), 15. Charles Davis Jr. (16), 16. Carson Garrett (22), 17. Hayden Reinbold (14), 18. Kobe Simpson (20), 19. Braydon Cromwell (21), 20. Kale Drake (8), 21. C.J. Leary (2), 22. Brady Bacon (4), 23. A.J. Johnson (17), 24. Jadon Rogers (24). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-7 Jake Swanson, Laps 8-30 Kevin Thomas Jr.

\*\*A.J. Johnson & Jadon Rogers flipped on lap one of the feature. C.J. Leary & Brady Bacon flipped on lap 3 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-943, 2-Justin Grant-890, 3-Mitchel Moles-730, 4-Robert Ballou-728, 5-Logan Seavey-715, 6-Briggs Danner-676, 7-Jake Swanson-671, 8-Kale Drake-667, 9-C.J. Leary-654, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-647.

PARALLAX GROUP USAC NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-112, 2-C.J. Leary-54, 3-Briggs Danner-44, 4-Chase Stockon-42, 5-Robert Ballou-41, 6-Kyle Cummins-39, 7-Gunnar Setser-38, 8-Justin Grant-33, 9-Jadon Rogers-30, 10-Logan Seavey-25.

FINAL CORN BELT CLASH PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Wyatt Burks-19, 2-Kyle Cummins-18, 3-Gunnar Setser-13, 4-Logan Seavey-13, 5-Ryan Bernal-12, 6-Brady Bacon-11, 7-Robert Ballou-11, 8-Kale Drake-11, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-9, 10-R.J. Johnson-9.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: June 13, 2025 – Red Hill Raceway – Sumner, Illinois – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track – Salute to Levi Jones

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Jake Swanson (18.927)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Mitchel Moles (18.868)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: C.J. Leary

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Ryan Bernal

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Hoosier Tire Third Heat Winner: Kale Drake

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Gunnar Setser

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Chase Stockon

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Kyle Cummins (18th to 3rd)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Gunnar Setser

Corn Belt Clash Parallax Group Passing Master Champion: Wyatt Burks (19)

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## **Seavey Strikes Back! Wins \$10,000 at Red Hill's Salute to Levi Jones**

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Sumner, Illinois (June 13, 2025).....Friday the 13th is considered an unlucky day in western superstition.

For Logan Seavey, Friday the 13th signified a new beginning after a somewhat tepid start to his 2025 USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship season.

The defending series champion from Sutter, California executed swiftly through traffic, then fended off repeated challenges from series point leader Kyle Cummins and survived multiple restarts down the stretch to win Friday's inaugural Salute to Levi Jones at Red Hill Raceway in Sumner, Illinois.

The \$10,000 score was the second of the USAC National Sprint Car season for Seavey, and his first since four months prior in February at Florida's Volusia Speedway Park. Overall, it was Seavey's 26th career USAC National Sprint Car feature victory, tying him with Tony Elliott and Dave Steele for 23rd place all-time.

"We've had a tough year after coming off the one we did last year," Seavey stated. "You expect to have the same results, but man, we've been close. These guys have been doing a good job. I've just been doing a poor job. So tonight, I feel like I ran a good race in the feature and finally rewarded these guys with a win. I couldn't be happier."

Friday the 13th certainly lived up to its reputation with a series of rain delays interrupting the proceedings, and qualifying not wrapping up until just before the clock struck 11pm local time. But in what was the fifth attempt at holding the event named in honor of Levi Jones, the show was a go. The event was rained out three separate times in 2024, and once more earlier this spring. Perhaps it was fitting that it took five times to run the event. After all, Jones, from nearby Olney, Illinois, captured five USAC National Sprint Car driving championships in his decorated career.

In what was the first USAC event held at Red Hill since nearly 27 years ago in 1998, Seavey started the 30-lap feature from the pole position. Originally slated to start on the outside of the front row, Seavey was slotted over to the pole after original front row starter C.J. Leary was deemed to have jumped the initial start, and thus, was docked one row and started third.

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Early on, it was a three-horse race at the front as Seavey, Cummins and Grant all edged away from the field, running lock step in formation through lapped traffic, with no driver able to capitalize on any other's missteps around the 3/8-mile dirt oval.

Mitchel Moles shook things up as he split between Grant and a lapped car entering turn one on lap 24 to take over third but remained in the distance behind Seavey and Cummins who ran one-two with a couple car lengths of separation. A yellow flag for a spun out Hayden Reinbold (10th) in turn four on lap 29 re-racked the field with two laps remaining.

Fourth running Grant emerged into the fray on the lap 29 restart as he slid Moles for third between turns one and two. One lap later, Grant tried the exact same move on Cummins for second, but his plans were foiled when his car over-rotated at the exit of turn two, pitching him completely sideways before Cummins' gentle nudge while trying to avoid contact with his back bumper sent Grant around to a stop. Grant restarted at the tail and finished 14th.

The second attempt at a green-white-checkered was halted when ninth running Robert Ballou slowed dramatically with a caved in tail tank. As Ballou coasted, Cummins slid past Seavey for the lead in turn four, but Seavey answered by cutting back under Cummins to retain the spot, completing the lap just before Ballou's ordeal necessitated a yellow, which pushed the race to a 32-lap distance, and gave Cummins another chance to take the reins from Seavey.

"It was as tough as it gets," Seavey exhaled. "When the best guy in USAC right now is on your bumper and you've got to restart a couple times with him back there, there's only so much you can do as a leader. The track was changing a lot there at the end. I was just doing everything I could to hold him off. That one when he slid me, I didn't do a good job. I said, 'let's get up and slide myself a little bit,' but then bash the cushion and try to get away. I think I did a little bit better job at the end."

On the final restart attempt, Seavey had Cummins covered and checked out over the final two laps to cross the stripe 1.075 seconds ahead of runner-up Cummins, who retained his point lead while also grabbing his 14th consecutive top-10 result to begin the series campaign. Chase Stockon came home third with Mitchel Moles fourth and C.J. Leary fifth.

For Seavey, it was a sigh of relief after an 11-race run without a victory, especially coming on the heels of a 2024 season in which he captured the season championship and equaled Tom Bigelow's all-time record of 14 feature wins, but this night hit different.

"I think I've been struggling a little bit with rough racetracks and I've not been doing a good job when it's rough," Seavey explained. "I don't think the car has really been too far off. I just haven't been putting myself in position to win these races and I'm just not doing a good enough job throughout the night unless the track suits me really well, which it kind of did about halfway through the feature tonight."

Seavey is now just the ninth driver to win a USAC National Sprint Car feature on Friday the 13th, following Jim Mahoney (1991 Lakeside), Billy Pauch (1996 Williams Grove), Brian Tyler (2001 Toledo), Daron Clayton (2007 Gas City), Bryan Clauson (2012 Gas City), Robert Ballou (2015 Perris), Justin Grant (2019 Terre Haute) and Kyle Cummins (2024 Circle City).

Starting 11th, Chase Stockon picked his way through the field late in the going. He ran seventh with two laps to go, fourth with one to go, and in the fourth turn on the final lap, he raced into third to land a podium finish. That earned the Fort Branch, Indiana racer the Rod End Supply Hard Charger award (+8).

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Jake Swanson (Anaheim, California) hustled from fourth to third to second to first to win his heat race. He then finished the night with a solid sixth place result in the feature. That earned him Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night honors.

Hayden Reinbold (Gilbert, Arizona) earned his first career USAC Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifying award by setting a new track record. His time of 15.009 seconds broke the Red Hill Raceway USAC National Sprint Car track record of 15.498 set by Tony Elliott in 1998.

Robert Ballou (Rocklin, California) also rewrote the record books in his heat race by setting a new eight lap USAC track record at Red Hill with a time of 2:05.197, more than six seconds faster than the previous mark held by NHRA Top Fuel champion Doug Kalitta in 1996.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** June 13, 2025 – Red Hill Raceway – Sumner, Illinois – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track – Salute to Levi Jones

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-15.009 (New Track Record); 2. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-15.089; 3. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-15.144; 4. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-15.239; 5. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-15.251; 6. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-15.313; 7. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-15.342; 8. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-15.359; 9. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-15.406; 10. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-15.456; 11. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-15.502; 12. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE-15.506; 13. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-15.570; 14. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-15.573; 15. Sam Scott, 7s, Scott-15.617; 16. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-15.692; 17. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-15.746; 18. Jadon Rogers, 61m, Edwards-15.816; 19. Logan Calderwood, 6, Ford-15.975; 20. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-16.144; 21. Abby Hohlbein, 2A, 2B Racing-16.208; 22. Tony Helton, 87, Helton-16.245; 23. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-NT.

**CAR IQ FIRST HEAT:** (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. Briggs Danner, 3. Charles Davis Jr., 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 5. Kyle Cummins, 6. Hayden Reinbold, 7. Tony Helton, 8. Logan Calderwood. 2:05.197 (New Track Record)

**K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT:** (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Gunnar Setser, 2. Chase Stockon, 3. Mitchel Moles, 4. Kayla Roell, 5. Kale Drake, 6. Logan Seavey, 7. Kobe Simpson. 2:06.748

**USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT:** (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Sam Scott, 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Jadon Rogers, 5. Justin Grant, 6. Carson Garrett, 7. Abby Hohlbein. 2:08.283

**FEATURE:** (32 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (2), 2. Kyle Cummins (3), 3. Chase Stockon (11), 4. Mitchel Moles (5), 5. C.J. Leary (1), 6. Jake Swanson (7), 7. Kale Drake (13), 8. Briggs Danner (10), 9. Carson Garrett (14), 10. Charles Davis Jr. (15), 11. Kevin Thomas Jr. (12), 12. Gunnar Setser (8), 13. Kayla Roell (17), 14. Justin Grant (4), 15. Logan Calderwood (19), 16. Abby Hohlbein (21), 17. Tony Helton (22), 18. Kobe Simpson (20), 19. Robert Ballou (9), 20. Hayden Reinbold (6), 21. Jadon Rogers (18), 22. Sam Scott (16), 23. Harley Burns (23). NT

**FEATURE LAP LEADERS:** Laps 1-32 Logan Seavey.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS:** 1-Kyle Cummins-1017, 2-Justin Grant-933, 3-Mitchel Moles-802, 4-Logan Seavey-790, 5-Robert Ballou-761, 6-Jake Swanson-734, 7-Briggs Danner-732, 8-Kale Drake-723, 9-C.J. Leary-719, 10-Chase Stockon-696.

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PARALLAX GROUP USAC 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-44, 8-Robert Ballou-41, 9-Jacob Denney-35, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-34.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: June 17, 2025 – Grandview Speedway – Bechtelsville, Pennsylvania – 1/3-Mile Dirt Track – USAC Eastern Storm / Jesse Hockett Classic

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Kyle Cummins (14.970)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Hayden Reinbold (15.009)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Gunnar Setser

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Jake Swanson

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Chase Stockon (11th to 3rd)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Jake Swanson

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## Take Five! Grant Gets USAC Eastern Storm Opener at Bridgeport

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Swedesboro, New Jersey (June 18, 2025).....Five USAC Eastern Storm wins. Five different tracks.

Justin Grant set a brand new record during Wednesday night's opener of the 17th edition of Eastern Storm Presented by Levan Machine & Truck Equipment at New Jersey's Bridgeport Motorsports Park.

After previously winning at Grandview, Selinsgrove, Williams Grove and Port Royal throughout his career, the lone, California native added Bridgeport to his personal checklist became the first driver to win Eastern Storm features at five different racetracks.

Grant achieved his latest score following a late-race restart in which he made his winning move with five laps remaining to earn his third series victory of the 2025 season in his TOPP Motorsports/NOS Energy Drink – TOPP Industries – LA Poly/Maxim/Kistler Chevy.

Overall, Grant's 57th career USAC National Sprint Car triumph brought him one step closer to the all-time series win record as he now sits just four behind Brady Bacon (61) for second all-time and five behind Dave Darland (62) for the number one spot.

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The victory places Grant as the early Eastern Storm point leader, a major boon toward accomplishing one of his major personal goals of capturing the Eastern Storm title.

"We're chasing the championship here, but coming into this week, I'm just trying to focus on having fun, trying to go win races and do my thing and quit worrying about points," Grant stated. "I'm not smart enough to do any of that. I just go out and smash and hope it works out."

In the process, Grant gained his 49th career USAC National Sprint Car win as a driver for TOPP Motorsports. That's just one shy of the all-time series record for feature wins by a driver/entrant combo held by Brady Bacon and Hoffman Auto Racing (50).

Pole sitter and reigning Eastern Storm champion Mitchel Moles got the early race edge as he paced around the outside of challenger Kevin Thomas Jr. for the lead on lap one. By lap nine, the leaders were already working lapped traffic, and Moles excelled to extend his lead bit-by-bit, his margin increasing to two full seconds by the halfway mark of the 30-lap main event.

Meanwhile, Grant found his way to second around the outside of Thomas in turn four on lap 20. Mere moments later, disaster struck for Thomas whose car went up in a cloud of smoke on the back straight, forcing him to pull into the infield on lap 21, saddled with a disheartening 17th place finish.

At that moment, with one of his main contenders falling by the wayside, Moles' lead remained 2.5 seconds over Grant while being seemingly in complete control. However, Moles' destiny left his grasp when the yellow flag was displayed for the stopped car of Braydon Cromwell (18th) who came to a halt on the back straight on lap 22.

That immediately piqued Grant's attention as he now knew his second wind had arrived.

"I was really, really excited to see that yellow come out," Grant admitted. "It took me a while to get around (Kevin Thomas Jr.) there. I was running kind of underneath him. The top looked so dirty, but I finally got up there and got rolling. I rolled by KTJ and I knew we were coming to Mitchel. I felt like I was really carrying a lot of speed up there. Once that yellow came out, I was like, 'ooh here we go!' This is what they put your name on the visor for."

Moles was a staunch defender for the first three laps following the lap 22 restart as he successfully fended off Grant for the time being, running mostly through the middle and sliding up toward the top of turns two and four. All the while, Grant was wound up on the topside, just looking to pick his spot when the moment arrived.

First, Moles successfully denied Grant entering turn one him by sliding himself in order to prevent Grant's slider attempt on lap 24. However, like clockwork, Grant continued his path up top undeterred, and on lap 25, ducked low off turn four under Moles who was sliding up to the cushion. In the race back to the line, Grant had a half car length edge on Moles.

From that point forward, Grant was in a zone, laying down by far the fastest lap of the race with two laps to go. His 15.149 second mark on lap 28 was more than three tenths faster than any other driver during the duration of the event, cementing his victory at the 4/10-mile dirt oval by a 2.414 second margin at the checkered flag over Mitchel Moles, Briggs Danner, Kyle Cummins and Daison Pursley.

Mitchel Moles (Raisin City, California) came oh-so-close to winning his first career USAC Eastern Storm feature after leading the opening 25 laps. He wound up second, which ranks as his best finish of the 2025 USAC National Sprint Car season thus far.

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"All in all, these restarts are what win and lose these races, and guys like Justin who are veterans, they find ways around guys like me. I'm just trying to learn as much as I can. I got a little soft on the restart and started bouncing, and ultimately, missed it off four and that's what gave Justin the run on me. I've never been given anything easy. I feel like I've had to earn every win I've ever gotten. I don't think anything's going to change, so I'll just go back to the drawing board."

Briggs Danner grabbed his third career USAC National Sprint Car Honest Abe Roof Fast Qualifier award to start the night. After setting fast time, Danner (Allentown, Pennsylvania) proceeded to run second in his heat and finish third in the feature to provide himself with a nice solid start to his Eastern Storm campaign.

"I felt good early on getting around the top," Danner recalled. "I didn't want to see that yellow with lapped traffic coming, which bunched us all back up when I felt I had a shot there. I kind of started to search around and saw Cummins poking on the bottom and just made the best of what I had."

Robert Ballou was the biggest mover of the feature, advancing plus-six from 13th to 7th in the feature. That earned the Rocklin, California racer Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

Steven Drevicki (Reading, Pennsylvania) represented the USAC East Coast Sprint Car contingent proudly. The four-time series champ raced from fourth to first in a lap to score a heat race win. That earned him the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Bonuses were up for grabs to the top-three USAC East Coast 360 Sprint Car finishers. At Bridgeport, it was Ed Aikin (\$150), Billy Ney (\$100) and Patrick Chilmonik (\$50).

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** June 18, 2025 – Bridgeport Motorsports Park – Swedesboro, New Jersey – 4/10-Mile Dirt Track – USAC Eastern Storm Presented by Levan Machine & Truck Equipment

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-14.967; 2. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-14.974; 3. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-15.052; 4. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-15.158; 5. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-15.237; 6. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-15.369; 7. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-15.452; 8. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-15.474; 9. Steven Drevicki, 19s, DeGre-15.496; 10. Daison Pursley, 86, CBI-15.530; 11. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-15.593; 12. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-15.632; 13. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-15.668; 14. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-15.903; 15. J.T. Ferry, 18, Ferry-16.098; 16. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Boyd-16.192; 17. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-16.265; 18. Abby Hohlbein, 2A, 2B Racing-16.333; 19. Cameron Smith, 96, Kauffman-16.368; 20. Ed Aikin, 7, Aikin-16.628; 21. Billy Ney, 83s, Ney-16.689; 22. Patrick Chilmonik, 1, Chilmonik-17.214; 23. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-NT.

**CAR IQ FIRST HEAT:** (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Daison Pursley, 2. Briggs Danner, 3. Jake Swanson, 4. Justin Grant, 5. Hayden Reinbold, 6. Braydon Cromwell, 7. Cameron Smith, 8. Patrick Chilmonik. 2:04.574

**K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT:** (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Joey Amantea, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Gunnar Setser, 4. Kale Drake, 5. C.J. Leary, 6. Mitchel Moles, 7. Kayla Roell, 8. Ed Aikin. 2:06.064

**USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT:** (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Steven Drevicki, 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3. Robert Ballou, 4. Logan Seavey, 5. J.T. Ferry, 6. Abby Hohlbein, 7. Billy Ney. 2:07.258

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FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (3), 2. Mitchel Moles (2), 3. Briggs Danner (6), 4. Kyle Cummins (5), 5. Daison Pursley (8), 6. Logan Seavey (4), 7. Robert Ballou (13), 8. C.J. Leary (12), 9. Hayden Reinbold (10), 10. Kale Drake (11), 11. Jake Swanson (14), 12. Joey Amantea (9), 13. Steven Drevicki (7), 14. Gunnar Setser (17), 15. J.T. Ferry (15), 16. Abby Hohlbein (18), 17. Kevin Thomas Jr. (1), 18. Braydon Cromwell (16), 19. Kayla Roell (22), 20. Ed Aikin (20), 21. Billy Ney (21), 22. Cameron Smith (19), 23. Patrick Chilmonik (23). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Mitchel Moles, Laps 26-30 Justin Grant.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-1090, 2-Justin Grant-1011, 3-Mitchel Moles-874, 4-Logan Seavey-854, 5-Robert Ballou-819, 6-Briggs Danner-809, 7-Jake Swanson-781, 8-C.J. Leary-772, 9-Kale Drake-771, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-730.

USAC EASTERN STORM PRESENTED BY LEVAN MACHINE & TRUCK EQUIPMENT POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-78, 2-Briggs Danner-77, 3-Kyle Cummins-73, 4-Mitchel Moles-72, 5-Daison Pursley-66, 6-Logan Seavey-64, 7-Robert Ballou-58, 8-C.J. Leary-53, 9-Hayden Reinbold-50, 10-Kale Drake-48.

PARALLAX GROUP USAC NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-132, 2-C.J. Leary-58, 3-Kyle Cummins-55, 4-Gunnar Setser-53, 5-Chase Stockon-50, 6-Briggs Danner-49, 7-Justin Grant-47, 8-Robert Ballou-47, 9-Jacob Denney-35, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-34.

USAC EASTERN STORM PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-7, 2-Robert Ballou-6, 3-Kyle Cummins-5, 4-Daison Pursley-5, 5-C.J. Leary-4, 6-Kayla Roell-4, 7-Justin Grant-3, 8-Jake Swanson-3, 9-Steven Drevicki-3, 10-Gunnar Setser-3.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: June 19, 2025 – Big Diamond Speedway – Pottsville, Pennsylvania – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track – USAC Eastern Storm Presented by Levan Machine & Truck Equipment

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Justin Grant (15.027)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Briggs Danner (14.967)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Daison Pursley

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## Diamond Stud! Cummins Shines in USAC Eastern Storm at Big Diamond

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Pottsville, Pennsylvania (June 19, 2025).....For many, a fourth place result would never even remotely be considered a disappointing performance. But then again, as the 2025 season has proven time and time again, most drivers aren't Kyle Cummins.

One night after a rare finish off the podium, the Princeton, Indiana racer came back with a vengeance during Thursday night's second round of USAC Eastern Storm Presented by Levan Machine & Truck Equipment at Pottsville, Pennsylvania's Big Diamond Speedway.

"Last night (at Bridgeport), we were pretty disappointed with fourth," Cummins admitted. "We had a pretty good car all night long and just missed it. These tracks have some grip to them, and I just missed it for the feature there and came home fourth. We weren't happy with that. We wanted to get a win."

Cummins wired the entire 30-lap distance in his Petty Performance Racing/Avanti Windows & Doors – Premier Recycling/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy to score his sixth USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship victory of the season, which propelled him to the top of the Eastern Storm standings and extended his lead in the season long series points.

In the process of racking up his 15th consecutive top-10 finish to start the season, and his 22nd straight dating back to the end of 2024, Cummins captured his second career Eastern Storm feature win, and his first since the 2023 series finale at Kutztown, Pennsylvania's Action Track USA.

Overall, it's Cummins 26th career USAC National Sprint Car win, which surpasses the total of USAC Hall of Famers Steve Butler, Jay Drake and Parnelli Jones. Cummins has now moved into 23rd place on the all-time list alongside Tony Elliott, Logan Seavey and Dave Steele.

It's somewhat startling to think that Cummins considered himself to be off-stride after not winning in any of his four most recent USAC National Sprint Car starts. After all, in those four particular starts, he finished a "distant" 8th, 3rd, 2nd and 4th. But this team is on a mission, and they don't intend to be satisfied with anything less than a visit to victory lane.

"We haven't won in a while, it seems like," Cummins relayed. "It feels good to get back and win another one. It just proves that we're a force to reckon with everywhere we go. We found some stuff throughout the last couple of weeks and we were kind of not great. We got back to our stride here."

In an all Mach-1 Chassis front row for the feature, Kyle Cummins started on the pole alongside outside front row starter Kevin Thomas Jr. Cummins slid up in front of Thomas in turn one and broke out to the early advantage while fourth starting Mitchel Moles split between Thomas and Jake Swanson at the exit of turn two to slot into second.

Throughout much of the duration of the 30-lap distance, Moles was able to steadily inch closer to Cummins and managed to get right to the back bumper of Cummins by the eighth lap. Even through lapped traffic on lap 11, Moles could only close up so much before Cummins found an escape route that not only helped maintain his grasp of the lead but also tightened his grip as he moved around first-time USAC starter Olivia Thayer, which allowed himself to gap Moles as he darted off into the distance at the 3/8-mile dirt oval.

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A yellow flag for a turn four spin by 16th running Abby Hohlbein on the 15th lap shook things up for a moment at the midway point, completely wiping out Cummins' 1.113 second lead prior to the caution.

That said, Cummins, who had finished 11th and 7th in his only two previous appearances at Big Diamond in 2023 and 2024, respectively, had an ace up his sleeve with the help of sage-like wisdom from his chassis builder, who also happens to own several sprint car wins of his own at Big Diamond over the years, most notably with the United Racing Club (URC).

"Mark Smith is here and he runs here a bunch," Cummins noted. "He said, at all costs, come off the bottom of turn four. No matter what happens, if I ran the top or whatever, I made sure I came off the bottom coming off turn four. It felt like I was super slow getting into three, and I thought somebody was going to come around me, but I felt like I was getting a pretty good drive down the back stretch."

While Cummins found no ill effects from the bunch up of the field, the man who most took advantage of the opportunity was Daison Pursley, who picked his way along the bottom to fifth on lap 15, to fourth on lap 16 and to third on lap 17.

All the while, Cummins was enjoying a comfort cruise up front as his lead extended to more than two seconds over the field in the waning laps. When all was said and done, Cummins had put a lock on his latest feature victory by a 1.580 second margin over Mitchel Moles, Daison Pursley and Briggs Danner with Jake Swanson rounding out the top-five.

Mitchel Moles finished second at Big Diamond in 2024. He was second at Bridgeport 24 hours earlier. Then, he was second again on Thursday at Big Diamond. While Moles doesn't like finishing as the runner-up all that much, he's pretty pleased that he's now just three points out of the Eastern Storm lead after winning the title one year ago.

Without Daison Pursley's miraculous save in hot laps – which at one point saw him bike up on his right front tire, then go all four wheels off the ground before landing back on all fours – he wouldn't have been able to make his successful run in the feature. For his save, Pursley was bestowed with the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night. To close the evening, he earned Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors for his plus-five surge from eighth to third in the feature.

Justin Grant rewrote the record book in Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying by setting a new one-lap USAC National Sprint Car track record with a lap of 14.527 seconds. That broke the record of 14.785 set by Daison Pursley in 2023. Grant's 37th career fast qualifying time in USAC National Sprint Car competition also elevated him past Bryan Clauson on the list and into a tie for eighth place all-time alongside Larry Dickson.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** June 19, 2025 – Big Diamond Speedway – Pottsville, Pennsylvania – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track – USAC Eastern Storm Presented by Levan Machine & Truck Equipment

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-14.527 (New Track Record); 2. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-14.578; 3. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-14.626; 4. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-14.648; 5. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-14.681; 6. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-14.685; 7. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-14.782; 8. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-14.797; 9. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-14.822; 10. Steven Drevicki, 19s, DeGre-14.839; 11. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-14.844; 12. Daison Pursley, 86, CBI-14.867; 13. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-14.869; 14. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-15.105; 15. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-15.194; 16. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-15.297; 17. J.T. Ferry, 18, Ferry-15.313; 18. Abby Hohlbein, 2A, 2B Racing-15.333; 19. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Boyd-15.424; 20. Billy Ney, 83s, Ney-15.820; 21. Olivia Thayer, 39T, Thayer-NT.

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CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. Kayla Roell, 3. Jake Swanson, 4. Hayden Reinbold, 5. Steven Drevicki, 6. Justin Grant, 7. Braydon Cromwell. 2:04.029

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Kale Drake, 2. Briggs Danner, 3. Gunnar Setser, 4. J.T. Ferry, 5. Logan Seavey, 6. Kevin Thomas Jr., 7. Billy Ney. 2:09.449

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Daison Pursley, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Mitchel Moles, 4. Robert Ballou, 5. Joey Amantea, 6. Abby Hohlbein, 7. Olivia Thayer. 2:06.993

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kyle Cummins (1), 2. Mitchel Moles (4), 3. Daison Pursley (8), 4. Briggs Danner (5), 5. Jake Swanson (3), 6. Kevin Thomas Jr. (2), 7. Justin Grant (6), 8. Robert Ballou (11), 9. Kale Drake (7), 10. Logan Seavey (13), 11. Hayden Reinbold (10), 12. Gunnar Setser (14), 13. C.J. Leary (9), 14. Steven Drevicki (12), 15. J.T. Ferry (17), 16. Joey Amantea (15), 17. Kayla Roell (16), 18. Abby Hohlbein (18), 19. Olivia Thayer (21), 20. Braydon Cromwell (19), 21. Billy Ney (20). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Kyle Cummins.

\*\*Olivia Thayer flipped during the third heat.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-1168, 2-Justin Grant-1072, 3-Mitchel Moles-951, 4-Logan Seavey-901, 5-Briggs Danner-882, 6-Robert Ballou-873, 7-Jake Swanson-848, 8-Kale Drake-825, 9-C.J. Leary-817, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-790.

USAC EASTERN STORM PRESENTED BY LEVAN MACHINE & TRUCK EQUIPMENT POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-151, 2-Briggs Danner-150, 3-Mitchel Moles-149, 4-Justin Grant-139, 5-Daison Pursley-137, 6-Jake Swanson-114, 7-Robert Ballou-112, 8-Logan Seavey-111, 9-Kale Drake-102, 10-C.J. Leary-98.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-132, 2-C.J. Leary-58, 3-Kyle Cummins-55, 4-Gunnar Setser-55, 5-Briggs Danner-50, 6-Robert Ballou-50, 7-Chase Stockon-50, 8-Justin Grant-47, 9-Jacob Denney-35, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-34.

USAC EASTERN STORM PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-12, 2-Daison Pursley-12, 3-Robert Ballou-9, 4-Kyle Cummins-8, 5-Mitchel Moles-5, 6-Jake Swanson-5, 7-Logan Seavey-5, 8-C.J. Leary-5, 9-Gunnar Setser-5, 10-Kale Drake-4.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: June 20, 2025 – Williams Grove Speedway – Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track – USAC Eastern Storm Presented by Levan Machine & Truck Equipment

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Kevin Thomas Jr. (14.490)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Justin Grant (14.527)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: C.J. Leary

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Kale Drake

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USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Daison Pursley

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Daison Pursley (8th to 3rd)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Daison Pursley

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## No Doubting Thomas! KTJ Wins Again at The Grove

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania (June 20, 2025).....Kevin Thomas Jr.'s last trip to Williams Grove Speedway saw him lead just one single solitary lap on the way to a dramatic victory in June of 2024.

The Cullman, Alabama racer's latest triumph at the Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania 1/2-mile dirt oval didn't require as much of the late-race dramatics as it did last time, but all in all, the thrill of victory remained just as satisfying.

Thomas led all 30 laps to score the victory in Friday night's USAC Eastern Storm Presented by Levan Machine & Truck Equipment round three in his Rock Steady Racing/Inferno Armor – Lucas Oil Center – Creative Finishing/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy.

The second victory of the 2025 USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship season for Thomas was also the 46th of his career with the series, moving him into a tie with Jack Hewitt for sixth place on the all-time USAC National Sprint Car win list.

"That's pretty cool," Thomas remarked. "When you start out, you look at all the guys on the list. I looked at (Jon) Stanbrough and Jerry Coons Jr. and Dave Darland, and I was like, 'damn, if I could ever just get one win, that would be pretty cool,' and just to say I raced with these guys and got a win. Jack is the coolest damn dude ever. He'll whoop your ass and then pray with you."

Furthermore, the score was the third of Thomas' career at Williams Grove following triumphant performances in 2017 and 2024. His three USAC National Sprint Car wins at Williams Grove now rank second all-time, only one behind A.J. Foyt's four. Additionally, Thomas became the first driver to record back-to-back USAC National Sprint Car wins at Williams Grove since the late, great Jan Opperman in 1973.

Thomas also provided car owner Hank Byram of Rock Steady Racing his 32nd career USAC National Sprint Car main event win, moving him into a tie with Ben Leyba for 14th place all-time on the series' entrant win list.

However, at first, it was the race that seemingly didn't want to begin. Just as the 30-lap feature was set to roll off, the track lights went completely dark due to a nearby car accident that knocked out the power to the surrounding area. USAC followers may recall that, six nights earlier, two mid-race power outages during a USAC Silver Crown event at World Wide Technology Raceway resulted in multiple red flags that totaled roughly 45 minutes. This occasion was relatively brief with about a 20-minute unplanned break before light began to beam down from the heavens and racing activities could once again proceed.

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When on track action was able to resume, the madness mounted. On the first try at the start, 18th starting J.T. Ferry took a tumble in turn three that also collected Abby Hohlbein and first-time USAC National Sprint Car starter Dirk Rimrott. Ferry's night was over and he was able to walk away while Hohlbein and Rimrott restarted and continued on.

But as it turned out, that didn't last long. On take two of the start, Daison Pursley (7th) lost control in between turns three and four on his own and spun completely sideways in the middle of the track. Moments later, Joey Amantea clipped Pursley's left front wheel with his right rear tire and slid to a stop while C.J. Leary also collided with Pursley, knocking all three out of the contest.

Further on back, at the very same moment, Hohlbein and Mike Haggenbottom collided, sending both drivers flipping wildly through turns three and four in a spectacular looking ride that both were able to walk away from. While Haggenbottom's evening ended abruptly, he did set a new record for the longest duration between USAC National Sprint Car feature starts at 28 years, 9 months & 8 days. Before Friday night, his one and only series start came in September of 1996, also at Williams Grove.

The third attempt at a start proved to be the charm as Thomas stepped out to the opening lap lead over Jake Swanson who slotted into second. By lap seven, Thomas' lead stood at a full second while Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier Mitchel Moles was draped all over the back of Kyle Cummins for third.

For Thomas, restarts were a must to avoid any missteps. After nearly stuffing it in the fence on his initial try at the start, Thomas took notes and made certain that it didn't happen again.

"It's hard here, especially with the way the corners are shaped and change up your approach to it," Thomas explained. "If you do it wrong, you can really open yourself up to failure down there in turn one. I overcooked the first one. I thought I had just a little more grip than what I did and wound up there in the marbles and stuff. I got another shot at it and I felt good there. I just had to be patient. It's such a long ass straightaway for a non-wing car. You lift before you think you have to and you're pretty hard on brakes. Even when you're running the top, you're pretty hard on the equipment."

Moles' milestone fast time to open the night was his series-leading sixth of the USAC National Sprint Car season. Furthermore, his lap of 19.246 seconds was the 21st fast qualifying time of his USAC National Sprint Car career, tying him with four-time Indianapolis 500 winner A.J. Foyt for 22nd place all-time.

That said, Moles was hellbent on adding more accolades as he squeezed between the turn one inside guardrail and Cummins to his outside for the third spot on lap 13. Moments later on lap 14, trouble hit two past USAC national and Eastern Storm champions as Robert Ballou (7th) slowed to a stop with a radius rod issue. Simultaneously, Logan Seavey (9th) slowed with a flat left rear tire. Both were able to return with Ballou crossing the stripe 11th and Seavey one spot behind in 12th.

Just as Moles had emerged as a prime contender while running third and challenging for second, he spun backwards into the turn three outside guardrail with a light tap on the 16th lap. Restarting at the back, Moles managed to hustle his way back to 8th at the finish.

Just then, Cummins caught his second wind as he slid past Jake Swanson for second in turn one on the 22nd go around. At the moment, Thomas' lead remained at nearly a full second over Cummins and now Briggs Danner who scooted under Swanson for third in turns one and two with five circuits remaining on lap 26.

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Up front, Thomas was mostly by his lonesome and was two turns away from victory on the final lap when the yellow lights surrounding the track flashed, signaling caution for ninth running Kayla Roell who slowed to a stop on the front straight, just missing out on becoming the first woman in series history to record a top-10 finish in USAC National Sprint Car competition.

Staring at a green-white-checkered finish, Thomas wasn't keen on experiencing any late-race heroics play out in reverse from one year ago.

"I was just hoping I didn't run out of fuel like Briggs did last year," Thomas said, referring to Danner's last lap trouble at the 2024 Williams Grove USAC Eastern Storm round. "Last year, we got lucky, but we were in position to win. We'll take those, but I felt that, this year, we put ourselves in position to control the race. As tough as this place is to pass and to get around in general, it's very oddball for a non-wing car. Being that it's super-fast and also extremely technical, you can overshoot the corners and miss the bottom and get out into no man's land. By being able to process those into one on each straightaway, having a clean track in front of you is important."

It all worked out in Thomas' plan as he went undenied on the final restart to keep his challengers at bay, crossing under Warren Alston's checkered flag 0.397 seconds ahead of runner-up Kyle Cummins who was followed by Briggs Danner in third, Jake Swanson in fourth and Justin Grant rounding out the top-five.

It was yet another fine run for Kyle Cummins who upped his best Williams Grove performance from 10th in 2024 to second in 2025 for his best career result at the legendary venue. Best yet for Cummins, he also extended his USAC Eastern Storm point lead to seven with two races remaining.

Steven Drevicki equaled his best career USAC National Sprint Car finish by advancing plus-eight from 14th to 6th to earn Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

The Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night went to Briggs Danner who made a spectacular bid up through the field to race his way from 10th to 3rd in the feature. In doing so, Danner kept pace in the USAC Eastern Storm title fight, moving up from third to second in the standings, just seven points behind Cummins.

During his first heat race victory, Daison Pursley's eight-lap run broke the USAC National Sprint Car track record for the distance at Williams Grove. Pursley's time of 2:38.818 surpassed the now former record time of 2:39.140 set by Brady Bacon in 2023.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** June 20, 2025 – Williams Grove Speedway – Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track – USAC Eastern Storm Presented by Levan Machine & Truck Equipment

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-19.246; 2. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-19.305; 3. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-19.321; 4. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-19.354; 5. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-19.374; 6. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-19.386; 7. Daison Pursley, 86, CBI-19.418; 8. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-19.448; 9. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-19.531; 10. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-19.571; 11. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-19.646; 12. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-19.719; 13. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-19.803; 14. Steven Drevicki, 19s, DeGre-19.913; 15. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-19.992; 16. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-20.221; 17. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Boyd-

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20.310; 18. J.T. Ferry, 18, Ferry-20.352; 19. Bruce Buckwalter Jr., 83, Buckwalter-20.922; 20. Mike Haggenbottom, 51, Kelly-21.298; 21. Olivia Thayer, 39T, Thayer-21.478; 22. Abby Hohlbein, 2A, 2B Racing-21.615; 23. Dirk Rimrott, 27, Rimrott-NT.

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Daison Pursley, 2. Briggs Danner, 3. Kale Drake, 4. Mitchel Moles, 5. Jake Swanson, 6. Kayla Roell, 7. Abby Hohlbein, 8. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. 2:38.818 (New Track Record)

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Gunnar Setser, 4. Steven Drevicki, 5. Logan Seavey, 6. Braydon Cromwell, 7. Mike Haggenbottom, 8. Dirk Rimrott. 2:41.114

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. Joey Amantea, 3. Hayden Reinbold, 4. C.J. Leary, 5. Kevin Thomas Jr., 6. J.T. Ferry, 7. Olivia Thayer. 2:43.074

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr. (1), 2. Kyle Cummins (2), 3. Briggs Danner (10), 4. Jake Swanson (3), 5. Justin Grant (5), 6. Steven Drevicki (14), 7. Hayden Reinbold (12), 8. Mitchel Moles (6), 9. Gunnar Setser (11), 10. Kale Drake (13), 11. Robert Ballou (8), 12. Logan Seavey (9), 13. Braydon Cromwell (17), 14. Kayla Roell (16), 15. Olivia Thayer (21), 16. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (19), 17. Dirk Rimrott (23), 18. Daison Pursley (7), 19. Joey Amantea (15), 20. Mike Haggenbottom (20), 21. C.J. Leary (4), 22. Abby Hohlbein (22), 23. J.T. Ferry (18). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Kevin Thomas Jr.

\*\*J.T. Ferry flipped on lap 1 of the feature. Abby Hohlbein & Mike Haggenbottom flipped on the lap 1 restart during the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-1244, 2-Justin Grant-1143, 3-Mitchel Moles-1011, 4-Briggs Danner-953, 5-Logan Seavey-944, 6-Robert Ballou-922, 7-Jake Swanson-916, 8-Kale Drake-874, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-865, 10-C.J. Leary-849.

USAC EASTERN STORM PRESENTED BY LEVAN MACHINE & TRUCK EQUIPMENT POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-227, 2-Briggs Danner-221, 3-Justin Grant-210, 4-Mitchel Moles-209, 5-Jake Swanson-182, 6-Kevin Thomas Jr.-172, 7-Daison Pursley-172, 8-Robert Ballou-161, 9-Logan Seavey-154, 10-Hayden Reinbold-154.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-135, 2-C.J. Leary-58, 3-Briggs Danner-57, 4-Gunnar Setser-57, 5-Kyle Cummins-55, 6-Robert Ballou-50, 7-Chase Stockon-50, 8-Justin Grant-47, 9-Jacob Denney-35, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-34.

USAC EASTERN STORM PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-20, 2-Daison Pursley-15, 3-Robert Ballou-12, 4-Kyle Cummins-11, 5-Steven Drevicki-11, 6-Justin Grant-8, 7-Olivia Thayer-8, 8-Mitchel Moles-7, 9-Kale Drake-7, 10-Gunnar Setser-7.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: June 21, 2025 – Port Royal Speedway – Port Royal, Pennsylvania – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track – USAC Eastern Storm Presented by Levan Machine & Truck Equipment

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Mitchel Moles (19.439)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Mitchel Moles (19.246)

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Car IQ First Heat Winner: Daison Pursley

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Justin Grant

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Steven Drevicki (14th to 6th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Briggs Danner

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## Dynamic Duo! Grant & TOPP Combo Net 50th USAC Sprint Win at Port Royal

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Port Royal, Pennsylvania (June 21, 2025)....."I love sprint cars on half-miles."

For Justin Grant, it's easy to see why he'd say that following Saturday night's feature victory during round four of USAC Eastern Storm Presented by Levan Machine & Truck Equipment at Pennsylvania's Port Royal Speedway.

After all, 17 of Grant's USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship main event wins have come on dirt tracks of that particular distance, which ranks as the fifth most by any driver in series history.

Furthermore, the lone, California racer's 58th overall USAC National Sprint Car win moved him one step closer to the all-time series record and now stands just three shy of Brady Bacon (61) for second place and four behind all-time leader Dave Darland (62).

But most miraculously, 50 of Grant's 58 career USAC National Sprint Car triumphs have come in a car owned by TOPP Motorsports. Grant and TOPP's 50th win together tied Brady Bacon / Hoffman Auto Racing as the winningest driver/entrant combo in series history.

Grant's fourth win of the USAC National Sprint Car season arrived Saturday in non-stop, caution free fashion after he surpassed racelong leader Briggs Danner for the lead with 12 laps remaining, then had to stave off his relentless attacks down the stretch to become the first multi-time main event winner of Eastern Storm 2025.

In the process, Grant established a new 30-lap USAC track record at Port Royal, completing the distance in a mere 10:53.663 aboard his TOPP Motorsports/NOS Energy Drink – TOPP Industries – LA Poly/Maxim/Kistler Chevy.

Just as he did the year prior when he led the initial 22 laps, outside front row starter Danner established the early pace and thoroughly dominated the first half of the feature. In the meantime, Grant displayed his meddle early in the going as he advanced from fifth to second within the first three circuits all while experiencing the ever changing track conditions.

"Honestly, the track had changed so much," Grant explained. "Normally you get going on the cushion, so I kind of pick it a part the first few laps and get settled in. But every couple of laps, it was changing and never for the good. It was getting harder every time."

Despite the early maneuvering, Grant still had much ground to make up as Danner's lead had ballooned to a full three seconds by the 15th lap. That said, slowly but surefootedly, Grant edged his way back into the fold as Danner combed through the back end of the field, which subsequently sliced Danner's advantage to under one second.

On the 19th lap, Danner ducked low in turn one to place 14th running Kayla Roell a lap down. But as Danner slid through turns one and two, he drifted up toward the outside guardrail. At that same moment, Grant got an excellent bite through the middle that propelled him past Danner at the exit of two and into the lead with only 12 laps to go.

"Getting by Briggs there, I was just hoping to catch him in lapped traffic, and I knew I could catch myself in the middle off two if I ran a soft slider across there," Grant recalled. "I was hoping I could get to him with a run off four behind lapped traffic one time and it worked out really good. Other than that, I didn't really know what I was going to do. But it worked."

Danner refused to go quietly into the night and remained in lockstep with Grant as the laps dwindled down. With nine to go, Danner returned fire by making another run at Grant and pulled even before slotting back behind, which served notice to Grant which gave proof through the night that he was still right there.

"I kept looking at the flagman like, 'are you sure? Where's the white? Let's finish this thing,'" Grant reflected. "I about crashed a couple times getting into three. One time, real big! I got way biked up and started having to cheat my entrance into three, which doesn't get you a good run off four. But I was bicycling every other time trying to make speed. It's tough. You get to leading and it's like you can't beat yourselves here, but when you have a guy like Briggs behind you, you know he's smashing and getting everything he can out of it trying to hunt you down."

On the final lap, Danner had closed his deficit to Grant down to a single car length. Through turn three, Grant's left eye was full of Danner who had once again surged even alongside. It all played into Grant's mindset after his most recent Port Royal start, in a USAC Silver Crown car in June of 2024, which saw him get passed for the win on the final turn of the final lap.

"I wasn't really surprised to see Briggs coming to the white," Grant admitted. "I was having flashbacks, I can tell you that. Trying to find that balance of not getting soft and not crashing yourself, especially in three and four, and trying to figure out what to do in one and two, really, it was a tricky and fun to race."

Ultimately, Grant successfully kept Danner at bay en route to victory by a 0.759 second margin over runner-up Briggs Danner with Eastern Storm point leader Kyle Cummins third, Mitchel Moles fourth and Robert Ballou rounding out the top-five after starting 12th.

For his efforts, Ballou was the recipient of both the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night and Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors. All those accolades came after mechanical issues forced him to a backup car that he used to grind his way back into contention via a heat race win and a top-five run in the feature.

Logan Seavey earned his first Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifying time with the USAC National Sprint Cars since May at Ohio's Eldora Speedway. The defending series champion blazed around Port Royal at a time of 18.662 seconds to earn his 17th career USAC National Sprint Car fast qualifying time, tying Kyle Cummins for 29th place all-time.

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HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-18.662; 2. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-18.819; 3. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-18.953; 4. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-18.986; 5. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-19.099; 6. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-19.117; 7. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-19.194; 8. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-19.212; 9. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-19.231; 10. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-19.243; 11. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-19.284; 12. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-19.314; 13. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-19.366; 14. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-19.663; 15. Steven Drevicki, 19s, DeGre-19.704; 16. Ed Aikin, 7, Aikin-19.809; 17. Dale Schweikart, 78, Schweikart-20.975; 18. Jason Cherry, 67c, Cherry-21.133; 19. Olivia Thayer, 39T, Thayer-21.648; 20. Dirk Rimrott, 27, Rimrott-23.420; 21. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Boyd-NT; 22. Billy Ney, 83s, Ney-NT.

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. Mitchel Moles, 3. Jake Swanson, 4. Kale Drake, 5. Ed Aikin, 6. Logan Seavey, 7. Olivia Thayer, 8. Billy Ney. 2:44.643

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Briggs Danner, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Joey Amantea, 5. Hayden Reinbold, 6. Dale Schweikart. 2:47.500

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins, 2. Steven Drevicki, 3. Gunnar Setser, 4. C.J. Leary, 5. Kayla Roell, 6. Jason Cherry, 7. Braydon Cromwell. 2:46.974

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (5), 2. Briggs Danner (2), 3. Kyle Cummins (4), 4. Mitchel Moles (3), 5. Robert Ballou (12), 6. Jake Swanson (7), 7. C.J. Leary (1), 8. Logan Seavey (6), 9. Gunnar Setser (9), 10. Hayden Reinbold (8), 11. Kale Drake (10), 12. Kevin Thomas Jr. (11), 13. Joey Amantea (14), 14. Kayla Roell (13), 15. Steven Drevicki (15), 16. Ed Aikin (16), 17. Dale Schweikart (17), 18. Jason Cherry (18), 19. Olivia Thayer (19), 20. Braydon Cromwell (21), 21. Billy Ney (22), 22. Dirk Rimrott (20). 10:53.663 (New Track Record)

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-19 Briggs Danner, Laps 20-30 Justin Grant.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-1320, 2-Justin Grant-1225, 3-Mitchel Moles-1082, 4-Briggs Danner-1030, 5-Logan Seavey-1002, 6-Robert Ballou-988, 7-Jake Swanson-977, 8-Kale Drake-920, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-910, 10-C.J. Leary-907.

USAC EASTERN STORM PRESENTED BY LEVAN MACHINE & TRUCK EQUIPMENT POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-303, 2-Briggs Danner-298, 3-Justin Grant-292, 4-Mitchel Moles-280, 5-Jake Swanson-243, 6-Robert Ballou-227, 7-Kevin Thomas Jr.-217, 8-Logan Seavey-212, 9-Hayden Reinbold-201, 10-Kale Drake-197.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-135, 2-C.J. Leary-58, 3-Briggs Danner-57, 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.

USAC EASTERN STORM PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-24, 2-Robert Ballou-20, 3-Kyle Cummins-17, 4-Justin Grant-16, 5-Daison Pursley-15, 6-Steven Drevicki-11, 7-Mitchel Moles-10, 8-Gunnar Setser-8, 9-C.J. Leary-8, 10-Olivia Thayer-8.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: June 22, 2025 – Action Track USA – Kutztown, Pennsylvania – 1/5-Mile Dirt Track – USAC Eastern Storm Presented by Levan Machine & Truck Equipment

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## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Justin Grant (18.835)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Logan Seavey (18.662)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Briggs Danner

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Kyle Cummins

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Robert Ballou (12th to 5th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Robert Ballou

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## **Weathered the Storm! Grant's Action Track USA Win Nets USAC Eastern Storm Title**

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Kutztown, Pennsylvania (June 22, 2025).....Perhaps no one was more surprised about the outcome of the USAC Eastern Storm championship than Justin Grant himself while standing in victory lane after winning Sunday night's USAC Eastern Storm Presented by Levan Machine & Truck Equipment feature at Kutztown, Pennsylvania's Action Track USA.

It was certainly not due to a lack of confidence in his abilities, but rather the fact that Grant thought, upon first glance, that the No. 3 listed as finishing third on the scoreboard was that of Kyle Cummins, which would've meant that he hadn't finished far enough ahead of his main antagonist to earn the title.

However, the No. 3 in this particular case was the No. 3R of Kevin Thomas Jr. The No. 3p of Kyle Cummins had actually finished fourth, meaning that Grant had, in fact, tied Cummins at the top of the standings with 372 points apiece. Yet, due to the main tiebreaker of feature victories – which Grant had three of during the week compared to Cummins' one – Grant had finally earned an elusive first Eastern Storm title.

"Checking Eastern Storm off the list is awesome," Grant exclaimed. "When I first started racing, these Pennsylvania tracks were the ones I struggled with the most. The big half-miles were scary. The short tracks were so slick. I wasn't good at any of it and I'd come out here and get my butt kicked all week. To win an Eastern Storm is incredible, and to win at a lot of these awesome PA venues in front of these great PA fans is awesome."

The unbreakable zero point margin proved to be the closest Eastern Storm points race in the 18-year history of the event, taking over for the 2013 and 2021 editions, both of which had first and second separated by a mere one point.

Grant's victory at the 1/5-mile dirt bullring carried many other accolades along with the initial glory. He's now just the fifth driver to win both the final race of Eastern Storm and the Eastern Storm championship in one fell swoop along with Levi Jones (2007), Cole Whitt (2009), Brady Bacon (2014) and Robert Ballou (2015) who also achieved the feat.

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Furthermore, Grant's 59th career USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship victory now moves him one more step closer in his quest to becoming the winningest driver in the history of the series. Grant now stands just two behind Brady Bacon (61) for second all-time and three behind Dave Darland (62) for number one all-time.

In doing so, Grant broke another all-time record, along with his TOPP Motorsports team, by becoming the winningest driver/entrant combination in USAC National Sprint Car history. Together, Grant and TOPP have now won 51 USAC National Sprint Car feature events, surpassing the record formerly held by driver Brady Bacon and his Hoffman Auto Racing/Dynamics, Inc. team with 50.

"I feel like it's a small thing I can do to say, 'thank you' to (TOPP Motorsports owner) Kevin Birchmeier for all he's done for me over the years and how much he's believed in me," Grant praised. "Even when I don't believe in myself, and I'm terribly hard on myself, he's always there to pat me on the back or pick me up and remind me that I'm a professional racecar driver and this is what I do. I joke that everybody else would've fired me by now, and I think I would've quit by now if I'd have been driving for anybody else. It means a lot to me to do that for him and with him, and it means a lot to win these races for my crew."

The longest distance race (40 laps) on the shortest track of Eastern Storm commenced with leading USAC National Sprint Car Rookie of the Year contender Gunnar Setser pacing the first laps of his career with the series. Setser led the first eight laps of the feature from his outside front row starting position as pole sitter Kale Drake was in hot pursuit.

By lap nine, the front duo had reached lapped traffic. As the two approached the car of 18th place running Jason Cherry at the exit of turn two, Setser became boxed in on the low line behind Cherry while Drake had free reign up top. Drake subsequently blazed his way past both Cherry and Setser to find his way into the lead, which were also the first laps led in his young USAC National Sprint Car career.

On the tight and friendly confines of Action Track USA, traffic is always in play. On the 20th lap, Drake followed 14th running Kayla Roell on the high side of turns three and four. Left all alone on the bottom was Grant who had a clear path to the lead at the midway point and ran with it. In a race in which laps click away at around 11 seconds a clip, opportunities are scarce, and Grant wasn't about to hesitate now.

"I don't ever not go aggressively for the lead," Grant asserted. "You feel like you're good but you never know how many shots you're going to get to take the lead. So, I feel like when you get an opening and you've got a chance, you've got to take it. I say that's the reason they put your name on the visor, to go out and win races. If I see an opportunity, I'm going to try my hardest to take it."

Over the course of the next 20 or so laps, Grant and his TOPP Motorsports/NOS Energy Drink – TOPP Industries – LA Poly/Maxim/Kistler Chevy remained in total control. That is until two laps remaining. That's when Drake found a second wind and raced right back to the rear bumper of Grant who was now ensnared in his own bit of lapped traffic navigation.

Just after taking the white flag, the two raced into turn one only to find a five-car entanglement which began with contact between Setser (7th) and Kayla Roell (15th). Robert Ballou (8th), Mitchel Moles (9th) and Logan Seavey (10th) also all became caught in the web and slid to a stop. The top-two of Grant and Drake narrowly avoided catastrophe and averted to the high side scot-free.

As the field came to life on the ensuing lap 39 restart, second-running Drake's car failed to take off, resulting in him coasting through the middle of the racetrack as he dropped all the way to the back of the field, necessitating a yellow flag. It was

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the ultimate heartbreak for Drake who was in position to earn his best career USAC National Sprint Car finish at the least and was also in a spot to make a move to earn his first career series win. But it was not to be as he officially finished a distant 14th.

On the next green-white-checkered attempt, Grant had the field covered as he toured the final two laps with relative ease to cross under the checkered flag 0.835 seconds ahead of runner-up Jake Swanson. Kevin Thomas Jr. took third while Kyle Cummins came up just short of his first Eastern Storm crown by one single position. C.J. Leary rounded out the top-five.

With both Grant and Cummins equaled up at 372 points in the final Eastern Storm tally, it turned out that every point gained or lost each time they hit the racetrack was uber critical. After Cummins had led every step of the way throughout the week, Grant made the most of every single solitary opportunity, bolstered by three feature victories at Bridgeport, Port Royal and Action Track USA. All that and more led to Grant becoming the newest Eastern Storm titlist.

“We’re trying to win a championship this year, so we’re going to keep digging on that,” Grant said of his plans for the rest of the 2025 campaign. “Kyle (Cummins) has been awfully, awfully tough. We haven’t had a bad start to our year. I feel like we’ve been pretty good and we’ve been as good as you could hope to be. Kyle has been absolutely lights out. We’re looking for a little lights out of our own and I think we found it here at Eastern Storm.”

Kevin Thomas Jr. finished his USAC Eastern Storm on a high note by advancing from eighth to third in the feature to earn his best career finish at Action Track USA, while also solidifying Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

Briggs Danner passed a total of 27 cars throughout the week in heat race and feature event action, which earned him a \$500 bonus as the USAC Eastern Storm Parallax Group Passing Master.

The runner-up finish for Jake Swanson in the feature was big in so many ways. Not only was it his best run of the USAC National Sprint Car season, it was also his best career series finish as a car owner. For that, he was deemed as the driver who made the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Logan Seavey, meanwhile, recorded his 18th career USAC National Sprint Car Fast Qualifying award. That advanced him to 28th place all-time alongside 1960-1961-1962 USAC Sprint Car champion and 1963 Indianapolis 500 winner Parnelli Jones.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** June 22, 2025 – Action Track USA – Kutztown, Pennsylvania – 1/5-Mile Dirt Track – USAC Eastern Storm Presented by Levan Machine & Truck Equipment

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-10.558; 2. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-10.574; 3. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-10.647; 4. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-10.682; 5. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-10.695; 6. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-10.702; 7. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-10.705; 8. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-10.711; 9. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-10.818; 10. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-10.824; 11. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-10.828; 12. Steven Drevicki, 19s, DeGre-10.961; 13. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-10.972; 14. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Boyd-11.202; 15. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-11.229; 16. Olivia Thayer, 39T, Thayer-11.364; 17. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-11.373; 18. Brody Adamsky, 60, McIlroy-11.831; 19. Jason Cherry, 67c, Cherry-11.912.

**CAR IQ FIRST HEAT:** (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins, 2. Hayden Reinbold, 3. Mitchel Moles, 4. Logan Seavey, 5. Jake Swanson, 6. Olivia Thayer, 7. Jason Cherry. 1:48.177

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K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. C.J. Leary, 3. Gunnar Setser, 4. Justin Grant, 5. Braydon Cromwell, 6. Kayla Roell. 1:49.688

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Steven Drevicki, 3. Briggs Danner, 4. Joey Amantea, 5. Kale Drake, 6. Brody Adamsky. 1:51.645

FEATURE: (40 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (5), 2. Jake Swanson (3), 3. Kevin Thomas Jr. (8), 4. Kyle Cummins (7), 5. C.J. Leary (10), 6. Robert Ballou (9), 7. Briggs Danner (4), 8. Mitchel Moles (11), 9. Gunnar Setser (2), 10. Steven Drevicki (12), 11. Braydon Cromwell (14), 12. Hayden Reinbold (13), 13. Kayla Roell (17), 14. Kale Drake (1), 15. Olivia Thayer (16), 16. Logan Seavey (6), 17. Joey Amantea (15), 18. Jason Cherry (19), 19. Brody Adamsky (18). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-8 Gunnar Setser, Laps 9-19 Kale Drake, Laps 20-40 Justin Grant.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-1370, 2-Justin Grant-1275, 3-Mitchel Moles-1132, 4-Briggs Danner-1080, 5-Logan Seavey-1052, 6-Robert Ballou-1038, 7-Jake Swanson-1027, 8-Kale Drake-970, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-960, 10-C.J. Leary-957.

FINAL USAC EASTERN STORM PRESENTED BY LEVAN MACHINE & TRUCK EQUIPMENT POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-372, 2-Kyle Cummins-372, 3-Briggs Danner-360, 4-Mitchel Moles-335, 5-Jake Swanson-317, 6-Robert Ballou-290, 7-Kevin Thomas Jr.-289, 8-Logan Seavey-254, 9-C.J. Leary-253, 10-Hayden Reinbold-247.

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-55, 8-Chase Stockon-50, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-39, 10-Jacob Denney-35.

USAC EASTERN STORM PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-27, 2-Robert Ballou-25, 3-Kyle Cummins-23, 4-Justin Grant-22, 5-C.J. Leary-15, 6-Daison Pursley-15, 7-Mitchel Moles-13, 8-Steven Drevicki-13, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-11, 10-Gunnar Setser-10.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: June 28, 2025 – Fremont Speedway – Fremont, Ohio – 1/3-Mile Dirt Track

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

USAC Eastern Storm Champion: Justin Grant

USAC Eastern Storm Parallax Group Passing Master Champion: Briggs Danner (27)

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Kyle Cummins (10.610)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Logan Seavey (10.558)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Kyle Cummins

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

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Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Kevin Thomas Jr. (8th to 3rd)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Jake Swanson

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## Win 60! Grant Joins Exclusive Group with Fremont USAC Sprint Victory

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Fremont, Ohio (June 28, 2025).....There are now three members of the 60-win club in USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship racing. After Saturday night's round at Ohio's Fremont Speedway, you can count Justin Grant among them.

The lone, California racer took over the lead after Robert Ballou's mid-race misfortune, then fended off a pesky Logan Seavey for the latter half to earn his third consecutive USAC National Sprint Car win, his sixth overall on the season and a milestone 60th series win of his career.

Grant is now only one victory behind Brady Bacon (61 wins) for second on the all-time win list and just two behind Dave Darland (62 wins) for first place on the all-time list. Furthermore, Grant is now closing in on another couple of milestones with Fremont's score marking his 96th overall USAC-sanctioned feature victory and his 88th career USAC national main event triumph.

In what was the first USAC National Sprint Car event held at Fremont's 1/3-mile dirt oval since 2003, more than 22 years ago, many drivers struggled to find the feel of their car. Grant was no exception in his TOPP Motorsports/NOS Energy Drink – TOPP Industries – LA Poly/Maxim/Kistler Chevy.

"To be honest, every time I came in, I told the guys, 'I feel terrible,' Grant admitted. "Apparently, everybody else felt worse, I guess. I didn't really feel like I was putting great laps together but I was just trying to get myself to where I was hard to pass or keep myself hard to pass. When you race these things enough, you kind of start to learn where it's important to make speed and where you can give up ground and not get passed. I was in a little bit of conserve mode toward the end."

Chase Stockon was superb early in the going as he raced from his outside front row starting spot to get the initial advantage on pole sitter Kevin Thomas Jr., then proceeded to lead the first four laps. Simultaneously, third starting Robert Ballou was surging along the bottom. On lap five, he used the low line to advance past Stockon in turns three and four and appeared to be in total control from there.

Grant moved to second as he dove under Stockon for the position in turn two on lap nine. Seavey followed suit a lap later in turn two as he too went below Stockon to slot into third. Despite Grant and Seavey's advancements, Ballou was steadily increasing his lead as he closed in on the back end of the field.

By lap 14, Ballou's advantage had grown to a whopping 3.2 seconds. However, as he entered turn three around the outside of 23rd running Bryce Dues. Without warning, Ballou's car biked up, then dug in on the left side wheels and promptly sent him flipping over nose-to-tail from side-to-side. Ballou ultimately returned after repairs in the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area. Restarting at the tail, he was able to climb back to 12th at the checkered.

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Upon the lap 14 resumption, it initially appeared Seavey had the faster car than Grant. Seavey was draped all over Grant's rear bumper lap-after-lap and continued to hold serve when the top-two entered lapped traffic which, believe it or not, was a welcome sight for Grant.

"I was super happy to have that row of lappers on the bottom," Grant stated. "I kind of settled in because I was bouncing and losing the nose and it was easy to slip off the top of two there. As long as I had that row of lappers there, I could settle it."

Seavey was forced to follow Grant around the high side for the remaining laps as a trail of lappers occupied the bottom, making it an insurmountable quest for Seavey to get a run and dive low under Grant getting into turns one and three.

While, basically, the final 12 laps through traffic played out just as Grant had hoped, the 30th and final circuit was a different story on the other hand.

"On the last lap, we kind of lost it," Grant acknowledged. "One of them got caught on the top and I got a little messed up and didn't get off two very well, and I thought, 'ooh, I better get down into three this lap.' So, I ran down in there and cheated it and got across there in front of Logan."

When all was said and done, Grant crossed the finish line as the winner 0.483 seconds ahead of runner-up Logan Seavey while series point leader Kyle Cummins took third with Mitchel Moles fourth and Chase Stockon rounding out the top-five.

Briggs Danner earned Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors after enduring a rough start to the night with mechanical issues forcing his Hogue Racing Enterprises team to make an engine change after not being able to make it out in time for qualifying. Starting 24th in the feature, Danner passed 17 drivers to finish seventh.

Prior to Saturday night, Brian Smith's last USAC National Sprint Car feature start came 23 years ago in 2002. During the semi-feature, he went three-wide around the outside of turn four to grab a transfer spot into the feature at Fremont Speedway. That earned him the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

While Grant won his third series feature in a row, Logan Seavey, meanwhile also continued a personal streak by recording fast time in Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying for the third USAC National Sprint Car event in a row. Seavey's 19th career series quick time moved him to 27th all-time alongside 1967 champion Greg Weld.

It was also a night of rewriting the USAC record books at Fremont. Seavey's qualifying run of 14.505 surpassed the previous record of 14.665 held by Jay Drake since 2003. Additionally, Mitchel Moles broke a 44-year-old eight lap USAC National Sprint Car track record by finishing his heat race victory on Saturday night with a time of 1:59.922. That surpassed the former record of 2:16.07, set in 1981 by Sheldon Kinser, by nearly 17 seconds. However, just a handful of minutes later, Kale Drake took over possession of the eight lap record. Drake's time of 1:57.946 in his heat race broke Moles' short lived record.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: June 28, 2025 – Fremont Speedway – Fremont, Ohio – 1/3-Mile Dirt Track**

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-14.505 (New Track Record); 2. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-14.646; 3. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-14.702; 4. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-14.719; 5. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-14.736; 6. Kevin

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Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-14.751; 7. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-14.955; 8. Nate Carle, 14c, Carle-14.969; 9. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-14.972; 10. Shawn Westerfeld, 4J, Fischesser/Owen-15.075; 11. Dustin Ingle, 2DI, Ingle-15.077; 12. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-15.115; 13. Matt Westfall, 54, Westfall-15.155; 14. Max Adams, 21, Hery-15.262; 15. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-15.272; 16. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-15.326; 17. Saban Bibent, 98, Wedgewood-15.353; 18. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-15.426; 19. Steve Irwin, 0, Flying Zero-15.505; 20. Mike Miller, 33m, Marshall-15.812; 21. Ryan Barr, 21B, Barr-15.963; 22. Bryce Dues, 23D, Dues-16.002; 23. Brian Smith, 2+, Smith-16.043; 24. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-16.091; 25. Jerry Dahms, 75, Dahms-16.120; 26. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-NT.

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Mitchel Moles, 2. Matt Westfall, 3. Robert Ballou, 4. Jake Swanson, 5. Logan Seavey, 6. Shawn Westerfeld, 7. Steve Irwin, 8. Bryce Dues, 9. Jerry Dahms. 1:59.922

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Max Adams, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Chase Stockon, 4. Saban Bibent, 5. Nate Carle, 6. Briggs Danner, 7. Mike Miller, 8. Dustin Ingle, 9. Brian Smith. 2:04.226

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Kale Drake, 2. Gunnar Setser, 3. Hayden Reinbold, 4. C.J. Leary, 5. Kevin Thomas Jr., 6. Justin Grant, 7. Kayla Roell, 8. Ryan Barr. 1:57.946 (New Track Record)

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (10 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Dustin Ingle, 2. Steve Irwin, 3. Mike Miller, 4. Brian Smith, 5. Kayla Roell, 6. Bryce Dues, 7. Jerry Dahms, 8. Ryan Barr. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (4), 2. Logan Seavey (6), 3. Kyle Cummins (5), 4. Mitchel Moles (8), 5. Chase Stockon (2), 6. Kevin Thomas Jr. (1), 7. Briggs Danner (24), 8. Jake Swanson (10), 9. Max Adams (7), 10. Gunnar Setser (17), 11. C.J. Leary (15), 12. Robert Ballou (3), 13. Hayden Reinbold (12), 14. Nate Carle (11), 15. Brian Smith (22), 16. Matt Westfall (16), 17. Saban Bibent (18), 18. Shawn Westerfeld (13), 19. Kayla Roell (23), 20. Kale Drake (9), 21. Mike Miller (20), 22. Steve Irwin (19), 23. Bryce Dues (21), 24. Dustin Ingle (14). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-4 Chase Stockon, Laps 5-13 Robert Ballou, Laps 14-30 Justin Grant.

\*\*Robert Ballou flipped on lap 14 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-1446, 2-Justin Grant-1353, 3-Mitchel Moles-1201, 4-Briggs Danner-1136, 5-Logan Seavey-1129, 6-Robert Ballou-1086, 7-Jake Swanson-1081, 8-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1020, 9-C.J. Leary-1003, 10-Kale Drake-1001.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-135, 2-Briggs Danner-80, 3-C.J. Leary-67, 4-Gunnar Setser-64, 5-Kyle Cummins-61, 6-Robert Ballou-60, 7-Justin Grant-59, 8-Chase Stockon-50, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-39, 10-Jacob Denney-35.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: June 29, 2025 – Millstream Speedway – Findlay, Ohio – 4/10-Mile Dirt Track

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Robert Ballou (15.065)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Logan Seavey (14.505)

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Car IQ First Heat Winner: Mitchel Moles

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Max Adams

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Kale Drake

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Dustin Ingle

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Briggs Danner (24th to 7th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Brian Smith

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## Cummins Comes Up Big, Wins USAC's Millstream Return After 37 Years

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Findlay, Ohio (June 29, 2025).....Throughout the 2025 season, Kyle Cummins hadn't gone more than four races without scoring a USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship feature victory.

The Princeton, Indiana driver wasn't about to let the "skid" slip to five on Sunday night at Findlay, Ohio's Millstream Speedway.

Cummins wired all 30 laps to become the first USAC winner at Millstream's 4/10-mile dirt oval since Brad Doty's victory in 1988, and the first USAC winner at the track without a wing affixed to the top of his car since Jac Haudenschild in 1982.

The series point leader's triumph was his seventh of the season in the Petty Performance Racing/Avanti Windows & Doors - Premier Recycling/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy. His 27th career USAC National Sprint Car feature win moved him to 19th on the all-time, surpassing the likes of Tony Elliott, Logan Seavey and Dave Steele on the series win list.

Cummins' latest victory also broke Justin Grant's string of three consecutive USAC National Sprint Car wins. As Cummins' closest rival in the championship standings, Cummins was determined to stay one step ahead of Grant.

"With Justin winning a few in a row like that, that'll really lean on you a little bit," Cummins admitted.

Cummins also ran his streak of top-10s in 2025 USAC National Sprint Car competition to 21 straight, the most to begin a season since C.J. Leary reeled off 21 consecutive top-10 results during his 2019 championship season.

Despite his prowess everywhere USAC National Sprint Cars have traveled this year, Cummins felt his performances on drier and slicker tracks was an area that had room for improvement. On Sunday night, they found something new to add to the ol' notebook.

"We've been getting super tight," Cummins explained. "Every night we go, we're just tight, tight, tight. I think we've just been over tightening it, so tight that we actually get loose. At the beginning of the race last night, I couldn't even race it. It was trying to turn me over. As the race went on, we lost the fuel load and the car finally loosened up and came to us.

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Tonight, we just started a little bit on the freer side and it stayed free all night long, as loose as we've been, and the car still had good drive."

At the start, Cummins immediately shot out to the lead from his outside front row starting spot to pace the opening five circuits over pole sitter Jake Swanson and defending champion Logan Seavey.

However, on lap six, eighth place running Hayden Reinbold endured a vicious turn three flip that brought out the red flag. Reinbold was ultimately able to climb out and walk away under his own power.

Although Reinbold was, thankfully, able to walk away, in a roundabout way, the stoppage was helpful in assisting Cummins on his route to victory.

"The open red was really important," Cummins explained. "Thank the lord Jesus Christ, but I think he saved us there a little bit. We were going to run out of fuel because we did a little bit of track warming up and we wouldn't have made it on fuel, so I bet we were close and we filled back up. I think we got really lucky there."

On the restart, third running Seavey bounced once, twice, thrice and four times through turn three, but was able to stay on the gas and continue on. Nonetheless, the hop, skip and a jump dropped him from third to seventh in a snap.

Through the middle stages of the 30-lap main event, Robert Ballou was the mad man on the move. Starting ninth, he advanced to fourth under Grant in turn two on lap 11, then raced to third past Swanson on the back straight on lap 14, then engaged in an all-out war with Mitchel Moles that lasted the balance of the race.

Moles and Ballou went toe-to-toe, side-by-side lap-after-lap with Moles cruising the high line and Ballou edging along the bottom. Between the two, they officially swapped the lead four times in a seven lap span, and that's not taking into account the twice-a-lap unofficial passes for position.

Ballou swiped second from Moles on lap 18 only for Moles to edge back ahead of Ballou moments later on lap 19. Ballou turned it back up to get to second on lap 22, only to have Moles strike back on lap 24 as Ballou lost ground on the bottom in lapped traffic.

Up front, Cummins was all by his lonesome, aside from a healthy dose of lapped traffic, as his lead grew to more than a half-straightaway and never wavered.

In the end, Cummins' advantage as he crossed the finish line as the winner was 1.646 seconds over Mitchel Moles, Robert Ballou, Briggs Danner and Justin Grant.

Meanwhile, Kevin Thomas Jr. took a 14th place starting position and cut it in half. KTJ finished seventh to earn his second Rod End Supply Hard Charger award in his last three series starts.

Ricky Lewis went topside from fourth to first on the opening lap to win his heat race. That one big, bold move carried him to the heat victory and the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Mitchel Moles rewrote the record book on his Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying run. His lap of 16.331 seconds set a new track record for USAC National Sprint Cars at Millstream, which broke the 43-year-old mark of 17.941 set by Jac Haudenschild in 1982. Moles' 22nd career USAC National Sprint Car fast qualifying time moved him past A.J. Foyt and into a tie for 21st all-time with Steve Butler. During qualifying, 23 of the 24 drivers on hand were under the former track record.

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Furthermore, Justin Grant's time of 2:16.001 in his heat race victory set a new eight lap USAC National Sprint Car track record at Millstream. That shattered Chet Johnson's 1982 time of 2:36.69 by an astounding 20 seconds.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** June 29, 2025 – Millstream Speedway – Findlay, Ohio – 4/10-Mile Dirt Track

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-16.331 (New Track Record); 2. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-16.352; 3. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-16.501; 4. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-16.543; 5. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-16.551; 6. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-16.568; 7. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-16.643; 8. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-16.650; 9. Ricky Lewis, 41, Lewis-16.653; 10. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-16.683; 11. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-16.697; 12. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-16.741; 13. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-16.756; 14. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-16.784; 15. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-16.942; 16. Shawn Westerfeld, 4J, Fischesser/Owen-17.007; 17. Logan Calderwood, 6, Ford-17.105; 18. Steve Irwin, 0, Flying Zero-17.179; 19. Nate Carle, 14c, Carle-17.262; 20. Matt Westfall, 54, Westfall-17.306; 21. John Mollick, 4JM, Mollick-17.482; 22. Saban Bibent, 98, Wedgewood-17.512; 23. Ryan Barr, 21B, Barr-17.602; 24. Jeremy Atchison, 0J, Atchison-20.365.

**CAR IQ FIRST HEAT:** (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. C.J. Leary, 3. Mitchel Moles, 4. Hayden Reinbold, 5. Kale Drake, 6. Shawn Westerfeld, 7. Saban Bibent, 8. Nate Carle. 2:16.001 (New Track Record)

**K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT:** (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Briggs Danner, 4. Logan Calderwood, 5. Gunnar Setser, 6. Chase Stockon, 7. Ryan Barr. 2:18.915

**USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT:** (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Ricky Lewis, 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3. Logan Seavey, 4. Jake Swanson, 5. Kayla Roell, 6. Steve Irwin, 7. John Mollick. 2:21.128

**FEATURE:** (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kyle Cummins (2), 2. Mitchel Moles (6), 3. Robert Ballou (9), 4. Briggs Danner (5), 5. Justin Grant (8), 6. C.J. Leary (12), 7. Kevin Thomas Jr. (14), 8. Jake Swanson (1), 9. Ricky Lewis (7), 10. Kale Drake (3), 11. Logan Seavey (4), 12. Chase Stockon (11), 13. Logan Calderwood (17), 14. Shawn Westerfeld (16), 15. John Mollick (20), 16. Kayla Roell (15), 17. Ryan Barr (22), 18. Saban Bibent (21), 19. Steve Irwin (18), 20. Hayden Reinbold (10), 21. Gunnar Setser (13), 22. Jeremy Atchison (23), 23. Nate Carle (19), 24. Matt Westfall (24). NT

**FEATURE LAP LEADERS:** Laps 1-30 Kyle Cummins.

\*\*Hayden Reinbold flipped on lap 6 of the feature.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS:** 1-Kyle Cummins-1525, 2-Justin Grant-1418, 3-Mitchel Moles-1280, 4-Briggs Danner-1207, 5-Logan Seavey-1180, 6-Robert Ballou-1158, 7-Jake Swanson-1136, 8-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1079, 9-C.J. Leary-1065, 10-Kale Drake-1051.

**USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS:** 1-Kale Drake-135, 2-Briggs Danner-81, 3-C.J. Leary-73, 4-Robert Ballou-66, 5-Gunnar Setser-64, 6-Kyle Cummins-62, 7-Justin Grant-62, 8-Chase Stockon-50, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-46, 10-Jacob Denney-35.

**NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES:** July 4-5, 2025 – Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway – Putnamville, Indiana – 5/16-Mile Dirt Track – Sprintacular

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## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Justin Grant (16.284)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Mitchel Moles (16.331)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Justin Grant

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Ricky Lewis

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Kevin Thomas Jr. (14th to 7th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Ricky Lewis

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## **Spectacular Seavey wins 3rd Straight USAC Sprintacular Race at Lincoln Park**

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Putnamville, Indiana (July 4, 2025).....When it comes to Logan Seavey and the Sprintacular, it's a match made in heaven.

After sweeping both nights of the event in 2024, Seavey continued his Sprintacular steamroll on Friday night at Putnamville, Indiana's Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway by scoring his third consecutive victory in the event aboard his Abacus Racing/Mountain Mechanical Contractors – Indy Power Sports/DRC/Stanton Chevy.

Despite a 27th place qualifying run, starting ninth on the grid and falling back to 12th early in the going, the Sutter, California racer persevered by picking his way through the field until finding his way into the lead on the 18th of 30 laps to earn his third series victory of the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship season.

For Seavey, it was quite an unfamiliar path on his way to his 27th career USAC National Sprint Car triumph, which tied Kyle Cummins for 23rd place all-time. This time, the reigning series champion took the low road to reach his destination at the 5/16-mile dirt oval.

"I don't know how many wins I've gotten in my career, but there's probably been less than three or four that I've won by idling around the tires; it's not my cup of tea," Seavey recalled. "I lost a few on the start, but early, when those yellows came out right before the leader got to the line, I knew it was helping me and wearing out the track without counting laps."

While it hasn't exactly been on par with their incredible and historic 2024 season, Seavey and Abacus' 2025 campaign has still been pretty solid, all things considered. Seavey ranks second in terms of most laps led in the series, but the wins haven't come in droves. This one was particularly rewarding, and it also made Seavey the first driver to win three features in Sprintacular's 11-year history.

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"We've sucked all year compared to how we ran last year," Seavey admitted. "It hasn't been up to any of our standards, but we went to work and tried to make sure everything was back to square one and we did that tonight. Glad I could put this thing in victory lane for these guys. They've been busting their butts. It's been hot and these guys have worked every single race. We have the same guys for midgets and sprint cars, and they do them all. It's been a lot of work these last few weeks and we've got a lot more coming."

Initially, Robert Ballou appeared to be the man on a mission as he ripped around front row occupants Hayden Reinbold and Jadon Rogers in turn four on the opening lap from his fourth place starting position and quickly distanced himself from the rest of the pack.

On the 16th lap, Jake Swanson flipped upside in turn two while running in the eighth position. After returning from the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area, he restarted at the tail but managed only an 18th place finish at the checkered.

In time for the lap 16 restart just past the midway point, Seavey had already marched his way up to third. By the time the top three hit the back straightaway, Seavey was making his move as he charged under Reinbold for second getting into turn three. But as Seavey slid up to the middle of the surface, Reinbold turned down and drove under and past both Seavey for second and the rim-riding Ballou for the lead at the exit of turn four.

Seavey successfully took the runner-up spot from Ballou a lap later on the 17th circuit. One more lap later, Seavey had found the lead after Reinbold slipped off the bottom, which allowed Seavey to race on by heading down the back straight on lap 18.

"My car just kept getting better and better and they really got racing from like third through eighth," Seavey said. "I feel like I passed them in two or three laps when I finally committed to the bottom, which is something I've never done before. Usually, I'm the second or third one to find the bottom and then I'm stuck in line. It's weird to be the one leading on the bottom."

Series point leader Kyle Cummins moved ahead of Ballou for third on lap 19, and with four to go, 11th starting Ricky Lewis had surged into third around Ballou. With three laps remaining, Ballou and Mitchel Moles were battling wheel-to-wheel for the fifth spot when the two locked wheels while battling for the same piece of real estate on the bottom of turn two. The resulting contact sent Ballou into a 360 degree spin in the infield. Ballou was able to keep his car rolling but, by rule, was required to restart at the tail and ultimately finished 22nd after leading a race high 15 laps.

From his vantage point on the ensuing restart, Seavey saw and felt the strong presence of Reinbold right within arm's length, knowing any misstep could be his downfall.

"Hayden was all over me at the end," Seavey explained. "I did everything to keep him behind me. I could run the bottom really well in three and four, so I kept sliding myself. I knew if I screwed up at any point, he was going to get by. I committed at the end there just to really protect and not slip off the bottom."

The plan came to fruition as Seavey crossed the line 1.132 seconds ahead at the checkered flag in front of a wild scramble off the final turn which saw Reinbold take second, Lewis third, Moles fourth and Shane Cottle fifth after starting back in 15th.

Prior to Friday night, USAC National Sprint Car Rookie Hayden Reinbold's best career series finish was a seventh at Williams Grove in June. At Lincoln Park, the Gilbert, Arizona native looked every bit the part of a veteran as he led two laps and

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finished a career best second. Even more impressive was the fact that it was his first race back after enduring a massive flip last Sunday at Millstream and required the use of a new racecar. For all those things and more, Reinbold was chosen as the recipient of the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Ricky Lewis (Camarillo, California) also posted his best career USAC National Sprint Car result of third after making a late surge from his 11th place starting position. That proved to be the USAC CRA Sprint Car point leader's first career podium result with the national series, surpassing a pair of fourth place finishes at Bloomington and Circle City in 2024.

With his sixth place finish, Kyle Cummins set a brand new USAC National Sprint Car record. The result was his 22nd straight top 10 to begin the 2025 series season, breaking the record of 21 straight to start a season set by C.J. Leary in 2019.

Justin Grant began the feature with his worst starting position of the year (18th). It didn't deter him too much as he advanced 11 spots from his outside row nine starting spot to finish seventh and earn Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

Daison Pursley set his 11th career USAC National Sprint Car fast qualifying time during Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying. That tied him with Jim McWithey and George Snider for 50th place all-time.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** July 4, 2025 – Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway – Putnamville, Indiana – 5/16-Mile Dirt Track – 11th Sprintacular

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Daison Pursley, 86, CBI-12.471; 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-12.535; 3. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-12.652; 4. Logan Calderwood, 6, Ford-12.789; 5. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-12.804; 6. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-12.814; 7. Ricky Lewis, 41, Lewis-12.862; 8. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-12.909; 9. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-12.921; 10. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-12.937; 11. Shane Cottle, 34, Olson-12.961; 12. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-12.965; 13. Colin Parker, 16K, Knight-13.015; 14. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-13.038; 15. Zack Pretorius, 9z, Pretorius-13.039; 16. Chelby Hinton, 71p, Phillips-13.058; 17. Chance Crum, 83c, Crum-13.077; 18. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-13.102; 19. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-13.165; 20. Stevie Sussex, 77s, Sturgeon-13.184; 21. Max Adams, 23, Simon-13.233; 22. Wesley Smith, 44, Smith-13.238; 23. Carson Garrett, 2E, Epperson-13.242; 24. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Boyd-13.251; 25. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-13.257; 26. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-13.264; 27. Kole Kirkman, 81, Dice-13.302; 28. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-13.307; 29. Gabriel Gilbert, 10G, GGR-13.310; 30. Nate Schank, 1, Schank-13.437; 31. Tye Mihocko, 24p, Paul-13.457; 32. Matt Goodnight, 39G, Goodnight-13.469; 33. Tony Helton, 87, Helton-13.473; 34. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-13.505; 35. Kyle Johnson, 99J, Johnson-13.513; 36. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-13.573; 37. Blake Vermillion, 73, Vermillion-13.596; 38. Jesse Vermillion, 5, Vermillion-13.702; 39. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-13.729; 40. Bryce Andrews, 17, MSR-13.784; 41. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-13.798; 42. Keivan Clodfelter, 19c, Clodfelter-13.912; 43. Austin Cory, 00, Cory-13.990; 44. Sam Hinds, 71H, Hinds-14.070; 45. Justin Meneely, 100, Meneely-14.374; 46. Tom Eller, 29OG, Eller-14.515; 47. Jadon Rogers, 66, Amati-NT (time of 12.809 disallowed due to tire infraction).

**CAR IQ FIRST HEAT:** (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Jadon Rogers (disqualified due to tire infraction), 4. Daison Pursley, 5. Zack Pretorius, 6. Stevie Sussex, 7. Nate Schank, 8. Kyle Johnson, 9. Bryce Andrews, 10. Justin Meneely. 2:13.10

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K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Seavey, 2. Hayden Reinbold, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Shane Cottle, 5. Tye Mihocko, 6. Chelby Hinton, 7. Max Adams, 8. Hunter Maddox, 9. Brandon Mattox, 10. Tom Eller. 2:13.21

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. Kale Drake, 3. Kole Kirkman, 4. Chance Crum, 5. Ricky Lewis, 6. Wesley Smith, 7. Matt Goodnight, 8. Blake Vermillion, 9. Keivan Clodfelter. NT

COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Gunnar Setser, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Carson Garrett, 4. C.J. Leary, 5. Colin Parker, 6. Logan Calderwood, 7. Jesse Vermillion, 8. Tony Helton, 9. Austin Cory. 2:17.25

CAR IQ FIFTH HEAT: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Briggs Danner, 2. Mitchel Moles, 3. Braydon Cromwell, 4. Harley Burns, 5. Chase Stockon, 6. Joey Amantea, 7. Gabriel Gilbert, 8. Sam Hinds, 9. Kayla Roell. 2:17.94

HOOSIER TIRE C-MAIN: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the semi) 1. Kyle Johnson, 2. Bryce Andrews, 3. Hunter Maddox, 4. Brandon Mattox, 5. Tony Helton, 6. Kayla Roell, 7. Blake Vermillion, 8. Sam Hinds, 9. Tom Eller, 10. Justin Meneely, 11. Keivan Clodfelter, 12. Austin Cory. NT

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Chase Stockon, 2. Ricky Lewis, 3. Joey Amantea, 4. Tye Mihocko, 5. Stevie Sussex, 6. Nate Schank, 7. Gabriel Gilbert, 8. Wesley Smith, 9. Max Adams, 10. Hunter Maddox, 11. Logan Calderwood, 12. Kyle Johnson, 13. Chelby Hinton, 14. Bryce Andrews, 15. Matt Goodnight, 16. Jesse Vermillion, 17. Zack Pretorius, 18. Colin Parker, 19. Brandon Mattox. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (9), 2. Hayden Reinbold (1), 3. Ricky Lewis (11), 4. Mitchel Moles (3), 5. Shane Cottle (15), 6. Kyle Cummins (14), 7. Justin Grant (18), 8. Briggs Danner (7), 9. Kevin Thomas Jr. (5), 10. Daison Pursley (6), 11. C.J. Leary (12), 12. Gunnar Setser (10), 13. Kale Drake (16), 14. Chance Crum (17), 15. Chase Stockon (13), 16. Joey Amantea (24), 17. Jake Swanson (8), 18. Harley Burns (19), 19. Kole Kirkman (22), 20. Carson Garrett (20), 21. Robert Ballou (4), 22. Braydon Cromwell (21), 23. Tye Mihocko (23). NT; DQ. Jadon Rogers (2) (disqualified due to tire infraction).

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-15 Robert Ballou, Laps 16-17 Hayden Reinbold, Laps 18-30 Logan Seavey.

\*\*Jake Swanson flipped on lap 16 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-1587, 2-Justin Grant-1477, 3-Mitchel Moles-1350, 4-Briggs Danner-1264, 5-Logan Seavey-1258, 6-Robert Ballou-1193, 7-Jake Swanson-1173, 8-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1136, 9-C.J. Leary-1111, 10-Kale Drake-1095.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-138, 2-Briggs Danner-95, 3-Kyle Cummins-86, 4-Gunnar Setser-75, 5-Justin Grant-74, 6-C.J. Leary-74, 7-Robert Ballou-66, 8-Chase Stockon-56, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-48, 10-Logan Seavey-43.

SPRINTACULAR PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Joey Amantea-16, 2-Justin Grant-12, 3-Shane Cottle-10, 4-Kyle Cummins-10, 5-Hunter Maddox-10, 6-Bryce Andrews-9, 7-Logan Seavey-8, 8-Ricky Lewis-8, 9-Nate Schank-7, 10-Kale Drake-5.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: July 5, 2025 – Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway – Putnamville, Indiana – 5/16-Mile Dirt Track – 11th Sprintacular

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## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Justin Grant (12.641)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Daison Pursley (12.471)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Jake Swanson

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Logan Seavey

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Gunnar Setser

Car IQ Fifth Heat Winner: Briggs Danner

Hoosier Tire C-Main Winner: Kyle Johnson

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Chase Stockon

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Justin Grant (18th to 7th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Hayden Reinbold

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## Here's Carson! Garrett Grabs USAC Sprint Win #1 at Lincoln Park

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Putnamville, Indiana (July 5, 2025).....Carson Garrett had to wait 96 career USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship feature starts for this very moment. A couple late cautions weren't going to derail him in his pursuit of victory.

The Littleton, Colorado racer finally broke through to become a first-time series winner during Saturday night's \$10,000-to-win Sprintacular finale at Putnamville, Indiana's Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway.

In a racelong duel alongside fellow first-time USAC winning hopeful Hayden Reinbold, Garrett fell in and out of the top spot four different times before making the winning move with eight laps remaining, then survived multiple restart attempts down the stretch at the wheel of his Epperson Racing/Epperson Painting – Sherwin Williams – BGE Motorsports/DRC/Claxton Chevy.

The victory was also the first for longtime competitors Epperson Racing in USAC competition in nearly six seasons. Overall, it's the team's third USAC score with a third different driver after previously capturing wins with Tyler Thomas at Kokomo Speedway in 2018 and Shane Cottle at Gas City I-69 Speedway in 2019.

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Garrett joined the Epperson Racing team for a part-time schedule at the beginning of the 2025 season, and it has admittedly been an up-and-down first half of the year. In four USAC attempts this year, they've made two feature starts together and missed the main event on two other occasions. They took 10th at Lincoln Park in April and 21st in the Sprintacular opener on Friday night.

However, when opportunity knocked on Saturday night, Garrett and Epperson were in position to make their mark. Despite losing the lead to Reinbold on two different occasions throughout the 40-lap feature, they fought back each time to park themselves in victory lane.

"We've struggled for quite a while this year," Garrett admitted. "This means a lot to me and my family everyone who's helped me along the way. I wouldn't want to have anybody else here helping me out. It's just awesome to put this thing in victory lane."

Garrett's previous best USAC National Sprint Car result was a narrow second place finish by a mere .093 seconds to Mitchel Moles at Illinois' Macon Speedway in 2023. Starting from the outside of the front row on Saturday night, Garrett took control early on to lead the initial 13 laps around the 5/16-mile dirt oval.

Early race contender, series point leader and April Lincoln Park USAC winner Kyle Cummins spun to a stop after contact with Reinbold in turn three amid a battle for the second position. Later in the race, while running 13th on lap 30, Cummins found himself turned around again after contact with Geoff Ensign.

Cummins ultimately finished 16th, thus ending his incredible USAC National Sprint Car record streak of 22 consecutive top ten finishes to begin the season. Cummins broke the former record of 21 one night ago, which had been held by C.J. Leary since 2019.

On the ensuing lap 14 restart, Reinbold churned the bottom of turns three and four to dig his way into the lead for the second night in a row following a strong runner-up finish the night before. Kevin Thomas Jr., meanwhile, was also on the move as he dipped under Robert Ballou for third on lap 19.

Firmly established in their respective grooves, Reinbold occupied the low line around the infield tires while Garrett cruised the high line. On lap 25, Garrett used the momentum off the top rope to surge ahead of Reinbold to reassume the point by a two car length margin at the stripe.

The first red flag of the feature was displayed following contact between Robert Ballou and Daison Pursley in the battle for eighth. Pursley got the worst end of the ordeal as he flipped upside down atop the turn two cushion while Ballou continued on. After repairs in the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area, Pursley restarted at the tail and finished 12th.

On the 32nd circuit, Reinbold found a second wind and tip-toed the bottom to perfection in turns three and four while Garrett briefly stumbled atop Lincoln Park's famous monster of a cushion, which allowed Reinbold to bolt back ahead to the front with less than 10 laps remaining.

"When I lost the lead, I was just trying not to make a mistake," Garrett told. "A couple times, I bobbed over the cushion, and I don't really have experience running a cushion this big."

But Garrett wasn't about to throw in the towel anytime soon. Two laps after losing grip of the lead, Garrett put together two of his best latter race laps in succession to roll by Reinbold for the top spot once more on the 34th go around. Behind him, a lap later, Kevin Thomas Jr. took two on the back straight to charge from fourth to second past C.J. Leary and then

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Reinbold. Leary later fell victim to a flat right rear tire during the waning laps, dropping him to 11th in the final running order.

A duo of stoppages followed, first on lap 39 for first-time USAC feature starter Austin Nigh (21st) who spun to a stop in turn three. Upon the restart, just as Garrett was one turn away from finishing the deal off, the red flag was displayed for 11th running Ensign who flipped wildly down the back straightaway.

The agonizing anticipation for multiple restarts, plus a red flag period, had Garrett analyzing how he was going to manage the next restart which would decide the race's fate.

"I didn't want to give it up on the bottom," Garrett explained. "It's so hard to run the top and you have fast guys who are wanting the same thing as you. We had caution after caution, and I've lost several races coming down to the last laps. Having a caution just kills you mentally and you have to try to boost yourself up to say you can do it and keep running where you are because they're going to try to run something different and try to pass you."

Garrett stuck to his guns, stuck to his line and it worked out in his favor. Two smooth laps later on the top side, Garrett was a first-time USAC feature winner by a 0.569 second margin over Kevin Thomas Jr., Logan Seavey and Hayden Reinbold with Robert Ballou rounding out the top five.

With his triumph, Garrett became the initial first-time USAC National Sprint Car winner of the 2025 season. He's the first to break through for his first career USAC National Sprint Car victory since Briggs Danner in June of 2024 at Pennsylvania's Grandview Speedway. Furthermore, Garrett is just the third driver overall to win his first career USAC National Sprint Car feature at Lincoln Park, joining Kelly Kinser (1983) and Chad Boespflug (2013).

Shane Cottle advanced from 24th to 10th to earn a \$150 bonus for Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors. Additionally, Cottle added another \$200 as the Sprintacular Parallax Group Passing Master after passing 29 cars over the span of the two-night event at Lincoln Park.

Cale Coons made his first career USAC National Sprint Car feature start a memorable one. Starting 12th, he picked his way to a sixth place finish to earn the Inferno Armor USA Fire Move of the Night.

Whether it was in Sprint Cars or Midgets, never before had Kale Drake set fast qualifying time in his USAC career. He changed that in Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying with a lap of 12.747 seconds.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** July 5, 2025 – Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway – Putnamville, Indiana – 5/16-Mile Dirt Track – 11th Sprintacular

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-12.747; 2. Beau Brandon, 21B, Brandon-12.748; 3. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-12.785; 4. Logan Calderwood, 6, Ford-12.799; 5. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-12.831; 6. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-12.870; 7. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-12.901; 8. Cale Coons, 63, Dooling/Curb-Agajanian-12.919; 9. Carson Garrett, 2E, Epperson-12.996; 10. Todd Hobson, 77, Wingo-12.997; 11. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-13.018; 12. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-13.068; 13. Geoff Ensign, 00, Anderson-13.097; 14. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-13.147; 15. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-13.162; 16. Jadon Rogers, 66, Amati-13.198; 17. Daison Pursley, 86, CBI-13.253; 18. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-13.258; 19. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-13.299; 20. Colin Parker, 16K, Knight-13.346; 21. Austin Nigh, 97, Nigh-13.369; 22. Wesley Smith, 44, Smith-13.384; 23. Rob Caho

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Jr., 78, Caho-13.389; 24. Stevie Sussex, 77s, Sturgeon-13.413; 25. Tye Mihocko, 24p, Paul-13.421; 26. Zack Pretorius, 9z, Pretorius-13.482; 27. Bryce Andrews, 17, MSR-13.569; 28. Kyle Johnson, 99J, Johnson-13.586; 29. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-13.613; 30. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-13.624; 31. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-13.643; 32. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-13.674; 33. Chelby Hinton, 71p, Phillips-13.723; 34. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-13.762; 35. Nate Ervin, 11, Algieo-13.777; 36. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-13.914; 37. Shane Cottle, 86c, Stamper-13.934; 38. Gabriel Gilbert, 10G, GGR-13.968; 39. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Boyd-14.036; 40. Chance Crum, 83c, Crum-14.053; 41. Kole Kirkman, 81, Dice-14.195; 42. Kyle Shipley, 0G, Black Gold-14.277; 43. Justin Meneely, 100, Meneely-14.713; 44. Keivan Clodfelter, 19c, Clodfelter-14.871; 45. Tom Eller, 29OG, Eller-14.958.

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Jadon Rogers, 2. Austin Nigh, 3. Hayden Reinbold, 4. C.J. Leary, 5. Kale Drake, 6. Harley Burns, 7. Kole Kirkman, 8. Kayla Roell, 9. Zack Pretorius. NT

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Daison Pursley, 3. Kyle Cummins, 4. Wesley Smith, 5. Shane Cottle, 6. Gunnar Setser, 7. Beau Brandon, 8. Kyle Shipley, 9. Bryce Andrews. NT

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Seavey, 2. Geoff Ensign, 3. Brandon Mattox, 4. Kyle Johnson, 5. Chelby Hinton, 6. Cale Coons, 7. Gabriel Gilbert, 8. Rob Caho Jr., 9. Justin Meneely. 2:23.51

COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Stevie Sussex, 2. Joey Amantea, 3. Carson Garrett, 4. Mitchel Moles, 5. Jake Swanson, 6. Briggs Danner, 7. Logan Calderwood, 8. Braydon Cromwell, 9. Keivan Clodfelter. NT

CAR IQ FIFTH HEAT: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Tye Mihocko, 3. Chase Stockon, 4. Robert Ballou, 5. Todd Hobson, 6. Colin Parker, 7. Chance Crum, 8. Nate Ervin, 9. Tom Eller. 2:26.39

HOOSIER TIRE C-MAIN: (8 laps, top 4 transfer to the semi) 1. Nate Ervin, 2. Rob Caho Jr., 3. Kayla Roell, 4. Braydon Cromwell, 5. Keivan Clodfelter, 6. Justin Meneely, 7. Bryce Andrews, 8. Tom Eller. NT

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kale Drake, 2. Cale Coons, 3. Todd Hobson, 4. Shane Cottle, 5. Chance Crum, 6. Chelby Hinton, 7. Harley Burns, 8. Briggs Danner, 9. Gunnar Setser, 10. Colin Parker, 11. Braydon Cromwell, 12. Beau Brandon, 13. Jake Swanson, 14. Kayla Roell, 15. Nate Ervin, 16. Rob Caho Jr., 17. Kole Kirkman, 18. Gabriel Gilbert, 19. Logan Calderwood. NT

FEATURE: (41 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Carson Garrett (2), 2. Kevin Thomas Jr. (7), 3. Logan Seavey (6), 4. Hayden Reinbold (1), 5. Robert Ballou (5), 6. Cale Coons (12), 7. Justin Grant (10), 8. Kale Drake (11), 9. Mitchel Moles (15), 10. Shane Cottle (24), 11. C.J. Leary (4), 12. Daison Pursley (17), 13. Briggs Danner (25-P), 14. Tye Mihocko (21), 15. Chase Stockon (16), 16. Kyle Cummins (3), 17. Brandon Mattox (18), 18. Stevie Sussex (9), 19. Austin Nigh (19), 20. Geoff Ensign (14), 21. Jake Swanson (26-P), 22. Joey Amantea (23), 23. Wesley Smith (20), 24. Kyle Johnson (22), 25. Todd Hobson (13), 26. Jadon Rogers (8). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-13 Carson Garrett, Laps 14-24 Hayden Reinbold, Laps 25-31 Carson Garrett, Laps 32-33 Hayden Reinbold, Laps 34-41 Carson Garrett.

\*\*Jake Swanson flipped during the semi. Daison Pursley flipped on lap 27 of the feature. Geoff Ensign flipped on lap 40 of the feature.

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USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-1624, 2-Justin Grant-1537, 3-Mitchel Moles-1401, 4-Logan Seavey-1334, 5-Briggs Danner-1301, 6-Robert Ballou-1258, 7-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1211, 8-Jake Swanson-1196, 9-C.J. Leary-1158, 10-Kale Drake-1153.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-141, 2-Briggs Danner-95, 3-Kyle Cummins-86, 4-Justin Grant-77, 5-Gunnar Setser-75, 6-C.J. Leary-74, 7-Robert Ballou-66, 8-Chase Stockon-57, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-53, 10-Logan Seavey-46.

SPRINTACULAR PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Joey Amantea-15, 2-Justin Grant-12, 3-Shane Cottle-10, 4-Kyle Cummins-10, 5-Hunter Maddox-10, 6-Bryce Andrews-9, 7-Logan Seavey-8, 8-Ricky Lewis-8, 9-Nate Schank-7, 10-Robert Ballou-5.

FINAL SPRINTACULAR PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Shane Cottle-29, 2-Joey Amantea-17, 3-Logan Seavey-16, 4-Justin Grant-15, 5-Chance Crum-13, 6-Kyle Cummins-12, 7-Kevin Thomas Jr.-11, 8-Cale Coons-11, 9-Tye Mihocko-11, 10-Mitchel Moles-10.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: July 24, 2025 – The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway – Speedway, Indiana – 1/5-Mile Dirt Track – 38th Annual USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented by Honest Abe Roofing

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Briggs Danner (12.924)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Kale Drake (12.747)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Jadon Rogers

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Logan Seavey

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Stevie Sussex

Car IQ Fifth Heat Winner: Justin Grant

Hoosier Tire C-Main Winner: Nate Ervin

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Kale Drake

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Shane Cottle (24th to 10th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Cale Coons

Sprintacular Parallax Group Passing Master Champion: Shane Cottle

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## Kiss the Bricks! Grant Finds IMS Victory Lane Again at USAC Indiana Sprint Week Opener

*By: Paul Kelly – Indianapolis Motor Speedway*

Speedway, Indiana (July 24, 2025).....Justin Grant continued his knack for winning at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway by capturing the opening race of the 38th annual USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented by Honest Abe Roofing on Thursday night at The Dirt Track at IMS.

Grant added his seventh USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship victory of the season and the 61st of his career after also winning the USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship feature on the opening night of the BC39 Presented by Avanti Windows & Doors on July 1 at The Dirt Track.

Grant, from Lone, California, now owns a total of four wins on the 1/5th mile dirt track inside turn three of the 2.5-mile IMS oval, also winning a BC39 prelim and the following evening's championship night feature in 2023.

"It's the Indianapolis Motor Speedway," Grant said. "I probably raced a little rougher than most of the sprint car guys like to race, but I come in here off the BC39, and maybe old habits die hard. I want to win at this place."

Grant, who started fifth in the 20-car field, took the lead for the first time and for good with 16 laps remaining in the 35-lap feature. He earned \$10,000 for the victory in his TOPP Motorsports/NOS Energy Drink – TOPP Industries – LA Poly/Maxim/Kistler Chevy.

Grant's 61st career USAC National Sprint Car victory tied Brady Bacon for second place all-time on the series career win list. It also puts Grant just one win behind Dave Darland for the all-time lead at 62 victories.

Logan Seavey finished second in the No. 57 Abacus Racing car, followed by pole sitter Robert Ballou in the No. 12 Ballou Motorsports machine.

Ballou led the first 19 laps, but Grant used both the top and bottom grooves of the clay oval to climb from fifth to second. With 16 laps to go, Grant used the high line in turns three and four to power past Ballou, whose car started to emit white plumes of smoke from its left side.

Seavey passed Ballou for second on the next lap and set his sights on Grant. A three-car tangle in turn two triggered the final caution of the feature race with nine laps to go.

Grant got a strong jump on the restart, pulling away slightly. But Seavey found grip and slid under Grant in turns one and two to nose slightly ahead with eight laps remaining. However, Grant used the low line to quickly power ahead of Seavey on the back straightaway and eased away over the final seven laps for the prestigious victory by a 1.479 second margin.

"It was really, really tough," Grant said. "The pace was really fast, and the top was so fast you had to kind of make some things happen there. I'm sure I didn't make too many friends, but I wanted to get down here to victory lane."

"I love racing here. I think this little track is amazing. I'm the biggest hater of small racetracks in the world, and one of my favorite ones is this one. It's kind of funny. We've really come a long way on our short track stuff. I'm kind of a half-mile kind of guy. Just super excited to be here."

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On top of everything else, Grant made his 324th consecutive USAC National Sprint Car feature start on this night, tying him with Chase Stockon for the longest streak all-time in series history. Furthermore, Grant's victory was the 98th of his USAC career across all divisions and is now just two away from becoming the eighth driver to reach 100 or more USAC wins.

Grant also kicked off the night in Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying by establishing a new one-lap track record at The Dirt Track at IMS with a lap of 12.039 seconds. His 38th career fast time in USAC National Sprint Car competition surpassed Larry Dickson on the list and tied him with Levi Jones for seventh place all-time.

Trey Osborne was awesome on the way to his best career USAC National Sprint Car finish. Starting 18th, the 6'8" red head affectionately known as "Tall" advanced 10 positions to finish eighth. That performance made him the Rod End Supply Hard Charger.

Gunnar Setser rode the rim to the third and final transfer spot in his heat race. On the fourth and final turn of the 10th and final lap, the USAC Rookie went top side to grab the spot in sensational fashion. For that run, he was honored with the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Additionally, five drivers earned \$100 gift cards courtesy of The Hayloft: C.J. Leary, Gunnar Setser, Kake Drake, Harley Burns and Carson Short. All five were the furthest starting back drivers who transferred through their heat race or semi-feature.

C.J. Leary overcame early mechanical woes to come away with a solid night by advancing from eighth to third in his heat race to transfer his way into the feature where he started 15th and finished ninth. Making it even more impressive, it all came after qualifying 35th out of 37 drivers, thus earning him The Hayloft Hard Work Award.

Only one driver got upside down during the night's program. Justin Grant and Mitchel Moles made bumper-to-bumper contact as Grant slid up in front of Moles in turn two amid their battle for the second spot on lap eight. The blink of an eye later, fourth running Cummins ramped over Moles' left side wheels and flipped over once.

Amid the melee, seventh place running Chase Stockon made what appeared to be slight contact with the tumbling Cummins. That said, the contact was enough to create some pretty substantial damage, resulting in a couple of broken bones in Stockon's right hand.

The format for the event differed from the standard USAC National Sprint Car procedure. The driver lineup consisted of an invitational field as determined by several distinct categories. 1) Finished inside the top 30 of the 2024 USAC National Sprint Car standings. 2) Finished inside the top 30 of the 2024 USAC Indiana Sprint Week standings. 3) Ranked inside the top 30 of the 2025 USAC National Sprint Car standings. 4) Ranked inside the top 10 of the 2025 Avanti Windows & Doors USAC CRA Sprint Car standings. 5) Any currently active driver who has previously won an Indiana Sprint Week main event.

Furthermore, the IMS event paid 50 appearance points for all licensed drivers and entrants toward the season-long USAC National Sprint Car standings. However, no points were offered toward the 2025 Indiana Sprint Week standings.

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FIRST HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-12.389; 2. Brady Bacon, 20, Dyson-12.523; 3. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-12.558; 4. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-12.599; 5. Jerry Coons Jr., 63, Dooling/Curb-Agajanian-12.742; 6. Logan Calderwood, 6, Ford-12.746; 7. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Cromwell/Boyd-12.834.

SECOND HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-12.309, 2. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-12.355, 3. Shane Cottle, 34, Olson-12.543, 4. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-12.567, 5. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-12.646, 6. Max Adams, 24, Simon-12.712, 7. Kyle Shipley, 0G, Black Gold-12.970.

THIRD HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-12.368; 2. Trey Osborne, 6T, Ebert-12.645; 3. Todd Hobson, 77, Wingo-12.938; 4. Rylan Gray, 96, Slinkard-12.979; 5. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-13.102; 6. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-13.157; 7. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-13.323; 8. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-13.449.

FOURTH HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-12.039 (New Track Record); 2. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-12.400; 3. Ricky Lewis, 41, Lewis-12.611; 4. Jadon Rogers, 14, Rogers-12.733; 5. Wesley Smith, 44, Smith-12.853; 6. Carson Short, 21m, Edwards-13.097; 7. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-13.318.

FIFTH HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-12.517; 2. Carson Garrett, 2E, Epperson-12.661; 3. Brady Short, 61m, Edwards-12.673; 4. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-12.681; 5. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-12.710; 6. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-12.892; 7. Bill Rose, 6R, Rose-13.624; 8. Chance Crum, 83c, Crum-15.264.

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top 3 transfer to the feature) 1. Chase Stockon, 2. Robert Ballou, 3. Brady Bacon, 4. Charles Davis Jr., 5. Jerry Coons Jr., 6. Logan Calderwood, 7. Braydon Cromwell. 2:06.332

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top 3 transfer to the feature) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Mitchel Moles, 3. Kale Drake, 4. Shane Cottle, 5. Harley Burns, 6. Max Adams, 7. Kyle Shipley. NT

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top 3 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins, 2. Rylan Gray, 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Trey Osborne, 5. Todd Hobson, 6. Kobe Simpson, 7. Brandon Mattox, 8. Hayden Reinbold. 2:08.356

COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top 3 transfer to the feature) 1. Jadon Rogers, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Ricky Lewis, 4. Carson Short, 5. Briggs Danner, 6. Joey Amantea, 7. Wesley Smith. 2:04.797 (New Track Record)

CAR IQ FIFTH HEAT: (10 laps, top 3 transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Seavey, 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3. Gunnar Setser, 4. Brady Short, 5. Carson Garrett, 6. Bill Rose, 7. Hunter Maddox, 8. Chance Crum. NT

HOOSIER TIRE C-MAIN: (12 laps, top 4 transfer to the semi) 1. Max Adams, 2. Logan Calderwood, 3. Wesley Smith, 4. Chance Crum, 5. Hunter Maddox, 6. Brandon Mattox, 7. Joey Amantea, 8. Braydon Cromwell, 9. Hayden Reinbold, 10. Bill Rose, 11. Kobe Simpson, 12. Kyle Shipley. NT

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (15 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. Shane Cottle, 2. Carson Short, 3. Trey Osborne, 4. Harley Burns, 5. Charles Davis Jr., 6. Brady Short, 7. Jerry Coons Jr., 8. Logan Calderwood, 9. Wesley Smith, 10. Max Adams, 11. Todd Hobson, 12. Chance Crum, 13. Carson Garrett. NT

FEATURE: (35 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (5), 2. Logan Seavey (8), 3. Robert Ballou (1), 4. Kevin Thomas Jr. (2), 5. Kale Drake (13), 6. Brady Bacon (11), 7. Mitchel Moles (3), 8. Trey Osborne (18), 9. C.J. Leary (15), 10.

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Jadon Rogers (9), 11. Harley Burns (19), 12. Jake Swanson (6), 13. Gunnar Setser (14), 14. Rylan Gray (10), 15. Kyle Cummins (4), 16. Shane Cottle (16), 17. Ricky Lewis (12), 18. Charles Davis Jr. (20), 19. Chase Stockon (7), 20. Carson Short (17). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-19 Robert Ballou, Laps 20-35 Justin Grant.

\*\*Kyle Cummins flipped on lap 8 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-1674, 2-Justin Grant-1587, 3-Mitchel Moles-1451, 4-Logan Seavey-1384, 5-Briggs Danner-1351, 6-Robert Ballou-1308, 7-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1261, 8-Jake Swanson-1246, 9-C.J. Leary-1208, 10-Kale Drake-1203.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-167, 2-Briggs Danner-97, 3-Kyle Cummins-86, 4-Justin Grant-83, 5-Gunnar Setser-83, 6-C.J. Leary-81, 7-Kevin Thomas Jr.-70, 8-Logan Seavey-68, 9-Robert Ballou-66, 10-Chase Stockon-61.

USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-11, 2-Harley Burns-11, 3-Kale Drake-10, 4-Trey Osborne-10, 5-Chance Crum-10, 6-Wesley Smith-8, 7-Justin Grant-6, 8-Logan Seavey-6, 9-Brady Bacon-5, 10-Carson Short-5.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: July 25, 2025 – Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway – Putnamville, Indiana – 5/16-Mile Dirt Track – 38th Annual USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented by Honest Abe Roofing

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Justin Grant (12.039)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Justin Grant (12.039)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Chase Stockon

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Jake Swanson

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Kyle Cummins

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Jadon Rogers

Car IQ Fifth Heat Winner: Logan Seavey

Hoosier Tire C-Main Winner: Max Adams

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Shane Cottle

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Trey Osborne (18th to 8th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Gunnar Setser

The Hayloft Hard Work: C.J. Leary

The Hayloft Haymaker Winners: C.J. Leary, Gunnar Setser, Kale Drake, Harley Burns & Carson Short

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## Mad Man's Back! Ballou Breaks Through for USAC ISW Win at Lincoln Park

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Putnamville, Indiana (July 25, 2025).....Robert Ballou ended a 14-plus month absence from USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship victory lane during round two of USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented by Honest Abe Roofing on Friday night at Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway.

Starting third, the Rocklin, California racer tracked down leader Justin Grant just after the midway point to take over the lead and wheel his Ballou Motorsports/Suburban Subaru – Mountain Mechanical Contractors/DRC/Ott Chevy to his first series victory since a photo finish triumph at Ohio's Eldora Speedway in May of 2024.

It's the third time Ballou has captured a USAC Indiana Sprint Week main event at Lincoln Park after previously doing so in 2014 and 2017. Overall, it's Ballou's 39th career USAC National Sprint Car feature victory, one behind Gary Bettenhausen for 11th place all-time.

In a way, it was a bookend to his superb run during the USAC Sprintacular feature three weeks earlier on July 4 at Lincoln Park where he led the initial 15 laps, then was involved in a late-race tangle that resulted in a spin and dropped him back to a 22nd place finish.

On Thursday at The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Ballou led the first 19 laps before falling back to third at the finish line while his engine billowed heavy smoke during the latter part of the race. On Friday night, Ballou paced the final 15 laps of the 30-lap feature to conquer what has been a trying stretch en route to finally reaching USAC victory lane once more.

"It's pretty special," Ballou said. "It's been a trying season personally and racecar wise. Tonight, I was fortunate enough to get three of my best buddies their first USAC national win as mechanics. This is a really difficult task. I have a big truck and trailer, but I go to work every day, and I've got a lot of bills. We killed a motor last night, but luckily, we went last week and picked up a couple from Don Ott."

For Ballou, it's his sixth career USAC Indiana Sprint Week victory and his first since the 2022 finale at Tri-State Speedway. Half of those six have come at Lincoln Park where it all came to fruition on Friday night for the 2015 ISW champion.

"We know we've been fast," Ballou reflected. "I've been working on my health and getting myself physically ready to do battle, if you will. I have the least amount of help I've had all season. I'm in the shop most days by myself in the evenings. It gave me a lot of time to think and get my ducks in a row."

As the feature field pushed off, Justin Grant set a new USAC National Sprint Car record with his 325th consecutive series start which dates back to the beginning of the 2017 season, surpassing the former mark of 324 held by Chase Stockon.

Starting from the pole position, Grant quickly asserted himself as the initial one to beat. However, on the opening lap, the yellow flag was displayed for series point leader and fifth place starting Kyle Cummins' spin in turn four that collected

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Charles Davis Jr. (12th) who slammed into Cummins' stopped racecar. Davis was able to continue on to finish 17th while Cummins was finished for the night with a broken front axle and a season worst 26th place result.

Upon the restart, Grant took control of the lead while Ballou slotted into second. At first, Ballou was committed to the low line before briefly testing the waters up top in his pursuit of Grant. That only lasted a lap or so before Ballou came back down to the bottom and re-established his rhythm.

Traffic became the name of the game at the midway point. On lap 16, Grant became chocked up behind 20th running Kyle Shipley in turn two. Unfettered, Ballou carried his momentum around the outside of Grant to claw his way into the lead on the back straightaway.

Grant remained in close pursuit of Ballou until lap 20 when he and Briggs Danner locked wheels in turn two, sending Grant spinning to a stop. Danner continued onward after getting the rear of his racecar airborne. Grant's attempt to take victories in each of the first two rounds of Indiana Sprint Week after winning 24 hours earlier at IMS came to a close, yet he still managed to race his way back to a 12th place finish after restarting 19th.

Throughout the balance of the remaining 10 laps, Ballou continuously stretched out his lead over new second place occupant Danner while only dealing with a slight bit of traffic that didn't deter him on his mission.

Ballou crossed the finish line 0.802 seconds ahead of Briggs Danner with Kevin Thomas Jr. third, Brady Bacon fourth and Logan Seavey fifth.

Jake Swanson advanced from his 15th starting spot to finish seventh in the feature. It was a solid bounce back performance for the Anaheim, California driver after a crash the previous night at IMS. His plus-eight run earned him Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

Kyle Shipley's evening started off well, then not so much, before salvaging his night with an excellent performance in his heat race. First, he was forced into his backup car due to fueling issues on his primary car the prior night at IMS. Then, after qualifying eighth in the 56-car field, his time was disallowed due to an illegal left rear tire. However, in his heat race, he came back with a vengeance, racing from 11th to the fourth and final transfer spot. For all that, the Peoria, Arizona racer earned both the ProSource Hard Work award and the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Brady Bacon was the fastest qualifier of the night in the Honest Abe Roofing session with a time of 12.471 seconds. It was the 54th quick time of his career with the series, which ranks fifth all-time.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** July 25, 2025 – Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway – Putnamville, Indiana – 5/16-Mile Dirt Track – 38th Annual USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented by Honest Abe Roofing

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Brady Bacon, 20, Dyson-12.471; 2. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-12.502; 3. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-12.628; 4. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-12.639; 5. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-12.693; 6. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-12.709; 7. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-12.716; 8. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-12.850; 9. Carson Garrett, 2E, Epperson-12.857; 10. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-12.874; 11. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-12.877; 12. Ricky Lewis, 41, Lewis-12.889; 13. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-12.911; 14. Beau Brandon, 21B, Brandon-12.914; 15. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-12.937; 16. Geoff Ensign, 00x, Anderson-12.969; 17. Todd Hobson, 77, Wingo-12.971; 18. Seth

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Parker, 38p, Parker-13.001; 19. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-13.024; 20. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-13.048; 21. Zack Pretorius, 9z, Pretorius-13.074; 22. Cale Coons, 63, Dooling/Curb-Agajanian-13.080; 23. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-13.102; 24. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-13.143; 25. Tye Mihocko, 24p, Paul-13.147; 26. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-13.150; 27. Gabriel Gilbert, 10G, Gilbert-13.182; 28. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-13.222; 29. Tony Helton, 87, Helton-13.246; 30. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-13.303; 31. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Boyd-13.323; 32. Shane Cottle, 86, Stamper-13.339; 33. Trey McGranahan, 77s, Sturgeon-13.402; 34. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-13.405; 35. Matt Goodnight, 39G, Goodnight-13.425; 36. Chelby Hinton, 71p, Phillips-13.433; 37. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-13.469; 38. Chance Crum, 83c, Crum-13.499; 39. Colin Parker, 16K, Knight-13.503; 40. Travis Millar, 93AU, Millar-13.535; 41. Eli Wilhelmus, 55, Wilhelmus-13.647; 42. Chris Temby, 7w, Wingo-13.666; 43. Austin Cory, 00, Cory-13.681; 44. Logan Calderwood, 6, Ford-13.691; 45. Ivan Glotzbach, i1, Glotzbach-13.756; 46. Troy Carey, 45N, Carey-13.760; 47. Aaron Davis, 11, Davis-13.781; 48. Travis Thompson, 7, Thompson-13.850; 49. Cody Trammell, 34T, Trammell-13.850; 50. Steve Justis, 12J, Justis-13.979; 51. Sam Hinds, 71H, Hinds-14.016; 52. Bryan Brewer, 8x, Robertson-14.167; 53. Cody Williams, 26, Williams-14.181; 54. Michael Clark, 8, Clark-14.278; 55. Austin Nigh, 97, Nigh-NT; 56. Kyle Shipley, 0G, Black Gold-12.726 (time disallowed due to illegal left rear tire).

**CAR IQ FIRST HEAT:** (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Chase Stockon, 2. Logan Seavey, 3. Brady Bacon, 4. Zack Pretorius, 5. Chelby Hinton, 6. Braydon Cromwell, 7. Eli Wilhelmus, 8. Geoff Ensign, 9. Troy Carey, 10. Kale Drake. NT

**K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT:** (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Shane Cottle, 4. Cale Coons, 5. Kayla Roell, 6. Gabriel Gilbert, 7. Chris Temby, 8. Ricky Lewis, 9. Aaron Davis, 10. Bryan Brewer, 11. Todd Hobson. NT

**USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT:** (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Seth Parker, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Joey Amantea, 4. Hunter Maddox, 5. Mitchel Moles, 6. Trey McGranahan, 7. Chance Crum, 8. Austin Cory, 9. Travis Thompson, 10. Cody Williams, 11. Kobe Simpson. 2:13.137

**COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT:** (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Briggs Danner, 3. Carson Garrett, 4. Logan Calderwood, 5. Tony Helton, 6. Hayden Reinbold, 7. Cody Trammell, 8. Beau Brandon, 9. Brandon Mattox, 10. Colin Parker. NT

**CAR IQ FIFTH HEAT:** (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. Jake Swanson, 3. Gunnar Setser, 4. Kyle Shipley, 5. Tye Mihocko, 6. Travis Millar, 7. C.J. Leary, 8. Ivan Glotzbach, 9. Matt Goodnight, 10. Steve Justis, 11. Harley Burns. NT

**HOOSIER TIRE C-MAIN:** (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the semi) 1. Ricky Lewis, 2. Geoff Ensign, 3. Ivan Glotzbach, 4. Kale Drake, 5. Beau Brandon, 6. Austin Cory, 7. Colin Parker, 8. Aaron Davis, 9. Travis Thompson, 10. Sam Hinds, 11. Steve Justis, 12. Cody Williams, 13. Matt Goodnight, 14. Troy Carey, 15. Harley Burns, 16. Brandon Mattox. NT

**ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI:** (12 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Mitchel Moles, 2. Tye Mihocko, 3. Chelby Hinton, 4. Hayden Reinbold, 5. Kobe Simpson, 6. Kayla Roell, 7. Travis Millar, 8. C.J. Leary, 9. Trey McGranahan, 10. Chance Crum, 11. Gabriel Gilbert, 12. Chris Temby, 13. Kale Drake, 14. Braydon Cromwell, 15. Geoff Ensign, 16. Eli Wilhelmus, 17. Cody Trammell, 18. Tony Helton, 19. Ricky Lewis, 20. Ivan Glotzbach. NT

**FEATURE:** (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Robert Ballou (3), 2. Briggs Danner (4), 3. Kevin Thomas Jr. (8), 4. Brady Bacon (6), 5. Logan Seavey (2), 6. Chase Stockon (9), 7. Jake Swanson (15), 8. Mitchel Moles (10), 9. Gunnar Setser

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(13), 10. Hayden Reinbold (14), 11. Seth Parker (7), 12. Justin Grant (1), 13. Tye Mihocko (19), 14. Shane Cottle (21), 15. Kale Drake (26-P), 16. Carson Garrett (11), 17. Charles Davis Jr. (12), 18. Cale Coons (17), 19. Zack Pretorius (16), 20. C.J. Leary (25-P), 21. Chelby Hinton (22), 22. Hunter Maddox (18), 23. Kyle Shipley (24), 24. Logan Calderwood (23), 25. Joey Amantea (20), 26. Kyle Cummins (5). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-15 Justin Grant, Laps 16-30 Robert Ballou.

\*\*Todd Hobson flipped during the second heat. Brandon Mattox flipped during the fourth heat.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-1709, 2-Justin Grant-1634, 3-Mitchel Moles-1507, 4-Logan Seavey-1450, 5-Briggs Danner-1428, 6-Robert Ballou-1388, 7-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1333, 8-Jake Swanson-1305, 9-Kale Drake-1236, 10-C.J. Leary-1231.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PRESENTED BY HONEST ABE ROOFING POINTS: 1-Robert Ballou-80, 2-Briggs Danner-77, 3-Brady Bacon-73, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-72, 5-Logan Seavey-66, 6-Chase Stockon-63, 7-Jake Swanson-59, 8-Mitchel Moles-56, 9-Gunnar Setser-52, 10-Justin Grant-47.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-167, 2-Briggs Danner-99, 3-Gunnar Setser-87, 4-Kyle Cummins-86, 5-Justin Grant-83, 6-C.J. Leary-81, 7-Kevin Thomas Jr.-75, 8-Logan Seavey-68, 9-Robert Ballou-68, 10-Chase Stockon-64.

USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-29, 2-C.J. Leary-15, 3-Chance Crum-14, 4-Jake Swanson-11, 5-Shane Cottle-11, 6-Harley Burns-11, 7-Justin Grant-10, 8-Brady Bacon-10, 9-Trey Osborne-10, 10-Robert Ballou-9.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: July 26, 2025 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Track – 38th Annual USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented by Honest Abe Roofing

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Jake Swanson (12.965)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Brady Bacon (12.471)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Chase Stockon

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Justin Grant

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Seth Parker

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

Car IQ Fifth Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

Hoosier Tire C-Main Winner: Ricky Lewis

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Mitchel Moles

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Jake Swanson (15th to 7th)

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Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Kyle Shipley

ProSource Hard Work: Kyle Shipley

Matchbox Meats Feature Winning Bonus: Robert Ballou

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## **Kokomo's USAC Indiana Sprint Week Postponed by Rain to Tuesday, July 29**

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Kokomo, Indiana (July 26, 2025).....Saturday's USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented by Honest Abe Roofing event at Kokomo Speedway has been postponed to Tuesday, July 29.

Thunderstorms with substantial rainfall swept over the 1/4-mile dirt oval just prior to the scheduled hot lap time.

Fifty-four USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car drivers and cars were checked in for the event as were 24 USAC Midwest Thunder SpeeD2 Midgets.

Fans are advised to hold onto their wristbands for re-entry to Tuesday night's event, a program that will consist of USAC National Sprint Cars only.

The pits and front gates will open at 3pm Eastern on Tuesday. The drivers meeting will take place at 6pm. Cars will hit the track at 6:30pm.

For all other ticket questions regarding this event, please contact Kokomo Speedway on their Facebook page or on their website at [www.KokomoSpeedway.net](http://www.KokomoSpeedway.net).

USAC Indiana Sprint Week continues with its next event this Sunday, July 27, at Lawrenceburg Speedway.

**DRIVERS & CARS IN ATTENDANCE:** (54) Kyle Shipley (#0G Black Gold), Geoff Ensign (#0 Anderson), Nate Schank (#1 Schank), Kale Drake (#2B 2B Racing), Carson Garrett (#2E Epperson), Kyle Cummins (#3p Petty), Kevin Thomas Jr. (#3R Rock Steady), Justin Grant (#4 TOPP), Shawn Westerfeld (#4J Fischesser-Owen), Kayla Roell (#4K Roell), Braydon Cromwell (#4x Cromwell-Boyd), Gunnar Setser (#5G KO), Jake Swanson (#5T Daming Swanson), Logan Calderwood (#6 Ford), Travis Thompson (#7 Thompson), Bryan Brewer (#8 Robertson), Zack Pretorius (#9z Pretorius), Aaron Davis (#11 Davis), Robert Ballou (#12 Ballou), Steve Justis (#12J Justis), Nate Carle (#14c Carle), Harley Burns (#16 Britt), Colin Parker (#16K Knight), Hayden Reinbold (#19 Reinbold-Underwood), Mitchel Moles (#19AZ Reinbold-Underwood), Brady Bacon (#20 Dyson), C.J. Leary (#21AZ Team AZ-Curb-Agajanian), Beau Brandon (#21B Brandon), Kobe Simpson (#21K Simpson), Bryar Schroeter (#21s Schroeter), Max Adams (#23s Simon), Hunter Maddox (#24m Maddox), Tye Mihocko (#24p Paul), Brandon Mattox (#28 Mattox), Shane Cottle (#34 Olson), Briggs Danner (#39 Hogue), Matt Goodnight (#39G Goodnight), Ricky Lewis (#41 Lewis), Troy Carey (#45N Carey), Charles Davis Jr. (#47 Davis), Eli Wilhelmus (#55 Wilhelmus), Logan Seavey (#57 Abacus), Jack Hoyer (#57H Hazen), Cale Coons (#63 Dooling/Curb-Agajanian), Sam Hinds (#71H Hinds), Chelby Hinton (#71p Phillips),

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Trey McGranahan (#77s Sturgeon), Rob Caho Jr. (#78 Caho), Parker Frederickson (#84 Eisenzopf), Joey Amantea (#88J JPA), Chase Stockon (#92 Sertich), Travis Millar (#93AU Millar), Austin Nigh (#97 Nigh), Saban Bibent (#98 Wedgewood).

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NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: July 27, 2025 – Lawrenceburg Speedway – Lawrenceburg, Indiana – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track – 38th Annual USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented by Honest Abe Roofing

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## Seavey Spells Victory, Takes Lawrenceburg USAC ISW Round

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Lawrenceburg, Indiana (July 27, 2025)....."This is my favorite racetrack."

It's easy to see why Logan Seavey would utter those words. When it comes to USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented by Honest Abe Roofing, Lawrenceburg Speedway has proven to be his personal ATM.

On Sunday night, the Sutter, California racer led the final 13 laps to capture his third Indiana Sprint Week victory at the 3/8-mile dirt oval in his last four tries in 2021, 2024 and now 2025. It's Seavey's fourth career USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship feature triumph at Lawrenceburg after winning twice there during the 2024 campaign.

Overall, it's Seavey's fourth USAC National Sprint Car victory of the year, and 28th of his career, tying him with fellow series champions Don Branson, A.J. Foyt, Levi Jones and J.J. Yeley for 19th place on the all-time series win list. Furthermore, it's Seavey's eighth career Indiana Sprint Week main event score, which now ranks as the sixth most all-time.

Seavey's latest performance also vaulted him from fifth to first in the \$25,000-to-win USAC Indiana Sprint Week championship standings where he now enjoys a slim two-point lead in his pursuit to repeat as an ISW champion.

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"This is really cool to get back to victory lane," Seavey exclaimed. "I know this one means a lot to everybody. It means a lot to me and our whole team. We've been turning around this season a lot lately. We were way behind but we're digging hard to get back up."

The month of July has been a renaissance month for Seavey and his Abacus Racing/Mountain Mechanical – Droplight – Elbrecht Concrete/DRC/Stanton Chevy. Together, they've posted finishes of 1st, 3rd, 2nd, 5th and 1st since July 4, the latter three of which have come during Indiana Sprint Week.

"Overall, it's just an unbelievable start to Sprint Week," Seavey stated. "I couldn't be happier to drive this thing. I dropped a little bit of power there around halfway, but it didn't really matter. I just held this thing to the floor and this Stanton engine stayed together for me and we got the win."

The event didn't start off as hot as rain plagued the late afternoon hours, dumping quite a bit of precipitation on the grounds and delaying the festivities for more than an hour before track activity began. When track activity finally got underway, Seavey was fired up from the get-go, turning the top speed in Dirt Draft Hot Laps, then setting quick time in Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying to get the ball rolling.

Initially, Mitchel Moles took control up front to lead the first eight laps from his pole starting position. However, fourth starting Brady Bacon rose to the point on lap nine as he slid Moles in turn one. Robert Ballou followed suit and made a similar maneuver to grab second from Moles on the very next lap in turn one.

Ballou, who started eighth on the grid, pointed his pursuit toward Bacon for the lead. In a span of five laps, this pair of all-time USAC Sprint Car greats exchanged the top spot seven different times as they danced their machines in, out and through traffic.

The seventh time was the charm for Ballou as he stuck the number one spot on lap 16, then swept up the high banks to put Kayla Roell a lap down. Exiting turn two, Bacon's momentum on the high side got hung up just enough to break his stride, allowing the rapidly closing Seavey to blaze by Bacon down the back straight to slot into second just past the halfway mark of the 30-lap event.

For Seavey, maintaining momentum in open air and through traffic is essential to any driver's success at Lawrenceburg.

"It's everything here," Seavey explained. "You can get so much speed built up on the top. Then you could lose it with one bad decision. Early, I made a couple of bad ones. Robert went by me, Justin went by me, and I was like seventh or eighth in the first few laps. Once we got into traffic, it kind of turned into what you'd normally see in a wing race. Everyone started losing momentum and I made a few good moves, and snuck by Brady at the right time, then Robert hit the wall right in front of me and gave me the lead."

As Seavey foreshadowed, just two laps later, heartbreak struck Ballou as he snagged the turn one cushion with his right rear tire, then slammed his right front wheel into the outside concrete wall where he ground to a halt on lap 18. Ballou's misfortune was Seavey's good fortune as he became the new race leader with 13 laps to go.

"That was really it," Seavey point blanked. "Once this thing's out front, it's going to be really hard to beat. This thing just drives itself on the curb. Even down a little power, we were locked right in. I didn't know what was going on behind us, but I knew my car was driving really good."

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On the ensuing restart, one of the most harrowing crashes of the year took place on the front straightaway involving each of the top three drivers in the current USAC National Sprint Car point standings.

Coming back to green, third place running Grant's front wheels got airborne as he hopped the turn four cushion and nosed into the outside wall. As Grant ricocheted off the wall, his car performed a 180 degree turn. At that same moment, fourth running Moles' right rear tire ramped over Grant's left rear, sending both drivers into a violent tumble. Moles helicoptered over six times while Grant got t-boned by Kyle Cummins who was running sixth, which sent Grant's car airborne before flipping over five times. Cummins also toppled over following his contact with Grant.

In an accident that began with cars flipping at the exit of turn four, Grant and Moles landed very near the entry to turn one three quarters of a full straight away from where it started. Moles was able to climb out and walk away while USAC point leader Cummins was able to restart and finish 10th after his car was repaired in the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area. However, Grant was helped out of his car and taken via ambulance to the hospital with the diagnosis being a broken left foot.

Meanwhile, under the red flag, Ballou returned to the track and restarted at the tail of the field after his crew swapped out the front axle. Up front, however, Seavey established his dominance as he quickly constructed a 1.5 second lead by lap 24. That's when second running Bacon's right rear tire shredded on the back straight to bring out the yellow flag. Bacon restarted at the back and finished 14th after leading seven laps through the middle stages of the race.

Down the stretch, no one had anything for Seavey who crossed the line to complete the victory just as Ballou found trouble once again in turns one and two, flipping over multiple times after working his way back to 12th. Ballou was ultimately credited with a 17th place result.

Behind Seavey, Kale Drake made an impressive drive to take second ahead of Kevin Thomas Jr. in third, Briggs Danner in fourth and Ricky Lewis in fifth.

Kale Drake's ninth to second run proved to be his best career USAC National Sprint Car finish, surpassing his previous best of fourth at Bloomington Speedway this past May.

Not only did Kevin Thomas Jr. race his way to a podium finish, he also did it by advancing nine spots from his 12th place starting position to finish third and earn Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

Kayla Roell was buried back in the 11th starting position in the semi-feature. But immediately, she went to work, passing seven cars to grab the fourth and final transfer spot to make her way into the feature. That was more than good enough to be the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Prior to his feature victory, Logan Seavey earned the 20th quick time of his USAC National Sprint Car career during Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying. That tied him with series champions Jerry Coons Jr., Tony Elliott, and Roger McCluskey for 24th place all-time.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: July 27, 2025 – Lawrenceburg Speedway – Lawrenceburg, Indiana – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track – 38th Annual USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented by Honest Abe Roofing

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CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. Nick Bilbee, 3. Logan Seavey, 4. Carson Garrett, 5. Ricky Lewis, 6. Max Adams, 7. Harley Burns, 8. Kayla Roell, 9. Owen Barr. 1:56.695

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Joey Amantea, 3. Mitchel Moles, 4. Shawn Westerfeld, 5. Gunnar Setser, 6. Hayden Reinbold, 7. Travis Millar, 8. Braydon Cromwell. 1:58.481

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. Briggs Danner, 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3. Brady Bacon, 4. Kyle Shipley, 5. Logan Calderwood, 6. Nate Carle, 7. Zack Pretorius, 8. Troy Carey. 2:00.926

COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kale Drake, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Austin Nigh, 5. Jake Swanson, 6. Kobe Simpson, 7. Saban Bibent, 8. Ryan Barr. 2:00.682

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Hayden Reinbold, 2. Max Adams, 3. Nate Carle, 4. Kayla Roell, 5. Travis Millar, 6. Saban Bibent, 7. Zack Pretorius, 8. Kobe Simpson, 9. Braydon Cromwell, 10. Troy Carey, 11. Harley Burns, 12. Ryan Barr, 13. Owen Barr, 14. Hunter Maddox. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (6), 2. Kale Drake (9), 3. Kevin Thomas Jr. (12), 4. Briggs Danner (7), 5. Ricky Lewis (2), 6. Jake Swanson (13), 7. C.J. Leary (3), 8. Kyle Shipley (16), 9. Hayden Reinbold (15), 10. Kyle Cummins (10), 11. Gunnar Setser (18), 12. Shawn Westerfeld (11), 13. Nick Bilbee (17), 14. Brady Bacon (4), 15. Austin Nigh (20), 16. Carson Garrett (14), 17. Robert Ballou (8), 18. Kayla Roell (23), 19. Logan Calderwood (19), 20. Nate Carle (24), 21. Justin Grant (5), 22. Mitchel Moles (1), 23. Max Adams (21), 24. Joey Amantea (22). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-8 Mitchel Moles, Laps 9-15 Brady Bacon, Laps 16-17 Robert Ballou, Laps 18-30 Logan Seavey.

\*\*Justin Grant, Mitchel Moles & Kyle Cummins flipped on the lap 17 restart of the feature. Robert Ballou flipped on lap 30 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-1759, 2-Justin Grant-1670, 3-Mitchel Moles-1537, 4-Logan Seavey-1532, 5-Briggs Danner-1497, 6-Robert Ballou-1425, 7-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1404, 8-Jake Swanson-1364, 9-Kale Drake-1311, 10-C.J. Leary-1292.

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USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PRESENTED BY HONEST ABE ROOFING POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-148, 2-Briggs Danner-146, 3-Kevin Thomas Jr.-143, 4-Brady Bacon-118, 5-Jake Swanson-118, 6-Robert Ballou-117, 7-Gunnar Setser-97, 8-Hayden Reinbold-93, 9-Mitchel Moles-86, 10-Kale Drake-85.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-174, 2-Briggs Danner-102, 3-Gunnar Setser-94, 4-Kyle Cummins-86, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-84, 6-Justin Grant-83, 7-C.J. Leary-81, 8-Logan Seavey-73, 9-Robert Ballou-68, 10-Chase Stockon-64.

USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-38, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-19, 3-Jake Swanson-18, 4-C.J. Leary-18, 5-Logan Seavey-17, 6-Kyle Shipley-16, 7-Justin Grant-15, 8-Hayden Reinbold-15, 9-Gunnar Setser-15, 10-Kayla Roell-15.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: July 29, 2025 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Track – 38th Annual USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented by Honest Abe Roofing

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Logan Seavey (14.200)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Logan Seavey (14.016)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Justin Grant

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Briggs Danner

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Kale Drake

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Hayden Reinbold

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Kevin Thomas Jr. (12th to 3rd)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Kayla Roell

ProSource Hard Work: Nate Carle

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## Perfect Tuesday! Danner Sweeps Kokomo with Last Lap Pass for the Win

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Kokomo, Indiana (July 29, 2025).....From start to finish, Tuesday night at Kokomo Speedway couldn't have gone anymore perfectly for Briggs Danner.

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First, he turned the quickest time in Dirt Draft Hot Laps. He followed that up by posting quick time in Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying. In his heat race, he charged from sixth to the win. As a grand finale, he stormed from sixth to first once again to earn the feature victory.

Not only did the Allentown, Pennsylvania native win the thing, he completed a clean sweep of the evening in spectacular fashion by erasing a half straightaway deficit in the final lap-and-a-half before making the winning move around the outside of Robert Ballou in the fourth and final turn on the last lap to win by a mere two car lengths.

Danner's triumph during round four of USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented by Honest Abe Roofing was his first USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship feature victory of the year and the fourth of his career.

Furthermore, Danner's second career USAC Indiana Sprint Week win elevated him to the top of the ISW standings with four rounds remaining in his Hogue Racing Enterprises/E. Schneider & Sons – Aw Shucks Roasted Corn/DRC/Rider Chevy.

"What a racecar we had all night long," Danner exclaimed. "I love this place, but it's never treated me this good. It was fast all night long and it felt super comfortable, and I could put it right where I wanted and where I needed to."

Incredibly, Danner's sweep of the entire night was the first such performance by a USAC National Sprint Car driver since Kyle Cummins did it almost one year ago to the day at the very same event – Indiana Sprint Week at Kokomo Speedway.

"I just felt comfortable, and I just felt good," Danner stated. "Everything opened up for me as far as far as holes go. I think we were good enough to make that happen. I could move around when I needed to. I wanted to run the top of one and two, but it was tough early on. Guys started entering high and drove down to the bottom and I couldn't keep it going so I had to move around. Qualifying is everything, but starting sixth, there are good cars you've got to pass."

Chase Stockon led the initial nine laps from the pole position before third starting Robert Ballou raced by on the bottom of turns three and four on the 10th lap, ultimately building a fairly commanding 1.3 second lead through traffic.

That said, Ballou's advantage was erased after Kale Drake (13th) and Chelby Hinton (14th) got together in turn one on the 19th lap, forcing both Drake and Hinton to stop, necessitating the first yellow flag of the feature.

Meanwhile, for Danner, it was a steady rise through the field. He was up to fifth by lap five, to fourth on the eighth circuit and third by the 13th lap. On the lap 20 restart, Danner showed a preview of what was to come as he sliced from third to first on the back straightaway around the outside of Stockon and underneath Ballou in one fell swoop.

However, Ballou slid back under Danner off turn four to retain the lead, and moments later, Hunter Maddox, Logan Calderwood, Hinton, and Drake all tangled and stopped in turn four to bring out the caution and negate Danner's progress, putting him back to third for the next try at a lap 20 restart. It was something Danner certainly didn't want to see.

"I didn't want to see that yellow come out," Danner acknowledged. "I kind of showed Chase the top there. We were really good everywhere and I feel like I could just get out by myself and get momentum going."

Danner wasted no time getting to second again when the race got rolling again, this time going to the bottom on the back straight as Stockon tested the high line. Over the next six laps, Danner and Stockon exchanged the second spot six different times before Danner was finally able to clear him around the outside of turn four on lap 25. But there was still a lot of ground to cover in a short period of time to reel in Ballou for the lead.

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"I was really good after that yellow," Danner admitted. "I started to get a little antsy there and tried to push a little hard and Chase got back by me. I know Robert is going to be one of the guys to beat here, and with him being out front, it made it tough. If we hadn't caught lapped traffic, I might've been able to get to him, but I don't think I'd have been able to get by him."

Danner inched closer and closer to Ballou over the next five laps but still remained a half-straightaway back with two laps to go. Danner slashed his way around the 1/4-mile dirt oval, and by the time the two took the white flag, the gap was a mere 4.5 car lengths.

As Ballou entered turn one on the 30th and final lap, he encountered the 16th place running car of Drake. Ballou dove low to discard of Drake while Danner pulled no punches by ripping the high line. Midway down the back straight, Ballou and Danner simultaneously split around Drake. Even Steven through turns three and four, Danner emerged ahead of Ballou at the exit of turn four, leading just the final half-straightaway to cross the line as the winner in dramatic fashion by a 0.196 second margin over Ballou.

Danner truly did it all on Tuesday, also earning Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors with his sixth to first run while also grabbing the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

It was shattered dreams for Robert Ballou after leading 20 of the 30 laps on his way to a runner-up finish. Impressively, he's now led laps in all four USAC Indiana Sprint Week features run thus far.

It was also a fine night for Chase Stockon after missing out in the most recent series race on Sunday at Lawrenceburg when the team's trailer door malfunctioned. On this night, he led the opening nine laps of the feature en route to a third place result.

Hard work paid off for Martinsville, Indiana's Colin Parker as he made his first career USAC National Sprint Car feature start. After qualifying 28th out of 46 drivers, he transferred through his heat to put it in the show. For that, he earned the ProSource Hard Work Award.

After breaking his left foot in a crash two days earlier at Lawrenceburg Speedway, Justin Grant returned to action in a muted form at Kokomo. After qualifying 25th, he opted not to compete in the heat races, admitting he was unable to get comfortable with the brakes. Instead, he opted to use a provisional starting spot for the feature in order to gain last place point toward the season long championship, then pulling off the track before the start.

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**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-12.430; 2. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-12.493; 3. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-12.571; 4. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-12.610; 5. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-12.632; 6. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-12.653; 7. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-12.689; 8. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-12.696; 9. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-12.718; 10. Chelby Hinton, 71p, Phillips-12.751; 11. Cale Coons, 63, Dooling/Curb-Agajanian-12.776; 12. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-12.811; 13. Ricky Lewis, 41, Lewis-12.822; 14. Carson Garrett, 2E, Epperson-12.855; 15. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-12.876; 16. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-12.925; 17. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Cromwell/Boyd-12.970; 18. Jack Hoyer, 57H, Hazen-12.985; 19. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-

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13.004; 20. Beau Brandon, 21B, Brandon-13.054; 21. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-13.075; 22. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-13.100; 23. Logan Calderwood, 6, Ford-13.135; 24. Zack Pretorius, 9z, Pretorius-13.136; 25. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-13.138; 26. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-13.143; 27. Kyle Shipley, 0G, Black Gold-13.144; 28. Colin Parker, 16K, Knight-13.202; 29. James Turnbull II, 2J Turnbull-13.213; 30. Sam Hinds, 71H, Hinds-13.265; 31. Nate Schank, 1, Schank-13.265; 32. Troy Carey, 45N, Carey-13.274; 33. Austin Nigh, 97, Nigh-13.279; 34. Matt Goodnight, 39G, Goodnight-13.289; 35. Travis Millar, 93AU, Millar-13.323; 36. Kole Kirkman, 81, Dice-13.327; 37. Todd Hobson, 77, Wingo-13.358; 38. Parker Frederickson, 84, Eisenzopf-13.375; 39. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-13.407; 40. Rob Caho Jr., 78, Caho-13.489; 41. Trey McGranahan, 77s, Sturgeon-13.539; 42. Aaron Davis, 11, Davis-13.569; 43. Bryar Schroeter, 21s, Schroeter-13.793; 44. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-13.862; 45. Cody Trammell, 34T, Trammell-13.887; 46. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-13.938.

**CAR IQ FIRST HEAT:** (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Briggs Danner, 2. Cale Coons, 3. Kyle Shipley, 4. Chase Stockon, 5. Hunter Maddox, 6. Hayden Reinbold, 7. Aaron Davis, 8. Troy Carey, 9. Todd Hobson. 2:12.918

**K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT:** (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Colin Parker, 5. Joey Amantea, 6. Braydon Cromwell, 7. Austin Nigh, 8. Parker Frederickson, 9. Bryar Schroeter. 2:12.220

**USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT:** (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Gunnar Setser, 2. Ricky Lewis, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Logan Calderwood, 5. Jack Hoyer, 6. Harley Burns, 7. Kayla Roell, 8. Matt Goodnight, 9. James Turnbull II. NT

**COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT:** (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Zack Pretorius, 2. Robert Ballou, 3. Carson Garrett, 4. Kale Drake, 5. Sam Hinds, 6. Brandon Mattox, 7. Travis Millar, 8. Cody Trammell, 9. Rob Caho Jr. 2:15.301

**CAR IQ FIFTH HEAT:** (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Seavey, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Mitchel Moles, 4. Chelby Hinton, 5. Kobe Simpson, 6. Kole Kirkman, 7. Trey McGranahan, 8. Beau Brandon. 2:17.766

**HOOSIER TIRE C-MAIN:** (8 laps, top 4 transfer to the semi) 1. James Turnbull II, 2. Troy Carey, 3. Todd Hobson, 4. Matt Goodnight, 5. Cody Trammell, 6. Parker Frederickson, 7. Bryar Schroeter. 1:53.275

**ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI:** (12 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Hayden Reinbold, 2. Hunter Maddox, 3. Braydon Cromwell, 4. Joey Amantea, 5. Harley Burns, 6. Todd Hobson, 7. Travis Millar, 8. Kayla Roell, 9. Kobe Simpson, 10. Kole Kirkman, 11. Trey McGranahan, 12. Austin Nigh, 13. James Turnbull II, 14. Aaron Davis, 15. Matt Goodnight, 16. Troy Carey, 17. Brandon Mattox, 18. Sam Hinds, 19. Jack Hoyer. NT

**FEATURE:** (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (6), 2. Robert Ballou (3), 3. Chase Stockon (1), 4. Mitchel Moles (2), 5. Kyle Cummins (5), 6. Kevin Thomas Jr. (11), 7. C.J. Leary (10), 8. Logan Seavey (8), 9. Gunnar Setser (4), 10. Cale Coons (14), 11. Jake Swanson (7), 12. Ricky Lewis (15), 13. Hayden Reinbold (17), 14. Carson Garrett (16), 15. Zack Pretorius (9), 16. Kale Drake (12), 17. Joey Amantea (20), 18. Charles Davis Jr. (22), 19. Kyle Shipley (23), 20. Kayla Roell (25-P), 21. Hunter Maddox (19), 22. Logan Calderwood (21), 23. Braydon Cromwell (18), 24. Chelby Hinton (13), 25. Colin Parker (24), 26. Justin Grant (26-P). NT

*(P) represents a provisional starter*

**FEATURE LAP LEADERS:** Laps 1-9 Chase Stockon, Laps 10-29 Robert Ballou, Lap 30 Briggs Danner.

\*\*Beau Brandon flipped during the fifth heat. Sam Hinds flipped during the semi.

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USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-1829, 2-Justin Grant-1693, 3-Mitchel Moles-1606, 4-Logan Seavey-1589, 5-Briggs Danner-1581, 6-Robert Ballou-1502, 7-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1465, 8-Jake Swanson-1413, 9-C.J. Leary-1350, 10-Kale Drake-1347.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PRESENTED BY HONEST ABE ROOFING POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-230, 2-Logan Seavey-205, 3-Kevin Thomas Jr.-204, 4-Robert Ballou-194, 5-Jake Swanson-167, 6-Mitchel Moles-155, 7-Kyle Cummins-155, 8-Gunnar Setser-155, 9-Chase Stockon-133, 10-Hayden Reinbold-133.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-174, 2-Briggs Danner-107, 3-Gunnar Setser-94, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-89, 5-Kyle Cummins-86, 6-C.J. Leary-84, 7-Justin Grant-83, 8-Logan Seavey-73, 9-Robert Ballou-69, 10-Chase Stockon-64.

USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-39, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-26, 3-Kayla Roell-24, 4-Briggs Danner-23, 5-C.J. Leary-23, 6-Jake Swanson-21, 7-Logan Seavey-20, 8-Gunnar Setser-20, 9-Kyle Shipley-20, 10-Hayden Reinbold-19.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: July 30, 2025 – Circle City Raceway – Indianapolis, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Track – 38th Annual USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented by Honest Abe Roofing

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Briggs Danner (12.719)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Briggs Danner (12.430)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Briggs Danner

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Jake Swanson

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Gunnar Setser

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Zack Pretorius

Car IQ Fifth Heat Winner: Logan Seavey

Hoosier Tire C-Main Winner: James Turnbull II

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Hayden Reinbold

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Briggs Danner (6th to 1st)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Briggs Danner

ProSource Hard Work: Colin Parker

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## Finally! Leary Wins at Circle City for His First USAC Sprint Win in 17 Months

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Indianapolis, Indiana (July 30, 2025).....It'd seemingly been so long since C.J. Leary last won a USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship feature event, in his words, he had to plug in the GPS for the directions to find his way to victory lane.

After a winless drought with the series for the past 66 series events, the Greenfield, Indiana native found his way back to the winner's circle during Wednesday night's USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented by Honest Abe Roofing round at Circle City Raceway in Indianapolis.

Leary led all 30 laps but was forced to fend off another driver who was hungry for his first USAC National Sprint Car win of the season as well, Mitchel Moles. Leary managed to do just that to prevail by a single car length over Moles to win his first series race in 17 months, dating back to his February 2024 victory at Florida's Ocala Speedway.

For C.J., it's been a long time coming in his first year as the driver of the Team AZ-Curb-Agajanian Racing/Curb Records – Kodiak Products – OakCraft/DRC/1-Way Chevy as he earned his second career USAC National Sprint Car win at Circle City, and first since Indiana Sprint Week 2022.

Overall, it's Leary's 24th career USAC National Sprint Car score, which moves him past 1963 and 1966 series champion Roger McCluskey for sole possession of 30th place on the all-time series win list.

"Hats off to this team," Leary praised. "They've been working their butts off, and they've stuck with me. We've worked and worked and worked and we've changed cars, motors, torsion bars and drivelines. We've really rebuilt this thing almost every night and we've tried all kinds of stuff."

Leary started the feature from the outside of the front row, and instantly secured grip of the top spot, building nearly a full straightaway lead by the end of lap five over pole sitter Robert Ballou and the hard-charging Kyle Cummins who had made his way into third and was challenging to the outside of Ballou for second.

But on lap seven, mayhem ensued midway down the back straightaway as Ballou's right rear tire and Cummins' left front tire touched. The resulting contact dislodged Cummins' left front tire while Ballou spun backward toward the outside turn three wall, making very slight contact. Both drivers took a visit to the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area for repairs before restarting at the tail of the field. Cummins wound up 11th at the finish line while Ballou crossed the stripe in 17th.

On the ensuing restart, Leary jetted out to a commanding advantage, once again constructing a full second lead within a few laps of the race's resumption as Moles slotted into second. With seven laps remaining, Moles was able to reel Leary in to within a few car lengths, but a decisive move in turn four to put Charles Davis Jr. and Kyle Shipley a lap down netted Leary a buffer of two cars between him and Moles with the laps winding down.

However, a lap 27 debris caution for a wheel cover laying on the track at the exit of turn four put a halt to Leary's potential breakaway while also taking lapped traffic out of the equation. That put the onus on Leary to decide his race's fate with four laps remaining.

"In lapped traffic, I made the crumbs work through the middle of three and four," Leary explained. "I almost went to that on the restart, but we'd been so good on the top, I didn't want to abort what we're doing. It was my race to lose. I don't

know if I wanted to see that last caution at the end. I thought I had a good rhythm and I'd been putting together really good laps. (Without traffic), I felt like I was good, then I messed up coming to the white flag and almost threw the right front into the wall. I thought I gave it away when I slid myself on both ends."

On the final go around, Moles was directly on Leary's rear bumper heading down the back straightaway one last time. Moles, staying true to the high side, watched as Leary slid himself from the bottom of turn three to the top of turn four. Moles countered at the exit of turn four to cut under Leary who was just a single car length ahead as he crossed under the checkered flag 0.173 seconds ahead of Moles. Kevin Thomas Jr. took third with Shane Cottle making an incredible drive to fourth as Logan Seavey rounded out the top-five.

Leary recalled his closest call of the USAC National Sprint Car season prior to Wednesday's triumph. Back in February of this year at Ocala, he was leading coming back to a green-white-checkered restart but was overtaken by Cummins for the lead and the win. Leary was determined to not let history repeat itself once again.

"The last race we were in contention to win, there was a caution with a green-white-checkered, and I got complacent, honestly," Leary reflected. "It's a sprint car race and you've got to run these things hard every lap. If you don't do that, a guy like Mitchel or Logan will be right there to pounce on you. We've been digging. It's been a long season, and I've almost forgotten where victory lane was."

Mitchel Moles came within a whisker of earning his first USAC win of the season but came home as the runner-up. It's now the fourth time he's finished in second place with the series this year.

In his five USAC Indiana Sprint Week feature starts this week, Kevin Thomas Jr. has finished 4th-3rd-3rd-6th-3rd. His latest third place result now has him only seven points out of the ISW point lead in second place with three races to go.

Was there any doubt that Shane Cottle would move forward after starting 22nd in the feature? In the end, he advanced a whopping 18 positions to finish fourth, equaling the biggest charge of the USAC National Sprint Car season thus far in 2025. That earned him Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors for the evening.

Brandon Mattox overcame a 30th place qualifying run to race his way into the feature. That's the deepest in qualifying any driver made it out successfully on this night at Circle City. He went on to finish third in his heat to make the main event and pick up ProSource Hard Work honors.

James Turnbull II made a solid first impression in his first USAC National Sprint Car feature start. He made the feature by grabbing the final transfer spot in the semi-feature on the last corner of the last lap, then ran inside the top-five for a portion of the first half of the feature for good measure. That made him the recipient of the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Logan Seavey collected his 21st career USAC National Sprint Car fast time during the Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying session. That tied him with the great A.J. Foyt for 23rd place all-time in series history.

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HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-12.027; 2. Carson Garrett, 2E, Epperson-12.087; 3. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-12.123; 4. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-12.124; 5. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-12.139; 6. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-12.187; 7. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-12.199; 8. Logan Calderwood, 6, Ford-12.204; 9. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-12.249; 10. James Turnbull II, 2J Turnbull-12.295; 11. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-12.328; 12. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-12.333; 13. Rylan Gray, 96, Slinkard-12.348; 14. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-12.356; 15. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-12.363; 16. Trey Osborne, 6T, Ebert-12.372; 17. Ricky Lewis, 41, Lewis-12.386; 18. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-12.407; 19. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Cromwell/Boyd-12.414; 20. Kole Kirkman, 81, Dice-12.446; 21. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-12.482; 22. Max Adams, 23s, Simon-12.490; 23. Nate Schank, 1, Schank-12.502; 24. Shane Cottle, 34, Olson-12.508; 25. Austin Nigh, 97, Nigh-12.519; 26. Gabriel Gilbert, 10G, GGR-12.539; 27. Kyle Shipley, 0G, Black Gold-12.557; 28. Trey McGranahan, 77s, Sturgeon-12.618; 29. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-12.625; 30. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-12.642; 31. Travis Millar, 93AU, Millar-12.651; 32. Todd Hobson, 77, Wingo-12.675; 33. Troy Carey, 45N, Carey-12.734; 34. Chance Crum, 83c, Crum-12.739; 35. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-12.782; 36. Cody Trammell, 34T, Trammell-12.810; 37. Michael Clark, 8, Clark-12.837; 38. Tony Helton, 87, Helton-12.890; 39. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-12.915; 40. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-13.087; 41. Jim Tribby, 9, Tribby-13.337; 42. Eli Wilhelmus, 55, Wilhelmus-14.882; 43. Zack Pretorius, 9z, Pretorius-NT; 44. Matt Goodnight, 39G, Goodnight-NT.

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Gunnar Setser, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Logan Seavey, 4. Robert Ballou, 5. Trey Osborne, 6. Gabriel Gilbert, 7. Travis Millar, 8. Cody Trammell, 9. Jim Tribby. NT

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Kyle Shipley, 3. Carson Garrett, 4. Hayden Reinbold, 5. Max Adams, 6. Ricky Lewis, 7. Todd Hobson, 8. Michael Clark. NT

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins, 2. Briggs Danner, 3. Logan Calderwood, 4. Nate Schank, 5. Trey McGranahan, 6. Rylan Gray, 7. Tony Helton, 8. Troy Carey. NT

COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Mitchel Moles, 2. Shane Cottle, 3. Harley Burns, 4. Jake Swanson, 5. Kale Drake, 6. Chance Crum, 7. Braydon Cromwell, 8. Hunter Maddox. NT

CAR IQ FIFTH HEAT: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. Chase Stockon, 3. Brandon Mattox, 4. Kole Kirkman, 5. James Turnbull II, 6. Kayla Roell, 7. Austin Nigh, 8. Kobe Simpson. NT

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Trey Osborne, 2. Rylan Gray, 3. Max Adams, 4. James Turnbull II, 5. Travis Millar, 6. Chance Crum, 7. Kale Drake, 8. Gabriel Gilbert, 9. Hunter Maddox, 10. Ricky Lewis, 11. Cody Trammell, 12. Todd Hobson, 13. Austin Nigh, 14. Trey McGranahan, 15. Kobe Simpson, 16. Kayla Roell, 17. Braydon Cromwell, 18. Jim Tribby, 19. Troy Carey, 20. Tony Helton. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. C.J. Leary (2), 2. Mitchel Moles (3), 3. Kevin Thomas Jr. (7), 4. Shane Cottle (22), 5. Logan Seavey (6), 6. Jake Swanson (10), 7. Hayden Reinbold (12), 8. Gunnar Setser (8), 9. Briggs Danner (17), 10. Carson Garrett (5), 11. Kyle Cummins (4), 12. Trey Osborne (16), 13. Rylan Gray (13), 14. James Turnbull II (11), 15. Chase Stockon (15), 16. Max Adams (20), 17. Robert Ballou (1), 18. Kale Drake (24-P), 19. Harley Burns (14), 20. Ricky Lewis (25-P), 21. Charles Davis Jr. (19), 22. Brandon Mattox (23), 23. Nate Schank (21), 24. Kyle Shipley (26), 25. Logan Calderwood (9), 26. Kole Kirkman (18). NT

(P) represents a provisional starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 C.J. Leary.

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\*\*Matt Goodnight flipped during hot laps. Zack Pretorius flipped during qualifying.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-1882, 2-Justin Grant-1693, 3-Mitchel Moles-1684, 4-Logan Seavey-1659, 5-Briggs Danner-1634, 6-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1537, 7-Robert Ballou-1537, 8-Jake Swanson-1473, 9-C.J. Leary-1430, 10-Kale Drake-1374.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PRESENTED BY HONEST ABE ROOFING POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-283, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-276, 3-Logan Seavey-275, 4-Mitchel Moles-233, 5-Robert Ballou-229, 6-Jake Swanson-227, 7-Gunnar Setser-212, 8-C.J. Leary-209, 9-Kyle Cummins-208, 10-Hayden Reinbold-190.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-174, 2-Briggs Danner-115, 3-Gunnar Setser-94, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-93, 5-Kyle Cummins-86, 6-C.J. Leary-85, 7-Justin Grant-83, 8-Logan Seavey-74, 9-Robert Ballou-69, 10-Chase Stockon-64.

USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-39, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-34, 3-Briggs Danner-32, 4-C.J. Leary-29, 5-Shane Cottle-29, 6-Jake Swanson-26, 7-Kayla Roell-26, 8-Logan Seavey-24, 9-Hayden Reinbold-24, 10-Gunnar Setser-23.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: July 31, 2025 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track – Don Smith Classic / 38th Annual USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented by Honest Abe Roofing

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Chase Stockon (12.030)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Logan Seavey (12.027)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Gunnar Setser

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Kyle Cummins

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Mitchel Moles

Car IQ Fifth Heat Winner: C.J. Leary

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Trey Osborne

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Shane Cottle (22nd to 4th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: James Turnbull II

ProSource Hard Work: Brandon Mattox

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## Moose Crossing! Stockon Sprints to First USAC Win in 5 Years at Terre Haute

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Terre Haute, Indiana (July 31, 2025).....The Terre Haute Action Track has been home to many a great race and moment over the past 70-plus seasons, and Chase Stockon's stirring drive to victory on Thursday night certainly added to the 1/2-mile dirt oval's legendary lore.

Amid a racelong duel that saw Stockon and Robert Ballou officially exchange the lead on four occasions at the stripe and countless more times unofficially, Stockon surged to the lead on the white flag lap, then survived a green-white-checkered restart to earn his first USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship feature victory in nearly five years.

The Fort Branch, Indiana native's score during USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented by Honest Abe Roofing round six arrived after a span of 160 USAC National Sprint Car feature starts without a victory dating back to September 2020.

In the process, Stockon provided longtime car owners Tom and Laurie Sertich's Moose Racing team their first ever USAC National Sprint Car victory. Sprint Car team owners on the west coast since 1994, the husband and wife duo migrated to Indiana from their California home in recent years, hired Stockon to drive and have now been rewarded with the greatest moment in their three-plus decade history in the sport.

Stockon also achieved his fourth career USAC National Sprint Car victory at Terre Haute and his 15th overall with the series, tying Bobby East, Cory Kruseman and Brian Tyler for 41st place all-time. Stockon's second career triumph in the Don Smith Classic is also monumental as well as the former Terre Haute Action Track promoter and area businessman was instrumental in the early years of Stockon's budding racing career.

As if Stockon could do any more to add to his accolades, his latest victory on Thursday night also came in what was his 500th career USAC National Sprint Car start. He's now one of four drivers to reach the mark, joining Dave Darland, Brady Bacon and Robert Ballou.

To boot, Stockon won the race with a broken right hand suffered exactly one week earlier during a crash in the USAC Indiana Sprint Week opener at The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and just five days removed from the Lawrenceburg round where the team was pitted at the track, but unable to compete in the event due to an issue with the trailer door.

It's been a whirlwind of an Indiana Sprint Week experience thus far for Stockon, Sertich and their Brown Brothers Excavating – Dewig Meats – Lucas Oil/DRC/Kistler Chevy. But in the end, it all paid off in reigning victorious following one of the all-time great races in Action Track history.

"This is awesome," an elated Stockon exclaimed. "We've had a lot of speed, but we've fought through a lot of adversity this year. This team has no quit in them. That's all I can ask for. We're definitely happy to be on the top step here and I'm really blessed to drive this thing and give this team a little bit of a reward."

At the start of the 30-lap main event, Indiana Sprint Week point leader and fifth place starting Briggs Danner was involved in a tangle that saw him spin backwards in turn two. In attempting to escape the skirmish, Charles Davis Jr. (15th) was

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unable to avoid contact and flipped multiple times, ending his night just as it had begun. Danner was able to return from the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area to finish 12th.

Starting on the pole position, Stockon controlled the pace to lead the initial 11 circuits. But after a turn four spin and stop by Australian racer Travis Millar (17th), the ensuing lap 12 restart saw Ballou take advantage, driving under Stockon on the back straight for the top spot.

By the 18th lap, Ballou had built his lead to more than two seconds over Stockon until 13th running Logan Calderwood slowed to a halt on the front straight. The sequence erased Ballou's commanding 2.873 second advantage and put Stockon right back on Ballou's rear bumper for the restart, and the two remained in close quarters for the remaining 12 laps.

"After Robert got by us there, I didn't think I'd be able to throw anything at him," Stockon admitted. "I wouldn't say 'win it or wear it,' but it was pretty damn close. I just kind of centered myself and said, 'don't make mistakes.'"

The rejuvenated Stockon immediately demonstrated that he wasn't going to fade away quietly into the night. He drove deep into turn three and was able to pull even to the inside of Ballou on laps 20, 21, 22 and 23, each time getting closer and closer to making the pass stick. On lap 24, Stockon was able to land the punch as he slid up in front of Ballou in turn three to complete the pass and assume the race lead with only six laps remaining.

Just as Stockon refused to go away, Ballou was in the same boat. With four laps to go, Ballou rode the high line around the outside of Stockon in turn four to complete the pass for the lead once more. The next time the duo hit the first turn on the 28th lap, Stockon slid across the nose of Ballou to retake the lead, but Ballou quickly countered the haymaker to go back to the point for the moment.

With two to go, Stockon stuck the middle to low line perfectly, and stormed back past Ballou on the back straight to get to the lead one more time. Side-by-side through turns three and four, the two drivers nearly grazed wheels as chief starter Tom Hansing displayed the white flag from the flag stand. However, just as the front runners crossed under the white, 17th running Joey Amantea spun to a stop at the pit entrance while trying to exit the track to the infield off turn four.

The stoppage necessitated a green-white-checkered finish. Under the yellow flag, the audible roar from the sizable crowd overpowered the engine noise from the idling sprint cars, saluting the top-two for their highly memorable duel.

On the restart, however, Stockon put the kibosh on prolonging the duel as he pulled away from Ballou with perfect precision over the final two laps to cross under the checkered flag 1.564 seconds ahead of runner-up finisher Robert Ballou while Kyle Cummins took third with C.J. Leary fourth and Jake Swanson fifth.

Throughout this magical night for Stockon, everything set up perfectly for him from the condition of the track surface following nearly two inches of overnight rain to the setup implemented on the car. For Stockon, it couldn't have been any finer.

"I don't understand why I like these fast, rough racetracks but I do," Stockon acknowledged. "I felt the track go away more than it did, so I convinced the team to tighten it up a little bit. She's a little bit snug but I think the car was spot on."

To add to the victory, Stockon was also the recipient of the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

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Meanwhile, it was yet another terrific run by Robert Ballou who led 14 of the 31 laps en route to a second place result for his fourth podium finish in six Indiana Sprint Week starts this week. Additionally, he's led laps in five of the six features run thus far this week.

For the second straight USAC Indiana Sprint Week round at Terre Haute, Kyle Cummins came home with a podium finish. After scoring a third in 2024, he repeated the feat on Thursday while increasing his USAC National Sprint Car point lead to a season high 211 markers.

Kayla Roell had a pretty solid Terre Haute USAC debut, winning the semi-feature, then bouncing back from a mechanical issue early in the feature to advance from 22nd to finish 14th, which earned her Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

Santa Rosa, California's Nate Schank qualified 26th out of 32 drivers, but in the semi-feature, he stood up in the seat to matriculate from sixth to second to transfer into the feature. For his efforts, he was the recipient of the ProSource Hard Work award.

Mitchel Moles recorded his 23rd career Fast Qualifying time in USAC National Sprint Car competition, equaling him with National Sprint Car Hall of Fame inductee Jon Stanbrough for 20th place on the all-time list.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** July 31, 2025 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track – Don Smith Classic / 38th Annual USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented by Honest Abe Roofing

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-19.895; 2. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-19.908; 3. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-20.167; 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-20.199; 5. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-20.220; 6. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-20.388; 7. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-20.394; 8. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-20.451; 9. Saban Bibent, 98, Wedgewood-20.459; 10. Logan Calderwood, 6, Ford-20.472; 11. Nick Bilbee, 69, Bilbee/Hoffman-20.522; 12. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-20.528; 13. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-20.629; 14. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-20.708; 15. Ricky Lewis, 41, Lewis-20.733; 16. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-21.015; 17. Kyle Shipley, 0G, Black Gold-21.083; 18. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-21.107; 19. Travis Millar, 93AU, Millar-21.227; 20. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-21.281; 21. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-21.469; 22. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-21.563; 23. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-21.711; 24. Bill Rose, 6R, Rose-21.779; 25. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-21.806; 26. Nate Schank, 1, Schank-21.813; 27. Troy Carey, 45N, Carey-21.909; 28. Aric Gentry, 10, Gentry-21.955; 29. Sam Scott, 7s, Scott-22.196; 30. Nate Ervin, 11, Algieo-22.280; 31. Colin Parker, 16K, Knight-NT; 32. Travis Thompson, 7, Thompson-NT.

**CAR IQ FIRST HEAT:** (8 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. Mitchel Moles, 3. Hunter Maddox, 4. Gunnar Setser, 5. Kyle Shipley, 6. Hayden Reinbold, 7. Sam Scott, 8. Saban Bibent. 2:49.369

**K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT:** (8 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kale Drake, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Chase Stockon, 4. Logan Calderwood, 5. Briggs Danner, 6. Kayla Roell, 7. Nate Schank, 8. Nate Ervin. NT

**USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT:** (8 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. Ricky Lewis, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Nick Bilbee, 4. Logan Seavey, 5. Travis Millar, 6. Kobe Simpson, 7. Troy Carey. 2:49.511

**COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT:** (8 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. Jake Swanson, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Joey Amantea, 5. Brandon Mattox, 6. Bill Rose, 7. Aric Gentry. 2:51.085

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ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kayla Roell, 2. Nate Schank, 3. Saban Bibent, 4. Hayden Reinbold, 5. Kobe Simpson, 6. Bill Rose, 7. Troy Carey, 8. Sam Scott, 9. Aric Gentry. NT

FEATURE: (31 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Chase Stockon (1), 2. Robert Ballou (2), 3. Kyle Cummins (4), 4. C.J. Leary (7), 5. Jake Swanson (11), 6. Logan Seavey (10), 7. Kevin Thomas Jr. (3), 8. Mitchel Moles (6), 9. Kale Drake (9), 10. Ricky Lewis (8), 11. Nick Bilbee (13), 12. Briggs Danner (5), 13. Gunnar Setser (14), 14. Kayla Roell (22), 15. Hayden Reinbold (23), 16. Travis Millar (19), 17. Brandon Mattox (17), 18. Hunter Maddox (21), 19. Joey Amantea (20), 20. Kyle Shipley (18), 21. Logan Calderwood (12), 22. Saban Bibent (16), 23. Nate Schank (24), 24. Charles Davis Jr. (15). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-11 Chase Stockon, Laps 12-23 Robert Ballou, Laps 24-26 Chase Stockon, Laps 27-28 Robert Ballou, Laps 29-31 Chase Stockon.

\*\*Colin Parker flipped during qualifying. Charles Davis Jr. flipped on lap 1 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-1957, 2-Mitchel Moles-1746, 3-Logan Seavey-1719, 4-Justin Grant-1693, 5-Briggs Danner-1682, 6-Robert Ballou-1614, 7-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1598, 8-Jake Swanson-1538, 9-C.J. Leary-1499, 10-Kale Drake-1428.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PRESENTED BY HONEST ABE ROOFING POINTS: 1-Kevin Thomas Jr.-337, 2-Logan Seavey-335, 3-Briggs Danner-331, 4-Robert Ballou-306, 5-Mitchel Moles-295, 6-Jake Swanson-292, 7-Kyle Cummins-283, 8-C.J. Leary-278, 9-Gunnar Setser-254, 10-Chase Stockon-250.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-174, 2-Briggs Danner-115, 3-Gunnar Setser-95, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-93, 5-C.J. Leary-88, 6-Kyle Cummins-87, 7-Justin Grant-83, 8-Logan Seavey-78, 9-Robert Ballou-69, 10-Chase Stockon-64.

USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-40, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-37, 3-C.J. Leary-35, 4-Jake Swanson-35, 5-Kayla Roell-35, 6-Hayden Reinbold-34, 7-Briggs Danner-33, 8-Logan Seavey-31, 9-Shane Cottle-29, 10-Travis Millar-26.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: August 1, 2025 – Bloomington Speedway – Bloomington, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Track – Sheldon Kinser Memorial / 38th Annual USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented by Honest Abe Roofing

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Briggs Danner (19.991)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Mitchel Moles (19.895)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Kale Drake

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Ricky Lewis

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: C.J. Leary

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Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Kayla Roell

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Kayla Roell (22nd to 14th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Chase Stockon

ProSource Hard Work: Nate Schank

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## **Seavey Wins Bloomington's Sheldon Kinser Memorial, Surges to USAC ISW Pont Lead**

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Bloomington, Indiana (August 1, 2025).....One year ago, Bloomington Speedway proved to be the most burdensome of tracks Logan Seavey faced en route to the USAC Indiana Sprint Week championship.

This year, the very same red clay 1/4-mile oval may prove to be the catalyst for a second consecutive title as the Sutter, California driver scored the victory in Friday night's edition of the Sheldon Kinser Memorial, which has ascended him to the top of the standings of the 38th USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented by Honest Abe Roofing.

After getting upside down in the feature during the 2024 round of ISW at Bloomington, this time, Seavey pounced to the front of the field on lap 10 after trouble befell racelong leader C.J. Leary. From there, it was pretty much smooth sailing for Seavey who led the final 20 laps to ensure his status as the first multi-time winner of the week after also winning the previous Sunday at Lawrenceburg Speedway.

Seavey's latest score was his fifth of the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship season and the 29th of his career, moving him into sole possession of 19th place all-time, surpassing the total of fellow series champions Don Branson, A.J. Foyt, Levi Jones and J.J. Yeley.

Furthermore, Seavey's ninth career Indiana Sprint Week score moved him into the top-five all-time, equaling J.J. Yeley for fifth on the list.

Seavey leapfrogged challenger Kevin Thomas Jr. in the Indiana Sprint Week standings after Thomas held a two-point lead entering Bloomington. On Friday night, while Seavey was celebrating victory, he could look over his shoulder and see Thomas standing right beside him as the second place finisher.

Now Seavey possesses a slim four point advantage over Thomas entering the ISW finale this Saturday night at Tri-State Speedway in Haubstadt, Indiana, leaving little separation and minimal room for error. For Seavey, Bloomington was an error free endeavor this time around.

"Going into the last night with the lead, I can't complain too much," Seavey said. "These guys have been busting their butts for me. We've had some good runs, and I've complained a lot on our mediocre nights, and they don't give up on me. I'm glad we could reward them tonight."

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On a date exactly 37 years to the day since three-time USAC National Sprint Car champion Sheldon Kinser's 1988 passing, Seavey started sixth on the grid in the event that bore Kinser's name in one of the longest running traditions on the Indiana sprint car scene dating back to its inaugural edition in 1989.

Earlier in the evening, Seavey tallied his third Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifying time of Indiana Sprint Week 2025, which earned him a \$600 reward. Throughout the past week, Seavey has pocketed a total of \$1200 just through his qualifying efforts during ISW. Overall, it was Seavey's 22nd career USAC National Sprint Car fast qualifying time, tying him with Steve Butler for 22nd place all-time.

Seavey quickly found the low line to his liking as he surged up through the field to fourth by lap one, to third by lap five and to second past Chance Crum by lap six. Meanwhile, Leary had established the lead from his pole starting position, running the top while Seavey settled onto the road less traveled around the bottom.

"I was actually surprised how many guys bailed on the bottom of one and two early because there was so much grip down there," Seavey stated. "The top was a little greasy in three and four early and then it cleaned up and it was the place to be until maybe the last two or three laps. I was just so good on the bottom of one and two, I didn't want to mess with my car."

That said, when Leary saw Seavey poke the nose of his car underneath him entering turn three, Leary threw a change-up and briefly took the low line away from Seavey. Reacting in a moment's notice, Seavey stepped up a lane or two to peek around the outside of Leary in turn two. At the same moment, Leary's right rear tire began to rapidly deflate, and as he entered turn three, his car drifted up the racetrack, allowing Seavey to dive under to take the top spot for good off the exit of turn four.

Leary returned to the lineup with fresh rubber after a caution allowed his team to swap the tire out in the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area. All in all, Leary wound up with an 11th place finish after restarting on the tail.

Meanwhile, Seavey and his Abacus Racing/Mountain Mechanical – Droplight – Elbrecht Concrete/DRC/Stanton Chevy took complete control while the jockeying for position raged on behind him. Thomas took over third on the ensuing lap 12 restart around the outside of Moles in turn four.

On the 14th lap, the red flag was displayed for Robert Ballou who had advanced from 17th to eighth before clipping an infield tire in turn two, which sent him flipping over nose-to-tail three times into the infield grass. Ballou climbed out and walked away following the wild ride.

From there on, Seavey pushed onward as his pursuers were unable to mount a major challenge down the stretch, steadily increasing his lead to nearly two seconds in the waning laps while also trying to keep up with the ever changing surface of the racetrack.

"I didn't really know where I needed to be," Seavey admitted. "I was actually really good through the middle of one and two and that helped me down the back stretch, but I would've hated to give up on the bottom and let somebody go by me. It's just so hard when you're leading and the track changes like that."

It was really slick, and you have to keep an eye on your wheel spin and try to keep up on the adjustments in the car," Seavey continued. "Luckily, we were able to adjust so many, it really makes it fun as a driver. You can keep yourself dialed in all race. My guys did such a good job. I really didn't do much there at the end. I was starting to get a little free, but I knew I couldn't get too tight in those holes through three and four."

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Without much in the way of traffic in his path, Seavey had free reign as he crossed under the checkered flag as the winner, 1.556 seconds in front of runner-up Kevin Thomas Jr. with Chance Crum third, Mitchel Moles fourth and Kyle Cummins rounding out the top-five.

Kevin Thomas Jr. (Cullman, Alabama) brought home another solid finish this week with a second, which is also where he resides in the point standings going into Saturday's round eight of eight.

For third place finisher Chance Crum (Snohomish, Washington), it was a career best night in USAC National Sprint Car competition. In 21 career series starts, his best previous result had been a ninth at Circle City Raceway in 2024. His latest performance was worthy of the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

After wall contact in qualifying, Briggs Danner (Allentown, Pennsylvania) had to dig deep from his 31st place qualifying run. He advanced from seventh to fourth to transfer through his heat. Then in the A-Main, he passed 11 more to move from his 23rd starting spot to finish 12th, thus earning Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

It was hard work from dusk till dawn for Charles Davis Jr. (Buckeye, Arizona). A flip at Terre Haute during the previous night's feature required him and the team to rebuild and regroup in time for Bloomington. He hustled in his heat, then got rolling in the semi to grab the final transfer spot on the last lap. That earned him the ProSource Hard Work award.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** August 1, 2025 – Bloomington Speedway – Bloomington, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Track – Sheldon Kinser Memorial / 38th Annual USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented by Honest Abe Roofing

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-11.834; 2. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-11.838; 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-12.051; 4. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-12.071; 5. Chance Crum, 83c, Crum-12.088; 6. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-12.101; 7. Carson Garrett, 2E, Epperson-12.121; 8. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-12.145; 9. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-12.160; 10. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-12.180; 11. Eli Wilhelmus, 55, Wilhelmus-12.183; 12. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-12.217; 13. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-12.218; 14. Tye Mihocko, 24p, Paul-12.249; 15. Matt Thompson, 26, Thompson-12.268; 16. Austin Cory, 00, Cory-12.312; 17. Geoff Ensign, 00x, Anderson-12.330; 18. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-12.360; 19. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-12.383; 20. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-12.389; 21. Kyle Shipley, 0G, Black Gold-12.419; 22. Gabriel Gilbert, 10G, GGR-12.468; 23. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-12.475; 24. Sam Hinds, 71H, Hinds-12.505; 25. Ricky Lewis, 41, Lewis-12.512; 26. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-12.516; 27. Chelby Hinton, 71p, Phillips-12.549; 28. Daylan Chambers, 4c, Chambers-12.551; 29. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Cromwell/Boyd-12.609; 30. Braxton Cummings, 71B, Cummings-12.614; 31. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-12.656; 32. Aric Gentry, 10, Gentry-12.714; 33. Cody Trammell, 34T, Trammell-12.719; 34. Travis Millar, 93AU, Millar-12.721; 35. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-12.746; 36. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-12.763; 37. Todd Hobson, 77, Wingo-12.792; 38. Tony Helton, 87, Helton-12.854; 39. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-12.887; 40. Troy Carey, 45N, Carey-12.928; 41. Colton Booten, 2, JAE-13.372; 42. Nate Bell, 7, Griffits-13.474; 43. Saban Bibent, 98, Wedgewood-NT; 44. James Turnbull II, 2J, Turnbull-NT (time of 12.446 disallowed due to an illegal right rear tire).

**CAR IQ FIRST HEAT:** (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Shipley, 2. Logan Seavey, 3. Kobe Simpson, 4. Briggs Danner, 5. Austin Cory, 6. Hunter Maddox, 7. Kayla Roell, 8. Eli Wilhelmus, 9. Colton Booten. 1:59.763

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K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins, 2. Gabriel Gilbert, 3. Chelby Hinton, 4. Hayden Reinbold, 5. Geoff Ensign, 6. Carson Garrett, 7. Todd Hobson, 8. Aric Gentry, 9. Nate Bell. NT

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Chase Stockon, 2. C.J. Leary, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Joey Amantea, 5. Gunnar Setser, 6. James Turnbull II, 7. Cody Trammell, 8. Daylan Chambers, 9. Tony Helton. NT

COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Tye Mihocko, 2. Mitchel Moles, 3. Harley Burns, 4. Jake Swanson, 5. Charles Davis Jr., 6. Sam Hinds, 7. Travis Millar, 8. Braydon Cromwell. 2:10.387

CAR IQ FIFTH HEAT: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Ricky Lewis, 2. Robert Ballou, 3. Chance Crum, 4. Braxton Cummings, 5. Troy Carey, 6. Brandon Mattox, 7. Matt Thompson, 8. Kale Drake. NT

HOOSIER TIRE C-MAIN: (6 laps, top 4 transfer to the semi) 1. Aric Gentry, 2. Daylan Chambers, 3. Eli Wilhelmus, 4. Tony Helton, 5. Braydon Cromwell, 6. Nate Bell, 7. Colton Booten. 1:23.507

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Carson Garrett, 2. Gunnar Setser, 3. Hunter Maddox, 4. Charles Davis Jr., 5. Geoff Ensign, 6. Matt Thompson, 7. Brandon Mattox, 8. Kayla Roell, 9. Tony Helton, 10. Cody Trammell, 11. James Turnbull II, 12. Eli Wilhelmus, 13. Troy Carey, 14. Travis Millar, 15. Austin Cory, 16. Todd Hobson, 17. Daylan Chambers, 18. Aric Gentry, 19. Sam Hinds. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (6), 2. Kevin Thomas Jr. (4), 3. Chance Crum (2), 4. Mitchel Moles (3), 5. Kyle Cummins (5), 6. Tye Mihocko (8), 7. Chase Stockon (7), 8. Hayden Reinbold (14), 9. Jake Swanson (16), 10. Gunnar Setser (15), 11. C.J. Leary (1), 12. Briggs Danner (23), 13. Joey Amantea (19), 14. Chelby Hinton (21), 15. Braxton Cummings (22), 16. Ricky Lewis (10), 17. Kobe Simpson (20), 18. Charles Davis Jr. (24), 19. Hunter Maddox (11), 20. Kyle Shipley (9), 21. Carson Garrett (12), 22. Robert Ballou (17), 23. Harley Burns (13), 24. Gabriel Gilbert (18). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 C.J. Leary, Laps 11-30 Logan Seavey.

\*\*Kale Drake flipped during the fifth heat. Robert Ballou flipped on lap 14 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-2028, 2-Mitchel Moles-1817, 3-Logan Seavey-1802, 4-Briggs Danner-1726, 5-Justin Grant-1693, 6-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1675, 7-Robert Ballou-1644, 8-Jake Swanson-1589, 9-C.J. Leary-1547, 10-Kale Drake-1438.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PRESENTED BY HONEST ABE ROOFING POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-418, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-414, 3-Briggs Danner-375, 4-Mitchel Moles-366, 5-Kyle Cummins-354, 6-Jake Swanson-343, 7-Robert Ballou-336, 8-C.J. Leary-326, 9-Chase Stockon-310, 10-Gunnar Setser-299.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-174, 2-Briggs Danner-126, 3-Gunnar Setser-100, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-95, 5-C.J. Leary-88, 6-Kyle Cummins-87, 7-Justin Grant-83, 8-Logan Seavey-83, 9-Robert Ballou-69, 10-Chase Stockon-64.

USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-47, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-42, 3-Jake Swanson-42, 4-Logan Seavey-40, 5-Kale Drake-40, 6-Hayden Reinbold-40, 7-Kayla Roell-39, 8-C.J. Leary-38, 9-Gunnar Setser-32, 10-Shane Cottle-29.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: August 2, 2025 – Tri-State Speedway – Haubstadt, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Track – 38th Annual USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented by Honest Abe Roofing

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## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

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Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Carson Garrett

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Briggs Danner (23rd to 12th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Chance Crum

ProSource Hard Work: Charles Davis Jr.

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## KTJ Wins the Battle & The War, Takes USAC ISW Title with Tri-State Triumph

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Haubstadt, Indiana (August 2, 2025).....Kevin Thomas Jr. captured both the battle and the war during Saturday night's USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented by Honest Abe Roofing finale at Haubstadt's Tri-State Speedway.

As it turned out, the Cullman, Alabama racer was faced with fending off the same driver, Logan Seavey, to accomplish both goals in pursuit of the feature victory and the 38th annual Indiana Sprint Week championship.

Thomas checked both off the list in one fell swoop as he led the remaining 21 circuits of the 31-lap feature to earn the victory while also accruing enough points to surpass Seavey and become a three-time ISW titlist, following previous crowns in 2017 and 2021.

He's also the first driver in 12 seasons, since Bryan Clauson in 2013, to walk off with both a victory during the final race of Indiana Sprint Week and the ISW championship trophy in hand.

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In achieving his record extending ninth career USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship feature victory at Tri-State, Thomas notched his 47th career series victory, surpassing Jack Hewitt and moving himself into a tie with Tracy Hines for fifth place on the all-time win list.

Additionally, Thomas provided car owner Hank Byram of Rock Steady Racing his first Indiana Sprint Week championship after a quarter century of trying. For Byram and his No. 3R team, it was their 33rd career USAC National Sprint Car feature victory, tied for 12th most all-time in series history. At the end of the night, Byram was grinning from ear-to-ear in the seat of the traditional custom-made rocker that is annually awarded by John Youngs of Vincennes, Indiana to the Indiana Sprint Week entrant champion.

For his efforts, Thomas pocketed \$33,000 on the night between his \$8,000 for winning the feature to go along with a \$25,000 payday for his Indiana Sprint Week championship, which he now owns three of. He's now one of only three drivers to capture three or more ISW titles along with four-time champs Kevin Thomas (no relation) and Levi Jones along with fellow three-timer Dave Darland.

"My team did a great job with the racecar," Thomas praised. "From IMS on, I don't think we ran off the podium but maybe three times (in eight races). We've been really working all year. We struggled for the first half of the year but these guys, they just don't quit. They kept trying and trying and trying until we finally found something. I spoke on it probably a month and a half ago. That just transformed into this week, and we got good at the right time."

Thomas was seemingly a man on a mission from the get-go on Saturday night, nearly maximizing every opportunity on the board, garnering 83 of the maximum 84 points available throughout the evening. Trailing Seavey by four markers going into the event, Thomas gained five via qualifying second quickest to leapfrog ahead of Seavey in the standings by one. Thomas then advanced from sixth to first to win his heat and gain eight more points, two more than Seavey added in his third place heat race run.

Entering the final feature of the 38th edition of Indiana Sprint Week, Thomas' lead in the series stood at three over Seavey. For all intents and purposes, the objective for Thomas was to finish ahead of Seavey and the points would take care of itself.

As the wheelman of the Rock Steady Racing/Inferno Armor – Lucas Oil Center – Creative Finishing/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy, Thomas started his race from the fifth position while fellow title contender Seavey lined up 13th on the grid.

Meanwhile, outside front row starter Briggs Danner possessed an outside chance of claiming the title, needing to win the feature and also have Thomas and Seavey both finish 20th or worse in order to have an opportunity. Danner did his part in the early stages of the race by pacing the field for the initial 10 laps while facing a challenge from Jadon Rogers and being closed in on by Thomas who had slotted into third.

By lap 11, traffic loomed for Danner up front. While he worked on trying to find his way around the 22nd place car driven by Rookie Eli Wilhelmus, Thomas had disposed of Rogers for second with an inside move along turns one and two. By the time Thomas reached turns three and four a half lap later, he was right on Danner's back bumper for the lead. Finding an opening on the bottom, Thomas used Wilhelmus as a pick with Danner getting pinned behind him while Thomas shot underneath to lead at the stripe by a half car length over Danner while Rogers moved ahead of Danner on the 14th lap.

At the halfway mark, Seavey was still mired in 10th, 30 points out of contention for the ISW crown while Thomas was enjoying his ride at the front of the pack. Suddenly, Thomas had company in the form of Robert Ballou who slid up in front

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of Danner off turn four for the third spot on lap 20. Three trips around the 1/4-mile dirt oval later, Ballou took second from Rogers with a back straightaway pass for the runner-up spot on lap 23.

With four laps to go, Thomas was in complete control with an eight car length advantage ahead of Ballou. Behind him, the battle for fourth was getting hot and heavy between Danner, Mitchel Moles and the surging Seavey. But as Danner attempted to slide Moles for the spot in turn one, his rear wheels locked up directly in front of Moles. As Moles whoa'd up on the binders, he subsequently tapped Danner's rear bumper, refiring Danner's car, while Moles became a casualty himself, gliding to a halt to bring out the yellow on lap 27.

Now, Seavey suddenly found himself in fifth, and over the next couple of laps following the restart, he charged past Danner then Rogers to climb his way into third. A caution for a 360 degree spin performed by Kayla Roell necessitated a caution on the final lap and halted Thomas' beeline to the finish line.

Seavey was positioned in third behind Thomas and Ballou for the first green-white-checkered attempt, which spelled doom for Ballou who dramatically slowed due to a lack of fuel on the white flag lap. Behind him, a calamity ensued as drivers scattered to avoid contact with Ballou's sputtering machine. Danner (5th) first got into the back of Ballou and spun to a stop in turn four. Several more drivers became entangled in the web, including Carson Short (11th), Hayden Reinbold (12th), Chase Stockon (16th) and Kendall Ruble (20th), all of whom also stopped on the course.

Ballou, meanwhile, pulled off toward the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area, which moved Seavey up a spot to second right behind Thomas with two laps remaining coming back to green. At that point, the picture became crystal clear. Between Thomas and Seavey, whoever finished ahead of the other was going to be the Indiana Sprint Week champion. That certainly caught the attention of Thomas.

"I was feeling good, but I kept seeing that 57 (of Seavey) up on the board," Thomas noticed. "I was like, 'I better not screw this up.' He kept me honest. I was glad to do battle with him all week. He's one of my better friends, so I knew that whenever I saw Ballou roll into the work area, I was pretty nervous, but nervous is good. Nervous is pressure and you deserve it if you put yourself in that spot."

Thomas staved off the pressure and kept his cool on the lap 29 restart, plus the final pair of tours around Tri-State to beat Seavey to the line for the win and the Indiana Sprint Week championship by 0.839 seconds and six points, respectively. Rogers finished third while C.J. Leary took fourth and Kyle Cummins rounded out the top-five.

Over the course of his USAC National Sprint Car career at Tri-State, Thomas had won the annual Haubstadt Hustler on five occasions and the Spring Showdown three different times. That said, in 14 previous tries, he had never won the Indiana Sprint Week round at the track, finishing a best of second in 2015-2017-2021. That all changed on Saturday night.

While Seavey came up just one position and six points short of becoming the first back-to-back Indiana Sprint Week champion since Bryan Clauson in 2013-2014, he did make an all-out effort in advancing from 13th to second to earn Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors. He also grabbed the Indiana Sprint Week Parallax Group Passing Master title after passing 52 cars throughout the eight race series.

Jadon Rogers returned to action following a six-race suspension by USAC for a tire infraction. In doing so, he came back strong in turning in his best career Indiana Sprint Week finish at The Class Track by rounding out the podium with a third place result.

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It was a historical night for Kayla Roell as she became the first woman to win a USAC National Sprint Car heat race. She followed that up with the best feature finish by a woman in series history with a 9th despite a late race spin. Couple all that together, her performance proved to be the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Kentucky's Collin Ambrose raced his way into the final transfer spot in the semi-feature, which forwarded him to his first USAC National Sprint Car feature start since 2022, making him the evening's ProSource Hard Work award winner.

Mitchel Moles notched the 24th career Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifying time of his USAC National Sprint Car career, tying him with USAC champions Gary Bettenhausen and J.J. Yeley for 18th place all-time. For his qualifying efforts, Moles banked \$400 with a 13.340 second run to extend his series lead in the qualifying department to nine fast times thus far in 2025.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** August 2, 2025 – Tri-State Speedway – Haubstadt, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Track – 38th Annual USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented by Honest Abe Roofing

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-13.340; 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-13.389; 3. Jadon Rogers, 5, Baldwin/Fox-13.419; 4. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-13.576; 5. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-13.656; 6. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-13.674; 7. Logan Calderwood, 6, Ford-13.700; 8. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-13.714; 9. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-13.717; 10. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-13.745; 11. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-13.758; 12. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-13.855; 13. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-13.948; 14. Kendall Ruble, 17, Ruble-13.978; 15. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-13.978; 16. Carson Short, 21m, Edwards-13.984; 17. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-14.010; 18. Eli Wilhelmus, 55, Wilhelmus-14.017; 19. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-14.044; 20. Ricky Lewis, 41, Lewis-14.063; 21. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-14.166; 22. Adyn Schmidt, 12s, Schmidt-14.227; 23. Aric Gentry, 10, Gentry-14.245; 24. Travis Millar, 93AU, Millar-14.302; 25. Brady Short, 61m, Edwards-14.333; 26. Sam Scott, 7s, Scott-14.417; 27. Chance Crum, 83c, Crum-14.440; 28. Collin Ambrose, 36, Ambrose-14.474; 29. Troy Carey, 45N, Carey-14.482; 30. Sam Hinds, 71H, Hinds-14.518; 31. Donny Brackett, 4B, Brackett-14.644; 32. Geoff Ensign, 00, Anderson-14.653; 33. Kyle Shipley, 0G, Black Gold-14.710; 34. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE-14.716; 35. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-14.733; 36. James Boyd, 16B, Boyd-14.857; 37. Tony Helton, 87, Helton-15.101; 38. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-15.537; 39. Steve Justis, 12J, Justis-15.913.

**CAR IQ FIRST HEAT:** (10 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins, 2. Harley Burns, 3. Mitchel Moles, 4. Kale Drake, 5. Hayden Reinbold, 6. Chase Stockon, 7. Brady Short, 8. Troy Carey, 9. Kyle Shipley, 10. Tony Helton. 2:15.367

**K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT:** (10 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Eli Wilhelmus, 3. Gunnar Setser, 4. Kendall Ruble, 5. Briggs Danner, 6. Sam Scott, 7. Adyn Schmidt, 8. Sam Hinds, 9. Kobe Simpson, 10. Carson Garrett. 2:18.975

**USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT:** (10 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kayla Roell, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Logan Seavey, 4. Jadon Rogers, 5. Logan Calderwood, 6. Aric Gentry, 7. Chance Crum, 8. Donny Brackett, 9. Brandon Mattox, 10. Steve Justis. NT

**COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT:** (10 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. Robert Ballou, 3. Carson Short, 4. Jake Swanson, 5. Ricky Lewis, 6. Collin Ambrose, 7. Travis Millar, 8. James Boyd, 9. Geoff Ensign. 2:19.258

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ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Chase Stockon, 2. Adyn Schmidt, 3. Aric Gentry, 4. Collin Ambrose, 5. Sam Scott, 6. Travis Millar, 7. Chance Crum, 8. Donny Brackett, 9. Sam Hinds, 10. James Boyd, 11. Troy Carey, 12. Tony Helton, 13. Kobe Simpson, 14. Kyle Shipley, 15. Geoff Ensign, 16. Steve Justis. NT

FEATURE: (31 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr. (5), 2. Logan Seavey (13), 3. Jadon Rogers (4), 4. C.J. Leary (7), 5. Kyle Cummins (8), 6. Jake Swanson (14), 7. Logan Calderwood (1), 8. Kale Drake (18), 9. Kayla Roell (9), 10. Mitchel Moles (6), 11. Harley Burns (21), 12. Robert Ballou (3), 13. Ricky Lewis (20), 14. Hayden Reinbold (11), 15. Chase Stockon (10), 16. Briggs Danner (2), 17. Carson Short (17), 18. Charles Davis Jr. (16), 19. Adyn Schmidt (22), 20. Kendall Ruble (15), 21. Gunnar Setser (12), 22. Eli Wilhelmus (19), 23. Aric Gentry (23), 24. Kobe Simpson (25-P), 25. Collin Ambrose (24). NT

(P) represents a provisional starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 Briggs Danner, Laps 11-31 Kevin Thomas Jr.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-2094, 2-Logan Seavey-1875, 3-Mitchel Moles-1872, 4-Briggs Danner-1762, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1758, 6-Justin Grant-1693, 7-Robert Ballou-1693, 8-Jake Swanson-1649, 9-C.J. Leary-1616, 10-Kale Drake-1492.

FINAL USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PRESENTED BY HONEST ABE ROOFING POINTS: 1-Kevin Thomas Jr.-497, 2-Logan Seavey-491, 3-Mitchel Moles-421, 4-Kyle Cummins-420, 5-Briggs Danner-411, 6-Jake Swanson-403, 7-C.J. Leary-395, 8-Robert Ballou-385, 9-Chase Stockon-345, 10-Gunnar Setser-322.

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-83, 9-Robert Ballou-69, 10-Jake Swanson-69.

FINAL USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-52, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-51, 3-Kale Drake-50, 4-Jake Swanson-50, 5-Briggs Danner-47, 6-C.J. Leary-45, 7-Hayden Reinbold-40, 8-Kayla Roell-40, 9-Kyle Cummins-33, 10-Gunnar Setser-33.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES: August 21-22-23, 2025 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Track – Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Sprint Car Smackdown XIV

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented by Honest Abe Roofing Champion: Kevin Thomas Jr.

USAC Indiana Sprint Week Parallax Group Passing Master Champion: Logan Seavey (52)

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Kyle Cummins (13.450)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Mitchel Moles (13.340)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Kyle Cummins

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

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USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Kayla Roell

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: C.J. Leary

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Chase Stockon

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Logan Seavey (13th to 2nd)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Kayla Roell

ProSource Hard Work: Collin Ambrose

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## **Banner Night for Danner! Briggs Bags Kokomo Smackdown Opener**

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Kokomo, Indiana (August 21, 2025).....Just a little over three weeks ago, Briggs Danner was enjoying the spoils of victory from his first career triumph at Indiana's Kokomo Speedway.

Twenty-four days later, the Allentown, Pennsylvania native was standing in the very same spot in Kokomo's winner's circle. This time, however, he was celebrating his first career Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Sprint Car Smackdown score.

Danner's Smackdown opening night performance on Thursday marked his second USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship main event win of the season in his Hogue Racing Enterprises/E. Schneider & Sons – Aw Shucks Roasted Corn/DRC/Rider Chevy.

Both of Danner's 2025 USAC Sprint Car wins have now come at the 1/4-mile dirt oval located in the north central region of the Hoosier state, and both came in similarly dramatic fashion. Whereas July's Kokomo victory came on a last lap, last turn pass, this time, Danner got the job done a bit earlier. By one single lap.

After officially exchanging the lead three different times throughout the final 14 circuits of the 30-lap feature, Danner took the lead from series point Kyle Cummins on the white flag lap of Thursday's feature, then held Cummins off for the final two trips to earn his fifth career USAC National Sprint Car win.

Danner noted the similarities of his past two Kokomo wins right down to the track conditions, which the team studied in order to make a few quick, but crucial alterations just prior to pushing off for the main.

"Early on, it really looked like the track was going to be pretty similar," Danner explained. "I was watching the semi-feature and it was changing a lot, so we thrashed to make little adjustments just to keep up a little bit."

Starting fourth, Danner had his work cut out for him behind the front row of C.J. Leary and Jake Swanson and alongside fellow row two occupant Mitchel Moles. On the opening lap, Leary jutted out to the lead, while Moles scooted into second under Swanson as Danner took lay of the land in fourth.

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As Leary, Moles and Swanson all scurried along the bottom and middle of turns one and two on lap two, Danner took himself an entire lane higher. Running right on the wall, Danner powered past both Swanson and Moles to go from fourth to second in one fell swoop. By lap four, Danner had muscled the lead away from Leary as he rode the high line to the front off turn four, exactly where he wanted to be.

"I knew I wanted to get to the top," Danner declared. "It was tough to run, although it was easy when I could run behind C.J. and Jake and kind of gauge where I needed to be. Then I got up front. It's just hard to judge how hard you can run it in. You can get screwed up from there. This place is all about momentum."

Nearing halfway, lapped traffic loomed large. Cummins took advantage and overtook Leary to slip into second on lap 12. On lap 15, Cummins had gotten right to the back bumper of Danner just as a tangle ensued behind them. Fourth running Swanson saw his night come to an abrupt halt when Joey Amantea (24th), Todd Hobson (25th) and Brandon Mattox (26th) all tangled in front of him between turns three and four. Swanson's front end was knocked out in the melee, which also knocked him out of the race with an undesirable 25th place result.

With the traffic cleared out for the front runners, the game was afoot between Danner and Cummins. First, Cummins slid Danner for the top spot in turn one on lap 17, but Danner answered the challenge by racing back by on the back straightaway to reassume his place at the head of the pack. However, the relentless Cummins charged back by a lap later utilizing the very same maneuver, but this time it paid off as Cummins cleared Danner in turns one and two and set sail with a mere 12 laps remaining.

That said, Danner never strayed too far away over the next seven laps while Cummins held command. As Cummins entered turn one on lap 25, his right rear tire dug in, snapping his front wheels to the right. Danner capitalized by driving past to take over the lead with five laps remaining.

Thirteenth running Jadon Rogers' stopped car in turn two on the following lap brought out the yellow flag and allowed a chance for both Danner and Cummins to take a deep breath and organize their thoughts and plan of attack for the final five lap sprint.

On the lap 26 resumption, Cummins slid past Danner for the number one spot in the first turn. Danner countered and drove back past Cummins to retain the lead briefly as Danner beat Cummins to the line by about a millimeter or seven. Like *déjà vu* all over again, Cummins delivered another slide job on Danner on lap 27 in turn one, but this time it stuck.

Danner reloaded and took the high line once more in order to built up his momentum. When Danner got right to the tail tank of Cummins on the back straight, the two flip-flopped lines with Danner perusing the bottom as Cummins looked to gain traction up top.

"I knew Kyle was coming," Danner acknowledged. "I saw him keep poking his nose in. To be able to move around at the end was a key for sure. He was definitely better on the bottom. I had to get a couple of laps going to get to the top there, and luckily, it worked out."

Narrowly missing out on the lead on lap 28 by a hair, Danner strolled the bottom into turns one and two as Cummins snagged the cushion with his right rear tire, thus opening up just enough a gap for Danner to shoot away and negate Cummins one last opportunity at chasing him down with only two laps to go.

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"I feel like there's so much you can do at this place to make up for where you're lacking speed as a driver and try to get better than the guy in front of you to make a move on him," Danner demonstrated. "It felt good to be able to race Kyle there at the end instead of just running away with it. He was obviously good enough to get by us and I just had to regroup and gather myself back together and stay calm."

Danner crossed the line 0.339 seconds ahead of Cummins at the finish line while C.J. Leary rounded out the podium in third as Mitchel Moles took fourth and Moles' Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports teammate Hayden Reinbold completed the top-five.

Ricky Lewis racked up a couple of awards by going +11 in the feature after advancing from his 24th starting spot to finish 13th, which earned him Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors. Lewis also made the feature after qualifying 50th out of the 54 drivers on hand, which made him the night's ProSource Hard Work award recipient.

It was an excellent night for Mr. Burns! Harley Burns captured the fourth and final transfer spot of the semi-feature, which scored him a right rear courtesy of Hoosier Tire. After coming home 12th in the feature, Burns pocketed another bonus as the Jeff's Jam-It-In Storage Top Finishing Kokomo regular.

It was a solid debut for Cale Coons. He was the top finishing Smackdown Rookie of the night presented by Crume-Evans Insurance, crossing the finish line in 14th. Furthermore, Coons was the second best finishing Kokomo regular, awarded by Jeff's Jam-It-In Storage.

Cheers for the Aussie! Clyde, Victoria's Todd Hobson hustled in his heat race to make the feature by traveling +5 from ninth to fourth to transfer his way into the main event, which proved to be the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Despite seven series wins on the USAC National Sprint Car trail this year, it wasn't until the 32nd event of the 2025 season on Thursday night when Kyle Cummins grabbed his first Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifying award of the year. His 18th career fast time with the series tied 1960-1961-1962 USAC Sprint Car champion Parnelli Jones for 29th place on the all-time list.

The 54 cars and drivers on hand for Thursday's race was a new Smackdown record, surpassing the previous mark of 50 which competed on the opening night of the event in 2024.

Thursday night also marked the 100th USAC national event promoted by the O'Connor family, who have been at the helm of Kokomo Speedway for the past two decades. They've become just the eighth race organizer to reach the 100+ mark.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** August 21, 2025 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Track – Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Sprint Car Smackdown XIV

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-12.599; 2. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-12.662; 3. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-12.835; 4. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-12.854; 5. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-12.896; 6. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-12.961; 7. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-12.999; 8. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-13.000; 9. Kyle Shipley, 0G, Black Gold-13.001; 10. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-13.007; 11. Geoff Ensign, 00x, Anderson-13.022; 12. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-13.043; 13. Carson Garrett, 2E, Epperson-13.046; 14. Jack Hoyer, 57H, Hazen-13.052; 15. Rylan Gray, 06, Gray-13.077; 16. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-13.152; 17. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-13.202; 18. Shane Cottle, 86, Stamper-13.202; 19. Chance Crum, 83c, Crum-13.221; 20. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-13.229; 21. Joey

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Amantea, 88J, JPA-13.263; 22. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-13.295; 23. Cale Coons, 63, Dooling/Curb-Agajanian-13.341; 24. Matt Westfall, 54, Westfall-13.350; 25. Tyler Hewitt, 97, Hewitt-13.354; 26. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-13.379; 27. Chelby Hinton, 71p, Phillips-13.391; 28. Jadon Rogers, 5, Baldwin/Fox-13.433; 29. Wyatt Burks, 16K, Knight-13.456; 30. Parker Frederickson, 00, Whitney-13.497; 31. Zack Pretorius, 9z, Pretorius-13.531; 32. Brayden Clark, 4c, Clark-13.533; 33. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Cromwell/Boyd-13.546; 34. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-13.549; 35. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-13.626; 36. Troy Carey, 45N, Carey-13.688; 37. Aaron Davis, 11, Davis-13.691; 38. Max Adams, 21, Hery-13.694; 39. James Turnbull II, 2J, Turnbull-13.698; 40. David Gasper, 77s, Sturgeon-13.702; 41. Todd Hobson, 44, Soudrette-13.725; 42. Devan Myers, 75, Myers-13.746; 43. Matt Goodnight, 39G, Goodnight-13.764 44. Adyn Schmidt, 12s, Schmidt-13.825; 45. Jack James, 99, James-13.867; 46. Clinton Boyles, 12, Ballou-13.897; 47. Jacob Tuttle, 24x, Maddox-14.071; 48. R.J. Miller, 34, Miller-14.099; 49. Bryce Andrews, 17, MSR-14.139; 50. Ricky Lewis, 41, Lewis-14.329; 51. Steve Justis, 12J, Justis-14.383; 52. Evan Mosley, 2, Mosley-NT; 53. Trey Osborne, 6T, Ebert-NT; 54. Camden Winter, 84, Eisenzopf-NT (time of 13.891 disallowed to due to an illegal left rear tire).

**CAR IQ FIRST HEAT:** (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Hayden Reinbold, 2. Chase Stockon, 3. Kyle Cummins, 4. Todd Hobson, 5. Harley Burns, 6. Joey Amantea, 7. Clinton Boyles, 8. Zack Pretorius, 9. Troy Carey, 10. Geoff Ensign, 11. Steve Justis. NT

**K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT:** (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3. Kale Drake, 4. Justin Grant, 5. Chelby Hinton, 6. Kobe Simpson, 7. Brayden Clark, 8. Aaron Davis, 9. Jacob Tuttle, 10. Devan Myers, 11. Camden Winter. 2:16.227

**USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT:** (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Jadon Rogers, 2. Briggs Danner, 3. Shane Cottle, 4. Cale Coons, 5. Logan Seavey, 6. Carson Garrett, 7. Max Adams, 8. Matt Goodnight, 9. R.J. Miller. 2:17.320

**COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT:** (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Matt Westfall, 2. Wyatt Burks, 3. Mitchel Moles, 4. Jack Hoyer, 5. Kyle Shipley, 6. James Turnbull II, 7. Kayla Roell, 8. Bryce Andrews, 9. Chance Crum, 10. Adyn Schmidt. NT

**CAR IQ FIFTH HEAT:** (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Ricky Lewis, 3. Gunnar Setser, 4. Brandon Mattox, 5. Hunter Maddox, 6. Rylan Gray, 7. Jack James, 8. Tyler Hewitt, 9. David Gasper, 10. Parker Frederickson. NT

**HOOSIER TIRE C-MAIN:** (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the semi) 1. Zack Pretorius, 2. Matt Goodnight, 3. Chance Crum, 4. David Gasper, 5. Aaron Davis, 6. Bryce Andrews, 7. R.J. Miller, 8. Troy Carey, 9. Devan Myers, 10. Geoff Ensign, 11. Jacob Tuttle. 2:20.946

**ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI:** (12 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Seavey, 2. Chelby Hinton, 3. Carson Garrett, 4. Harley Burns, 5. Kobe Simpson, 6. Clinton Boyles, 7. Chance Crum, 8. Max Adams, 9. Zack Pretorius, 10. Rylan Gray, 11. Matt Goodnight, 12. Brayden Clark, 13. Jack James, 14. Kyle Shipley, 15. Hunter Maddox, 16. James Turnbull II, 17. Joey Amantea, 18. Kayla Roell, 19. David Gasper. NT

**FEATURE:** (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (4), 2. Kyle Cummins (6), 3. C.J. Leary (1), 4. Mitchel Moles (3), 5. Hayden Reinbold (8), 6. Kevin Thomas Jr. (13), 7. Justin Grant (5), 8. Kale Drake (17), 9. Logan Seavey (11), 10. Chase Stockon (16), 11. Matt Westfall (7), 12. Harley Burns (10), 13. Ricky Lewis (24), 14. Cale Coons (20), 15. Carson Garrett (14), 16. Chelby Hinton (21), 17. Gunnar Setser (12), 18. Clinton Boyles (25-P), 19. Wyatt Burks (22), 20. Jack Hoyer (15), 21. Todd Hobson (23), 22. Brandon Mattox (19), 23. Jadon Rogers (9), 24. Shane Cottle (18), 25. Jake Swanson (2), 26. Joey Amantea (26-P). NT

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FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 C.J. Leary, Laps 4-17 Briggs Danner, Laps 18-24 Kyle Cummins, Laps 25-26 Briggs Danner, Laps 27-28 Kyle Cummins, Laps 29-30 Briggs Danner.

\*\*Steve Justis flipped during the first heat. Adyn Schmidt flipped during the fourth heat. David Gasper & Parker Frederickson flipped during the fifth heat. James Turnbull II flipped during the semi.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-2173, 2-Mitchel Moles-1942, 3-Logan Seavey-1924, 4-Briggs Danner-1843, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1820, 6-Justin Grant-1755, 7-Robert Ballou-1693, 8-C.J. Leary-1688, 9-Jake Swanson-1682, 10-Kale Drake-1547.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-204, 2-Briggs Danner-129, 3-Kevin Thomas Jr.-106, 4-Gunnar Setser-100, 5-Logan Seavey-96, 6-Kyle Cummins-94, 7-C.J. Leary-93, 8-Justin Grant-91, 9-Chase Stockon-70, 10-Jake Swanson-70.

SPRINT CAR SMACKDOWN PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Ricky Lewis-19, 2-Chance Crum-13, 3-Clinton Boyles-12, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-9, 5-Kale Drake-9, 6-Matt Goodnight-8, 7-Briggs Danner-7, 8-Kyle Cummins-7, 9-Chase Stockon-7, 10-Chelby Hinton-7.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES: August 22-23, 2025 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Track – Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Sprint Car Smackdown XIV

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Justin Grant (12.755)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Kyle Cummins (12.599)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Hayden Reinbold

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: C.J. Leary

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Jadon Rogers

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Matt Westfall

Car IQ Fifth Heat Winner: Jake Swanson

Hoosier Tire C-Main Winner: Zack Pretorius

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Logan Seavey

Hoosier Tire Last Semi Transfer: Harley Burns

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Ricky Lewis (24th to 13th)

ProSource Hard Work: Ricky Lewis

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Todd Hobson

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Jeff's Jam-It-In Storage Top Finishing Kokomo Regular: Harley Burns

Jeff's Jam-It-In Storage 2nd Best Finishing Kokomo Regular: Cale Coons

Crume-Evans Insurance Rookie of the Race: Cale Coons

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## **KTJ Fridays! Thomas Continues Winning Trend on Night #2 of Kokomo's Smackdown**

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Kokomo, Indiana (August 22, 2025).....Thank God it's Friday!

It's unknown if Kevin Thomas Jr. has eaten at a TGI Friday's or watched ABC's primetime television programming block, but you could almost hear those words emanating from him as soon as he rolled into Indiana's Kokomo Speedway on Friday night.

After winning the Friday portion of the Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Sprint Car Smackdown in 2021, 2022 and 2024, the Cullman, Alabama racer added yet another one after leading all 30 laps at the 1/4-mile dirt oval in his Rock Steady Racing/Inferno Armor – Lucas Oil Center – Creative Finishing/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy.

"It's another Friday night win; I wish I was this good on Saturday," Thomas Jr. quipped. "This is great for these guys, bouncing back from last night where we weren't the best, but not the worst, then coming out tonight with a lights out racecar."

Thomas carved out a not-too-shabby 13th to sixth run in Thursday's Smackdown opener but is certainly more at home in victory lane where he's now notched four USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship feature victories on the 2025 season.

His 48th and latest series triumph was yet another milestone in his career as he surpassed Tracy Hines for sole possession of fifth on the all-time series win list.

It's KTJ's sixth career Smackdown main event victory (second all-time behind Justin Grant's nine), which now includes five prelim scores and one championship back in 2016. Furthermore, Thomas' seventh career USAC National Sprint Car win at Kokomo ranks fourth all-time behind only Justin Grant (11), Dave Darland (9) and Tony Elliott (8).

Thomas started from the pole position and immediately established his command over outside front row starter Kyle Cummins. Meanwhile, Grant was on the move early as he climbed past Cale Coons on the eighth lap, then dove under previous night's winner Briggs Danner in turn three on lap 10 to take over occupation of third.

Just as the front runners were headed for lapped traffic, caution fell over the speedway on lap 12 as Clinton Boyles rolled to a stop just a lap or two after enduring an extreme bike over in turns three and four. After starting ninth on the grid, Boyles had worked his way up to seventh, ending a solid run with a 25th place result for the driver filling in for the injured Robert Ballou.

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On the lap 13 restart, Danner stumbled off the exit of turn two and Coons ably took advantage by driving underneath Danner to take over the fourth spot behind the top-three triumvirate of Thomas, Cummins and Grant.

With 10 laps remaining, traffic was once again in play for the leaders. Cummins was able to close to within a car length of Thomas as the pair weaved their way past the duo of Matt Westfall and Kyle Shipley, putting them a lap down in the process.

Yet, Cummins was unable to draw any closer than that as Thomas continued to hammer a path through the back of the field, successfully placing the lapped cars of Rylan Gray and Chelby Hinton between himself and Cummins entering turn three with chief starter Mark Orr's white flag set to fly moments later.

"I felt good, like I put enough cars in between myself and Kyle," Thomas said. "I felt like I got through there well enough that if somebody was right on me, it was going to be tough to maneuver by both the lapped cars and me."

But the best-laid plans of mice and men doesn't necessarily ensure success as eighth running Danner slowed with a flat right rear tire which relegated him to a 19th place finish. In turn, the yellow flag was displayed on the 29th circuit, thus setting up a green-white-checkered finish.

Despite the interruption, Thomas remained confident with a clear track ahead of him and equipped with a Tim Spindler-wrenched set up. He even spotted a face in the crowd delivering instructions to second running Cummins.

"I saw his crew guy pointing him here on one caution, and on the next caution, was pointing him there," Thomas recalled. "But I was lucky enough that I could see the dirt and have lane choice wherever I wanted to go. Being able to see where people were running was kind of a dead giveaway. You could see it dusted up in some spots and clean in others. I felt comfortable around there and I never felt any pressure to that point, so I wasn't going to change. But I know that once that 3p gets wound up around the top, it's probably game over for a lot of us. I just stayed true to what got us there and then ran 30 good ones."

At the conclusion, Thomas ran two great ones to clinch the victory by a 0.711 second margin over Kyle Cummins who finished as the runner-up for the second night in a row at Kokomo. Justin Grant was incredible once more as he finished third despite nursing a broken left foot which required him to use crutches just to be able to get on the stage for the podium finishers photo. Cale Coons collected a career best fourth while Jake Swanson rounded out the top-five with a bounce back performance after being an innocent victim in a crash 24 hours earlier while running fourth.

It was a mega night for Cale Coons, who raced to a career best USAC National Sprint Car finish of fourth in just his fourth career series start. In turn, he was named the Smackdown Rookie of the Race courtesy of Crume-Evans Insurance. Additionally, he picked up accolades as the Jeff's Jam-It-In Storage top Kokomo regular.

Shane Cottle was on the move, picking up eight spots in the feature to advance from 23rd to 15th, which proved to be the biggest surge of the night. That earned him Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

Matt Westfall muscled his way into the feature lineup following a distant 30th place qualifying run out of the 53 cars on hand for the event. For his performance, the Ohioan picked up the ProSource Hard Work award.

Hayden Reinbold collected some fresh rubber after he raced to the fourth and final transfer spot in the semi-feature. That earned the Arizonan a new right rear from Hoosier Tire.

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Briggs Danner's evening didn't unfold exactly how he wanted it to with a flat tire late in the feature. Nonetheless, in his heat race, he made the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night with an electrifying move, splitting between two cars to advance from sixth to fourth on the final lap to grab the last transfer spot.

Mitchel Moles collected his 10th Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifying award of the USAC National Sprint Car season, just the eighth occasion in the 70-year history of the series that a driver has reached double figures in that department: Kevin Thomas Jr. (15 in 2018), Tom Bigelow (14 in 1978), C.J. Leary (12 in 2022), C.J. Leary (11 in 2019), Rich Vogler (10th in 1989), Bryan Clauson (10 in 2012), and C.J. Leary (10 in 2024). On top of that, Moles' 25th career fast time with the series moved him to 18th place all-time, just ahead of series champs Gary Bettenhausen and J.J. Yeley.

The eight drivers who accumulated the most points throughout the first two nights of Smackdown are locked into Saturday's King of the Hill and into the first four rows of the \$30,000-to-win feature: Kyle Cummins, C.J. Leary, Justin Grant, Kevin Thomas Jr., Mitchel Moles, Briggs Danner, Kale Drake and Logan Seavey.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** August 22, 2025 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Track – Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Sprint Car Smackdown XIV

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-12.368; 2. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-12.394; 3. Cale Coons, 63, Dooling/Curb-Agajanian-12.634; 4. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-12.710; 5. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-12.719; 6. Carson Garrett, 2E, Epperson-12.761; 7. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-12.765; 8. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-12.766; 9. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-12.781; 10. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-12.858; 11. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-12.880; 12. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-13.030; 13. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-13.045; 14. Ricky Lewis, 41, Lewis-13.050; 15. David Gasper, 77s, Sturgeon-13.078; 16. Chelby Hinton, 71p, Phillips-13.116; 17. Zack Pretorius, 9z, Pretorius-13.156; 18. Kyle Shipley, 0G, Black Gold-13.166; 19. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-13.192; 20. Rylan Gray, 06, Gray-13.197; 21. Geoff Ensign, 00x, Anderson-13.198; 22. Chance Crum, 83c, Crum-13.206; 23. Clinton Boyles, 12, Ballou-13.210; 24. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-13.222; 25. Shane Cottle, 86, Stamper-13.252; 26. Max Adams, 21, Hery-13.258; 27. Parker Frederickson, 00, Whitney-13.278; 28. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-13.284; 29. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-13.322; 30. Matt Westfall, 54, Westfall-13.350; 31. Jadon Rogers, 5, Baldwin/Fox-13.353; 32. Wyatt Burks, 16K, Knight-13.363; 33. Todd Hobson, 44, Soudrette-13.414; 34. Jack Hoyer, 57H, Hazen-13.425; 35. James Turnbull II, 2J, Turnbull-13.468; 36. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-13.510; 37. Brayden Clark, 4c, Clark-13.518; 38. Jacob Tuttle, 24x, Maddox-13.553; 39. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-13.608; 40. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-13.616; 41. Matt Goodnight, 39G, Goodnight-13.624; 42. Bryce Andrews, 17, MSR-13.687; 43. Aaron Davis, 11, Davis-13.690; 44. Devan Myers, 75, Myers-13.699; 45. Adyn Schmidt, 12s, Schmidt-13.701; 46. Troy Carey, 45N, Carey-13.845; 47. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Cromwell/Boyd-13.847; 48. Rob Caho Jr., 78, Caho-13.938; 49. Travis Thompson, 7, Thompson-14.095; 50. R.J. Miller, 34, Miller-14.120; 51. Jack James, 99, James-14.622; 52. Tyler Miller, 67, Lohman-NT; 53. Steve Justis, 12J, Justis-NT.

**CAR IQ FIRST HEAT:** (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Mitchel Moles, 3. Chelby Hinton, 4. Geoff Ensign, 5. Jadon Rogers, 6. Carson Garrett, 7. Brandon Mattox, 8. Max Adams, 9. Matt Goodnight, 10. Troy Carey, 11. Jack James. 2:15.235

**K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT:** (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Chance Crum, 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 5. Zack Pretorius, 6. Brayden Clark, 7. Wyatt Burks, 8. Braydon Cromwell, 9. Parker Frederickson, 10. Bryce Andrews. 2:13.056

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USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Clinton Boyles, 2. Gunnar Setser, 3. Kyle Shipley, 4. Cale Coons, 5. Harley Burns, 6. Hunter Maddox, 7. Jacob Tuttle, 8. Todd Hobson, 9. Aaron Davis, 10. Rob Caho Jr. 2:12.182

COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kale Drake, 2. Logan Seavey, 3. Ricky Lewis, 4. Briggs Danner, 5. Kayla Roell, 6. Hayden Reinbold, 7. Kobe Simpson, 8. Jack Hoyer, 9. Devan Myers, 10. Travis Thompson. 2:15.010

CAR IQ FIFTH HEAT: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins, 2. Matt Westfall, 3. Chase Stockon, 4. Shane Cottle, 5. Rylan Gray, 6. James Turnbull II, 7. Joey Amantea, 8. Adyn Schmidt, 9. R.J. Miller, 10. David Gasper. 2:15.396

HOOSIER TIRE C-MAIN: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the semi) 1. Jack Hoyer, 2. Braydon Cromwell, 3. Max Adams, 4. David Gasper, 5. Aaron Davis, 6. Troy Carey, 7. Parker Frederickson, 8. Matt Goodnight, 9. Rob Caho Jr., 10. Travis Thompson, 11. Bryce Andrews, 12. Devan Myers, 13. Adyn Schmidt, 14. R.J. Miller, 15. Jack James. NT

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Carson Garrett, 2. Harley Burns, 3. Rylan Gray, 4. Hayden Reinbold, 5. Kobe Simpson, 6. Kayla Roell, 7. Hunter Maddox, 8. Brayden Clark, 9. Brandon Mattox, 10. Wyatt Burks, 11. Jack Hoyer, 12. David Gasper, 13. James Turnbull II, 14. Joey Amantea, 15. Max Adams, 16. Braydon Cromwell, 17. Jacob Tuttle, 18. Zack Pretorius, 19. Jadon Rogers. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr. (1), 2. Kyle Cummins (2), 3. Justin Grant (5), 4. Cale Coons (4), 5. Jake Swanson (7), 6. C.J. Leary (8), 7. Kale Drake (10), 8. Mitchel Moles (6), 9. Logan Seavey (13), 10. Gunnar Setser (12), 11. Chase Stockon (14), 12. Ricky Lewis (16), 13. Carson Garrett (11), 14. Hayden Reinbold (19), 15. Shane Cottle (23), 16. Harley Burns (15), 17. Chance Crum (22), 18. Chelby Hinton (17), 19. Briggs Danner (3), 20. Rylan Gray (20), 21. Kyle Shipley (18), 22. Matt Westfall (24), 23. Joey Amantea (25-P), 24. Kobe Simpson (26-P), 25. Clinton Boyles (9), 26. Geoff Ensign (21). NT

*(P) represents a provisional starter*

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Kevin Thomas Jr.

\*\*Jack James flipped during the C-Main. Devan Myers flipped during the C-Main. Jadon Rogers flipped during the semi.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-2250, 2-Mitchel Moles-2004, 3-Logan Seavey-1977, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1895, 5-Briggs Danner-1876, 6-Justin Grant-1831, 7-C.J. Leary-1751, 8-Jake Swanson-1748, 9-Robert Ballou-1693, 10-Kale Drake-1607.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-207, 2-Briggs Danner-129, 3-Kevin Thomas Jr.-106, 4-Gunnar Setser-102, 5-Logan Seavey-100, 6-C.J. Leary-95, 7-Kyle Cummins-94, 8-Justin Grant-93, 9-Chase Stockon-73, 10-Jake Swanson-72.

SPRINT CAR SMACKDOWN PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Ricky Lewis-24, 2-Chance Crum-18, 3-David Gasper-17, 4-Kobe Simpson-14, 5-Kale Drake-13, 6-Clinton Boyles-13, 7-Kyle Cummins-12, 8-Chase Stockon-12, 9-Hayden Reinbold-11, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-10.

SPRINT CAR SMACKDOWN POINTS: (top-8 locked into August 23 feature) 1-Kyle Cummins-698, 2-C.J. Leary-669, 3-Justin Grant-664, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-663, 5-Mitchel Moles-658, 6-Briggs Danner-632, 7-Kale Drake-613, 8-Logan Seavey-613.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: August 23, 2025 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Track – Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Sprint Car Smackdown XIV

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## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Kyle Cummins (12.887)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Mitchel Moles (12.368)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Jake Swanson

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: C.J. Leary

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Clinton Boyles

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Kale Drake

Car IQ Fifth Heat Winner: Kyle Cummins

Hoosier Tire C-Main Winner: Jack Hoyer

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Carson Garrett

Hoosier Tire Last Semi Transfer: Hayden Reinbold

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Shane Cottle (23rd to 15th)

ProSource Hard Work: Matt Westfall

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Briggs Danner

Jeff's Jam-It-In Storage Top Finishing Kokomo Regular: Cale Coons

Jeff's Jam-It-In Storage 2nd Best Finishing Kokomo Regular: Harley Burns

Crume-Evans Insurance Rookie of the Race: Cale Coons

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## Miraculous! Broken Foot Can't Stop Grant from Drama-Filled Smackdown Win #5

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Kokomo, Indiana (August 23, 2025).....Just a few short days ago, Justin Grant wasn't even planning to compete during Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Sprint Car Smackdown XIV at Indiana's Kokomo Speedway.

On Saturday night, the lone, California native not only competed, but also pulled off one of the most miraculous and dramatic victories in USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship history as he became the first five-time Smackdown champion.

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Borrowing a line from famed baseball announcer Vin Scully, "in a year that has been so improbable, the impossible has happened."

For you see, just 27 days ago, Grant broke his left foot in a harrowing accident down the front straightaway at Lawrenceburg Speedway. Saddled with a boot strapped to his left leg and a carefully devised metal contraption connected to his foot in order to operate the brake pedal in his modified cockpit area, the pain, at times, was downright unbearable.

Somehow, through it all, with a shattered left foot and a heavy right foot, Grant mustered the energy to work his way from the fifth starting position before taking over the lead on the white flag lap after near racelong leader Briggs Danner collected the turn two wall amid a side-by-side battle for the top spot.

When all was said and done, Grant even found the strength to perform a cage stand atop his TOPP Motorsports/NOS Energy Drink – TOPP Industries – LA Poly/Maxim/Kistler Chevy in victory lane.

"I wasn't planning on running this week; I didn't think I could do it," Grant revealed after collecting \$31,000 for his score. "We talked about it and decided to come up Thursday to at least make an attempt and see if I felt competitive. We just kept getting more and more comfortable and getting the car more comfortable for me. We were working on setups, so that I could drive it a little bit differently. I had to change my driving style a fair bit."

To add on to everything else, Grant's victory was his 62nd in USAC National Sprint Car competition, which tied Dave Darland for the number one spot on the all-time series feature win list.

"It's incredible," Grant exclaimed. "There's just so much tonight. Tying Dave for all-time wins is incredible. Just to be here racing is incredible. Tonight is special. I can't believe we were good enough to win. I'm just so, so excited to win this. I almost can't believe it. I was wanting to do a couple of donuts just so I could have time to stop crying on the cool down lap."

Grant's Smackdown championship night triumph was his fifth overall, but also his third-in-a-row, which tied Darland in another category. Darland and Grant are now the only two drivers to win the event in three consecutive years after Darland achieved the feat in 2013-2014-2015.

It all seemed impossible just a short time ago as Grant was laid up in the hospital with his toes above his nose. Almost from the moment the incident occurred, Grant's prevailing thought turned to how quickly he could be back in the seat of a racecar. Perhaps Saturday's heroics on the 1/4-mile dirt oval were unlikely, but as Grant explained, his wife, Ashley, was one who never doubted him in his ambition to defy the odds.

"She's the only one who never doubted that I'd be back in a racecar," Grant said. "We were there in the hospital that night and she's telling the doctors, 'he's going to race tomorrow, so you better figure something out.'

While Grant did return to racing less than 48 hours later in late July's USAC Indiana Sprint Week round at Kokomo, Grant didn't quite feel comfortable. He hot lapped and qualified but did not partake in the remainder of the racing program. Over the next four successive nights, he opted to sit out in order to recover and recuperate before making his way back to the racetrack in subsequent USAC Silver Crown starts, incredibly finishing second at Salem Speedway and fourth at the Illinois State Fairgrounds.

But as everyone has learned through this process, never count out JG.

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"I'm in a lot of pain," Grant stated point blank. "If there was any way I could be at this event and put on a show, it's what I was going to do. I didn't know if I could run this weekend, so I went ahead and made sure my Thursday hot laps were as exciting as they could be in case that's all I did. I love being here; I love racing, and I'm just happy to be doing it."

Grant's good friend, eight time USAC Silver Crown champion Kody Swanson, suffered a severe left foot injury in December 2023, and went through the trials and tribulations of dealing with everything it entailed in the short term and the long term, and was there to lend advice and a helping hand toward Grant's own recovery.

"I've got to thank my good friend, Kody Swanson, for getting me hooked up with my surgeon," Grant praised. "He smashed his foot bad and got me dialed in with the best surgeon in town. He got me a leg pillow, a shower chair, a pair of crutches and sent me on my way. He's been giving me advice from when he broke his foot and has been coaching me through this whole deal."

Despite clutching his crutches away from the racecar, when Grant slid into his racecar, he looked every bit the part of his regular ol' self. While Grant rolled off the grid from the inside of the fifth row, it was pole sitter C.J. Leary who commanded the first three circuits of the 40-lapper. Earlier in the evening, Leary captured his second career King of the Hill title (2022 & 2025) to earn the coveted P1 spot.

However, the man on the move was fourth starting Danner who went topside to third around Mitchel Moles on the opening lap, then to second using the high line to zip past Kyle Cummins on the second go around. By lap four, Danner had the lead in his grasp as he shot to the inside of Leary to become the new race leader.

Meanwhile, Grant had steadily picked his way to third around the outside of Moles on lap 20, then took the second spot from Logan Seavey on the back straight on lap 25 through a flock of lapped traffic.

By then, however, Danner's lead stood at a whopping six seconds. But all that would soon be chipped away with 10 laps remaining when Danner tangled with the 12th place car of Hayden Reinbold in turns three and four. The contact subsequently knocked the front end out on Reinbold's machine, which necessitated a caution when Reinbold came to a halt. As a result, Danner's titanic lead was erased, and consequently, put Grant right on Danner's rear bumper for the restart.

That said, everything Grant threw at the lead, Danner was able to successfully thwart. Grant first slid Danner in turn one on the lap 31 resumption, but couldn't make it stick, and it also briefly proved costly as Seavey capitalized and gained second from Grant and stayed there for laps 31-32.

Once Grant regained second from Seavey on the 33rd lap, he reloaded and refired with a turn one slider on lap 31 to no avail as Danner kept his foot on the pedal to motor on by. On lap 37, Grant slid all the way across the nose of Danner in turns one and two, but Danner answered with a counter measure to race back underneath and reobtain the top spot.

As the front two took the white flag, Grant fired one more shot as he slid to the inside alongside Danner in turns one and two. Without warning, Danner's right rear tire caught the cushion, whipped his car to the right, ramped up the outside wall and flipped over, ending his winning bid in the blink of an eye.

Despite the heartbreak ending, Danner still walked away with a nice \$24,000 payday for his efforts. With each lap led paying \$500 apiece, Danner's 35 trips up front earned him \$17,500 in lap leader money alone to go alongside \$1500 for

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his 20th place result. Plus, Schroeder Torsion Bars even threw another \$5,000 into his pocket for a hard luck award. On his walk back to the pits, Danner received a raucous standing ovation from the back straightaway grandstand crowd.

"Briggs is a heck of a racecar driver," Grant stated. "If I wasn't able to win tonight, I was pulling for him because he's been running this place right and doing a really good job. I like those kind of guys."

With the green-white-checker restart extending the race to 41 laps, Grant was superb for the final two circuits to close out a 0.608 second margin of victory over Kyle Cummins who got by Seavey with two laps left to finish in the runner-up spot for the third-straight night at Kokomo. Seavey took third ahead of Leary in fourth with Friday night prelim winner Kevin Thomas Jr. rounding out the top-five.

Grant positioned himself to pounce at the end, and it all paid off for his eighth win of the 2025 USAC National Sprint Car season and his 99th career USAC feature victory across all divisions. That said, this one may very well be his finest work yet.

"I was running this 4 car as hard as I could," Grant explained. "There about halfway, I just had no energy. It's kind of the biggest issue right now. I was just falling out of the seat the last half. I said, 'well we're not running for points,' and the only reason I'm going to come here is if I felt like I could win. I had a shot to win there, so I hung it to the floor pan and tried to make it happen."

Further accolades went to Cale Coons who was mightily impressive in his Smackdown debut. By finishing 10th, he earned \$1,000 as the Crume-Evans Insurance Smackdown Rookie of the Year. He also picked up \$250 as the Jeff's Jam-It-In Storage top Kokomo Speedway regular.

Ricky Lewis earned an extra \$500 as the Smackdown Parallax Group Passing Master. Throughout the three events this weekend at Kokomo, Lewis passed a total of 29 cars.

It was a total team effort for Chase Stockon and Tom & Laurie Sertich's Moose Racing team. Forced to make extensive repairs after a lap three incident that required their car to be taken away on the hook, the team thrashed to get back on track. Stockon restarted at the tail of the field in the 23rd position and raced his way back to finish seventh. That proved to be the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Clinton Boyles got acclimated quite well in his role as a super sub filling in for Robert Ballou who is currently sidelined with a back injury. In his first Smackdown championship night start in five years, Boyles advanced 11 spots, starting 19th and finishing eighth to pick up Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

Kobe Simpson is a hard-working man, and thus, collected a bonus Benjamin Franklin in the process. After two nights of near misses in qualifying for the feature, the Texan finally cracked the Smackdown feature lineup where he advanced from 23rd to finish 15th. As a result, he was the recipient of the ProSource Hard Work award.

Rylan Gray raced his way into his first career Smackdown championship night feature. Earlier in the evening, Gray lost the last transfer spot with two laps to go, then gained it back on the final lap to make his way into the main event. With that, he earned a fresh right rear from Hoosier Tire as did C-Main winner Brayden Clark.

Most importantly, \$158,543.07 was raised throughout Smackdown weekend with 100 percent of the proceeds going to Riley's Children Hospital in order to fight childhood cancer. Money was raised through the tireless efforts of Melinda

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Stanbrough and others, who organized several charitable events in recent days at Kokomo Speedway, including a karaoke contest, a kickball game and a racing memorabilia auction.

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**CAR IQ FIRST HEAT:** (10 laps, top 3 transfer to the feature) 1. Cale Coons (#63 Dooling/Curb-Agajanian), 2. Carson Garrett (#2E Epperson), 3. Jadon Rogers (#5 Baldwin-Fox), 4. Rylan Gray (#06 Gray), 5. David Gasper (#77s Sturgeon), 6. Harley Burns (#16 Britt Aero), 7. Brayden Clark (#4c Clark), 8. Troy Carey (#45N Carey), 9. Braydon Cromwell (#4x Cromwell-Boyd). NT

**K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT:** (10 laps, top 3 transfer to the feature) 1. Chelby Hinton (#71p Phillips), 2. Jake Swanson (#5T Daming Swanson), 3. Ricky Lewis (#41 Lewis), 4. Wyatt Burks (#16K Knight), 5. Zack Pretorius (#9z Pretorius), 6. Brandon Mattox (#28 Mattox), 7. Aaron Davis (#11 Davis), 8. Max Adams (#21 Hery), 9. Bryce Andrews (#17 MSR). 2:11.220

**USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT:** (10 laps, top 3 transfer to the feature) 1. Hayden Reinbold (#19 Reinbold-Underwood), 2. Kyle Shipley (#0G Black Gold), 3. Clinton Boyles (#12 Ballou), 4. Chance Crum (#83c Crum), 5. Matt Westfall (#54 Westfall), 6. Hunter Maddox (#24m Maddox), 7. Tyler Miller (#67 Lohman), 8. James Turnbull II (#2J Turnbull), 9. Parker Frederickson (#00 Whitney), 10. R.J. Miller (#34 Miller). NT

**COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT:** (10 laps, top 3 transfer to the feature) 1. Gunnar Setser (#5G KO), 2. Chase Stockon (#92 Sertich), 3. Shane Cottle (#86 Stamper), 4. Kobe Simpson (#21K Simpson), 5. Kayla Roell (#4K Roell), 6. Matt Goodnight (#39G Goodnight), 7. Adyn Schmidt (#12s Schmidt), 8. Devan Myers (#75 Myers). 2:16.325

**FIRST BILL & SANDY WEVER & THE GRANDKIDS KING OF THE HILL QUARTERFINAL:** (3 laps) #1 Kyle Cummins (#3p Petty) defeats #8 Logan Seavey (#57 Abacus). 40.708

**SECOND BILL & SANDY WEVER & THE GRANDKIDS KING OF THE HILL QUARTERFINAL:** (3 laps) #5 Mitchel Moles (#19AZ Reinbold-Underwood) defeats #4 Kevin Thomas Jr. (#3R Rock Steady). 40.971

**THIRD BILL & SANDY WEVER & THE GRANDKIDS KING OF THE HILL QUARTERFINAL:** (3 laps) #6 Briggs Danner (#39 Hogue) defeats #3 Justin Grant (#4 TOPP). 40.797

**FOURTH BILL & SANDY WEVER & THE GRANDKIDS KING OF THE HILL QUARTERFINAL:** (3 laps) #2 C.J. Leary (#21AZ Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian) defeats #7 Kale Drake (#2B 2B Racing). 41.895

**FIRST BILL & SANDY WEVER & THE GRANDKIDS KING OF THE HILL SEMIFINAL:** (3 laps) #1 Kyle Cummins defeats #5 Mitchel Moles. 40.132

**SECOND BILL & SANDY WEVER & THE GRANDKIDS KING OF THE HILL SEMIFINAL:** (3 laps) #2 C.J. Leary defeats #6 Briggs Danner. 41.597

**BILL & SANDY WEVER & THE GRANDKIDS KING OF THE HILL FINAL:** (3 laps) #2 C.J. Leary defeats #1 Kyle Cummins. 42.235

**ALSO AT THE TRACK:** Jacob Tuttle (#24x Maddox) & Jack Hoyer (#57H Hazen)

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HOOSIER TIRE C-MAIN: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the semi) 1. Brayden Clark, 2. Aaron Davis, 3. Devan Myers, 4. Max Adams, 5. Troy Carey, 6. Adyn Schmidt, 7. James Turnbull II, 8. Bryce Andrews, 9. Tyler Miller. 2:21.921

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Wyatt Burks, 2. Chance Crum, 3. Kobe Simpson, 4. Rylan Gray, 5. Zack Pretorius, 6. Matt Westfall, 7. Harley Burns, 8. Kayla Roell, 9. Max Adams, 10. Brandon Mattox, 11. Matt Goodnight, 12. Brayden Clark, 13. Aaron Davis, 14. Devan Myers, 15. David Gasper, 16. Hunter Maddox. NT

FEATURE: (41 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (5), 2. Kyle Cummins (2), 3. Logan Seavey (8), 4. C.J. Leary (1), 5. Kevin Thomas Jr. (6), 6. Mitchel Moles (3), 7. Chase Stockon (16), 8. Clinton Boyles (19), 9. Kale Drake (7), 10. Cale Coons (9), 11. Carson Garrett (13), 12. Gunnar Setser (12), 13. Ricky Lewis (18), 14. Chelby Hinton (10), 15. Kobe Simpson (23), 16. Jadon Rogers (17), 17. Chance Crum (22), 18. Harley Burns (26-P), 19. Kayla Roell (25-P), 20. Briggs Danner (4), 21. Hayden Reinbold (11), 22. Kyle Shipley (15), 23. Rylan Gray (24), 24. Jake Swanson (14), 25. Wyatt Burks (21), 26. Shane Cottle (20). NT

*(P) represents a provisional starter*

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-4 C.J. Leary, Laps 5-39 Briggs Danner, Laps 40-41 Justin Grant.

\*\*Jacob Tuttle flipped during hot laps. Matt Westfall flipped during the third heat. Parker Frederickson & R.J. Miller flipped during the third heat. Wyatt Burks flipped on lap 3 of the feature. Briggs Danner flipped on lap 40 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-2317, 2-Mitchel Moles-2059, 3-Logan Seavey-2041, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1953, 5-Justin Grant-1901, 6-Briggs Danner-1899, 7-C.J. Leary-1812, 8-Jake Swanson-1771, 9-Robert Ballou-1693, 10-Kale Drake-1653.

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FINAL SPRINT CAR SMACKDOWN PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Ricky Lewis-29, 2-Clinton Boyles-26, 3-Kobe Simpson-24, 4-Chance Crum-24, 5-Chase Stockon-21, 6-David Gasper-19, 7-Max Adams-18, 8-Logan Seavey-15, 9-Kale Drake-13, 10-Justin Grant-12.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: September 5, 2025 – Tri-City Speedway – Granite City, Illinois – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Briggs Danner (12.725)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Cale Coons

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Chelby Hinton

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Hayden Reinbold

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Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Gunnar Setser

Bill & Sandy Wever & The Grandkids King of the Hill Winner: C.J. Leary

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Crume-Evans Insurance Rookie of the Race: Cale Coons

Smackdown Parallax Group Passing Master: Ricky Lewis

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## **Redemption Song! Opportunity Knocks, Danner Delivers at Tri-City**

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Granite City, Illinois (September 5, 2025).....Briggs Danner and Hogue Racing Enterprises were counting down the days until they could get their chance at redemption on Friday night at Tri-City Speedway in Granite City, Illinois.

Just 13 days earlier, the Allentown, Pennsylvania driver's wall contact and subsequent flip on the final lap of Sprint Car Smackdown XIV at Indiana's Kokomo Speedway resulted in heartbreak that weighed heavily on their minds until they got a crack at their next opportunity.

When opportunity knocked, Danner answered at Tri-City. Starting fourth in the 30-lap feature, Danner tracked down Kyle Cummins for the lead on the 14th circuit, then ran away from the pack to earn his third USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship victory of the season in his E. Schneider & Sons – Aw Shucks Roasted Corn/DRC/Rider Chevy.

“I’ve got to thank Tim (Hogue) and Tyler; this one’s for them,” Danner said. “They put a lot of work in after Kokomo, and we’ve just tried to forget about it and move on. Tonight made that a little easier.”

In what was the first visit by the USAC Sprint Cars to Tri-City’s 3/8-mile dirt oval since 2019, for both Danner and Hogue, it was the first time they’d ever laid eyes on the joint.

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"It's awesome," Danner exclaimed. "It's a place we've never been to and it's really cool traveling to these new places and running well. I knew right from qualifying it was going to be pretty sweet. I wasn't quite sure what the track was going to do there during the feature after a little bit of track work. I felt like it started to clean off in some spots but it was so dirty, it was hard to hit. So I kept running where I felt good."

Danner's sixth career USAC National Sprint Car triumph moved him into 76th place all-time alongside the likes of Emerson Axsom, Chad Boespflug, Kevin Briscoe, Shane Cottle, Jac Haudenschild, Jason McCord, Jan Opperman, Tom Sneva, George Snider, Jake Swanson and Dick Tobias.

Initially, it was front row counterparts Chase Stockon and Kyle Cummins who shared the lead for the first half of the event. Stockon paced the field for the first three laps before Cummins slid up across Stockon's nose in turns one and two on the fourth lap to move to the top of the pylon. Danner followed suit moments later and ripped around the outside of Stockon to grab second.

On the 12th lap, the front three of Cummins, Danner and Stockon all found themselves in the thick of lapped traffic. Fourth running Justin Grant had just entered the fray in turn three when, suddenly, 20th running Dakota Earls spun directly in front of him, backed into the outside wall and performed a cartwheel before landing back on his wheels. Earls was okay. Grant, meanwhile, narrowly escaped contact and continued onward.

With traffic cleared out of the equation, the leaders were free to roam and duke it out themselves. Cummins successfully thwarted off Danner for the first two laps following the restart. That said, once Danner got wound up, he was ready to pounce. Utilizing a big run down the back straight, Danner slid Cummins for the top spot on the entry into turn three. Cummins attempted to retaliate a half lap later in turn one, but didn't have enough oomph to clear Danner, and instead, fell into line as Danner raced away in the nighttime horizon.

Danner almost instantaneously pushed his lead to a full two seconds over Cummins. That said, traffic became sort of a nightmare down the stretch with cars racing three-wide and sliding each other on both ends of the racetrack. All the while, Danner was just trying to solve the jigsaw without getting caught up in any of it.

"It was tough," Danner admitted. "I didn't feel like I could enter good while following somebody. The bottom was just so slow to try to slide somebody unless you got a run, so I lost a lot of ground trying to slide guys and not clearing them. Then I got a stretch of six or seven lapped cars in a row. You don't want to wreck yourself and you don't want to wreck other guys, but you've got to do what you've got to do to stay out front. Guys like Kyle, Chase and Justin, they're definitely coming."

Despite that trio making a beeline for the front, they still didn't have quite enough to reach Danner, although they made it somewhat close. In the end, Danner crossed the line 0.562 seconds ahead of Kyle Cummins who finished as the runner-up for the fourth consecutive race. Chase Stockon solidly finished third while Justin Grant had another fine showing despite his broken left foot to score fourth while Mario Clouser rounded out the top-five.

In fact, in Clouser's first 59 career USAC National Sprint Car starts, he had never once cracked the top-five. This time around, he changed all that by tallying a fifth place result in what was his first USAC Sprint Car start of the year. That earned the Auburn, Illinois racer the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

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Cale Coons continues to impress. In making just his seventh career USAC National Sprint Car appearance, he started 14th in the feature and raced his way up eight spots to a sixth place result and Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors. Overall, it's already his third series finish inside the top-six this season.

Justin Grant sure got off on the right foot at Tri-City. He delivered a new one-lap USAC National Sprint Car track record, setting the new standard of 14.002 seconds in Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying. That shattered the former mark of 14.316, set by Kevin Thomas Jr. in 2019. For Grant, it was his fifth fast qualifying time this season and the 39th of his USAC National Sprint Car career, moving him ahead of five-time series champion Levi Jones and into sole possession of seventh place on the all-time list.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** September 5, 2025 – Tri-City Speedway – Granite City, Illinois – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-14.002; 2. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-14.007; 3. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-14.202; 4. Mario Clouser, 6, Clouser-14.206; 5. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-14.216; 6. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-14.251; 7. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-14.374; 8. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-14.400; 9. Jadon Rogers, 5, Baldwin/Fox-14.401; 10. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-14.430; 11. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-14.442; 12. Cale Coons, 63, Dooling/Curb-Agajanian-14.500; 13. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-14.529; 14. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-14.669; 15. Ricky Lewis, 41, Lewis-14.820; 16. Wesley Smith, 44, Smith-14.821; 17. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-14.859; 18. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-14.950; 19. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-14.983; 20. Anthony Nicholson, 16, Nicholson-15.207; 21. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Cromwell/Boyd-15.218; 22. Dakota Earls, 15E, Earls-15.668.

**CAR IQ FIRST HEAT:** (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Wesley Smith, 2. Kale Drake, 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 5. Justin Grant, 6. Mario Clouser, 7. Brandon Mattox, 8. Dakota Earls. 2:01.013

**K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT:** (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Mitchel Moles, 2. Gunnar Setser, 3. Jake Swanson, 4. Logan Seavey, 5. Kyle Cummins, 6. Kobe Simpson, 7. Anthony Nicholson. 2:06.965

**USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT:** (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Ricky Lewis, 2. Cale Coons, 3. Briggs Danner, 4. Jadon Rogers, 5. Chase Stockon, 6. Hayden Reinbold, 7. Braydon Cromwell. 2:03.996

**FEATURE:** (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (4), 2. Kyle Cummins (2), 3. Chase Stockon (1), 4. Justin Grant (6), 5. Mario Clouser (3), 6. Cale Coons (14), 7. Logan Seavey (5), 8. Mitchel Moles (7), 9. Kevin Thomas Jr. (12), 10. Jake Swanson (13), 11. Gunnar Setser (16), 12. Kale Drake (10), 13. C.J. Leary (15), 14. Jadon Rogers (11), 15. Brandon Mattox (19), 16. Hayden Reinbold (18), 17. Kobe Simpson (17), 18. Braydon Cromwell (21), 19. Wesley Smith (9), 20. Anthony Nicholson (20), 21. Dakota Earls (22), 22. Ricky Lewis (8). NT

**FEATURE LAP LEADERS:** Laps 1-3 Chase Stockon, Laps 4-13 Kyle Cummins, Laps 14-30 Briggs Danner.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS:** 1-Kyle Cummins-2390, 2-Mitchel Moles-2116, 3-Logan Seavey-2103, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2004, 5-Briggs Danner-1979, 6-Justin Grant-1972, 7-C.J. Leary-1855, 8-Jake Swanson-1820, 9-Kale Drake-1699, 10-Robert Ballou-1693.

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USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-208, 2-Briggs Danner-132, 3-Gunnar Setser-127, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-121, 5-Logan Seavey-105, 6-C.J. Leary-104, 7-Justin Grant-102, 8-Kyle Cummins-94, 9-Chase Stockon-85, 10-Hayden Reinbold-83.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: September 6, 2025 – Lucas Oil Speedway – Wheatland, Missouri – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track – Rod End Supply Diamond Dirt Duel

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Justin Grant (14.205)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Justin Grant (14.002)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Wesley Smith

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Mitchel Moles

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Ricky Lewis

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Cale Coons (14th to 6th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Mario Clouser

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## 63! Grant Becomes USAC Sprints' All-Time Win King in Wheatland

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Wheatland, Missouri (September 6, 2025).....One man now stands alone at the top of the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship career win list. That's Justin Grant.

On Saturday night at Wheatland, Missouri's Lucas Oil Speedway, Grant captured his 63rd career series victory to become the winningest driver in the history of USAC National Sprint Car racing, surpassing Dave Darland's mark of 62.

Furthermore, the lone, California native's triumph was the 100th win of his USAC career across all divisions, national and regional. He's just the eighth driver to reach that mark, a list that includes the likes of Rich Vogler (171), A.J. Foyt (162), Sleepy Tripp (161), Mel Kenyon (131), Dave Darland (115), Bryan Clauson (112), Damion Gardner (106) and now Justin Grant (100).

On this occasion, the fourth place starting Grant was on a roll right from the start as he charged into second on the first lap, then chased down Wesley Smith for the lead on lap eight. From there, he fended off repeated challenges from Jake Swanson down the stretch to record his series-leading ninth win of the USAC National Sprint Car season, and the 14th across all USAC national series in 2025, also tops among all drivers.

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Oh, and lest we mention, he achieved these milestones while nursing a broken left foot suffered a little over a month ago while wearing a hard cast and hobbling on a pair of crutches to and from his TOPP Motorsports/NOS Energy Drink – TOPP Industries – LA Poly/Maxim/Kistler Chevy, if you haven't heard.

"I absolutely love driving sprint cars, particularly non-wing sprint cars. I love USAC. I love everything about what we do," Grant said. "To be the all-time winner is just absolutely incredible. I've poured my life into this sport and into this discipline while trying to get better and better and better at it."

From the time Grant first jumped into a sprint car back in 2009, he was fast. Impressively, he's won his 63 USAC National Sprint Car races for just three car owners: TOPP Motorsports (55), Sam McGhee Motorsports (5) and Mark Hery (3). As Grant looked back on all the car owners he's raced for over the years, he was appreciative of the opportunities that got him to where he stands today – on top of the all-time list.

"There's so many people who make it possible for me to win these races," Grant reminisced. "All the way back to Ken Baldwin, the first guy who hired me to go racing, and Mark Hery who stuck with me for years and years and years and let me tear up a lot of equipment, and we won some races together."

With Kevin Birchmeier's TOPP Motorsports outfit, Grant has been a mainstay as the team's driver dating back to the beginning of the 2018 season. Together, they've accumulated more wins than any other driver/entrant combo in USAC National Sprint Car history. Together, they've obliterated the record books.

"Kevin Birchmeier, I've driven for him for eight seasons now and we've been through some really high highs and some really low lows together and I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for him," Grant explained. "He supports me 100 percent. When we're struggling, he's the guy cheerleading and picking us up. That's rare in a car owner."

Grant is relatively fresh off a Sprint Car Smackdown victory at Indiana's Kokomo Speedway 14 days earlier, a score that tied Dave Darland atop the winners' list at 62. When Grant was rising up the ranks as the young upstart, he was consistently battling the legendary veteran, Darland, tooth and nail on the USAC trail. In fact, when Darland tied Tom Bigelow's then record of 52 series wins at Kokomo in 2014, he passed Grant for the win late in the going to get the job done. It was one of the finest rivalries of its time, and the respect Grant has for Darland has only continued to grow over the years.

"It almost felt more special to tie Dave Darland than it does to pass him," Grant admitted. "He's an absolute legend and a hero and I shared something on Facebook today about him going into the Indiana Sports Hall of Fame. I wanted to make note that we're all now reaping the benefits of the things that guys like Dave Darland did for our sport. When I moved to Indiana, these guys were racing for \$3,000-to-win every night and \$10,000 to win the championship that they had to split with the car owner. Now, thanks to guys like Dave, we race for big money and we get to make a living doing this. I support a family by doing this, and it's really, really special to get to do that."

Turning the wrenches on the TOPP No. 4 is Jeff Walker, a man who has been immensely instrumental to Grant throughout the years, dating back to their first meeting in 2009, a time in which Grant recalled his humble beginnings as a teenager migrating from the west coast to the Midwest to pursue his racing dreams.

"Jeff told me I could move to Indiana and go racing with him and just live with him and work on his cars," Grant reflected. "That was an incredible opportunity for me. I was so excited to go do it for the summer. I liked it so much, I just never went home. Jeff ended up being the first guy to let me drive a 410 sprint car and we've known each other now for years and years and years, and he's always helped me. Even when we weren't racing together, he's helped me a lot."

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Walker reunited with Grant during a particularly rough patch during the midsummer of 2023, and the team jelled enough over the forthcoming months to capture the USAC National Sprint Car title. Two years later, they're still winning, and that means the world to Grant.

"To do this now over the last couple of years, and to go racing with Jeff again is really, really special. To break this record with him and to have the success that we're having, it feels full circle and I'm really happy with the way it's worked out. You couldn't have drawn the whole thing up any better."

In the race itself, Grant crossed the finish line 0.789 seconds ahead of runner-up Jake Swanson while Wyatt Burks came home third ahead of Mitchel Moles in fourth and Logan Seavey in fifth in the Rod End Supply Diamond Dirt Duel at Lucas Oil Speedway's 3/8-mile, which was the second ever USAC National Sprint Car event held at the track, and the first since 2006.

Interestingly enough, it was a Jeff Walker owned and wrenching car that owned the one-lap track record entering Saturday's event, a 15.159 second lap set by Brady Bacon 19 years earlier. Logan Seavey was quick to erase that from the record books as he stopped the clock with a 14.928 in Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying. The 23rd fast time of Seavey's career moved him into a tie with Jon Stanbrough for 21st place all-time.

In his first 22 USAC National Sprint Car starts, Wyatt Burks had never finished better than eighth. On Saturday, the plumber by trade from Topeka, Kansas finished third for his best career series result. That performance earned him the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Jack Wagner made his first USAC National Sprint Car start in five years a good one. On Saturday, the Lone Jack, Missouri racer went +9 from his 20th starting spot to finish 11th and collect Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

On a night of broken records, Gunnar Setser notched one of his own. The Columbus, Indiana native set a new eight-lap USAC National Sprint Car track record in the process of his heat race victory. His time of 2:04.188 surpassed the former record of 2:06.26 held by Bryan Clauson since 2006.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: September 6, 2025 – Lucas Oil Speedway – Wheatland, Missouri – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track – Rod End Supply Diamond Dirt Duel**

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-14.928 (New Track Record); 2. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-15.262; 3. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-15.301; 4. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-15.349; 5. Wyatt Burks, 5x, Sawyer-15.398; 6. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-15.446; 7. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-15.457; 8. Wesley Smith, 44, Smith-15.480; 9. Jadon Rogers, 5, Baldwin/Fox-15.497; 10. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-15.511; 11. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-15.532; 12. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-15.532; 13. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-15.549; 14. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-15.556; 15. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-15.581; 16. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-15.588; 17. Cale Coons, 63, Dooling/Curb-Agajanian-15.729; 18. Samuel Wagner, 73, Wagner-15.746; 19. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-15.778; 20. Clinton Boyles, 41, Wyatt-15.999; 21. Anthony Nicholson, 16, Nicholson-16.257; 22. Jack Wagner, 77, Hockett-16.277; 23. Dakota Earls, 15E, Earls-16.327; 24. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Cromwell/Boyd-16.376; 25. Justin Johnson, 27, Johnson-NT (Time of 16.612 disallowed due to an illegal left rear tire).

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CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. C.J. Leary, 3. Kyle Cummins, 4. Justin Grant, 5. Briggs Danner, 6. Logan Seavey, 7. Jack Wagner, 8. Justin Johnson, 9. Kobe Simpson. NT

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Cale Coons, 2. Wesley Smith, 3. Chase Stockon, 4. Hayden Reinbold, 5. Clinton Boyles, 6. Wyatt Burks, 7. Dakota Earls, 8. Brandon Mattox. NT

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Gunnar Setser, 2. Kale Drake, 3. Samuel Wagner, 4. Jadon Rogers, 5. Jake Swanson, 6. Mitchel Moles, 7. Anthony Nicholson, 8. Braydon Cromwell. 2:04.188 (New Track Record)

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (4), 2. Jake Swanson (5), 3. Wyatt Burks (3), 4. Mitchel Moles (2), 5. Logan Seavey (6), 6. Cale Coons (9), 7. Gunnar Setser (8), 8. Kevin Thomas Jr. (7), 9. Kyle Cummins (11), 10. C.J. Leary (15), 11. Jack Wagner (20), 12. Briggs Danner (17), 13. Chase Stockon (12), 14. Hayden Reinbold (14), 15. Jadon Rogers (10), 16. Samuel Wagner (16), 17. Kale Drake (13), 18. Dakota Earls (21), 19. Justin Johnson (23), 20. Braydon Cromwell (22), 21. Wesley Smith (1), 22. Anthony Nicholson (19), 23. Clinton Boyles (18). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-7 Wesley Smith, Laps 8-30 Justin Grant.

\*\*Kobe Simpson flipped during the first heat.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-2442, 2-Mitchel Moles-2181, 3-Logan Seavey-2170, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2061, 5-Justin Grant-2050, 6-Briggs Danner-2022, 7-C.J. Leary-1905, 8-Jake Swanson-1895, 9-Kale Drake-1735, 10-Robert Ballou-1693.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-208, 2-Briggs Danner-137, 3-Gunnar Setser-128, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-121, 5-C.J. Leary-109, 6-Logan Seavey-106, 7-Justin Grant-105, 8-Kyle Cummins-96, 9-Chase Stockon-85, 10-Hayden Reinbold-83.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: September 12, 2025 – Circle City Raceway – Indianapolis, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Track

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Logan Seavey (15.505)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Logan Seavey (14.928)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Cale Coons

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Gunnar Setser

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Jack Wagner (20th to 11th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Wyatt Burks

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## Castaway! It's Win 64 & Counting for Grant at Circle City

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Indianapolis, Indiana (September 12, 2025).....In his first race as USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car racing's career win king, Justin Grant performed an encore performance on Friday night during the third running of the Ashlea Albertson Memorial at Indianapolis, Indiana's Circle City Raceway.

One week after surpassing Dave Darland at the top of the list with series victory number 63, the lone, California native added one more to the record book with triumph number 64 in his TOPP Motorsports/NOS Energy Drink – TOPP Industries – LA Poly/Maxim/Kistler Chevy.

Starting third, Grant raced his way into the lead by lap nine, then led five laps before relinquishing the top spot momentarily to Gunnar Setser. Two laps later, Grant fought his way back to the front, then led the remaining 15 circuits of the 30-lapper to earn his first career win at the 1/4-mile dirt oval.

Circle City hasn't been all that kind to Grant over the years. In 10 career series starts at CCR, he held an uncharacteristically subpar average finish of 12.1. Furthermore, his 10th victory of the 2025 USAC National Sprint Car campaign is the second time he's reached double figures in a single season.

"This car has been so, so good lately; it's been so fun," Grant complimented. "We usually dread coming to Circle City. I didn't think we'd ever win a race here. But we found some things earlier this year here, and then at The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, we were really good and I feel like it's a really similar surface to here."

In fact, he's just the third driver in series history to have multiple seasons of 10 or more USAC National Sprint Car victories: Larry Dickson (1968 & 1970), Pancho Carter (1976 & 1977) and Justin Grant (2023 & 2025).

Grant was sporting a bit of a different look at Circle City. After a crash at Indiana's Lawrenceburg Speedway a month-and-a-half ago, he was fitted with a hard cast to assist in the healing process of his broken left foot. Although still hobbling around with the aid of a pair of crutches, Grant was sans cast for the first time since late July.

"I was able to get out of my cast this week," Grant revealed. "I thought my foot wasn't hurting, but once I got it out of the cast, it was hurting again. I felt like this one would've been tough in the cast. When I could be 75 percent in the brake pedal and 100 percent in the throttle pedal smashing around Kokomo, I could do that. Being 20 percent in both of them was really, really hard for me, which you had to do a lot of here tonight."

Setser, who made his USAC National Sprint Car debut in this very race at this track one year ago, shuffled out to the initial lead from his pole starting position. Entering the first turn on the opening lap, outside front row starter Jake Swanson snagged the cushion with his right rear tire, which whiplashed the car around as he got back on the gas and motored away.

Swanson's slight plight seemed to be a case of no harm, no foul after he drove around the outside of Setser for the lead in turn two on the seventh lap. However, Swanson's fun at the front came to an abrupt halt one lap later. As Swanson exited turn four, his rear axle suddenly snapped. Swanson ultimately coasted to a stop at the end of the front straightaway, but before coming to a rest, Grant nearly saw his night upended at that moment, getting airborne after ramping over Swanson's left rear wheel. Grant kept on keeping on while Swanson was done for the night with a 23rd place result.

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Swanson's misfortune slotted Setser back into the lead. But just one lap after resuming, trouble unfolded in turn four as a mechanism in Jadon Rogers' steering malfunctioned, sending him straight across the racetrack and into Kayla Roell as the two jockeyed for the 15th spot. After contact with Roell, Rogers flipped over, finishing his night for good.

Just prior to the red flag, both Grant and Kevin Thomas Jr. had slid their way into the top two spots past Setser in turns one and two. But with the stoppage, the race reverted back to the last completed lap, thus sending Setser back to the front of the line. One completed lap following the ensuing restart, Grant got enough momentum rolling on the high side to drive by Setser and lead lap nine.

After a flurry of cautions, Grant altered his line on a restart just before midway after receiving a signal but then altered the plan when it proved to be not as effective as what he was already doing.

"Anytime there's a lane above (the cushion), Jeff Walker is standing over there in the pit stands going, 'get above it buddy,' so I thought I'd give it a try," Grant explained. "I was kind of doing it in turns three and four in that little bit of a slick groove. Then I got down in turns one and two and I felt like I was making better speed but I was getting more pressure from Mitchel (Moles) and I was able to see the video board and could tell that I really wasn't getting away from them."

As Grant was fighting to fend off Moles to his outside, Setser was cruising along the bottom and made his way back to the point to pace laps 14-15. That's when Grant got back to the basics.

"When I just got back to slipping in and running the curb nice, they took the camera off me, so I figured we must've been all right," Grant said of the back straightaway video board he'd taken quick ganders at throughout the race. I really just needed to settle down and not get cute; just go run the cushion. It looked like it was getting clear above it, so I kind of searched around and felt like I was better off just doing it pretty vanilla."

Grant hit the cushion precisely on lap 16 and bolted around the outside of Setser to reassume the lead. Moles followed suit into second as Setser fell back to third while practically the entire top-five ran under a blanket with Briggs Danner in fourth and Thomas fifth. For Grant, the method worked like a charm.

"The laps I'd burn down in, I could drive this thing a lot harder than I realized I could," Grant said. "I'd get a good run off four and I'd burn down into one and I thought, 'oh boy, I've overshot it here and I'm going to crash.' It ended up ripping right through there, and really, the more pedal I was able to run at it, the more stable it got."

Moles was able to draw within a couple car lengths of Grant getting into the corners, but over the final two laps, Moles had to scrape and claw his way back into second as the pesky Danner relentlessly fought for the spot. In the meantime, Grant jettisoned away scot-free to cross the line as the winner 0.746 seconds ahead of Moles with Danner third, Chase Stockon fourth and Setser fifth.

For Moles, it was yet another case of "close again." For the fifth time this season, Moles finished second, just one spot shy of his first win of the 2025 USAC National Sprint Car season. On this night, he dug deep on his path from sixth to second for his second consecutive runner-up result at Circle City this season. To begin the night, Moles recorded his series-leading 11th fast time of the year and his 26th career USAC National Sprint Car Honest Abe Roof Fast Qualifying time, tying himself for 17th place all-time alongside USAC Hall of Famer Jay Drake.

Danner muscled his way from his seventh starting spot to finish third for his best career USAC National Sprint Car result to date at Circle City, surpassing his fifth from July of 2024.

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Stockon was docked two rows for being late to staging at the start of the feature. In the end, he shrugged it off and still managed to move forward, going plus-eight from 12th to fourth, equaling his best career finish at CCR in his 13th start at the track. That made him the night's Rod End Supply Hard Charger.

At one point, Matt Goodnight ran as far back as 10th in the semi-feature. On the last corner of the last lap, he still ran sixth but split between two cars to grab the fourth and final transfer spot by a nose, thus punching his ticket into the feature starting field as well as Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night honors.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** September 12, 2025 – Circle City Raceway – Indianapolis, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Track – Ashlea Albertson Memorial

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-11.833; 2. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-11.922; 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-11.950; 4. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-11.962; 5. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-12.001; 6. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-12.011; 7. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-12.015; 8. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-12.107; 9. Ricky Lewis, 41, Lewis-12.115; 10. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-12.138; 11. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-12.176; 12. Chance Crum, 83c, Crum-12.181; 13. Austin Nigh, 97, Nigh-12.260; 14. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-12.267; 15. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-12.280; 16. Shane Cottle, 34, Olson-12.321; 17. Jadon Rogers, 5, Baldwin/Fox-12.350; 18. Max Adams, 23s, Simon-12.375; 19. Zack Pretorius, 9z, Pretorius-12.375; 20. Logan Prickett, 37, Prickett-12.404; 21. Todd Hobson, 44, Soudrette-12.413; 22. Carson Garrett, 2E, Epperson-12.433; 23. Matt Westfall, 54, Westfall-12.506; 24. Gabriel Gilbert, 10G, GGR-12.530; 25. Rylan Gray, 06, Gray-12.539; 26. Devan Myers, 75, Myers-12.549; 27. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-12.574; 28. Beau Brandon, 21, Hajduk-12.593; 29. Matt Goodnight, 39G, Goodnight-12.792; 30. Rob Caho Jr., 78, Caho-12.853; 31. Tony Paquette, 55, Paquette-13.574; 32. Wyatt Burks, 16K, Knight-NT.

**CAR IQ FIRST HEAT:** (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Ricky Lewis, 2. Todd Hobson, 3. Mitchel Moles, 4. Jake Swanson, 5. Rylan Gray, 6. Austin Nigh, 7. Matt Goodnight, 8. Jadon Rogers. NT

**K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT:** (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins, 2. Carson Garrett, 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Hayden Reinbold, 5. Gunnar Setser, 6. Devan Myers, 7. Rob Caho Jr., 8. Max Adams. 2:06.687

**USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT:** (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Chase Stockon, 2. Logan Seavey, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Matt Westfall, 5. Kale Drake, 6. Kayla Roell, 7. Zack Pretorius, 8. Tony Paquette. NT

**COOKOUT FOURTH HEAT:** (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Briggs Danner, 2. Shane Cottle, 3. Chance Crum, 4. Justin Grant, 5. Beau Brandon, 6. Logan Prickett, 7. Gabriel Gilbert, 8. Wyatt Burks. 2:11.492

**ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI:** (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kayla Roell, 2. Jadon Rogers, 3. Zack Pretorius, 4. Matt Goodnight, 5. Gabriel Gilbert, 6. Austin Nigh, 7. Tony Paquette, 8. Rob Caho Jr., 9. Devan Myers, 10. Wyatt Burks, 11. Logan Prickett. NT

**FEATURE:** (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (3), 2. Mitchel Moles (6), 3. Briggs Danner (7), 4. Chase Stockon (12), 5. Gunnar Setser (1), 6. C.J. Leary (10), 7. Ricky Lewis (8), 8. Kevin Thomas Jr. (4), 9. Kyle Cummins (5), 10. Logan Seavey (9), 11. Todd Hobson (17), 12. Chance Crum (16), 13. Carson Garrett (18), 14. Rylan Gray (20), 15. Kayla Roell (13), 16. Zack Pretorius (21), 17. Hayden Reinbold (11), 18. Kale Drake (22), 19. Shane Cottle (14), 20. Matt Goodnight (23), 21. Matt Westfall (19), 22. Beau Brandon (24), 23. Jake Swanson (2), 24. Jadon Rogers (15). NT

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FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-6 Gunnar Setser, Lap 7 Jake Swanson, Lap 8 Gunnar Setser, Laps 9-13 Justin Grant, Laps 14-15 Gunar Setser, Laps 16-30 Justin Grant.

\*\*Jadon Rogers flipped on lap 8 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-2501, 2-Mitchel Moles-2260, 3-Logan Seavey-2220, 4-Justin Grant-2128, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2120, 6-Briggs Danner-2094, 7-C.J. Leary-1966, 8-Jake Swanson-1925, 9-Kale Drake-1766, 10-Robert Ballou-1693.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-212, 2-Briggs Danner-141, 3-Gunnar Setser-128, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-121, 5-C.J. Leary-113, 6-Justin Grant-107, 7-Logan Seavey-106, 8-Kyle Cummins-96, 9-Chase Stockon-93, 10-Hayden Reinbold-83.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: September 13, 2025 – Tri-State Speedway – Haubstadt, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Track – 18th Haubstadt Hustler

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Mitchel Moles (11.890)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Mitchel Moles (11.833)

Car IQ/Ashlea Albertson Memorial First Heat Winner: Ricky Lewis

K1 RaceGear/Ashlea Albertson Memorial Second Heat Winner: Kyle Cummins

USAC Gear/Ashlea Albertson Memorial Third Heat Winner: Chase Stockon

Cookout/Ashlea Albertson Memorial Fourth Heat Winner: Briggs Danner

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Kayla Roell

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Chase Stockon (12th to 4th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Matt Goodnight

Ashlea Albertson Memorial Move of the Race: Chase Stockon

Ashlea Albertson Memorial Hard Luck: Jake Swanson

Ashlea Albertson Memorial Furthest From Home: Todd Hobson

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**Seavey Gets the Bag, Scores \$20,000 Payday at Tri-State's Haubstadt Hustler**

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**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Haubstadt, Indiana (September 13, 2025).....The last time Logan Seavey left Haubstadt, Indiana's Tri-State Speedway in early August, there was a tinge of bittersweetness in him following a career best runner-up result at the track.

After coming up just short, the Sutter, California native and his team counted down the days until their next opportunity arrived on Saturday night during the 18th running of the Haubstadt Hustler.

When all was said and done, Seavey was a first-time USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship winner at Tri-State, earning the \$20,000 check after taking the lead one lap prior to the halfway point of the 40-lapper, then thwarting repeated challenges from Justin Grant down to stretch to reign victorious in his Abacus Racing/Mountain Mechanical – Droplight – Elbrecht Concrete/DRC/Stanton Chevy.

Seavey and Abacus had previously tasted victory at Tri-State's 1/4-mile dirt oval with the USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship in 2024. To notch one in the sprint car there, well, that's about as cool as it gets for Seavey.

"This place has just eaten me alive since I've been coming here," Seavey stated. "Kirk (Simpson), Daniel (Whitley), T-Bone (Trevor Reed) and everybody on this car have been working so hard to get me better, here especially. I just felt so good all night. I could run really hard and hold off some of the best here right now."

For Seavey, the win was a milestone as he became just the 19th driver to reach 30 or more career USAC National Sprint Car victories. His sixth series tally of the 2025 season moved him into a tie for 19th place all-time alongside Chris Windom.

Starting third on the grid, Seavey initially fell back to fourth on the opening lap behind Grant before steadily moving his way forward. Next, he and Grant made a beeline past pole sitter Kyle Cummins on the second go around to make his way into third while Grant slotted into second.

Outside front row starter Hayden Reinbold was cruising up front and seeking his first career USAC victory of any sort. Meanwhile, Seavey was closing in, and on lap 13, he dove under Grant in turn three to race into second momentarily. Grant fought back a half lap later in turns one and two with a slider of his own, but Seavey countered the move by driving back under Grant off turn two to gain the "place" position, a game-changing move of utmost importance in pursuit of victory.

"Passing Justin there was key," Seavey remarked. "If he gets out front, it's probably a different ballgame."

Seavey wasn't apt to ride around for any period of time. Under duress from Grant just behind him, Seavey went on the attack, sliding past Reinbold in turns three and four to put himself at the top of the pecking order. Grant followed the path into second as he darted under Reinbold in turn three on the 26th circuit. In the meantime, Seavey had constructed a lead in excess of a full second.

That said, Seavey wasn't anywhere near out of the woods yet. Grant managed to track Seavey down in lapped traffic, and on lap 33, was able to pull even with Seavey for the lead. A mere moment later, Grant's pursuit seemingly ended when he nearly spun himself in turn four. Just after gathering up and continuing on, the yellow flag was displayed for 13th running Eli Wilhelmus who spun it in turns one and two.

With the deck restacked and traffic cleared, Seavey and Grant went toe-to-toe at the front of the field. On a couple of occasions, Grant was able to pull even once more with Seavey at both ends of the racetrack. But each time, Seavey

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possessed the topside momentum to pull him ahead. But for the final four laps, Seavey adjusted his line in order to slide himself, entering low in turns one and three and exiting on the high side of turns two and four.

"I know you can make speed when you slide yourself a lot," Seavey explained. "Entry is a little bit choppy on the top, so I was like, if I zing it down across the bottom, as long as I don't mess up on exit, it'll be really hard to pass me. I don't know what my speed was like when I was doing that but my car felt really good."

Seavey's slight amendment proved to be the proverbial nail as he quickly gapped Grant, then sealed the deal with a 0.707 second margin of victory. Grant crossed the line in second with Reinbold third, Kevin Thomas Jr fourth and Cummins rounding out the top-five.

With the win, Seavey became just the fourth driver to win both a USAC National Sprint Car and USAC National Midget feature at Tri-State Speedway, joining Brady Bacon, Kyle Cummins and Justin Grant in that department. Perhaps you can now count him among the masters of The Class Track. Despite that fact, Seavey is quick to point out that the place can be both kind and humbling at a moment's notice.

"I don't think anybody can say they've really mastered this place besides maybe a couple," Seavey cautioned. "There are guys who run really good consistently here, then come here tonight and struggle. We've just been getting better overall at this place, so hopefully, that translates to all track conditions. But for now, it's more confidence than anything and making sure I feel good in the car and knowing that I have a chance to win."

After winning in each of his past two series outings, Grant laid down another top-flight performance with a second. In his seven USAC National Sprint Car starts since returning from a broken left foot, he's finished 7th-3rd-1st-4th-1st-1st-2nd. Not too shabby, considering he's still dealing with said injury. Furthermore, Grant and Seavey remained in the hunt for the USAC NOS Energy Drink Hoosier Trifecta, the finale of which will be held on October 11 during the Fall Nationals at Indiana's Lawrenceburg Speedway.

Hayden Reinbold was strong, leading the first 18 laps of the feature, and importantly, retook the lead in the USAC National Sprint Car Rookie of the Year race by two markers over Gunnar Setser. For all that, Reinbold was the recipient of the Inferno Fire Move of the Night.

Haubstadt, Indiana's own Adyn Schmidt is a familiar sight when the USAC National Sprint Cars take on Tri-State. On this night, the hometown boy did good, advancing +6 from his 21st starting position to finish 15th and earn Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

Mitchel Moles once again proved himself to be the king of Honest Abe Roofing qualifying in 2025. On Saturday, he earned his fourth consecutive Tri-State quick time with the series dating back to the 2024 Haubstadt Hustler one year ago. This season, it's his 12th USAC National Sprint Car fast qualifying award, which is the third most in a single season in series history, just behind Kevin Thomas Jr. (15 in 2018) and Tom Bigelow (14 in 1978) and equaled with C.J. Leary (12 in 2022). Overall, Moles' 27th career quick time with the series moved him into a tie for 16th all-time alongside Dave Steele.

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HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-13.717; 2. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-13.794; 3. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-13.859; 4. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-13.864; 5. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-13.864; 6. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-13.908; 7. Jadon Rogers, 14, Rogers-13.922; 8. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-14.001; 9. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-14.124; 10. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-14.139; 11. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-14.266; 12. Wyatt Burks, 16K, Knight-14.277; 13. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-14.300; 14. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE-14.342; 15. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-14.368; 16. Kendall Ruble, 17, Ruble-14.419; 17. Carson Short, 21m, Edwards-14.437; 18. Sam Scott, 7s, Scott-14.491; 19. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-14.511; 20. Adyn Schmidt, 12s, Schmidt-14.623; 21. Collin Ambrose, 36, Ambrose-14.632; 22. Mike Larrison, 07, American Dream-14.645; 23. Aric Gentry, 10, Gentry-14.717; 24. Justin Meneely, 100, Meneely-NT; 25. Donny Brackett, 4B, Brackett-NT; 26. Eli Wilhelmus, 55, Wilhelmus-NT (time of 13.992 disallowed due to tire infraction).

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. Logan Seavey, 3. Jadon Rogers 4. Mitchel Moles, 5. Wyatt Burks, 6. Briggs Danner, 7. Collin Ambrose, 8. Sam Scott, 9. Justin Meneely. 2:18.357

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Jake Swanson, 3. Hayden Reinbold, 4. Gunnar Setser, 5. Eli Wilhelmus (disqualified due to tire infraction), 6. Kayla Roell, 7. Kendall Ruble, 8. Mike Larrison, 9. Donny Brackett. NT

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Kale Drake, 4. Chase Stockon, 5. Carson Short, 6. Aric Gentry, 7. Carson Garrett, 8. Adyn Schmidt. 2:20.152

FEATURE: (40 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (3), 2. Justin Grant (4), 3. Hayden Reinbold (2), 4. Kevin Thomas Jr. (7), 5. Kyle Cummins (1), 6. Chase Stockon (11), 7. Mitchel Moles (6), 8. C.J. Leary (8), 9. Gunnar Setser (5), 10. Jadon Rogers (9), 11. Briggs Danner (12), 12. Kale Drake (13), 13. Carson Short (18), 14. Jake Swanson (15), 15. Adyn Schmidt (21), 16. Kayla Roell (20), 17. Collin Ambrose (22), 18. Carson Garrett (16), 19. Aric Gentry (23), 20. Wyatt Burks (14), 21. Kendall Ruble (17), 22. Sam Scott (19), 23. Justin Meneely (24), DQ. Eli Wilhelmus (10) (disqualified due to tire infraction after finishing 18th). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-18 Hayden Reinbold, Laps 19-40 Logan Seavey.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-2568, 2-Mitchel Moles-2323, 3-Logan Seavey-2300, 4-Justin Grant-2206, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2189, 6-Briggs Danner-2138, 7-C.J. Leary-2023, 8-Jake Swanson-1967, 9-Kale Drake-1811, 10-Robert Ballou-1693.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-213, 2-Briggs Danner-142, 3-Gunnar Setser-128, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-124, 5-C.J. Leary-113, 6-Justin Grant-109, 7-Logan Seavey-108, 8-Chase Stockon-98, 9-Kyle Cummins-96, 10-Hayden Reinbold-83.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: September 18, 2025 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track – 18th Haubstadt Hustler – 43rd 4-Crown Nationals Presented by NKTELCO

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Mitchel Moles (13.564)

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Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Mitchel Moles (13.717)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: C.J. Leary

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Kyle Cummins

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Adyn Schmidt (21st to 15th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Hayden Reinbold

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## Danner for One! Briggs Becomes First-Time Eldora USAC Sprint Winner

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Rossburg, Ohio (September 18, 2025).....Once Briggs Danner sets a plan into motion, there's no looking back.

That's how he gained the lead, then threaded the needle to return to the front of the field on his path to victory during the opening night of the 43rd 4-Crown Nationals Presented by NKTELCO on Thursday at Rossburg, Ohio's Eldora Speedway.

On the 12th circuit of the 30-lap USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship feature, the Allentown, Pennsylvania racer vaulted to the lead only to lose grip of it a lap later. Four laps later, just past the midway point, Danner stepped atop the tight rope and went back to work.

One side of the tight rope could be ice; one could be fire. But Danner straddled the narrow confines between the outside wall and Kevin Thomas Jr.'s right side wheels, and made it happen on the 18th lap. From there, he was untamed, leading the final 13 trips to earn his first career Eldora Speedway victory of any sort.

Danner's latest score was his fourth of the USAC National Sprint Car season in his Hogue Racing Enterprises/E. Schneider & Sons – Aw Shucks Roasted Corn/DRC/Rider Chevy, and it's the seventh overall of his career with the series, putting him in 66th place on the all-time series win list alongside Kevin Doty, Darren Hagen, Kenny Irwin Jr., Doug Kalitta, Jim Keeker, Bobby Santos, Brady Short, Kevin Thomas, Bobby Unser and Josh Wise.

To be at Eldora is mesmerizing in itself. To win at Eldora is other worldly, and Danner understands the full scope of what winning at this joint truly means, especially after becoming the first Pennsylvanian to win a USAC National Sprint Car race at Eldora since Frankie Kerr in 1996.

"The first time you step foot in this place, it's very surreal just to be here," Danner explained. "But to be standing in victory lane, there are no words that I could put into what it feels like."

The early portion of the evening wasn't all that hunky dory for Danner and his gang. In his heat race, things got a little hot under the hood of the car, so the team decided to swap engines.

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Kevin Thomas Jr. paced the opening 11 laps from the pole position ahead of outside front row starter Danner. The most major incident of the feature occurred when 22nd running Chelby Hinton tagged the turn one wall with his right rear tire and flipped several times on lap four of the feature. He was able to climb out and walk away.

Just prior to midway, Danner had caught right up to Thomas. On lap 12, Danner escaped to the lead as he drove underneath Thomas on the back straightaway exiting turn two. However, Danner's brief glimpse from the front was short lived as Thomas got back to the forefront with a full head of steam, first making an unsuccessful slide job attempt in turn one. But by the time the front pair reached turns three and four, Thomas' second attempt stuck the landing.

When Danner reared back and fired his No. 39 off into turns three and four on the high line on lap 18, he managed to make it out the other side with the momentum, and the lead, all intact and on his side.

"I really wasn't trying to, but I kind of felt like I was showing my nose on the bottom there," Danner revealed. "I was just trying to run where he wasn't and I knew I just had to set him up. He kept cheating three and I could get a run through. It was just a matter of getting off one and two good enough to carry momentum and drive around him. I don't know how close it was, but it felt pretty close, but there was no looking back."

In the latter stages, USAC National Sprint Car point leader Kyle Cummins began to make his surge, namely a fourth to second bolt on a lap 20 restart, which resulted following a caution due to engine issues with the car of C.J. Leary who was running seventh at the time.

That said, Danner's ever increasing lead continued to grow over Cummins during the final 10 laps, ballooning to three-quarters of a straightway as Danner flashed under Tom Hansing's checkered flags as the winner ahead of Cummins, Thomas and Daison Pursley with Jake Swanson rounding out the top five.

"That was a real good race," Danner exclaimed. "It's so much fun racing guys like (Kevin Thomas Jr.), and to be able run in front of guys like Logan (Seavey) and Justin (Grant) here. I gave it all I had. I knew I was killing that right rear, but I just tried to keep it underneath as much as I could, keeping it wound up and it ended up working out."

Despite his mechanical issues in the feature, Leary did set the night ablaze early on. He was the fastest overall in a field of 40 cars during Dirt Draft Hot Laps, then followed it up with the 57th Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifying run of his career, fourth most all-time.

Mitchel Moles rose up through the field during the feature, getting up in the saddle to drive from 16th to 7th and was named the Rod End Supply Hard Charger.

Brady Bacon's evening at Eldora didn't start off so well. Forced to the work area with a mechanical issue before the green flag of the feature, Bacon forfeited his seventh place starting position, then restarted at the tail of the field where he proceeded to wheel it from his 24th starting position to finish eighth.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** September 18, 2025 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track – 18th Haubstadt Hustler – 43rd 4-Crown Nationals Presented by NKTELCO

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-15.700; 2. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-15.704; 3. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-15.729; 4. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-15.757; 5. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-15.789; 6. Kevin

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Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-15.858; 7. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-15.878; 8. Daison Pursley, 86, CBI-15.944; 9. Brady Bacon, 20, Dyson-15.958; 10. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-16.065; 11. Rylan Gray, 06, Gray-16.081; 12. Chance Crum, 83c, Crum-16.084; 13. Mario Clouser, 2B, 2B Racing-16.085; 14. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-16.135; 15. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-16.137; 16. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE-16.153; 17. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-16.236; 18. Keith Sheffer II, 86s, Sheffer-16.265; 19. Stevie Sussex, 17GP, Dutcher-16.293; 20. Matt Westfall, 54, Westfall-16.315; 21. Max Adams, 23s, Simon-16.329; 22. Korbyn Hayslett, 1H, Hayslett-16.357; 23. Nate Carle, 4J, Fischesser/Owen-16.391; 24. Saban Bibent, 98, Wedgewood-16.398; 25. Braxton Cummings, 71B, Cummings-16.461; 26. Matt Goodnight, 39G, Goodnight-16.489; 27. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-16.517; 28. Jay Steinebach, 10s, Steinebach-16.602; 29. Dustin Ingle, 2DI, Ingle-16.617; 30. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-16.621; 31. Ryan Barr, 21B, Barr-16.644; 32. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-16.689; 33. Mike Miller, 33, Marshall-16.707; 34. Brian Ruhlman, 49, Ruhlman-16.733; 35. Rob Caho Jr., 78, Caho-16.739; 36. Chelby Hinton, 71p, Phillips-16.772; 37. Bryce Dues, 23D, Dues-16.797; 38. Mike Haggenbottom, 51, Kelly-17.078; 39. Derek Hastings, 33m, Marshall-17.132; 40. Aric Gentry, 10, Gentry-17.229.

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Brady Bacon, 2. Hayden Reinbold, 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Briggs Danner, 5. Mario Clouser, 6. Max Adams, 7. Braxton Cummings, 8. Dustin Ingle, 9. Mike Miller, 10. Bryce Dues. 2:09.051

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins, 2. Keith Sheffer II, 3. Mitchel Moles, 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 5. Chase Stockon, 6. Korbyn Hayslett, 7. Brian Ruhlman, 8. Matt Goodnight, 9. Mike Haggenbottom. 2:08.176

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Stevie Sussex, 2. Gunnar Setser, 3. Justin Grant, 4. Jake Swanson, 5. Rylan Gray, 6. Nate Carle, 7. Kayla Roell, 8. Ryan Barr, 9. Derek Hastings, 10. Rob Caho Jr. 2:11.057

COOKOUT FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Matt Westfall, 2. Carson Garrett, 3. Daison Pursley, 4. Logan Seavey, 5. Saban Bibent, 6. Chance Crum, 7. Chelby Hinton, 8. Brandon Mattox, 9. Jay Steinebach, 10. Aric Gentry. 2:12.992

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Chance Crum, 2. Brian Ruhlman, 3. Ryan Barr, 4. Chelby Hinton, 5. Kayla Roell, 6. Nate Carle, 7. Brandon Mattox, 8. Braxton Cummings, 9. Aric Gentry, 10. Mike Miller, 11. Rob Caho Jr., 12. Max Adams, 13. Korbyn Hayslett, 14. Matt Goodnight, 15. Dustin Ingle, 16. Jay Steinebach, 17. Mike Haggenbottom, 18. Bryce Dues. 3:32.244

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (2), 2. Kyle Cummins (5), 3. Kevin Thomas Jr. (1), 4. Daison Pursley (11), 5. Jake Swanson (10), 6. Matt Westfall (9), 7. Mitchel Moles (16), 8. Brady Bacon (7), 9. Logan Seavey (3), 10. Chase Stockon (12), 11. Gunnar Setser (17), 12. Keith Sheffer II (20), 13. Hayden Reinbold (19), 14. Rylan Gray (13), 15. Mario Clouser (15), 16. Chance Crum (14), 17. Justin Grant (4), 18. Stevie Sussex (8), 19. Carson Garrett (18), 20. Brian Ruhlman (23), 21. Saban Bibent (21), 22. Ryan Barr (22), 23. C.J. Leary (6), 24. Chelby Hinton (24). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-11 Kevin Thomas Jr., Lap 12 Briggs Danner, Laps 13-17 Kevin Thomas Jr., Laps 18-30 Briggs Danner.

\*\*Korbyn Hayslett, Matt Goodnight, Jay Steinebach, Dustin Ingle & Mike Haggenbottom flipped at the start of the semi. Chelby Hinton flipped on lap 4 of the feature.

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USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-2648, 2-Mitchel Moles-2381, 3-Logan Seavey-2354, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2259, 5-Justin Grant-2245, 6-Briggs Danner-2215, 7-C.J. Leary-2058, 8-Jake Swanson-2030, 9-Kale Drake-1811, 10-Robert Ballou-1693.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-213, 2-Briggs Danner-143, 3-Gunnar Setser-134, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-124, 5-C.J. Leary-113, 6-Justin Grant-109, 7-Logan Seavey-108, 8-Chase Stockon-100, 9-Kyle Cummins-99, 10-Hayden Reinbold-89.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: September 20, 2025 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track – 43rd 4-Crown Nationals Presented by NKTELCO

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: C.J. Leary (15.712)

Honest Abe Roofing/Rosewood Machine & Tool Fast Qualifier: C.J. Leary (15.700)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Brady Bacon

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Kyle Cummins

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Stevie Sussex

Cookout Fourth Heat Winner: Matt Westfall

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Chance Crum

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Mitchel Moles (16th to 7th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Brady Bacon

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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.

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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 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.

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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.

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.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: September 20, 2025 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track – 43rd 4-Crown Nationals Presented by NKTELCO**

**CAR IQ FIRST QUALIFIER:** (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Hayden Reinbold (#19 Reinbold-Underwood), 2. Jake Swanson (#5T Daming Swanson), 3. Briggs Danner (#39 Hogue), 4. Logan Seavey (#57 Abacus), 5. Ryan Barr (#21B Barr), 6. Stevie Sussex (#17GP Dutcher), 7. Brandon Mattox (#28 Mattox), 8. Mike Haggenbottom (#51 Kelly). 2:09.190

**K1 RACEGEAR SECOND QUALIFIER:** (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary (#21AZ Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian), 2. Chase Stockon (#92 Sertich), 3. Kyle Cummins (#3p Petty), 4. Carson Garrett (#15 BGE), 5. Matt Westfall (#54 Westfall), 6. Mario Clouser (#2B 2B Racing), 7. Braxton Cummings (#71B Cummings), 8. Bryce Dues (#23D Dues). 2:07.302

**USAC GEAR THIRD QUALIFIER:** (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Gunnar Setser (#5G KO), 2. Kevin Thomas Jr. (#3R Rock Steady), 3. Mitchel Moles (#19AZ Reinbold-Underwood), 4. Brian Ruhlman (#49 Ruhlman), 5. Chance Crum (#83c Crum), 6. Kayla Roell (#4K Roell), 7. Aric Gentry (#10 Gentry). 2:09.589

**COOKOUT FOURTH QUALIFIER:** (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant (#4 TOPP), 2. Brady Bacon (#20 Dyson), 3. Daison Pursley (#86 CBI), 4. Saban Bibent (#98 Wedgewood), 5. Keith Sheffer II (#86s Sheffer), 6. Nate Carle (#4 Fischesser-Owen), 7. Dustin Ingle (#2DI Ingle). 2:10.363

**ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI:** (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Stevie Sussex, 2. Mario Clouser, 3. Nate Carle, 4. Kayla Roell, 5. Braxton Cummings, 6. Dustin Ingle, 7. Brandon Mattox, 8. Mike Haggenbottom, 9. Bryce Dues, 10. Aric Gentry. 2:52.319

**FEATURE:** (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Daison Pursley (3), 2. Kyle Cummins (5), 3. Kevin Thomas Jr. (4), 4. Brady Bacon (12), 5. Jake Swanson (2), 6. C.J. Leary (10), 7. Chase Stockon (14), 8. Gunnar Setser (7), 9. Keith Sheffer II (15), 10. Matt Westfall (1), 11. Mitchel Moles (11), 12. Mario Clouser (16), 13. Saban Bibent (21), 14. Hayden Reinbold (8), 15. Logan Seavey (13), 16. Chance Crum (17), 17. Stevie Sussex (18), 18. Kayla Roell (23), 19. Briggs Danner (6), 20. Justin Grant (9), 21. Nate Carle (24), 22. Brian Ruhlman (20), 23. Ryan Barr (22), 24. Carson Garrett (19). NT

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FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Daison Pursley.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-2715, 2-Mitchel Moles-2422, 3-Logan Seavey-2387, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2323, 5-Justin Grant-2268, 6-Briggs Danner-2240, 7-C.J. Leary-2113, 8-Jake Swanson-2088, 9-Kale Drake-1811, 10-Chase Stockon-1766.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-213, 2-Briggs Danner-143, 3-Gunnar Setser-134, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-125, 5-C.J. Leary-117, 6-Justin Grant-112, 7-Logan Seavey-108, 8-Chase Stockon-107, 9-Kyle Cummins-102, 10-Hayden Reinbold-94.

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.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: September 26, 2025 – Paragon Speedway – Paragon, Indiana – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Brady Bacon (16.772)

Car IQ First Qualifier Winner: Hayden Reinbold

K1 RaceGear Second Qualifier Winner: C.J. Leary

USAC Gear Third Qualifier Winner: Gunnar Setser

Cookout Fourth Qualifier Winner: Justin Grant

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Stevie Sussex

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Brady Bacon (12th to 4th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Keith Sheffer II

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## Photo Finish! Moles Breaks 61-Race USAC Winless Streak in Paragon Thriller

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Paragon, Indiana (September 26, 2025)..... Mitchel Moles had done just about everything there is to do in USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship competition this season. But a feature win had eluded him time and time again.

Sixty-one races after last reaching victory lane with the series, the Raisin City, California native finally broke through in photo finish fashion by mere inches over Kyle Cummins during Friday night's Fall Brawl at Indiana's Paragon Speedway.

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As a matter of fact, Moles had finished as the runner-up on five occasions with the series this year alone. The .021 second margin of victory by Moles over Cummins was among the closest of the year with the series, and this time, Moles wasn't about to let this one slip through his fingers.

"We've been so close so many times this year," Moles exhaled after taking his Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports/AME – Mesilla Valley Transportation/Spike/Stanton Chevy to victory lane. "It feels great to finally get the job done. Maybe that means I'll keep my job next year!"

Moles also quipped that he remained undefeated at Paragon's 3/8-mile dirt oval in his career. His only other trip to the track in July 2024 resulted in a Leon Gentry Memorial score with the USAC Midwest Thunder Sprint Cars. Overall, it was Moles' fifth career USAC National Sprint Car victory, and one that is most rewarding in what has been a turnaround year which sees him second overall in the series standings.

"We've won some races here and there but crashed a lot and learned a lot from that," Moles summed up since joining Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports in 2022. "I'm thankful for Tammi and Andy (Reinbold) for being great owners and sticking with a kid that tore up all their equipment and had to buy all new stuff. Hopefully, this is a road to paying it off for them."

Foreshadowing the feature, Moles was involved in a bit of a dust up during his heat race after attempting to make an outside pass on Chance Crum for the win. At the stripe, Moles and Crum collided, with Crum winning the race while airborne. Meanwhile, Moles careened into the infield, short of the victory, but transferring into the feature with dramatic flair where he earned the fourth starting spot.

The majority of the first half of the 30-lap feature was controlled by Logan Seavey who raced out to the front from his outside front row starting spot and maintained a sturdy advantage at the head of the pack in the first USAC National Sprint Car event held at Paragon since four years earlier in 2021.

On the fourth lap, the feature's lone caution came out after Carson Garrett and Justin Grant tangled entering turn three. Garrett climbed over Grant's left side tires and spun backwards to a stop atop the high side of the surface. Garrett returned to the field at the tail but managed only a 17th place finish.

To start the evening, Garrett set a new one-lap track USAC National Sprint Car track record at Paragon with a time of 14.309 seconds in Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying. That broke the 29-year-old track record of 14.886 held by Mark Cassella that had stood since 1996.

When the race resumed, Moles began to gain ground. He worked and worked on Hunter Maddox before swiping the second position with an outside turn four pass on lap nine while his rear brake rotor glowed red hot, and on occasion, set off a spectacular shower of sparks.

By then, Seavey had constructed a 1.3 second lead over the field, but that changed quite quickly as he closed in on the tail end of the lead lap cars. That allowed Moles to reel his way into contention to where he was squarely on Seavey's rear bumper just before the midway point. But as Seavey drifted toward the middle of turn three on the 14th circuit, Moles took heed and slipped under Seavey at the exit of turn four, slid up and burst away into the night.

Almost instantaneously, Cummins appeared in the frame and was there to pounce on lap 18 as he flashed under Seavey on the back straightaway to take over second where he remained eight tenths of a second behind Moles for the lead.

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With five laps remaining, Moles' advantage was a mere two car lengths over Cummins, and it quickly became a duel between two drivers who were exhausted of finishing as the runner-up. Whereas Moles has accumulated five second place finishes overall with the series in 2025, Cummins had recorded six second place results in his nine most recent starts, 10 in totality to date!

On the final lap, Moles initially appeared to have gained some breathing room as he cleared the lapped car of Brandon Mattox and possessed about a seven car length advantage over Cummins heading into turns one and two for the final time.

That lead quickly dissipated by the time the two entered turn three. Moles had closed in right to the tail tank of 14th running Ricky Lewis. Lewis remained on the high side on the same line Moles chose just behind him. Cummins promptly dove to the lower lane and the two were now practically even at the exit of turn four. Moles had nowhere else to go, and was tucked in a couple feet behind Lewis, carrying enough speed to edge Cummins to the line by a margin about the size of a front bumper.

"Every time I feel like I get down and I try to protect and try to take their line away, it doesn't work out for me, so I just stuck with what I knew," Moles revealed after his long-awaited triumph. "Honestly, the lapped cars were the hardest thing for me. I didn't really know where to go there at the line. Kyle was right to the inside of me and I just started pushing Ricky across the line because I didn't know what else to do."

Behind Moles was Cummins who, astoundingly, finished second for the seventh time in his last 10 USAC National Sprint Car feature starts, and the 11th time overall this season. Seavey took third after leading the initial 14 laps. Seavey had also led the first seven laps before finishing second in the most recent USAC Sprint Car race at Paragon in 2021. Grant tallied a fourth place finish while Jake Swanson came home fifth for the third consecutive series race over the past nine nights.

C.J. Leary was buried deep in the feature field, but after starting 17th, he dug his way forward 10 positions to land a solid seventh place result to earn Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

Braxton Cummings experienced a little bit of it all throughout the night. Mechanical issues prevented him from qualifying at the start of the program, but in the semi-feature, his sensational last lap, last turn pass netted him the win and a spot in the feature where he advanced his way up from 24th to 16th. All of that earned him the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

In the track record department, Kevin Thomas Jr. broke a 41-year-old mark during his heat race victory. His eight-lap heat race time of 1:57.475 shattered the USAC National Sprint Car record of 2:06.560 for the distance at Paragon, held by three-time USAC National Sprint Car champion Sheldon Kinser since 1984.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: September 26, 2025 – Paragon Speedway – Paragon, Indiana – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track – Fall Brawl**

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Carson Garrett, 2E, Epperson-14.309 (New Track Record); 2. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-14.314; 3. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-14.344; 4. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-14.350; 5. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-14.398; 6. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-14.443; 7. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-14.453; 8. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-14.482; 9. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-14.519; 10. Ricky Lewis, 2B, 2B Racing-14.533; 11. Hayden

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Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-14.543; 12. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-14.555; 13. Jordan Kinser, 75, Tate-14.562; 14. Anthony Nicholson, 16, Nicholson-14.572; 15. Todd Hobson, 77, Wingo-14.586; 16. Trey Osborne, 6T, Osborne-14.678; 17. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-14.710; 18. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-14.712; 19. Chance Crum, 83c, Crum-14.758; 20. Gabriel Gilbert, 10G, GGR-14.863; 21. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-14.947; 22. Matt Westfall, 54, Westfall-14.962; 23. Austin Cory, 00, Cory-15.089; 24. Sam Hinds, 71H, Hinds-15.386; 25. Travis Thompson, 7, Thompson-15.413; 26. Rob Caho Jr., 78, Caho-15.452; 27. Braxton Cummings, 71B, Cummings-NT; 28. Michael Clark, 8, Clark-NT (time of 15.211 disallowed due to missing scales).

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. C.J. Leary, 3. Brandon Mattox, 4. Carson Garrett, 5. Logan Seavey, 6. Jordan Kinser, 7. Travis Thompson. 1:57.475 (New Track Record)

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Gunnar Setser, 2. Ricky Lewis, 3. Kyle Cummins, 4. Hunter Maddox, 5. Matt Westfall, 6. Rob Caho Jr., 7. Anthony Nicholson. NT

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Chance Crum, 2. Mitchel Moles, 3. Hayden Reinbold, 4. Chase Stockon, 5. Todd Hobson, 6. Braxton Cummings, 7. Austin Cory. 2:00.872

COOKOUT FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Jake Swanson, 3. Trey Osborne, 4. Gabriel Gilbert, 5. Briggs Danner, 6. Sam Hinds, 7. Michael Clark. 2:00.621

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Braxton Cummings, 2. Sam Hinds, 3. Rob Caho Jr., 4. Travis Thompson, 5. Michael Clark, 6. Jordan Kinser, 7. Austin Cory. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Mitchel Moles (4), 2. Kyle Cummins (5), 3. Logan Seavey (2), 4. Justin Grant (8), 5. Jake Swanson (3), 6. Kevin Thomas Jr. (7), 7. C.J. Leary (17), 8. Gunnar Setser (9), 9. Hayden Reinbold (14), 10. Chase Stockon (11), 11. Briggs Danner (12), 12. Trey Osborne (16), 13. Chance Crum (10), 14. Ricky Lewis (13), 15. Hunter Maddox (1), 16. Braxton Cummings (24), 17. Carson Garrett (6), 18. Matt Westfall (20), 19. Sam Hinds (21), 20. Todd Hobson (15), 21. Rob Caho Jr. (23), 22. Brandon Mattox (19), 23. Gabriel Gilbert (18), 24. Travis Thompson (22). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-13 Logan Seavey, Laps 14-30 Mitchel Moles.

\*\*Jordan Kinser flipped during the semi.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-2793, 2-Mitchel Moles-2503, 3-Logan Seavey-2457, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2386, 5-Justin Grant-2337, 6-Briggs Danner-2285, 7-C.J. Leary-2172, 8-Jake Swanson-2156, 9-Chase Stockon-1814, 10-Kale Drake-1811.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-213, 2-Briggs Danner-144, 3-Gunnar Setser-139, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-129, 5-C.J. Leary-127, 6-Logan Seavey-117, 7-Justin Grant-116, 8-Chase Stockon-108, 9-Kyle Cummins-105, 10-Hayden Reinbold-99.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: September 27, 2025 – Butler Motor Speedway – Quincy, Michigan – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

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Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Kevin Thomas Jr. (14.333)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Carson Garrett (14.309)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Gunnar Setser

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Chance Crum

Cookout Fourth Heat Winner: Justin Grant

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Braxton Cummings

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: C.J. Leary (17th to 7th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Braxton Cummings

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## No 2nd Thoughts! Cummins Ends 3-Month USAC Sprint Win Drought at Butler

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Quincy, Michigan (September 27, 2025).....After three months and 20 starts without a victory, Kyle Cummins was beginning to wonder if he'd ever win again in USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship competition.

Couple that with the fact that he's finished as the runner-up in seven of his last 10 series starts, the Princeton, Indiana driver was pondering what exactly he could do to push himself back to the top, especially after missing out on a win by mere inches 24 hours earlier.

Yet, Saturday's event at Quincy, Michigan's proved to be everything Cummins had wished and hoped it would be, even when it looked like he had let the opportunity slip from his grip for a brief moment during the midway point of the 30-lap feature.

Just as soon as Cummins took over the top spot from Justin Grant on the 13th circuit, he saw his lead escape the following lap. However, Cummins rediscovered his groove once more, then sprinted back by Grant to slot into the lead before patrolling the final 15 laps to earn his eighth victory of the USAC National Sprint Car season.

"Finally, finally! Holy moly," Cummins exclaimed after capturing his first series win since June 29 of this year at Ohio's Millstream Speedway. "It felt like a long time coming. We've got some wins this year, but when it doesn't come for a long time, it feels like you might never win again, but we just kept pushing."

Cummins' 28th career USAC National Sprint Car win moved him inside the top-20 on the all-time list alongside series champions A.J. Foyt, Don Branson, J.J. Yeley and Levi Jones. While not a USAC National Sprint Car champion yet, Cummins is sure on his way, currently possessing a commanding 297 point lead with seven races remaining this season.

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Speaking of lengthy absences, Saturday's event was the first time USAC had visited Butler's 3/8-mile since August of 1990, 35 years ago when Hank Lower was victorious in what was his first and only career USAC feature start. Furthermore, it was USAC's first trip to the state of Michigan in 12 years, dating back to an I-96 Speedway show in 2013.

Starting fourth in his Petty Performance Racing/Avanti Windows & Doors - Premier Recycling/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy, Cummins lurched forward to third by the end of the opening lap and vaulted into second by lap two as he sped by Hayden Reinbold and Chase Stockon, respectively, while Grant took control up front after starting on the outside of the front row.

Grant paced Cummins for the first 12 laps before the frontrunners reached the tail end of the field. Grant escaped the increasingly closer Cummins as he threaded the needle between the lapped cars of Max Frank and Josh Turner in the third turn, opening up his lead for the time being until a yellow flag was displayed for Aaron Davis (13th) and Steve Irwin (14th) who tangled and spun to a stop in between turns three and four.

With a clear track in front of the leaders on the lap 13 restart, opportunity knocked on Cummins' door, advising him to shoot his shot. By the time the pair hit turn three, Cummins had dipped a toe on the bottom and stuck with it through the exit of turn four, leading to him edging ahead of Grant by a car length at the stripe. However, Grant got wound up on the outside of Cummins on lap 14 and rode the high line through turns three and four to retake the lead by .009 seconds at the line.

On lap 15, Cummins finally gained the upper hand from Grant and drove back by on the bottom of turns three and four to take command once and for all.

"I felt like I was pacing Justin really well there, and it kind of came down to whoever made a mistake," Cummins stated. "We got into lapped traffic and he got through them pretty good. After that restart, he got up a little bit and I knew that was my chance. He came back around me on the outside, which actually showed me a little bit. I could move up just a hair in three and I was actually a little better up there. When the time came to pass lapped cars, it might've been even better than working the bottom."

Despite Cummins' freedom up front, heavy traffic took its toll. Grant was able to close right to the tail of Cummins on the 22nd lap but he couldn't get any further as any plans to surge ahead of Cummins were thwarted by the gridlock running high, low and middle. But all credit goes to Cummins who made all the right moves down the stretch to disallow Grant from making any credible bid for the lead and the win.

"If Justin doesn't mess up, I don't know how we can get around him," Cummins pondered. "The only thing was lapped traffic and how that was going to work out. There was just a little something down there and he got a little tight. I hit it just right that time and was able to drag race him into one. He kind of passed me back, but luckily, I got back by him there and was trying to make sure I didn't blow the corner."

Cummins remained in total control after that, passing under the checkered flag 1.576 seconds ahead at the finish line over Justin Grant, Hayden Reinbold and Mitchel Moles with Chase Stockon rounding out the top-five.

For Cummins, B-U-T-L-E-R spelled R-E-L-I-E-F. After gaining seven wins in his first 21 series starts to begin the year, followed by a 20-race winless stretch, Cummins was feeling pretty satisfied while standing in Butler's victory lane.

"This is big," Cummins reiterated. "(Last week) at Eldora, I was pretty sure we figured it out, but it's a big track, so you're not sure. The car is right back to where it needs to be. I actually made some adjustments after my crew was on me last

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night because I really messed up by not getting after the shocks, not trying to loosen up, and then throughout the race, I was trying to tell myself that that I could just give it a little turn to the right, whatever I could do to keep giving it little turns."

On Saturday, Justin Grant was using a cane to walk around as he continues to nurse his broken left foot. But despite the cane, he was more than able to fulfill the challenge by leading 13 of the 30 laps in the feature on his way to a solid second place result.

One night earlier at Paragon, C.J. Leary was the biggest mover in the feature. On this night at Butler, he did it again by advancing four spots from 11th to seventh to earn his second straight Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award.

Hayden Reinbold stood on the podium for the third time during the 2025 USAC National Sprint Car season tonight with a third place result at Butler. In doing so, he closed the gap in the Rookie of the Year race to three points behind Gunnar Setser with just seven races remaining. Reinbold's performance was good enough to earn him Inferno Armor USA Fire Move of the Night honors.

Hail! Hail! To Michigan! Thirteenth place finishing Brian Ruhlman was the top-finishing Michigan driver in the feature and collected a \$250 bonus posted by USAC CEO Kevin Miller, a native Michigander who got his start in motorsports as a crewman for a Sprints on Dirt (SOD) race team at Butler Motor Speedway. In fact, the top-three finishing Michigan natives all earned bonuses, including Steve Irwin (\$150 for 14th) and Josh Turner (\$100 for 15th).

To start off the night, Moles turned his 13th fast time of the USAC National Sprint Car season, which now has him just two shy of Kevin Thomas Jr.'s single season series record of 15 set in 2018. Moles' track record establishing lap was the 28th of his career, moving him past Dave Steele and into sole possession of 16th place all-time.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: September 27, 2025 – Butler Motor Speedway – Quincy, Michigan – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track**

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-14.139 (New Track Record); 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-14.219; 3. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-14.270; 4. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-14.294; 5. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-14.369; 6. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-14.417; 7. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-14.465; 8. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-14.529; 9. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-14.637; 10. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-14.642; 11. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-14.775; 12. Keith Sheffer II, 2B, 2B Racing-14.777; 13. Isaac Chapple, 6, Chapple/Hall-14.924; 14. Aaron Davis, 11, Davis-15.201; 15. Brian Ruhlman, 49, Ruhlman-15.251; 16. Rob Caho Jr., 78, Caho-15.289; 17. Steve Irwin, 0, Flying Zero-15.443; 18. Josh Turner, 4T, Turner-15.521; 19. Max Frank, 25, Frank-15.568; 20. Jack James, 99, James-15.932; 21. R.J. Payne, 33, Payne-16.301.

**CAR IQ FIRST HEAT:** (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Gunnar Setser, 2. Logan Seavey, 3. Mitchel Moles, 4. Hayden Reinbold, 5. Rob Caho Jr., 6. Isaac Chapple, 7. Max Frank. 2:01.539

**K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT:** (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Briggs Danner, 2. C.J. Leary, 3. Justin Grant, 4. Steve Irwin, 5. Kevin Thomas Jr., 6. Aaron Davis, 7. Jack James. 1:58.518 (New Track Record)

**USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT:** (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Chase Stockon, 3. Kyle Cummins, 4. Josh Turner, 5. Brian Ruhlman, 6. Keith Sheffer II, 7. R.J. Payne. 1:59.522

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FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kyle Cummins (4), 2. Justin Grant (2), 3. Hayden Reinbold (3), 4. Mitchel Moles (6), 5. Chase Stockon (1), 6. Kevin Thomas Jr. (5), 7. C.J. Leary (11), 8. Jake Swanson (7), 9. Gunnar Setser (8), 10. Briggs Danner (9), 11. Logan Seavey (10), 12. Isaac Chapple (13), 13. Brian Ruhlman (15), 14. Steve Irwin (17), 15. Josh Turner (18), 16. Max Frank (19), 17. Aaron Davis (14), 18. Jack James (20), 19. R.J. Payne (21), 20. Rob Caho Jr. (16), 21. Keith Sheffer II (12). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-12 Justin Grant, Lap 13 Kyle Cummins, Lap 14 Justin Grant, Laps 15-30 Kyle Cummins.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-2873, 2-Mitchel Moles-2576, 3-Logan Seavey-2505, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2450, 5-Justin Grant-2412, 6-Briggs Danner-2336, 7-C.J. Leary-2231, 8-Jake Swanson-2213, 9-Chase Stockon-1880, 10-Gunnar Setser-1834.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-213, 2-Briggs Danner-144, 3-Gunnar Setser-139, 4-C.J. Leary-131, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-129, 6-Logan Seavey-117, 7-Justin Grant-116, 8-Kyle Cummins-108, 9-Chase Stockon-108, 10-Hayden Reinbold-99.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: October 3, 2025 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track – 55th Tony Hulman Classic

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Justin Grant (14.309)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Mitchel Moles (14.139)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Gunnar Setser

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Briggs Danner

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Jake Swanson

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: C.J. Leary (11th to 7th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Hayden Reinbold

Best Finishing Michigan Driver Bonus: Brian Ruhlman (13th)

Second Best Finishing Michigan Driver Bonus: Steve Irwin (14th)

Third Best Finishing Michigan Driver Bonus: Josh Turner (15th)

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**His Aim is True! Grant Gets His Rifle with First Hulman Classic Win at Terre Haute**

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

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Terre Haute, Indiana (October 3, 2025).....Justin Grant had won just about every event the Terre Haute Action Track has to offer over the years under the USAC banner. However, after 15 tries dating back to the year 2010, he had come up snake eyes in terms of capturing victory at the Tony Hulman Classic.

Overall, Grant had reigned victorious five times at the western Indiana 1/2-mile dirt oval between USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship and USAC Silver Crown competition. He picked off the Jim Hurtubise Classic in 2019 before grabbing the Don Smith Classic in 2020 and 2023. With the Crown car, he'd won the Sumar Classic twice in 2018 and 2022. Yet, to date, his best Hulman Classic result was a runner-up finish back in 2020.

All that said, it turned out it was the 16th start that was the charm for Grant to finally get his Hulman Classic rifle. No driver in Friday night's Terre Haute field owned more Hulman Classic feature starts than Grant, and throughout the 30-lap feature, no driver could keep up with Grant and his TOPP Motorsports/NOS Energy Drink – TOPP Industries – LA Poly/Maxim/Kistler Chevy.

Starting fourth on the grid, Grant (Ione, California) charged by Mitchel Moles on the fourth lap and led the remaining 27 laps to earn his sixth career USAC victory at Terre Haute, his series-leading 11th USAC National Sprint Car triumph of the 2025 season, the all-time leading 65th series win of his career, and on this night, most importantly, his first ever Hulman Classic win, which completed yet another task on his personal checklist.

"I've been really fortunate to have some success here at Terre Haute, but I've never been able to get a rifle," Grant stated. "I've wanted to win the Hulman awfully bad and we've been close a few times. This one feels really good tonight."

Grant's \$10,000 score came on a night in which Pancho Carter was on hand to serve as the grand marshal 50 years after his first Hulman Classic win in 1975. Eventually, Carter won the race again in 1979 to become the first two-time Hulman Classic winner. On Friday night, Pancho was there in victory lane to present the rifle to Grant and officially welcome him into the exclusive Hulman Classic winners club.

"To win the Hulman, especially with Pancho Carter as the grand marshal, that's really neat. I saw him earlier and I'm glad he's handing me a rifle now. He's not nearly as scary as he was back when I first moved back here," Grant said with a laugh.

Outside front row starter Moles established the early race lead of the 55th annual running of the Hulman Classic, taking the advantage from pole sitter Kevin Thomas Jr. Quickly, though, fourth starting Grant was on the move as he took KTJ for third on the opening lap, then bolted around the outside of C.J. Leary on the second go around to slot into second.

At the end of the second lap, July's Don Smith Classic winner, Chase Stockon, found trouble after clipping the inside guardrail while running sixth. The resulting contact flattened his left front tire and necessitated a caution as he slowed dramatically in turns three and four. After his crew replaced the tire in the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area, Stockon restarted 21st and worked his way back through the field to finish the race in seventh, earning him Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night honors.

Following the ensuing restart, it didn't take long for Grant to make his way to the front. On the fourth lap, Grant dove under Moles in turn one and stuck the pass by the time he reached turn two. From there, Grant instantly opened up his lead, growing the interval to nearly three seconds by the end of the 10th circuit.

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Through the middle stages, Grant never relented, slicing his way through the tail end of the field. After all, one misplay of traffic can spell doom as the trailing driver can close the gap in no time flat. Grant knew full well there wasn't any time to "rest" as he grew his lead even more.

"I felt like I was running really, really hard," Grant explained. "At Terre Haute, it's so crucial that how you get off (the turns) is based on how well you get in. You've got to get in good, get in right and get off good, and if you don't, you can burn a half-second a lap pretty darn quick. So, running the thing hard adds up and you can get it back really quickly."

The race became a tug-of-war for second during the final 10 laps as Leary dove under Moles in turn three for the runner-up spot on the 20th lap. But by the time they'd gotten to turn four, Moles turned it down and blazed his way back on by Leary to maintain his grip on second for the time being. That is until Moles' right rear tire shredded entering turn one with just four laps remaining, sending him to a stop and a disappointing 19th place result after running inside the top-two for the entire duration to that point.

As for Grant, he suddenly had a different feel during the latter stages of the race. But judging by his late race lap times that hovered in the 20.1 to 20.2 second range, it didn't seem to slow him up much at all.

"I honestly didn't know if I had a tire going down or if I was just getting tight," Grant revealed. "The curb kept getting thicker, and there at the end, the wheel was shaking and doing some strange stuff at the end of the straightaway, which made it difficult. Some of my laps toward the end were getting pretty ugly, but I figured that as long as I was running hard, they can be a little ugly."

Grant had no challengers after the ensuing restart as he distanced himself from the field to the tune of 1.725 seconds as he crossed under Tom Hansing's twin checkered flags. Leary earned his best career Hulman Classic finish of second while Ricky Lewis equaled his best career series finish with a third. Series point leader Kyle Cummins took fourth while Jake Swanson advanced six positions to round out the top-five.

Lewis went 10th to third to earn Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors with a last lap, last turn surge to grab the final podium spot in the feature in what was just his second start for the 2B Racing team. In fact, that final lap was Lewis' fastest lap of the race, second fastest among all drivers.

Cummins collected the first Terre Haute quick time of his USAC career during Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying. Topping the charts at 19.662 seconds, it was his second fast qualifying time of the series season and the 19th of his career, tying him with 1967 USAC National Sprint Car champion Greg Weld for 28th place on the all-time list.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** October 3, 2025 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track – 55th Tony Hulman Classic

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-19.662; 2. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-19.738; 3. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-19.811; 4. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-19.843; 5. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-19.950; 6. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-20.075; 7. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-20.103; 8. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-20.124; 9. Ricky Lewis, 2B, 2B Racing-20.172; 10. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-20.287; 11. Wyatt Burks, 16K, Knight-20.366; 12. Chance Crum, 83c, Crum-20.386; 13. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-20.498; 14. Saban Bibent, 98, Wedgewood-20.519; 15. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-20.658; 16. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-20.686; 17. Hunter Maddox, 24m,

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Maddox-20.731; 18. Todd Hobson, 44, Soudrette-20.890; 19. Shane Cottle, 34, Olson-20.918; 20. Tony Helton, 87, Helton-21.216; 21. Adam Taylor, 8T, Doherty-21.958.

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Gunnar Setser, 2. Logan Seavey, 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Jake Swanson, 5. Kyle Cummins, 6. Shane Cottle, 7. Brandon Mattox. 2:45.047

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Chase Stockon, 2. Saban Bibent, 3. Briggs Danner, 4. Hunter Maddox, 5. Mitchel Moles, 6. Wyatt Burks, 7. Tony Helton. 2:44.880

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Hayden Reinbold, 3. Todd Hobson, 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 5. Ricky Lewis, 6. Adam Taylor, 7. Chance Crum. 2:45.084

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (4), 2. C.J. Leary (3), 3. Ricky Lewis (10), 4. Kyle Cummins (6), 5. Jake Swanson (11), 6. Kevin Thomas Jr. (1), 7. Chase Stockon (5), 8. Hayden Reinbold (15), 9. Gunnar Setser (7), 10. Briggs Danner (9), 11. Logan Seavey (8), 12. Shane Cottle (19), 13. Saban Bibent (14), 14. Chance Crum (13), 15. Wyatt Burks (12), 16. Brandon Mattox (16), 17. Adam Taylor (21), 18. Tony Helton (20), 19. Mitchel Moles (2), 20. Hunter Maddox (17), 21. Todd Hobson (18). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 Mitchel Moles, Laps 4-30 Justin Grant.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-2944, 2-Mitchel Moles-2607, 3-Logan Seavey-2553, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2511, 5-Justin Grant-2494, 6-Briggs Danner-2385, 7-C.J. Leary-2307, 8-Jake Swanson-2276, 9-Chase Stockon-1945, 10-Gunnar Setser-1888.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-213, 2-Briggs Danner-144, 3-Gunnar Setser-139, 4-C.J. Leary-132, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-129, 6-Justin Grant-119, 7-Logan Seavey-117, 8-Kyle Cummins-110, 9-Chase Stockon-108, 10-Hayden Reinbold-106.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES: October 10-11, 2025 – Lawrenceburg Speedway – Lawrenceburg, Indiana – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Chase Stockon (19.935)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Kyle Cummins (19.662)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Gunnar Setser

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Chase Stockon

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Justin Grant

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Ricky Lewis (10th to 3rd)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Chase Stockon

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## Top Dog! Cummins Collars Greg Staab Memorial at The Burg

**By: Richie Murray – USAC Media**

Lawrenceburg, Indiana (October 10, 2025).....Just because Kyle Cummins possesses a monster point lead in the race for the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship, he's not intent on making the final month of the season a figurative victory lap.

Instead, the Princeton, Indiana racer simply showcased the same kind of intestinal fortitude that he's displayed time and time again throughout the 2025 season during Friday night's second running of the Greg Staab Memorial.

Starting third, Cummins raced into the lead past Chase Stockon on the 13th trip around the 3/8-mile dirt oval, then paced the remaining 18 laps to earn his ninth series victory of the year in his Petty Performance Racing/Avanti Windows & Doors - Premier Recycling/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy.

For Cummins, it was his second USAC triumph at The Burg, and his first since 2022. His 29th career USAC National Sprint Car feature victory moved him past the likes of A.J. Foyt, Don Branson, J.J. Yeley and Levi Jones for sole possession of 20th place on the series' all-time win list.

Furthermore, Cummins ran up his point lead to 356 markers with five events remaining on the schedule. The largest championship point margin between first and second in the history of USAC National Sprint Car racing is 369, set by Pancho Carter over Tom Bigelow back in 1976. Now, ever since he ended a three-month lull without a USAC victory, Cummins has won two of his last three starts and shows no signs of tightening up in crunch time.

"We struggled there at midseason and it's kind of turned around now," Cummins admitted. "October seems to be the month of money, so there's some big money to win here going into the last handful of races."

Initially, pole starting Justin Grant appeared to be the man to beat in what was his first appearance at Lawrenceburg since an accident at the same track in July left him with a broken left foot. By the third lap, he'd already slithered away to a 1.4 second advantage over Stockon with Jake Swanson third in line.

Separate spins involving Aric Gentry (19th) and Kyle Willis (21st) on the fourth lap necessitated the first stoppage of the night. On the ensuing lap four restart, Grant pulled away once again, but as he made his way through turn four, his car suddenly slowed, the victim of an engine failure that ended his night prematurely with a 21st place result.

Stockon became the new leader at that juncture, while behind him, Cummins was beginning to make his surge. On lap six, Cummins dove under Swanson to gain the runner-up spot, and now, he was in prime position to win the thing.

"You've got to get to the front of these races," Cummins explained. "If you start fifth, sixth, fourth and don't get up there, everyone's fast, so it's hard to maneuver and get by them once it gets a defined line. So, I just try to make sure to get going quickly. Even if I wasn't close, I got to at least show them my nose and get them racing a little bit."

On the ninth circuit, the red flag was displayed after Nate Carle (16th) lost power in turn four. With nowhere to go, Kobe Simpson (17th) plowed into the back of Carle, resulting in Simpson flipping over once before landing on his wheels. Both drivers were done for the evening.

With the field re-racked, Cummins slid Stockon for the top spot in turn one on the lap 11 restart. That said, Stockon didn't give in without a fight as he countered Cummins' slider by driving back by on the back straightaway to retain the lead. Two laps later, however, Cummins took his shot again, and this time, it stuck.

"At the beginning of the race, I wasn't so great," Cummins acknowledged. "As I lost the fuel load and stuff, it got a little better. There at the end, I felt pretty good."

How good did he feel? Cruising with two laps remaining, Cummins' lead had expanded to a whopping 4.209 seconds when the yellow flag fell for debris in turn one, resulting from a jettisoned right rear wheel cover that had previously been attached to Saban Bibent's machine.

Despite the field being bunched up one more time for the green-white-checkered run to the finish, nobody could match what Cummins had in store down the stretch. Cummins pulled away from Stockon, Swanson et al. during the final restart, crossing the line 0.775 seconds ahead of the pack for the win with Stockon second, Swanson third, Logan Seavey fourth and Ricky Lewis fifth after starting back in the 10th position.

It was another fine run for Chase Stockon. For the second time this year, he finished as the runner-up in USAC National Sprint Car competition at Lawrenceburg. In April, he led the first eight laps and finished second. On Friday night, he led nine laps en route to another second.

Jake Swanson has strung together several solid performances of late on the USAC National Sprint Car docket. On Friday night, he looked strong once again as he got back on the podium with a third place result, his fifth top-five finish in his past six feature starts this year.

Kayla Roell advanced six positions from her 18th starting spot to finish 12th in the feature. She picked up \$294 for her efforts from Rod End Supply and the family and friends of the late Greg Staab, who was a five-time sprint car track champion driver at Lawrenceburg, a former promoter at Lawrenceburg, a sprint car track champion car owner at Lawrenceburg and a past USAC series coordinator who passed away in 2017.

Saban Bibent had never finished inside the top-10 of a USAC National Sprint Car feature. On Friday night, in his 17th career series start, he made it happen with a ninth place result. It also came after he took evasive action to narrowly avoid a bicycling Hayden Reinbold by about a foot or two, which could've spelled catastrophe. All of it made him the clear-cut choice for Inferno Armor's Fire Move of the Night.

During Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying, Mitchel Moles collected his 14th USAC National Sprint Car fast qualifying time of the season. That landed him just one shy of the all-time series single season record of 15 fast qualifying times set by Kevin Thomas Jr. in 2018. He also collected \$294 for his efforts in time trials, while all three heat race winners – C.J. Leary, Seavey and Swanson – also pocketed a \$144 reward from Staab's family and friends.

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HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-13.836; 2. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-13.937; 3. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-13.947; 4. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-13.988; 5. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-14.003; 6. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-14.006; 7. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-14.017; 8. Ricky Lewis, 2B, 2B Racing-14.041; 9. Saban Bibent, 98, Wedgewood-14.043; 10. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-14.045; 11. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-14.119; 12. Nate Carle, 14c, Carle-14.121; 13. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-14.182; 14. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-14.278; 15. Todd Hobson, 98H, Doran/Wedgewood-14.361; 16. Shawn Westerfeld, 44, Fischesser/Owen-14.390; 17. Ryan Barr, 21B, Barr-14.418; 18. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-14.502; 19. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-14.685; 20. Dustin Webber, 9, Webber-14.930; 21. Kyle Willis, 5w, Willis-15.229; 22. Aric Gentry, 10, Gentry-15.314.

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3. Kyle Cummins, 4. Mitchel Moles, 5. Shawn Westerfeld, 6. Hayden Reinbold, 7. Aric Gentry, 8. Kayla Roell. 1:56.145

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Seavey, 2. Gunnar Setser, 3. Ricky Lewis, 4. Chase Stockon, 5. Briggs Danner, 6. Dustin Webber, 7. Ryan Barr. 1:57.216

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Saban Bibent, 3. Todd Hobson, 4. Justin Grant, 5. Nate Carle, 6. Kobe Simpson, 7. Kyle Willis. 1:57.351

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kyle Cummins (3), 2. Chase Stockon (2), 3. Jake Swanson (4), 4. Logan Seavey (8), 5. Ricky Lewis (10), 6. Briggs Danner (5), 7. Kevin Thomas Jr. (12), 8. Mitchel Moles (6), 9. Saban Bibent (11), 10. Gunnar Setser (13), 11. Todd Hobson (15), 12. Kayla Roell (18), 13. C.J. Leary (7), 14. Dustin Webber (19), 15. Shawn Westerfeld (16), 16. Aric Gentry (21), 17. Kyle Willis (20), 18. Hayden Reinbold (9), 19. Nate Carle (14), 20. Kobe Simpson (17), 21. Justin Grant (1). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 Justin Grant, Laps 4-12 Chase Stockon, Laps 13-30 Kyle Cummins.

\*\*Ryan Barr flipped during the second heat. Kobe Simpson flipped on lap 9 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-3023, 2-Mitchel Moles-2667, 3-Logan Seavey-2622, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2570, 5-Justin Grant-2523, 6-Briggs Danner-2449, 7-C.J. Leary-2352, 8-Jake Swanson-2352, 9-Chase Stockon-2019, 10-Gunnar Setser-1938.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-213, 2-Briggs Danner-144, 3-Gunnar Setser-142, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-134, 5-C.J. Leary-132, 6-Logan Seavey-121, 7-Justin Grant-119, 8-Kyle Cummins-112, 9-Chase Stockon-108, 10-Hayden Reinbold-106.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: October 11, 2025 – Lawrenceburg Speedway – Lawrenceburg, Indiana – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track – 19th Fall Nationals

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Justin Grant (13.819)

Honest Abe Roofing/Greg Staab Memorial Fast Qualifier: Mitchel Moles (13.836)

Car IQ/Greg Staab Memorial First Heat Winner: C.J. Leary

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K1 RaceGear/Greg Staab Memorial Second Heat Winner: Logan Seavey

USAC Gear/Greg Staab Memorial Third Heat Winner: Jake Swanson

Rod End Supply/Greg Staab Memorial Hard Charger: Kayla Roell (18th to 12th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Saban Bibent

Greg Staab Memorial Top Dog Draw: Aric Gentry

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## Seavey Scores \$30,000 at The Burg's Fall Nationals, Cummins Clinches USAC Sprint Title

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Lawrenceburg, Indiana (October 11, 2025).....Just when it seemed Logan Seavey was destined for a runner-up finish, in the blink of an eye, everything changed during the final laps of Saturday night's 18th running of the Fall Nationals at Indiana's Lawrenceburg Speedway.

Seavey (Sutter, California) led the initial 15 laps of the feature before giving way to Justin Grant who led the next 10 circuits and appeared in total control until five laps remaining. But when Grant's right rear tire let go with five to go, that reopened the door for Seavey who seized the moment and raced away to his second consecutive Fall Nationals triumph.

For his efforts, Seavey collected a \$30,000 payday, encompassing a \$20,000 winner's share, plus a \$10,000 bonus as part of the NOS Energy Drink Hoosier Trifecta. Seavey finished all three Trifecta events on the podium, including a pair of victories at Tri-State Speedway's Haubstadt Hustler and Lawrenceburg's Fall Nationals, plus a third place result at Kokomo Speedway's Sprint Car Smackdown.

Meanwhile, with his third place result at Lawrenceburg, Princeton, Indiana's Kyle Cummins gained enough points to clinch his first career USAC National Sprint Car driving championship with four races remaining. Furthermore, it was also the first USAC National Sprint Car titles for both the Petty Performance Racing team as well as Mach-1 Chassis.

With his seventh win of the USAC National Sprint Car season in his Abacus Racing/Mountain Mechanical – Droplight – Elbrecht Concrete/DRC/Stanton Chevy, Seavey became the third driver to capture back-to-back Fall Nationals scores, following Robert Ballou (2007 & 2008) and Bryan Clauson (2013 & 2014).

It was Seavey's fifth career USAC National Sprint Car win at Lawrenceburg and the 31st overall of Seavey's USAC National Sprint Car career, tying him with Tyler Courtney for 17th place on the all-time list. This one was quite another lucrative USAC success for Seavey after pocketing \$20,000 in his most recent win at Tri-State a month ago.

Oftentimes in racing, it's better to be lucky than good. On Saturday night at The Burg, Seavey was both of those things.

"We'll take them how we can get them," Seavey said. "We've had a struggle over the last few months, but I feel like tonight, we finally figured it out and got back on the right track. I just wish it wasn't so late in the year with only four races to go. I'm happy that we got our car back and I'm comfortable again driving this sprint car. Hopefully this means we're back."

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One night earlier, Seavey ran inside the top-five of the Greg Staab Memorial at Lawrenceburg, but never quite felt at ease throughout the night. Entering Saturday, the Abacus crew went to work fine-tuning the No. 57 to where it was right on the money.

"Last night, we ran fourth but we just really haven't been happy with the car," Seavey admitted. "We made some big swings tonight to try and get me more comfortable and we just kind of went back to how we started the year. Man, it was lights out right away."

Seavey started the feature from the outside of the front row and immediately took control as he raced around the outside of pole sitter Mitchel Moles to slot into the race lead. Simultaneously, Grant was working his way into the fold, taking third from Kyle Shipley on the opening lap, then chasing down Moles for the runner-up position on the 10th lap with a turn three slide job.

To that point, Seavey's lead over Grant stood at a full second. However, Grant ate up the interval in a hurry, and on the 16th lap, Grant hustled around the outside of Seavey in turn four to take over the lead at the midway point.

"I felt like my car was probably just as good as (Grant's) but he was just outdriving me," Seavey explained. "He was running really hard, and with \$40 grand, he's got a rabbit to chase. If there's a guy you don't want behind you, it's Justin. He went by me and I could kind of pace him. I told my guys all night, 'man, this is a place I want to start fourth.' I had to start on the front row and Justin got to start fourth. He got to pace me and find out how to get faster. That's just how it goes here at Lawrenceburg."

Grant pushed his lead to nearly a full second after putting Kayla Roell a lap down with seven laps remaining, separating himself from Seavey and Moles who toured the 3/8-mile dirt oval, desperately trying to erase the gap.

But on lap 26 of 30, heartbreak for Grant struck again as he suddenly slowed in turns one and two with a shredded right rear tire. The ordeal was costly as Grant was in the driver's seat for a \$40,000 payday – \$20,000 for the race and a personal \$20,000 share as part of the NOS Energy Drink Hoosier Trifecta.

It was the third consecutive trip to Lawrenceburg in which misfortune has hit Grant. In July, he broke his left foot in an accident during the feature, which derailed his championship hopes. On Friday, Grant's bid for victory ended abruptly due to an engine failure while leading the race. It's been a wild bout of misfortune for Grant at Lawrenceburg where he is a seven time USAC National Sprint Car winner, tied for the most all-time.

Grant returned to the field with fresh rubber after his TOPP Motorsports crew swapped it out during the caution in the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area. Grant's misfortune was Seavey's gain as he now held the upper hand as the new race leader with five laps remaining.

"It's hard not to feel for Justin there," Seavey acknowledged. "That's a \$40,000 tire for him and three nights in a row now at Lawrenceburg have bit him pretty hard. You got to feel for those guys."

On the final restart, Seavey shook himself away from the field and bolted away to victory by a 0.897 second margin with Mitchel Moles second again at the Fall Nationals for the second straight year. Kyle Cummins took third with C.J. Leary fourth and Jake Swanson fifth.

Swanson continued his solid stretch of finishes with a 12th to 5th run to earn Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors. Over his seven most recent USAC National Sprint Car starts, he's now finished 5th-5th-5th-8th-5th-3rd-5th.

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Kyle Shipley parlayed a nice fourth place qualifying run into a top-10 feature finish in his first career Fall Nationals start. That said, it came following a nifty recovery early in the feature when he bounced several times through turns one and two but managed to save it and continue on without contact. The save earned him the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

In Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying, Kevin Thomas Jr. collected his first USAC National Sprint Car Fast Qualifying time of the year. Despite winning the event three times, it was his first career quick time during the Fall Nationals. Overall, his 13.663 second lap was the 41st fast qualifying time of his career with the series, sixth most all-time.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** October 11, 2025 – Lawrenceburg Speedway – Lawrenceburg, Indiana – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track – 18th Fall Nationals

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-13.663; 2. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-13.762; 3. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-13.771; 4. Kyle Shipley, 00, Anderson-13.822; 5. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-13.868; 6. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-13.872; 7. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-13.916; 8. Todd Hobson, 98H, Doran/Wedgewood-13.933; 9. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-13.960; 10. Saban Bibent, 98, Wedgewood-13.978; 11. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-14.025; 12. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-14.026; 13. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-14.117; 14. Ricky Lewis, 2B, 2B Racing-14.125; 15. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-14.129; 16. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-14.403; 17. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-14.505; 18. Glen Saville, 75, Grasmere-14.821.

**CAR IQ FIRST HEAT:** (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Saban Bibent, 2. Chase Stockon, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. C.J. Leary, 5. Kyle Shipley, 6. Kobe Simpson. 1:55.835

**K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT:** (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Ricky Lewis, 2. Todd Hobson, 3. Gunnar Setser, 4. Kyle Cummins, 5. Logan Seavey, 6. Kayla Roell. 1:55.113

**USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT:** (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Hayden Reinbold, 2. Jake Swanson, 3. Briggs Danner, 4. Justin Grant, 5. Mitchel Moles, 6. Glen Saville. NT

**FEATURE:** (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (2), 2. Mitchel Moles (1), 3. Kyle Cummins (5), 4. C.J. Leary (10), 5. Jake Swanson (12), 6. Hayden Reinbold (9), 7. Ricky Lewis (8), 8. Kevin Thomas Jr. (6), 9. Gunnar Setser (13), 10. Kyle Shipley (3), 11. Todd Hobson (11), 12. Justin Grant (4), 13. Chase Stockon (15), 14. Kayla Roell (17), 15. Saban Bibent (7), 16. Briggs Danner (14), 17. Glen Saville (18), 18. Kobe Simpson (16). NT

**FEATURE LAP LEADERS:** Laps 1-15 Logan Seavey, Laps 16-25 Justin Grant, Laps 26-30 Logan Seavey.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS:** 1-Kyle Cummins-3097, 2-Mitchel Moles-2739, 3-Logan Seavey-2698, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2631, 5-Justin Grant-2571, 6-Briggs Danner-2486, 7-C.J. Leary-2418, 8-Jake Swanson-2417, 9-Chase Stockon-2063, 10-Gunnar Setser-1990.

**USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS:** 1-Kale Drake-213, 2-Gunnar Setser-146, 3-Briggs Danner-144, 4-C.J. Leary-138, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-134, 6-Logan Seavey-122, 7-Justin Grant-119, 8-Kyle Cummins-114, 9-Chase Stockon-110, 10-Hayden Reinbold-109.

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NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: October 17, 2025 – Dodge City Raceway Park – Dodge City, Kansas – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Todd Hobson (13.850)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Kevin Thomas Jr. (13.663)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Saban Bibent

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Ricky Lewis

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Hayden Reinbold

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Jake Swanson (12th to 5th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Kyle Shipley

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## House Money! Dodge City is Cummins' City in USAC Sprint Car Return to Kansas

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Dodge City, Kansas (October 17, 2025).....If you thought Kyle Cummins was going to wind it down after wrapping up the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship with four races remaining, you thought wrong.

Playing with house money, so to speak, the Princeton, Indiana driver's responsibilities now revolved around simply concentrating on winning races rather than counting points night-in and night-out.

In his first race as the champion on Friday night at Kansas' Dodge City Raceway Park, Cummins led early, fell behind, then capitalized when Kevin Thomas Jr. had a run-in with lapped traffic. From there, Cummins led the final 22 circuits to capture his 10th win of the series season in his Petty Performance Racing/Avanti Windows & Doors - Premier Recycling/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy.

"Points racing is stressful," Cummins noted. "It's every day and you've got to be on kill every time you hit the racetrack. If you're not, you're losing. Mentally, you've got to be ready for it. It was a tough season and I'm glad to get it done. That way, we can go out and have some fun."

It was quite a monumental night for Cummins in terms of his place in USAC National Sprint Car history. For instance, with his latest victory, he set a new single season USAC National Sprint Car record with his 42nd top-10 finish, breaking the record formerly held by Brady Bacon since 2021. Furthermore, Cummins tied Bacon's 2021 record for most top-fives in a season at 36.

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To add to it, Cummins became the second driver this season to reach double digits in feature victories, joining Justin Grant in that category. This marks the first time in 48 years that multiple drivers have surpassed 10 wins in a single USAC National Sprint Car season. Back in 1977, Tom Bigelow hit 14 wins while Pancho Carter tallied 10.

Ironically, there's another record Cummins is threatening to overtake, which also involves Carter and Bigelow. Carter's final 369 point margin over Bigelow in 1976 stands as the largest USAC National Sprint Car differential between first and second in series history. Cummins' Dodge City triumph pushed his lead to 378 with three races remaining.

Cummins' 30th career USAC National Sprint Car victory also tied him with Chris Windom for 19th place on the all-time series win list.

In what was the first USAC National Sprint Car event held at Dodge City's 3/8-mile dirt oval in 14 years, Cummins started on the outside of the front row for the 30-lap feature and quickly broke out to the lead around the outside of pole sitter Chase Stockon.

Suddenly, fourth starting Kevin Thomas Jr. broke rank from his fourth starting spot, going by Logan Seavey for third on the opening lap, then surging under Stockon for second in turn four on the second go around. By the fourth lap, Thomas had the lead in his grip as he slid up in front of Cummins off the exit of turn four.

"I wasn't great," Cummins confided. "I was good, but (Thomas) was just better through the middle. I was making adjustments right behind him there and was right there with him. I just couldn't get around him."

On lap nine, Thomas whistled his way into turn three and nearly collided with the back end of 23rd place running Cooper Sullivan. The closing rate proved to be so spectacular, Thomas had to stand on the binders to avoid contact, which pitched his car sideways and slid backward up the racetrack and nearly into the path of the high line riding Cummins who snaked around Thomas to complete the pass for the lead around the top side of turns three and four.

"It was pretty close," Cummins recalled. "I don't know if I want to get any closer than that. I went in there and was going to rip the top, but Kevin got a little sideways. When he did, it kind of backed both of those cars up. I had to let off but I knew that was really my only chance."

While Cummins pounced back to the front of the pack, Briggs Danner was suddenly the one on the move. Danner wriggled his way into the top-three by lap 13 as he weaved through lapped traffic and around Stockon for the spot in turn two. Two laps later, Danner slotted into second as he zipped around the outside of Thomas and began slicing into Cummins' 1/2-second advantage with lapped cars here, there and everywhere in between.

With 10 laps to go, the only yellow flag of the night fell when eighth running Jake Swanson slowed to a stop with a flat right rear tire. He returned to the tail of the field after stopping in the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area for fresh rubber but managed only to get back up to 13th at the finish line.

To begin the night, Swanson set a new one-lap USAC National Sprint Car track record at Dodge City with a time of 14.963 seconds during Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying, eclipsing the former mark of 15.261, set by Chris Windom in 2011. The quick time was Swanson's first of the USAC National Sprint Car season and the 11th of his career, equaling him with Daison Pursley, George Snider and Jim McWithey for 50th place all-time.

With the caution, traffic was cleared from the equation for the front runners, which was all to the benefit of Cummins who simply took off over the final 10 laps while the rest of the field was busy fighting their own battles. The most intense of

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which was the duel for second, which saw Danner and Thomas officially exchange the position four separate times between laps 21 and 26 before Danner finally cleared him with an outside maneuver on lap 26.

Up ahead, Cummins was in total command as he finished the night off 0.700 seconds ahead at the line with Danner crossing the stripe in second, Thomas third, C.J. Leary fourth and Stockon fifth.

Albuquerque, New Mexico's Caleb Stelzig had to dig himself out of a hole to start the night. His qualifying time was disallowed due to having the incorrect left rear tire affixed to his car. Starting 22nd in the feature, he went +5 to finish 17th, which made him the evening's Rod End Supply Hard Charger. Furthermore, Stelzig was the highest finishing POWRi Elite Non-Wing Sprint driver in the feature, helping him to pocket \$400 worth of bonuses alone.

Trey Osborne left Kansas with a top-10 feature finish in what was the Columbus, Ohio racer's first career USAC National Sprint Car start in the Sunflower State. That earned him the Inferno Armor USA Fire Move of the Night.

Stevie Sussex picked up an extra \$100 from Oklahoma Tidbits for his pill draw performance. The Tempe, Arizona racer drew the highest pill of the night, then came out last in line and still managed to qualify ninth in the field of the 24 cars on hand.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS:** October 17, 2025 – Dodge City Raceway Park – Dodge City, Kansas – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track – Co-Sanctioned by the POWRi Elite Non-Wing Sprints

**HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING:** 1. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-14.963 (New Track Record); 2. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-15.049; 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-15.102; 4. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-15.116; 5. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-15.117; 6. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-15.191; 7. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-15.222; 8. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-15.224; 9. Stevie Sussex, 17GP, Dutcher-15.226; 10. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-15.234; 11. Trey Osborne, 6T, Ebert-15.278; 12. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-15.302; 13. Wyatt Burks, 11w, Burks-15.431; 14. Wesley Smith, 2B, 2B Racing-15.536; 15. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-15.547; 16. Saban Bibent, 98, Wedgewood-15.621; 17. R.J. Miller, 34, Miller-15.758; 18. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-15.778; 19. Anthony Nicholson, 16, Nicholson-15.941; 20. Dakota Earls, 15E, Earls-15.993; 21. Paul White, 1w, White-16.489; 22. Glen Saville, 75, Grasmere-NT; 23. Caleb Stelzig, 21, Stelzig-NT (time of 15.954 disallowed due to illegal left rear tire); 24. Cooper Sullivan, 79F, Fry-NT (time of 16.675 disallowed due to illegal left rear tire).

**CAR IQ FIRST HEAT:** (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Wyatt Burks, 2. Saban Bibent, 3. Hayden Reinbold, 4. Jake Swanson, 5. Mitchel Moles, 6. Logan Seavey, 7. Caleb Stelzig, 8. Anthony Nicholson. 2:06.62

**K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT:** (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. Wesley Smith, 3. Briggs Danner, 4. Trey Osborne, 5. Kyle Cummins, 6. R.J. Miller, 7. Dakota Earls, 8. Cooper Sullivan. 2:03.21

**USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT:** (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Stevie Sussex, 3. Gunnar Setser, 4. Chase Stockon, 5. Kobe Simpson, 6. Kevin Thomas Jr., 7. Paul White. 2:05.06

**FEATURE:** (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kyle Cummins (2), 2. Briggs Danner (5), 3. Kevin Thomas Jr. (4), 4. C.J. Leary (7), 5. Chase Stockon (1), 6. Justin Grant (8), 7. Mitchel Moles (10), 8. Logan Seavey (3), 9. Hayden Reinbold (12), 10. Trey Osborne (13), 11. Gunnar Setser (15), 12. Stevie Sussex (11), 13. Jake Swanson (6), 14. Wyatt Burks (9), 15. Wesley Smith (14), 16. Saban Bibent (19), 17. Caleb Stelzig (22), 18. Anthony Nicholson (18), 19. Kobe Simpson (17), 20. Dakota Earls (20), 21. Cooper Sullivan (23), 22. Paul White (21), 23. R.J. Miller (16). NT

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FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 Kyle Cummins, Laps 4-8 Kevin Thomas Jr., Laps 9-30 Kyle Cummins.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-3173, 2-Mitchel Moles-2795, 3-Logan Seavey-2753, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2702, 5-Justin Grant-2634, 6-Briggs Danner-2564, 7-C.J. Leary-2487, 8-Jake Swanson-2465, 9-Chase Stockon-2127, 10-Gunnar Setser-2037.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-213, 2-Gunnar Setser-150, 3-Briggs Danner-147, 4-C.J. Leary-141, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-135, 6-Logan Seavey-122, 7-Justin Grant-121, 8-Kyle Cummins-115, 9-Hayden Reinbold-112, 10-Chase Stockon-110.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: October 18, 2025 – Route 66 Motor Speedway – Amarillo, Texas – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Chase Stockon (15.237)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Jake Swanson (14.963)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Wyatt Burks

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: C.J. Leary

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Justin Grant

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Caleb Stelzig (22nd to 17th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Trey Osborne

Oklahoma Tidbits Lowest Pill Draw: Stevie Sussex

ProSource Top Elite Qualifier: R.J. Miller

ProSource Top Finishing Elite Drivers: Caleb Stelzig (17th), Kobe Simpson (19th) & Cooper Sullivan (21st)

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## For Joe! Swanson's Special Score Nets \$10,000 at Amarillo

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Amarillo, Texas (October 18, 2025)....."This is for Joe."

To Jake Swanson, Joe Daming was like a second father. In February of 2024, Daming expressed to Jake that his dream was for Swanson to one day take his team to the national level. One day later after that conversation, Daming passed away unexpectedly at the age of 47.

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Committed to carrying on Joe's legacy, Daming Swanson Motorsports was formed shortly thereafter, and in 2025, Swanson, along with the Daming family, took the team on the road full-time with the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship.

Hard work, dedication, desire and dream all came together in unison on Saturday night as Swanson took the team to victory lane for the first time in USAC competition by scoring a \$10,000 triumph in the series' debut at Amarillo, Texas' Route 66 Motor Speedway.

But in truth, this win was worth so much more. This was Jake's dream. This was Joe's dream. And, at last, those dreams had come true with a victory in the 47th race of the USAC National Sprint Car season aboard the Daming Swanson Motorsports/Inland Rigging – Dougherty Motorsports/DRC/1-Way Chevy.

"Joe is so stoked right now; he's upstairs pounding beers, I know it," Swanson said with a smile. "To the whole Daming family, thank you guys for giving me this opportunity and letting me take all your stuff and turn it into a national winning program. I just can't believe we were able to do this."

For Anaheim, California's Swanson, it was his first USAC win in more than two years, since a USAC Indiana Sprint Week score in July of 2023 at Putnamville's Lincoln Park Speedway. Furthermore, it was the seventh win of Swanson's USAC National Sprint Car career, tying him for 66th place all-time alongside the likes of Bobby Santos, Bobby Unser, Brady Short, Briggs Danner, Darren Hagen, Doug Kalitta, Jim Keeker, Josh Wise, Kenny Irwin Jr., Kevin Doty and Kevin Thomas.

When Jake and his wife, Jess, moved from California to Indiana in early 2021, the Daming family welcomed them with open arms. The Swanson/Daming combo won frequently on the local level in the Hoosier state during the years between 2021-2023, and to this day, several of the same individuals responsible for that success are still involved, all of whom are essentially important for making this dream a reality.

"We started in the local realm and we've come here and have now won on the national stage," Swanson reflected. "There are literally like 10 people that we could not do this without. This thing does not get to the racetrack without them. We're racing on no money, no budget. We're literally racing on winnings. So, thank god we won tonight because I'm relying on sponsorship to get us up and down the road. I definitely don't have deep enough pockets to run this deal."

This year, especially of late, Swanson had displayed flashes of brilliance that demonstrated how close the team was to breaking through. A solid stretch leading into the weekend saw him tally six top-fives in a span of seven starts. On Friday, he set a new track record in qualifying at Dodge City and followed up by establishing yet another track record in Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying on Saturday at Route 66 with a time of 13.648 seconds.

With the top-six inversion, Swanson lined up sixth in the feature. However, as the festivities had barely gotten underway, a major calamity encompassing 10 drivers littered the front straightway with damaged racecars. At the conclusion of the opening lap, ninth starting Wyatt Burks slapped the outside wall at the exit of turn four. As his car crawled slowly down the front straight, mass carnage ensued, resulting in Justin Zimmerman, Saban Bibent, Anton Hernandez and Caleb Stelzig all flipping upside down. All were able to walk away.

Bibent returned to the fray after several teams chipped in to help repair his ride in the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area. Initially, Bibent was the front runner for the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the night based solely on his last lap, last turn pass to gain the final transfer spot in his heat race. After returning to action and promptly driving back up through the field to complete the race with a damaged racecar and a 13th place finish, he clinched it.

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While Kevin Thomas Jr. controlled the pace for the first half of the 30-lap main from his pole starting position, Swanson was rising up the pylon. Swanson took second from Danner around the outside on lap eight, then quickly chopped Thomas' lead from a full second to a half-second to where he was right on his bumper on lap 16 and ready to pounce. Right there and then, Swanson raced by Thomas on the back straight to take his spot at the front of the field.

With two to go, Thomas found his second wind and took a swing at Swanson for the lead. Thomas briefly held a car length lead midway through turns one and two, but as he drifted up toward the top of the second turn, Swanson's momentum was at warp speed as he escaped from Thomas off the edge to retake the lead for good.

Swanson finished off the 30th and final lap roughly 2.5 car lengths ahead of Thomas, 0.213 seconds to the better at the stripe. Mitchel Moles slipped by for third late in the going with C.J. Leary fourth and Logan Seavey rounding out the top-five.

Swanson not only entered the win column for the 2025 USAC season, he also put his name into the record books as a first-time USAC winner as a car entrant. And he accomplished the deed with the Daming family by his side, including crewman Austin Daming, Joe's son.

"Austin and I have spent countless hours in the shop," Swanson revealed. "Three years ago, he had hardly ever been at the racetrack before. Now, he's a good wrench. I love what we've done and I'm so proud of my guys, my people."

Joe's wife, Jenny, was overcome with emotion and was present in victory lane for the special moment.

"I'm just so grateful to be here," Jenny said. "I'm so grateful for Jake and all of our crew for fulfilling Joe's dream. I can't tell you how special it is to watch my son continue to work hard every day and to help make Jake's dream come true too."

After leading half of the race before finishing as the runner-up, Thomas would certainly have wanted to be one spot better. That said, no one was better than him across the two nights of racing this weekend at Dodge City and Route 66 where he finished third and second, respectively. By earning the most combined points throughout the pair of nights, Thomas collected an extra \$2,000 for his efforts as the High Plains Thunder Bonus winner.

Gunnar Setser advanced seven positions from 13th to sixth in the feature to receive Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors. Furthermore, he extended his USAC National Sprint Car Rookie of the Year point lead from five to 14 over Hayden Reinbold with just three races remaining.

Paul White picked up an extra \$250 from ProSource's Buck Rice. The 2001 USAC Silver Crown champion was the top finisher from the POWRi Elite Non-Wing Sprints, tallying a 15th place result while fellow Elite competitors Cooper Sullivan (16th) and Caleb Stelzig (20th) also earned bonuses.

Trey Osborne certainly had the speed but not the good fortune. He started the evening by qualifying fifth out of the 31 cars on hand, but in his heat race, he blew a tire, which destroyed the shock, Jacobs Ladder, radius rod and torque tube studs. In the semi-feature, the driveshaft sheared the splines off at the start, ending his night on the spot. For his misfortune, Osborne was the recipient of the ProSource Hard Luck bonus.

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HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-13.648 (New Track Record); 2. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-13.686; 3. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-13.738; 4. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-13.748; 5. Trey Osborne, 6T, Ebert-13.821; 6. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-13.886; 7. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-13.888; 8. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-13.929; 9. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-13.937; 10. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-14.021; 11. Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-14.082; 12. Wyatt Burks, 11w, Burks-14.089; 13. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-14.149; 14. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-14.154; 15. Saban Bibent, 98, Wedgewood-14.159; 16. Anthony Nicholson, 16, Nicholson-14.199; 17. Wesley Smith, 2B, 2B Racing-14.220; 18. Stevie Sussex, 17GP, Dutcher-14.229; 19. Don Grable, 45x, Budlong-14.292; 20. Chris Douglas, 56, Douglas-14.602; 21. Caleb Stelzig, 21, Stelzig-14.616; 22. Paul White, 1, White-14.663; 23. Anton Hernandez, 38, Oeschger-14.737; 24. Justin Zimmerman, 31m, Herrell-14.842; 25. R.J. Miller, 34, Miller-14.902; 26. Colt Treharn, 77, Treharn/Seals-14.960; 27. Nathan Moore, 6, Moore-14.994; 28. Brian Morris, 199, Chitty-15.048; 29. Bryan Debrick, 36, Reed-NT; 30. Dakota Earls, 15E, Earls-NT; 31. Cooper Sullivan, 79F, Fry-NT (time of 15.099 disallowed due to illegal left rear tire).

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Mitchel Moles, 2. Jake Swanson, 3. Gunnar Setser, 4. Wesley Smith, 5. Caleb Stelzig, 6. R.J. Miller, 7. Trey Osborne. NT

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Stevie Sussex, 2. Logan Seavey, 3. Briggs Danner, 4. Kyle Cummins, 5. Paul White, 6. Kobe Simpson, 7. Cooper Sullivan, 8. Colt Treharn. 1:56.22 (New Track Record)

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Chase Stockon, 2. C.J. Leary, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Anton Hernandez, 5. Saban Bibent, 6. Don Grable, 7. Nathan Moore. 1:57.45

COOKOUT FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Wyatt Burks, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Hayden Reinbold, 4. Anthony Nicholson, 5. Chris Douglas, 6. Justin Zimmerman, 7. Brian Morris. 1:59.26

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kobe Simpson, 2. Justin Zimmerman, 3. R.J. Miller, 4. Don Grable, 5. Nathan Moore, 6. Cooper Sullivan, 7. Colt Treharn, 8. Brian Morris, 9. Trey Osborne. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Jake Swanson (6), 2. Kevin Thomas Jr. (1), 3. Mitchel Moles (7), 4. C.J. Leary (4), 5. Logan Seavey (5), 6. Gunnar Setser (13), 7. Briggs Danner (2), 8. Justin Grant (11), 9. Stevie Sussex (10), 10. Hayden Reinbold (3), 11. Kyle Cummins (12), 12. Wesley Smith (16), 13. Saban Bibent (14), 14. Anthony Nicholson (15), 15. Paul White (20), 16. Cooper Sullivan (24-P), 17. Chase Stockon (8), 18. Don Grable (17), 19. Wyatt Burks (9), 20. Caleb Stelzig (19), 21. R.J. Miller (23), 22. Anton Hernandez (21), 23. Justin Zimmerman (22), 24. Chris Douglas (18), 25. Kobe Simpson (25). NT

(P) represents a POWRi Elite Non-Wing Sprints provisional starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-15 Kevin Thomas Jr., Laps 16-30 Jake Swanson.

\*\*Saban Bibent, Caleb Stelzig, Anton Hernandez & Justin Zimmerman flipped on lap 2 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-3219, 2-Mitchel Moles-2867, 3-Logan Seavey-2823, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2775, 5-Justin Grant-2690, 6-Briggs Danner-2623, 7-C.J. Leary-2559, 8-Jake Swanson-2548, 9-Chase Stockon-2164, 10-Gunnar Setser-2098.

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USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-213, 2-Gunnar Setser-157, 3-Briggs Danner-147, 4-C.J. Leary-141, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-135, 6-Justin Grant-124, 7-Logan Seavey-122, 8-Kyle Cummins-116, 9-Hayden Reinbold-112, 10-Chase Stockon-110.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES: October 24-25, 2025 – Central Arizona Raceway – Casa Grande, Arizona – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track – 58th Western World Championships

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Logan Seavey (13.972)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Jake Swanson (13.648)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Mitchel Moles

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Stevie Sussex

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Chase Stockon

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Wyatt Burks

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Kobe Simpson

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Gunnar Setser (13th to 6th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Saban Bibent

Oklahoma Tidbits Lowest Pill Draw: Dakota Earls

ProSource Top Elite Qualifier: Kobe Simpson

ProSource Top Finishing Elite Drivers: Paul White (15th), Cooper Sullivan (16th) & Caleb Stelzig (20th)

ProSource Hard Luck: Trey Osborne

High Plains Thunder Bonus: Kevin Thomas Jr.

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## Seavey Sings at Casa Grande, Wins Western World Opener

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Casa Grande, Arizona (October 23, 2025).....Four years following his initial taste of Western World success, Logan Seavey feasted on the field during Friday night's USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship debut at Casa Grande's Central Arizona Raceway.

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Seavey (Sutter, California) rushed into the lead from his outside second row starting position by lap three and paced the remaining 28 circuits to capture the opening night of the 58th annual Western World Championships at the 3/8-mile dirt oval, an event co-sanctioned by the Avanti Windows & Doors USAC CRA Sprint Car Series.

For Seavey, it was his eighth victory of the USAC National Sprint Car season and the 32nd of his career, tying him with the great Rollie Beale for 16th place on the series' all-time feature win list.

After qualifying fourth and finishing second by a single car length in his heat race, Seavey had sensed that he let down his team and their Abacus Racing/Mountain Mechanical – Droplight – Elbrecht Concrete/DRC/Stanton Chevy.

"I knew my car was going to be super, super good early," Seavey foreshadowed. "(Crew chief) Kirk (Simpson) had this thing lights out all night. I feel like I narrowly missed quick time, but that was probably my doing. Then, I narrowly missed winning my heat race. I felt like I owed one to these guys for giving me such a good racecar."

Just moments into the 30-lap feature, Seavey more than made up for it. By the end of lap one, he had ridden the high line around the outside of C.J. Leary and Justin Grant to slot into second. Then, Seavey immediately found the low line to his liking. On the third go around, Seavey pulled even with Bacon, then slipped out in front as he carved a path under Bacon and slid past in turn one to take over the race lead, a place he knew he had to get to in a hurry if he wanted it to be his night.

"With Brady and Justin on the front row, if you don't go early, they're going to get rolling and figure out where they need to be," Seavey explained. "These races are so much easier once you get to the lead. You can see the cushion really well and you get to observe the whole racetrack."

Ten laps into it, Seavey had opened up a 1.5 second advantage over series champion Kyle Cummins, but lapped traffic was poised to play a role. In a matter of five laps, at the halfway point, Cummins had shaved a full second off Seavey's lead to put the interval between the two at about a half second.

At the precise moment when Seavey was about to reach the two-wide blockade of the traffic, the red flag was displayed for fifth running Kevin Thomas Jr. after a collision with fourth place Justin Grant at the entry to turn three on lap 16. Thomas barrel rolled three times before being nailed by the trailing Daison Pursley (7th), which also sent Pursley spinning to a stop, knocking both Thomas and Pursley out of the race in a moment's notice.

As a result of the incident, Thomas' series record streak of 29 consecutive top-10 finishes screeched to a halt. Thomas, who finished 25th on the night, hadn't finished outside the top-10 since the USAC Eastern Storm round at Pennsylvania's Port Royal Speedway four months earlier on June 21.

With traffic cleared for the leaders, Seavey's biggest nemesis down the stretch was the gnarly cushion and the ever changing track conditions.

"We're already really close to the wall, and (the cushion) was pretty big there early," Seavey said. "It just kept getting thicker and thicker as the race went on. I knew there at the very end, it was going to start taking rubber. I could see the shine kind of going away and I was struggling to gain on the cars in front of me. I just felt so good on the cushion; I didn't want to give up on it and have somebody make a big run on me. I stayed up there as long as I could until the last three or four laps, then I finally had to peel off."

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By then, Seavey's lead held steady, but Cummins was able to climb to within a couple car lengths of Seavey's rear bumper. Yet, at that point, Seavey had firmly entrenched himself in the catbird seat and wasn't going to do anything to put that in jeopardy.

"This place is so fast and so tricky, it can be easy to get uncomfortable," Seavey revealed. "(The crew) has done such a good job today to make me feel good in this racecar so that I can run as hard as I need to in order to win these races."

At the stripe, Seavey was .788 seconds ahead of the field, ahead of Cummins while Leary was strong late to finish third ahead of the surgent Ricky Thornton Jr. in fourth and an impressive Ricky Lewis who finished fifth, advancing 21 positions after using a provisional and starting 26th on the grid.

With his runner-up finish, Cummins set a new USAC National Sprint Car record by posting his 37th top-five finish of the 2025 series season in 48 starts so far. That broke the mark of 36 top-fives set by Brady Bacon during the 2021 season.

C.J. Leary continued his masterful run of Western World finishes with a third place result. Dating back to the 2022 installment of the event, Leary has finished 2nd-5th-3rd-4th-3rd-3rd in his six most recent starts at Western World.

The top-four of Seavey, Cummins, Leary and Ricky Thornton Jr. are all locked into Saturday's \$35,000-to-win feature event at Central Arizona.

Late Model superstar Ricky Thornton Jr. made a spectacular USAC National Sprint Car debut by winning his heat race, then advancing from 10th to fourth in the feature. It's the best USAC Sprint Car debut by any driver since Mitchel Moles took second at the Terre Haute Track in 2022. Thornton's performance earned him the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

It was a lucrative hard charging night for Ryan Bernal. He raced from 18th to 10th in the feature, and with it, he earned \$1021.26 from the Lafond Jar of Change, plus another \$150 from Rod End Supply for a grand total of \$1,171.26.

Chase Stockon picked up an extra \$100 courtesy of Bud & Cathy Goodwin for his 13th place feature finish. James Turnbull II, meanwhile, was the Hard Luck Award recipient after a violent crash in his heat race. The Indio, California native walked away from the crash and also walked away with \$200 from an anonymous donor.

In Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying, Mitchel Moles equaled an all-time USAC National Sprint Car record with his 15th fast time of the year. That tied Kevin Thomas Jr. for the most quick times in a single season with the series, a mark set by KTJ during the 2018 campaign.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP / AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS:**  
October 24, 2025 – Central Arizona Raceway – Casa Grande, Arizona – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track – 58th Western World Championships

**HONEST ABE ROOFING / WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY / W.C. FRIEND QUALIFYING:** 1. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-15.024 (New Track Record); 2. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-15.049; 3. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming Swanson-15.050; 4. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-15.072; 5. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-15.082; 6. Daison Pursley, 86, CBI-15.105; 7. Brady Bacon, 4c, Calderwood-15.109; 8. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-15.136; 9. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-15.173; 10. Isaac Chapple, 6w, Chapple/Hall-15.205; 11. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-15.210; 12. Trey Osborne, 6T, Ebert-15.233; 13. Tye Mihocko, 5, Mihocko-15.241; 14. Ryan Bernal, 17, Calderwood/Dunkel-15.245; 15.

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Chase Stockon, 92, Sertich-15.254; 16. Stevie Sussex, 17GP, Dutcher-15.280; 17. Logan Calderwood, 6, Calderwood-15.290; 18. Kyle Shipley, 0G, Black Gold-15.297; 19. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-15.300; 20. Cole Wakim, 73, Ford-15.311; 21. Braden Chiaramonte, 73B, OCC-15.364; 22. Max Adams, 42, Cheney-15.408; 23. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-15.425; 24. Austin Williams, 17w, Dunkel-15.426; 25. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-15.485; 26. Ricky Thornton Jr., 20RT, Petty-15.497; 27. Saban Bibent, 98, Wedgewood-15.525; 28. J.J. Yeley, 2, Yeley-15.535; 29. Connor Lundy, 97, Lundy-15.578; 30. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-15.599; 31. Matt Westfall, 11c, Turner/Wheeler-15.615; 32. David Gasper, 18, Kittle/Gasper-15.630; 33. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-15.639; 34. Blake Bower, 17x, Dunkel-15.692; 35. R.J. Johnson, 33p, Petty-15.700; 36. Ricky Lewis, 41, Lewis-15.709; 37. Harley Burns, 14, Hendricks-15.719; 38. James Turnbull II, 2J, Turnbull-15.830; 39. A.J. Bender, 21x, Bender-15.871; 40. Brecken Guerrero, 98B, Guerrero-15.993; 41. Wayne Siddle, 007, Siddle-16.070; 42. Dayton Shelton, 4D, Shelton-16.178; 43. Brent Sexton, 44, Sexton-16.282; 44. Verne Sweeney, 98v, Guerrero-16.462; 45. Marty Hawkins, 3m, Hawkins-16.504; 46. Jim Vanzant, 3v, Vanzant-16.848.

CAR IQ / IN HONOR OF WILEY MILLER SR. & WILEY MILLER II FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Ricky Thornton Jr., 2. Braden Chiaramonte, 3. Briggs Danner, 4. Stevie Sussex, 5. Ricky Lewis, 6. Mitchel Moles, 7. Matt Westfall, 8. Wayne Siddle, 9. Jim Vanzant, 10. Daison Pursley. NT

K1 RACEGEAR / W.C. FRIEND SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Max Adams, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Brady Bacon, 4. Trey Osborne, 5. Logan Calderwood, 6. Saban Bibent, 7. David Gasper, 8. Harley Burns, 9. Dayton Shelton. 2:12.67

USAC GEAR / SILBERMAN SOLAR THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Gunnar Setser, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Jake Swanson, 4. J.J. Yeley, 5. Tye Mihocko, 6. Kobe Simpson, 7. Kyle Shipley, 8. James Turnbull II, 9. Brent Sexton. NT

COOKOUT / SEXTON FIRE PROTECTION FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Logan Seavey, 3. Connor Lundy, 4. Ryan Bernal, 5. Hayden Reinbold, 6. A.J. Bender, 7. Blake Bower, 8. Austin Williams, 9. Verne Sweeney. 2:12.74

CAR IQ / IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER FIFTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Chase Stockon, 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 5. R.J. Johnson, 6. Cole Wakim, 7. Isaac Chapple, 8. Brecken Guerrero, 9. Marty Hawkins. 2:12.33 (New Track Record)

HOOSIER TIRE / WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY C-MAIN: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the semi) 1. Austin Williams, 2. Harley Burns, 3. Brecken Guerrero, 4. Dayton Shelton, 5. Marty Hawkins, 6. Verne Sweeney, 7. Jim Vanzant, 8. Wayne Siddle. NT

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS / FACTORY WRAPS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Daison Pursley, 2. Mitchel Moles, 3. Hayden Reinbold, 4. Tye Mihocko, 5. Logan Calderwood, 6. David Gasper, 7. Saban Bibent, 8. Ricky Lewis, 9. Cole Wakim, 10. Isaac Chapple, 11. Kobe Simpson, 12. Austin Williams, 13. A.J. Bender, 14. Blake Bower, 15. Matt Westfall, 16. Brecken Guerrero, 17. Harley Burns, 18. Dayton Shelton, 19. R.J. Johnson. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (4), 2. Kyle Cummins (6), 3. C.J. Leary (3), 4. Ricky Thornton Jr. (10), 5. Ricky Lewis (26-C), 6. Brady Bacon (2), 7. Justin Grant (1), 8. Mitchel Moles (12), 9. Jake Swanson (5), 10. Ryan Bernal (18), 11. Briggs Danner (15), 12. Stevie Sussex (20), 13. Chase Stockon (19), 14. Gunnar Setser (9), 15. Trey Osborne (16), 16. Braden Chiaramonte (21), 17. Tye Mihocko (17), 18. Max Adams (8), 19. Hayden Reinbold (14), 20. R.J. Johnson (25-C), 21. Charles Davis Jr. (11), 22. J.J. Yeley (23), 23. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (22), 24. Kobe Simpson (27-N), 25. Kevin Thomas Jr. (7), 26. Daison Pursley (13), 27. Connor Lundy (24). NT

(C) represents a USAC CRA Sprint Car provisional starter

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(N) represents a USAC National Sprint Car provisional starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Brady Bacon, Laps 3-30 Logan Seavey.

\*\*Daison Pursley flipped during the first heat. James Turnbull II flipped during the third heat. Kevin Thomas Jr. flipped on lap 16 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-3298, 2-Mitchel Moles-2924, 3-Logan Seavey-2903, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2806, 5-Justin Grant-2749, 6-Briggs Danner-2670, 7-C.J. Leary-2631, 8-Jake Swanson-2604, 9-Chase Stockon-2208, 10-Gunnar Setser-2141.

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-R.J. Johnson-1339, 2-Ricky Lewis-1264, 3-Austin Williams-1094, 4-A.J. Bender-1074, 5-Tommy Malcolm-991, 6-Charles Davis Jr.-939, 7-Blake Bower-931, 8-David Gasper-883, 9-Connor Lundy-795, 10-Brody Roa-676.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-213, 2-Gunnar Setser-157, 3-Briggs Danner-151, 4-C.J. Leary-141, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-135, 6-Logan Seavey-125, 7-Justin Grant-124, 8-Kyle Cummins-120, 9-Chase Stockon-116, 10-Hayden Reinbold-112.

WILD WEST SHOOTOUT STAMPEDE WESTERN WORLD PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-8, 2-Ryan Bernal-8, 3-Stevie Sussex-8, 4-Chase Stockon-8, 5-David Gasper-8, 6-Logan Seavey-7, 7-Ricky Thornton Jr.-6, 8-Briggs Danner-5, 9-Braden Chiaramonte-5, 10-Mitchel Moles-4.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP / AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: October 25, 2025 – Central Arizona Raceway – Casa Grande, Arizona – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track – 58th Western World Championships

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: C.J. Leary (15.297)

Honest Abe Roofing / Woodland Auto Display / WC Friend / Cody Quarles Fast Qualifier: Mitchel Moles (15.024)

Car IQ / In Honor of Wiley Miller Sr. & Wiley Miller II First Heat Winner: Ricky Thornton Jr.

K1 RaceGear / W.C. Friend Second Heat Winner: Max Adams

USAC Gear / Silberman Solar Third Heat Winner: Gunnar Setser

Cook Out / Sexton Fire Protection Fourth Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

Car IQ / In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Fifth Heat Winner: Charles Davis Jr.

Hoosier Tire / Woodland Auto Display C-Main Winner: Austin Williams

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Factory Wraps Semi Winner: Daison Pursley

Rod End Supply / In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner / Lafond Jar of Change Hard Charger: Ryan Bernal (18th to 10th)

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Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Ricky Thornton Jr.

Bud & Cathy Goodwin 13th Place Finisher: Chase Stockon

Hard Luck Award: James Turnbull II

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## Seavey Sweeps Western World, Pockets \$43,750 in Casa Grande

*By: Richie Murray – USAC Media*

Casa Grande, Arizona (October 25, 2025).....As if one Western World Championships win wasn't good enough, Logan Seavey went ahead and swept the entire weekend on Saturday night at Casa Grande's Central Arizona Raceway.

One night after the Sutter, California racer pocketed an opening night victory at the 3/8-mile dirt oval, he repeated the feat on Saturday to the tune of \$43,750 in total winnings between his \$35,000 winner's share, plus another \$8,750 in lap leader money after leading all 35 circuits in the 58th running of the event.

With his latest triumph, Seavey became a two-time Western World champion after getting his first win in the event during the 2021 season. Furthermore, he's the first driver to win the final two races of the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship season since Tyler Courtney in 2019.

"This is so cool," Seavey said following his second Western World win. "What an unbelievable job all year to give us exactly what we needed to get some speed back. Like I said at Lawrenceburg, I was hoping we were back and we sure as heck proved it tonight and throughout this whole weekend."

Seavey's ninth win of the 2025 season aboard his Abacus Racing/Mountain Mechanical – Droplight – Elbrecht Concrete/DRC/Stanton Chevy was the 33rd of his USAC National Sprint Car career, moving him past 1973 series champion Rollie Beale for sole possession of 16th place on the all-time list.

Throughout the early portion of the night, Seavey's arch nemesis was 2025 USAC National Sprint Car champion Kyle Cummins, who snookered him on the final restart of The Underwood Dash with three laps remaining to earn a \$5,000 reward and a prime starting position on the pole.

However, at the start of the feature, Seavey felt he was right where he needed to be to get a proper jump on Cummins, which he did for roughly three-quarters of the first lap. Meanwhile, over in turn three on the opening lap, Logan Calderwood (19th) flipped upside down to necessitate a red flag. Despite it all, Calderwood was actually able to restart and complete the first nine laps before pulling off with a 26th place result.

On the second attempt at the start, Seavey was apprehensive that the slight bit of green flag activity might've shuffled the deck back into Cummins' favor.

"I was really glad to see what they did to the track because I knew the outside would be a little better," Seavey offered. "Then, that second start made me nervous that the bottom was going to get cleaned up. But I was able to hold him off. I

couldn't give up the lead to Kyle. He's too good out front and I'm sure he was thinking the same thing. Right now, he's the best in the country and it was nice to keep him behind us."

Seavey got the upper hand on Cummins around the outside to lead the opening lap and every bit thereafter, although Cummins stayed close in check. Meanwhile, Chase Stockon had hustled up from his sixth starting spot to third after sliding under Ricky Thornton Jr. for the spot in turns three and four on the 13th lap.

By midway, Cummins was right on Seavey's tail as the pair worked through lapped traffic, but the coast was made clear for the leaders on the 22nd lap when 17th running Kevin Thomas Jr. came to a halt in turns three and four with a flat right rear tire, which caused additional damage to the right side of his ride and promptly ended his night.

On the ensuing restart, Cummins found his stride along the inside line and came within a car length of nipping Seavey at the stripe at the completion of lap 23. But the high side proved to be Seavey's jam and he utilized it to launch off turn two and leave Cummins in the not-so-distant past as he blazed a trail out in front of Cummins to the tune of 1.1 second.

That said, just when Seavey might've felt a slight sense of peacefulness, eighth running Jake Swanson's shredded right rear tire on the 30th lap squashed any semblance of that. As Swanson was forced to the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area, Seavey was sent into a worrisome state of mind.

"Usually, when they work the track like that, it's really fast early," Seavey explained. "That's really hard on tires because we are running so hard and we've got a full fuel load. Once I saw Jake pop a tire, I was nervous because I hadn't really saved anything early. I was worried about tires all race because you're so hard on them here. You're running around here full throttle basically. Speaking of full throttle, it's also hard on fuel."

That became the next nail-biting situation Seavey had to endure while cruising toward victory with the white flag in sight. That's when Ryan Bernal (9th) slowed with an apparent fuel issue, and under the caution period, C.J. Leary (4th) and Briggs Danner (8th) both slipped into the work area with dry fuel tanks but weren't able to make it back on track in time for the restart.

Call it a premonition, but Seavey admitted he had an inkling that the book wasn't about to be closed on this sucker just yet.

"I don't know why, but once we took that first white, I just had a feeling that it wasn't over," Seavey stated. "Then, we got that caution and we had to go again. I was liking what I was doing on the restarts. I was a little bit vulnerable, but I felt better about protecting than I did about moving up and maybe giving him an opportunity to slide us. I thought I did as good as I could on those starts, but the guy behind you has the catbird seat to try and make a move, and he tried, but my Abacus 57 was a little too fast tonight."

Cummins did take a run at Seavey in turns one and two on the first lap of the green-white-checkered finish. But it was to no avail and nearly cost him the second position as Stockon's momentum carried him right to within an arm's length of Cummins on the back straightaway.

At this particular moment, Seavey was up front singing a merry tune as he put the finishing touches on a grand victory. Yet, all the while, he maintained a pit in his stomach as he pondered if he could even make it successfully to the line.

"I was out (of fuel) those last two laps and watching that 35 grand go out the window," Seavey revealed. "Luckily, I had just enough to hold on and this Stanton engine was running just good enough to get me to the line."

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Seavey's fears did not come to fruition, and instead, he closed out the victory with a 0.412 second winning margin as past Western World victors occupied the top-four finishing positions with Kyle Cummins second, Chase Stockon third and Brady Bacon fourth while Ricky Thornton Jr. rounded out the top-five.

How did Thornton's first two nights in a USAC National Sprint Car go? Well, the late model star followed up his impressive fourth place finish on Friday with a fifth on Saturday night. With it, he earned 2025 Western World Rookie of the Year honors, plus an extra \$1,500 as the Team AZ-Petty-Rossi "Whiz Kid" award winner.

R.J. Johnson collected a \$3,131.98 bonus for his run from 23rd to ninth in the feature. That's \$2,461.98 from the Lafond Jar of Change, another \$520 as the #WesternWorld Passing Master and \$150 more courtesy of Rod End Supply.

In what was the closest Rookie battle in USAC National Sprint Car racing history, Gunnar Setser prevailed over Hayden Reinbold by a four point margin (2166 to 2162) to earn the Max Papis Innovations Rookie of the Year award.

Brentwood, California's Blake Bower earned his way into the feature in spectacular fashion. After getting passed on the final lap of the semi, he raced back into the final transfer spot off the last corner to land an A-Main spot in his first ever Western World appearance. That proved to be the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

**USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP / AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS:**  
October 25, 2025 – Central Arizona Raceway – Casa Grande, Arizona – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track – 58th Western World Championships

**CAR IQ / IN HONOR OF WILEY MILLER SR. & WILEY MILLER II FIRST QUALIFIER:** (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Brady Bacon (#4c Calderwood), 2. Briggs Danner (#39 Hogue), 3. Stevie Sussex (#17GP Dutcher), 4. Tye Mihocko (#5 Mihocko), 5. Ricky Lewis (#41 Lewis), 6. Kevin Thomas Jr. (#3R Rock Steady), 7. Blake Bower (#17x Dunkel), 8. Max Adams (#42 Cheney), 9. Daison Pursley (#86 CBI), 10. Cole Wakim (#73 Ford), 11. Matt Westfall (#11c Turner-Wheeler), 12. Marty Hawkins (#3m Hawkins), 13. Verne Sweeney (#98v Guerrero). 2:06.39 (New Track Record)

**K1 RACEGEAR / W.C. FRIEND SECOND QUALIFIER:** (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Chase Stockon (#92 Sertich), 2. Ryan Bernal (#17 Calderwood-Dunkel), 3. Braden Chiaramonte (#73B OCC), 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (#51T Tafoya), 5. Hayden Reinbold (#19 Reinbold-Underwood), 6. Connor Lundy (#97 Lundy), 7. Saban Bibent (#98 Wedgewood), 8. R.J. Johnson (#33p Petty), 9. A.J. Bender (#21x Bender), 10. Isaac Chapple (#6w Chapple-Hall), 11. Brecken Guerrero (#98B Guerrero), 12. Brent Sexton (#44 Sexton), 13. Jim Vanzant (#3v Vanzant). 2:07.87

**USAC GEAR / SILBERMAN SOLAR THIRD QUALIFIER:** (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Mitchel Moles (#19AZ Reinbold-Underwood), 2. Jake Swanson (#5T Daming Swanson), 3. Gunnar Setser (#5G KO), 4. Charles Davis Jr. (#47 Davis), 5. Logan Calderwood (#6 Calderwood), 6. Trey Osborne (#6T Ebert), 7. Kobe Simpson (#21K Simpson), 8. David Gasper (#18 Kittle-Gasper), 9. J.J. Yeley (#2 Yeley), 10. Kyle Shipley (#0G Black Gold), 11. Dayton Shelton (#4D Shelton), 12. Wayne Siddle (#007 Siddle), 13. Harley Burns (#14 Hendricks), 14. Austin Williams (#17w Dunkel). 2:11.30

**HOOSIER TIRE / WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY C-MAIN:** (1 lap, shortened from 8 laps due to accident, all transfer to the semi) 1. Brecken Guerrero, 2. Marty Hawkins, 3. Wayne Siddle, 4. Verne Sweeney, 5. Jim Vanzant, 6. Brent Sexton, 7. Dayton Shelton. NT

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THE UNDERWOOD DASH: (10 laps) 1. Kyle Cummins (#3p Petty), 2. Logan Seavey (#57 Abacus), 3. Brady Bacon, 4. Ricky Thornton Jr. (#20RT Petty), 5. C.J. Leary (#21AZ Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian), 6. Chase Stockon, 7. Briggs Danner, 8. Mitchel Moles, 9. Ryan Bernal, 10. Jake Swanson. NT

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Justin Grant (#4 TOPP)

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS / FACTORY WRAPS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Trey Osborne, 3. Daison Pursley, 4. R.J. Johnson, 5. Blake Bower, 6. Connor Lundy, 7. Saban Bibent, 8. A.J. Bender, 9. Kobe Simpson, 10. J.J. Yeley, 11. Max Adams, 12. Kyle Shipley, 13. Cole Wakim, 14. Isaac Chapple, 15. Brecken Guerrero, 16. Verne Sweeney, 17. Wayne Siddle, 18. Jim Vanzant, 19. Brent Sexton, 20. Marty Hawkins. NT

FEATURE: (35 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (2), 2. Kyle Cummins (1), 3. Chase Stockon (6), 4. Brady Bacon (3), 5. Ricky Thornton Jr. (4), 6. Mitchel Moles (8), 7. Hayden Reinbold (18), 8. Stevie Sussex (11), 9. R.J. Johnson (23), 10. Tye Mihocko (14), 11. Ricky Lewis (17), 12. Jake Swanson (10), 13. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (15), 14. Daison Pursley (22), 15. Trey Osborne (21), 16. Austin Williams (26-C), 17. C.J. Leary (5), 18. Briggs Danner (7), 19. Gunnar Setser (13), 20. Ryan Bernal (9), 21. Braden Chiaramonte (12), 22. A.J. Bender (27-N), 23. Kobe Simpson (25-N), 24. Kevin Thomas Jr. (20), 25. Charles Davis Jr. (16), 26. Logan Calderwood (19), 27. Blake Bower (24). NT

*(C) represents a USAC CRA Sprint Car provisional starter*

*(N) represents a USAC National Sprint Car provisional starter*

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-35 Logan Seavey.

\*\*J.J. Yeley flipped during the third qualifier. Dayton Shelton flipped during the C-Main. Logan Calderwood flipped on lap 1 of the feature.

FINAL USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-3365, 2-Mitchel Moles-2979, 3-Logan Seavey-2973, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2829, 5-Justin Grant-2759, 6-Briggs Danner-2697, 7-C.J. Leary-2660, 8-Jake Swanson-2643, 9-Chase Stockon-2272, 10-Gunnar Setser-2166.

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-R.J. Johnson-1385, 2-Ricky Lewis-1305, 3-Austin Williams-1125, 4-A.J. Bender-1097, 5-Tommy Malcolm-991, 6-Charles Davis Jr.-962, 7-Blake Bower-954, 8-David Gasper-893, 9-Connor Lundy-805, 10-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-701.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-213, 2-Gunnar Setser-157, 3-Briggs Danner-151, 4-C.J. Leary-141, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-135, 6-Logan Seavey-126, 7-Justin Grant-125, 8-Hayden Reinbold-123, 9-Kyle Cummins-120, 10-Chase Stockon-119.

## CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: C.J. Leary (15.370)

Car IQ / In Honor of Wiley Miller Sr. & Wiley Miller II First Qualifier Winner: Brady Bacon

K1 RaceGear / W.C. Friend Second Qualifier Winner: Chase Stockon

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USAC Gear / Silberman Solar Third Qualifier Winner: Mitchel Moles

Hoosier Tire / Woodland Auto Display C-Main Winner: Brecken Guerrero

The Underwood Dash Winner: Kyle Cummins

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Factory Wraps Semi Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

Rod End Supply / In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner / Lafond Jar of Change Hard Charger: R.J. Johnson (23rd to 9th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Blake Bower

Wild West Shootout Stampede Western World Passing Master Champion: R.J. Johnson (24)

Team AZ-Petty-Rossi Racing "Whiz Kid" Western World Rookie of the Year: Ricky Thornton Jr. (5th)

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## 2025 USAC AMSOIL NATIONAL SPRINT CAR STAT LEADERS

Driver Champion: Kyle Cummins

Entrant Champion: Petty Performance Racing #3p

Most Feature Wins: 11-Justin Grant

Rookie of the Year: Gunnar Setser

Most Laps Led: 249-Logan Seavey

Most Top-Fives: 38-Kyle Cummins

Most Top-Tens: 44-Kyle Cummins

Most Fast Qualifying Times: 15-Mitchel Moles

Most Heat Race Wins: 15-Robert Ballou

Most Feature Starts: 49-Kyle Cummins, C.J. Leary, Mitchel Moles, Logan Seavey, Jake Swanson & Kevin Thomas Jr.

Biggest Charge of the Year: (+21) Oct 24: Central Arizona Raceway – Ricky Lewis (26th to 5th)

## 2025 USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship Driver Points

Pos.	Pts.	Driver, Hometown
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1	3365	Kyle Cummins, Princeton, Indiana
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2	2979	Mitchel Moles, Raisin City, California
3	2973	Logan Seavey, Sutter, California
4	2829	Kevin Thomas Jr., Cullman, Alabama
5	2759	Justin Grant, Lone, California
6	2697	Briggs Danner, Allentown, Pennsylvania
7	2660	C.J. Leary, Greenfield, Indiana
8	2643	Jake Swanson, Anaheim, California
9	2272	Chase Stockon, Fort Branch, Indiana
10	2166	Gunnar Setser (R), Columbus, Indiana
11	2162	Hayden Reinbold (R), Gilbert, Arizona
12	1811	Kale Drake, Collinsville, Oklahoma
13	1693	Robert Ballou, Rocklin, California
14	1155	Ricky Lewis, Oxnard, California
15	1111	Carson Garrett, Littleton, Colorado
16	1016	Daison Pursley, Locust Grove, Oklahoma
17	985	Kayla Roell (R), Dillsboro, Indiana
18	966	Brady Bacon, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
19	944	Jadon Rogers, Worthington, Indiana
20	726	Kobe Simpson (R), Bonham, Texas
21	695	Joey Amantea, Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania
22	581	Harley Burns, Brazil, Indiana
23	559	Chance Crum, Snohomish, Washington
24	510	Braydon Cromwell (R), Lone Jack, Missouri
25	457	Brandon Mattox, Terre Haute, Indiana
26	453	Logan Calderwood (R), Goodyear, Arizona
27	450	Saban Bibent, Cincinnati, Ohio
28	417	Cale Coons (R), Greencastle, Indiana

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29	411	Todd Hobson (R), Clyde, Victoria
30	411	Matt Westfall, Pleasant Hill, Ohio
31	408	Charles Davis Jr., Buckeye, Arizona
32	364	Max Adams, Loomis, California
33	326	Hunter Maddox, Bedford, Indiana
34	308	Trey Osborne, Columbus, Ohio
35	265	Chelby Hinton (R), Dubberly, Louisiana
36	251	Rylan Gray, Greenfield, Indiana
37	236	Zack Pretorius, Yorktown, Indiana
38	189	Matt Goodnight, Winchester, Indiana
39	183	Tom Harris, Banbury, Oxfordshire
40	176	Eddie Tafoya Jr., Chino Hills, California
41	160	Troy Carey (R), Tullamore, New South Wales
42	156	Mark Smith, Sunbury, Pennsylvania
43	152	Abby Hohlbein (R), Cloverdale, Ohio
44	149	Aric Gentry, Robards, Kentucky
45	106	James Turnbull II (R), Indio, California
46	98	Nic Harris (R), Atlanta, Illinois
47	97	Sam Hinds (R), Westfield, Indiana
48	96	Jack Hoyer, Frankfort, Indiana
49	95	Travis Millar (R), Wandin North, Victoria
50	84	Eli Wilhelmus (R), Newburgh, Indiana
51	80	Jason Cherry (R), Blandon, Pennsylvania
52	50	Steve Justis (R), Evansville, Indiana
53	50	Austin Cory (R), Morristown, Indiana
54	45	Jake Scott (R), Morgantown, Indiana
55	40	Oliver Akard (R), Fort Myers, Florida

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56 30 Jacob Tuttle (R), Oakley, California  
57 10 Hunter Wilson (R), Mooresville, Indiana

(R) represents a USAC National Sprint Car Rookie

## 2025 USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship Entrant Points

Pos.	Pts.	Entrant, Team Location
1	3365	Petty Performance Racing, Litchfield Park, Arizona (#3p)
2	2979	Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports, Gilbert, Arizona (#19AZ)
3	2973	Abacus Racing, Indianapolis, Indiana (#57)
4	2829	Rock Steady Racing, Dupont, Indiana (#3R)
5	2759	TOPP Motorsports, Rochester, Indiana (#4)
6	2697	Hogue Racing Enterprises, Westampton, New Jersey (#39)
7	2660	Team AZ / Curb-Agajanian Racing, Phoenix, Arizona (#21AZ)
8	2643	Daming Swanson Motorsports, Danville, Indiana (#5T)
9	2272	Tom & Laurie Sertich, Princeton, Indiana (#92)
10	2231	2B Racing, Marion, Indiana (#2B)
11	2166	KO Motorsports, Owensville, Indiana (#5G)
12	2162	Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports, Gilbert, Arizona (#19)
13	1800	Ballou Motorsports, Tipton, Indiana (#12)
14	1016	CB Industries, Mooresville, North Carolina (#86)
15	985	Kayla Roell Racing, Dillsboro, Indiana (#4K)
16	921	Ricky Lewis Motorsports, Camarillo, California (#41)
17	726	Kevin Simpson, Bonham, Texas (#21K)
18	695	JPA Racing, Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania (#88J)
19	623	Epperson Racing, Indianapolis, Indiana (#2E)
20	569	Amati Racing, Marion, Illinois (#66)
21	561	Britt Aero Racing, Brazil, Indiana (#16)

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22	559	Crum Racing, Mooresville, Indiana (#83c)
23	510	Cromwell-Boyd Racing, Lone Jack, Missouri (#4x)
24	488	BGE Motorsports, Elberfeld, Indiana (#15)
25	467	Dooling Autosports/Curb-Agajanian, Freeport, Texas (#63)
26	457	Brandon Mattox Racing, Brazil, Indiana (#28)
27	450	Wedgewood Motorsports, Cincinnati, Ohio (#98)
28	408	Charles Davis Jr., Buckeye, Arizona (#47)
29	355	Michael Dutcher Motorsports, Cicero, Indiana (#17GP)
30	338	Baldwin-Fox Racing, West Lafayette, Indiana (#5)
31	326	Hunter Maddox Racing, Bloomington, Indiana (#24m)
32	308	Larry Ebert, Columbus, Ohio (#6T)
33	265	Phillips Motorsports, Indianapolis, Indiana (#71p)
34	236	Jeff Pretorius, Yorktown, Indiana (#9z)
35	189	Goodnight Racing, Muncie, Indiana (#39G)
36	183	Tom Harris Motorsport, Tipton, Indiana (#84)
37	176	Eddie Tafoya, Chino Hills, California (#51T)
38	160	Troy Carey, Motorsports, Tullamore, New South Wales (#45N)
39	156	Mark Smith, Sunbury, Pennsylvania (#M1)
40	152	2B Racing, Marion, Indiana (#2A)
41	149	Larry Gentry, Robards, Kentucky (#10)
42	126	Doran-Wedgewood Motorsports, Lebanon, Ohio (#98H)
43	106	James Turnbull II, Indio, California (#2J)
44	98	Nic Harris, Atlanta, Illinois (#N2)
45	95	Travis Millar, Wandin North, Victoria (#93AU)
46	84	Kent Wilhelmus, Newburgh, Indiana (#55)
47	80	Cherry Racing, Blandon, Pennsylvania (#67c)
48	72	Cheney Racing, Glendora, California (#42)

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49	58	Paul Hazen, Columbia City, Indiana (#57H)
50	50	Justis Family Racing, Evansville, Indiana (#12J)
51	50	Chad Cory, Morristown, Indiana (#00)
52	40	Rase Motorsports, Mission Viejo, California (#32)
53	38	Chris Hoyer, Frankfort, Indiana (#11)

## 2025 USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ROOKIE DRIVER POINT STANDINGS:

### POS. PTS. DRIVER, HOMETOWN

1	2166	Gunnar Setser, Columbus, Indiana
2	2162	Hayden Reinbold, Gilbert, Arizona
3	985	Kayla Roell, Dillsboro, Indiana
4	726	Kobe Simpson, Bonham, Texas
5	510	Braydon Cromwell, Lone Jack, Missouri
6	453	Logan Calderwood, Goodyear, Arizona
7	417	Cale Coons, Greencastle, Indiana
8	411	Todd Hobson, Clyde, Victoria
9	265	Chelby Hinton, Dubberly, Louisiana
10	160	Troy Carey, Tullamore, New South Wales
11	152	Abby Hohlbein, Cloverdale, Ohio
12	106	James Turnbull II, Indio, California
13	98	Nic Harris, Atlanta, Illinois
14	97	Sam Hinds, Westfield, Indiana
15	95	Travis Millar, Wandin North, Victoria
16	84	Eli Wilhelmus, Newburgh, Indiana
17	80	Jason Cherry, Blandon, Pennsylvania
18	50	Steve Justis, Evansville, Indiana
19	50	Austin Cory, Morristown, Indiana

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20	45	Jake Scott, Morgantown, Indiana
21	40	Oliver Akard, Fort Myers, Florida
22	30	Jacob Tuttle, Oakley, California
23	10	Hunter Wilson, Mooresville, Indiana

## 2025 USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Feb 10: Volusia Speedway Park – Barberville, Florida

**WINNER:** Kyle Cummins (Petty Performance Racing #3p)

Feb 11: Volusia Speedway Park – Barberville, Florida

**WINNER:** Logan Seavey (Abacus Racing #57)

Feb 12: Ocala Speedway – Ocala, Florida

**WINNER:** Justin Grant (TOPP Motorsports #4)

Feb 13: Ocala Speedway – Ocala, Florida

**WINNER:** Brady Bacon (Chris Dyson Racing #20)

Feb 14: Ocala Speedway – Ocala, Florida

**WINNER:** Kyle Cummins (Petty Performance Racing #3p)

Feb 15: (F) Ocala Speedway – Ocala, Florida

**WINNER:** Daison Pursley (CB Industries #86)

Apr 11: Lincoln Park Speedway – Putnamville, Indiana

**WINNER:** Kyle Cummins (Petty Performance Racing #3p)

Apr 12: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Lawrenceburg, Indiana

**WINNER:** Justin Grant (TOPP Motorsports #4)

May 2: Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio

**WINNER:** Brady Bacon (Chris Dyson Racing #20)

May 9: Bloomington Speedway – Bloomington, Indiana

**WINNER:** Kyle Cummins (Petty Performance Racing #3p)

May 10: Tri-State Speedway – Haubstadt, Indiana

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**WINNER:** Kyle Cummins (Petty Performance Racing #3p)

May 30: Knoxville Raceway – Knoxville, Iowa

**WINNER:** Brady Bacon (Chris Dyson Racing #20)

May 31: Knoxville Raceway – Knoxville, Iowa

**WINNER:** Kevin Thomas Jr. (Rock Steady Racing #3R)

Jun 13: Red Hill Raceway – Sumner, Illinois

**WINNER:** Logan Seavey (Abacus Racing #57)

Jun 18: (E) Bridgeport Motorsports Park – Swedesboro, New Jersey

**WINNER:** Justin Grant (TOPP Motorsports #4)

Jun 19: (E) Big Diamond Speedway – Pottsville, Pennsylvania

**WINNER:** Kyle Cummins (Petty Performance Racing #3p)

Jun 20: (E) Williams Grove Speedway – Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

**WINNER:** Kevin Thomas Jr. (Rock Steady Racing #3R)

Jun 21: (E) Port Royal Speedway – Port Royal, Pennsylvania

**WINNER:** Justin Grant (TOPP Motorsports #4)

Jun 22: (E) Action Track USA – Kutztown, Pennsylvania

**WINNER:** Justin Grant (TOPP Motorsports #4)

Jun 28: Fremont Speedway – Fremont, Ohio

**WINNER:** Justin Grant (TOPP Motorsports #4)

Jun 29: Millstream Speedway – Findlay, Ohio

**WINNER:** Kyle Cummins (Petty Performance Racing #3p)

Jul 4: Lincoln Park Speedway – Putnamville, Indiana

**WINNER:** Logan Seavey (Abacus Racing #57)

Jul 5: Lincoln Park Speedway – Putnamville, Indiana

**WINNER:** Carson Garrett (Epperson Racing #2E)

Jul 24: (I) (A) The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway – Speedway, Indiana

**WINNER:** Justin Grant (TOPP Motorsports #4)

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Jul 25: (I) Lincoln Park Speedway – Putnamville, Indiana

**WINNER:** Robert Ballou (Ballou Motorsports #12)

Jul 27: (I) Lawrenceburg Speedway – Lawrenceburg, Indiana

**WINNER:** Logan Seavey (Abacus Racing #57)

Jul 29: (I) Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana

**WINNER:** Briggs Danner (Hogue Racing Enterprises #39)

Jul 30: (I) Circle City Raceway – Indianapolis, Indiana

**WINNER:** C.J. Leary (Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian Racing #21AZ)

Jul 31: (I) Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana

**WINNER:** Chase Stockon (Tom & Laurie Sertich #92)

Aug 1: (I) Bloomington Speedway – Bloomington, Indiana

**WINNER:** Logan Seavey (Abacus Racing #57)

Aug 2: (I) Tri-State Speedway – Haubstadt, Indiana

**WINNER:** Kevin Thomas Jr. (Rock Steady Racing #3R)

Aug 21: Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana

**WINNER:** Briggs Danner (Hogue Racing Enterprises #39)

Aug 22: Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana

**WINNER:** Kevin Thomas Jr. (Rock Steady Racing #3R)

Aug 23: (T) (F) Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana

**WINNER:** Justin Grant (TOPP Motorsports #4)

Sep 5: Tri-City Speedway – Granite City, Illinois

**WINNER:** Briggs Danner (Hogue Racing Enterprises #39)

Sep 6: Lucas Oil Speedway – Wheatland, Missouri

**WINNER:** Justin Grant (TOPP Motorsports #4)

Sep 12: Circle City Raceway – Indianapolis, Indiana

**WINNER:** Justin Grant (TOPP Motorsports #4)

Sep 13: (T) Tri-State Speedway – Haubstadt, Indiana

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**WINNER:** Logan Seavey (Abacus Racing #57)

Sep 18: Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio

**WINNER:** Briggs Danner (Hogue Racing Enterprises #39)

Sep 20: (F) Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio

**WINNER:** Daison Pursley (CB Industries #86)

Sep 26: Paragon Speedway – Paragon, Indiana

**WINNER:** Mitchel Moles (Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports #19AZ)

Sep 27: Butler Motor Speedway – Quincy, Michigan

**WINNER:** Kyle Cummins (Petty Performance Racing #3p)

Oct 3: Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana

**WINNER:** Justin Grant (TOPP Motorsports #4)

Oct 10: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Lawrenceburg, Indiana

**WINNER:** Kyle Cummins (Petty Performance Racing #3p)

Oct 11: (T) Lawrenceburg Speedway – Lawrenceburg, Indiana

**WINNER:** Logan Seavey (Abacus Racing #57)

Oct 17: (P) Dodge City Raceway Park – Dodge City, Kansas

**WINNER:** Kyle Cummins (Petty Performance Racing #3p)

Oct 18: (P) Route 66 Motor Speedway – Amarillo, Texas

**WINNER:** Jake Swanson (Daming Swanson Motorsports #5T)

Oct 24: (C) Central Arizona Raceway – Casa Grande, Arizona

**WINNER:** Logan Seavey (Abacus Racing #57)

Oct 25: (C) (F) Central Arizona Raceway – Casa Grande, Arizona

**WINNER:** Logan Seavey (Abacus Racing #57)

## ----- KEY DEFINITIONS -----

(A) Appearance points only event

(E) Eastern Storm event

(F) Feature points only event

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- (I) Indiana Sprint Week event
- (T) NOS Energy Drink Hoosier Trifecta event
- (P) Co-Sanctioned by POWRi Elite Non-Wing Sprints
- (C) Co-Sanctioned by USAC CRA

## 2025 USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP STATISTICS

### FEATURE WINS

11-Justin Grant (Feb 12 at Ocala Speedway, Apr 12 at Lawrenceburg Speedway, Jun 18 at Bridgeport Motorsports Park, Jun 21 at Port Royal Speedway, Jun 22 at Action Track USA, Jun 28 at Fremont Speedway, Jul 24 at The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Aug 23 at Kokomo Speedway, Sep 6 at Lucas Oil Speedway, Sep 12 at Circle City Raceway & Oct 3 at the Terre Haute Action Track)

10-Kyle Cummins (Feb 10 at Volusia Speedway Park, Feb 14 at Ocala Speedway, Apr 11 at Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway, May 9 at Bloomington Speedway, May 10 at Tri-State Speedway, Jun 19 at Big Diamond Speedway, Jun 29 at Millstream Speedway, Sep 27 at Butler Motor Speedway, Oct 10 at Lawrenceburg Speedway & Oct 17 at Dodge City Raceway Park)

9-Logan Seavey (Feb 11 at Volusia Speedway Park, Jun 13 at Red Hill Raceway, Jul 4 at Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway, Jul 27 at Lawrenceburg Speedway, Aug 1 at Bloomington Speedway, Sep 13 at Tri-State Speedway, Oct 11 at Lawrenceburg Speedway, Oct 24 at Central Arizona Raceway & Oct 25 at Central Arizona Raceway)

4-Briggs Danner (Jul 29 at Kokomo Speedway, Aug 21 at Kokomo Speedway, Sep 5 at Tri-City Speedway & Sep 18 at Eldora Speedway)

4-Kevin Thomas Jr. (May 31 at Knoxville Raceway, Jun 20 at Williams Grove Speedway, Aug 2 at Tri-State Speedway & Aug 22 at Kokomo Speedway)

3-Brady Bacon (Feb 13 at Ocala Speedway, May 2 at Eldora Speedway & May 30 at Knoxville Raceway)

2-Daison Pursley (Feb 15 at Ocala Speedway & Sep 20 at Eldora Speedway)

1-C.J. Leary (Jul 30 at Circle City Raceway)

1-Carson Garrett (Jul 5 at Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway)

1-Chase Stockon (Jul 31 at the Terre Haute Action Track)

1-Jake Swanson (Oct 18 at Route 66 Motor Speedway)

1-Mitchel Moles (Sep 26 at Paragon Speedway)

1-Robert Ballou (Jul 26 at Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway)

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## FEATURE LAPS LED

249-Logan Seavey  
216-Kyle Cummins  
210-Justin Grant  
140-Kevin Thomas Jr.  
114-Briggs Danner  
94-Robert Ballou  
88-Daison Pursley  
76-C.J. Leary  
73-Mitchel Moles  
70-Chase Stockon  
57-Brady Bacon  
37-Hayden Reinbold  
28-Carson Garrett  
23-Jake Swanson  
17-Gunnar Setser  
11-Kale Drake  
7-Wesley Smith  
2-Kyle Shipley

## TOP-5 FEATURE FINISHES

38-Kyle Cummins  
27-Justin Grant  
22-Mitchel Moles & Logan Seavey  
18-Kevin Thomas Jr.  
17-Briggs Danner

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15-Jake Swanson  
14-C.J. Leary  
12-Chase Stockon  
11-Robert Ballou  
10-Daison Pursley  
9-Brady Bacon  
5-Kale Drake, Ricky Lewis & Hayden Reibold  
3-Jadon Rogers  
2-Shane Cottle, Gunnar Setser & Ricky Thornton Jr.  
1-Ryan Bernal, Wyatt Burks, Mario Clouser, Cale Coons, Chance Crum & Carson Garrett

## TOP-10 FEATURE FINISHES

44-Kyle Cummins  
41-Mitchel Moles  
39-Logan Seavey  
37-Kevin Thomas Jr.  
35-Justin Grant  
34-C.J. Leary & Jake Swanson  
29-Briggs Danner  
27-Chase Stockon  
22-Kale Drake  
21-Gunnar Setser  
19-Robert Ballou & Hayden Reibold  
13-Brady Bacon  
12-Daison Pursley  
9-Ricky Lewis  
7-Jadon Rogers

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6-Cale Coons & Carson Garrett

3-Ryan Bernal, Shane Cottle, Tye Mihocko & Kyle Shipley

2-Max Adams, Steven Drevicki, Trey Osborne, Stevie Sussex, Ricky Thornton Jr. & Matt Westfall

1-Saban Bibent, Clinton Boyles, Wyatt Burks, Logan Calderwood, Mario Clouser, Chance Crum, Charles Davis Jr., Tom Harris, R.J. Johnson, Kayla Roell, Keith Sheffer II & Carson Short

## FAST QUALIFYING TIMES (Presented by Honest Abe Roofing)

15-Mitchel Moles

8-Logan Seavey

6-Justin Grant

4-Daison Pursley

2-Briggs Danner, C.J. Leary & Jake Swanson

1-Brady Bacon, Kyle Cummins, Kale Drake, Carson Garrett, Hayden Reinbold & Kevin Thomas Jr.

## HEAT RACE / QUALIFYING RACE WINS (Presented by Car IQ, K1 RaceGear, USAC Gear & Cook Out)

15-Robert Ballou

14-C.J. Leary

13-Kyle Cummins & Gunnar Setser

11-Justin Grant

10-Chase Stockon, Jake Swanson & Kevin Thomas Jr.

8-Kale Drake & Logan Seavey

7-Briggs Danner & Mitchel Moles

6-Ricky Lewis

5-Daison Pursley & Hayden Reinbold

4-Jadon Rogers & Stevie Sussex

3-Joey Amantea, Brady Bacon & Carson Garrett

2-Max Adams, Wyatt Burks, Cale Coons, Tye Mihocko, Kobe Simpson & Matt Westfall

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1-Ryan Bernal, Saban Bibent, Clinton Boyles, Chance Crum, Charles Davis Jr., Steven Drevicki, Tom Harris, Chelby Hinton, Seth Parker, Zack Pretorius, Kayla Roell, Kyle Shipley, Carson Short, Mark Smith, Wesley Smith & Ricky Thornton Jr.

## **SEMI WINS** (Presented by Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts)

3-Chase Stockon

2-Wyatt Burks, Carson Garrett, Ricky Lewis, Mitchel Moles, Daison Pursley, Hayden Reinbold & Kayla Roell

1-Max Adams, Robert Ballou, Shane Cottle, Chance Crum, Braxton Cummings, Briggs Danner, Kale Drake, Tom Harris, Dustin Ingle, Trey Osborne, Jadon Rogers, Logan Seavey, Gunnar Setser, Kobe Simpson, Stevie Sussex, Eddie Tafoya Jr. & Kevin Thomas Jr.

## **C-MAIN WINS** (Presented by Hoosier Racing Tire)

1-Max Adams, Brayden Clark, Nate Ervin, Aric Gentry, Brecken Guerrero, Jack Hoyer, Kyle Johnson, Ricky Lewis, Zack Pretorius, James Turnbull II & Austin Williams

## **FEATURE STARTS**

49-Kyle Cummins, C.J. Leary, Mitchel Moles, Logan Seavey, Jake Swanson & Kevin Thomas Jr.

48-Briggs Danner, Hayden Reinbold & Gunnar Setser

44-Justin Grant

41-Chase Stockon

37-Kale Drake

31-Robert Ballou

26-Carson Garrett

25-Ricky Lewis & Kayla Roell

23-Jadon Rogers

20-Kobe Simpson

19-Joey Amantea

17-Daison Pursley

16-Brady Bacon

15-Harley Burns

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12-Charles Davis Jr. & Kyle Shipley

11-Saban Bibent, Logan Calderwood, Braydon Cromwell & Chance Crum

10-Shane Cottle, Brandon Mattox, Stevie Sussex & Matt Westfall

9-Wyatt Burks & Todd Hobson

8-Cale Coons & Chelby Hinton

7-Rylan Gray, Hunter Maddox & Tye Mihocko

6-Max Adams, Nate Carle, Trey Osborne & Shawn Westerfeld

5-Ryan Barr, Steven Drevicki, Tom Harris, Zack Pretorius, Brian Ruhlman, Mark Smith, Wesley Smith & Eddie Tafoya Jr.

4-Ryan Bernal, Clinton Boyles, Aric Gentry, Gabriel Gilbert, Abby Hohlbein, R.J. Johnson, Anthony Nicholson, Carson Short & Olivia Thayer

3-Nick Bilbee, Mario Clouser, Dakota Earls, J.T. Ferry, Nic Harris, Steve Irwin, Billy Ney, Austin Nigh, Kendall Ruble, Adyn Schmidt, Keith Sheffer II & Eli Wilhelmus

2-Ed Aikin, Collin Ambrose, Rob Caho Jr., Jason Cherry, Braden Chiaramonte, Braxton Cummings, Geoff Ensign, Matt Goodnight, Tony Helton, Jack Hoyer, Kole Kirkman, R.J. Miller, John Mollick, Dirk Rimrott, Glen Saville, Nate Schank, Sam Scott, Caleb Stelzig, Cooper Sullivan, Ricky Thornton Jr. & Paul White

1-Brody Adamsky, Bryce Andrews, Jeremy Atchison, A.J. Bender, Blake Bower, Beau Brandon, Bruce Buckwalter Jr., Isaac Chapple, Patrick Chilmonik, Aaron Davis, Chris Douglas, Bryce Dues, Brayden Fox, Max Frank, Don Grable, Mike Haggenbottom, Luke Hall, Korbyn Hayslett, Anton Hernandez, Sam Hinds, Dustin Ingle, Jack James, A.J. Johnson, Justin Johnson, Kyle Johnson, Connor Lundy, Justin Meneely, Travis Millar, Mike Miller, Colin Parker, Seth Parker, R.J. Payne, Dale Schweikart, Jake Scott, Brady Short, Brian Smith, Cameron Smith, Adam Taylor, Matt Thompson, Travis Thompson, James Turnbull II, Josh Turner, Jack Wagner, Samuel Wagner, Dustin Webber, Austin Williams, Kyle Willis, J.J. Yeley & Justin Zimmerman

## HONEST ABE ROOFING FAST QUALIFIERS

Feb 10: Volusia Speedway Park – Daison Pursley (16.156)

Feb 11: Volusia Speedway Park – Daison Pursley (16.275)

Feb 12: Ocala Speedway – Justin Grant (14.347)

Feb 13: Ocala Speedway – Justin Grant (13.911)

Feb 14: Ocala Speedway – Daison Pursley (14.041)

Apr 11: Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway – Mitchel Moles (12.685)

Apr 12: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Mitchel Moles (14.267)

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May 2: Eldora Speedway – Logan Seavey (15.755)

May 9: Bloomington Speedway – Mitchel Moles (11.513)

May 10: Tri-State Speedway – Mitchel Moles (13.003)

May 30: Knoxville Raceway – C.J. Leary (18.442)

May 31: Knoxville Raceway – Mitchel Moles (18.868)

Jun 13: Red Hill Raceway – Hayden Reinbold (15.009)

Jun 18: Bridgeport Motorsports Park – Justin Grant (15.027)

Jun 19: Big Diamond Speedway – Justin Grant (14.527)

Jun 20: Williams Grove Speedway – Mitchel Moles (19.246)

Jun 21: Port Royal Speedway – Logan Seavey (18.662)

Jun 22: Action Track USA – Logan Seavey (10.558)

Jun 28: Fremont Speedway – Logan Seavey (14.505)

Jun 29: Millstream Speedway – Mitchel Moles (16.331)

Jul 4: Honest Abe Roof Lincoln Park Speedway – Daison Pursley (12.471)

Jul 5: Honest Abe Roof Lincoln Park Speedway – Kale Drake (12.747)

Jul 24: The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway – Justin Grant (12.039)

Jul 25: Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway – Brady Bacon (12.471)

Jul 27: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Logan Seavey (14.016)

Jul 29: Kokomo Speedway – Briggs Danner (12.430)

Jul 30: Circle City Raceway – Logan Seavey (12.027)

Jul 31: Terre Haute Action Track – Mitchel Moles (19.895)

Aug 1 : Bloomington Speedway – Logan Seavey (11.834)

Aug 2: Tri-State Speedway – Mitchel Moles (13.340)

Aug 21: Kokomo Speedway – Kyle Cummins (12.599)

Aug 22: Kokomo Speedway – Mitchel Moles (12.368)

Sep 5: Tri-City Speedway – Justin Grant (14.002)

Sep 6: Lucas Oil Speedway – Logan Seavey (14.928)

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Sep 12: Circle City Raceway – Mitchel Moles (11.833)

Sep 13: Tri-State Speedway – Mitchel Moles (13.717)

Sep 18: Eldora Speedway – C.J. Leary (15.700)

Sep 26: Paragon Speedway – Carson Garrett (14.309)

Sep 27: Butler Motor Speedway – Mitchel Moles (14.139)

Oct 3: Terre Haute Action Track – Kyle Cummins (19.662)

Oct 10: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Mitchel Moles (13.836)

Oct 11: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Kevin Thomas Jr. (13.663)

Oct 17: Dodge City Raceway Park – Jake Swanson (14.963)

Oct 18: Route 66 Motor Speedway – Jake Swanson (13.648)

Oct 24: Central Arizona Raceway – Mitchel Moles (15.024)

## ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER OF THE RACE

Feb 10: Volusia Speedway Park – C.J. Leary (18th to 9th)

Feb 11: Volusia Speedway Park – Kale Drake (19th to 5th)

Feb 12: Ocala Speedway – Jadon Rogers (24th to 13th)

Feb 13: Ocala Speedway – Briggs Danner (24th to 11th)

Feb. 14: Ocala Speedway – Robert Ballou (15th to 9th)

Feb. 15: Ocala Speedway – Chase Stockon (23rd to 13th)

Apr 11: Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway – Kale Drake (23rd to 5th)

Apr 12: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Nick Bilbee (20th to 11th)

May 2: Eldora Speedway – Kale Drake (15th to 6th)

May 8: Bloomington Speedway – Jack Hoyer (22nd to 13th)

May 9: Tri-State Speedway – Kale Drake (23rd to 10th)

May 30: Knoxville Raceway – Kale Drake (15th to 6th)

May 31: Knoxville Raceway – Kyle Cummins (18th to 3rd)

Jun 13: Red Hill Raceway – Chase Stockon (11th to 3rd)

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Jun 18: Bridgeport Motorsports Park – Robert Ballou (13th to 7th)

Jun 19: Big Diamond Speedway – Daison Pursley (8th to 3rd)

Jun 20: Williams Grove Speedway – Steven Drevicki (14th to 6th)

Jun 21: Port Royal Speedway – Robert Ballou (12th to 5th)

Jun 22: Action Track USA – Kevin Thomas Jr. (8th to 3rd)

Jun 28: Fremont Speedway – Briggs Danner (24th to 7th)

Jun 29: Millstream Speedway – Kevin Thomas Jr. (14th to 7th)

Jul 4: Honest Abe Roof Lincoln Park Speedway – Justin Grant (18th to 7th)

Jul 5: Honest Abe Roof Lincoln Park Speedway – Shane Cottle (24th to 10th)

Jul 24: The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway – Trey Osborne (18th to 8th)

Jul 25: Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway – Jake Swanson (15th to 7th)

Jul 27: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Kevin Thomas Jr. (12th to 3rd)

Jul 29: Kokomo Speedway – Briggs Danner (6th to 1st)

Jul 30: Circle City Raceway – Shane Cottle (22nd to 4th)

Jul 31: Terre Haute Action Track – Kayla Roell (22nd to 14th)

Aug 1 : Bloomington Speedway – Briggs Danner (23rd to 12th)

Aug 2: Tri-State Speedway – Logan Seavey (13th to 2nd)

Aug 21: Kokomo Speedway – Ricky Lewis (24th to 13th)

Aug 22: Kokomo Speedway – Shane Cottle (23rd to 15th)

Aug 23: Kokomo Speedway – Clinton Boyles (19th to 8th)

Sep 5: Tri-City Speedway – Cale Coons (14th to 6th)

Sep 6: Lucas Oil Speedway – Jack Wagner (20th to 11th)

Sep 12: Circle City Raceway – Chase Stockon (12th to 4th)

Sep 13: Tri-State Speedway – Adyn Schmidt (21st to 15th)

Sep 18: Eldora Speedway – Mitchel Moles (16th to 7th)

Sep 20: Eldora Speedway – Brady Bacon (12th to 4th)

Sep 26: Paragon Speedway – C.J. Leary (17th to 7th)

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Sep 27: Butler Motor Speedway – C.J. Leary (11th to 7th)  
Oct 3: Terre Haute Action Track – Ricky Lewis (10th to 3rd)  
Oct 10: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Kayla Roell (18th to 12th)  
Oct 11: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Jake Swanson (12th to 5th)  
Oct 17: Dodge City Raceway Park – Caleb Stelzig (22nd to 17th)  
Oct 18: Route 66 Motor Speedway – Gunnar Setser (13th to 6th)  
Oct 24: Central Arizona Raceway – Ryan Bernal (18th to 10th)  
Oct 25: Central Arizona Raceway – R.J. Johnson (23rd to 9th)

## DIRT DRAFT FASTEST HOT LAPS DRIVER

Feb 10: Volusia Speedway Park – Justin Grant (16.556)  
Feb 11: Volusia Speedway Park – Daison Pursley (16.807)  
Feb 12: Ocala Speedway – Briggs Danner (15.004)  
Feb 13: Ocala Speedway – Kyle Cummins (14.715)  
Feb. 14: Ocala Speedway – C.J. Leary (14.202)  
Feb. 15: Ocala Speedway – Justin Grant (14.346)  
Apr 11: Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway – Justin Grant (12.939)  
Apr 12: Lawrenceburg Speedway – C.J. Leary (14.572)  
May 2: Eldora Speedway – Kyle Cummins (15.811)  
May 8: Bloomington Speedway – Jake Swanson (12.061)  
May 9: Tri-State Speedway – Jadon Rogers  
May 30: Knoxville Raceway – Justin Grant (18.754)  
May 31: Knoxville Raceway – Jake Swanson (18.927)  
Jun 13: Red Hill Raceway – Kyle Cummins (14.970)  
Jun 18: Bridgeport Motorsports Park – Justin Grant (15.027)  
Jun 19: Big Diamond Speedway – Kevin Thomas Jr. (14.490)  
Jun 20: Williams Grove Speedway – Mitchel Moles (19.439)

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Jun 21: Port Royal Speedway – Justin Grant (18.835)

Jun 22: Action Track USA – Kyle Cummins (10.610)

Jun 28: Fremont Speedway – Robert Ballou (15.065)

Jun 29: Millstream Speedway – Justin Grant (16.284)

Jul 4: Honest Abe Roof Lincoln Park Speedway – Justin Grant (12.641)

Jul 5: Honest Abe Roof Lincoln Park Speedway – Briggs Danner (12.924)

Jul 24: The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway – Justin Grant (12.039)

Jul 25: Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway – Jake Swanson (12.965)

Jul 27: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Logan Seavey (14.200)

Jul 29: Kokomo Speedway – Briggs Danner (12.719)

Jul 30: Circle City Raceway – Chase Stockon (12.030)

Jul 31: Terre Haute Action Track – Briggs Danner (19.991)

Aug 1 : Bloomington Speedway – C.J. Leary (11.795)

Aug 2: Tri-State Speedway – Kyle Cummins (13.450)

Aug 21: Kokomo Speedway – Justin Grant (12.755)

Aug 22: Kokomo Speedway – Kyle Cummins (12.887)

Aug 23: Kokomo Speedway – Briggs Danner (12.725)

Sep 5: Tri-City Speedway – Justin Grant (14.205)

Sep 6: Lucas Oil Speedway – Logan Seavey (15.505)

Sep 12: Circle City Raceway – Mitchel Moles (11.890)

Sep 13: Tri-State Speedway – Mitchel Moles (13.564)

Sep 18: Eldora Speedway – C.J. Leary (15.712)

Sep 20: Eldora Speedway – Brady Bacon (16.772)

Sep 26: Paragon Speedway – Kevin Thomas Jr. (14.333)

Sep 27: Butler Motor Speedway – Justin Grant (14.309)

Oct 3: Terre Haute Action Track – Chase Stockon (19.935)

Oct 10: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Justin Grant (13.819)

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Oct 11: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Todd Hobson (13.850)

Oct 17: Dodge City Raceway Park – Chase Stockon (15.237)

Oct 18: Route 66 Motor Speedway – Logan Seavey (13.972)

Oct 24: Central Arizona Raceway – C.J. Leary (15.297)

Oct 25: Central Arizona Raceway – C.J. Leary (15.370)

## INFERNO ARMOR FIRE MOVE OF THE NIGHT

Feb 10: Volusia Speedway Park – Nic Harris

Feb 11: Volusia Speedway Park – Harley Burns

Feb 12: Ocala Speedway – Tom Harris

Feb 13: Ocala Speedway – Gunnar Setser

Feb. 14: Ocala Speedway – Kyle Cummins

Feb. 15: Ocala Speedway – Chase Stockon

Apr 11: Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway – Kyle Shipley

Apr 12: Lawrenceburg Speedway – C.J. Leary

May 2: Eldora Speedway – Korbyn Hayslett

May 8: Bloomington Speedway – Robert Ballou

May 9: Tri-State Speedway – Eli Wilhelmus

May 30: Knoxville Raceway – Briggs Danner

May 31: Knoxville Raceway – Gunnar Setser

Jun 13: Red Hill Raceway – Jake Swanson

Jun 18: Bridgeport Motorsports Park – Steven Drevicki

Jun 19: Big Diamond Speedway – Daison Pursley

Jun 20: Williams Grove Speedway – Briggs Danner

Jun 21: Port Royal Speedway – Robert Ballou

Jun 22: Action Track USA – Jake Swanson

Jun 28: Fremont Speedway – Brian Smith

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Jun 29: Millstream Speedway – Ricky Lewis

Jul 4: Honest Abe Roof Lincoln Park Speedway – Hayden Reinbold

Jul 5: Honest Abe Roof Lincoln Park Speedway – Cale Coons

Jul 24: The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway – Gunnar Setser

Jul 25: Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway – Kyle Shipley

Jul 27: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Kayla Roell

Jul 29: Kokomo Speedway – Briggs Danner

Jul 30: Circle City Raceway – James Turnbull II

Jul 31: Terre Haute Action Track – Chase Stockon

Aug 1 : Bloomington Speedway – Chance Crum

Aug 2: Tri-State Speedway – Kayla Roell

8/21: Kokomo Speedway – Todd Hobson

8/22: Kokomo Speedway – Briggs Danner

8/23: Kokomo Speedway – Chase Stockon

9/5: Tri-City Speedway – Mario Clouser

9/6: Lucas Oil Speedway – Wyatt Burks

9/12: Circle City Raceway – Matt Goodnight

9/13: Tri-State Speedway – Hayden Reinbold

9/18: Eldora Speedway – Brady Bacon

9/20: Eldora Speedway – Keith Sheffer II

9/26: Paragon Speedway – Braxton Cummings

9/27: Butler Motor Speedway – Hayden Reinbold

10/3: Terre Haute Action Track – Chase Stockon

10/10: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Saban Bibent

10/11: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Kyle Shipley

10/17: Dodge City Raceway Park – Trey Osborne

10/18: Route 66 Motor Speedway – Saban Bibent

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10/24: Central Arizona Raceway – Ricky Thornton Jr.

10/25: Central Arizona Raceway – Blake Bower