2024 USAC National Sprint Car Season Review

Seavey Secures USAC Career Triple Crown with 2024 USAC Sprint Title

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

In a span of two seasons, Logan Seavey and Abacus Racing went from being among the newest driver/team combinations in the sport to becoming USAC Career Triple Crown champions.

After Seavey and Abacus teamed up to capture the 2023 USAC Silver Crown and USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship titles, they added a sprint car to the arsenal and showed no signs of letting up in a historic USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship season from start-to-finish in 2024.

Seavey (Sutter, Calif.) is now one of only eight drivers who can lay claim to being a member of the USAC career Triple Crown club alongside Pancho Carter, Tony Stewart, Dave Darland, J.J. Yeley, Jerry Coons Jr., Tracy Hines and Chris Windom.

Meanwhile, Noblesville, Indiana based Abacus Racing became just the second entrant to post championships in USAC's Silver Crown, National Sprint Car and National Midget divisions, a feat previously only accomplished by the duo of Mike Curb & Cary Agajanian.

On his path to a 107-point edge in the final championship tally along with a $50,000 title prize, Seavey led the points for 42 of the 44 events – a span of eight months and 13 days between February 13 and October 26, both of which are all-time series records for the duration of holding the point lead.

Along the way, Seavey totaled 14 series victories in 2024, equaling the all-time USAC National Sprint Car season record set by Tom Bigelow in 1977. Furthermore, in July, Seavey became the first driver in 39 years to record four consecutive USAC National Sprint Car feature victories, a feat that hadn't been achieved since Rick Hood's similarly impressive 1985 campaign.

The 2024 USAC National Sprint Car season was the second busiest on record with 44 events, second only to the 51 held in 1977. During the run, Seavey led the series in feature wins (14), laps led (364), top-fives (31) and top-tens (38).

What makes this season all the more impressive is the fact that this was Seavey and Abacus Racing's first foray into sprint cars together. Just as their first season in USAC Silver Crown and Midgets wound up, the Sprint Car too resulted in a resoundingly dominant performance and a title by year's end.

"It's unbelievable," Seavey stated. "That's the goal we set when starting this sprint car team, but we surely didn't expect it to come in the first year. There's hundreds of people who play a part in making these things go around to run the whole season, and to come out on top is unbelievable."

Guided by Team Principal Brent Cox, Team Manager Kirk Simpson, Crew Chief Ronnie Gardner, plus Daniel Whitley, Trevor Reed, Liam Haigh, Johnny Cofer, Chris Mansell, Chad Vermeil, Missy Vermeil and partners, John Lunsford and Ken Gauze, the team found comfort right away and the chemistry was perfectly composed.

In February at Florida's Volusia Speedway Park, despite engine troubles and a timely weather delay, Seavey and Abacus persevered to sweep the night and become the first to win multiple USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship features in a single night for the first time since Bud Kaeding at Terre Haute more than 22 years earlier in 2001. To add to that, Abacus became the first entrant to win their first two USAC National Sprint Car main events on the same day since Max Dowker at Winchester (Ind.) Speedway in 1975.



“Heading to Florida, we were optimistic, but wanted to be realistic,” Cox explained. “After two podium finishes to start the season (at Ocala), we ran into engine troubles on night three. Luckily, rain saved us and we could make the engine change and be ready for both races at Volusia to be run on the same night. Without a third engine in the trailer, we won them both after an energetic conversation between Logan and I earlier that day when he said, ‘we are in a hole.’ Well, I said, ‘we are not in the hole; we are standing next to it.’ I will remember that conversation for the rest of my life. It was hard because, as a team, we were not prepared as maybe we should have been. We are not the biggest team, and likely never will be. We work hard to take the resources we have to make it work. I always say, ‘I don’t want to be the biggest; I want to be the best.’”

With the point lead now securely in their hands, Seavey and Abacus continued their winning ways at Indiana’s Bloomington Speedway, Terre Haute Action Track and Circle City Raceway during the month of May, the latter of which was the earliest in a season (May 23) that any driver had picked up his fifth win of the year since Larry Dickson on May 10, 1970.

Seavey carried his winning ways in Pennsylvania during June’s Eastern Storm by winning at Big Diamond Speedway one year removed from missing out on a transfer spot there. To close out the week, Seavey scored a photo finish triumph over Briggs Danner at the smallest track on the schedule – the 1/5-mile Action Track USA.

Seavey began his streak of four-straight USAC Sprint wins at Illinois’ Macon Speedway on the final weekend of June before landing three-straight at Indiana’s Lincoln Park Speedway to kick off July, the last of which served as the opening night of NOS Energy Drink USAC Indiana Sprint Week Presented By Honest Abe Roofing. Seavey very nearly became the first driver since Parnelli Jones in 1961 to run his win streak to five with the series but came up a car length short to Kyle Cummins at Kokomo (Ind.) Speedway.

Seavey added wins at Lawrenceburg Speedway and Circle City Raceway en route to his first Indiana Sprint Week title. At Lawrenceburg, he started 11th on his way to winning a race featuring seven lead changes among four drivers, tied for the most lead swaps ever in a USAC Indiana Sprint Week feature.

With 13 wins in the books, Seavey and Abacus had to wait another 11 races across two-and-a-half months before hitting paydirt again in October at Lawrenceburg’s $20,000-to-win Fall Nationals, tying Bigelow’s single season mark. Although coming up just shy of the win record, the team was able to clinch the championship one night early in the penultimate round at Oklahoma’s Red Dirt Raceway.

It was a surreal moment for the young and hungry team who has already reached heights in their two-year span that so few others have even come close to accomplishing.

“They put a lot of faith and belief in me that we could come out here and do this,” Seavey praised. “All the parts and pieces, and all the hard work that goes into coordinating a race team, it’s pretty unbelievable to only go full-time in this sport for two seasons and have three championships on their end. All the press in on me for the Triple Crown, and I’m obviously super excited about that, but the team definitely deserves the praise too.”

It certainly aids the situation when a driver can cross over to three different series with essentially the same supporting cast surrounding him, especially when that group has clicked as successfully as this one.

“Just having Ronnie and Kirk to work on this thing gives me so much confidence,” Seavey reiterated. “I’ve raced with Ronnie in the past on a few other cars, and getting to work with Kirk this year, he’s been a huge part of this effort to keep us on our toes and making us think a little bit differently on things and was a key to help us in places where Ronnie and I may

have struggled in the past. I already had confidence to go into the tracks where we've already been good at in the past. I feel like it really filled the void of the places I hadn't been good at. Just having two guys over there that are really smart and really good at what they do was the key to what we had going on this year."

Elsewhere, for the first time since 2012, each driver finishing inside the top-10 of the series standings also won at least one feature event: Logan Seavey, Brady Bacon, Daison Pursley, Kevin Thomas Jr., C.J. Leary, Mitchel Moles, Robert Ballou, Kyle Cummins, Justin Grant and Matt Westfall.

For the third consecutive year, Brady Bacon (Broken Arrow, Okla.) finished as the runner-up in the standings, adding five wins to his credit. In May at Circle City, he made it 14 consecutive seasons with a USAC National Sprint Car feature win, breaking the mark of 13-straight years set by Sheldon Kinser between 1974-1986. In June at New Jersey's Bridgeport Motorsports Park, he became the winningest Eastern Storm driver of all-time with victory number seven. He followed up with his first win at Port Royal (Pa.) Speedway in a decade as well as his first Indiana Sprint Week win in three years at Terre Haute in July.

In September at Arkansas' Texarkana 67 Speedway, Bacon earned his 50th series win as a driver for the Dynamics, Inc./Hoffman Auto Racing in the same state where he earned win number one for the team. Bacon capped the year by capturing a $10,000 bonus as the first two-time champion in the three-year history of the 10-race Bubby Jones Master of Going Faster series presented by Spire Sports + Entertainment. He also netted his crew chief, Matt Hummel, $2,500 as the champion.

Third-place points finisher Daison Pursley (Locust Grove, Okla.) made, perhaps, the most impressive drive of any non-winner with the series in 2024, advancing a series record 21 positions in a 23rd to 2nd charge at Bloomington (Ind.) Speedway in May. He also notched his first two career points-paying USAC National Sprint Car wins at Iowa's Knoxville Raceway in June and at Ohio's Eldora Speedway during the 4-Crown Nationals.

En route to fourth in the standings, Kevin Thomas Jr. (Cullman, Ala.) won five times with the series, including the inaugural Justin Owen Memorial at Lawrenceburg in April for his first series win in 19 months. He became the fourth different driver for Rock Steady Racing to score the Spring Showdown at Indiana's Tri-State Speedway in May. He was triumphant on his 33rd birthday in June at Pennsylvania's Williams Grove Speedway after Briggs Danner ran out of fuel on the last corner of the last lap. KTJ added a Smackdown prelim night score at Kokomo in August before bagging a $20,000 payday in September after becoming the first five-time winner of the Haubstadt Hustler at Tri-State.

Five years to the day after his most recent Ocala victory, C.J. Leary (Greenfield, Ind.) won again at the D-shaped Florida oval in February. For good measure, the fifth-place points finishing driver also was standing tall as the winner of the non-points inaugural Stoops Sprint Car Invitational at The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, a 10-car, 20-lap invitational. Leary once again led all series drivers with 10 fast qualifying times, the third time he has achieved the feature, and the only driver to do so more than once.

Mitchel Moles' season was highlighted by an Eastern Storm title in which he recorded five top-five results in a six-night span. Furthermore, one year after becoming the first ever USAC National Sprint Car winner at Illinois' Macon Speedway, the Raisin City, California native became the first ever repeat series winner at the 1/5-mile dirt oval for his only series win of the year on the road to a sixth place finish in points.

Robert Ballou (Rocklin, Calif.) was on the winning side of the most electrifying finish of the year when he erased a half-straightaway deficit to Kyle Cummins on the last lap to win the opening night of #LetsRaceTwo in May at Eldora. His first series win in 18 months proved to be the closest finish of the USAC season – .016 seconds. In June, Ballou also became the third driver to surpass 500 career USAC National Sprint Car feature starts, joining Dave Darland and Brady Bacon.

Joining the brand new Petty Performance Racing team for 2024, Kyle Cummins (Princeton, Ind.) progressively jelled to become a consistent frontrunner. After calling his shot in July by declaring over the PA system, "we're going to win at Kokomo," he did just that 24 hours later for the team's first win. Cummins and company added one more win on Friday the 13th in September at Circle City.

Justin Grant (Ione, Calif.) experienced perhaps the strangest stat line in the history of USAC National Sprint Car racing by finishing ninth in points despite winning nine times! Inconsistency plagued his bid for a third-straight series title, but when he was on, he was on. He won the opening two rounds of the season in Ocala and rounded out the year with a win in the season finale at Red Dirt to become just the fourth driver in USAC Sprint Car history to win both the opener and the closer in a season, joining the likes of Pat O'Connor (1956), Steve Butler (1986) and Brady Bacon (2020).

In May, Grant bewildered the crowd by winning at Eldora, then promptly stuffing his car into the turn three wall and flipping over on his cooldown lap. He then won his 50th career USAC National Sprint Car race in May at Knoxville as well as the Indiana Sprint Week round at Tri-State. He picked up the prelim opener of Smackdown at Kokomo, then became the first 4-time Smackdown championship night winner two nights later with a lucrative $35,000 top prize.

Matt Westfall (Pleasant Hill, Ohio) snuck into 10th in points on the final weekend of the year after making the biggest charge to win during the 2024 series season. Starting 13th on the grid at Red Dirt, Westfall patrolled the bottom to the lead and to a highly popular win. Amid the process, it was the furthest back any driver had started and won a race with the series since Kevin Thomas Jr.'s 14th to 1st charge at Indiana's Lincoln Park Speedway in 2021.

Briggs Danner (Allentown, Pa.) posted his first three victories of the USAC National Sprint Car season in 2024. In June at Grandview, he became the first Pennsylvanian to win a USAC National Sprint Car feature since Frankie Kerr 25 years earlier in 1999 and the first Pennsylvanian to win a series race in his home state since Paul Pitzer at Reading in 1979. Danner went on to cement his status as a winner outside the confines of the Keystone State as well by capturing the Indiana Sprint Week finale in August at Bloomington and the inaugural Greg Staab Memorial at Lawrenceburg in October.

Hunter Maddox (Bedford, Indiana) raced his way to Rookie of the Year honors with the USAC National Sprint Cars in 2024. Maddox, who cut his racing teeth on dirt bikes, made 25 feature starts and finished 18th in the standings.

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MIRACLE GRANTED: GRANT SCORES USAC SPRINT OPENER IN OCALA

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Ocala, Florida (February 9, 2024)……Justin Grant's winning performance wasn't exactly how he drew it up, so to speak, during Friday night's USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship season opener at Florida's Ocala Speedway.

In fact, once Grant took the lead from Brady Bacon five laps from the finish line, he would rather have just driven away scot-free to victory while not having to dwell on any mixed feelings about a subsequent victory celebration.

Nonetheless, on occasion in the sport of auto racing, the best laid plans can go awry. Soon after taking, losing, then retaking the lead from Bacon on lap 26, Grant's car kicked sideways in turn four, directly into the path of Bacon. Bacon attempted to avoid the idle Grant but clipped his right front tire into Grant's left rear. As a result, Grant's car got reignited, then straightened out and continued on while Bacon took the brunt of the misfortune, spinning to a stop.

Henceforth, Grant (Ione, Calif.) traveled the final five laps on the 3/8-mile dirt track toward victory in his TOPP Motorsports/NOS Energy Drink – Bow Foundation – TOPP Industries/Maxim/Kistler Chevy.

The parallels of this year's season opener and the 2023 lid lifter at Ocala are uncanny. A year ago, Bacon performed a half-spin in turn four, then carried onto victory where he surpassed Jack Hewitt on the series' all-time win list. For Bacon, that particular performance moved him into a tie for the all-time lead in career Winter Dirt Games victories with five alongside Damion Gardner. Similarly, this time around, Grant's victory was his fifth in the yearly annual event, elevating him to the top line with Bacon and Gardner.

Grant's score was monumental in the USAC record books as well with this being the 46th feature win of his USAC National Sprint Car career, tying himself with Hewitt for a share of fifth place on the all-time list.

"That's really, really cool," Grant exclaimed upon learning of the feat. "I got to do a stint in Ohio driving for Mark Hery. I learned a lot and learned a lot of racecraft there, and I was able to develop a lot of what I do now racing around Ohio racetracks with Mark. Jack was always around in those days. It's cool to tie him and it's really cool that we have those lists so that we can look back at the heroes and legends of our sport. Being able to climb up the list among these giants is an absolute dream come true. I never thought I'd win a single USAC Sprint Car race, so to be climbing up through there with those guys and to be tied with Jack Hewitt on the all-time wins list, it means a lot and it's very special to me."

The win proved to be Grant's ninth in his last 18 USAC National Sprint Car starts dating back to July of 2023. Furthermore, it was Grant's first season opening triumph with the series since 2017, also at Ocala.

With Grant starting fourth in the 24-car feature lineup, the initial attempt at a start didn't fare well for 11th starting Sterling Cling. After contact with Alex Bright (14th) on the opening lap, Cling flipped several times in turn four. Zach Daum was also collected in the melee, sliding to a stop. Cling walked away under his own power, but his night evening was put on the shelf.

At that point, outside front row starter Bacon took command of the field as he stepped out front ahead of pole sitter Jake Swanson. Bacon continued to hold a firm grip on the lead throughout the first 10 laps of the race as Grant slid under Swanson in turn one to assume third on lap 11 but still remained about eight car lengths back of Bacon who soon found himself mired in lapped traffic.

Grant continued to edge closer as Bacon continued to nudge his way into the thick of traffic with Tom Harris and Timmy Buckwalter just ahead of the pair. On lap 25, Grant saw daylight on the bottom of turn one and slid up in front of Bacon and Buckwalter to take over the top spot. It proved to be short lived, however, as Grant tried to find a route around Harris to no avail. That opened the door for Bacon to skate back under Grant to retake the lead at the stripe by a wheel.



“As we were coming to Brady, I felt like we had a better racecar,” Grant explained. “I could really eat him up in three and four, but it was going to be really tough to get by him. Fortunately, with the way the lapped traffic worked out, I was able to sneak by him. Then I hit the bottom off three and four and he was able to get me back. I was able to make up a bunch of time around the top, then I got back around him, and I hadn’t entered up high since earlier in the race!”

Grant immediately fought back on the outside in turn one, working a path around Bacon and then Harris before, seemingly, setting off to a clear horizon as he entered turns three and four on lap 26. But not so fast, my friend.

“I got down in there and I got to chopping on the right rear tire with it being real low on air,” Grant recalled. “I just chopped my way and kind of half-spun, then came down the track in front of him. We banged wheels and he spun out. That wasn’t how I wanted that to go. I planned on circling the top and driving away and not having to feel bad about anything. I feel bad we ended Brady’s race there. We were having a heck of a battle, and I was looking forward to battling with him to the end. Brady’s a great racecar driver and it’s a lot of fun racing with him.”

From Bacon’s perspective, it was pure misfortune that befell him and cost him a shot an all-time record fourth career USAC National Sprint Car opening night victory.

“We led the whole race,” Bacon lamented. “Lapped traffic’s really tough here when it’s on the bottom like that. it probably backed my pace off a little bit and enabled him to catch me. Right when I was moving around to get by Harris, he got in there with us. We were mixing it up trying to get past that lapped car and I probably had the better position there in three and four. He kind of got caught in the marbles and spun out. We hit him and he kept going and stalled us.”

It was no contest for Grant after the final restart as he hustled away to a 2.219 second margin of victory over runner-up

C.J. Leary (Greenfield, Ind.) while Logan Seavey (Sutter, Calif.) rounded out the podium in third. Robert Ballou (Rocklin, Calif.) earned Irvin King Hard Charger honors with his 10th to fourth high side run as Briggs Danner (Allentown, Pa.) came home a strong fifth.

Leary turned in his best Ocala run since winning the final night in 2019. On this night, he raced his way to a runner-up result aboard his BGE Dougherty Motorsports/Altoz – Valvoline – Hornbeck Concrete/DRC/1-Way Chevy. Dating back to last year, it’s his third consecutive podium finish after a pair of thirds in 2023.

Likewise for Seavey who recorded his best Ocala outing since a third in 2020. But on this occasion, he achieved it with a team making its first ever USAC Sprint Car appearance. Seavey drove to third once again in his Abacus Racing/CG CPAs – Indy Custom Stone – Forecheck Marketing/DRC/Stanton Chevy.

Brandon Mattox (Terre Haute, Ind.) earned ProSource's Hard Work Award for the night. After qualifying 27th out of 30 drivers in the field, Mattox worked his way into the feature lineup.

In Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying, Kevin Thomas Jr. (Cullman, Ala.) rose to seventh place all-time on the USAC National Sprint Car Fast Qualifier list. With his 37th career fast time, KTJ moved past Bryan Clauson and into a tie with Larry Dickson on the list.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: February 9, 2024 – Ocala Speedway – Ocala, Florida – Winter Dirt Games XV – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-13.858; 2. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-13.892; 3. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-13.985; 4. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-14.055; 5. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-14.107; 6. Jake Swanson, 2B, 2B Racing-14.207; 7. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-14.214; 8. Sterling Cling, 34, SCR-14.223; 9. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-14.263; 10. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-14.284; 11. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-14.289; 12. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-14.310; 13. Alex Bright, 27, Heffner-14.395; 14. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-14.418; 15. Zach Daum, 5d, Daum-14.458; 16. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-14.469; 17. Timmy Buckwalter, 20, Hummer-14.492; 18. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-14.533; 19. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-14.538; 20. Jadon Rogers, 17GP, Dutcher-14.553; 21. Tom Harris, 84, Harris-14.554; 22. Trey Osborne, 5, Baldwin/Fox-14.683; 23. Mark Smith, 43m, Witherspoon-14.771; 24. Tye Mihocko, 5T, Wilson-14.825; 25. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-14.937; 26. Shane Butler, 18, Butler-14.975; 27. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-14.990; 28. John Mollick, 4J, Clever-15.184; 29. Chase Howard, 13, Howard-15.359; 30. Will Hull, 7s, Allen-15.905.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Chase Stockon, 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3. Timmy Buckwalter, 4. Brady Bacon, 5. Tom Harris, 6. Alex Bright, 7. Chase Howard, 8. Hunter Maddox. 1:57.32

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Briggs Danner, 2. Carson Garrett, 3. Kyle Cummins, 4. Logan Seavey, 5. Jake Swanson, 6. Trey Osborne, 7. Shane Butler, 8. Will Hull. 1:57.81

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Matt Westfall, 3. Daison Pursley, 4. Robert Ballou, 5. Mark Smith, 6. Brandon Mattox, 7. Zach Daum. 1:57.82

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Jadon Rogers, 2. Joey Amantea, 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Tye Mihocko, 5. Mitchel Moles, 6. Sterling Cling, 7. John Mollick. 1:58.07

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Alex Bright, 2. Zach Daum, 3. Brandon Mattox, 4. Sterling Cling, 5. Shane Butler, 6. Chase Howard, 7. Hunter Maddox, 8. John Mollick, 9. Trey Osborne. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (4), 2. C.J. Leary (3), 3. Logan Seavey (5), 4. Robert Ballou (10), 5. Briggs Danner (8), 6. Jake Swanson (1), 7. Kevin Thomas Jr. (6), 8. Chase Stockon (7), 9. Kyle Cummins (15), 10. Jadon Rogers (9), 11. Daison Pursley (12), 12. Mitchel Moles (13), 13. Joey Amantea (17), 14. Carson Garrett (19), 15. Alex Bright (14), 16. Brady Bacon (2), 17. Tom Harris (21), 18. Matt Westfall (20), 19. Tye Mihocko (23), 20. Zach Daum (16), 21. Brandon Mattox (24), 22. Timmy Buckwalter (18), 23. Mark Smith (22), 24. Sterling Cling (11). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Brady Bacon, Laps 26-30 Justin Grant.

**Will Hull flipped during the second heat. Sterling Cling flipped on lap one of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-82, 2-C.J. Leary-76, 3-Logan Seavey-74, 4-Robert Ballou-66, 5-Briggs Danner-66, 6-Kevin Thomas Jr.-65, 7-Jake Swanson-60, 8-Chase Stockon-57, 9-Kyle Cummins-52, 10-Jadon Rogers-51.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Robert Ballou-6, 2-Kyle Cummins-6, 3-Carson Garrett-5, 4-Joey Amantea-4, 5-Tom Harris-4, 6-Tye Mihocko-4, 7-Justin Grant-3, 8-Briggs Danner-3, 9-Brandon Mattox-3, 10-Logan Seavey-2.

HUGHES RACING / INDIANA MAFIA / FLAMINGO SANDY WINTER DIRT GAMES XV SPRINT CAR PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-8, 2-Robert Ballou-7, 3-Briggs Danner-6, 4-Kyle Cummins-6, 5-Joey Amantea-5, 6-Carson Garrett-5, 7-Joey Amantea-5, 8-C.J. Leary-4, 9-Logan Seavey-4, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-4.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES: February 10, 2024 – Ocala Speedway – Ocala, Florida – Winter Dirt Games XV – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: C.J. Leary (14.054)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Kevin Thomas Jr. (13.858)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Chase Stockon

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Briggs Danner

T.J. Forged Third Heat Winner: Justin Grant Car IQ

Fourth Heat Winner: Jadon Rogers

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Alex Bright

ProSource Hard Work Award: Brandon Mattox

Irvin King Hard Charger: Robert Ballou (10th to 4th)

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BACK-TO-BACK AT OCALA! GRANT MOVES TO 4TH ON USAC SPRINT WIN LIST

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Ocala, Florida (February 10, 2024)……One night after moving into the top-five on the all-time USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship feature win list, Justin Grant rose even higher in the record books during Saturday's second round of Winter Dirt Games XV at Florida's Ocala Speedway.

Starting fourth for the second consecutive program, Grant (Ione, Calif.) blitzed past Kevin Thomas Jr. with 10 laps remaining to earn his second victory in as many nights, this one worth $7,500, behind the wheel of the TOPP Motorsports/NOS Energy Drink – Bow Foundation – TOPP Industries/Maxim/Kistler Chevy.

The 47th career series triumph for Grant subsequently moved him ahead of Jack Hewitt on the list and into a tie for fourth all-time alongside Tracy Hines, the 2002 USAC National Sprint Car titlist. When Grant arrived on the USAC scene in 2010, and during his formative years on the trail in the ensuing years, Hines was among those who took Grant under his wing, showing him the ropes and sharing his knowledge with Grant to help him find his footing in the sport.

All these years later, here they both are, near the top of a historic list that is reserved only for the greatest the sport has ever seen.

"Tying Jack was special, but tying Tracy means a lot to me personally," Grant explained. "Jack was a heck of a racecar driver, but I know Tracy really well. Tracy has helped me through a lot of the deepest ruts and the darkest times in my racing career. Tracy's always been there to help me through it, whether it's injuries or switching rides or losing rides or whatever it is. Tracy gets a rap as being a bit of a hard ass, but Tracy's a really good guy to a lot of us younger racers and helped teach a lot of us how to do this and how to come along. I appreciate everything he did for me and it's an honor to be tied with him."

Furthermore, Grant also finds himself in select company as just one of 11 drivers to win the first two USAC National Sprint Car features in a season: Jud Larson (1965), Larry Dickson (1970), Pancho Carter (1978), Rich Vogler (1987), Robbie Stanley (1993), Brian Tyler (1998), Tracy Hines (2002), Jay Drake (2004), Damion Gardner (2010), Brady Bacon (2020) and now himself (2024).

But more anything, the back-to-back victories indicate a superb start to the season that now encompasses three-straight USAC National Sprint Car wins dating back to the end of the 2023 campaign. In his last 19 series starts, Grant has conquered victor in 10 of them, all of which came soon after master mechanic Jeff Walker joined TOPP Motorsports, forming a combination that has won far more since midsummer of July 2023 than any other team.

"Jeff and I have been racing together a long time," Grant reminisced. "We speak the same language and it's a ton of fun racing with him. He's really, really sharp and he makes me the best that I can be. We come in and we want to be better every time. Every time I come in, he thinks the car needs to be better and I think I need to do a better job behind the wheel. So, we get together and try to make it happen."

Initially, pole sitter Joey Amantea zipped out to lead the first three laps of his USAC National Sprint Car career. However, third-starting Thomas Jr. soon made his move on Amantea, swiping the top spot with a turn one slider on lap four. It was also a historic outing for Thomas who, on this night, became the 11th driver to reach the 400 career feature start mark with the series.

Meanwhile, further on back in the field, the battle for fifth raged on between Chase Stockon and Robert Ballou. Earlier in the night, Stockon grabbed his 33rd career Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifying time in USAC National Sprint Car competition, tying him with Grant for 11th all-time. Good fortune did not find Stockon in the feature on lap nine, however, as he went topside in turn three while Ballou combed the bottom. The two ultimately collided somewhere in the middle, with Stockon getting the worst end of the situation as he briefly became airborne before landing on all fours and sliding backwards to a stop beyond the cushion in turn four. Stockon restarted but managed only an 18th place result.

When action resumed, Thomas opened his lead to 1.4 seconds as the race neared the halfway mark. Yet on lap 14, 10th running Brady Bacon slipped off turn two and spun to a stop while Kyle Cummins (14th) also spun to a halt while attempting an evasive maneuver. Bacon wound up 12th after the restart while Cummins had to settle for 19th.

Grant, who had run third throughout the duration thus far, soon flexed his muscles. By lap 15, he had moved to second with an up-and-under move on Amantea at the exit of turn four. Over the next five laps, Grant swiftly sliced into Thomas'

0.8 second advantage and found himself within a couple car lengths by lap 20. In turn four, Thomas drifted off the bottom, swinging the door wide open for Grant to burst into the lead and straight into the history books.

"You don't get too many opportunities here at Ocala, so you've got to pounce on them when they present themselves," Grant laid out. "It was almost better to be in second there because I didn't feel like I was really very good in three and four

either. I was able to start moving around and seeing what worked better judging off KTJ, but he didn't have that luxury. So, we were able to start getting in really high and getting a little bit of cushion to drive across. I'd gotten a couple really good runs, but I'd get to his back bumper, then have to lift. It was like, 'man if he doesn't miss it off four, I don't know what I'm going to do here.' Then, fortunately, it timed out right. I had a good run then he missed it off four and we were able to slip by."

Grant's 1.786 second margin of victory made him the winningest driver in the 15-year history of Winter Dirt Games. His sixth score broke a tie he had held for exactly one day alongside Damion Gardner and Bacon.

Kevin Thomas Jr. came home second with Logan Seavey third, C.J. Leary fourth and ProSource Hard Work award winner Robert Ballou fifth. Alex Bright took sixth after starting 18th, which earned him Irvin King Hard Charger honors.

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FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (4), 2. Kevin Thomas Jr. (3), 3. Logan Seavey (5), 4. C.J. Leary (11), 5. Robert Ballou (10), 6. Alex Bright (18), 7. Daison Pursley (2), 8. Joey Amantea (1), 9. Briggs Danner (14), 10. Tye Mihocko (16), 11. Timmy Buckwalter (15), 12. Brady Bacon (17), 13. Jake Swanson (7), 14. Mitchel Moles (20), 15. Carson Garrett (9), 16. Jadon Rogers (23), 17. Matt Westfall (22), 18. Chase Stockon (6), 19. Kyle Cummins (24), 20. Trey Osborne (19), 21. Brandon Mattox (13), 22. Mark Smith (21), 23. Zach Daum (12), 24. Tom Harris (8). NT

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It didn't take long, however, for Seavey to fight his way back to the front. Seavey slid Bacon in turns one and two to take full ownership of the top spot on lap 14, then immediately jetted away to a 1.6 second advantage just a mere lap later.



"It's tough when you're leading," Seavey said of Bacon's predicament. "He was running fairly hard, but when you've got a rabbit to chase, you can always push it a little bit harder. If you're leading and screw up, you look like a dummy. It's hard to judge just how hard you can run. If you step over the line once, it gets you, and it did get him there, but he got saved by the yellow. This car is so comfortable on the cushion and secure, you can really hammer it in there and run well. I got to him a little bit earlier in the race and I tried too hard, and I was the one getting up over it. These big fast miles with a curb are tricky, and it's why we love them.

Nonetheless, the action came to a halt in a major way on lap 20 as Robert Ballou (12th) barrel rolled atop turns one and two. Rogers (17th) attempted to avoid the carnage, but flipped several times himself as well, his second upside down misfortune of the night. Both drivers walked away without harm. Leader Seavey nearly got caught up in it and was forced to take evasive action to avoid the carnage, narrowly avoiding contact with four wheels above the cushion, but kept it going.

Seavey held a 3.542 second lead before the red flag with six to go, but once again, he went undeterred to the finish line, opening up a relatively comfortable gap of 1.742 seconds at the stripe for his second triumphant performance of the night while Bacon, Leary, Daison Pursley and Grant rounded out the top-five.

In addition, Seavey added to his trophy collection with a Big Gator for accumulating the best average finish of the night between the two main events, and of course, an average result of 1.0 for the entirety of the evening is simply impossible for anyone else to overtake, and that is something that nobody was able to accomplish all throughout Tuesday night.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: February 12-13, 2024 – Volusia Speedway Park – Barberville, Florida – Winter Dirt Games XV / DIRTcar Nationals – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track

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FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses, held February 13) 1. Logan Seavey (4), 2. Brady Bacon (3), 3. C.J. Leary (6), 4. Daison Pursley (12), 5. Justin Grant (8), 6. Alex Bright (7), 7. Kevin Thomas Jr. (5), 8. Briggs Danner (10), 9. Mitchel Moles (2), 10. Kyle Cummins (13), 11. Tye Mihocko (23), 12. Tom Harris (17), 13. Carson Garrett (9), 14. Joey Amantea (18), 15. Chase Stockon (1), 16. Robert Ballou (19), 17. Matt Westfall (22), 18. Zach Daum (14), 19. Trey Osborne (24), 20. Hunter Maddox (20), 21. Brian Ruhlman (21), 22. Timmy Buckwalter (11), 23. Jadon Rogers (16), 24. Jake Swanson (15). NT

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As was the story all night long, Seavey found no match after the green-white-checkered restart, scoring the win by 1.331 seconds over Cummins, making it two brand-new teams finishing inside the top-two. Thomas Jr. took third while fast qualifier and new one-lap track record holder C.J. Leary grabbed fourth. Meanwhile, Garrett rounded out the top-five.

Starting fourth in the second "Monday make-up" feature of the night, Chase Stockon zipped out to the opening lap lead from his pole starting position. However, third-starting Bacon quickly positioned himself at the front with a slider on Stockon for the lead in turn one on lap two.

By lap four, Seavey had already shot his way into second as he slipped by Stockon to take the spot, then began to work on reeling in Bacon. On lap 11, Seavey swiped the lead from Bacon with a strong run on the back straight. However, just as Seavey cleared Bacon, the yellow flag flew for a 360-degree spin in turn four by Stockon after he and Grant tangled in a battle for seventh. Due to the caution, Seavey relinquished his lead back to Bacon for the ensuing resumption.

It didn't take long, however, for Seavey to fight his way back to the front. Seavey slid Bacon in turns one and two to take full ownership of the top spot on lap 14, then immediately jetted away to a 1.6 second advantage just a mere lap later.



"It's tough when you're leading," Seavey said of Bacon's predicament. "He was running fairly hard, but when you've got a rabbit to chase, you can always push it a little bit harder. If you're leading and screw up, you look like a dummy. It's hard to judge just how hard you can run. If you step over the line once, it gets you, and it did get him there, but he got saved by the yellow. This car is so comfortable on the cushion and secure, you can really hammer it in there and run well. I got to him a little bit earlier in the race and I tried too hard, and I was the one getting up over it. These big fast miles with a curb are tricky, and it's why we love them.

Nonetheless, the action came to a halt in a major way on lap 20 as Robert Ballou (12th) barrel rolled atop turns one and two. Rogers (17th) attempted to avoid the carnage, but flipped several times himself as well, his second upside down misfortune of the night. Both drivers walked away without harm. Leader Seavey nearly got caught up in it and was forced to take evasive action to avoid the carnage, narrowly avoiding contact with four wheels above the cushion, but kept it going.

Seavey held a 3.542 second lead before the red flag with six to go, but once again, he went undeterred to the finish line, opening up a relatively comfortable gap of 1.742 seconds at the stripe for his second triumphant performance of the night while Bacon, Leary, Daison Pursley and Grant rounded out the top-five.

In addition, Seavey added to his trophy collection with a Big Gator for accumulating the best average finish of the night between the two main events, and of course, an average result of 1.0 for the entirety of the evening is simply impossible for anyone else to overtake, and that is something that nobody was able to accomplish all throughout Tuesday night.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: February 13, 2024 – Volusia Speedway Park –

Barberville, Florida – Winter Dirt Games XV / DIRTcar Nationals / Bubby Jones Master of Goin' Faster Presented by Spire Sports + Entertainment – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-16.151 (New Track Record); 2. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-16.375; 3. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-16.506; 4. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-16.557; 5. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-16.574; 6. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-16.607; 7. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-16.667; 8. Timmy Buckwalter, 20, Hummer-16.700; 9. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-16.707; 10. Tom Harris, 84, Harris-16.711; 11. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-16.716; 12. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-16.760; 13. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-16.784; 14. Zach Daum, 5d, Daum-16.796; 15. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-16.816; 16. Jadon Rogers, 17GP, Dutcher-16.834; 17. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-16.883; 18. Brian Ruhlman, 49, Ruhlman-16.889; 19. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-16.940; 20. Tye Mihocko, 5T, Wilson-16.991; 21. Alex Bright, 27, Heffner-17.005; 22. Jake Swanson, 2B, 2B Racing-17.011; 23. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-17.043; 24. Trey Osborne, 5, Baldwin/Fox-17.083; 25. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-17.093; 26. Chase Howard, 13, Howard-17.565; 27. Robert Bell, 71, Bell-NT.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Seavey, 2. Jadon Rogers, 3. Matt Westfall, 4. C.J. Leary, 5. Chase Stockon, 6. Briggs Danner, 7. Robert Ballou, 8. Jake Swanson, 9. Tom Harris. NT

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Brady Bacon, 2. Timmy Buckwalter, 3. Kyle Cummins, 4. Justin Grant, 5. Tye Mihocko, 6. Zach Daum, 7. Brandon Mattox, 8. Chase Howard, 9. Hunter Maddox. 2:18.20

T.J. FORGED/CAR IQ THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Brian Ruhlman, 3. Joey Amantea, 4. Carson Garrett, 5. Mitchel Moles, 6. Alex Bright, 7. Trey Osborne, 8. Daison Pursley, 9. Robert Bell. 2:16.68

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. Tom Harris, 3. Trey Osborne, 4. Brandon Mattox, 5. Jake Swanson, 6. Hunter Maddox, 7. Chase Howard. 2:22.45

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (9), 2. Kyle Cummins (2), 3. Kevin Thomas Jr. (8), 4. C.J. Leary (6), 5. Carson Garrett (1), 6. Daison Pursley (25-P), 7. Mitchel Moles (4), 8. Briggs Danner (3), 9. Chase Stockon (18), 10. Justin Grant (5), 11. Robert Ballou (24), 12. Joey Amantea (12), 13. Tye Mihocko (19), 14. Timmy Buckwalter (11), 15. Tom Harris (13), 16. Matt Westfall (10), 17. Zach Daum (14), 18. Hunter Maddox (22), 19. Alex Bright (20), 20. Brady Bacon (7), 21. Jadon Rogers (15), 22. Trey Osborne (23), 23. Brandon Mattox (16), 24. Brian Ruhlman (17), 25. Jake Swanson (21). NT

(P) represents a provisional feature starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-5 Carson Garrett, Laps 6-19 Kyle Cummins, Laps 20-30 Logan Seavey.

**Brady Bacon, Jadon Rogers & Trey Osborne flipped on lap 29 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-237, 2-C.J. Leary-230, 3-Justin Grant-223, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-222, 5-Robert Ballou-181, 6-Briggs Danner-180, 7-Kyle Cummins-166, 8-Daison Pursley-164, 9-Carson Garrett-151, 10-Mitchel Moles-149.

BUBBY JONES MASTER OF GOIN' FASTER PRESENTED BY SPIRE SPORTS + ENTERTAINMENT POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-78, 2-Kyle Cummins-75, 3-C.J. Leary-72, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-72, 5-Carson Garrett-64, 6-Mitchel Moles-60, 7-Briggs Danner-56, 8-Daison Pursley-55, 9-Justin Grant-53, 10-Chase Stockon-50.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Robert Ballou-24, 2-Tye Mihocko-16, 3-Alex Bright-13, 4-Logan Seavey-12, 5-Kyle Cummins-11, 6-C.J. Leary-10, 7-Chase Stockon-9, 8-Briggs Danner-8, 9-Mitchel Moles-7, 10-Jadon Rogers-7.

HUGHES RACING / INDIANA MAFIA / FLAMINGO SANDY WINTER DIRT GAMES XV SPRINT CAR PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Robert Ballou-31, 2-Tye Mihocko-23, 3-Logan Seavey-22, 4-Justin Grant-18, 5-C.J. Leary-18, 6-Kevin Thomas Jr.-16, 7-Alex Bright-16, 8-Chase Stockon-15, 9-Kyle Cummins-14, 10-Briggs Danner-13.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES: February 15-16-17, 2024 – Ocala Speedway – Ocala, Florida – Winter Dirt Games XV – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Justin Grant (16.711)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: C.J. Leary (16.151)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Logan Seavey

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Brady Bacon

T.J. Forged / Car IQ Third Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

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

ProSource Hard Work Award: Robert Ballou

Irvin King Hard Charger: Robert Ballou (24th to 11th)

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3-FOR-3! GRANT TOPS USAC SPRINT FIELD FOR THIRD-STRAIGHT OCALA WIN

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Ocala, Florida (February 15, 2024)……Quite frankly, Florida's Ocala Speedway has served all of Justin Grant's banking needs throughout Winter Dirt Games XV.

After three USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship feature victories in three starts this year, the 3/8-mile dirt oval has been a figurative ATM for Grant and his TOPP Motorsports/NOS Energy Drink – Bow Foundation – TOPP Industries/Maxim/Kistler Chevy.

In the process, Grant (Ione, Calif.) set a new milestone on Thursday night at Ocala with his 48th career series victory, surpassing USAC Hall of Fame inductee Tracy Hines for sole possession of fourth place all-time.

Furthermore, Grant became the first driver since Damion Gardner in 2010 to win at least three of the first four events to begin a USAC National Sprint Car season. Now, with seven overall scores, Grant has added to his grand total as both the winningest USAC National Sprint Car driver at Ocala Speedway and as the winningest driver in Winter Dirt Games history.

By doing so, Grant gave TOPP Motorsports a share of the top of the list in terms of the winningest teams in Winter Dirt Games history, tied with Dynamics, Inc. at six main event victories, turning his No. 4 into something more akin to what you might see on the launching pad at Cape Canaveral, located roughly two hours southeast of where he won Thursday night's feature.

"Our car is lights out around here," Grant exclaimed. "I feel like we're about the same speed as everybody else early in the day, but by the time this place gets slick in feature time, this thing has been an absolute rocket ship."

Grant's currently active streak of three-straight wins at a single track began with back-to-back victories at Ocala to open the season last weekend. It's a familiar scenario for Grant who is the only driver to achieve three consecutive wins at one track throughout the past four USAC Sprint Car seasons. Grant has actually accomplished it on two other separate occasions in that span, both coming at Kokomo (Ind.) Speedway, between 2021-22 and across three successive evenings in August of 2023.

Starting outside the front row on Thursday night at Ocala, Grant quickly established the lead by lap two as he glided underneath pole sitter and opening lap leader Chase Stockon on the inside of turn two, then was practically perfect for the remainder of the 30-lap distance.

Grant had opened up a 2.5 second lead over the field just before the midway point until third-running Timmy Buckwalter slipped over the cushion in turn one on lap 14 and slid to a stop. The incident also affected sixth place Brady Bacon whose horrible, no good, rotten start to the year got even worse when his right rear tire nicked Buckwalter's rear bumper, flattening Bacon's rubber as he attempted to avoid Buckwalter's stalled machine, which prompted a visit to the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area for a new tire.

As a result, Bacon restarted at the tail and managed only a 13th in the final finishing order, his fourth finish of 12th or worse in five starts this season.

Just after the ensuing restart, Logan Seavey, gunning to earn his third-straight USAC win of the week after sweeping Tuesday's twin bill at Volusia, drag raced past Stockon on the front straight to gain the second position on lap 15. That put the only two 2024 USAC winners running one and two.

Just moments later, however, USAC Rookie Trey Osborne (20th) launched over the outside guardrail in between turns three and four on the 16th lap. Osborne walked away from the incident after becoming the second driver of the night to clear the wall after Zach Daum catapulted over the turn four rail before landing outside the track. Both drivers walked away without injury.

Mere moments before Osborne's crash, Grant overcame a bit of tentativeness on his approach into turns three and four, knowing that in order to defeat Seavey, he was going to have to slightly alter his approach.

"I was afraid to open my entry into turn three, but three and four were getting pretty thin," Grant explained. "I know you've got to open your entry here to get that moisture down the front stretch. On the lap the red came out, I had done that, and it was like, 'okay, it's time to move.'"

During the open red flag in which crews are permitted to make adjustments on their cars and offer sage-like advice to their drivers, crew chief Jeff Walker assured Grant that they weren't going to be beat if they were able to string together 15 more high quality laps on the board. Importantly, both driver and team were in concert and in complete agreement that it was a necessity to get off the bottom of turn four even better than they had been.

"I think I had her figured out," Grant confidently stated. "But it was certainly nice to have Jeff come out and just get the heart rate back down, settle me down and let me know that what I was thinking was right."

With 10 laps remaining, the top-two breakaway of the 2023 USAC national champions resumed with Grant keeping Seavey consistently at bay by two to three car lengths at the front of the field.

For the balance of the show, that's how it remained, and when the curtain closed, that's how it concluded. At the finish line, Grant was 0.524 seconds ahead of Seavey with Stockon third, Daison Pursley fourth and Jake Swanson fifth.

Seavey (Sutter, Calif.) increased his series point lead to 27 over Grant after recording his fifth consecutive top-three result in his Abacus Racing/CG CPAs – Indy Custom Stone – Forecheck Marketing/DRC/Stanton Chevy, just missing out on becoming the first driver since Damion Gardner in 2010-11 to score three-straight Winter Dirt Games triumphs.

"I think our car was good, if not maybe a touch better than Justin's," Seavey pointed out. "I tried to arch turn three one time and it was actually the same lap he arched three. We both were out in the black and he got away from us. When you've got a guy like Justin out front, unless a mistake happens, it doesn't really matter if you're faster than him or not. We

ran a good race and ran a good line to get to his bumper. I thought I had a shot, but the only real shot you have is when there's a mistake, but there weren't any."

For the second race in a row, Chase Stockon (Fort Branch, Ind.) stepped out into the race lead on the opening lap. This time around, however, he stuck around up front to gain his best USAC result of the season thus far, a third in his KO Motorsports/Banded Ag – Superior Tank & Trailer – Dewig Meats – AMSOIL/DRC/Fisher Chevy

"Kent Schmidt has been turning the wrenches on this thing all week," Stockon revealed. "We've had a fast car and had a lot of good moments, but a little luck just didn't go our way. I think we're inching up on these guys. I think it'll be a trending thing to see the 5s car back up on the podium more often. These guys – Logan and Justin – have a really good pace right now. It's pretty cool to watch these guys battle it out, but we'd just like to be in front of them while they're doing that."

Kevin Thomas Jr. (Cullman, Ala.) was the biggest mover of in the feature, advancing seven spots from 14th to seventh to earn Irvin King Hard Charger honors. Meanwhile, Shane Butler (Bushnell, Fla.) grabbed the final transfer spot in the semi-feature, which earned him his first career USAC National Sprint Car feature starting spot as well as ProSource Hard Work honors for the night.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: February 15, 2024 – Ocala Speedway – Ocala, Florida – Winter Dirt Games XV – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-13.925; 2. Timmy Buckwalter, 20, Hummer-13.929; 3. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-14.005; 4. Jake Swanson, 2B, 2B Racing-14.039; 5. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-14.039; 6. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-14.040; 7. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-14.099; 8. Zach Daum, 5d, Daum-14.100; 9. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-14.126; 10. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-14.132; 11. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-14.149; 12. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-14.194; 13. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-14.212; 14. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-14.258; 15. Tom Harris, 84, Harris-14.340; 16. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-14.348; 17. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-14.349; 18. Jadon Rogers, 17GP, Dutcher-14.376; 19. Trey Osborne, 5, Baldwin/Fox-14.445; 20. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-14.452; 21. Alex Bright, 27, Heffner-14.487; 22. Tye Mihocko, 5T, Wilson-14.550; 23. Chase Howard, 13, Howard-14.968; 24. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-14.973; 25. Shane Butler, 18, Butler-15.047; 26. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-15.075; 27. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-16.139; 28. Robert Bell, 71, Bell-17.189.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Matt Westfall, 2. Chase Stockon, 3. Robert Ballou, 4. Alex Bright, 5. Logan Seavey, 6. Carson Garrett, 7. Shane Butler. 1:57.91

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Jadon Rogers, 2. Tye Mihocko, 3. Timmy Buckwalter, 4. Briggs Danner, 5. Kevin Thomas Jr., 6. C.J. Leary, 7. Hunter Maddox. 1:56.20

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Brady Bacon, 2. Daison Pursley, 3. Justin Grant, 4. Trey Osborne, 5. Tom Harris, 6. Chase Howard, 7. Kobe Simpson. 1:58.32

CAR IQ FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins, 2. Joey Amantea, 3. Jake Swanson, 4. Mitchel Moles, 5. Brandon Mattox, 6. Zach Daum, 7. Robert Bell. 1:57.28

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Carson Garrett, 2. C.J. Leary, 3. Chase Howard, 4. Shane Butler, 5. Hunter Maddox, 6. Kobe Simpson, 7. Robert Bell. NT

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FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (2), 2. Logan Seavey (6), 3. Chase Stockon (1), 4. Daison Pursley (4), 5. Jake Swanson (3), 6. Matt Westfall (9), 7. Kevin Thomas Jr. (14), 8. Kyle Cummins (8), 9. C.J. Leary (12), 10. Jadon Rogers (10), 11. Robert Ballou (17), 12. Joey Amantea (19), 13. Brady Bacon (7), 14. Carson Garrett (11), 15. Mitchel Moles (16), 16. Tye Mihocko (20), 17. Alex Bright (24), 18. Tom Harris (15), 19. Brandon Mattox (22), 20. Trey Osborne (18), 21. Timmy Buckwalter (5), 22. Chase Howard (21), 23. Briggs Danner (13), 24. Shane Butler (23). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Chase Stockon, Laps 2-30 Justin Grant.

**Hunter Maddox flipped during qualifying. Zach Daum flipped over the turn four guardrail during the fourth heat. Trey Osborne flipped over the turn three guardrail on lap 16 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-384, 2-Justin Grant-357, 3-C.J. Leary-344, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-330, 5-Daison Pursley-297, 6-Kyle Cummins-266, 7-Robert Ballou-259, 8-Briggs Danner-257, 9-Chase Stockon-253, 10-Mitchel Moles-233.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Robert Ballou-33, 2-Tye Mihocko-32, 3-Alex Bright-21, 4-Logan Seavey-19, 5-C.J. Leary-16, 6-Matt Westfall-15, 7-Joey Amantea-15, 8-Kyle Cummins-14, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-13, 10-Justin Grant-10.

HUGHES RACING / INDIANA MAFIA / FLAMINGO SANDY WINTER DIRT GAMES XV SPRINT CAR PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Robert Ballou-40, 2-Tye Mihocko-39, 3-Logan Seavey-30, 4-Justin Grant-24, 5-C.J. Leary-24, 6-Alex Bright-24, 7-Kevin Thomas Jr.-23, 8-Kyle Cummins-20, 9-Matt Westfall-20, 10-Joey Amantea-18.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES: February 16-17, 2024 – Ocala Speedway – Ocala, Florida – Winter Dirt Games XV – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Logan Seavey (13.946)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Logan Seavey (13.925)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Matt Westfall

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Jadon Rogers

T.J. Forged / Car IQ Third Heat Winner: Brady Bacon

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Kyle Cummins

ProSource Hard Work Award: Shane Butler

Irvin King Hard Charger: Kevin Thomas Jr. (14th to 7th)

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5 YEARS TO THE DAY: LEARY TRIUMPHS AGAIN WITH USAC SPRINTS AT OCALA

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Ocala, Florida (February 16, 2024)……The last time C.J. Leary won at Florida's Ocala Speedway, it wound up being a very good year.

After parlaying a final night Winter Dirt Games victory in 2019 at Ocala into a USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship later that season, the Greenfield, Ind. racer hopes that 2024 will bear a much similar fruit.

During Friday night's Winter Dirt Games XV finale at the 3/8-mile dirt track, Leary took the right step in that direction by notching his first feature victory of the season, exactly five years to the day of his only other Ocala triumph, the significance of which wasn't lost on Leary.

"This is awesome to pick up a win here," Leary exclaimed. "It's been since 2019 that we've been in victory lane here. Maybe this is a little sign of what's to come throughout the whole season."

Leary's late-race surge on Friday night took him from fourth to first during the final five circuits, where he took over the point from series point leader Logan Seavey just three laps from the finish of the 30-lapper en route to victory in his BGE-Dougherty Motorsports/Altoz – Valvoline – Hornbeck Concrete/DRC/1-Way Chevy, the same 2020-built chassis he won with during Indiana Sprint Week at Kokomo Speedway in 2023.

The 23rd main event win of Leary's USAC National Sprint Car career moved him to 28th on the all-time list, surpassing 22-time winners Rick Hood, Bubby Jones and Sammy Sessions while equaling Roger McCluskey on the 23 line.

Leary's victory was of the resurgent variety, having collected four top-five finishes in each of his first four starts of the USAC season before tallying a distant ninth the night before at Ocala. What they thought was a possible engine malfunction 24 hours earlier turned out to be the same powerplant that guided the team to victory 24 hours later.

"We've been so fast and so good, but we had a little bit of an off night last night," Leary recalled. "I thought we were having engine issues yesterday so we went through the whole thing and diagnosed it and couldn't find anything wrong, so we just kept running it. This is probably the last night on this rebuild."

Leary began his race from the fourth spot on the grid while, for the third consecutive event, Chase Stockon led the opening lap after starting from the pole position. However, by lap three, the man on the charge was Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier Kevin Thomas Jr. who utilized the outside line to his liking, blowing by Stockon on the backstretch for the top spot on lap three.

Thomas' time up front proved to be short-lived as Seavey quickly reeled him in and initiated a successful turn one slide job on the fourth lap which thrusted him into the race lead.

Seavey continued to ride the high line through the middle stages of the race as he swiftly knifed his way through the thick throng of lapped traffic to gain a 1.5 second lead over Thomas. Seavey continued to trounce the field as he assembled a full straightaway lead over Brady Bacon who deftly dove under Thomas in turn two to slot into the second position with nine laps remaining.

From there, Seavey's interval over Bacon dissipated abruptly, and with six laps to go, Bacon was within a couple whiskers of Seavey's tail tank when both narrowly avoided disaster. Just ahead of Seavey and Bacon, the lapped car driven by Robert

Bell, making his first series start in nearly three years, spun out, forcing the leaders to take evasive action in order to avoid as the race went yellow.

With six to go, Leary found himself mired in fourth on a track that became lathered in rubber. But it didn't stop Leary from beginning to make a surge. Leary pressed Thomas on lap 26 and wedged into the third spot in turn three under Thomas to move up another spot on the pylon.

Suddenly, fifth running Justin Grant slowed with a flat right rear tire, which caused him to stop in turn one, indicating that tire wear and attrition had begun to rear its head. Grant, winner of three-in-a-row at Ocala in the past week, saw his run end with a season-low 20th place result.

On the immediate restart, Leary shot under Bacon off turn four on lap 27 to corral third and cross the line just before fifth running Daison Pursley became the next victim of a right rear tire's demise, which went flat and forced him to a stop in turn one.

Now with Leary lined up on Seavey's rear bumper for the lap 28 restart, it didn't take long for Leary to flex his muscle. Sweeping wide through turns one and two, Leary loaded up on momentum and carried it with him for the entire length of the backstretch, and ultimately, was able to scoot under Seavey off turn four to put himself in prime real estate at the front of the field.

Thinking a bit earlier that, when the rubber came, the track surface was going to be hard to pass on, Leary even proved his own theory to be incorrect.

"I think it just kind of paid off there by not being the leader at the end," Leary explained. "Those guys kept shortening the track up, looking for the rubber, but I was able to keep my momentum up around the top and find some moisture."

Leary tore away from the pack over the final three trips, and on the last of the 30 laps, poured it on by laying down his fastest lap of the feature as he was taking the checkered flag for a .835 margin of victory over Seavey, Stockon, Thomas and Jadon Rogers, who posted a fine fifth place run. Bacon was headed for a third-place result on the final lap when his right rear tire gave way off turn four, dropping him to seventh in the final running order.

Second at the stripe was Logan Seavey (Sutter, Calif.) who finished off his six-race Florida stretch with six consecutive top-three finishes with the brand-new Abacus Racing sprint car team and their CG CPAs – Indy Custom Stone – Forecheck Marketing/DRC/Stanton Chevy.

"When you're leading and it takes rubber, you think that's the best thing," Seavey said. "But one and two really didn't take rubber. It was really slippery and tricky, and then you get so much speed down the frontstretch from the rubber, you just go sliding through one and two. I saw C.J. marching up the board every caution and I knew he was really good, but I guess I just assumed that he was driving around guys up a lane and then getting down in front of them on the backstretch just because it was so slick getting off two, so I moved up just half a lane and he snuck right by me. I got myself a little free after seeing guys blow tires and I freed myself up a little bit thinking I could get some weight off my right rear and make it to the end. It was the wrong decision, and I lost the race."

Chase Stockon (Fort Branch, Ind.) equaled his season-best with a third-place result in his KO Motorsports/Banded Ag – Superior Tank & Trailer – Dewig Meats – AMSOIL/DRC/Fisher Chevy.

"I could see some of the guys' tires starting to go down and delaminating a little bit, and I kind of knew we needed to save," Stockon recalled. "Over the years, we've always been pretty decent in the rubber, so I was able to pick my way back up to third. We started on the pole both nights here, and on the last two nights, we've ended up third. Going first to third doesn't show how hard these guys have been working on this car to get me comfortable, but we're inching up on them."

Joey Amantea (Mount Pocono, Pa.) has had a solid start to his first full season of USAC National Sprint Car racing. On this night, he capped his Winter Dirt Games trip with a run from 20th to 11th. That performance earned him the night's Irvin King Hard Charger award.

For the second consecutive season, Robert Ballou (Rocklin, Calif.) earned the Hughes Racing/Indiana Mafia/Flamingo Sandy Winter Dirt Games Passing Master title. Throughout the course of the past week in Florida, The Mad Man passed a total of 44 cars.

Meanwhile, Kevin Thomas Jr. (Cullman, Ala.) recorded his 38th career USAC National Sprint Car Fast Qualifying time, moving him past three-time series champ Larry Dickson and now sits just one behind five-time titlist Levi Jones for sixth all-time.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: February 16, 2024 – Ocala Speedway – Ocala, Florida – Winter Dirt Games XV – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-13.914; 2. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-14.085; 3. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-14.158; 4. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-14.187; 5. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-14.205; 6. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-14.267; 7. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-14.307; 8. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-14.316; 9. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-14.401; 10. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-14.444; 11. Jadon Rogers, 17GP, Dutcher-14.462; 12. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-14.476; 13. Tye Mihocko, 5T, Wilson-14.565; 14. Alex Bright, 27, Heffner-14.582; 15. Jake Swanson, 2B, 2B Racing-14.619; 16. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-14.626; 17. Tom Harris, 84, Harris-14.643; 18. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-14.719; 19. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-14.744; 20. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-14.810; 21. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-14.886; 22. Shane Butler, 18, Butler-15.210; 23. Timmy Buckwalter, 20, Hummer-15.598; 24. Robert Bell, 71, Bell-15.601; 25. Chase Howard, 13, Howard-15.615; 26. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-15.705; 27. Jake Bland, 24x, Maddox-NT.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Seavey, 2. Robert Ballou, 3. Briggs Danner, 4. Kyle Cummins, 5. Tye Mihocko, 6. Kevin Thomas Jr., 7. Matt Westfall, 8. Shane Butler, 9. Chase Howard. 2:04.00

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Jadon Rogers, 2. Mitchel Moles, 3. Daison Pursley, 4. Brady Bacon, 5. Joey Amantea, 6. Alex Bright, 7. Tom Harris, 8. Kobe Simpson. 2:02.78

T.J. FORGED/CAR IQ THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Carson Garrett, 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Jake Swanson, 5. Chase Stockon, 6. Brandon Mattox, 7. Hunter Maddox, 8. Robert Bell. 2:04.89

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. C.J. Leary (4), 2. Logan Seavey (3), 3. Chase Stockon (1), 4. Kevin Thomas Jr. (6), 5. Jadon Rogers (7), 6. Mitchel Moles (10), 7. Brady Bacon (2), 8. Alex Bright (14), 9. Briggs Danner (12), 10. Carson Garrett (11), 11. Joey Amantea (20), 12. Robert Ballou (16), 13. Jake Swanson (15), 14. Tye Mihocko (13), 15. Kyle

Cummins (19), 16. Matt Westfall (9), 17. Tom Harris (17), 18. Brandon Mattox (18), 19. Kobe Simpson (25), 20. Justin Grant (8), 21. Hunter Maddox (21), 22. Daison Pursley (5), 23. Chase Howard (24), 24. Robert Bell (23), 25. Shane Butler (22). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Chase Stockon, Lap 3 Kevin Thomas Jr., Laps 4-27 Logan Seavey, Laps 28-30 C.J. Leary.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-462, 2-C.J. Leary-424, 3-Kevin Thomas Jr.-400, 4-Justin Grant-388, 5-Daison Pursley-331, 6-Chase Stockon-322, 7-Briggs Danner-309, 8-Robert Ballou-305, 9-Kyle Cummins-304, 10-Mitchel Moles-295.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Robert Ballou-37, 2-Tye Mihocko-32, 3-Alex Bright-27, 4-Joey Amantea-24, 5-Logan Seavey-20, 6-C.J. Leary-19, 7-Kyle Cummins-18, 8-Kevin Thomas Jr.-15, 9-Matt Westfall-15, 10-Briggs Danner-13.

HUGHES RACING / INDIANA MAFIA / FLAMINGO SANDY WINTER DIRT GAMES XV PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Robert Ballou-44, 2-Tye Mihocko-39, 3-Logan Seavey-35, 4-C.J. Leary-30, 5-Alex Bright-30, 6-Joey Amantea-29, 7-Kyle Cummins-27, 8-Justin Grant-26, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-25, 10-Matt Westfall-20.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: April 5, 2024 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – Jim Hurtubise Classic – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Briggs Danner (14.202)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Kevin Thomas Jr. (13.914)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Logan Seavey

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Jadon Rogers

T.J. Forged / Car IQ Third Heat Winner: Justin Grant

ProSource Hard Work Award: Kobe Simpson

Irvin King Hard Charger: Joey Amantea (20th to 11th)

Hughes Racing/Indiana Mafia/Flamingo Sandy Winter Dirt Games XV Passing Master Champion: Robert Ballou

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ROCK SOLID: KTJ GETS USAC SPRINT WIN #40 AT BURG'S JUSTIN OWEN MEMORIAL

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Lawrenceburg, Indiana (April 13, 2024)……It took Kevin Thomas Jr. just seven races into his new gig at Rock Steady Racing to return to winning form with the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship.

The Cullman, Ala. native, who was last a USAC victor nearly 19 months ago, put that long wait to rest during Saturday night's inaugural Justin Owen Memorial at Indiana's Lawrenceburg Speedway.

Thomas and his Inferno Armor – Eddie Gilstrap Motors – Creative Finishing/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy became the fourth and final different leader in the 30-lap main event at the 3/8-mile dirt oval, making the winning move on the bottom of turns one and two to get by Logan Seavey on a restart with 14 laps remaining.

"Man, we finally got one in the 3R; it's about time," Thomas exclaimed. "I'm picky and it takes a lot for me to get comfortable, but they did it. I'm super proud of these guys and everybody that works hard and has to deal with me during the week asking them to change stuff. It means a lot. If you know me, you know I'm a lot to deal with. There's a lot to be said about my wife and my team to put up with that just for the joy of winning. We're finally winners here in 2024 and I couldn't be happier."

The win was a monumental one for Thomas as he notched his 40th career USAC National Sprint Car feature victory, equaling 1969 and 1971 series champion Gary Bettenhausen for 10th on the all-time list.

Furthermore, Thomas' score was the sixth of his career in USAC National Sprint Car competition at Lawrenceburg, tied for second all-time behind only Dave Darland's seven. Thomas also became the first driver to capture the annual springtime Burg USAC show twice, also doing so in 2013. Until Saturday night, there had been 10 different winners in 10 spring Lawrenceburg USAC events dating back to 2006, and right from the moment race day began, a good omen was at hand.

Rock Steady Racing crewman Brian Karraker woke up Saturday morning in Nostradamus mode. Karraker texted Thomas prior to leaving for the track that he had a dream in which they won the race after starting from the seventh starting spot. As it shook out, Thomas started seventh on the grid and immediately began to forge a path toward the front.

Nonetheless, outside front row starting C.J. Leary owned the early upper hand as he broke away to the lead. However, the 2013 Lawrenceburg track champion's run up front was short lived as he biked in turn four on the sixth lap. As he was making a miraculously recovery to gather control and avoid wall contact, he free-fell all the way back to fifth as pole sitter Kyle Cummins slipped underneath to grab the top spot.

At that moment, Seavey had his ride wound up on the topside, allowing him to track down Cummins on the 11th trip. There, in turn three, Seavey blitzed to the bottom and slid up across the nose of Cummins to put himself at the top of the pylon before opening a half-second lead as the race crossed the halfway point. Simultaneously, Thomas was digging on the bottom and swiftly edged ahead of Cummins at the exit of turn two on lap 16.

Moments later, the first red flag of the night was displayed when Robert Ballou and Daison Pursley touched wheels in the battle for eighth in turn four on the 17th lap. Ballou got the worst end of the deal as he elevated airborne, then dug in with the front bumper and rode out two turnovers before coming to a rest. Ballou was able to return to the race after repairs were made in the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area, but last week's Lawrenceburg opening night winner was mired back in 19th at the finish line.

On the ensuing restart, Seavey led the field high and wide into turn one, four wheels over the cushion. Thomas proposed a different plan and steadily drove by Seavey on the bottom to take over the top spot by the time the pair reached turn two on the heavy and tricky surface that Thomas and crew figured out a way to master both high and low.



“You had to be in the right spots at the right time,” Thomas explained. “It was challenging to pass people, but we got lucky that we were really good around the bottom and could also run the top.”

One driver who found catastrophe was Justin Grant. Vying to become the first to win three consecutive USAC National Sprint Car features at Lawrenceburg, Grant biked on the entry to turn three on lap 19 while running sixth. As Grant hopped, Jake Swanson was unable to avoid contact and ramped over Grant’s left front wheel with his right rear, subsequently knocking out the front end on Grant’s ride. With his wheels pointing two different directions at once, Grant fought to wrangle control of his car until it suddenly veered right on him, sending him flipping three times. Grant was able to walk away from the wreckage.

Seavey sought to return the favor on the ensuing restart as he made his bid for the lead with 11 to go. Seavey dove underneath Thomas on the entry to turn three but skittered into the cushion as Thomas dipped back under off turn four to retain control. A half lap later, Bacon followed Thomas’ path on the bottom and wrestled his way past Seavey into second.

As the leaders navigated lapped traffic, Bacon was able to shave his way to within three car lengths of Thomas with two laps to go. However, that was as close as Bacon got as Thomas locked up the shop with his first checkered flag of the season by a 0.969 second margin. Bacon took second with Seavey third, Leary fourth and Swanson fifth.

The event featured one of the largest crowds for a USAC event at Lawrenceburg Speedway in recent memory and included a large throng of Justin Owen’s family and friends. The event was held in memory of Owen, the 2022 Lawrenceburg sprint car track champion who passed away from injuries sustained in a racing accident at the track on April 8, 2023. The occasion was certainly among the most meaningful victories of Thomas’ career.

“It means a lot,” Thomas stated. “Justin was a big staple down here at Lawrenceburg. He ran here a lot, and he was really fast. You hate to lose somebody that young, but he was doing what he loved to do. At the end of the day, if we could all go out doing the things that we love to do, it would probably be a little bit better of a place to live.”

After a tumultuous six-race Florida trip in February, Bacon (Broken Arrow, Okla.) was more than ready to hit the reset button on his season. On Saturday, Bacon finally found good fortune, finishing as the runner-up in his Dynamics, Inc./Bazell Race Fuels – Davis Brothers Trucking – Tel-Star/Triple X/Rider Chevy.

Contrary to Bacon, Seavey (Sutter, Calif.) was nearly immaculate in Florida, finishing inside the top-three in all six of his starts. The current series point leader kept the streak rolling and set a new record on Saturday by becoming the first driver to open a USAC National Sprint Car season with seven consecutive podium finishes, breaking the record held by Tracy Hines since 2002.

Several special bonuses were up for grabs throughout the night. Grant (Ione, Calif.) pocketed $800 for recording the second fastest time in both hot laps and qualifying. Mitchel Moles (Raisin City, Calif.) took home $400 for his hard charging effort from 18th to 9th in the feature. Meanwhile, 10th place runner Nick Bilbee (Indianapolis, Ind.) earned a hefty sum of $4,004 as the top-finishing Lawrenceburg Speedway regular in the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: April 13, 2024 – Lawrenceburg Speedway – Lawrenceburg, Indiana – Justin Owen Memorial – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-14.026; 2. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-14.057; 3. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-14.065; 4. Jake Swanson, 2B, 2B Racing-14.219; 5. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-14.310; 6. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-14.333; 7. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-14.345; 8. Saban Bibent, 98, Wedgewood-14.413; 9. Nick Bilbee, 17, Bilbee-14.420; 10. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-14.495; 11. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-14.515; 12. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-14.520; 13. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-14.522; 14. Jadon Rogers, 17GP, Dutcher-14.549; 15. Shawn Westerfeld, 4J, Fischesser/Owen-14.565; 16. Garrett Abrams, 32, Abrams-14.625; 17. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-14.642; 18. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-14.653; 19. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-14.739; 20. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-14.920; 21. Kayla Roell, 5K, KO-14.973; 22. Ryan Barr, 21B, Barr-14.984; 23. Nate Carle, 14c, Carle-NT.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Robert Ballou, 3. Daison Pursley, 4. Matt Westfall, 5. Jake Swanson, 6. Garrett Abrams, 7. Joey Amantea, 8. Ryan Barr. NT

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Chase Stockon, 2. Carson Garrett, 3. Justin Grant, 4. Jadon Rogers, 5. C.J. Leary, 6. Saban Bibent, 7. Hunter Maddox. 2:00.68

T.J. FORGED/CAR IQ THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Brady Bacon, 2. Logan Seavey, 3. Shawn Westerfeld, 4. Mitchel Moles, 5. Kyle Cummins, 6. Nick Bilbee, 7. Kayla Roell. 2:01.64

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr. (7), 2. Brady Bacon (9), 3. Logan Seavey (4), 4. C.J. Leary (2), 5. Jake Swanson (3), 6. Daison Pursley (6), 7. Kyle Cummins (1), 8. Chase Stockon (8), 9. Mitchel Moles (18), 10. Nick Bilbee (11), 11. Jadon Rogers (14), 12. Carson Garrett (17), 13. Matt Westfall (13), 14. Joey Amantea (19), 15. Shawn Westerfeld (15), 16. Saban Bibent (10), 17. Ryan Barr (22), 18. Kayla Roell (21), 19. Robert Ballou (12), 20. Hunter Maddox (20), 21. Garrett Abrams (16), 22. Justin Grant (5). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-5 C.J. Leary, Laps 6-10 Kyle Cummins, Laps 11-17 Logan Seavey, Laps 18-30 Kevin Thomas Jr.

**Robert Ballou flipped on lap 17 of the feature. Justin Grant flipped on lap 19 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-537, 2-C.J. Leary-491, 3-Kevin Thomas Jr.-478, 4-Justin Grant-422, 5-Daison Pursley-398, 6-Chase Stockon-379, 7-Brady Bacon-364, 8-Kyle Cummins-361, 9-Mitchel Moles-346, 10-Robert Ballou-337.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Robert Ballou-37, 2-Tye Mihocko-32, 3-Joey Amantea-29, 4-Alex Bright-27, 5-Logan Seavey-21, 6-Kevin Thomas Jr.-21, 7-Mitchel Moles-21, 8-C.J. Leary-19, 9-Kyle Cummins-18, 10-Matt Westfall-15.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES: May 3-4, 2024 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – #LetsRaceTwo – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Daison Pursley (14.140)

A.J. Strasinger Trucking Second Fastest in Hot Laps: Justin Grant (14.278)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Daison Pursley (14.026)

Ron's Roost Second Fastest in Qualifying: Justin Grant (14.057)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Chase Stockon

T.J. Forged/Car IQ Third Heat Winner: Brady Bacon

Impressive Creations Hard Charger: Mitchel Moles (18th to 9th)

Justin Owen Family & Friends Top-Finishing Lawrenceburg Regular: Nick Bilbee (10th)

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PHOTO FINISH! BALLOU WINS USAC SPRINT CAR THRILLER BY .016 AT ELDORA

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Rossburg, Ohio (May 3, 2024)……Robert Ballou wasn't 100 percent sure his car would stick, nor did he even think he was close enough to take his shot on the final two turns of Friday night's #LetsRaceTwo opener at Rossburg, Ohio's Eldora Speedway.

Residing a half-straightaway back from leader Kyle Cummins as he took the white flag, Ballou (Rocklin, Calif.) put his right rear tire right up next to the outside wall all the way around the half-mile dirt oval, and ultimately, tracked down the low-riding Cummins to win at the stripe by mere inches – .016 second to be precise – and pocket $10,000 for his efforts.

The margin of victory is the second closest in USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship competition during the decade of the 2020s, trailing only the .005 second margin he was on the other side of during the July 2023 Indiana Sprint Week round at Gas City I-69 Speedway in which he finished second to Justin Grant.

This time, it was Ballou's turn to shine in his Ballou Motorsports/Suburban Subaru – Deaton's Waterfront Services/DRC/Ott Chevy as he recorded his 38th career USAC National Sprint Car feature victory, surpassing 1977-81-82 series champion Sheldon Kinser for sole possession of 12th place on the all-time list.

Ballou's seventh career USAC National Sprint Car triumph at Eldora now puts him among the all-time elite at Eldora. Jack Hewitt ranks number one with 13 career victories. Larry Dickson and Tracy Hines collected nine wins apiece. Pancho Carter and Rich Vogler each notched seven.

But Ballou doesn't exactly need statistics to prove he's elite at Eldora. He thoroughly demonstrated that once again with his 11th to first run on Friday night.

"I didn't even know if I was going to make it," Ballou admitted. "My car was not very good, and I was being a little girl and wasn't very good up on it. Before that last caution came out, I finally got brave enough to run straight and it was getting faster. I was tired of getting passed and it's been a tiresome 500 and something days."

The win came 546 days, to be exact, since his most recent USAC National Sprint Car victory at Perris (Calif.) Auto Speedway in November of 2022, which translates to just one day shy of 18 months. Similar to that race, Ballou saved his heroics for the latter stages after restarting fifth with nine laps remaining of the 30-lap distance.

“When that last caution came out, I got rolling. I was trying to count the laps and I knew it had to be getting close,” Ballou recalled. “When I got to third, I’m like, ‘man, he’s slowing down but I just don’t think I can get to him.’ When they threw the white, I said, ‘we’re either going to pull out a backup car or we’re going to try and get a win.’ I sent it into three there and wasn’t sure if it was going to end up in the suites or not. But luckily, it held on.”

In a feature race with as many twists and turns as a snake in a canyon, Ballou dealt with his fair share of hurdles to overcome. Following qualifying, Ballou and his crew changed engines to a unique powerplant that has a history as long as Ballou’s entire sprint car career.

“This is the Brettnacher motor,” referring to the engine that driver Aaron Farney and their team used when he was a competitor on the USAC National Sprint Car trail. “They let me have this motor after they quit racing. It’s from 2004 when I first started racing sprint cars. So, it’s all gone full circle. Thanks to the Brettnachers and the Farney family for everything that they’ve done for me over my career.”

The main event featured five different leaders taking their turn up front. Two-time USAC East Coast Sprint Car champion Briggs Danner was the first to step out front as he led the initial three circuits from the pole position. A lap four caution resulted in a flat tire for fifth running Logan Seavey, who made a beeline for the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area under the yellow for repairs. The series point leader returned to the track, but managed only an 11th place finish, ending his series record streak of seven consecutive top-three finishes to begin a season.

Just as the yellow was displayed, Grant had surged ahead of Danner for the lead on the high side of turn four but had to relinquish the position due to the rule dictating that scoring reverts to the last completed lap. Danner resumed as the leader, but it proved to be short lived. On the lap four restart, Grant slid under Danner in turn three to take over the top spot and proceeded to lead the next nine trips.

All the while, ninth starting Max Adams was sneaking along the bottom in pursuit of his first career USAC National Sprint Car victory. Lap by lap, he edged ever closer to Grant, and on lap 13, he pulled ahead on the low line between turns three and four. During the ensuing laps, despite an issue with his right rear tire, Grant caught back up to Adams. But on lap 18, Grant slapped the turn three and four outside wall with his right rear wheel, knocking the right rear shock off, and dropping him all the way back to fifth.

By lap 22, Grant pulled into the pits with his rear wheels bouncing like basketballs. Brady Bacon (6th) followed suit with a right rear tire issue as did Daison Pursley (7th). All returned to the field but all finished 15th or worse in the final tally.

Up front, Cummins was able to get the outside of Adams for the lead on the restart and finally moved ahead using the middle of the racetrack on lap 23. Meanwhile, Ballou was charging, going topside around Matt Westfall for fourth on lap 24, then by Danner for third on lap 27, Adams for second on lap 29, and lastly, Cummins for the win on the 30th and final lap.

Kyle Cummins’ (Princeton, Ind.) best Eldora run to date had come during the #LetsRaceTwo opener of 2023 where he led nine laps and finished third. This time, he led seven laps and looked assured to grab his first win in the Petty Performance

Racing/Avanti Windows & Doors – Premier Recycling/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy. But Ballou ultimately had something to say about that.

“That one definitely hurts a little bit,” Cummins acknowledged. “But to be honest with you, I’d rather it be the other way around. If I’m going to win, I want it to be up on the fence. I don’t want my Eldora win to be around the bottom. Even though it sucks for me, it made it exciting for the fans, I guess.”

Max Adams’ (Loomis, Calif.) previous best USAC National Sprint Car finish was a fourth at Macon (Ill.) Speedway in 2023. His previous top Eldora Speedway result came in a ninth in this event a year ago. He topped both of those marks in his first ever drive in the F & F Racing/zMAX – Western Speed Racing – FK Indy/DRC/FG3 Chevy.

“That was a pleasure to drive,” Adams praised. “I’ve never ran something that good around here before. We ripped the brake caliper off early in the race, like lap one or two. We kind of rode around for a little bit with no brakes to see if we could maintain and we ended up picking cars off and got to the lead. I really didn’t want to see that last caution come out, but that’s just the name of the game. I’ve got to get better on restarts, and I’ve got to get better here later in the night. But this was awesome. I’m truly at a loss for words. I would’ve liked to have gotten the win on that one and I felt like we had a good shot at it, but third is awesome.”

During Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying, Kevin Thomas Jr. (Cullman, Ala.) recorded his 39th career Fast Time award with the USAC National Sprint Cars, tying himself with five-time series champion Levi Jones for sixth on the all-time list.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: May 3, 2024 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – #LetsRaceTwo – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-16.151; 2. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-16.256; 3. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-16.306; 4. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-16.505; 5. Jake Swanson, 2B, 2B Racing-16.553; 6. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-16.558; 7. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-16.567; 8. Max Adams, 63, F & F-16.573; 9. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-16.581; 10. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-16.605; 11. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-16.612; 12. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-16.632; 13. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-16.652; 14. Todd Hobson, 44, Soudrette-16.761; 15. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-16.781; 16. Kody Swanson, 77, Doran-16.805; 17. Saban Bibent, 98, Wedgewood-16.825; 18. Braxton Cummings, 71B, Cummings-16.838; 19. Jadon Rogers, 17GP, Dutcher-16.855; 20. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-16.908; 21. Zack Pretorius, 9z, Pretorius-16.974; 22. Chance Crum, 26, Crum-16.989; 23. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-17.029; 24. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-17.063; 25. Matt Goodnight, 39G, Goodnight-17.110; 26. Korbyn Hayslett, 1H, Hayslett-17.114; 27. Ryan Barr, 21B, Barr-17.118; 28. Rylan Gray, 06, Gray-17.318; 29. Keith Sheffer II, 86, Sheffer-17.347; 30. Paul Dues, 87, Dues-17.571; 31. Jack James, 99, James-17.592; 32. Bryce Dues, 23D, Dues-18.133.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Saban Bibent, 2. Mitchel Moles, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Zack Pretorius, 5. Hunter Maddox, 6. Jake Swanson, 7. Matt Goodnight, 8. Keith Sheffer II. 2:14.10

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Daison Pursley, 2. Chance Crum, 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Robert Ballou, 5. Braxton Cummings, 6. Todd Hobson, 7. Korbyn Hayslett, 8. Paul Dues. 2:15.61

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Seavey, 2. Carson Garrett, 3. Chase Stockon, 4. Matt Westfall, 5. Briggs Danner, 6. Ryan Barr, 7. Jack James, 8. Jadon Rogers. NT

CAR IQ FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins, 2. Brady Bacon, 3. Joey Amantea, 4. Max Adams, 5. Justin Grant, 6. Kody Swanson, 7. Rylan Gray, 8. Bryce Dues. 2:16.87

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Jadon Rogers, 3. Todd Hobson, 4. Kody Swanson, 5. Ryan Barr, 6. Korbyn Hayslett, 7. Keith Sheffer II, 8. Bryce Dues, 9. Paul Dues, 10. Rylan Gray, 11. Jack James, 12. Matt Goodnight. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Robert Ballou (11), 2. Kyle Cummins (7), 3. Max Adams (9), 4. Briggs Danner (1), 5. Matt Westfall (12), 6. Jadon Rogers (19), 7. Mitchel Moles (14), 8. Carson Garrett (16), 9. Kevin Thomas Jr. (5), 10. Chase Stockon (22), 11. Logan Seavey (4), 12. Chance Crum (21), 13. Todd Hobson (15), 14. Kody Swanson (17), 15. Daison Pursley (2), 16. C.J. Leary (24), 17. Jake Swanson (8), 18. Hunter Maddox (10), 19. Brady Bacon (13), 20. Joey Amantea (23), 21. Braxton Cummings (18), 22. Justin Grant (3), 23. Zack Pretorius (20), 24. Saban Bibent (6). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 Briggs Danner, Laps 4-12 Justin Grant, Laps 13-22 Max Adams, Laps 23-29 Kyle Cummins, Lap 30 Robert Ballou.

**Jack James & Matt Goodnight flipped during the semi.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-590, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-536, 3-C.J. Leary-533, 4-Justin Grant-452, 5-Daison Pursley-440, 6-Kyle Cummins-436, 7-Chase Stockon-428, 8-Robert Ballou-412, 9-Mitchel Moles-405, 10-Brady Bacon-396.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Robert Ballou-47, 2-Joey Amantea-32, 3-Tye Mihocko-32, 4-C.J. Leary-28, 5-Mitchel Moles-28, 6-Alex Bright-27, 7-Jadon Rogers-25, 8-Kyle Cummins-23, 9-Matt Westfall-22, 10-Logan Seavey-21.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: May 4, 2024 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – #LetsRaceTwo – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: C.J. Leary (16.341)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Kevin Thomas Jr. (16.151) Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Saban Bibent

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Daison Pursley

T.J. Forged Third Heat Winner: Logan Seavey Car IQ Fourth Heat Winner: Kyle Cummins

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Jake Swanson Hard Charger: Jadon Rogers (19th to 6th)

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CHECKERS & WRECKERS: GRANT WINS IT, THEN WEARS IT AT ELDORA

2024 USAC National Sprint Car Season Review

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Rossburg, Ohio (May 4, 2024)……The jubilation following a hard-fought victory is one of the most satisfying experiences in all of sport.

However, the celebration displayed by Justin Grant in the immediate moments after his USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship score on Saturday night at Ohio's Eldora Speedway was certainly one that won't soon be forgotten.

It seems oddly fitting that it came directly after an unforgettable 30-lap feature in which Grant (Ione, Calif.) threw everything – the kitchen sink and a bag of chips – at leader Logan Seavey down the stretch of the #LetsRaceTwo finale before prevailing with a turn one slider just three laps from the finish line.

After crossing the finish line 1.397 seconds ahead of Seavey to pocket the $10,000 prize, Grant proceeded with a cool down lap on the half-mile dirt oval, then a subsequent victory lap which seemed positively routine…until it wasn't. Appearing to be winding up his car for a series of donuts, Grant stood on the gas and slapped his right rear tire against the turn three outside wall, sending him for a ride consisting of 2.5 tumbles.

Ironically, it was in this very same event one year ago in which Grant flipped in the identically same spot while battling for the lead. That one cost him a chance at victory. This one only cost him the chance to pull into victory lane under his own power aboard the TOPP Motorsports/NOS Energy Drink – Bow Foundation – TOPP Industries/Maxim/Kistler Chevy.

"I was awfully, awfully excited at the end of that one, obviously," Grant acknowledged after being towed to victory lane. "What an idiot. I feel like a moron. I just got too excited, jumped the wall and turned that thing over. I feel like an idiot. Hopefully (my crew) won't be too mad at me. (Car owner) Kevin Birchmeier has put up with a lot of BS out of me over the years so, hopefully, we'll weather that one. But I know he's excited we won."

Grant needn't beat himself up too much. Grant's victory was already his fourth of the USAC National Sprint Car season in just nine starts. He's the first driver to accomplish that feat since Damion Gardner in 2010. Furthermore, the victory was a nice sigh of a relief after his past three series starts netted finishes of 20th, 22nd and 22nd.

Likewise, his 49th career USAC National Sprint Car victory placed him just one tally shy of becoming the fourth driver to reach the 50-win mark, and he achieved this one in round two of the Bubby Jones Master of Going Faster series presented by Spire Sports + Entertainment, the 10-race slate named in honor of his late father-in-law.

"It was really, really, really a fun race," Grant stated. "Logan's a really good racecar driver and he's gotten rolling around this place really good. I feel like we were 'gloves off,' giving each other everything we had with every trick we could come up with. I was running around this place harder than I'd ever run around it just trying to keep pace, let alone race him."

Starting fifth, Grant got up on the horse and instantly went to work, swiping fourth on the opening lap and third on the second circuit. Meanwhile, pole starter Kevin Thomas Jr. dashed away to lead the opening six laps. Fourth starting Seavey was hustling too, and on lap seven, he ably slid Thomas for the lead in turn one. Grant followed suit a lap later in the same spot to grab second.

Seavey built up a 1.5 second lead nearing midway, but lapped traffic stifled his groove a bit, chopping his advantage nearly in half to eighth tenths. A yellow flag for a loose wheel cover lying in the middle of turn four completely erased Seavey's interval, allowing Grant to be right on the back of his rear bumper for the lap 18 restart. Grant went on the attack, sliding

Seavey for the top spot in turn three on the restart, but Seavey was able to counterpunch and drive back underneath Grant to retain the lead for the time being.

Grant wound his car up on the high side and got a run off turn four to pull even to the inside of Seavey at the start/finish line with 10 laps to go. As Seavey attempted to slide himself into turn one in order to prevent Grant's own slider in turn one, the two drivers brushed wheels. On the very next go around, they did the very same thing, touching tires as Seavey dug in to keep Grant at bay.

A yellow flag for the slowing car of 21st running Paul Dues on the back straightaway gave everyone a chance to catch their breath with five laps remaining. But that was only a momentary cease from the madness as Grant fired a big shot in turn three on the lap 26 restart. As Grant slid up to surpass Seavey, it was a meeting of chrome as Grant's rear bumper and

Seavey's front bumper locked horns, sending Grant bouncing his right rear tire off the wall. Simultaneously, Seavey turned down and was able to stave off Grant by three-quarters of a car length at the stripe.

Never straying more than an arm's length from Seavey, Grant's deciding move came with three to go as his turn one slide job stuck and Seavey's response back underneath only drew even with Grant on exit. Up top, Grant had the downhill momentum on his side and promptly drove away from Seavey from there on out. Brady Bacon wound up third with Kevin Thomas Jr. fourth and Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier C.J. Leary rounding out the top-five.

One night after seeing his series record streak of seven top-three finishes to start a season conclude with a flat tire and an 11th place result, Logan Seavey (Sutter, Calif.) returned to form on Saturday night in his Abacus Racing/CG CPAs – Indy Custom Stone – Forecheck Marketing/DRC/Stanton Chevy. Seavey scored his best career #LetsRaceTwo finish of second after leading a race high 21 laps and keeping himself up at the top of the standings in both the USAC National Sprint Car points as well as the Bubby Jones Master of Going Faster championship.

"What a freaking race," Seavey exclaimed. "This place is so cool. This is one of my favorite racetracks in the world to come to and that's what it's about. Last night was not fun for me, but to come here and run the curb right up against the wall like that is as cool as it gets. It showed there that Justin is going to run hard and do whatever he can do to win, and I made the wrong decision there to cross him over. I thought I could drive around it. There aren't very many Justin Grant sliders you can drive around. That's not saying anything bad about him. It's just knowing who you're racing with, and I made the wrong decision. He won and I lost. That's how they go, and we'll come back stronger."

Similarly to Grant and Seavey, Brady Bacon (Broken Arrow, Okla.) experienced a pleasant return to the podium in his Dynamics, Inc./Bazell Race Fuels – Davis Brothers Trucking – Tel-Star/Triple X/Rider Chevy. Bacon started seventh and finished third on Saturday, one night after a flat tire dropped him to a disappointing 19th place result.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: May 4, 2024 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – #LetsRaceTwo – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-15.286; 2. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-15.480; 3. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-15.506; 4. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-15.518; 5. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-15.571; 6. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-15.607; 7. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-15.643; 8. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-15.656; 9. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-15.754; 10. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-15.770; 11. Max Adams, 63, F & F-15.785; 12. Jake Swanson, 2B,

2B Racing-15.801; 13. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-15.807; 14. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-15.823; 15. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-15.864; 16. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-15.896; 17. Todd Hobson, 44, Soudrette-16.006; 18. Matt Goodnight, 39G, Goodnight-16.076; 19. Jadon Rogers, 17GP, Dutcher-16.093; 20. Saban Bibent, 98, Wedgewood-16.097; 21. Korbyn Hayslett, 1H, Hayslett-16.128; 22. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-16.152; 23. Paul Dues, 87, Dues-16.155; 24. Braxton Cummings, 71B, Cummings-16.275; 25. Chance Crum, 26, Crum-16.392; 26. Bryce Dues, 23D, Dues-16.783; 27. Ryan Barr, 21B, Barr-NT.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Brady Bacon, 2. Robert Ballou, 3. Hunter Maddox, 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 5. Logan Seavey, 6. Joey Amantea, 7. Jadon Rogers, 8. Chance Crum, 9. C.J. Leary. NT

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Matt Westfall, 2. Chase Stockon, 3. Kyle Cummins, 4. Daison Pursley, 5. Max Adams, 6. Saban Bibent, 7. Paul Dues, 8. Bryce Dues, 9. Todd Hobson. 2:13.88

T.J. FORGED / CAR IQ THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Carson Garrett, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Briggs Danner, 4. Jake Swanson, 5. Mitchel Moles, 6. Matt Goodnight, 7. Korbyn Hayslett, 8. Braxton Cummings, 9. Ryan Barr. 2:13.30

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (10 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Todd Hobson, 2. C.J. Leary, 3. Chance Crum, 4. Jadon Rogers, 5. Korbyn Hayslett, 6. Paul Dues, 7. Ryan Barr, 8. Bryce Dues, 9. Braxton Cummings. 3:00.57

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (5), 2. Logan Seavey (4), 3. Brady Bacon (7), 4. Kevin Thomas Jr. (1), 5. C.J. Leary (10), 6. Daison Pursley (3), 7. Mitchel Moles (2), 8. Carson Garrett (9), 9. Jake Swanson (15), 10. Briggs Danner (12), 11. Todd Hobson (17), 12. Matt Westfall (8), 13. Kyle Cummins (6), 14. Robert Ballou (13), 15. Jadon Rogers (19), 16. Max Adams (14), 17. Saban Bibent (20), 18. Korbyn Hayslett (21), 19. Chase Stockon (11), 20. Joey Amantea (22), 21. Chance Crum (24), 22. Matt Goodnight (18), 23. Paul Dues (23), 24. Hunter Maddox (16). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-6 Kevin Thomas Jr., Laps 7-27 Logan Seavey, Laps 28-30 Justin Grant.

**Justin Grant flipped after the feature checkered flag.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-664, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-602, 3-C.J. Leary-600, 4-Justin Grant-533, 5-Daison Pursley-502, 6-Kyle Cummins-484, 7-Brady Bacon-468, 8-Mitchel Moles-462, 9-Chase Stockon-460, 10-Robert Ballou-454.

BUBBY JONES MASTER OF GOIN' FASTER PRESENTED BY SPIRE SPORTS + ENTERTAINMENT POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-152, 2-C.J. Leary-139, 3-Kevin Thomas Jr.-138, 4-Justin Grant-134, 5-Kyle Cummins-123, 6-Carson Garrett-121, 7-Daison Pursley-117, 8-Mitchel Moles-117, 9-Briggs Danner-105, 10-Brady Bacon-103.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Robert Ballou-47, 2-Joey Amantea-34, 3-C.J. Leary-33, 4-Tye Mihocko- 32, 5-Jadon Rogers-29, 6-Mitchel Moles-28, 7-Alex Bright-27, 8-Logan Seavey-23, 9-Kyle Cummins-23, 10-Matt Westfall-22.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: May 10, 2024 – Bloomington Speedway – Bloomington, Indiana – Larry Rice Classic – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: C.J. Leary (15.629)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: C.J. Leary (15.286)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Brady Bacon

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Matt Westfall

T.J. Forged / Car IQ Third Heat Winner: Carson Garrett

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Todd Hobson

Hard Charger: Jake Swanson (15th to 9th)

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UNDENIED: SEAVEY SAVORS FIRST BLOOMINGTON USAC SPRINT WIN AT LARRY RICE CLASSIC

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Bloomington, Indiana (May 10, 2024)……After seeing victory slip away on late-race restarts in three of his past four USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship starts, Logan Seavey wasn't about to let another escape from his grasp.

On a late restart in Friday night's Larry Rice Classic, Seavey was picture perfect as he delivered his first career Bloomington Speedway victory in his Abacus Racing/CG CPAs – Indy Custom Stone – Forecheck Marketing/DRC/Stanton Chevy.

In February's Winter Dirt Games finale at Florida's Ocala Speedway, C.J. Leary scooted under Seavey on a restart with three laps to go. On a restart with 14 laps to go at Lawrenceburg (Ind.) Speedway, Kevin Thomas Jr. gained the upper hand by steadily driving past on the bottom for the top spot. Just two laps after the restart during last Saturday's thriller at Ohio's Eldora Speedway, Justin Grant stuck a slider in turns one and two on Seavey, then led the final three laps.

When a caution came with just four laps remaining in Friday's main event at Bloomington, Seavey was game for the challenge, fending off the challenges from both Ricky Lewis and a surging Daison Pursley to win his third USAC National Sprint Car feature of the year.

Seavey and Abacus Racing have constructed one of the finest beginnings for a new driver and team combination in USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship history. The Bloomington round served as a microcosm of the season as a whole with the beginning of their 30-lap feature playing out just about as smoothly. Seavey traveled from third to second on the opening lap and second to first on the second circuit, and from there on out, was never officially overtaken en route to the team's third victory of the year.

Throughout the first quarter of the season, Seavey has now posted nine top-three finishes, which has allowed him to open up a 71-point lead, the largest throughout the first 10 USAC National Sprint Car events since Justin Grant 2017.

Furthermore, the race had another special, more personal meaning to Seavey. The Larry Rice Classic is held annually in memory of the three-time USAC national champion driver and television commentator. One year ago, Seavey (Sutter, Calif.) captured the USAC Silver Crown National Championship at the wheel of a Rice-owned car operated by Larry's son, Robbie.

"I've been running this race for a handful of years now and my friendship with Robbie has really become more like family to me," Seavey said. "He's given me a shot in the Silver Crown cars and he's done so much for me over the last few years just keeping me out here and giving me a place to live at times. He's been such a huge part of my career over the last few years. I know this race is for his dad who meant a lot to the whole sport of USAC racing, so this is really cool."

Seavey's 13th career USAC National Sprint Car feature win moved him up another line on the series' career win list, pushing him past Eric Gordon and into a tie with Steve Chassey on the list for 47th all-time. The victory also marked Seavey's first at Bloomington's 1/4-mile red clay oval after finishing third in each of his past two Larry Rice Classic starts in 2018 and 2023.

"I'm just happy to get a win here," Seavey exclaimed. "I always love coming to Bloomington. I never could quite win here but this thing was so good tonight."

While Seavey's start to the main event was superb, Jadon Rogers' opening lap was equally misfortunate. The fifth-starting Rogers clipped an infield tire marker in turn two which launched him into orbit. While airborne, Rogers' car was clipped by the trailing ride of C.J. Leary. As a result, Rogers' car straightened before dropping straight down like an elevator freefalling in a shaft, landing right on top of the roll cage. Although initially loaded into the ambulance on a stretcher, Rogers eventually walked back to the Michael Dutcher Motorsports' trailer under his own power.

When racing resumed, Bloomington regular Brayden Fox got the advantage at the start to lead the opening lap from the pole position. However, Seavey was making his stride to the front, going low to surpass Ricky Lewis for second on the first lap before shooting to the topside on the second go around where he eked out ahead of Fox by the slimmest of margins to lead lap two.

Shortly after, it became a proverbial beatdown as Seavey checked out, building a full-straightaway advantage over Fox by the completion of lap five. By lap 12, Lewis, having the best run of his young USAC career in his 18th series start, rose to second on the leaderboard with an outside pass of Fox on lap 12.

By midway, Seavey was working lapped traffic as he poked his way high and low through the back end of the field with an incredible half-lap advantage. But one driver in particular was bound and determined to close the gap, Daison Pursley, who started his race 23rd in the 24-car field. On lap 18, he scooted around the outside of Fox for the third position, then went to work on Lewis for the runner-up spot. All the while, Seavey was cruising comfortably, nearly six seconds ahead of the pack. Although the track presented its share of challenges to Seavey, he was game for it all and everything that was thrown his way to overcome.

"Since they took a little banking out, it's really hard to get off the corners on the top of two and four," Seavey explained. "It kind of shoves you off the front stretch and it just makes it really tricky, which I don't know is necessarily a bad thing.

The harder these tracks are, the more fun it is as a racer. You can try to figure out different things. It's really tricky to get off the top. I was starting to give up on it there in traffic and I felt so good from the middle to the bottom that I didn't really want to move around after that. Those guys forced me to do that on that first restart and I decided to go for it and get back

to where I was good and try to get away. The last thing you want to do is get racing with these guys. They're so good, they'll put you away quickly."

A caution for the spun car of 18th running USAC Rookie Rylan Gray in turn four with four laps remaining stifled Seavey's pursuit and allowed the gap between he and all other challengers to be erased to zilch. On the ensuing lap 27 restart, Pursley nearly picked the pockets of both Lewis and Seavey, briefly edging both drivers for the lead in turn two before falling back into line behind both. Seavey acknowledged the inherent difficulties of playing the role of the chased rabbit on a restart with two hungry greyhounds right on your back bumper.

"I kind of got lost there at the end," Seavey admitted. "I was so good in the middle and the bottom in traffic, I didn't really know where to go. It's hard to gauge off traffic at times but I just really didn't know where to go on that late restart. I feel like I've been leading a few of these late and have given them away but we got a caution again and I finally committed to the top and got to pounding it a little bit and got away. But this car is so good everywhere, it just made it hard to make a decision."

But the excitement was short lived as contact between Leary and Fox in turn two amid the battle for fourth sent Fox spinning to a stop, necessitating a yellow flag and erasing Fox's career best USAC run.

On the restart, Pursley instantly climbed to second underneath Lewis on the back straightaway, then went to work on trying to chase down Seavey while Leary followed in tow to third. However, as Seavey proved all night long, he was simply too strong as he sped away to a 1.436 second victory over Pursley, Leary, Lewis and Shane Cottle.

Daison Pursley's hard charging performance from 23rd to 2nd was his best finish yet on the 2024 USAC season aboard his Team AZ Racing/Apache Transport – Oak Craft Elegant Cabinetry/DRC/1-Way Chevy. The 21 cars he passed also ranks among the best in series history and is certainly the best since at least 2019. In that span, three drivers have advanced 19 positions: Tyler Courtney (22nd to 3rd at Ocala in 2019); Stevie Sussex (24th to 5th at Arizona Speedway in 2019); and Brady Bacon (22nd to 3rd at Lawrenceburg in 2023). Pursley (Locust Grove, Okla.) bested them all on this night.

"I didn't have a good qualifying effort, but I felt fast in the heat race, and we were able to transfer, then I felt crazy good in the feature," Pursley documented. "I don't think I had enough for Logan there even though I was third on the restart. I think they had us covered tonight. It's not where we want to be but it's in the right direction. We'll need to keep clicking off these podiums, and hopefully, we'll get on that top step one day."

C.J. Leary (Greenfield, Ind.) was involved in a first lap crash, which caused damage to his BGE Dougherty Motorsports/Altoz – Valvoline – Hornbeck Concrete/DRC/1-Way Chevy. Nonetheless, it didn't slow him up much as he made his way back to third in the final laps, another fine performance for the defending Larry Rice Classic winner.

"I think the racetrack came to us, and I knew that when we rolled out there, we were going to be pretty tight," Leary said. "I want to apologize to Brayden Fox. I got in that crash on the first lap, and it ripped the left front brake line off. We got it plugged, so I had rear brakes, but it just didn't have enough to stop from running into him on that last restart. It's definitely not what I wanted to do. He had a great run going and I hate that I took that away from him. I found some stuff there late in the race through the middle of three and four when I was battling Cottle and I was using it to our advantage on that last restart, but it's a good night for us to be standing on the podium after everything we had going on."

In Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying, Geoff Ensign (Sebastopol, Calif.) earned his first career USAC National Sprint Car fast time. In doing so, the 2022 Bloomington Speedway sprint car track champion became the first driver to earn his first career USAC quick time at Bloomington since Danny Holtsclaw in 2010.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: May 10, 2024 – Bloomington Speedway – Bloomington, Indiana – Larry Rice Classic – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Geoff Ensign, 44E, Ensign-11.496; 2. Jadon Rogers, 17GP, Dutcher-11.600; 3. Gabriel Gilbert, 10G, GGR-11.602; 4. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-11.609; 5. Shane Cottle, 2E, Epperson-11.656; 6. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-11.665; 7. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland-11.704; 8. Brayden Fox, 53, Fox-11.775; 9. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-11.778; 10. Anton Hernandez, 5, Baldwin/Fox-11.794; 11. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-11.794; 12. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-11.796; 13. Rylan Gray, 06, Gray-11.827; 14. Trey Osborne, 6T, Osborne-11.836; 15. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-11.840; 16. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-11.858; 17. Weston Gorham, 71w, Gorham-11.879; 18. Saban Bibent, 98, Wedgewood-11.888; 19. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-11.917; 20. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-11.929; 21. Jake Swanson, 2B, 2B Racing-11.956; 22. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-11.977; 23. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-11.993; 24. Chance Crum, 26, Crum-12.039; 25. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-12.087; 26. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-12.164; 27. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-12.206; 28. Matt Thompson, 26T, Thompson-12.250; 29. Todd Hobson, 44, Soudrette-12.271; 30. Braxton Cummings, 71B, Cummings-12.346; 31. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-12.368; 32. Lee Dakus, 21x, Dakus-12.485; 33. Frankie Guerrini, 04, Burton-12.510; 34. Zack Pretorius, 9z, Pretorius-NT (Time of 12.110 disallowed due to missing the scales).

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Shane Cottle, 4. Geoff Ensign, 5. Kevin Thomas Jr., 6. Weston Gorham, 7. Rylan Gray, 8. Frankie Guerrini, 9. Todd Hobson. 2:03.763

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Seavey, 2. Jadon Rogers, 3. Chase Stockon, 4. Daison Pursley, 5. Anton Hernandez, 6. Zack Pretorius, 7. Saban Bibent, 8. Braxton Cummings, 9. Trey Osborne. NT

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Ricky Lewis, 4. Brady Bacon, 5. Joey Amantea, 6. Matt Westfall, 7. Gabriel Gilbert, 8. Hunter Maddox. NT

CAR IQ FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. Mitchel Moles, 3. Harley Burns, 4. Chance Crum, 5. Brayden Fox, 6. Carson Garrett, 7. Matt Thompson, 8. Lee Dakus. 2:07.299

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Carson Garrett, 2. Matt Westfall, 3. Gabriel Gilbert, 4. Rylan Gray, 5. Weston Gorham, 6. Saban Bibent, 7. Zack Pretorius, 8. Trey Osborne, 9. Frankie Guerrini, 10. Lee Dakus, 11. Hunter Maddox, 12. Matt Thompson, 13. Braxton Cummings, 14. Todd Hobson. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (3), 2. Daison Pursley (23), 3. C.J. Leary (7), 4. Ricky Lewis (2), 5. Shane Cottle (4), 6. Jake Swanson (9), 7. Brady Bacon (20), 8. Kyle Cummins (14), 9. Justin Grant (12), 10. Matt Westfall (17), 11. Robert Ballou (8), 12. Brayden Fox (1), 13. Kevin Thomas Jr. (22), 14. Chase Stockon (19), 15. Harley Burns (15), 16. Anton Hernandez (13), 17. Mitchel Moles (18), 18. Carson Garrett (11), 19. Rylan Gray (16), 20. Joey Amantea (24), 21. Gabriel Gilbert (10), 22. Geoff Ensign (6), 23. Chance Crum (21), 24. Jadon Rogers (5). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Brayden Fox, Laps 2-30 Logan Seavey.

**Hunter Maddox, Todd Hobson & Matt Thompson flipped during the semi. Jadon Rogers flipped on lap 1 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-743, 2-C.J. Leary-672, 3-Kevin Thomas Jr.-643, 4-Justin Grant-586, 5-Daison Pursley-574, 6-Kyle Cummins-540, 7-Brady Bacon-525, 8-Robert Ballou-503, 9-Chase Stockon-501, 10-Mitchel Moles-498.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Robert Ballou-47, 2-C.J. Leary-40, 3-Joey Amantea-38, 4-Tye Mihocko- 32, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-30, 6-Brady Bacon-30, 7-Daison Pursley-30, 8-Jadon Rogers-29, 9-Mitchel Moles-29, 10-Matt Westfall-29.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: May 11, 2024 – Tri-State Speedway – Haubstadt, Indiana – Spring Showdown – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: C.J. Leary (11.688)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Geoff Ensign (11.496)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Jake Swanson

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Logan Seavey

T.J. Forged Third Heat Winner: C.J. Leary

Car IQ Fourth Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Carson Garrett

Hard Charger: Daison Pursley (23rd to 2nd)

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NO LETDOWN AT THE SPRING SHOWDOWN: KTJ SCORES AT TRI-STATE

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Haubstadt, Indiana (May 11, 2024)……Throughout the past decade, competitors and fans alike have become accustomed to witnessing the Rock Steady Racing number 3R perform its magic during the Spring Showdown at Haubstadt, Indiana's Tri-State Speedway.

First there was Hunter Schuerenberg in 2012, then Daron Clayton in 2014, and later on, Kyle Cummins did the deed in 2021. At Saturday night's 11th running of the event on the 1/4-mile dirt oval, it was the team's newest driver, Kevin Thomas Jr., who sealed the deal to become the fourth different driver from the team's stable to capture a Spring Showdown victory.

Shortly following a restart, Thomas (Cullman, Ala.) chased down early race leader Mitchel Moles on lap 12, then successfully fended off the pursuit of the surging Cummins. From there on, KTJ led the final 19 laps to score his third career

Spring Showdown win after previous triumphs in 2013 and 2018. No other driver owns more than one Spring Showdown win.

Overall, it's Rock Steady Racing's ninth USAC National Sprint Car victory at Tri-State, far and away the most successful team in that category. Fully cognizant of the resume held by the 3R at the southern Indiana venue, Thomas felt he had some weight on his shoulders to overcome.

"This is the most nervous I've been in a racecar in a long time," Thomas admitted. "Especially with what Kyle has done here as a driver and them as a team. If you suck, it's on you. So, that's tough. But I've got a great deal of confidence in my team and my ability to drive a racecar. I was pumped up and I can't remember the last time I did donuts!"

To be the man, you got to beat the man, and Thomas did just that, breaking the tie he held with Cummins atop Tri-State's all-time USAC National Sprint Car win list. KTJ's seventh win with the series at the track is now the standard bearer after grabbing his latest aboard the Rock Steady Racing/Inferno Armor – Eddie Gilstrap Motors – Creative Finishing/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy.

A statistic that truly grabbed Thomas' attention in the post-race celebration was the fact that his 41st career USAC National Sprint Car feature victory equaled him with the late, great Bryan Clauson for ninth place on the all-time list.

"I might cry," Thomas stated. "There's a lot that goes into that, and obviously, he was a good person for the sport and what he did for it and what his family has meant to it. Being able to tie him in anything is pretty emotional but there's a lot of hard work that goes into this for a long period of time. It took me a lot longer to get there than it has for some other people but I'm hardheaded and I'm not a good learner. So, we'll keep digging at this."

Starting third, Thomas slotted into second on the opening lap and immediately draped his ride to the rear bumper of pole sitter Mitchel Moles. By lap nine, the top-two found themselves just a heartbeat away from reaching the tail end of the field when the first stoppage of the feature occurred.

A five-car incident was triggered by contact between Jake Swanson and Adyn Schmidt in a battle for 13th place at the exit of turn four, sending Swanson into a spin cycle. Moments later, Swanson's car was plowed by Dustin Beck and defending Spring Showdown winner Justin Grant. Grant took the worst of it, flipping over to end his suddenly frustrating night. Scheduled to start sixth, Grant pulled off during the pace laps to make a visit to the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area with an ignition box issue being the culprit. He returned to the lineup but had to start from the back of the pack in 24th. Beck bowed out with major front-end damage while Aric Gentry and Kendall Ruble also became entangled in the mishap.

All the while, Thomas was champing at the bit, waiting to exhale and ultimately make his bid for the lead. He got his chance on a restart following a lap 12 caution for contact between Kayla Roell and Donny Brackett. Thomas wound it up on the resumption of the 12th lap and zipped around the outside of Moles for the top spot in turn two.

With the laps dwindling, Thomas was preoccupied with successfully weaving his way in and around lapped traffic. About seven or eight car lengths back, Cummins placed himself into the runner-up spot as he slid Moles in turn one with seven laps remaining. Moles swung back by to retake the position briefly down the back straightaway and into turn three, but as Moles slid up, Cummins countered and dove under to take over second, and Thomas was keenly aware of that sudden development.

"I saw the 3p was there in second and he's going to be a real pain in my butt all year," Thomas said. "I'm looking forward to it. He's one of my good buddies, and that whole team over there does a great job as well. But I'm glad we started a little bit further forward than he did!"

On the final stretch run, Thomas managed to extend his lead as he continued to cut his path toward victory lane, earning the win by a margin of 2.032 seconds over Cummins, Moles, C.J. Leary and Jadon Rogers who rounded out the top-five one night after an accident at Bloomington (Ind.) Speedway briefly put him in the back of an ambulance before walking away.

The win was the 27th for Hank Byram's Rock Steady Racing team in USAC National Sprint Car competition, moving him past Daryl Guiducci's Six-R Racing outfit for 19th on the series' all-time entrant win list.

Kyle Cummins' (Princeton, Ind.) last three Spring Showdown starts have placed him 1st (2021), 3rd (2023) and now 2nd (2024), which equaled his best performance of the USAC season after also finishing second last weekend at Ohio's Eldora Speedway in his Petty Performance Racing/Avanti Windows & Doors – Premier Recycling/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy. On Saturday night, he was also part of the first one-two USAC finish for Mark Smith's Mach-1 Chassis, which Thomas also competes with.

Mitchel Moles (Raisin City, Calif.) turned in his best result of the USAC season after leading the initial 11 laps and finishing third in his Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports/AME Electrical – Mesilla Valley Transportation/Spike/Stanton Chevy, marking the best Spring Showdown finish for both driver and team.

Once again, Robert Ballou (Rocklin, Calif.) delivered the hardest charging performance of the night. The 2015 USAC National Sprint Car champion started 16th and finished seventh in his Ballou Motorsports/Suburban Subaru – Deaton's Waterfront Services/DRC/Ott Chevy. It's Ballou's series-leading third hard charger award of the USAC National Sprint Car season and he's now passed a total of 56 cars in series features this year, which gives him the lead in the ProSource Passing Master points.

Justin Grant's (Ione, Calif.) night began proficiently as he set quick time in Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying to move into 11th place all-time on the USAC National Sprint Car fast qualifying list. He surpassed Chase Stockon with his 34th career Fast Qualifier award and now ranks one behind Rich Vogler for 10th all-time at 35.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: May 11, 2024 – Tri-State Speedway – Haubstadt, Indiana – Spring Showdown – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-13.226; 2. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-13.271; 3. Jadon Rogers, 17GP, Dutcher-13.328; 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-13.340; 5. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-13.348; 6. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-13.487; 7. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-13.537; 8. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-13.599; 9. Carson Short, 21m, Edwards-13.651; 10. Adyn Schmidt, 12s, Schmidt-13.828; 11. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-13.830; 12. Brady Short, 61m, Edwards-13.832; 13. Jake Swanson, 2B, 2B Racing-13.885; 14. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-13.890; 15. Dustin Beck, 75, Henson/Rupp-13.901; 16. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-13.989; 17. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-14.006; 18. Aric Gentry, 10, Gentry-14.006; 19. J.J. Hughes, 76, Hughes-14.024; 20. Trey Osborne, 6T, Osborne-14.068; 21. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-14.086; 22. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-14.144; 23. Kendall Ruble, 17, Ruble-14.152; 24. Kayla Roell, 5K, KO-14.152; 25. Donny Brackett, 4B, Brackett-14.280; 26. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-14.288; 27. Stan Beadles,

84, Beadles-14.301; 28. Michael Daugherty, 3.14, Daugherty-14.452; 29. Sam Scott, 7s, Scott-14.546; 30. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-14.558; 31. Nathan Seale, 1s, Seale-15.228

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Carson Short, 2. Jake Swanson, 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Justin Grant, 5. Donny Brackett, 6. Carson Garrett, 7. Matt Westfall, 8. Sam Scott. 2:16.776

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins, 2. Mitchel Moles, 3. Brady Bacon, 4. Adyn Schmidt, 5. Aric Gentry, 6. Joey Amantea, 7. Brandon Mattox, 8. Hunter Maddox. 2:16.221

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Jadon Rogers, 2. Kendall Ruble, 3. J.J. Hughes, 4. Dustin Beck, 5. Daison Pursley, 6. Logan Seavey, 7. Stan Beadles, 8. Nathan Seale. 2:16.177

CAR IQ FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Brady Short, 3. Robert Ballou, 4. Kayla Roell, 5. Chase Stockon, 6. Trey Osborne, 7. Michael Daugherty. 2:16.571

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Matt Westfall, 2. Logan Seavey, 3. Carson Garrett, 4. Joey Amantea, 5. Stan Beadles, 6. Trey Osborne, 7. Brandon Mattox, 8. Sam Scott, 9. Hunter Maddox, 10. Michael Daugherty, 11. Nathan Seale. 2:53.719

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr. (3), 2. Kyle Cummins (5), 3. Mitchel Moles (1), 4. C.J. Leary (2), 5. Jadon Rogers (4), 6. Daison Pursley (8), 7. Robert Ballou (16), 8. Brady Bacon (14), 9. Brady Short (12), 10. Logan Seavey (11), 11. Chase Stockon (9), 12. Carson Short (7), 13. Adyn Schmidt (10), 14. Carson Garrett (20), 15. Matt Westfall (17), 16. J.J. Hughes (19), 17. Jake Swanson (13), 18. Joey Amantea (21), 19. Donny Brackett (24), 20. Kayla Roell (23), 21. Aric Gentry (18), 22. Kendall Ruble (22), 23. Dustin Beck (15), 24. Justin Grant (6). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-11 Mitchel Moles, Laps 12-30 Kevin Thomas Jr.

**Justin Grant flipped on lap 9 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-789, 2-C.J. Leary-741, 3-Kevin Thomas Jr.-724, 4-Daison Pursley-633, 5-Justin Grant-620, 6-Kyle Cummins-620, 7-Brady Bacon-580, 8-Mitchel Moles-570, 9-Robert Ballou-561, 10-Chase Stockon-546.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Robert Ballou-56, 2-Joey Amantea-41, 3-C.J. Leary-40, 4-Brady Bacon- 36, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-32, 6-Kyle Cummins-32, 7-Daison Pursley-32, 8-Tye Mihocko-32, 9-Matt Westfall-31, 10-Mitchel Moles-29.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: May 21, 2024 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – 54th Annual Tony Hulman Classic – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Justin Grant (13.179)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Justin Grant (13.226)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Carson Short

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Kyle Cummins

T.J. Forged Third Heat Winner: Jadon Rogers

Car IQ Fourth Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Matt Westfall

Hard Charger: Robert Ballou (16th to 7th)

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SHOOT TO THRILL: SEAVEY SCORES HULMAN CLASSIC RIFLE AT TERRE HAUTE

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Terre Haute, Indiana (May 21, 2024)……With Logan Seavey, there seems to be a trend of sorts in USAC national competition. The last time he was the fastest qualifier in each of three USAC national series, he went on to win the feature event that very same night.

During Tuesday's 54th annual running of the Tony Hulman Classic for the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship at Indiana's Terre Haute Action Track, he set the tone for the night by recording the fastest qualifying time, then proceeded to keep his personal omen alive.

He accomplished the same feat with his most recent fast qualifying effort with the USAC Silver Crown series in August of 2023 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds and in his latest USAC NOS Energy Drink National Midget triumph last Sunday at Missouri's Sweet Springs Motorsports Park.

But there's also another ongoing trend that the Sutter, Calif. native is quite fond of, and that's winning, period. His latest performance at Terre Haute's 1/2-mile saw him take the lead with just two laps remaining to win his second race spanning across two USAC national series in the past three days while also capturing his fourth USAC Sprint victory of the season in his Abacus Racing/CG CPAs – Indy Custom Stone – Forecheck Marketing/DRC/Stanton Chevy.

Believe it or not, Seavey is the first fastest qualifier to win the Hulman Classic in 21 years! J.J. Yeley was the most recent to do so way back in 2003.

Seavey's 14th career USAC National Sprint Car victory tied him for 43rd all-time alongside Billy Cassella, Lee Kunzman, Chase Stockon and Bruce Walkup. Two of Seavey's 14 wins have come at Terre Haute, the first of which occurred during the Indiana Sprint Week round in 2021. Much like Stockon and Walkup, Seavey is now the proud owner of a Hulman Classic rifle, annually presented to the race's winner since 1971.

"I really wanted to win this rifle," Seavey stated. "It's one of the coolest trophies we get to race for. I'm just excited to win another one here at Terre Haute. This place is so special to me and to all of racing in Indiana. To win one in Tony Hulman's name is really cool. This place is tough, and it means a lot to win here. I was able to win one a few years ago and it's eluded me for a few years but now it feels so good getting into this racecar and knowing we have a shot every night."

Seavey started fifth on the grid for the 30-lap, $10,000-to-win main event, but quickly got shuffled back to eighth before steadily making his way back to the forefront. Initially, 2017 Hulman Classic winner Kevin Thomas Jr. stepped out to the lead from the pole position with three-time Hulman winner Robert Ballou giving chase.

However, the start was a rough go as Joey Amantea spun backwards in turn one, claiming he “saw God” as the back half of the field scattered high and low to miss T-boning him before he rolled to a stop without contact. In the end ,you could almost say Amantea was a hard charger twice. Starting 19th, he worked up to 14th by lap one before his incident. Restarting 23rd, he passed 12 more in the final 29 laps to finish 11th in his debut Hulman Classic experience.

On the ensuing restart, two-time and defending USAC Sprint champion Justin Grant (10th) spun backwards to a stop in turn two, and in the end, wound up 15th at the finish line after restarting at the tail.

After first time USAC starter Nate Ervin (23rd) slowed a stop on the back straightaway to bring out the yellow on lap nine, Swanson took advantage of the reset to slide job past Thomas for the lead. Brady Bacon followed suit to second in turn three as he shot under Thomas for the runner-up spot.

Just before midway, Seavey surged into third on the 13th lap as he dug in to swipe the position with a turn three slider on Thomas. Yet Seavey remained nearly a half-straightaway behind the top two who were now entering the tail end of the field to put them a lap down. Seavey turned the quickest lap of the race on lap 17 and visibly drew closer to the front pack.

Bacon fired a shot at Swanson for the race lead in turn three on lap 21, but the bottom line was occupied by the lapped car of Charles Davis Jr., forcing Bacon to fall back in line in front of Seavey who was now right on his rear bumper. Seavey remained in third with just four laps to go but executed a picture-perfect slider on Bacon in turn one on lap 27 for second, then set his compass toward Swanson, but time was running short.

“We were hustling hard there,” Seavey explained. “Jake and Brady were so fast and setting such a good pace, I could get to third and be right on Brady, but he never seemed to get a run to slide him for the lead. I tried to show him a nose to get him to race a little harder and a little more aggressively, but I was finally able to get a run on Brady and slide him. Then, on the next lap, I could see the flagman, barely, through the dust but I could see him say ‘five to go.’ I knew it was coming quick, so I had to pull the trigger and I was able to get it done.”

With three to go, Swanson put Grant one lap down as he worked his way past in turns one and two. Meanwhile, Seavey got hung up behind Grant at the exit of turn two, seemingly costing Seavey valuable time as Swanson opened his gap up to six car lengths on the back straight. Seavey cleared Grant by turn three and set forth on tracking Swanson down.

Turn two on lap 29 is where Seavey practically won the race. Nailing the cushion perfectly, Seavey propelled off of it and launched right to Swanson’s tail tank halfway down the back straight before racing underneath at the entrance to turn three to take over the lead and put another win in the bag.

“You have to have such a big run,” Seavey acknowledged. “Even though this place is wide, you enter nearly wide open getting into these corners. To clear somebody, you have to run it in so hard, then it’s all the way to the fence. You just slide and slide and slide, then just gas it as hard as you can before you hit the fence and hope you don’t crash, really. In all reality, that’s what we’re doing out there. We’re just sliding each other and hoping we don’t crash coming out the other end. It’s just about getting a big run and getting to them as they enter and making sure you get across in front of them because they can see you coming. This place is tricky; it’s fast; and it’s not a place you want to bang wheels at. You want to make sure you clear them good and then hit the cushion and get a good launch down the straightaways.”

From there, Seavey executed the last lap and a half to keep Swanson at bay with Seavey defeating him at the line by less than two car lengths and a 0.287 second margin. Swanson took second with Bacon third, Thomas fourth and C.J. Leary fifth.

For Jake Swanson (Anaheim, Calif.) it was a bittersweet symphony. He led a race high 20 laps and finished with his best Tony Hulman Classic result to date aboard his 2B Racing/Honest Abe Roofing – Benic Enterprises/DRC/Claxton Chevy. Despite the disappointment of seeing the win slip away, Swanson is proud of the accomplishment given the team's up-and-down season to this point.

"It's a big-time step in the right direction," Swanson said. "I'm actually really happy and really stoked for this race team. They worked really, really hard and they deserve this. I just wish we were one spot better. Obviously, it's a massive heartbreak. I was trying to be smart, and I saw Brady at one point towards the end. I was like, 'alright, I've got to turn the wick up a little bit and run it a little bit harder' and I did. I was just worried because this place has such a knife's edge that you run it hard for 30 laps and that's a good way to bust your ass. I was trying to be smart and win the race while being smart. At the end of the day, I don't know if I could've gotten away a little more or maybe it would've panned out a lot worse. Either way, it's a step in the right direction. Luckily, we don't have too much heartbreak for too long. We get to race tomorrow (at Circle City Raceway)."

For Brady Bacon (Broken Arrow, Okla.), it's relatively the same story as Swanson. The defending Hulman Classic winner has yet to win a USAC race to this point but has begun to string consistent finishes together with a 3rd, 7th, 8th and 3rd over his past four series starts in the month of May. Furthermore, it's his fourth consecutive Hulman Classic podium following results of 3-2-1-3 since 2021 in his Dynamics, Inc./Next Level Metal – Davis Brothers Trucking – Hutson John Deere/Triple X/Rider Chevy.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: May 21, 2024 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – 54th Annual Tony Hulman Classic – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-20.152; 2. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-20.249; 3. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-20.363; 4. Jake Swanson, 2B, 2B Racing-20.385; 5. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-20.392; 6. Shane Cottle, 2E, Epperson-20.404; 7. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-20.416; 8. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-20.458; 9. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-20.475; 10. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-20.501; 11. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-20.512; 12. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-20.533; 13. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-20.549; 14. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland-20.556; 15. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-20.667; 16. Max Adams, 63, F & F-20.692; 17. Saban Bibent, 98, Wedgewood-20.775; 18. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-20.930; 19. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-20.944; 20. Jadon Rogers, 17GP, Dutcher-21.049; 21. Tye Mihocko, 42, Cheney-21.179; 22. Kevin Newton, 16TH, 2nd Law-21.243; 23. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-21.318; 24. Matt Goodnight, 39, Goodnight-21.403; 25. Nate Ervin, 11, Algieo-22.144; 26. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-23.433; 27. Mitch Wissmiller, 29, LNB-NT.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Mitchel Moles, 2. Jake Swanson, 3. Chase Stockon, 4. Logan Seavey, 5. Max Adams, 6. Kevin Thomas Jr., 7. Joey Amantea, 8. Kevin Newton, 9. Nate Ervin. 2:50.26

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Ricky Lewis, 2. Matt Westfall, 3. Brady Bacon, 4. Justin Grant, 5. Carson Garrett, 6. Jadon Rogers, 7. Saban Bibent, 8. Brandon Mattox. 2:49.57

T.J. FORGED / CAR IQ THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Daison Pursley, 4. Charles Davis Jr., 5. Robert Ballou, 6. Tye Mihocko, 7. Shane Cottle, 8. Matt Goodnight. 2:53.27

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (8 laps, shortened to 7 laps due to accident, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Shane Cottle, 2. Joey Amantea, 3. Matt Goodnight, 4. Saban Bibent, 5. Brandon Mattox, 6. Nate Ervin, 7. Kevin Newton. 2:35.29 (New Track Record)

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (5), 2. Jake Swanson (2), 3. Brady Bacon (4), 4. Kevin Thomas Jr. (1), 5. C.J. Leary (9), 6. Daison Pursley (12), 7. Chase Stockon (13), 8. Robert Ballou (3), 9. Mitchel Moles (7), 10. Shane Cottle (10), 11. Joey Amantea (19), 12. Matt Westfall (14), 13. Ricky Lewis (8), 14. Kyle Cummins (15), 15. Justin Grant (11), 16. Max Adams (16), 17. Jadon Rogers (20), 18. Charles Davis Jr. (18), 19. Brandon Mattox (22), 20. Saban Bibent (17), 21. Matt Goodnight (23), 22. Tye Mihocko (21), 23. Nate Ervin (24), 24. Carson Garrett (6). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-8 Kevin Thomas Jr., Laps 9-28 Jake Swanson, Laps 29-30 Logan Seavey.

**Kevin Newton flipped during the semi.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-870, 2-C.J. Leary-807, 3-Kevin Thomas Jr.-789, 4-Daison Pursley-694, 5-Kyle Cummins-662, 6-Justin Grant-658, 7-Brady Bacon-655, 8-Mitchel Moles-624, 9-Robert Ballou-618, 10-Chase Stockon-604.

BUBBY JONES MASTER OF GOIN' FASTER PRESENTED BY SPIRE SPORTS + ENTERTAINMENT POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-233, 2-C.J. Leary-205, 3-Kevin Thomas Jr.-203, 4-Brady Bacon-178, 5-Daison Pursley-178, 6-Justin Grant-172, 7-Mitchel Moles-171, 8-Kyle Cummins-165, 9-Jake Swanson-152, 10-Carson Garrett-150.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Robert Ballou-64, 2-C.J. Leary-62, 3-Logan Seavey-57, 4-Daison Pursley- 50, 5-Joey Amantea-49, 6-Matt Westfall-38, 7-Kevin Thomas Jr.-37, 8-Brady Bacon-37, 9-Justin Grant-33, 10-Kyle Cummins- 33.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES: May 22-23, 2024 – Circle City Raceway – Indianapolis, Indiana – Circle City Salute – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: C.J. Leary (20.157)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Logan Seavey (20.152)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Mitchel Moles

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Ricky Lewis

T.J. Forged / Car IQ Third Heat Winner: C.J. Leary

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Shane Cottle

Hard Charger: Joey Amantea (19th to 11th)

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FINALLY! BACON BREAKS THROUGH AT CIRCLE CITY FOR FIRST USAC WIN OF '24

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Indianapolis, Indiana (May 22, 2024)……Of the 54 career USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship victories Brady Bacon has posted in his career, perhaps none have been more satisfying or created such a sense of relief than the one he earned during Wednesday night's Circle City Salute opener at Indianapolis, Indiana's Circle City Raceway.

Bacon (Broken Arrow, Okla.) had never gone this far into the USAC Sprint season without a victory, at least not since he's been a full-time series competitor in the 11-year span between 2013-2023. His previous longest waits in that era have endured into the 11th race of the season in both 2013 and 2017, but as it turns out, 13 was his lucky number in 2024.

He'd watched Justin Grant, Logan Seavey, C.J. Leary, Kevin Thomas Jr. and Robert Ballou all enjoy the spoils of victory while enduring his share of bouts of personal hardship, such as getting caught up in other's incidents, sudden flat tires, random mechanical issues and just plain bad luck. If it happened, it seemed to go against Bacon.

Finally, at Circle City, good fortune finally put its welcoming arms around Bacon as he overcame a three-wide tussle for second before chasing down the lead moments later in turn two with six laps remaining all while setting a new series record in the process. For Bacon, it was his 14th consecutive season with at least one USAC National Sprint Car feature win, breaking the mark of 13-straight years set by Sheldon Kinser between 1974-1986.

Bacon's run of misfortune didn't discriminate. It even carried over to other series. With 16 laps remaining in last Saturday's USAC Silver Crown show at the Belleville (Kan.) High Banks, he was decimating the field by nearly 16 seconds when an engine expired on him. But there's no understating the magnitude of this particular victory, as it is one that has certainly made his back a little lighter without that proverbial monkey off of it now.

"We've had a fast car every time we've been to the racetrack," Bacon explained. "It just seemed like something always happens, and not just in the 69. At Belleville, we were leading by almost a lap and blew an engine."

With that said, Bacon had seen an uptick in his USAC Sprint results throughout his past few outings with finishes of 3rd, 7th, 8th and 3rd in his Dynamics, Inc./Next Level Metal – Davis Brothers Trucking – Hutson John Deere/Triple X/Rider Chevy dating back to early May. However, it certainly wasn't up to snuff for the driver who ranks second in career series victories, just eight behind Dave Darland's 62 for the all-time lead.

"It's good to just get back into the rhythm of things," Bacon sighed with relief. "Racing at the beginning of the year has kind of been hit-and-miss. So, we're kind of getting back into the groove with the 69. Thanks to my guys for working hard. Hopefully this turns things around. Bad streaks don't last forever but this one sure seemed like it was lasting a long time. Hopefully the high is as high as the low was low."

Bacon started his race from the fifth spot in the 24-car field. Up front, Shane Cottle paced the opening two laps on the bottom of the 1/4-mile dirt oval before Kevin Thomas Jr. went topside to shoot around Cottle in turn four for the top spot on lap three, and over the next handful of laps, extended his advantage to a full-straightaway.

Meanwhile, Bacon was steadily moving forward, swiping second from Cottle as he dipped to the low line in turn one on lap nine. Kyle Cummins, the only multi-time USAC Sprint winner at Circle City, followed in concert to third as he swung around the outside of Cottle for the position in turn four on the 11th lap.

By the halfway point, Thomas was operating with a full two second lead. However, by the time he was fully engulfed in lapped traffic, the interval between he and Bacon had been sliced in half before the caution fell for a double spin involving Brent Beauchamp (19th) and Joey Amantea (21st) between turns one and two.

Without traffic lingering ahead, the intensity among the front runners ramped up. Cummins harassed Bacon for second following the lap 17 restart and twice was able to emerge ahead. Nonetheless, Bacon was able to fend him off each time. At the same time, Cottle reappeared on the bottom to battle the top-three, slipping in front of Cummins for third when he suddenly clipped the turn three infield tire before sliding to a stop to bring out the yellow.

Upon the resumption, the top-six were stacked in Noah's Ark formation, two-by-two, high and low. In a change of pace, with eight to go, Thomas changed lanes to the bottom while Bacon swapped to the top, exchanging roles in the pursuit of victory. With six laps to go in turns one and two, Honest Abe Roofing fast qualifier Robert Ballou rolled the bottom behind Thomas while Cummins occupied the middle and Bacon was up top near the outside wall. Bacon exploded out of the triumvirate down the back straight, then was able zip around the outside of Thomas to secure the lead a half lap later.

"The bottom is typically where I go best here," Bacon acknowledged. "But the top wasn't really curbed up, so you could lean on it a little more than normal even though it was all around and not a whole lot of grip. It didn't tear the front end out from underneath you if you hit it wrong. We were really able to get rolling, and once we got our momentum up, it was good. I saw some guys on the bottom, and I went down there. (Kevin Thomas Jr.) saw me and we flip-flopped. Then someone was even on the inside of me right there. It was a really good race, and we were able to stay out of that mess, get out front and stay out front."

With Bacon gripping a 1.1 second grip over the field after taking the white flag, nothing was going to stop him. Unless you count two late-race cautions that forced him to hold off the field for two more restarts, making Bacon incur more unneeded stress after how things have played out in earlier instances this season.

First, C.J. Leary (13th) slowed dramatically on the back straight with a flat right rear tire. Secondly, second running Cummins Tony Hawk'd the turn two wall as he broadsided it, then rode it down the back straight before landing on all four wheels. Staying on the gas, Cummins made it to turn three before spinning to a stop with a knocked out front end.

The third time proved to be the charm, however. Bacon escaped and avoided all challenges and challengers on the final edition of a green-white-checker finish, racing away to a 0.737 triumph over Kevin Thomas Jr., Daison Pursley and Robert Ballou with Chase Stockon rounding out the top-five.

Kevin Thomas Jr. (Cullman, Ala.) has been heating up of late. He led 22 laps at Circle City and finished second, albeit with a broken bolt on his left rear shock, in his Rock Steady Racing/Inferno Armor – Eddie Gilstrap Motors – Creative Finishing/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy. It's his best USAC National Sprint Car result at the track since winning in September 2022. Over his past three USAC starts during the month of May, he's finished 1st-4th-2nd and has led a total of 49 laps. But on this one, he admittedly felt like they let one slip away.

Daison Pursley is a passing machine. The Locust Grove, Okla. native went 14th to third for his best career USAC National Sprint Car finish yet at Circle City. Over his past four series starts, he's advanced an incredible total of 40 positions in his Team AZ Racing/Apache Transport – Oak Craft Elegant Cabinetry/DRC/1-Way Chevy.

Carson Garrett (Littleton, Colo.) was the race's official hard charger, advancing from his 24th starting position to finish 12th aboard the BGE Dougherty Motorsports/Altoz – Hornbeck Concrete – Lugs Lawn Care/DRC/1-Way Chevy

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: May 22, 2024 – Circle City Raceway – Indianapolis, Indiana – Circle City Salute – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-12.679; 2. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-12.679; 3. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-12.699; 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-12.800; 5. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-12.919; 6. Shane Cottle, 2E, Epperson-12.946; 7. Jadon Rogers, 17GP, Dutcher-12.953; 8. Jake Swanson, 2B, 2B Racing-12.970; 9. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-12.973; 10. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-12.976; 11. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-12.982; 12. Anton Hernandez, 5, Baldwin/Fox-13.005; 13. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-13.021; 14. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-13.040; 15. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-13.060; 16. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-13.062; 17. Matt Goodnight, 39, Goodnight-13.086; 18. Colin Grissom, 00, Grissom-13.181; 19. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-13.206; 20. Chance Crum, 26, Crum-13.216; 21. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-13.239; 22. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-13.315; 23. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-13.344; 24. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland-13.366; 25. Gabriel Gilbert, 10G, GGR-13.393; 26. Brent Beauchamp, 11, Beauchamp-13.408; 27. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-13.456; 28. Zack Pretorius, 9z, Pretorius-13.466; 29. Rylan Gray, 06, Gray-13.593; 30. Lee Dakus, 21x, Dakus-13.613; 31. Saban Bibent, 98, Wedgewood-13.696; 32. Kayla Roell, 5K, KO-13.805; 33. Logan Calderwood, 73, Ford-14.119; 34. Jake Simmons, 7s, Simmons-14.312; 35. Frankie Guerrini, 63, F & F-NT.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins, 2. Logan Seavey, 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Robert Ballou, 5. Harley Burns, 6. Matt Goodnight, 7. Gabriel Gilbert, 8. Logan Calderwood. 2:15.43

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Mitchel Moles, 2. Shane Cottle, 3. Brady Bacon, 4. Brent Beauchamp, 5. Matt Westfall, 6. Brandon Mattox, 7. Colin Grissom, 8. Lee Dakus, 9. Jake Simmons. 2:17.51

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Chase Stockon, 2. Hunter Maddox, 3. Daison Pursley, 4. Charles Davis Jr., 5. Justin Grant, 6. Jadon Rogers, 7. Carson Garrett, 8. Saban Bibent. 2:25.28

CAR IQ FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Ricky Lewis, 2. Jake Swanson, 3. Joey Amantea, 4. Anton Hernandez, 5. Kevin Thomas Jr., 6. Kayla Roell, 7. Chance Crum, 8. Zack Pretorius. 2:26.60

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Carson Garrett, 2. Chance Crum, 3. Jadon Rogers, 4. Matt Goodnight, 5. Brandon Mattox, 6. Lee Dakus, 7. Kayla Roell, 8. Zack Pretorius, 9. Gabriel Gilbert, 10. Saban Bibent, 11. Logan Calderwood, 12. Colin Grissom, 13. Jake Simmons. 2:56.30

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brady Bacon (5), 2. Kevin Thomas Jr. (3), 3. Daison Pursley (14), 4. Robert Ballou (6), 5. Chase Stockon (9), 6. Mitchel Moles (8), 7. Jadon Rogers (11), 8. Ricky Lewis (10), 9. Chance Crum (20), 10. Matt Westfall (13), 11. Logan Seavey (21), 12. Carson Garrett (24), 13. Hunter Maddox (22), 14. Joey Amantea (18), 15. Justin Grant (4), 16. Jake Swanson (12), 17. Anton Hernandez (15), 18. Shane Cottle (1), 19. C.J. Leary (16), 20. Matt Goodnight (19), 21. Charles Davis Jr. (17), 22. Kyle Cummins (7), 23. Brent Beauchamp (23), 24. Harley Burns (2). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Shane Cottle, Laps 3-24 Kevin Thomas Jr., Laps 25-30 Brady Bacon.

**Rylan Gray flipped during qualifying. Frankie Guerrini flipped during qualifying.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-918, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-863, 3-C.J. Leary-838, 4-Daison Pursley-764, 5-Brady Bacon-736, 6-Justin Grant-699, 7-Kyle Cummins-693, 8-Robert Ballou-690, 9-Mitchel Moles-687, 10-Chase Stockon-670.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-67, 2-Robert Ballou-66, 3-C.J. Leary-62, 4-Daison Pursley- 61, 5-Joey Amantea-53, 6-Matt Westfall-41, 7-Brady Bacon-41, 8-Kevin Thomas Jr.-38, 9-Carson Garrett-38, 10-Chase Stockon-36.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: May 23, 2024 – Circle City Raceway – Indianapolis, Indiana – Circle City Salute – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Shane Cottle (12.551)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Robert Ballou (12.679)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Kyle Cummins

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Mitchel Moles

T.J. Forged Third Heat Winner: Chase Stockon

Car IQ Fourth Heat Winner: Ricky Lewis

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Carson Garrett

Baldwin Brothers Racing Hard Charger: Carson Garrett (24th to 12th)

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BOUNCE BACK! SEAVEY SALUTES WITH DOMINANT CIRCLE CITY USAC SPRINT WIN

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Indianapolis, Indiana (May 23, 2024)……Following their least successful run of the season a mere 24 hours earlier, Logan Seavey and Abacus Racing were champing at the bit for the opportunity to get a do-over during Thursday night's Circle City Salute finale at Indianapolis, Indiana's Circle City Raceway.

The dynamic duo of Seavey and Abacus made a complete turnaround from one night to the next, discarding Wednesday's 11th place struggle with a most dominant victory on Thursday at the 1/4-mile dirt oval, leading the final 30 laps in their CG CPAs – Indy Custom Stone – Forecheck Marketing/DRC/Stanton Chevy.

In turn, Seavey (Sutter, Calif.) became just the second driver to earn multiple USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship feature wins at Circle City following last September's photo finish victory. On Thursday, the only other multi-time winner was the driver Seavey passed to take the cake as he zipped past on lap 11 of the 40-lap main event to earn a $10,000 payday.

For Seavey, it's already his fifth USAC National Sprint Car win of the year, a rare feat for any driver in the 69-year history of USAC to achieve by this juncture. In fact, it's the earliest in the season (May 23) that any driver has picked up his fifth win of the year since Larry Dickson on May 10, 1970. Furthermore, Seavey became the first driver since Bryan Clauson in 2016 to win five races within the first 14 events of the season.

Furthermore, Seavey moved up another rung on the all-time USAC National Sprint Car win list. With his 15th career triumph, Seavey moved into 40th all-time alongside Bobby East, Cory Kruseman and Brian Tyler. Needless to say, Seavey loved today more than yesterday.

"Yesterday, it was really bad all day; we sucked," Seavey said without reservation. "It was probably one of our worst nights all together. We went back to the drawing board and did a lot of stuff different. I had a bunch of speed on the cushion, but at this place, if you want to race and pass people, you've got to be good everywhere. We went to work and put a whole night together that went really well. We timed in well, and we could run the cushion really hard and then it got really slick and clean. I could peel off and run through the middle and carry speed, which is what I struggled with last night. I could cut the middle, but I didn't have any grip or speed."

Seavey's 2024 USAC Sprint Car record has been impeccable, you could say, with 11 podium finishes in just 14 starts to begin the year. This week alone, outside of Wednesday night at Circle City, has been fruitful. In a four-race, five-day span, he's won three features worth $26,000 in total, including a USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship A-Main at Missouri's Sweet Springs Motorsports Complex on Sunday followed by a pair of USAC Sprint wins at Indiana's Terre Haute Action Track on Tuesday and Circle City on Thursday.

"These guys just didn't give up," Seavey praised. "We were all scratching our heads last night. This thing has been so good everywhere. This place threw us for a little bit of a loop yesterday but that's what great teams are made of. It was nice to have two days in a row here so we could come back and try stuff right away and get better. Sure enough, they did that really well."

Starting third, Seavey slotted into second on the opening lap while Cummins patrolled the pace up front. Shortly after a spin by 20th running Joey Amantea, Seavey was right on Cummins' bumper for the ensuing restart. One circuit later, on lap 10, Seavey made his bid and slid past Cummins for the top spot in turn one. Seavey out-drag-raced Cummins into turn three, then slid himself to fend off Cummins' comeback. From that point onward, Seavey was in his own area code, zip code and township.

As a change of pace from the night before, Seavey did his work in the middle of the track as he threaded his way away from any pressure levied by all challengers second place on back.

"This place usually races pretty good, and it normally gets a big cushion and all that," Seavey explained. "For some reason, it was hard to carry speed up there tonight. It was just a little bit easier to run through the middle. The pace gets really slow when you get running through the middle like that. I didn't feel like I was running super-fast. I got behind Chance

(Crum) there and he was right in the same line I was, and he was blowing by guys with me, so I wasn't pushing too hard on him."

As Seavey routinely glanced up at the back straightaway video screen, he couldn't help but notice that the battle cam was not pointed at him, which has proven to be a good thing when you're running alone up front like Seavey was.

"Every time I looked at the screen, they kept showing Brady (Bacon) and a few other guys racing for third or fourth. I noticed they weren't showing me, which is usually a good thing. I was just trying to watch the board and watch other things and see if there was anybody running up the board or not. I felt so good in the middle. I figured I'd probably hear something. I figured as much as you're idling around, you can hear everything in the center of the corner. If someone's really running hard, you'd be able to hear them."

Meanwhile, the battle for second raged on. Daison Pursley cruised the low line to gravitate to the runner-up position on lap 29 past Cummins when he lost momentum after tapping the turn two wall while the pair ran wheel-to-wheel. Bacon took third a lap later as Cummins again clipped the wall, this time in turn four. Working through traffic off turn four coming to the white flag, Bacon was able to drive under Pursley to corral the second spot.

However, by that point, Seavey was Long Gone Silver's as he crossed the line 4.266 seconds ahead of the field to score a dominant victory. Bacon crossed the line in second just ahead of Brady Bacon, Daison Pursley and Ricky Lewis (in a 360 c.i. powered engine) while Robert Ballou rounded out the top-five.

I think we can finally say Brady Bacon is back. After a tumultuous beginning, the Broken Arrow, Okla. native recorded three top-three finishes in as many starts in as many nights aboard his Dynamics, Inc./Next Level Metal – Davis Brothers Trucking – Hutson John Deere/Triple X/Rider Chevy.

For Daison Pursley, it was another race and another third-place result. The Locust Grove, Okla. racer posted a fine third-place finish for the second consecutive night at Circle City aboard his Team AZ Racing/Apache Transport – Oak Craft Elegant Cabinetry/DRC/1-Way Chevy. It's his fifth consecutive top-six finish with the series.

Chance Crum (Snohomish, Wash.) picked up hard charger honors for the night courtesy of Baldwin Brothers Racing. On Thursday, he advanced nine positions in the feature from 23rd to 14th. This came after traveling +11 on Wednesday night at Circle City when he moved from 20th to ninth.

During Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying, C.J. Leary recorded his 49th career USAC National Sprint Car fast qualifying award, tying him with Brady Bacon for fourth all-time. Only Tom Bigelow (65), Dave Darland (62) and Tracy Hines (60) stand above them in the record book.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: May 23, 2024 – Circle City Raceway – Indianapolis, Indiana – Circle City Salute – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-12.371; 2. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-12.397; 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-12.518; 4. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-12.530; 5. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-12.546; 6. Shane Cottle, 2E, Epperson-12.552; 7. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-12.575; 8. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-12.629; 9. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-12.685; 10. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-12.698; 11. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-12.708; 12. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-12.743; 13. Jadon Rogers, 17GP, Dutcher-12.745; 14. Anton Hernandez, 5,

Baldwin/Fox-12.783; 15. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-12.788; 16. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-12.802; 17. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland-12.804; 18. Jake Swanson, 2B, 2B Racing-12.806; 19. Kayla Roell, 5K, KO-12.889; 20. Colin Grissom, 00, Grissom-12.897; 21. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-12.904; 22. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-12.926; 23. Zack Pretorius, 9z, Pretorius-12.950; 24. Brent Beauchamp, 11, Beauchamp-12.955; 25. Gabriel Gilbert, 10G, GGR-12.965; 26. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-12.967; 27. Frankie Guerrini, 63, F & F-12.984; 28. Matt Goodnight, 39, Goodnight-13.068; 29. Rylan Gray, 06, Gray-13.101; 30. Logan Calderwood, 73, Ford-13.113; 31. Chance Crum, 26, Crum-13.116; 32. Lee Dakus, 21x, Dakus-13.230; 33. Kyle Johnson, 99J, Johnson-13.306; 34. Jake Simmons, 7s, Simmons-13.690; 35. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-NT.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Ricky Lewis, 2. Jadon Rogers, 3. Logan Seavey, 4. Charles Davis Jr., 5. C.J. Leary, 6. Rylan Gray, 7. Gabriel Gilbert, 8. Kyle Johnson, 9. Mitchel Moles. 2:11.25

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Chase Stockon, 2. Brady Bacon, 3. Jake Swanson, 4. Joey Amantea, 5. Shane Cottle, 6. Anton Hernandez, 7. Hunter Maddox, 8. Logan Calderwood, 9. Jake Simmons. NT

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Daison Pursley, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Matt Westfall, 4. Frankie Guerrini, 5. Chance Crum, 6. Harley Burns, 7. Zack Pretorius, 8. Kayla Roell, 9. Kevin Thomas Jr. NT

CAR IQ FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. Brent Beauchamp, 3. Carson Garrett, 4. Brandon Mattox, 5. Justin Grant, 6. Matt Goodnight, 7. Colin Grissom, 8. Lee Dakus. NT

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Mitchel Moles, 3. Anton Hernandez, 4. Harley Burns, 5. Rylan Gray, 6. Hunter Maddox, 7. Matt Goodnight, 8. Zack Pretorius, 9. Lee Dakus, 10. Logan Calderwood, 11. Kyle Johnson, 12. Colin Grissom, 13. Gabriel Gilbert. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (3), 2. Brady Bacon (5), 3. Daison Pursley (7), 4. Ricky Lewis (9), 5. Robert Ballou (8), 6. Kyle Cummins (1), 7. C.J. Leary (6), 8. Chase Stockon (10), 9. Carson Garrett (4), 10. Mitchel Moles (13), 11. Shane Cottle (2), 12. Kevin Thomas Jr. (11), 13. Justin Grant (12), 14. Chance Crum (23), 15. Jake Swanson (18), 16. Jadon Rogers (14), 17. Matt Westfall (16), 18. Brent Beauchamp (20), 19. Brandon Mattox (17), 20. Joey Amantea (21), 21. Harley Burns (24), 22. Anton Hernandez (15), 23. Charles Davis Jr. (19), 24. Frankie Guerrini (22). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 Kyle Cummins, Laps 11-40 Logan Seavey.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-996, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-910, 3-C.J. Leary-900, 4-Daison Pursley-836, 5-Brady Bacon-815, 6-Robert Ballou-756, 7-Kyle Cummins-755, 8-Justin Grant-740, 9-Mitchel Moles-733, 10-Chase Stockon-727.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-69, 2-Robert Ballou-69, 3-Daison Pursley-65, 4-C.J. Leary- 62, 5-Joey Amantea-54, 6-Brady Bacon-44, 7-Matt Westfall-41, 8-Kevin Thomas Jr.-38, 9-Chase Stockon-38, 10-Carson Garrett-38.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES: May 31 & June 1, 2024 – Knoxville Raceway – Knoxville, Iowa – Avanti Windows & Doors Corn Belt Clash – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Logan Seavey (12.447)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: C.J. Leary (12.371)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Ricky Lewis

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Chase Stockon

T.J. Forged Third Heat Winner: Daison Pursley

Car IQ Fourth Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

Baldwin Brothers Racing Hard Charger: Chance Crum (23rd to 14th)

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

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

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

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

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

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

On Friday night, Grant led the opening 13 laps of the 25-lap main event before Brady Bacon made his way into the lead for the 14th and 15th circuits. Yet, following a caution, Grant steadied the course, righted the ship and steered his way back to the front with a slide job for the lead on the lap 16 restart. From there, Grant withstood the challenges of Chase Johnson and Bacon late to earn his fifth USAC National Sprint Car victory of the season, equaling point leader Logan Seavey in that department.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

On the restart, second running Johnson's left rear tire was noticeably flat as he attempted to take one final stab amid his pursuit of a first USAC National Sprint Car win. However, over time, he drifted back to fifth and Bacon was now once again Grant's most ardent challenger, setting the stage for the two winningest driver/team combos in USAC National Sprint Car history to duke it out for the win.

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

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

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

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

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

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: May 31, 2024 – Knoxville Raceway – Knoxville, Iowa – Avanti Windows & Doors Corn Belt Clash – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval

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

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

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

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

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (2), 2. Brady Bacon (4), 3. Daison Pursley (5), 4. Jake Swanson (13), 5. Chase Johnson (7), 6. Xavier Doney (10), 7. Mitchel Moles (1), 8. Logan Seavey (8), 9. Kyle Cummins (17), 10. J.J. Yeley (23), 11. Robert Ballou (15), 12. Matt Westfall (9), 13. C.J. Leary (6), 14. Carson Garrett (26), 15. Kevin Thomas Jr. (12), 16. Hunter Maddox (20), 17. Jadon Rogers (16), 18. Joey Amantea (14), 19. Chase Stockon (3), 20. Charles Davis Jr. (22), 21. Korbyn Hayslett (19), 22. Kobe Simpson (21), 23. Logan Calderwood (18), 24. Eric Schulz (25), 25. Dakota Earls (24), 26. Wesley Smith (11). NT

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

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

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

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

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

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: June 1, 2024 – Knoxville Raceway – Knoxville, Iowa – Avanti Windows & Doors Corn Belt Clash – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

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

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

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Chase Johnson

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Matt Westfall

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

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

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

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

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

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

Whereas Pursley's Volusia triumph nearly 16 months ago is technically listed as a non-points special event in the record books, there was no technicality in any form or fashion this time around. Pursley officially stamped his name as a certified points-paying USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car feature winner in what was his 54th career series start on Saturday night at Knoxville's famed half-mile.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: June 1, 2024 – Knoxville Raceway – Knoxville, Iowa – Avanti Windows & Doors Corn Belt Clash – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

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

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Brady Bacon (19.708)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

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

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

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

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WINNER, WINNER BRIGGS DANNER! PENNSYLVANIAN GETS FIRST USAC SPRINT WIN AT GRANDVIEW

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Bechtelsville, Pennsylvania (June 11, 2024)……For Briggs Danner, a first career victory on the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship tour seemed closer than ever before.

On a part-time basis in eight series starts this year, he'd finished inside the top-10 in seven of them, and less than a month ago, he was standing in victory lane with the USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series at Bechtelsville, Pennsylvania's Grandview Speedway, host of Tuesday night's USAC Eastern Storm opener and the venue in which he had earned his best USAC national performance to date with a runner-up finish in 2022.

How fitting it was that the native Keystone State racer achieved his breakthrough on his home dirt in front of his home crowd at what you might consider one of his home tracks, located roughly a half-hour or so from his Allentown, Pa. home.

For Danner to be able to get it done during the premiere of the most preeminent event for USAC racing on the east coast – the 17th edition of Eastern Storm – was icing on the cake for he and his Hogue Racing Enterprises/E. Schneider & Sons – Boulevard Truck Repair/DRC/Rider Chevy during the 13th running of the Jesse Hockett Classic.

"This is freaking awesome," Danner, the 2022-23 USAC East Coast regional sprint car titlist exclaimed. "To do it in front of this crowd at this track is incredible. This might not set in until the end of the week."

In doing so, Danner posted several firsts. He became the first Pennsylvanian to win a USAC National Sprint Car feature period since Selinsgrove's Frankie Kerr in 1999 at the Terre Haute (Ind.) Action Track. Furthermore, Danner became the first Pennsylvanian to win a USAC National Sprint Car race in his home state since Paul Pitzer at Reading in 1979.

In terms of Eastern Storm, he's the first driver to earn his first career USAC National Sprint Car feature during the event in 14 years – since Chris Windom's score at Big Diamond Speedway in 2010. In fact, in the 64-race history of Eastern Storm, only five drivers have won their first career USAC National Sprint Car main event. Along with Danner and Windom in that club are Ricky Stenhouse Jr. (2007 Big Diamond), Cole Whitt (2008 Big Diamond) and Chad Boat (2008 Hagerstown).

Danner's victory also arrives on the heels of Daison Pursley's first career USAC National Sprint Car points-paying triumph at Iowa's Knoxville Raceway 10 days earlier. It's the first such instance of consecutive first-time series winners in the series since July of 2022 at South Dakota's Huset's Speedway where Ryan Bernal and Mitchel Moles won on back-to-back nights.

Starting fourth on this night, Danner certainly had his work cut out for it with two drivers in the same realm occupying the front row. Both pole sitter Carson Garrett and outside front row starter Alex Bright were similarly vying for their first career USAC National Sprint Car victories. Garrett controlled the pace to lead the opening lap, but Bright made his bid in turn one on the second lap as he slid his way past Garrett.

However, by the time Bright reached turn two, his front wheels pulled skyward, and he subsequently kicked sideways. Garrett escaped trouble but ramped his right rear tire over Bright's left front, sending Bright to a complete halt. Garrett continued onward while Bright attempted to return but spun backwards to a stop in turn four under the yellow flag with more dire damage done than was first apparent, ending his night. Seventh running Kyle Cummins also spun to avoid the initial carnage. As the field slowed for the incident, Cummins slid into the left rear tire of Brady Bacon, knocking Cummins sideways and sending him spinning to a stop. Cummins returned to finish 11th.

Upon the resumption of the 40-lap main event, Garrett extended his lead to over a second by lap 11 until reaching the tail end of the field. In what soon came to be known as a slider fest, Danner made the first successful move on lap 15 when he dove under Garrett in turn three as the two frontrunners attempted to navigate past the lapped car of Tom Harris. Over the course of the next three laps, Danner and Garrett exchanged the lead three different times before Danner ultimately escaped the throes of the challenge on the 17th lap around the 1/3-mile dirt oval when he completed the pass of Garrett on the back straight.

"We ran the (USAC) East Coast race here earlier this year and it was nothing like this," Danner remarked. "Carson was really, really good, and I felt like my only opportunity was lapped traffic unless he made a mistake. I knew I just needed to capitalize."

Danner's lead ballooned to a full-straightaway with 10 to go as he sliced through lapped traffic to put Chase Stockon and Steven Drevicki a lap down in the process of building a 3.149 second lead. However, on lap 30, Ricky Lewis (13th) slowed with an issue on his right rear tire to necessitate a yellow flag. On the lap 31 restart, the fifth-place car of Mitchel Moles suddenly slowed in turn one, creating havoc behind him as several drivers scattered to miss the melee. The most unfortunate soul was Kevin Thomas Jr. (8th) who became the only other driver outside of Moles to stop.

Nonetheless, the restart didn't hamper Danner's groove much in any form or fashion as he stretched his advantage to 1.7 seconds over Garrett. However, once again, the yellow flag was displayed, this time for fifth running Justin Grant, whose car came to a grinding halt against the outside wall in turns three and four, abruptly ending his race on the final lap and relegating him back to a disheartening 20th place result. Thus, for Danner, the stoppage resulted in having to survive and advance through yet another restart, this time of the green-white-checker variety.

"I hate restarts as it is," Danner admitted. "I had to hit my marks, and luckily, I was able to keep it out front. I saw that Brady Bacon was coming up through, so I was happy to see him stay third. If he had to battle Garrett a little bit, that just made my job easier. But I don't know how it was behind me. I just drove the hell out of it and here we are."

Danner went scot-free en route to his monumental first series victory by a 1.114 second margin of victory at the stripe. Meanwhile, just behind Danner, second running Garrett was slid by Bacon for the runner-up spot on the lap 39 restart. Moments later, Leary shot underneath his teammate, Garrett, off the fourth turn on the final lap to grab third. Garrett took fourth at the line while point leader Logan Seavey rounded out the top-five.

"Needless to say, this is a fantastic start to the week," Danner said. "We had a great piece we had tonight. (Car owners) Tim and Fran (Hogue) really do make my job easier. I feel like I have a really good piece, maybe one of the best, but our time trial helped tonight, and our starting position helped. Restarts were key and I'm so thankful to be able to pull it off. I think it's safe to say that's the most fun I've ever had here."

Brady Bacon (Broken Arrow, Okla.) opened his night by erasing Kevin Thomas Jr.'s 12-year-old one lap USAC National Sprint Car track record at Grandview. Bacon's lap of 13.341 seconds in Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying bested the former record of 13.360 set in 2012, giving him his 51st career fast time award, surpassing C.J. Leary for sole possession of fourth all-time.

Overall, Bacon, the five-time Grandview winner, earned his seventh top-two finish at Grandview in just 11 career USAC Sprint starts, adding another one on Tuesday night in his Dynamics, Inc./J. Davidson Scrap Metal – Next Level Metal – Davis Bros. Trucking/Triple X/Rider Chevy. And he did with a daring pass on the final restart with just two laps remaining.

"It was so hard to pass on the top, that was my only option," Bacon explained. "They were messing up a little bit on the top and I figured that, maybe for a lap, I could run a good enough lap on the bottom to get by. I thought I was actually going to lose third, but then (Garrett) messed up and I got by and was able to stay in front of them both. So, it was close. It was a gamble, but I had to go for it running third. It pays twice as much to run second, so it's worth the risk. We actually had an issue there the last 15 laps with fuel; something wasn't quite right. I don't think it really hurt me, but when you

have something wrong, it kind of gets in the back of your head a little bit and you can't drive as aggressively as you normally would."

C.J. Leary (Greenfield, Ind.) returned to the podium as a top-three finisher for the first time in a month aboard his BGE Dougherty Motorsports/Altoz – Valvoline – Hornbeck Concrete/DRC/1-Way Chevy. He moved to second place in the series standings for his efforts while also slotting into the top-three with one last-ditch effort off the final corner.

"I figured Brady was going to go to the bottom and I got a pretty good run on the last restart on him on the outside there," Leary detailed. "Honestly, I thought I was going to snooker Brady, but he was able to slide Carson. We were able to diamond it and get by Carson. Carson ran a heck of a race but our 15x was good tonight. We normally struggle in PA so to come out with a third, we're pretty happy. Obviously, I want to park it in victory lane. I've been pretty good here in the past, but I've just never been able to get it done here."

Joey Amantea (Mount Pocono, Pa.) was happy to be back on his home ground at Grandview as he advanced 20th to 9th in the feature to pick up a $100 hard charger reward from Irvin King. For Amantea, it was his first top-10 USAC National Sprint Car result since February at Florida's Ocala Speedway.

Robert Ballou (Rocklin, Calif.) avoided catastrophe in a major stack-up in turn two with 10 laps to go. He saved it, missed the carnage and managed to carry onward to a seventh-place result. For that, he was acknowledged as the recipient of the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

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

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-13.341 (New Track Record); 2. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-13.351; 3. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-13.420; 4. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-13.427; 5. Alex Bright, 27, Heffner-13.443; 6. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-13.444; 7. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-13.444; 8. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland-13.481; 9. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-13.492; 10. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-13.522; 11. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-13.529; 12. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-13.546; 13. Jadon Rogers, 17GP, Dutcher-13.577; 14. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-13.589; 15. Jake Swanson, 2B, 2B Racing-13.671; 16. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-13.722; 17. Steven Drevicki, 19, Drevicki-13.726; 18. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-13.799; 19. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-13.833; 20. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-13.849; 21. Tom Harris, 84, Harris-13.887; 22. Korbyn Hayslett, 1H, Hayslett-13.902; 23. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-13.941; 24. J.T. Ferry, 18J, Ferry-14.360; 25. Scott Frack, 39x, Frack-14.619; 26. Jason Cherry, 67c, Cherry-14.802.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Jadon Rogers, 2. Logan Seavey, 3. Daison Pursley, 4. C.J. Leary, 5. Brady Bacon, 6. Chase Stockon, 7. Matt Westfall, 8. Korbyn Hayslett, 9. Scott Frack. 2:17.996

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins, 2. Robert Ballou, 3. Mitchel Moles, 4. Steven Drevicki, 5. Alex Bright, 6. Joey Amantea, 7. Hunter Maddox, 8. Jason Cherry, 9. Ricky Lewis. 2:21.349

T.J. FORGED / CAR IQ THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3. Jake Swanson, 4. Briggs Danner, 5. Justin Grant, 6. Carson Garrett, 7. Tom Harris, 8. J.T. Ferry. 2:22.262

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Ricky Lewis, 2. Matt Westfall, 3. Tom Harris, 4. Hunter Maddox, 5. J.T. Ferry, 6. Korbyn Hayslett, 7. Scott Frack, 8. Jason Cherry. 2:55.244

FEATURE: (40 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (4), 2. Brady Bacon (6), 3. C.J. Leary (3), 4. Carson

Garrett (1), 5. Logan Seavey (13), 6. Daison Pursley (10), 7. Robert Ballou (15), 8. Jake Swanson (16), 9. Joey Amantea (20), 10. Jadon Rogers (8), 11. Kyle Cummins (7), 12. Mitchel Moles (5), 13. Charles Davis Jr. (9), 14. Steven Drevicki (18), 15. Chase Stockon (17), 16. Matt Westfall (19), 17. Ricky Lewis (11), 18. Tom Harris (21), 19. Korbyn Hayslett (22), 20. Justin Grant (12), 21. Kevin Thomas Jr. (14), 22. J.T. Ferry (24), 23. Hunter Maddox (23), 24. Alex Bright (2). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-14 Carson Garrett, Laps 15-40 Briggs Danner.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-1145, 2-C.J. Leary-1089, 3-Daison Pursley-1050, 4-Brady Bacon-1049, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1048, 6-Robert Ballou-921, 7-Kyle Cummins-918, 8-Justin Grant-907, 9-Mitchel Moles-895, 10-Jake Swanson-843.

USAC EASTERN STORM POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-79, 2-Brady Bacon-77, 3-C.J. Leary-72, 4-Carson Garrett-66, 5-Logan Seavey-65, 6-Daison Pursley-61, 7-Robert Ballou-59, 8-Jake Swanson-55, 9-Jadon Rogers-51, 10-Joey Amantea-50.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-92, 2-Logan Seavey-85, 3-Robert Ballou-82, 4-C.J. Leary- 81, 5-Joey Amantea-65, 6-Justin Grant-57, 7-Brady Bacon-54, 8-Carson Garrett-50, 9-Kyle Cummins-48, 10-Matt Westfall- 48.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: June 12, 2024 – Bridgeport Motorsports Park – Swedesboro, New Jersey – 17th USAC Eastern Storm – 4/10-Mile Dirt Oval

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Mitchel Moles (13.409)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Brady Bacon (13.341)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Jadon Rogers

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Kyle Cummins

T.J. Forged / Car IQ Third Heat Winner: Charles Davis Jr.

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

Irvin King Hard Charger: Joey Amantea (20th to 9th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Robert Ballou

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BACON BAGS BRIDGEPORT, BECOMES USAC EASTERN STORM'S WINNINGEST DRIVER

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

2024 USAC National Sprint Car Season Review

Swedesboro, New Jersey (June 12, 2024)……After 17 years of USAC Eastern Storm competition, one driver now stands head and shoulders at the top of the all-time win list for the annual June series on the east coast.

Fittingly, that same driver, Brady Bacon, stood head and shoulders above the competition during Wednesday night's USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship event at New Jersey's Bridgeport Motorsports Park.

Bacon's seventh career Eastern Storm triumph moved him past Bryan Clauson, Levi Jones and Chris Windom to become the winningest driver in the history of the series, which debuted in 2007.

How dominant was Bacon at Bridgeport? In the 18th event of the 2024 USAC National Sprint Car season, he became the first driver to lead a feature from start to finish without interruption, doing so once again for his second win of the year and the 55th of his career with the series in his Dynamics, Inc./J. Davidson Scrap Metal – Next Level Metal – Davis Bros. Trucking/Triple X/Rider Chevy.

Furthermore, Bacon's victory was his first in New Jersey, extending his record of different United States won in to 15 throughout his career.

And don't look now, but Bacon is back in the hunt on the points front as well. On May 10, he stood 218 points out of the USAC National Sprint Car point lead. Now, after a run of seven consecutive podium finishes, Bacon has pulled to within 52 markers as he remains in the hunt for his record-tying fifth series driving title.

"We had a rough start to the year, but we knew it would turn around," Bacon stated. "We just had to keep doing things right and we knew we had a fast racecar. You just go to the racetrack and try to win every night, then battle whatever obstacles come your way. We had to change a water pump today after qualifying, so we just needed to keep working and doing the right things. It's easy to slack off and maybe get lazy but you've just got to keep doing everything right even if it takes a little extra effort. It doesn't seem like it at times, but eventually it does pays off."

Bacon's admission is on point considering that, 24 hours earlier in the USAC Eastern Storm opener at Grandview Speedway, his engine dropped a cylinder, yet he still managed to persevere with a late-race pass to finish second. On Wednesday, the team's engine provider, Gene Franckowiak, made an early morning trip to Rider Racing Engines to pick up a new engine for the team to use later that night at Bridgeport while also dropping off the Grandview powerplant to be fixed.

Prior to Bridgeport's 30-lap main event, a considerable track rework took place while Bacon and the crew were busy preparing for battle. Nonetheless, they quickly adapted to the conditions and appeared comfortably in the zone for the distance.

"Luckily, I didn't have time to look at what they did with track prep because I got really aggressive with my car," Bacon noted. "I probably wouldn't have done that if I had been paying attention, but we were scrambling all night. It was a lot wetter than I had anticipated, and I didn't really know if I needed to be up on the bank or down on the bottom since I knew they worked the bottom a bit."

Starting from the pole position, Bacon dashed away to the early lead with inside row two starter Kevin Thomas Jr. slotting into second and giving chase, and even briefly edging ahead in turns three and four on lap three but was unable to keep pace with Bacon's momentum at the exit of turn four. As it turned out, this brief interaction altered the course of the race from that point forward.

"He showed me his nose there and I was able to adjust to a line that worked," Bacon revealed. "I just judged my speed off the lapped cars after that, and my diamond move seemed to be working well. I don't know how good we were compared to everyone else, but we tightened up a lot and I was really nervous those first couple of laps, but I kept it on all fours, so I knew that if I could make it through those first five or six laps, we were going to be really good at the end."

The lone stoppage of the feature came at the conclusion of lap four when 17th running Alex Bright slowed at the top of turn four to necessitate a yellow flag. When action resumed, Thomas was able to drive right to the rear bumper of Bacon by the time the race reached lap eight but was unable to gain any further ground.

By halfway, Bacon was knifing his way through traffic as he charged past the likes of Tom Harris, Korbyn Hayslett and Chase Stockon, putting each a lap down while also managing to keep both of his challengers, Thomas and the emerging Justin Grant, at bay to the tune of roughly seven tenths of a second.

Down the stretch, Bacon encountered even more traffic but managed to sweep by with relative ease as he sprinted past Charles Davis Jr., Jake Swanson and even series point leader Logan Seavey in 15th, putting each driver one lap down as he finished off a masterful performance by a 1.256 second margin over runner-up Kevin Thomas Jr. with Justin Grant third, Robert Ballou fourth and Mitchel Moles fifth.

After mighty disappointment the night before at Grandview when he was caught up in an incident while running eighth with 10 laps to go, Kevin Thomas Jr. (Cullman, Ala.) recovered nicely at Bridgeport to finish as the runner-up in his Rock Steady Racing/Inferno Armor – Eddie Gilstrap Motors – Creative Finishing/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy. It was his best run to date on the newer 4/10-mile track distance after scoring a win and a second on the 3/8-mile track utilized for the series at Bridgeport in 2018-19.

"We had the same amount of grip no matter which part of the racetrack we went whether it was the bottom, middle or diamond line; we all just kind of went the same speed," Thomas explained. "It's kind of what you want in a racetrack where you can go the same speed anywhere. Whenever we were battling with Brady, we showed him a nose there in three and four. He's not stupid, so he's going to go exactly where I was. You've got to clear those guys whenever they're of that caliber. At the end of the day, it's a lot better than where we were yesterday and that's all we can ask for. Everybody on our team works extremely hard. I think they work harder at keeping my head above water than they do on the car. They do a great job, and they give me great racecars to drive."

Justin Grant's recovery from Grandview to Bridgeport was a facsimile of KTJ's. Contact on an earlier restart resulted in Grant's drag link folding up while running fifth on the final lap at Grandview, sending him into the outside wall and back to a 20th place result in the blink of an eye. At Bridgeport, the ride was much smoother throughout as Grant returned to the podium with a third-place result in his TOPP Motorsports/NOS Energy Drink – Bow Foundation – TOPP Industries/Maxim/Kistler Chevy.

"I think our car was good and it was good last night too," Grant said. "We just got caught up in a melee there and then the drag link ended up breaking. But it was good tonight. The track was fast but there just wasn't a whole lot we could do. These guys were fast, and it was good to come home on the podium."

Aside from Bacon, Logan Seavey (USAC National Sprint Car point leader) and Briggs Danner (USAC Eastern Storm point leader) also suffered somewhat similar, but more dire, engine-related consequences during the heat races at Bridgeport. Both wound up utilizing back up cars, which required them to start at the tail of the field for the feature. Danner's backup

car lasted only four laps before he pulled off with a steering issue. Seavey managed to collect Irvin King Hard Charger honors with his advancement from 23rd to 15th.

Anton Hernandez (Arlington, Texas) missed the first race of USAC Eastern Storm on Tuesday night at Grandview. However, you couldn't have missed him in his first run of the week on Wednesday at Bridgeport. He set a new eight-lap USAC Sprint Car track record in his heat race at a time of 2:03.44, destroying the former record of 2:11.63 set by Timmy Buckwalter in 2021. He then went on to finish eighth in in the feature, which earned him the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Likewise, Mitchel Moles (Raisin City, Calif.) also wrote himself into the record books with a new USAC one-lap mark at Bridgeport. His lap of 14.685 seconds in the Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying session broke the former record of 14.779 set by C.J. Leary in 2022. Moles' 11th career fast qualifying time in USAC National Sprint Car competition tied him for 48th all-time alongside Jim McWithey and George Snider.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: June 12, 2024 – Bridgeport Motorsports Park – Swedesboro, New Jersey – 17th USAC Eastern Storm – 4/10-Mile Dirt Oval

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-14.685 (New Track Record); 2. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-14.746; 3. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-14.871; 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-14.898; 5. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-14.966; 6. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-14.989; 7. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-14.992; 8. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-14.992; 9. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-14.994; 10. Alex Bright, 27, Heffner-15.004; 11. Anton Hernandez, 5, Baldwin/Fox-15.052; 12. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-15.173; 13. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-15.213; 14. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland-15.351; 15. Jake Swanson, 2B, 2B Racing-15.364; 16. Jadon Rogers, 17GP, Dutcher-15.392; 17. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-15.472; 18. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-15.546; 19. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-15.558; 20. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-15.564; 21. Steven Drevicki, 19, Drevicki-15.584; 22. Korbyn Hayslett, 1H, Hayslett-15.600; 23. Tom Harris, 84, Harris-15.861; 24. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-15.995.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Matt Westfall, 2. Jadon Rogers, 3. Alex Bright, 4. Mitchel Moles, 5. Kevin Thomas Jr., 6. Korbyn Hayslett, 7. Chase Stockon, 8. Logan Seavey. 2:05.686

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Anton Hernandez, 2. Ricky Lewis, 3. Kyle Cummins, 4. Daison Pursley, 5. Carson Garrett, 6. C.J. Leary, 7. Charles Davis Jr., 8. Tom Harris. 2:03.436 (New Track Record)

T.J. FORGED / CAR IQ THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. Brady Bacon, 3. Jake Swanson, 4. Joey Amantea, 5. Justin Grant, 6. Steven Drevicki, 7. Hunter Maddox, 8. Briggs Danner. 2:06.634

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brady Bacon (1), 2. Kevin Thomas Jr. (3), 3. Justin Grant (4), 4. Robert Ballou (8), 5. Mitchel Moles (6), 6. C.J. Leary (5), 7. Kyle Cummins (10), 8. Anton Hernandez (7), 9. Ricky Lewis (12), 10. Joey Amantea (16), 11. Carson Garrett (2), 12. Matt Westfall (9), 13. Daison Pursley (15), 14. Jadon Rogers (14), 15. Logan Seavey (23), 16. Jake Swanson (13), 17. Charles Davis Jr. (18), 18. Chase Stockon (17), 19. Korbyn Hayslett (20), 20. Tom Harris (21), 21. Steven Drevicki (19), 22. Alex Bright (11), 23. Briggs Danner (24), 24. Hunter Maddox (22). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Brady Bacon.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-1179, 2-C.J. Leary-1152, 3-Brady Bacon-1127, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1122, 5-Daison Pursley-1092, 6-Robert Ballou-990, 7-Justin Grant-979, 8-Kyle Cummins-976, 9-Mitchel Moles-964, 10-Jake Swanson-880.

USAC EASTERN STORM POINTS: 1-Brady Bacon-155, 2-C.J. Leary-135, 3-Robert Ballou-128, 4-Mitchel Moles-119, 5-Carson Garrett-113, 6-Kyle Cummins-107, 7-Kevin Thomas Jr.-104, 8-Briggs Danner-103, 9-Daison Pursley-103, 10-Justin Grant-99.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-94, 2-Logan Seavey-93, 3-Robert Ballou-86, 4-C.J. Leary- 81, 5-Joey Amantea-71, 6-Justin Grant-58, 7-Brady Bacon-54, 8-Kyle Cummins-51, 9-Carson Garrett-50, 10-Matt Westfall- 48.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: June 13, 2024 – Big Diamond Speedway – Pottsville, Pennsylvania – 17th USAC Eastern Storm – 3/8-Mile Dirt Oval

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Kyle Cummins (15.164)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Mitchel Moles (14.685)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Matt Westfall

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Anton Hernandez

T.J. Forged / Car IQ Third Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

Irvin King Hard Charger: Logan Seavey (23rd to 15th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Anton Hernandez

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A USAC EASTERN STORM GEM: SEAVEY SHINES AT BIG DIAMOND

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Pottsville, Pennsylvania (June 13, 2024)……If the term “resilience” ever needed an image attached to it in Merriam-Webster’s dictionary, it would be apt to include one of Logan Seavey and Abacus Racing after their victorious performance on Thursday night at Pottsville, Pennsylvania’s Big Diamond Speedway.

The team’s outing one night earlier at New Jersey’s Bridgeport Motorsports Park proved to be among the most challenging of the year. An engine failure forced them into a backup car where they proceeded to finish an undesirable 15th, dropping them to 11th in the USAC Eastern Storm standings and also shrunk their overall USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship point lead to its closest margin since February.

Further demonstrating the resolve of Sutter, California's Seavey, in his only previous Big Diamond appearance one year earlier, he missed out on transferring into the main event, making Thursday's race his first feature start at the 3/8-mile dirt oval.

This time around, he stalked Mitchel Moles for the first half of the 30-lap event before making his stride to the outside of turn two to get by for the lead, and ultimately, his sixth USAC National Sprint Car victory of the year in his Abacus Racing/MPV Express – CG CPAs – Indy Custom Stone/DRC/Stanton Chevy.

"These guys bounce back so well," Seavey said in praise of his crew led by Ronnie Gardner and Kirk Simpson. "I'm confident when I get in it, so it doesn't really deter me. These guys make sure it's ready to go and on kill every time I'm in it. I feel like every time we have a bad night, we come back and redeem ourselves or win or have a great night."

Seavey's Big Diamond score was the 16th of his USAC National Sprint Car career, equaling Damion Gardner and Jud Larson for 38th place on the all-time win list. Furthermore, it put Seavey, the 2022 USAC Eastern Storm champion, right back in the thick of the title hunt for the six-race series where he now sits sixth and trails by only a 20-point margin.

The previous night's engine failure left an unsavory taste and a major sense of frustration for Seavey and Abacus. However, throughout the day and night at Big Diamond, the team kept plugging away until they hit the sweet spot and delivered yet another victory.

"Man, this was a long day," Seavey exhaled. "We put ourselves in position there early, but we weren't nearly as good as we needed to be. We made some big changes to get back to where I'm comfortable on these big racetracks and it was really gripped up. Comfort was key, and to be able to get up there and run into one like that was tough. I can't say enough about what Ronnie and Kirk do. For me, they work together every freaking night. Sometimes that's hard but it always seems to be what's best for the team and here we are in victory lane."

Seavey began his race from the outside of the front row alongside Moles who bolted to the early lead with Seavey in tow just a couple car lengths back.

Multiple early cautions halted the contest, first on lap five when 20th running Carson Garrett slipped sideways in turn four and came to a stop, suffering enough contact in the incident that, on lap eight, Garrett stopped again. This time, his entire left front wheel was missing, grinding the Colorado driver to a stop in turn two, putting a premature end to his race.

Seavey continued to press Moles for the first 15 laps, but on the 16th circuit, Seavey looked to the outside line and drove right around Moles to take over up front by the time the pair exited turn two.

Meanwhile, as Seavey was enjoying his exploits at the head of the pace, the previous night's Bridgeport winner, Brady Bacon, was attempting to place himself in contention to track down the front runners.

In the battle for third on lap 17 with Justin Grant, Bacon clipped his right front wheel against Grant's left rear on the bottom of turn three, sending Bacon spinning to a stop at the top of the racetrack. The incident proved costly as Bacon lost his USAC Eastern Storm point lead in the process after restarting and managed only to get back to 18th at the checkered, ending a run of seven consecutive top-three finishes with the series.

On the ensuing lap 17 restart, Moles was fully cognizant of the fact that this might be his final shot to regain the top spot. In turn, he dove to the bottom of turn one and slid up in front of Seavey to briefly attain the position. However, it was a

fleeting moment as Seavey turned back down and charged his way back past Moles by the time the two reached turn three.

“I really wasn’t worried,” Seavey said of momentarily relinquishing the lead to Moles. “My automatic line is to turn down as long as he doesn’t stick the bottom really good. He slid up just enough to where I could get down underneath him on the back stretch and get a huge run. It’s cool to see Mitchel running up front again. That’s what he and his team deserve, but I feel like this is where my team deserves to be too and I’m happy to get them back in victory lane.”

With the lead firmly in his grip over the next 14 laps, victory lane is exactly where Seavey was headed to as he closed out a 0.917 second triumph in round three of the six-race USAC Eastern Storm series. Mitchel Moles took second and Justin Grant went third in what was an all-California podium.

Moles’ run placed him directly at the top of the USAC Eastern Storm point standings with three races completed and three remaining this weekend in his Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports/AME Electrical – Mesilla Valley Transportation/Spike/Stanton Chevy. His runner-up finish provided him with his best result of the season after leading the initial 15 laps.

“I think it’s a huge momentum gain,” Moles said of attaining the Eastern Storm points lead. “We’ve been struggling; it’s no secret. We’ve finally hit on something here and we just keep clicking away. I just needed that yellow like a half lap sooner and I think I would’ve been all right. Nobody passed a car on the top all night long, so I figured (Seavey) wasn’t going to circle me. I was going through my mind wanting to run that line that he was running, but it’s hard to just jump up there and leave the door that open. The modifieds made it look like it was going to be rough and kind of a California style racetrack, so we just freed it up a little bit. I think that’s where he got us. We just weren’t getting down the straightaways as good as they were.”

Native Pennsylvanians Briggs Danner and Alex Bright crossed the stripe in fourth and fifth, respectively. Bright recorded his first career USAC National Sprint Car fast qualifying time earlier in the night during Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying.

Another Pennsylvanian, Joey Amantea, entered Eastern Storm on a rough patch in his first season on the tour. In his first 16 starts of the USAC National Sprint Car season, Joey Amantea had finished inside the top-10 just once, and that occurred four months earlier during the season opening races in Florida. At Big Diamond, he posted his third straight top-10 result by finishing a solid ninth. That performance earned him the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Ricky Lewis had himself a topsy-turvy evening at Big Diamond when an engine issue in his heat race forced him into a backup car. Utilizing a powerplant borrowed from fellow competitor Brian Ruhlman, Lewis started 25th and finished 10th in the feature, earning a $100 bonus from Irvin King as the night’s hard charger.

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HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Alex Bright, 27, Heffner-14.799; 2. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-14.802; 3. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-14.821; 4. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-14.845; 5. Jake Swanson, 2B, 2B Racing-14.876; 6. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-14.881; 7. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-14.900; 8. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-14.919; 9. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-14.958; 10. Jadon Rogers, 17GP, Dutcher-14.965; 11. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-14.992; 12. Joey

Amantea, 88J, JPA-15.023; 13. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-15.032; 14. Steven Drevicki, 19, Drevicki-15.037; 15. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-15.037; 16. Tom Harris, 84, Harris-15.112; 17. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland-15.158; 18. Anton Hernandez, 5, Baldwin/Fox-15.176; 19. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-15.233; 20. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-15.242; 21. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-15.324; 22. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-15.366; 23. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-15.458; 24. Korbyn Hayslett, 1H, Hayslett-15.646; 25. J.T. Ferry, 18J, Ferry-15.707.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Brady Bacon, 2. Mitchel Moles, 3. Alex Bright, 4. Tom Harris, 5. Matt Westfall, 6. Charles Davis Jr., 7. J.T. Ferry, 8. Jadon Rogers, 9. C.J. Leary. NT

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Steven Drevicki, 2. Robert Ballou, 3. Daison Pursley, 4. Justin Grant, 5. Jake Swanson, 6. Carson Garrett, 7. Hunter Maddox, 8. Ricky Lewis. 2:03.876 (New Track Record)

T.J. FORGED / CAR IQ THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Anton Hernandez, 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3. Briggs Danner, 4. Kyle Cummins, 5. Joey Amantea, 6. Logan Seavey, 7. Korbyn Hayslett, 8. Chase Stockon. 2:04.421

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (2), 2. Mitchel Moles (1), 3. Justin Grant (5), 4. Briggs Danner (4), 5. Alex Bright (6), 6. Daison Pursley (11), 7. Kyle Cummins (19), 8. Robert Ballou (13), 9. Joey Amantea (14), 10. Ricky Lewis (25), 11. Jake Swanson (3), 12. Kevin Thomas Jr. (12), 13. C.J. Leary (10), 14. Steven Drevicki (8), 15. Chase Stockon (15), 16. Matt Westfall (17), 17. Anton Hernandez (9), 18. Brady Bacon (7), 19. Korbyn Hayslett (22), 20. Jadon Rogers (24), 21. Charles Davis Jr. (20), 22. Hunter Maddox (21), 23. J.T. Ferry (23), 24. Tom Harris (16), 25. Carson Garrett (18). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-15 Mitchel Moles, Laps 16-30 Logan Seavey.

**Jadon Rogers flipped during the first heat.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-1253, 2-C.J. Leary-1193, 3-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1168, 4-Brady Bacon-1162, 5-Daison Pursley-1153, 6-Justin Grant-1053, 7-Robert Ballou-1046, 8-Mitchel Moles-1038, 9-Kyle Cummins-1033, 10-Jake Swanson-927.

USAC EASTERN STORM POINTS: 1-Mitchel Moles-193, 2-Brady Bacon-190, 3-Robert Ballou-184, 4-C.J. Leary-176, 5-Briggs Danner-174, 6-Logan Seavey-173, 7-Justin Grant-173, 8-Daison Pursley-164, 9-Kyle Cummins-164, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-150.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-99, 2-Logan Seavey-94, 3-Robert Ballou-91, 4-C.J. Leary- 81, 5-Joey Amantea-76, 6-Kyle Cummins-63, 7-Justin Grant-60, 8-Brady Bacon-54, 9-Carson Garrett-50, 10-Matt Westfall- 49.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: June 14, 2024 – Williams Grove Speedway – Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania – 17th USAC Eastern Storm – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Kevin Thomas Jr. (14.784)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Alex Bright (14.799)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Brady Bacon

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Steven Drevicki

T.J. Forged / Car IQ Third Heat Winner: Anton Hernandez

Irvin King Hard Charger: Ricky Lewis (25th to 10th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Joey Amantea

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BIRTHDAY BASH! KTJ BLOWS OUT THE CANDLES WITH LAST LAP WIN AT THE GROVE

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania (June 14, 2024)……Birthdays are a time for celebration, a time for reflection, and if we're being honest, a time for presents too.

Kevin Thomas Jr. celebrated his special day by achieving the rare feat of not only winning a USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship feature but also doing so in the spectacular manner in which he did during Friday night's USAC Eastern Storm event at Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania's Williams Grove Speedway.

Thomas (Cullman, Ala.) ran third for the first 23 circuits of the 30-lap distance around the 1/2-mile dirt oval before sprinting past Mitchel Moles for second with seven to go. While running second on the final lap, Thomas was in position to pounce when racelong leader Briggs Danner ran out of fuel exiting the final turn on the final lap.

Thomas made the decisive move, banging wheels with the suddenly slowing Danner in turn four before escaping with the victory, the 42nd of his USAC National Sprint Car career, which surpassed Bryan Clauson and moved him up a spot on the series' career win list alongside 1974 and 1976 champ Pancho Carter for eighth most all-time.

"I don't even know how I just won that to be honest," Thomas said, not privy to the details at the time that Danner's fuel tank had run dry. "Briggs was so good that entire race. He got away from me those last two laps and I think he just hung a little bit off two there. I got close but he was so good through three and four that I didn't figure that line was going to work. I'd been down there a little bit. He came across my nose just a little, trying to find speed, not that he was racing me a certain way, just that he was trying to find a good line down the front stretch here. I don't want to make contact like that. I'm getting old and I can't see as good as I used to."

Aside from the quip of being "old" at the age of 33, Thomas has been oh-so-close quite often during past birthday race days with the USAC National Sprint Car division. On June 14, 2017, he finished third at Pennsylvania's Lincoln Speedway on his 26th trip around the sun. Back in 2018, at Pennsylvania's Grandview Speedway, he was second. Most recently, at Indiana's Tri-State Speedway in 2020, he took third. Furthermore, in 2017, he won at Williams Grove

The victory couldn't have come at a better time for Thomas and his Rock Steady Racing/Inferno Armor – Eddie Gilstrap Motors – Creative Finishing/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy. On Tuesday at Grandview, a good feature run ended when he got caught up in a wreck which started in front of him. The night before, on Thursday at Big Diamond, another quality run was

stifled by a flat right rear tire suffered during the final laps. But ultimately, Thomas was on the end of the good fortune stick at Williams Grove just in time to collect his third USAC National Sprint Car feature win of the year.

“These guys have had a hell of a week whether it’s come to bad luck or stupid things happening,” Thomas explained. “We had a flat tire last night and we crashed on night one. We haven’t gotten to show how fast our car is yet. They’ve made a lot of changes since Knoxville to here and I can really feel it. We’re finally getting to show what this thing’s capable of.”

Starting third, Thomas remained slotted into the “show” position for the much of the going behind fellow front row starters Danner and Mitchel Moles. Danner, a first time USAC National Sprint Car winner on Tuesday at Grandview, looked every bit the part of an unfazed veteran as he raced out to a comfortable one second lead and pretty much maintained that interval throughout, even through the lapped traffic he encountered starting at the halfway point.

USAC National Sprint Car point leader and ninth running Logan Seavey slowed between turns one and two on lap 15. He pulled off to the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area under caution before returning to the track at the tail. From there, he managed just an 18th place result, which shrunk his season championship point lead from 60 to 34.

Without traffic as a hindrance, Danner pushed his lead to 1.5 seconds by lap 20 but endured multiple yellow flags during the waning laps involving a spin by 16th running Joey Amantea in turn 2 on lap 21 and a slowing Ricky Lewis on lap 24.

On the lap 24 resumption, Thomas used the bottom to drive past Moles for the second spot between turns three and four, then set off trying to reel in Danner. Running a lower line, Thomas altered his modus operandi just beforehand to provide himself with a bit more leverage to make a crucial move that put him in a winning position late.

“I think I stopped being a sissy and started running the top in one and two,” Thomas stated. “Once we did that, we had more speed down the back stretch and our entry into three was better. We just made a little adjustment on the shocks, but our car was good the entire feature. The track was heavy, and if your car was good, it was going to be good for a long time. I searched around a little bit down there in one and two but I kind of stuck to what I was doing in three and four and it paid off there.”

With the white flag in the air, to the eye of all onlookers, everything appeared hunky-dory for Danner who enjoyed a six car length lead at the stripe. However, at the exit of turn four, it became quite apparent that something wasn’t quite right for Danner. His car began to chalk up off exit, allowing Thomas to close in on him in a hurry. Danner’s black No. 39 did the same in turn two on the last go-around.

By the time he reached turn three for the final time, Thomas was a mere two car lengths back. Once more in turn four, Danner’s car bogged down as Thomas made a run to his inside. The two cars tapped sidewalls as Thomas raced by and onward to victory. Danner subsequently slowed dramatically and pulled to the inside while Moles raced by Danner on the outside, narrowly beating Danner to the line by inches, .037 seconds to be exact.

Thomas’ final margin of victory was .702 seconds over Moles as Danner fell to third in the final rundown. Brady Bacon recovered from an uncharacteristic spin the night before at Big Diamond to record a fourth-place result. Justin Grant rounded out the top-five after starting 12th, earning Irvin King Hard Charger honors for his effort.

Furthermore, Thomas also extended his point lead with the victory in round five of 10 of the Bubby Jones Master of Going Faster series presented by Spire Sports + Entertainment. Jones served as Thomas’ crew chief early in his career and was pivotal in his rise to becoming one of the winningest drivers of all-time.

"He taught me a lot about racing and how to drive racecars, so this one is special to me," Thomas said of Jones. "Now I'm probably going to go get a Dr. Pepper and eat some cheese curds or something from the Sheetz right down the road. Nothing super special (for my birthday) but when we get home, we'll drink a couple beers."

While Thomas was busy becoming the first driver to win a USAC National Sprint Car race on his birthday since Justin Grant at Arizona Speedway on November 12, 2021, Mitchel Moles (Raisin City, Calif.) was working on increasing his lead of the USAC Eastern Storm point standings, which rose to six by virtue of his second runner-up result in as many nights aboard his Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports/AME Electrical – Mesilla Valley Transportation/Spike/Stanton Chevy.

"You only give a guy like KTJ so many shots," Moles remarked. "He was a lot better around the bottom over there. I tried to take his line away and it wasn't working for me. So, I figured I could power through it. I felt like his line was coming in there, and at the end, he got it really cleaned off. I think I made a few mistakes there, but all in all, I'll take it. You've just got to keep clicking away. We've had a rough start to the year, but we seem to be rolling right now. I honestly just go night-by-night. You just race as hard as you can, and things will start falling your way here and there."

What appeared to be a firm beatdown of the field turned into heartbreak for Briggs Danner who nearly backed up his first career USAC National Sprint Car win on Tuesday at Grandview with his second triumph on Friday at Williams Grove. Leading all but the final strip from turn four to the checkered flag, Danner had to settle for third and an empty fuel tank on his Hogue Racing Enterprises/E. Schneider & Sons – Boulevard Truck Repair/DRC/Rider Chevy.

"Coming to two to go, it started spitting and sputtering," Danner revealed. "On a heavy track, you're going to use a lot, so it is what it is. Sometimes being out front doesn't help you out. I knew they were really good, and I kept seeing somebody's nose down there. Wished we could've picked that one off, but sometimes, that's the way it goes."

Charles Davis Jr. (Buckeye, Ariz.) has racked up a couple heat race wins throughout USAC Eastern Storm. At Williams Grove, the longtime sprint car veteran got the job done once again, scoring a decisive heat race victory in convincing fashion. That performance earned him the evening's Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: June 14, 2024 – Williams Grove Speedway – Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania – 17th USAC Eastern Storm – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-19.659; 2. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-19.696; 3. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-19.707; 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-19.757; 5. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-19.870; 6. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-19.887; 7. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-19.920; 8. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-19.957; 9. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-19.992; 10. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-20.004; 11. Alex Bright, 27, Heffner-20.037; 12. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-20.056; 13. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-20.080; 14. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-20.171; 15. Jake Swanson, 2B, 2B Racing-20.182; 16. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-20.226; 17. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-20.334; 18. Tom Harris, 84, Harris-20.457; 19. Steven Drevicki, 19, Drevicki-20.512; 20. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-20.526; 21. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland-20.562; 22. Carmen Perigo, 21, Stehman-20.689; 23. Korbyn Hayslett, 1H, Hayslett-20.857.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Brady Bacon, 2. Robert Ballou, 3. Matt Westfall, 4. Logan Seavey, 5. Carson Garrett, 6. Kevin Thomas Jr., 7. Carmen Perigo, 8. Steven Drevicki. 2:40.621

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Joey Amantea, 3. Chase Stockon, 4. Alex Bright, 5. Daison Pursley, 6. Briggs Danner, 7. Korbyn Hayslett, 8. Hunter Maddox. 2:43.879

T.J. FORGED / CAR IQ THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Kyle Cummins, 4. C.J. Leary, 5. Mitchel Moles, 6. Tom Harris, 7. Ricky Lewis. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr. (3), 2. Mitchel Moles (1), 3. Briggs Danner (2), 4. Brady Bacon (7), 5. Justin Grant (12), 6. C.J. Leary (4), 7. Robert Ballou (10), 8. Daison Pursley (5), 9. Chase Stockon (11), 10. Kyle Cummins (15), 11. Alex Bright (14), 12. Jake Swanson (8), 13. Charles Davis Jr. (9), 14. Matt Westfall (17), 15. Steven Drevicki (19), 16. Carson Garrett (13), 17. Tom Harris (18), 18. Logan Seavey (6), 19. Hunter Maddox (20), 20. Korbyn Hayslett (23), 21. Joey Amantea (16), 22. Ricky Lewis (21), 23. Carmen Perigo (22). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-29 Briggs Danner, Lap 30 Kevin Thomas Jr.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-1291, 2-C.J. Leary-1257, 3-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1244, 4-Brady Bacon-1231, 5-Daison Pursley-1211, 6-Justin Grant-1118, 7-Mitchel Moles-1110, 8-Robert Ballou-1105, 9-Kyle Cummins-1082, 10-Jake Swanson-974.

USAC EASTERN STORM POINTS: 1-Mitchel Moles-265, 2-Brady Bacon-259, 3-Briggs Danner-243, 4-Robert Ballou-243, 5-C.J. Leary-240, 6-Justin Grant-238, 7-Kevin Thomas Jr.-226, 8-Daison Pursley-222, 9-Kyle Cummins-213, 10-Logan Seavey-211.

BUBBY JONES MASTER OF GOIN' FASTER PRESENTED BY SPIRE SPORTS + ENTERTAINMENT POINTS: 1-Kevin Thomas Jr.-351, 2-C.J. Leary-339, 3-Brady Bacon-327, 4-Daison Pursley-314, 5-Justin Grant-301, 6-Logan Seavey-298, 7-Mitchel Moles-298, 8-Kyle Cummins-279, 9-Robert Ballou-263, 10-Jake Swanson-252.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-99, 2-Logan Seavey-94, 3-Robert Ballou-94, 4-C.J. Leary-81, 5-Joey Amantea-76, 6-Kyle Cummins-68, 7-Justin Grant-67, 8-Brady Bacon-57, 9-Matt Westfall-52, 10-Carson Garrett-50.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: June 15, 2024 – Port Royal Speedway – Port Royal, Pennsylvania – 17th USAC Eastern Storm – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – USAC Eastern Blast

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: C.J. Leary (20.667)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Logan Seavey (19.659)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Brady Bacon

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Charles Davis Jr.

T.J. Forged / Car IQ Third Heat Winner: Jake Swanson

Irvin King Hard Charger: Justin Grant (12th to 5th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Charles Davis Jr.

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BACON CAPITALIZES LATE, SPRINTS TO PORT ROYAL USAC SCORE

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Port Royal, Pennsylvania (June 15, 2024)……It had been a full decade since Brady Bacon last raced into victory lane at Pennsylvania's Port Royal Speedway.

That 2014 race helped propel the Broken Arrow, Okla. racer to both his first and only USAC Eastern Storm title to date as well as his initial USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship.

Bacon certainly hopes that Saturday night's victory on the 1/2-mile dirt oval will play into the same outcome by weekend's end. While that remains to be determined, in the short term, the victory did thrust Bacon into the USAC Eastern Storm point lead with one race remaining.

Assuming the lead with eight laps to go following racelong leader Briggs Danner's encounter with the turn two outside guardrail, Bacon pushed forward to capture his second victory of USAC Eastern Storm 2024 while also notching USAC National Sprint Car career win number 56 in his Dynamics, Inc./J. Davidson Scrap Metal – Next Level Metal – Davis Bros. Trucking/Triple X/Rider Chevy. He now stands just six behind Darland's all-time record of 62.

However, it was Danner who led early and often in the 30-lap main event, which served as round six of ten for the Bubby Jones Master of Going Faster Presented By Spire Sports + Entertainment series as fourth starting Bacon slotted into the second spot on the opening lap after briefly engaging in a three-wide meet and greet with Danner and outside front row starter Ricky Lewis.

From that point forward, Bacon relentlessly chased Danner who held steady with a five to six car length throughout much of the event. Danner was able to maintain his advantage as he toured the high side at the midway point, initially cruising around the high line to put Carson Garrett, J.T. Ferry and Korbyn Hayslett a lap down. Despite Danner's mesmerizing movement through traffic, all the while, Bacon remained within a stone's throw of Danner.

"I had little different strategy than him," Bacon revealed. "He was kind of sliding up to the cushion and I was entering a little slower and trying to build my speed off. We were about even, but I feel like my strategy might have been a little less treacherous. He wasn't making enough mistakes for me to be fast enough to just outright pass him, so I was just going to have to stay there and pressure him until he did make a mistake."

On lap 23, Danner's hopes for victory unraveled in an instant when his right rear tire snagged the cushion, grabbing him and shoving him into the outside turn two fence. After riding his right-side wheels atop the guardrail for several feet, Danner landed on all fours and slid sideways into the path of Bacon. Bacon whoa'd himself up and narrowly avoided contact with Danner before continuing on with the race lead. Danner subsequently slowed to a crawl to necessitate a yellow flag and was ultimately finished for the evening with a disappointing 23rd place result.

It was the second consecutive night of heartache and heartbreak for Danner and his Hogue Racing Enterprises team. One night earlier at Williams Grove Speedway, the team led the 29.75 of the 30 laps until running out of fuel on the final corner of the final lap to lose the lead and the race when a victory was just within their grasp.

“He got through lapped traffic well,” Bacon said of Danner’s pursuit of a Port Royal triumph. “He just got into that cushion hard a couple times and got into the wall. I was kind of banking on that, hoping it was going to happen. It’s unfortunate for him; he’s had a great week, but sometimes you’ve just got to take it. He’s going to get there and he’s going to win a lot of races. But we’ll gladly take this one from him tonight and keep on rolling. We feel like the team is back where we need to be and winning races.”

With Bacon as the new leader on lap 23, no other driver was able to pose a serious threat for the lead down the stretch. However, the feature’s only restart opportunity presented a bit of consternation for Brady and his pursuit of victory.

“In three and four, you had to run it hard, but it got over the lip, and the cushion is so big, you had to keep your speed up, then it got treacherous on exit, and you get to slipping and sliding down the straightaway,” Bacon explained. “I didn’t really know what I needed to do on that restart. So, I just tried to get as much momentum down the front stretch and take the safest route through one. I was afraid that if I slid myself, I’d bang that big part of the cushion and wind up losing everything I gained. Luckily, it worked out for me, and I think maybe we surprised (C.J. Leary) on the restart and got a good start and stayed out front. If I could just get a couple laps in, I felt I would be pretty fine. I felt like I was setting a pretty good pace.”

Bacon was untouchable in the latter stages as he raced onward to his third series victory of the season by a 1.851 second margin over C.J. Leary, Alex Bright, Daison Pursley and Mitchel Moles.

In his nine previous USAC National Sprint Car starts at Port Royal, C.J. Leary (Greenfield, Ind.) had never finished better than third (2019). On this night, he wound up as the runner-up in his BGE Dougherty Motorsports/Altoz – Valvoline – Hornbeck Concrete/DRC/1-Way Chevy. Earlier in the evening, he recorded his 51st career Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifying time, tying Brady Bacon for fourth on the all-time list.

Alex Bright (Collegeville, Pa.) hadn’t finished on the podium of a USAC National Sprint Car feature in two years. It just so happened that his most recent top-three result with the series came at Port Royal. On Saturday night, Bright was back on the Port Royal podium after wheeling his Heffner Racing Enterprises/Lelands.com – DriveWFX.com – Frozen Farmer/Triple X/Rider Chevy to a third-place result. Bright’s most memorable maneuver came when he slid from fifth to third in one fell swoop past Daison Pursley and Mitchel Moles in turn one on the lap 23 restart. That earned Bright the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Daison Pursley (Locust Grove, Okla.) has taken a liking to Port Royal right off the bat. In his 2023 debut here, he was the fastest qualifier and finished third in the feature. On this night, he started 13th and advanced all the way up to fourth to earn a $100 hard charger bonus courtesy of Irvin King.

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HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-18.205; 2. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-18.273; 3. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-18.463; 4. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-18.531; 5. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland-

18.539; 6. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-18.589; 7. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-18.608; 8. Jake Swanson, 2B, 2B Racing-18.637; 9. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-18.662; 10. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-18.679; 11. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-18.681; 12. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-18.684; 13. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-18.780; 14. Alex Bright, 27, Heffner-18.816; 15. Steven Drevicki, 19, Drevicki-18.882; 16. Anton Hernandez, 5, Baldwin/Fox-18.895; 17. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-18.912; 18. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-18.941; 19. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-18.980; 20. Carmen Perigo, 21, Stehman-19.035; 21. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-19.041; 22. Korbyn Hayslett, 1H, Hayslett-19.101; 23. Tom Harris, 84, Harris-19.116; 24. Brian Ruhlman, 49, Ruhlman-19.244; 25. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-19.254; 26. J.T. Ferry, 18J, Ferry-19.286; 27. Jason Cherry, 67c, Cherry-19.763.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Matt Westfall, 2. Anton Hernandez, 3. Kyle Cummins, 4. C.J. Leary, 5. Mitchel Moles, 6. Chase Stockon, 7. Charles Davis Jr., 8. Korbyn Hayslett, 9. Hunter Maddox. 2:41.099

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Alex Bright, 2. Daison Pursley, 3. Robert Ballou, 4. Logan Seavey, 5. Ricky Lewis, 6. Jake Swanson, 7. Carmen Perigo, 8. J.T. Ferry, 9. Tom Harris. 2:38.904

T.J. FORGED / CAR IQ THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Briggs Danner, 3. Brady Bacon, 4. Steven Drevicki, 5. Joey Amantea , 6. Carson Garrett, 7. Brian Ruhlman, 8. Justin Grant, 9. Jason Cherry. NT

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (10 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Carmen Perigo, 4. J.T. Ferry, 5. Korbyn Hayslett, 6. Tom Harris, 7. Brian Ruhlman, 8. Hunter Maddox, 9. Jason Cherry. 3:31.941 (New Track Record)

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brady Bacon (4), 2. C.J. Leary (6), 3. Alex Bright (9), 4. Daison Pursley (13), 5. Mitchel Moles (3), 6. Logan Seavey (5), 7. Kevin Thomas Jr. (8), 8. Justin Grant (12), 9. Ricky Lewis (2), 10. Steven Drevicki (15), 11. Robert Ballou (17), 12. Chase Stockon (19), 13. Jake Swanson (11), 14. Kyle Cummins (14), 15. Tom Harris (23), 16. Matt Westfall (7), 17. Charles Davis Jr. (10), 18. Carmen Perigo (20), 19. Joey Amantea (18), 20. Korbyn Hayslett (22), 21. Carson Garrett (21), 22. J.T. Ferry (24), 23. Briggs Danner (1), 24. Anton Hernandez (16). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-22 Briggs Danner, Laps 23-30 Brady Bacon.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-1356, 2-C.J. Leary-1335, 3-Brady Bacon-1311, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1304, 5-Daison Pursley-1279, 6-Mitchel Moles-1175, 7-Justin Grant-1171, 8-Robert Ballou-1152, 9-Kyle Cummins-1123, 10-Jake Swanson-1015.

USAC EASTERN STORM POINTS: 1-Brady Bacon-339, 2-Mitchel Moles-327, 3-C.J. Leary-318, 4-Justin Grant-291, 5-Daison Pursley-290, 6-Robert Ballou-290, 7-Kevin Thomas Jr.-286, 8-Logan Seavey-276, 9-Briggs Danner-273, 10-Kyle Cummins-254.

BUBBY JONES MASTER OF GOIN' FASTER PRESENTED BY SPIRE SPORTS + ENTERTAINMENT POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-417, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-411, 3-Brady Bacon-407, 4-Daison Pursley-382, 5-Logan Seavey-363, 6-Mitchel Moles-363, 7-Justin Grant-354, 8-Kyle Cummins-320, 9-Robert Ballou-310, 10-Jake Swanson-293.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-99, 2-Robert Ballou-94, 3-Logan Seavey-94, 4-C.J. Leary-85, 5-Joey Amantea-76, 6-Justin Grant-71, 7-Kyle Cummins-68, 8-Brady Bacon-60, 9-Matt Westfall-52, 10-Carson Garrett-50.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: June 16, 2024 – Action Track USA – Kutztown, Pennsylvania – 17th USAC Eastern Storm – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Brady Bacon (18.245)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: C.J. Leary (18.205)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Matt Westfall

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Alex Bright

T.J. Forged / Car IQ Third Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Justin Grant

Irvin King Hard Charger: Daison Pursley (13th to 4th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Alex Bright

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SEAVEY WINS PHOTO FINISH AT ACTION TRACK; MOLES TAKES USAC EASTERN STORM TITLE

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Kutztown, Pennsylvania (June 16, 2024)……While a past USAC Eastern Storm champion was in the midst of capturing yet another victory in a career year with the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship, another wheelman was busy locking up his first career USAC Eastern Storm title on Sunday night at Kutztown, Pennsylvania's Action Track USA.

USAC National Sprint Car point leader Logan Seavey (Sutter, Calif.) was triumphant at Kutztown's 1/6-mile dirt oval, winning the feature in a photo finish by a scant .043 second margin over Briggs Danner.

Meanwhile, with his third-place result in the 40-lap finale, Mitchel Moles (Raisin City, Calif.) earned the USAC Eastern Storm championship, his first and his Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports team's second after previously capturing the 2019 crown with driver C.J. Leary.

While Seavey wasn't quite in the mix to replicate his 2022 Eastern Storm championship this time around, his 17th career USAC National Sprint Car feature victory elevated him into 35th place all-time alongside Jerry Coons Jr., Jim Hurtubise and Bud Kaeding.

Seavey's seventh win of the season in his Abacus Racing/MPV Express – CG CPAs – Indy Custom Stone/DRC/Stanton Chevy has him atop the season long USAC National Sprint Car standings. However, he was unable to add to his advantage with the race featuring a differentiated points structure.

As far as the USAC National Sprint Car standings go, 50 appearance points were paid out to all licensed drivers and entrants at Action Track USA regardless of finishing position. On the flip side, Eastern Storm offered a full points situation for the event with a maximum of 84 up for grabs throughout the night during qualifying, heat races and the feature where every position mattered in the grand scheme.

Entering the main event, three drivers remained mathematically eligible to capture the Eastern Storm championship. Brady Bacon led by 13 points over Moles while C.J. Leary was just within reach, 23 points behind Bacon. For Bacon, the path to his second career Eastern Storm championship was clear – finish fifth or better and the title was his regardless of where Moles or Leary wound up.

Seavey, without any added pressure on his back for the Eastern Storm title, started his race from the pole position and burst out to the early lead ahead of outside front row starter Jake Swanson. However, a bevy of cautions on the tight confines resulted in four early stoppages by the end of the fourth lap.

The fourth such halt to the event resulted in serious ramifications for the Eastern Storm title race. On lap five, 22nd running Englishman Tom Harris came to a complete stop on the back straightaway to necessitate a yellow flag. As the field whoa'd up, fourth running Bacon was tagged in the left rear tire by fifth place Kyle Cummins.

Under the subsequent yellow flag, Bacon pulled into the pits and did not return, abruptly ending his title hopes. However, the culprit ending Bacon's quest was actually engine related with him reporting to this reporter that the problem under the hood had arisen prior to the contact with Cummins.

In the coming laps, Danner ramped up his pursuit of Seavey for the race lead. Danner slid Seavey for the top spot in turn three on 10th lap, then tried again a half lap later in turn one on lap 11. However, each time, Seavey was patiently waiting for Danner to sweep across his nose before charging back under to retake the lead.

The night's only red flag was displayed on lap 20 when eighth place running Ricky Lewis biked and turned over in turns one and two. The damage was extensive the car, requiring a hook to tow it away while Lewis exited and walked away from the scene under his own power. Lewis, however, was the recipient of the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night for his heat race performance in which he went topside on the final corner of the final lap to score a dramatic victory.

Upon the resumption, Danner, the 2021 Action Track USA SpeedSTR champion, continued to shadow Seavey all the way around the 1/6-mile dirt oval, and on lap 26, dove to the inside of Seavey in turn three to overtake the number one position and lead at the line by a wheel. However, Seavey had the inner line entering turn one on lap 27 and ripped the lead right back out of Danner's hands.

With six to go, the pair remained locked horn-to-horn as Danner made yet another bid for the lead, sliding past Seavey in turn three on lap 35, but once again, Seavey answered by turning down and driving back by to secure the lead for another lap, then entered turn one moments later on the bottom to thwart any thought Danner may have had of slide jobbing his way to the front once more.

"I was using all the tools inside the cockpit to make myself better," Seavey explained. "I just kept trying to tell myself to keep driving harder. I feel like the harder I run, the more grip I make. There at the end, I started to struggle there. I could hear him, and I heard him up on the fence into three. As good as I was crossing him over, I knew I was in trouble if I didn't really get up there and hit the wall really good to get a run down the front stretch."

In crunch time during the final five lap stretch, Seavey occupied the low to middle lines while Danner was getting himself wound up on the top side of the racetrack. The 40th and final lap was no exception, but this time, Seavey slid from the bottom of turn three all the way up to the outside wall. Danner took corrective measures and turned down underneath Seavey off turn four. However, Seavey had just enough to edge Danner at the line by the distance of roughly half a front wheel.

“I feel like Briggs was a bit faster for most of the race,” Seavey admitted. “But for the most part, I could hear him for most of the race and I was just doing everything I could to hold him behind me. He threw a lot of sliders at me, but luckily, that cushion off four was treacherous.”

Meanwhile, finishing third a distant 2.786 seconds back was Moles who secured the Eastern Storm championship by a 28-point margin over Bacon with his fifth consecutive top-five result to close out the week.

Entering Eastern Storm, Moles was seventh in the USAC National Sprint Car standings and had only finished inside the top-five once in his first 16 starts to begin the season. However, the team certainly found its stride this past week with Moles concluding the final five races with results of 5th, 2nd, 2nd, 5th and 3rd in his Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports/AME Electrical – Mesilla Valley Transportation/Spike/Stanton Chevy.

“We’ve been kind of struggling getting into this week, actually,” Moles acknowledged. “We just rallied together to make sure our stuff was right before we came out here, and it worked out. I think we ran top-five every night except for breaking a mag box while running fifth at Grandview.”

In the process, Moles became just the third driver in the 17-year history of Eastern Storm to win the title without the aid of a feature victory, joining Bryan Clauson (2013) and C.J. Leary (2019), but his run of consistency was second to none.

“No one wants to run second,” Moles lamented. “But we’re running second to Seavey or Danner who has one of the best cars in general out here, if not the best. He’s been up front every night too. It sucks for Brady. I think he had mechanical issues and I think he was going to lock it up if he just finished where he was, but we’ll take them as we get them.”

During the first 16 races of the USAC National Sprint Car season, Joey Amantea had earned just one single, solitary top-10 result. In six USAC Eastern Storm starts, he finished inside the top-10 on four occasions. At Action Track USA’s closer, he advanced from 20th to 10th to earn a $100 bonus courtesy of Irvin King.

In Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying, Kyle Cummins recorded his 15th career USAC National Sprint Car fast time award, moving him to 31st all-time alongside USAC national champions Kenny Irwin Jr., Sammy Sessions & Brian Tyler.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: June 16, 2024 – Action Track USA – Kutztown, Pennsylvania – 17th USAC Eastern Storm – 1/6-Mile Dirt Oval

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-10.539; 2. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-10.657; 3. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-10.677; 4. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-10.718; 5. Jake Swanson, 2B, 2B Racing-10.748; 6. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-10.800; 7. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-10.840; 8. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-10.841; 9. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-10.860; 10. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-10.935; 11. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland-10.937; 12. Alex Bright, 27, Heffner-10.954; 13. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-10.959; 14. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-11.088; 15. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-11.109; 16. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-11.166; 17. J.T. Ferry, 18J, Ferry-11.248; 18. Carmen

Perigo, 21, Stehman-11.254; 19. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-11.325; 20. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-11.354; 21. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-11.382; 22. Tom Harris, 84, Harris-11.773; 23. Scott Frack, 39x, Frack-12.073.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Brady Bacon, 4. Chase Stockon, 5. Tom Harris, 6. Hunter Maddox, 7. Carson Garrett, 8. Kevin Thomas Jr. NT

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Ricky Lewis, 2. C.J. Leary, 3. Matt Westfall, 4. Daison Pursley, 5. Joey Amantea, 6. Jake Swanson, 7. J.T. Ferry, 8. Scott Frack. 1:58.918

T.J. FORGED / CAR IQ THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Mitchel Moles, 2. Logan Seavey, 3. Briggs Danner, 4. Robert Ballou, 5. Carmen Perigo, 6. Alex Bright, 7. Charles Davis Jr. 1:58.339

FEATURE: (40 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (1), 2. Briggs Danner (4), 3. Mitchel Moles (9), 4. Justin Grant (7), 5. Daison Pursley (5), 6. Kyle Cummins (6), 7. Jake Swanson (2), 8. Kevin Thomas Jr. (10), 9. Robert Ballou (12), 10. Joey Amantea (20), 11. C.J. Leary (11), 12. Chase Stockon (14), 13. Hunter Maddox (16), 14. Alex Bright (13), 15. J.T. Ferry (17), 16. Tom Harris (22), 17. Carson Garrett (19), 18. Ricky Lewis (8), 19. Charles Davis Jr. (21), 20. Scott Frack (23), 21. Matt Westfall (15), 22. Brady Bacon (3), 23. Carmen Perigo (18). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Logan Seavey, Lap 26 Briggs Danner, Laps 27-40 Logan Seavey.

**Ricky Lewis flipped on lap 20 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-1406, 2-C.J. Leary-1385, 3-Brady Bacon-1361, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1354, 5-Daison Pursley-1329, 6-Mitchel Moles-1225, 7-Justin Grant-1221, 8-Robert Ballou-1202, 9-Kyle Cummins-1173, 10-Jake Swanson-1065.

FINAL USAC EASTERN STORM POINTS: 1-Mitchel Moles-399, 2-Brady Bacon-371, 3-C.J. Leary-366, 4-Justin Grant-360, 5-Daison Pursley-358, 6-Logan Seavey-354, 7-Briggs Danner-350, 8-Robert Ballou-341, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-336, 10-Kyle Cummins-322.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-109, 2-Robert Ballou-103, 3-Logan Seavey-94, 4-Joey Amantea-86, 5-C.J. Leary-85, 6-Justin Grant-78, 7-Kyle Cummins-68, 8-Brady Bacon-60, 9-Matt Westfall-53, 10-Carson Garrett-52.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: June 22, 2024 – Wilmot Raceway – Wilmot, Wisconsin – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: C.J. Leary (10.563)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Kyle Cummins (10.539)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Justin Grant

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Ricky Lewis

T.J. Forged / Car IQ Third Heat Winner: Mitchel Moles

Irvin King Hard Charger: Joey Amantea (20th to 10th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Ricky Lewis

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MOLES-MENTUM: MOLES REPEATS AT MACON FOR FIRST USAC SPRINT WIN OF '24

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Macon, Illinois (June 28, 2024)……Mitchel Moles' first USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship feature victory in 37 races came at the same exact place he captured his most recent series win nearly a full season ago.

One year after becoming the first ever USAC National Sprint Car winner at Illinois' Macon Speedway, the Raisin City, California native became the first ever repeat series winner at the 1/5-mile dirt oval during Friday night's Top Gun Weekend opener.

In his first start since racing to a USAC Eastern Storm championship earlier this month, Moles continued his roll into Macon, leading all 40 laps from his outside front row starting position aboard the Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports/AME Electrical – Mesilla Valley Transportation/Spike/Stanton Chevy.

After notching a single top-five result in his first 17 series starts of 2024, Moles has now responded with six consecutive top-five performances, which includes his fourth career triumph on Friday night at Macon.

"It's just more momentum than anything," Moles explained. "It's no secret in this deal that when you get beat down, it's hard to overcome that. But when you have good people around you, you keep telling yourself that you'll get it, and you'll figure it out."

Whereas Moles' winning performance at Macon in 2023 came in dramatic fashion via a pass for the lead with two laps remaining and a photo finish victory by a mere 0.093 seconds, there were no such theatrics this time around. Moles sprinted away and was never seriously threatened from the get-go.

Despite Moles' dominance, there were a share of movers and shakers in the field making hay when the opportunities presented themselves. Fourth starting Brady Bacon advanced to third, driving under Carson Garrett in turn three for the spot on the lap six restart following a spin and stop on the front straightaway by 17th running Joey Amantea.

The second of two cautions occurred when 20th running Hayden Harvey tagged the back straightaway wall with a wallop on the eighth lap, prematurely ending his first career USAC start.

On the ensuing restart, Bacon stepped up to second place as he scootered under Leary for the runner-up spot to slot in behind race leader Moles. Now, the only two drivers to win a USAC National Sprint Car race at Macon Speedway were running one-two at the front of the field.

Nonetheless, Moles still maintained a six car length edge, which translated to a 1.6 second interval by the halfway mark on lap 20. By lap 24, Justin Grant surged to third after Garrett's car became tight between turns one and two. Grant slipped under Garrett, then instigated his pursuit of Bacon for second.

On lap 29, Grant took over the runner-up spot when Bacon ramped over the right rear tire of the lapped car of Brandon Mattox in turn one, opening the door for Grant to shuffle onward via the low side. All the jockeying from second on back certainly helped appease any sort of pressure on Moles who extended his lead to a full straightaway more than 3.5 seconds ahead using the high line.

"It was cowboy up there," Moles exclaimed. "I don't know how far of a lead I had there, but I feel like I was getting through traffic pretty good. (The crew) made some swings there at the end and (crewman) Dylan (Cook) gave me a little pep talk before we went out, which sealed the deal for me."

However, at the head of the field, Moles was head of the class as he sheared his way through every piece of traffic to put his stamp on a long-awaited USAC victory by a 2.253 second margin with Justin Grant, Brady Bacon, Carson Garrett and Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier Daison Pursley rounding out the top-five.

Interestingly enough, Macon served as Moles' most recent USAC victory 37 races ago. It was a 34-race winless streak that Moles ended one year ago at Macon. Furthermore, with his Macon victory, he became the first driver ever to win his first start after scoring the USAC Eastern Storm title, which dates back to 2007.

Following a tumultuous first two appearances with the USAC Sprint Cars at Macon in 2023, Justin Grant (Ione, Calif.) returned by advancing six positions to a fine second place performance in his TOPP Motorsports/NOS Energy Drink – Bow Foundation – TOPP Industries/Maxim/Kistler Chevy. For Grant, it was his sixth consecutive series finish inside the top-eight.

In his first Macon start since winning one year ago, Brady Bacon (Broken Arrow, Okla.) posted a third-place result in his Dynamics, Inc./Next Level Metal – Davis Bros. Trucking – Hutson John Deere/Triple X/Rider Chevy. In his past 12 series starts this year, Bacon has now finished on the podium on nine occasions.

Kyle Cummins (Princeton, Ind.) was forced to go to a backup car after a crash in his heat race broke the frame of his chassis. With the backup, which had formerly been his primary machine, by rule, Cummins was forced to start at the tail of the field in the 22nd position. From there, he picked off seven to finish 15th, thus earning hard charger honors for the evening.

Over the past week, Jake Swanson (Anaheim, Calif.) was busy putting the Daming-Swanson Motorsports team together after he and the 2B Racing team parted ways. Joe Daming, who passed away this past February at the age of 47, had owned Swanson's local Indiana sprint car, winning 17 times together between 2021-23. On Friday at Macon, Swanson delivered a solid performance with the No. 5T, winning his heat race and finishing ninth in the feature. That earned him the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: June 28, 2024 – Macon Speedway – Macon, Illinois – 1/5-Mile Dirt Oval – Top Gun Weekend

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-10.335; 2. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-10.388; 3. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-10.389; 4. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-10.431; 5. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-10.482; 6. Nic Harris, N2, Harris-10.483; 7. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-10.497; 8. Wesley Smith,

2B, 2B Racing-10.580; 9. Anton Hernandez, 5, Baldwin/Fox-10.600; 10. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming/Swanson-10.640; 11. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-10.686; 12. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-10.758; 13. Shane Cottle, 2E, Epperson-10.812; 14. Mario Clouser, 6, Clouser-10.842; 15. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-10.870; 16. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-10.884; 17. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-10.936; 18. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-10.954; 19. Harley Burns, 16, Burns-10.970; 20. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-11.004; 21. Jadon Rogers, 17GP, Dutcher-11.072; 22. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-11.398; 23. Hayden Harvey, 8, Smith/Robertson-11.425; 24. Colten Cottle, 8D, KCBJ-11.470.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Shane Cottle, 3. Daison Pursley, 4. C.J. Leary, 5. Joey Amantea, 6. Carson Garrett, 7. Harley Burns, 8. Kyle Cummins. NT

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Logan Seavey, 3. Mario Clouser, 4. Mitchel Moles, 5. Matt Westfall, 6. Wesley Smith, 7. Hayden Harvey, 8. Hunter Maddox. NT

T.J. FORGED / CAR IQ THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. Brandon Mattox, 3. Brady Bacon, 4. Jadon Rogers, 5. Colten Cottle, 6. Kevin Thomas Jr., 7. Nic Harris, 8. Anton Hernandez. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Mitchel Moles (2), 2. Justin Grant (8), 3. Brady Bacon (4), 4. Carson Garrett (3), 5. Daison Pursley (6), 6. Robert Ballou (9), 7. Logan Seavey (5), 8. C.J. Leary (1), 9. Jake Swanson (7), 10. Wesley Smith (10), 11. Kevin Thomas Jr. (11), 12. Mario Clouser (15), 13. Nic Harris (13), 14. Jadon Rogers (16), 15. Kyle Cummins (22), 16. Matt Westfall (17), 17. Joey Amantea (18), 18. Hunter Maddox (14), 19. Shane Cottle (12), 20. Brandon Mattox (19), 21. Harley Burns (20), 22. Colten Cottle (21), 23. Hayden Harvey (23). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-40 Mitchel Moles.

**Anton Hernandez flipped during the third heat.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-1470, 2-C.J. Leary-1439, 3-Brady Bacon-1435, 4-Daison Pursley-1399, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1398, 6-Mitchel Moles-1302, 7-Justin Grant-1296, 8-Robert Ballou-1265, 9-Kyle Cummins-1207, 10-Jake Swanson-1119.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-110, 2-Robert Ballou-106, 3-Logan Seavey-97, 4-Justin Grant-88, 5-Joey Amantea-87, 6-C.J. Leary-85, 7-Kyle Cummins-75, 8-Brady Bacon-61, 9-Matt Westfall-54, 10-Carson Garrett-52.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: June 29, 2024 – Macon Speedway – Macon, Illinois – 1/5-Mile Dirt Oval – Top Gun Weekend

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: C.J. Leary (10.448)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Daison Pursley (10.335)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Jake Swanson

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Justin Grant

T.J. Forged / Car IQ Third Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

Irvin King Hard Charger: Kyle Cummins (22nd to 15th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Jake Swanson

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BULLRING MAESTRO: SEAVEY IS USAC SPRINT TOP GUN AT MACON

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Macon, Illinois (June 29, 2024)……Just before the halfway point of Saturday night's 50-lap Top Gun Weekend finale at Illinois' Macon Speedway, Logan Seavey was in the midst of a tussle for the lead. Within the blink of an eye, he found himself fifth on the 1/5-mile bullring.

That's when he got back on the saddle and went to work, methodically picking his way back into contention and into the lead on the 38th circuit before pacing the final 13 laps to earn his eighth USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship victory of the 2024 season.

In doing so, the Sutter, Calif. native pocketed a cool $10,000 while also becoming the first driver to reach the eight-win mark during a USAC National Sprint Car season before the end of June since Tom Bigelow in 1977. That year, Bigelow went on to set a still-standing record of 14 feature victories during the season, and Seavey is well on his way to making a run at the all-time record in his Abacus Racing/MPV Express – C3G CPAs – Indy Custom Stone/DRC/Stanton Chevy.

Furthermore, Seavey, the current series championship point leader, became the first driver to win a feature in multiple USAC national divisions at Macon after scoring a USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship victory in August of 2023.

The lone 50-lap USAC National Sprint Car main event of the year also allowed Seavey to become just the sixth driver in USAC history to capture 50-lap wins with the Silver Crown, National Sprint and National Midget divisions in his career, something only achieved previously by Dave Darland, Dave Steele, George Snider, Tony Stewart and Tracy Hines.

Seavey's Macon score also came less than two weeks following his victory on the similar, but even smaller 1/6-mile dirt oval at Action Track USA in Kutztown, Pa. The efforts gave him and his No. 57 wins on each of the two smallest tracks on the schedule within the same month.

"We've been good at the short tracks, which haven't really my style lately," Seavey noted. "It seems like the half-miles are where I go better at. These guys are getting me fast at the short tracks too. It's a lethal combo and I'm just happy to be driving this thing."

To kick off the night, Seavey notched fast qualifying honors in the Honest Abe Roofing time trial session. Starting sixth in the feature, Seavey initially fell back one spot before charging forward, picking off one car a lap between laps two and six as he surged to third. By lap 10, he had worked his way into second after early race leader Jadon Rogers slipped sideways in turn two.

Rising from the pole position, Rogers led the opening two laps until Jake Swanson charged under Rogers on the back stretch to take over on lap three. Swanson took control of the next 21 trips, his first laps led in his Daming-Swanson Motorsports No. 5T since he and 2B Racing parted ways a week earlier.

In the meantime, Daison Pursley advanced to second on the 19th circuit as he dove under Seavey in turn one to secure the spot. On the very next lap, Brady Bacon shot to the inside of Seavey on the back straight for the third spot. The pair appeared to make slight contact as Seavey glanced off the wall. Rogers came along for the ride as well, dipping down low in turn three to grab fourth from Seavey who had free fallen all the way back to fifth.

“I thought I gave it away there racing for the lead,” Seavey stated. “Jake got on defense there really hard and chopped me down and broke my momentum. The next thing I knew, I was in fifth. Luckily, it was 50 laps, so I was able to look at the board and I knew I had time. I was confident in my car and these guys gave me a really good one.”

The night’s only red flag occurred on the 24th lap when 13th running Joey Amantea tangled with another car and bounced upside down in turn three. Amantea returned to the lineup, restarting at the tail and finishing 17th.

On the ensuing restart, Pursley jumped up top in turns one and two and drove right around Swanson to become the newest race leader. In tow came Bacon as he drove low to overtake Swanson for second. Seavey soon joined the fray three laps later and began a duel with Bacon in which the two see-sawed their position back-and-forth, to-and-fro. On the 33rd lap, Seavey got into the back bumper of Bacon on the back straightaway, sending Bacon sideways. On lap 34, both connected again in nearly the same spot as the pair negotiated their way around the lapped car of Joey Amantea.

All the while, Pursley had constructed a sizable lead of 1.368 second, which was wiped away on lap 34 when sixth running Kevin Thomas Jr. slowed to a stop.

On the next restart, the second and third place running Bacon and Seavey swarmed Pursley from both sides, with Bacon sneaking under off turn four to occupy the top spot on lap 36 while Seavey went topside to slot into second around Pursley. Pursley fought back to edge ahead of Seavey off turn four. However, Seavey had his next move lined up perfectly as he shot the gap to split between both Pursley and Bacon entering turn one to take the lead and take off for good on lap 38.

A half lap later, Pursley moved back around Bacon for second. Down the stretch, Robert Ballou found his way past Bacon for third on lap 44. Up front, Seavey was in total command with a 1.792 second lead but was mired in thick traffic until the yellow flag was displayed for Justin Grant who came to a stop with a knocked out front end while battling Swanson for the 10th spot on lap 47.

The incident momentarily erased Seavey’s advantage, but it also erased any semblance of traffic during the final three-lap dash as Seavey sprinted away to a 0.875 second victory over Pursley, Ballou, Bacon and C.J. Leary.

“I just can’t say enough about how good this car was early,” Seavey acknowledged. “I could pass on the bottom. I could go to the cushion and run really hard. I feel like, speedwise, there’s no doubt whose car was the best there. I just didn’t make good moves getting to the front. It got a little hairy there for me. I had to dig a little deeper at the end.”

Daison Pursley (Locust Grove, Okla.) nailed down his sixth podium finish of the USAC Sprint Car season with a runner-up result in his Team AZ Racing/Apache Transport – Oak Craft Elegant Cabinetry/DRC/1-Way Chevy.

Robert Ballou (Rocklin, Calif.) finished a fine third for his best result since his May 3 victory at Rossburg, Ohio’s Eldora Speedway aboard his Ballou Motorsports/Suburban Subaru/DRC/Ott Chevy.

Brady Bacon (Broken Arrow, Okla.) finished fourth in what was his 500th career feature start, a milestone feat in USAC National Sprint Car history. He's now just the second driver ever to surpass the 500 starts mark with the series, joining Dave Darland (797 starts).

C.J. Leary (Greenfield, Ind.) raced his way up to a fifth-place finish after starting 11th on the confines of Macon. The plus-six made Leary the biggest mover of the night and the evening's hard charger.

Meanwhile, it was a great comeback for Kyle Cummins (Princeton, Ind.). On lap 15, Cummins found himself backwards against the turn three wall. Restarting 19th, he charged up through the field to finish seventh in his backup car. That earned him the night’s Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: June 29, 2024 – Macon Speedway – Macon, Illinois – 1/5-Mile Dirt Oval – Top Gun Weekend

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-10.268; 2. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-10.363; 3. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-10.363; 4. Wesley Smith, 2B, 2B Racing-10.390; 5. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming/Swanson-10.401; 6. Jadon Rogers, 17GP, Dutcher-10.485; 7. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-10.544; 8. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-10.557; 9. Nic Harris, N2, Harris-10.670; 10. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-10.744; 11. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-10.770; 12. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-10.798; 13. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-10.862; 14. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-10.940; 15. Mario Clouser, 6, Clouser-10.961; 16. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-10.969; 17. Colten Cottle, 8D, KCBJ-11.003; 18. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-11.009; 19. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-11.273; 20. Cody Williams, 26, Williams-11.806; 21. Hayden Harvey, 8, Smith/Robertson-11.961.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Carson Garrett, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Mitchel Moles, 5. Logan Seavey, 6. Wesley Smith, 7. Joey Amantea. 1:46.67

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. C.J. Leary, 3. Daison Pursley, 4. Jake Swanson, 5. Colten Cottle, 6. Matt Westfall, 7. Cody Williams. 1:46.93

T.J. FORGED / CAR IQ THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Mario Clouser, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Brady Bacon, 4. Jadon Rogers, 5. Hunter Maddox, 6. Nic Harris, 7. Hayden Harvey. 1:47.55

FEATURE: (50 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (6), 2. Daison Pursley (5), 3. Robert Ballou (8), 4. Brady Bacon (4), 5. C.J. Leary (11), 6. Mitchel Moles (10), 7. Kyle Cummins (13), 8. Wesley Smith (3), 9. Jake Swanson (2), 10. Jadon Rogers (1), 11. Mario Clouser (9), 12. Matt Westfall (15), 13. Hunter Maddox (18), 14. Carson Garrett (14), 15. Cody Williams (20), 16. Justin Grant (7), 17. Joey Amantea (19), 18. Kevin Thomas Jr. (16), 19. Nic Harris (12), 20. Hayden Harvey (21), 21. Colten Cottle (17). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 Jadon Rogers, Laps 4-24 Jake Swanson, Laps 25-35 Daison Pursley, Laps 36-37 Brady Bacon, Laps 38-50 Logan Seavey.

**Joey Amantea flipped on lap 24 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-1550, 2-Brady Bacon-1506, 3-C.J. Leary-1504, 4-Daison Pursley-1477, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1431, 6-Mitchel Moles-1362, 7-Robert Ballou-1337, 8-Justin Grant-1335, 9-Kyle Cummins-1266, 10-Jake Swanson-1172.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-113, 2-Robert Ballou-111, 3-Logan Seavey-102, 4-C.J. Leary-91, 5-Joey Amantea-89, 6-Justin Grant-88, 7-Kyle Cummins-81, 8-Brady Bacon-61, 9-Matt Westfall-57, 10-Carson Garrett-52.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: July 3, 2024 – Red Hill Raceway – Sumner, Illinois – 1/3-Mile Dirt Oval – Salute to Levi Jones

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Mitchel Moles (10.358)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Logan Seavey (10.268)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Justin Grant

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

T.J. Forged / Car IQ Third Heat Winner: Mario Clouser

Hard Charger: C.J. Leary (11th to 5th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Kyle Cummins

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SEAVEY AVOIDS CATASTROPHE TO WIN SPRINTACULAR OPENER AT LINCOLN PARK

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Putnamville, Indiana (July 5, 2024)……There was a point in time in which Logan Seavey thought his race was over during Friday night's 10th Annual Bill Gardner Sprintacular opener at Putnamville, Indiana's Lincoln Park Speedway.

While leading 13 laps into the 30-lap main event, Seavey attempted to avoid a pair of spinning cars just in front of him. Despite fairly significant contact with one of the two machines, Seavey pushed through quite literally and figuratively to claim his ninth victory of the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship season.

Just as he did in his most recent series outing at Macon (Ill.) Speedway six nights earlier, Seavey set the tone for the night by setting fast qualifying time in his Abacus Racing/MPV Express – CG CPAs – Indy Custom Stone/DRC/Stanton Chevy, then proceeded to march his way to victory lane during the feature event.

In doing so, Seavey (Sutter, Calif.) became the first driver to simultaneously score back-to-back fast qualifying times and feature wins with the series in over a decade. Bryan Clauson was the most recent driver to achieve the feat late during the 2013 season at Indiana's Lawrenceburg (Ind.) Speedway and Arizona's Canyon Speedway Park.

Overall, Seavey's victory was the 19th of his USAC National Sprint Car career, moving him past Kyle Cummins and into sole possession of 34th place on the all-time list. This time, he won one at the 5/16-mile dirt oval that he has long considered one of his ultimate favorites.

"When I first started coming out here, this became one of my favorite tracks in Indiana," Seavey exclaimed. "It's beaten me up for a lot of years, so it's cool to get one here at Putnamville and get these guys back in victory lane."

Not only did Seavey kick off the night by besting the 47-car field on his time trial run, he did so by obliterating the previous USAC track record at Lincoln Park. His time of 11.959 seconds in Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying was the first ever official 11-second bracket lap turned at LPS, erasing the former record of 12.276 seconds set by Brady Bacon in 2018.

Slated to start sixth on the grid for the feature event, Seavey and Abacus first had to perform a bit of preventative maintenance beforehand. It was a certain facet that stole victory away from the team during a USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Midget event at Circle City Raceway in 2023, making it of utmost importance to correct before the main event got underway.

"We had a wire break, actually a kill switch, which is something that has cost us a race in the past," Seavey explained. "So, we were being extra careful just to make sure this thing was hitting on all eight cylinders and just firing in general. It's these things that our guys are getting really good at. Avoiding issues like that is what allows you to contend for championships."

Seavey, who has led the USAC National Sprint Car standings since mid-February, quickly hustled his way up to third on the opening lap, slotting in behind the duo of front row occupants Mitchel Moles and Robert Ballou who diced things up for the first trio of laps with Moles leading the way each time.

However, Seavey was superb in ringing the cushion as he zipped by Ballou for second off the exit of turn four on lap three. Mere moments later, Seavey blasted around Moles on the high side of turns one and two to escape with the lead. By the time the front runners reached turn four on lap four, Ballou had slipped under Moles for the runner-up spot.

At this juncture, seemingly the only thing that could stifle Seavey is getting tripped up in traffic, and that nearly came to fruition. As Seavey reached the tail end of the field on the 13th lap, the car of Harley Burns sat idly in the middle of turn three. By this point, Seavey had committed to the high side for his escape plan. However, the car directly in front of Seavey, driven by Rylan Gray, smashed into the side of Burns, sending Gray spinning backwards straight into the path of Seavey. Seavey's left front wheel wound up clipping the back end of Gray's machine, but Seavey managed to continue onward.

"I thought I broke my front end, and I thought my race might be over," Seavey revealed. "My steering wheel was all crooked and I had to readjust some things in the car. It kept feeling like it was getting worse and worse. I thought I was folding up a draglink. I could feel something going away in my front end. Luckily, this thing held together and (crewmen) Ronnie (Gardner) and Kirk (Simpson) gave me a great racecar like they always do."

Meanwhile, second running Ballou also executed a narrow escape much similar to Seavey as he attempted to dodge catastrophe, hitting the tail tank of Burns who was rolling down toward the inside of the track right into the path of Ballou. Despite the contact, Ballou also managed to keep himself going by escaping and racing on.

On the ensuing restart, sixth running Justin Grant saw his bid for a solid finish go by the wayside when the car of Carson Garrett (4th) slid sideways in turn one. As a result, Grant got into the left side of Garrett's car, then Bacon (7th) subsequently plowed into Grant, flattening Grant's left rear tire. Grant restarted after being escorted to the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area but ended up 17th at the finish.

Ballou made a run at Seavey for the lead just before the halfway mark and was able to pull even briefly before Seavey swapped over to the low line, stealing away Ballou's groove, and from there, was able to break away and put a lock down on the race for the lead.

"My car was really good on the cushion early, so it was hard to give that up," Seavey said. "You know it always goes away here, especially when the bottom is that good. It was getting slick on the exit out of two, so I knew it was time to get down. Lapped traffic was on the bottom, so I knew that would give me a little bit more time to figure it out."

Once Seavey did figure it out, he was able to secure his position up front just as he's done already eight times before with the series in 2024.

"It's so hard to change lines when you're leading," Seavey stated. "You see it all the time where second has a little bit of an advantage. It's tricky and I'm not really known for running the bottom. I was doing big ol' wheelies down the back stretch because you're going so slow, and there's so much grip, you just drag the tail tank all the way down the back stretch, which makes it hard to get into turn three. There were lots of adjustments I was doing to make myself better once I did move down, I didn't really know whether to blow through the middle or really get down by the tires, but it seemed like whenever I did, my car went through there very nicely and I could just cruise around there."

When all was said and done, Seavey took his first Lincoln Park Speedway USAC victory, crossing the stripe 0.806 seconds ahead of Ballou with Moles third, Bacon fourth and Garrett fifth.

For the second straight race, Robert Ballou (Rocklin, Calif.) earned a podium finish, taking second on this night in his Ballou Motorsports/Suburban Subaru – Deaton's Waterfront Services/DRC/Ott Chevy.

Mitchel Moles (Raisin City, Calif.) led the opening three laps and finished inside the top-six for the eighth straight event in his Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports/AME Electrical – Mesilla Valley Transportation/Spike/Stanton Chevy.

Kevin Thomas Jr. (Cullman, Ala.) worked his way into the top-10 after being mired all the way back on the outside of row nine. In the end, KTJ advanced from 18th to 10th to collect hard charger honors for the night's feature.

Chase Stockon (Fort Branch, Ind.) made a valiant comeback late in the going during the Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi-Feature. Starting ninth, he worked his way up to the fourth and final transfer spot to earn his way into the night's feature. He was rewarded as the recipient of the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

In the third heat race of the night, Justin Grant (Ione, Calif.) established a new 10-lap USAC National Sprint Car track record at Lincoln Park Speedway. His time of 2:08.53 surpassed the former record of 2:09.325 held by Kyle Cummins since July of 2021.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: July 5, 2024 – Lincoln Park Speedway – Putnamville, Indiana – 5/16-Mile Dirt Oval – 10th Annual Bill Gardner Sprintacular

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-11.959 (New Track Record); 2. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-12.026; 3. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-12.068; 4. Jadon Rogers, 17GP, Dutcher-12.086; 5. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland-12.114; 6. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-12.138; 7. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-12.140; 8. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-12.184; 9. Kyle Shipley, 4u, AJR-12.190; 10. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-12.230; 11. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-12.239; 12. Shane Cottle, 2E, Epperson-12.244; 13. Chance Crum, 26, Crum-12.245; 14. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-12.252; 15. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-12.272; 16. Jake Swanson, 24, Simon-12.278; 17. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-12.298; 18. Logan Calderwood, 73, Ford-12.343; 19. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-12.395; 20. Ivan Glotzbach, 2H, Hayden-12.402; 21. Wesley Smith, 2B, 2B Racing-12.418; 22. Nate Schank, 1, Schank-12.471; 23. Trey Osborne, 6T, Osborne-12.502; 24. Tye Mihocko, 24p, Paul-12.520; 25. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-12.528; 26. Brayden Fox, 53, Fox-12.536; 27. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-12.546; 28. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-12.550; 29. Todd Hobson, 04, Burton-12.604; 30. Geoff Ensign, 17, On The Gass-12.613; 31. Kayla Roell, 5K, KO-12.637; 32. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-12.648; 33. Brent Beauchamp, 11, Beauchamp-12.735; 34. Rylan Gray, 06, Gray-12.735; 35. Zack Pretorius, 9z, Pretorius-12.743; 36. Seth Parker, 38p, Parker-12.770; 37. Hunter Maddox, 36, Maddox-12.958; 38. Sam Hinds, 71H, Hinds-13.064; 39. Gabriel Gilbert, 10G, GGR-13.073; 40. James Boyd, 16B, Boyd-13.247; 41. Troy Carey, 45N, Carey-13.284; 42. Nathan Seale, 1s, Seale-13.522; 43. Cody Williams, 26w, Williams-13.704; 44. Tom Eller, 29OG, Eller-13.908; 45. Nate Ervin, 11E, Algieo-14.685; 46. Anton Hernandez, 5, Baldwin/Fox-NT; 47. Kyle Johnson, 99J, Johnson-NT (Time of 12.374 disallowed due to illegal left rear tire).

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Wesley Smith, 2. Ricky Lewis, 3. Logan Seavey, 4. Joey Amantea, 5. Chance Crum, 6. Brent Beauchamp, 7. Harley Burns, 8. Kyle Shipley, 9. Hunter Maddox, 10. Nate Ervin, 11. Troy Carey, 12. Todd Hobson. NT

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Daison Pursley, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Robert Ballou, 4. Brady Bacon, 5. Rylan Gray, 6. Nate Schank, 7. Geoff Ensign, 8. Logan Calderwood, 9. Nathan Seale, 10. Brayden Fox, 11. Kyle Johnson, 12. Sam Hinds. NT

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. C.J. Leary, 3. Mitchel Moles, 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 5. Carson Garrett, 6. Brandon Mattox, 7. Zack Pretorius, 8. Trey Osborne, 9. Kayla Roell, 10. Gabriel Gilbert, 11. Cody Williams. 2:08.53 (New Track Record)

CAR IQ FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Tye Mihocko, 2. Briggs Danner, 3. Shane Cottle, 4. Jake Swanson, 5. Matt Westfall, 6. Seth Parker, 7. Chase Stockon, 8. Ivan Glotzbach, 9. James Boyd, 10. Tom Eller, 11. Jadon Rogers. 2:11.52

TRAILER ALARMS C-MAIN: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the semi) 1. Hunter Maddox, 2. Kayla Roell, 3. Kyle Johnson, 4. Todd Hobson, 5. Sam Hinds, 6. Nathan Seale, 7. Nate Ervin, 8. James Boyd, 9. Tom Eller, 10. Cody Williams, 11. Troy Carey. 2:20.10

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Shipley, 2. Harley Burns, 3. Jadon Rogers, 4. Chase Stockon, 5. Brandon Mattox, 6. Nate Schank, 7. Logan Calderwood, 8. Seth Parker, 9. Geoff Ensign, 10. Kayla Roell, 11. Hunter Maddox, 12. Ivan Glotzbach, 13. Todd Hobson, 14. Kyle Johnson, 15. Zack Pretorius, 16. Brent Beauchamp, 17. Trey Osborne. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (6), 2. Robert Ballou (2), 3. Mitchel Moles (1), 4. Brady Bacon (5), 5. Carson Garrett (4), 6. Ricky Lewis (3), 7. Daison Pursley (7), 8. Shane Cottle (15), 9. C.J. Leary (14), 10. Kevin Thomas Jr. (18), 11. Tye Mihocko (10), 12. Jake Swanson (19), 13. Wesley Smith (9), 14. Kyle Cummins (17), 15. Kyle Shipley

(13), 16. Chase Stockon (23), 17. Justin Grant (8), 18. Matt Westfall (22), 19. Rylan Gray (24), 20. Chance Crum (16), 21. Jadon Rogers (11), 22. Joey Amantea (20), 23. Harley Burns (21), 24. Briggs Danner (12). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 Mitchel Moles, Laps 4-30 Logan Seavey.

**Kayla Roell & Gabriel Gilbert flipped during the third heat.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-1632, 2-Brady Bacon-1577, 3-C.J. Leary-1557, 4-Daison Pursley-1537, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1479, 6-Mitchel Moles-1432, 7-Robert Ballou-1411, 8-Justin Grant-1372, 9-Kyle Cummins-1308, 10-Jake Swanson-1216.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-113, 2-Robert Ballou-111, 3-Logan Seavey-107, 4-C.J. Leary-96, 5-Joey Amantea-89, 6-Justin Grant-88, 7-Kyle Cummins-84, 8-Brady Bacon-62, 9-Matt Westfall-61, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-58.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: July 6, 2024 – Lincoln Park Speedway – Putnamville, Indiana – 5/16-Mile Dirt Oval – 10th Annual Bill Gardner Sprintacular

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Robert Ballou (11.942)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Logan Seavey (11.959)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Wesley Smith

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Daison Pursley

T.J. Forged Third Heat Winner: Justin Grant

Car IQ Fourth Heat Winner: Tye Mihocko

Trailer Alarms C-Main Winner: Hunter Maddox

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Kyle Shipley

Hard Charger: Kevin Thomas Jr. (18th to 10th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Chase Stockon

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SPRINTACULAR SWEEP! SEAVEY HITS USAC SPRINT WIN #10 AT LINCOLN PARK

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

2024 USAC National Sprint Car Season Review

Putnamville, Indiana (July 6, 2024)……Logan Seavey has made quite an impression pretty much everywhere he's gone on the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship tour in 2024.

You can now add the 10th Annual Bill Gardner Sprintacular at Putnamville, Indiana's Lincoln Park Speedway to his ever-growing accomplishment season checklist.

One night after the Sutter, California racer captured his initial Lincoln Park USAC win, on Saturday, he became the first driver to sweep to feature victories on both nights in the decade long history of the Sprintacular event, pocketing $10,000 for his efforts in the 40-lap finale at the 5/16-mile dirt oval.

With the triumph, the USAC National Sprint Car point leader earned his 10th victory of the series season, all of which have come in a span of 24 starts. In that same timeframe, he doubled his career output to 20 wins after tallying 10 across his first 146 starts between his 2018 debut and the opening two events of the 2024 campaign.

"I feel like I've been doing it a long time but really it's only been a handful of years," Seavey said. "Twenty is kind of crazy to believe since we just had 10 a few months ago. It took a big effort to build this race team and to come out of the gate like this is amazing."

Seavey began his quest from the fourth spot aboard his Abacus Racing/MPV Express – CG CPAs – Indy Custom Stone/DRC/Stanton Chevy. Yet it was defending Sprintacular victor Brady Bacon who stepped out to the opening lap lead from his outside front row position.

On lap four, trouble ensued for a pair of Keystone State racers. Briggs Danner (11th) and Joey Amantea (15th) collided in turn two, resulting in Amantea flipping over. Both drivers' nights were abruptly ended in the incident. Danner endured an interesting past 24 hours after his primary ride in the Hogue Racing Enterprises No. 39 experienced an engine issue on the opening lap of Friday night's feature. Out of commission, Danner found work in a backup car for KO Motorsports on Saturday night with both team's crews pitching in on the effort.

When action resumed, the battle at the front became three-pronged as the trio of Bacon, C.J. Leary and Seavey engaged in a three-wide battle for position. On lap seven, Seavey, the third driver in the triumvirate took his game to the topside where he flashed around Leary for second off turn four, then came up a wheel short of Bacon at the line for the race lead. Seavey kept digging, and by the time the pair reached turn three on the eighth circuit, Seavey dove low under Bacon to swipe the top spot.

The high line had worked for Seavey all weekend long and he seemingly remained committed to it. Nonetheless, Bacon quickly made up ground on the bottom groove and managed to pull even with Seavey. Thus, Seavey adjusted his tactics and stepped down from the top shelf to defy Bacon's pursuit.

By lap 15, lapped traffic had forced the hand of the leaders to make a choice based on the line the car in front of them was operating with cars at the tail end of the field scattered both high and low. But all that was put to the wayside for the moment as fifth running Robert Ballou slowed with a flat right rear tire on lap 17, forcing him to the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area for fresh rubber. He'd ultimately return to finish 15th.

The second red flag of the feature was displayed on lap 19 when the third-place car driven Leary bounced atop the turn four cushion. With seemingly no place to go, fourth running Moles was unable to avoid the melee and collided with Leary,

sending Moles toppling over. Subsequently, Jake Swanson (5th) collided with the flipping Moles, but was able to continue on. Moles returned to the field at the tail, driving back to 14th, ending a run of eight consecutive top-six finishes.

Daison Pursley, who had worked his way from 25th to 12th before the incident, also collided with Swanson and stopped. It had already been a turbulent evening for Pursley who set fast time in Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying, then was involved in a nasty crash during a last lap battle for a heat race win with Ballou. After stepping into a Team AZ Racing backup car, Pursley made his way into the feature via a provisional. Starting from the 13th and final row, he made two separate charges through the field. When all was said and done, he'd come back to finish 13th.

With eight laps to go, Bacon had closed up the interval on Seavey's lead to just a couple car lengths. Drawing nearer, Seavey made his escape in turn three as he split between the high/low duo of Ivan Glotzbach and Nate Schank. As Schank shook loose on the cushion, just behind him was Bacon, who momentarily became stifled as he avoided contact with the 2022 USAC CRA Sprint Car Rookie of the Year who was making his first USAC national start, which allowed Seavey to double his lead from six tenths to 1.2 seconds, though he still remained mired in the thick of gridlock.

"I was just trying to change stuff up and try to see where I felt better," Seavey explained. "Then we get to traffic, and it seemed like every time I got to a car, they'd come from the bottom and go to the top. I don't know if they were trying to get out of the way and they were putting themselves in the way but that's part of racing and you've got to figure out how to get through it and I almost gave one up there."

As Seavey maneuvered to the bottom to put Zack Pretorius a lap down, Bacon quickly made up ground, and with four laps remaining, drag raced past Seavey for the lead entering turn three. As Bacon slid up, Seavey slid under and was able to gain back a half car length advantage over Bacon at the stripe on lap 37. Bacon set up for another opportunity in turn one on lap 38, but snagged the cushion, then was hit in the rear bumper by Pretorius, once again allowing Seavey to break free, this time for good.

"This place was changing a lot there and I knew that being the leader early isn't the best," Seavey remarked. "It really makes you use everything you've got in your toolbox to figure out what to do. You go into one so slow and I'm just listening, thinking I can hear him running the top. I kept seeing his nose getting into three, so I knew I was losing a lot getting into one. I knew I was struggling to go by them guys. I couldn't run the bottom as good as I needed to since they were all lined up on the cushion. So, I really didn't have much place to go and Brady made a big move."

Seavey held off one more furious charge from Bacon on the final go around to score a 0.665 second margin of victory. Leary brought it home third with Kevin Thomas Jr. fourth and Justin Grant fifth as the entire top-five consisted of past Sprintacular winners.

Overall, it's Seavey's third consecutive USAC National Sprint Car victory after notching one last Saturday at Macon (Ill.) Speedway before doubling up at Lincoln Park this weekend, thus making him the first driver to win three-in-a-row with the series since Justin Grant swept all three nights of Sprint Car Smackdown weekend at Kokomo (Ind.) Speedway in August of 2023.

Brady Bacon (Broken Arrow, Okla.) led the opening seven laps of the feature en route to his seventh runner-up finish of the USAC Sprint season in his Dynamics, Inc./Next Level Metal – Davis Brothers Trucking – Hutson John Deere/Triple X/Rider Chevy.

C.J. Leary (Greenfield, Ind.) posted a third-place result to capture his ninth straight top-10 finish Sprintacular feature events dating back to 2020 at the wheel of his BGE Dougherty Motorsports/Altoz – Valvoline – Hornbeck Concrete/DRC/1-Way Chevy.

Meanwhile, Chase Stockon (Fort Branch, Ind.) went +12 in the main event, starting 23rd and advancing his way up to an 11th place finish. Ricky Lewis (Camarillo, Calif.) became the first driver to earn a second Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night award in 2024 after executing a late-race pass to snag the final transfer spot in his heat race before collecting his second straight sixth place finish in as many nights. Sixteenth place finisher Tye Mihocko (Peoria, Aria.) was the recipient of a $550 bonus as the top weekly Lincoln Park Speedway racer in the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: July 6, 2024 – Lincoln Park Speedway – Putnamville, Indiana – 5/16-Mile Dirt Oval – 10th Annual IndianaOpenWheel.com Bill Gardner Sprintacular

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-12.050; 2. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-12.131; 3. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland-12.399; 4. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-12.446; 5. Jake Swanson, 24, Simon-12.472; 6. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-12.478; 7. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-12.547; 8. Rylan Gray, 06, Gray-12.603; 9. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-12.624; 10. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-12.656; 11. Shane Cottle, 2E, Epperson-12.665; 12. Zack Pretorius, 9z, Pretorius-12.675; 13. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-12.703; 14. Briggs Danner, 5D, KO-12.706; 15. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-12.833; 16. Brent Beauchamp, 11, Beauchamp-12.844; 17. Geoff Ensign, 17, On The Gass-12.852; 18. Chance Crum, 26, Crum-12.875; 19. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-12.930; 20. Ivan Glotzbach, 2H, Hayden-12.930; 21. Nate Schank, 1, Schank-12.931; 22. Wesley Smith, 2B, 2B Racing-12.943; 23. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-12.959; 24. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-12.967; 25. Tye Mihocko, 24p, Paul-12.986; 26. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-12.997; 27. Anton Hernandez, 5, Baldwin/Fox-13.030; 28. Todd Hobson, 04, Burton-13.089; 29. Travis Thompson, 7, Thompson-13.093; 30. Kyle Johnson, 99J, Johnson-13.106; 31. Logan Calderwood, 73, Ford-13.166; 32. Trey Osborne, 6T, Osborne-13.203; 33. Kayla Roell, 5K, KO-13.248; 34. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-13.262; 35. Daylan Chambers, 4c, Chambers-13.347; 36. Troy Carey, 45N, Carey-13.348; 37. Hunter Maddox, 36, Maddox-13.424; 38. Nate Ervin, 11E, Algieo-13.567; 39. James Boyd, 16B, Boyd-13.703; 40. Sam Hinds, 71H, Hinds-13.893; 41. Tom Eller, 29OG, Eller-13.986; 42. Mike Larrison, 06L, American Dream-13.996; 43. Will Barnett, 88, Barnett-14.695; 44. Donny Brackett, 4B, Brackett-NT; 45. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-NT.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Geoff Ensign, 4. Tye Mihocko, 5. Jake Swanson, 6. Nate Schank, 7. Kayla Roell, 8. Travis Thompson, 9. Tom Eller, 10. Hunter Maddox, 11. Daison Pursley. NT

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Mitchel Moles, 3. Brady Bacon, 4. Briggs Danner, 5. Chance Crum, 6. Wesley Smith, 7. Chase Stockon, 8. Brandon Mattox, 9. Kyle Johnson, 10. Mike Larrison, 11. Nate Ervin. 2:12.55

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. C.J. Leary, 3. Shane Cottle, 4. Joey Amantea, 5. Ricky Lewis, 6. Anton Hernandez, 7. Matt Westfall, 8. Logan Calderwood, 9. James Boyd, 10. Will Barnett, 11. Daylan Chambers. 2:12.30

CAR IQ FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Seavey, 2. Carson Garrett, 3. Rylan Gray, 4. Ivan Glotzbach, 5. Brent Beauchamp, 6. Zack Pretorius, 7. Todd Hobson, 8. Trey Osborne, 9. Troy Carey, 10. Sam Hinds. 2:15.00

TRAILER ALARMS C-MAIN: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the semi) 1. Hunter Maddox, 2. Kyle Johnson, 3. Sam Hinds, 4. Troy Carey, 5. Mike Larrison, 6. James Boyd, 7. Tom Eller, 8. Will Barnett, 9. Nate Ervin. NT

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Nate Schank, 2. Zack Pretorius, 3. Anton Hernandez, 4. Chase Stockon, 5. Wesley Smith, 6. Matt Westfall, 7. Daison Pursley, 8. Todd Hobson, 9. Logan Calderwood, 10. Brandon Mattox, 11. Kayla Roell, 12. Kyle Johnson, 13. Sam Hinds, 14. Trey Osborne, 15. Hunter Maddox, 16. Travis Thompson, 17. Troy Carey. 2:50.47

FEATURE: (40 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (4), 2. Brady Bacon (2), 3. C.J. Leary (1), 4. Kevin Thomas Jr. (7), 5. Justin Grant (9), 6. Ricky Lewis (5), 7. Shane Cottle (12), 8. Jake Swanson (3), 9. Kyle Cummins (11), 10. Carson Garrett (21), 11. Chase Stockon (23), 12. Anton Hernandez (24), 13. Daison Pursley (25-P), 14. Mitchel Moles (6), 15. Robert Ballou (8), 16. Tye Mihocko (22), 17. Chance Crum (17), 18. Brent Beauchamp (15), 19. Ivan Glotzbach (18), 20. Nate Schank (19), 21. Zack Pretorius (13), 22. Matt Westfall (26-P), 23. Rylan Gray (10), 24. Geoff Ensign (16), 25. Briggs Danner (14), 26. Joey Amantea (20). NT

(P) represents a provisional feature starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-7 Brady Bacon, Laps 8-40 Logan Seavey.

**Daison Pursley flipped during the first heat. Joey Amantea flipped on lap 4 of the feature. Mitchel Moles flipped on lap 19 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-1713, 2-Brady Bacon-1651, 3-C.J. Leary-1628, 4-Daison Pursley-1580, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1548, 6-Mitchel Moles-1479, 7-Robert Ballou-1452, 8-Justin Grant-1438, 9-Kyle Cummins-1361, 10-Jake Swanson-1271.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-113, 2-Robert Ballou-111, 3-Logan Seavey-110, 4-C.J. Leary-96, 5-Justin Grant-92, 6-Joey Amantea-89, 7-Kyle Cummins-86, 8-Chase Stockon-70, 9-Carson Garrett-63, 10-Brady Bacon-62.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: July 26, 2024 – Lincoln Park Speedway – Putnamville, Indiana – 5/16-Mile Dirt Oval – 37th Annual NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented By Honest Abe Roofing

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Justin Grant (12.319)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Daison Pursley (12.050)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

T.J. Forged Third Heat Winner: Justin Grant

Car IQ Fourth Heat Winner: Logan Seavey

Trailer Alarms C-Main Winner: Hunter Maddox

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Nate Schank

Hard Charger: Chase Stockon (23rd to 11th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Ricky Lewis

Indiana Open Wheel Highest Finishing Weekly Driver: Tye Mihocko (16th)

The Frolic Bar & Grill Second Highest Finishing Weekly Driver: Ivan Glotzbach (19th)

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CONNECT 4! SEAVEY SCORES AT LINCOLN PARK, WINS 4TH STRAIGHT USAC SPRINT RACE

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Putnamville, Indiana (July 26, 2024)……Thirty-nine years is a long time any way you slice it.

Back in 1985, Coca-Cola introduced "new Coke;" the first Nintendo gaming system was released in North America; Michael Jordan was named NBA's Rookie of the Year; and Tears for Fears was tearing up the Billboard music charts.

The year of 1985 also just so happened to mark the most recent occurrence of a four-race winning streak by a driver in USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car competition, a feat achieved that season by Rick Hood en route to his second consecutive series championship.

Nearly four decades later, Logan Seavey became the first to win four-straight since that point in time during Friday night's opening event of the 37th annual NOS Energy Drink USAC Indiana Sprint Week Presented By Honest Abe Roofing at Putnamville's Lincoln Park Speedway.

Racing to the front from his sixth starting position, Seavey took over the lead by the 12th circuit of the 30-lap main event at the 5/16-mile event in a race that featured its fair share of wild, hair-raising events. Even Seavey himself had to hop out of his car during an early-race red flag period which briefly set off a small blaze out of the exhaust that lit the vinyl on the left side of his car on fire.

After the flames were doused, Seavey raised his 2024 USAC National Sprint Car win total to 11. That now brings the Sutter, Calif. native to within three victories of tying Tom Bigelow's all-time single-season series win record of 14 set back in 1977, and the season is still only in July! Seavey's fifth career Indiana Sprint Week score was also his 21st in USAC National Sprint Car competition, equaling him with 1967 titlist Greg Weld for 33rd place all-time.

"I just owe it all to my team and everyone who works so hard on working on these racecars," Seavey praised. "I don't feel like it could be going much better than it is right now. This is really cool to start Sprint Week out like this and we have a ton of momentum."

For Seavey, it was also his record-setting third consecutive USAC National Sprint Car triumph at Lincoln Park, all of which have occurred within a three-week span in the month of July aboard his Abacus Racing/Honest Abe Roofing – Rockwell Security – Indy Custom Stone/DRC/Stanton Chevy. In fact, all three of Seavey's wins thus far in July of 2024 have come at Lincoln Park.

"It's just confidence in my car and confidence in my guys to do what we need to do," Seavey stated. "Winning those races here a few weeks ago certainly made me feel really good about my car."

For the third time in the last four USAC Sprint Car starts, Seavey punctuated a quick time during Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying with a feature win. His latest fast time on Friday night slotted him into the sixth starting spot for the feature, and by the conclusion of lap two, he was already in third. Meanwhile, 2022 Indiana Sprint Week champ Justin Grant controlled the pace up front, but Seavey was rapidly closing in.

"I got up to the top-three pretty quickly and then got racing with those guys and was just kind of waiting," Seavey recalled. "Justin's obviously really good and you don't often get to pass him for the lead of a sprint car race. I tried to take my time a little bit and I knew when I passed him, I had to get him and go as fast as I could because he's really tough to race. It's why he's so good and wins so many races."

However, before Seavey could get there, one of the wildest incidents in recent memory occurred on the seventh lap. Kale Drake, making his USAC National Sprint Car debut, ramped over the right rear wheel of another car entering turn one. From there, Drake burst through the turn one fence and billboards before landing upside down in the parking lot, nestled between several spectators' vehicles. Ultimately, Drake was able to walk away from the incident.

On the subsequent lap seven restart, Seavey charged underneath second running Briggs Danner to swipe second. Yet just a handful of laps later, a four-car stack-up collected Matt Westfall (9th), C.J. Leary (11th), Jake Swanson (13th) and Max Adams (14th), all of whom came to a stop in turn two.

Displaying his restart mastery once more, once the field was re-racked for the lap 12 resumption, Seavey took to the cushion in turns one and two and propelled himself by Grant to take over the top spot by the time the pair hit the back straightaway.

"I didn't really know what the back stretch was going to play out like," Seavey pondered. "I thought (Grant) might've heard me, and I was on the gas really hard. He was struggling on the top early and that's just kind of what got him off there. He showed the bottom early, so it gave me room to get into (turn) one really hard. I made one good corner and got around him, then I had to get going right away from there because he's as hard as it gets to race with and beat when you go head-to-head like that. He gets me a lot of the time, so it was nice to get one on him."

From there, Seavey sliced his way through the tail end of the field, putting several drivers a lap down as he pushed his lead to two-plus seconds over Grant with less than two laps remaining and the white flag in sight.

However, a frightening scene developed on the back straightaway on lap 29 as ninth running Stevie Sussex's car burst into flames. Sussex promptly jumped out of the car fully engulfed in fire. He stopped, dropped and rolled through the infield for several yards until he was met by the safety crew who quickly extinguished the flames. In time, Sussex was back on his feet and walked to the ambulance under his own power.

The first attempt at a green-white-checker restart turned disastrous. After Cummins surpassed Grant for second around the outside of turns one and two, Grant got tight at the exit of turn two. Fourth running Danner saw the door of opportunity open and raced to the inside of Grant entering turn three. There, the two collided, sending Grant sideways between turns three and four. Grant was then contacted by Brady Bacon, which sent Grant sliding directly into the path of Carson Garrett (8th), Brayden Fox (11th) and Chance Crum (12th). Garrett and Fox flipped upside down in the melee, knocking both of them out of the contest. Grant and Crum, meanwhile, were able to restart.

For the final two trips, Seavey successfully fended off a challenge from Cummins to earn his first USAC Indiana Sprint Week victory since 2021 by a 0.605 second margin at the stripe. Cummins grabbed second with Danner third, Mitchel Moles fourth and Bacon fifth.

Kyle Cummins (Princeton, Ind.) equaled his best USAC result of the season with a runner-up performance in his Petty Performance Racing/Avanti Windows & Doors – Premier Recycling/GSR/Stanton Chevy.

Briggs Danner (Allentown, Pa.) scored a third-place result, making that back-to-back podium finishes for him during USAC Indiana Sprint Week dating back to his second place run in last year's finale at Bloomington Speedway in his Hogue Racing Enterprises/E. Schneider & Sons – Boulevard Truck Repair/DRC/Rider Chevy.

Jadon Rogers (Worthington, Ind.) started his feature run in the 23rd spot and finished it in 10th, earning himself the J & J Trucking Hard Charger award. Of note, Robert Ballou (Rocklin, Calif.) advanced 25th to 7th but was not eligible to receive hard charger honors due to utilizing a provisional. Ballou also became just the third driver in USAC National Sprint Car history to reach 500 career USAC National Sprint Car feature starts on this night, joining Dave Darland and Brady Bacon.

It was a night of comebacks for C.J. Leary (Greenfield, Ind.) who made a last lap pass to win his heat race, then was running 11th in the feature when he was involved in an accident which forced him to restart at the tail where he then charged his way forward to finish eighth. For those combined efforts, Leary was rewarded as the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Geoff Ensign (Sebastopol, Calif.) powered through early hardship to have a pretty solid evening for himself. As a result, he earned ProSource's Hard Work award as the slowest qualifier to advance to the feature. As an encore, he advanced from his 24th starting spot to finish 11th in the feature.

During the semi, Jack Hoyer (Frankfort, Ind.) looked to be in a good spot to make the feature. Running second in the semi, his night ended atop the turn three cushion. Despite the setback, he didn't go away empty handed as he was the recipient of a new Hoosier right rear tire courtesy of Sam McGhee Motorsports.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: July 26, 2024 – Lincoln Park Speedway – Putnamville, Indiana – 5/16-Mile Dirt Oval – 37th Annual NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented By Honest Abe Roofing

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-12.078; 2. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-12.214; 3. Max Adams, 63, F & F-12.239; 4. Andrew Prather, 16K, Knight-12.281; 5. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland-12.295; 6. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-12.315; 7. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-12.327; 8. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-12.335; 9. Anton Hernandez, 5, Baldwin/Fox-12.382; 10. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-12.393; 11. Shawn Westerfeld, 4J, Fischesser/Owen-12.409; 12. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-12.427; 13. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-12.466; 14. Wyatt Burks, 11w, Burks-12.472; 15. Jake Swanson, 24, Simon-12.481; 16. Brayden Fox, 53, Fox-12.487; 17. Kyle Shipley, 4u, AJR-12.496; 18. Shane

Cottle, 2E, Epperson-12.543; 19. Seth Parker, 38p, Parker-12.547; 20. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-12.547; 21. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-12.579; 22. Stevie Sussex, 77s, Sturgeon-12.592; 23. Zack Pretorius, 9z, Pretorius-12.632; 24. Chance Crum, 26, Crum-12.644; 25. Jack Hoyer, 11x, Hoyer-12.648; 26. Scotty Weir, 47x, Eades-12.654; 27. Jadon Rogers, 66, Amati-12.677; 28. Geoff Ensign, 17, On The Gass-12.751; 29. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-12.772; 30. Rylan Gray, 06, Gray-12.776; 31. Mario Clouser, 6, Clouser-12.779; 32. Ivan Glotzbach, 2H, Hayden-12.784; 33. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-12.799; 34. Brent Beauchamp, 11, Beauchamp-12.806; 35. Nate Schank, 1, Schank-12.812; 36. Logan Calderwood, 4c, Ford-12.850; 37. Kayla Roell, 5K, KO-12.850; 38. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-12.866; 39. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-12.916; 40. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-12.949; 41. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-12.962; 42. Kyle Johnson, 99J, Johnson-12.967; 43. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-12.969; 44. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-13.043; 45. Frankie Guerrini, g3, F & F-13.154; 46. Jake Scott, 33, Miller-13.177; 47. Sam Hinds, 71H, Hinds-13.201; 48. Daniel Whitley, 04, Burton-13.230; 49. Evan Mosley, 27, Barkdull-13.247; 50. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-13.337; 51. Kevin Newton, 14N, 2nd Law-13.528; 52. Travis Thompson, 7, Thompson-13.638; 53. James Boyd, 16B, Boyd-13.683; 54. Troy Carey, 45N, Carey-13.957; 55. Austin Hawkins, 5A, Hawkins-14.183; 56. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-15.642; 57. Gabriel Gilbert, 10G, GGR-NT.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Matt Westfall, 2. Scotty Weir, 3. Briggs Danner, 4. Logan Seavey, 5. Shawn Westerfeld, 6. Brayden Fox, 7. Mario Clouser, 8. Chase Stockon, 9. Logan Calderwood, 10. Jake Scott, 11. Hunter Maddox, 12. Kevin Newton. 2:11.722

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Stevie Sussex, 2. Jadon Rogers, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Daison Pursley, 5. Mitchel Moles, 6. Kyle Shipley, 7. Kayla Roell, 8. Kyle Johnson, 9. Sam Hinds, 10. Travis Thompson, 11. Ivan Glotzbach. 2:10.065

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Geoff Ensign, 4. Zack Pretorius, 5. Joey Amantea, 6. Robert Ballou, 7. Shane Cottle, 8. Brandon Mattox, 9. James Boyd, 10. Max Adams, 11. Daniel Whitley. NT

CAR IQ FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. Anton Hernandez, 3. Chance Crum, 4. Seth Parker, 5. Kale Drake, 6. Brent Beauchamp, 7. Andrew Prather, 8. Evan Mosley, 9. Troy Carey, 10. Wyatt Burks, 11. Charles Davis Jr. NT

STEEL-IT FIFTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Ricky Lewis, 3. Carson Garrett, 4. Brady Bacon, 5. Jack Hoyer, 6. Harley Burns, 7. Frankie Guerrini, 8. Kobe Simpson, 9. Nate Schank, 10. Rylan Gray, 11. Austin Hawkins. NT

TRAILER ALARMS C-MAIN: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the semi) 1. Kyle Johnson, 2. Kobe Simpson, 3. Evan Mosley, 4. Brandon Mattox, 5. Chase Stockon, 6. Nate Schank, 7. Logan Calderwood, 8. Jake Scott, 9. Rylan Gray, 10. Troy Carey, 11. Wyatt Burks, 12. Travis Thompson, 13. Charles Davis Jr., 14. Kevin Newton, 15. Hunter Maddox, 16. James Boyd, 17. Austin Hawkins, 18. Sam Hinds, 19. Ivan Glotzbach. 2:15.687

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Mitchel Moles, 2. Max Adams, 3. Brayden Fox, 4. Kyle Shipley, 5. Kale Drake, 6. Mario Clouser, 7. Kayla Roell, 8. Evan Mosley, 9. Brandon Mattox, 10. Shawn Westerfeld, 11. Kyle Johnson, 12. Kobe Simpson, 13. Jack Hoyer, 14. Joey Amantea, 15. Harley Burns, 16. Brent Beauchamp, 17. Robert Ballou, 18. Shane Cottle, 19. Andrew Prather, 20. Frankie Guerrini. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (6), 2. Kyle Cummins (7), 3. Briggs Danner (4), 4. Mitchel Moles (12), 5. Brady Bacon (14), 6. Daison Pursley (3), 7. Robert Ballou (25-P), 8. C.J. Leary (11), 9. Kevin Thomas Jr. (15), 10. Jadon Rogers (23), 11. Geoff Ensign (24), 12. Chance Crum (21), 13. Justin Grant (2), 14. Kyle Shipley (17) 15. Matt Westfall (9), 16. Seth Parker (18), 17. Ricky Lewis (5), 18. Stevie Sussex (10), 19. Carson Garrett (19), 20. Brayden Fox (16), 21. Anton Hernandez (1), 22. Max Adams (13), 23. Jake Swanson (8), 24. Zack Pretorius (20), 25. Scotty Weir (22), 26. Kale Drake (26-P). NT

(P) represents a provisional feature starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-11 Justin Grant, Laps 12-30 Logan Seavey.

**Ivan Glotzbach flipped during qualifying. Joey Amantea flipped during the semi. Robert Ballou flipped during the semi. Kale Drake flipped on lap 7 of the feature. Carson Garrett & Brayden Fox flipped on lap 29 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-1794, 2-Brady Bacon-1714, 3-C.J. Leary-1685, 4-Daison Pursley-1640, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1600, 6-Mitchel Moles-1549, 7-Robert Ballou-1504, 8-Justin Grant-1482, 9-Kyle Cummins-1436, 10-Jake Swanson-1302.

NOS ENERGY DRINK USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PRESENTED BY HONEST ABE ROOFING POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-81, 2-Kyle Cummins-75, 3-Briggs Danner-71, 4-Mitchel Moles-70, 5-Brady Bacon-63, 6-Daison Pursley-60, 7-C.J. Leary-57, 8-Kevin Thomas Jr.-52, 9-Jadon Rogers-50, 10-Geoff Ensign-47.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-126, 2-Logan Seavey-120, 3-Robert Ballou-111, 4-C.J. Leary-99, 5-Justin Grant-93, 6-Kyle Cummins-91, 7-Joey Amantea-89, 8-Chase Stockon-73, 9-Brady Bacon-71, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-67.

USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Jadon Rogers-13, 2-Geoff Ensign-13, 3-Evan Mosley-13, 4-Brandon Mattox-11, 5-Brady Bacon-10, 6-Kobe Simpson-10, 7-Mitchel Moles-9, 8-Chance Crum-9, 9-Kayla Roell-9, 10-Kyle Cummins-8.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: July 27, 2024 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – 37th Annual NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented By Honest Abe Roofing

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Chance Crum (12.265)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Logan Seavey (12.078)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Matt Westfall Rod End Supply

Second Heat Winner: Stevie Sussex

T.J. Forged Third Heat Winner: Kyle Cummins

Car IQ Fourth Heat Winner: C.J. Leary

Steel-It Fifth Heat Winner: Jake Swanson

Trailer Alarms C-Main Winner: Kyle Johnson

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

J & J Trucking Hard Charger: Jadon Rogers (23rd to 10th)

ProSource Hard Work: Geoff Ensign

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

Indiana Open Wheel Highest Finishing Weekly Lincoln Park Speedway Driver: Seth Parker (16th)

Sam McGhee Motorsports Hard Luck Award: Jack Hoyer

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SPRINT WEEK SWEEP! CUMMINS CALLS HIS SHOT & WINS AT KOKOMO

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Kokomo, Indiana (July 27, 2024)……Twenty-four hours earlier, Kyle Cummins called his shot while standing in the infield following a runner-up finish at Lincoln Park Speedway.

In that moment, Cummins declared over the track public address system, "I told (my crew) that if we can be top-five tonight, we're going to win at Kokomo."

Channeling his inner Joe Namath, Babe Ruth and even George Zimmer of Men's Wearhouse fame, Cummins made a guarantee and backed up his declaration when the time came to deliver.

During Saturday night's second round of NOS Energy Drink USAC Indiana Sprint Week Presented By Honest Abe Roofing at Kokomo Speedway, Cummins raced by Brady Bacon for the lead with 13 laps remaining, and on the final lap, had to fight through a gridlock of lapped traffic with one hand while simultaneously fending off a hard-charging and red hot Logan Seavey.

Cummins did all that and more as he escaped every obstacle in his path throughout the final 1/4-mile to pull off his first victory of the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship season and the eighth of his Indiana Sprint Week career, which ranks sixth all-time, in his Petty Performance Racing/Avanti Windows & Doors – Premier Recycling/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy.

When all was said and done, Cummins had provided Jerry Petty with his first career USAC National Sprint Car win as a car owner. The new team, formed over the offseason, has had its ups and downs at times, but through thick and thin, have been digging, and now find themselves not only as first-time USAC winners together, but also the new Indiana Sprint Week point leaders.

"I've just got to give it up for Jerry Petty of Avanti Windows & Doors," Cummins stated. "Jerry stuck by me through this slump, and he said I'm his guy. So, for him to put the confidence into me like that even when we were struggling is huge. I kept saying I've run out of excuses. But now, I think we've finally hit on something."

Cummins and company thoroughly demonstrated how they got their mojo back in a major way by sweeping the entire night of racing activity, the first ever to achieve the feat at Kokomo and the first USAC National Sprint Car driver to do the deed since Justin Grant at Tri-State Speedway in April of 2023. Cummins kicked off the night by turning the fastest lap in Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying, then charged up through the pack to win his heat race before putting the finishing touches on a perfect evening by bringing out the broom in earning his 19th career USAC National Sprint Car triumph, 35th all-time.

Cummins, the 2022 Kokomo Speedway track champion, credited the turnaround of the team's fortunes to his crew's persistence in making the car progressively more comfortable for him to drive, and ultimately, fine-tuning the No. 3p into a race winning car.

"We haven't won all year and it's been a rough, rough year," Cummins explained. "To start out, I don't think it was just luck. I think the car is as good as I thought it was. It's comfortable; it makes me comfortable, and I can actually drive this thing how it needs to be driven."

Cummins began his race in the sixth spot, but it wasn't long until trouble befell a few in the field. On the opening lap, the car of Charles Davis Jr. (14th) suddenly lost power in turn four. C.J. Leary (18th) and Chase Stockon (24th) had nowhere to go and subsequently piled into Davis, sending Leary into a series of corkscrew flips along the front straightaway wall. All drivers were uninjured, but only Stockon was able to resume in the race.

On the resumption, Cummins went sixth to third in one fell swoop in turn two on lap three as he scooted past the triumvirate of Robert Ballou, Justin Grant and Briggs Danner. On lap eight, Cummins was still trending forward as he surpassed Daison Pursley for second with a turn one slider.

Up front, Bacon, the owner of an astonishing 10 career runner-up finishes in USAC National Sprint Car competition at Kokomo without a single victory, had pushed his lead to 3.139 seconds. That advantage was erased when Anton Hernandez (11th) spun backwards to a stop in turn one.

Thereafter, Cummins initially slid Bacon for the lead on lap 18 in turn two. However, at that very same moment, the yellow flag was displayed for Frankie Guerrini (14th) who spun to a stop in turn four. That reverted the activities back to the last completed lap, which placed Bacon back at the front of the field.

Wasting very little precious time, Cummins zipped under Bacon in turn one on the lap 18 restart to slot into the number one spot. Kevin Thomas Jr. followed suit and began challenging the top-two brigade. However, in the battle for second, Thomas attempted to make his way around the outside of Bacon in turns three and four, but real estate was scarce, and the resulting effort saw KTJ bang off the outside wall and flip several times into the turn four catch fence. Thomas walked away highly dejected but unscathed.

Now Seavey occupied the third position as he was vying to become the first driver since Larry Dickson in 1968 to capture five consecutive USAC National Sprint Car feature victories. By lap 24, Seavey was there and swiftly slid Bacon for second in turns one and two. Bacon fought back to retake it in turn three, but the move proved to be short lived as Seavey reloaded and fired off another turn one slider a lap later and made it stick.

By then, Cummins had built up a fairly comfy 1.6 second lead up front, but it became quite clear in the final laps that traffic very well could play a determining factor in deciding the winner. Entering turn three on the final lap, Cummins went to the high side with the lapped car of Jack Hoyer on the bottom. The only place for Seavey to go was to split the difference and drive right through the middle. For a brief moment, Seavey was nearly a car length ahead of Cummins while sliding up the track's surface. The two brushed rear tire sidewalls through turn four, yet Cummins never flinched or even lifted on his final voyage to the finish line.

The final margin of victory between Cummins and Seavey at the line was a single car length, 0.191 seconds, which ranks among the closest of the series season. Bacon took third with Pursley fourth and Ballou fifth.

"I thought I heard someone down the back stretch," Cummins revealed. "The lapped cars got a little different and it was super hard to see, so I couldn't hit my marks where I needed to, and I was probably getting a little loose anyways. I heard him, but when I went into three, I'm like, I'm either going to win or crash. It doesn't matter. But I think it was pretty tight."

It had been a long climb for Cummins, who on this night at Kokomo, captured the seventh round of the Bubby Jones Master of Going Faster Series Presented By Spire Sports + Entertainment. Cummins had won the first 18 features of his USAC National Sprint Car career as the driver of the Rock Steady Racing No. 3R. This year with the Petty No. 3p, he had already finished second on four different occasions with the series in 2024 at Volusia, Eldora, Tri-State and Lincoln Park, but finally, their time had arrived as winners at Kokomo.

"With the 3R car, I was able to run it as hard as I could run it," Cummins said. "I've just felt like this car was driving me. I could never force the corner like I wanted to. It was always uncomfortable, then it wouldn't come off the corner. We've changed everything and we've finally got it to where I can hustle it pretty good. We actually stayed really, really loose because I thought it was going to be around the top. There towards the end, it was really getting slick, so I knew I was losing a little bit of speed, but we still got it done."

Logan Seavey (Sutter, Calif.) came within a car length of equaling a mark that had been achieved in 56 years. However, his bid for five-straight USAC National Sprint Car wins came up a tick short following a late surge to finish second in his Abacus Racing/Honest Abe Roofing – Rockwell Security – Indy Custom Stone/DRC/Stanton Chevy.

Third place finisher Brady Bacon (Broken Arrow, Okla.) led a race-high 17 laps, but lamented that his car wasn't tight enough and he knew he was in trouble from the time he was lining up, and throughout the race, wasn't able to launch off turn four the way he needed to in order to remain out front in his Dynamics, Inc./FK Indy – Davis Brothers Trucking – Tel-Star Communications/Triple X/Rider Chevy.

In patented Shane Cottle (Kansas, Ill.) style, the veteran raced his way from 23rd to 8th in the feature to earn J & J Trucking Hard Charger honors. It's also important to note that Matt Westfall advanced from 26th to 9th, but provisional starters are not eligible to receive the award.

Chase Stockon (Fort Branch, Ind.) overcame a 33rd place qualifying time, then drove from sixth to fourth in the semi-feature to earn a starting spot into the main event lineup. For his efforts, he was named as the night's ProSource Hard Work award recipient.

Max Adams' (Loomis, Calif.) solid start went sour with a tie-rod issue just prior to his heat race. Relegated to the C-Main, he won that, then charged up through the pack of the semi, coming up just short of a feature starting spot. For his hard luck, Adams received a right rear Hoosier tire courtesy of Sam McGhee Motorsports.

It was a bounce back night for Joey Amantea who endured an upside down ride on Friday night. Utilizing a backup car on Saturday at Kokomo, he recovered to win his heat, then finished a solid 11th in the feature. For that, he earned the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: July 27, 2024 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – 37th Annual NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented By Honest Abe Roofing

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-12.687; 2. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-12.884; 3. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-12.887; 4. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-12.906; 5. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-12.966; 6. Zack Pretorius, 9z, Pretorius-12.968; 7. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-12.986; 8. Anton Hernandez, 5, Baldwin/Fox-13.015; 9. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-13.023; 10. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland-13.028; 11. Max Adams, 63, F & F-13.051; 12. Shawn Westerfeld, 4J, Fischesser/Owen-13.086; 13. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-13.128; 14. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-13.144; 15. Weston Gorham, 71w, Gorham-13.186; 16. Rylan Gray, 06, Gray-13.189; 17. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-13.193; 18. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-13.263; 19. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-13.296; 20. Scotty Weir, 47x, Eades-13.317; 21. Jack Hoyer, 57H, Hazen-13.320; 22. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-13.374; 23. Frankie Guerrini, G3, F & F-13.387; 24. Mario Clouser, 6, Clouser-13.395; 25. Chance Crum, 26, Crum-13.458; 26. Jadon Rogers, 66, Amati-13.467; 27. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-13.472; 28. Kevin Newton, 14N, 2nd Law-13.489; 29. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-13.496; 30. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-13.502; 31. Matt Goodnight, 39G, Goodnight-13.550; 32. Shane Cottle, 2E, Epperson-13.580; 33. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-13.599; 34. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Cromwell-13.612; 35. Tyler Hewitt, 97, Hewitt-13.641; 36. Brayden Clark, 4BC, Clark-13.667; 37. Kayla Roell, 5K, KO-13.690; 38. Kyle Shipley, 4u, AJR-13.756; 39. Donny Brackett, 4B, Brackett-13.779; 40. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-13.851; 41. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-13.913; 42. Colin Grissom, 00, Grissom-13.926; 43. Sam Hinds, 71H, Hinds-13.985; 44. Aaron Davis, 11, Davis-14.183; 45. Logan Calderwood, 4c, Ford-14.250; 46. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-14.260; 47. Troy Carey, 45N, Carey-14.363; 48. Austin Hawkins, 5A, Hawkins-14.438; 49. Nate Schank, 1, Schank-14.475; 50. Bryce Dues, 23D, Dues-14.907; 51. Ryan Barr, 21B, Barr-14.949; 52. Michael Daugherty, 3.14, Daugherty-NT; 53. Cody Williams, 26w, Williams-NT (Time of 14.853 disallowed due to an illegal tire).

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins, 2. Jack Hoyer, 3. Rylan Gray, 4. Jadon Rogers, 5. Brayden Clark, 6. Zack Pretorius, 7. Brandon Mattox, 8. Matt Goodnight, 9. Max Adams, 10. Kobe Simpson, 11. Ryan Barr. 2:11.484

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Mitchel Moles, 2. C.J. Leary, 3. Shane Cottle, 4. Robert Ballou, 5. Charles Davis Jr., 6. Shawn Westerfeld, 7. Kayla Roell, 8. Colin Grissom, 9. Troy Carey, 10. Cody Williams, 11. Carson Garrett. NT

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Briggs Danner, 3. Kale Drake, 4. Frankie Guerrini, 5. Chase Stockon, 6. Anton Hernandez, 7. Kyle Shipley, 8. Kevin Newton, 9. Austin Hawkins, 10. Sam Hinds. 2:13.543

CAR IQ FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Seavey, 2. Brady Bacon, 3. Harley Burns, 4. Daison Pursley, 5. Mario Clouser, 6. Matt Westfall, 7. Braydon Cromwell, 8. Aaron Davis, 9. Donny Brackett, 10. Nate Schank. 2:15.287

STEEL-IT FIFTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Joey Amantea, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Ricky Lewis, 4. Chance Crum, 5. Scotty Weir, 6. Tyler Hewitt, 7. Weston Gorham, 8. Logan Calderwood, 9. Hunter Maddox, 10. Bryce Dues. 2:16.193

TRAILER ALARMS C-MAIN: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the semi) 1. Max Adams, 2. Donny Brackett, 3. Matt Goodnight, 4. Sam Hinds, 5. Colin Grissom, 6. Kevin Newton, 7. Hunter Maddox, 8. Aaron Davis, 9. Logan Calderwood, 10. Nate Schank, 11. Kobe Simpson, 12. Troy Carey, 13. Ryan Barr, 14. Austin Hawkins, 15. Bryce Dues, 16. Cody Williams. 2:24.589

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Scotty Weir, 3. Anton Hernandez, 4. Chase Stockon, 5. Zack Pretorius, 6. Matt Westfall, 7. Kayla Roell, 8. Kyle Shipley, 9. Max Adams, 10. Brayden Clark, 11. Mario Clouser, 12. Weston Gorham, 13. Donny Brackett, 14. Shawn Westerfeld, 15. Brandon Mattox, 16. Matt Goodnight, 17. Sam Hinds, 18. Braydon Cromwell, 19. Tyler Hewitt, 20. Carson Garrett. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kyle Cummins (6), 2. Logan Seavey (8), 3. Brady Bacon (1), 4. Daison Pursley (3), 5. Robert Ballou (5), 6. Ricky Lewis (12), 7. Briggs Danner (4), 8. Shane Cottle (23), 9. Matt Westfall (26-P), 10. Mitchel Moles (9), 11. Joey Amantea (10), 12. Harley Burns (22), 13. Rylan Gray (13), 14. Chance Crum (20), 15. Jack Hoyer (17), 16. Chase Stockon (24), 17. Anton Hernandez (11), 18. Jadon Rogers (21), 19. Carson Garrett (25-P), 20. Kale Drake (15), 21. Kevin Thomas Jr. (7), 22. Scotty Weir (16), 23. Frankie Guerrini (19), 24. Justin Grant (2), 25. Charles Davis Jr. (14), 26. C.J. Leary (18). NT

(P) represents a provisional feature starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-17 Brady Bacon, Laps 18-30 Kyle Cummins.

**C.J. Leary flipped on lap 1 of the feature. Kevin Thomas Jr. flipped on lap 19 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-1869, 2-Brady Bacon-1785, 3-C.J. Leary-1715, 4-Daison Pursley-1709, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1631, 6-Mitchel Moles-1600, 7-Robert Ballou-1572, 8-Kyle Cummins-1520, 9-Justin Grant-1514, 10-Jake Swanson-1302.

NOS ENERGY DRINK USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PRESENTED BY HONEST ABE ROOFING POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-159, 2-Logan Seavey-156, 3-Brady Bacon-134, 4-Briggs Danner-134, 5-Daison Pursley-129, 6-Mitchel Moles-121, 7-Ricky Lewis-99, 8-C.J. Leary-87, 9-Chance Crum-85, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-52.

BUBBY JONES MASTER OF GOIN' FASTER PRESENTED BY SPIRE SPORTS + ENTERTAINMENT POINTS: 1-Brady Bacon-478, 2-Daison Pursley-451, 3-C.J. Leary-447, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-442, 5-Logan Seavey-438, 6-Mitchel Moles-414, 7-Kyle Cummins-404, 8-Justin Grant-386, 9-Robert Ballou-378, 10-Chase Stockon-306.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-126, 2-Daison Pursley-126, 3-Robert Ballou-111, 4-C.J. Leary-99, 5-Kyle Cummins-96, 6-Justin Grant-93, 7-Joey Amantea-89, 8-Chase Stockon-81, 9-Brady Bacon-71, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-67.

USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Shane Cottle-19, 2-Kyle Cummins-16, 3-Logan Seavey-16, 4-Jadon Rogers-16, 5-Kayla Roell-16, 6-Chance Crum-15, 7-Chase Stockon-15, 8-Kyle Shipley-14, 9-Max Adams-14, 10-Brady Bacon-13.



NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: July 28, 2024 – Lawrenceburg Speedway – Lawrenceburg, Indiana – 3/8-Mile Dirt Oval – 37th Annual NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented By Honest Abe Roofing

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Carson Garrett (12.799)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Kyle Cummins (12.687)

Spire Motorsports 7th Fastest Qualifier: Carson Garrett

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Kyle Cummins

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Mitchel Moles

T.J. Forged Third Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

Car IQ Fourth Heat Winner: Logan Seavey

Steel-It Fifth Heat Winner: Joey Amantea

Trailer Alarms C-Main Winner: Max Adams

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Charles Davis Jr.

J & J Trucking Hard Charger: Shane Cottle (23rd to 8th)

ProSource Hard Work: Chase Stockon

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Joey Amantea

Sam McGhee Motorsports Hard Luck Award: Max Adams

Spire Motorsports 7th Place Feature Finisher: Briggs Danner

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DIRTY DOZEN: SEAVEY WINS #12 AT THE BURG, TAKES OVER USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK LEAD

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Lawrenceburg, Indiana (July 30, 2024)……Throughout his first 11 feature victories of the 2024 USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship season, Logan Seavey hadn't had to start as far back as he did during Tuesday night's round of NOS Energy Drink USAC Indiana Sprint Week Presented By Honest Abe Roofing at Lawrenceburg Speedway.

Rolling off 11th, Seavey (Sutter, Calif.) picked his way through the pack to take over the lead just after the halfway mark before briefly losing the top spot on a late restart only to regain it back once and for all – all while enduring a vibration from a mud-packed right rear wheel, mind you – to earn his 12th series score of the season.

Seavey had previously won the Lawrenceburg round of Indiana Sprint Week in 2021 amid a three-race victory streak during at that moment in time. In the present, Seavey has now won five of his past six USAC National Sprint Car starts, and finished second in the other, proving his confidence that he can win anywhere and everywhere at any time. Lawrenceburg, as it turns out, is no exception either.

“I just love this place,” Seavey exclaimed after driving his Abacus Racing/Honest Abe Roofing – Rockwell Security – Indy Custom Stone/DRC/Stanton Chevy to the win. “I have so much confidence here. I wouldn’t say I wasn’t worried starting 11th, but I know I can win from back there and my car can do it too. (Crewmen) Ronnie (Gardner) and Kirk (Simpson) do a great job, and for everybody who works on this thing and gets us to the racetrack, it’s really cool to get them back to victory lane.”

Seavey’s 12th USAC National Sprint Car victory of the year places him in rarified air as one of only six drivers to reach the dozen win mark within a single season. Tom Bigelow has held the record since his 14-win campaign in 1977. J.J. Yeley and Robert Ballou each notched 13 wins in their championship seasons of 2003 and 2015, respectively. Larry Dickson (1968) and Pancho Carter (1976) also reached the 12-win mark.

For Seavey’s ongoing historic season, must we remind you that it’s still only July? Seavey not only extended his point lead not only in the USAC National Sprint Car standings, but he also took over the number one position of the Indiana Sprint Week point pylon while also ascending to the top of the season’s USAC National ProSource Passing Master tally.

His plus-10 performance marked the deepest charge to win an Indiana Sprint Week feature in more than five years, since Shane Cottle advanced from 18th to win at Gas City in 2019. Furthermore, Seavey became the first driver to win a USAC National Sprint Car main event after transferring out of the semi-feature since Kyle Cummins during the ISW round at Bloomington in 2022. Seavey also became the first driver to win both the semi and the feature in a single night of USAC National Sprint Car competition since Brady Bacon did so at Florida’s Ocala Speedway in 2020.

Throughout the course of the feature, seven lead changes took place among four drivers. The seven lead swaps are tied for the most ever in a USAC Indiana Sprint Week feature, equaling the exchanges from Lincoln Park (2001), Bloomington (2016) and Kokomo (2022).

Seavey entered the season with 10 career USAC National Sprint Car wins but has now more than doubled that output in 2024 to 22, which moved him past Greg Weld on the list and into a tie with Rick Hood, Bubby Jones and Sammy Sessions for 30th place all-time.

While Seavey was getting settled into his inside sixth row starting spot for the feature, Justin Grant and Mitchel Moles were set to take off from the front row. However, on the pace laps while lining up for the main event, Moles pulled off to the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area due to a broken mag box. Relegated to the tail of the field for the start, Moles made a nice recovery by working himself all the way up to a seventh place finish by the end of the night.

Grant established the initial lead while Kyle Cummins briefly held second before being shuffled back to fourth on lap two. By lap three, he had found his groove once again and drove around the outside of both C.J. Leary and Briggs Danner at the exit of turn four to regain the runner-up spot.

On lap six, disaster struck as Cummins slid into turn one alongside Grant in the battle for the race lead. The two cars touched wheels, sending now former ISW point leader Cummins toppling over and Grant spinning to a stop. Meanwhile, in trying to avoid the incident, seventh running Kyle Shipley contacted the outside wall and flipped as well. Cummins was quite apologetic about the incident and accepted full blame. Cummins and Shipley were able to walk away while Grant restarted and finished 17th.

Upon the restart, Danner was the biggest benefactor as he slid up in front of Leary in turn one on the seventh lap to take over the lead. Seavey followed Danner in tow and drove under Bacon for third on the front straight, then made his move on Leary for second by diving low in turn three on the 13th circuit.

Entering traffic near the midway point, Danner became hung up behind fellow Pennsylvanian and 20th running Joey Amantea on the back straightaway. Seavey ably capitalized and swiped the lead from Danner with a low side charge under both Danner and Amantea in turn three on lap 15. Seavey remained in touch, then turned the tables on Seavey who was attempting to put Jadon Rogers down a lap in turn three. Danner dove low to take the spot and lead lap 17, a move which proved to be short lived as the caution flew shortly thereafter for ninth running Max Adams who stopped in turn one with a shredded right rear tire on lap 18.

Shockingly, under the caution, Danner pulled into the infield with an apparent engine issue, ending his bid for a first career Indiana Sprint Week triumph. Thus, Seavey became the new race leader with 13 laps to go. From there, Seavey masterfully broke away from the field and constructed a half-straight lead over Leary with 10 laps to go. However, the red flag was displayed once more for seventh running Kale Drake who tagged the wall in turns one and two and flipped over on lap 25. He was able to walk away.

Just before the red flag, with seven laps to go, Seavey's right rear wheel cover dislodged itself in turn two. With dirt and mud freely able to enter the wheel, it created a vibration that caught Seavey's attention.

"I couldn't see after those first few laps," Seavey explained. "I felt it shaking and I knew I was in trouble. You lose a lot of grip trying to take off on restarts, but once you get up to speed, it doesn't seem to affect it as much. Actually, after a lap or two, I filled the whole wheel full of mud and it calmed it down a little bit there. It wasn't vibrating as bad those last three or four laps."

Nonetheless, during the first laps following the restart with six laps remaining, it appeared to have a detrimental effect on Seavey. Leary's turn one slide job on Seavey during the lap 25 restart put Leary back out front with the lap count waning. Undeterred, Seavey fired back and responded with authority to reassume the lead from Leary with his own turn one slider on the very next go around.

"Luckily, there was a little bit of grip on exit to where you could cross over a slider," Seavey recalled. "You had to pick up the cushion really hard, but when I saw C.J. back there, I picked it up really good."

Seavey instantly pulled away but was reeled in on the final lap when Charles Davis Jr. (12th) slowed in between turns three and four, thus erasing Seavey's 1.54 second lead and setting up a green-white-checkered finish. Seavey raced away unscathed during the final two-lap dash to cement a 1.247 second margin of victory over Leary, Bacon, Robert Ballou and Daison Pursley.

For runner-up C.J. Leary (Greenfield, Ind.), it was like a win for him and his BGE Dougherty Motorsports/Altoz – Valvoline – Hornbeck Concrete/DRC/1-Way Chevy. With a new front clip welded to his chassis following a flip at Kokomo on Saturday,

Leary bounced back for his best finish of 2024 Indiana Sprint Week thus far. Earlier in the night, Leary posted his 52nd career Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifying time in USAC National Sprint Car competition, moving him past Brady Bacon for fourth all-time.

Brady Bacon (Broken Arrow, Okla.) remained in the Indiana Sprint Week title hunt with his third consecutive top-five finish in the series, tallying a third-place result at Lawrenceburg in his Dynamics, Inc./Hampshire & Son Auto Service - Davis Brothers Trucking - Tel-Star/Triple X/Rider Chevy.

Ricky Lewis (Camarillo, Calif.) possesses a plethora of laps around Lawrenceburg in his sprint car career. On this night, he used that experience to make the biggest advancement in the feature, starting 19th and finishing sixth to earn J & J Trucking Hard Charger honors.

Charles Davis Jr. (Buckeye, Ariz.) worked hard to get into the feature lineup. He started eighth in his heat, spun early, restarted at the tail, then drove back to a fourth place result to make his way into the main event. For that, he earned the ProSource Hard Work award.

Robert Ballou (Rocklin, Calif.), carrying an on-board camera for the FloRacing broadcast, gave race fans an eyeful when he made a fantastic move to drive from third to first on the opening turn of the opening lap of his heat race win. With that, he was the recipient of the Inferno Armor USA Fire Move of the Night.

Hunter Maddox (Bedford, Ind.) didn't exactly have the kind of night he was looking for. During the semi-feature, the leading USAC National Sprint Car Rookie of the Year contender clipped a turn four infield tire and flipped over. It was a rough and tumble night with a premature ending, but he walked away from the event with a new right rear Hoosier tire courtesy of Sam McGhee Motorsports.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: July 30, 2024 – Lawrenceburg Speedway – Lawrenceburg, Indiana – 3/8-Mile Dirt Oval – 37th Annual NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented By Honest Abe Roofing

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-13.952; 2. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-14.119; 3. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-14.168; 4. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-14.272; 5. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-14.332; 6. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-14.334; 7. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-14.347; 8. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-14.380; 9. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-14.389; 10. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-14.396; 11. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-14.407; 12. Shawn Westerfeld, 4J, Fischesser/Owen-14.408; 13. Nick Bilbee, 17, Bilbee-14.466; 14. Jadon Rogers, 66, Amati-14.491; 15. Max Adams, 63, F & F-14.492; 16. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-14.527; 17. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-14.550; 18. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland-14.645; 19. Xavier Doney, 74, Doney/Lawson-14.657; 20. Chance Crum, 26, Crum-14.694; 21. Scotty Weir, 47x, Eades-14.705; 22. Kyle Shipley, 4u, AJR-14.721; 23. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-14.725; 24. Kayla Roell, 5K, KO-14.781; 25. Jack Hoyer, 11, Hoyer-14.831; 26. Shane Cottle, 2E, Epperson-14.913; 27. Anton Hernandez, 5, Baldwin/Fox-14.924; 28. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-14.954; 29. Zack Pretorius, 9z, Pretorius-15.069; 30. Rylan Gray, 06, Gray-15.125; 31. Ryan Barr, 21B, Barr-15.193; 32. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-15.278; 33. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-15.299; 34. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-15.506; 35. Evan Mosley, 27, Barkdull-15.628; 36. Logan Calderwood, 4c, Ford-15.812; 37. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-15.844; 38. Troy Carey, 45N, Carey-16.581.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Chase Stockon, 2. Scotty Weir, 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 5. Nick Bilbee, 6. Jack Hoyer, 7. Brandon Mattox, 8. Kobe Simpson, 9. Kale Drake, 10. Zack Pretorius. 2:02.304

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Shipley, 2. Jadon Rogers, 3. Shane Cottle, 4. Briggs Danner, 5. Ricky Lewis, 6. Daison Pursley, 7. Logan Seavey, 8. Hunter Maddox, 9. Rylan Gray, 10. Troy Carey. 2:00.441

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Matt Westfall, 2. Max Adams, 3. Carson Garrett, 4. Brady Bacon, 5. Mitchel Moles, 6. Anton Hernandez, 7. Evan Mosley, 8. Xavier Doney, 9. Ryan Barr. 2:01.990

CAR IQ FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Chance Crum, 4. Charles Davis Jr., 5. Justin Grant, 6. Shawn Westerfeld, 7. Kayla Roell, 8. Logan Calderwood, 9. Joey Amantea. NT

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Seavey, 2. Daison Pursley, 3. Kale Drake, 4. Anton Hernandez, 5. Jack Hoyer, 6. Xavier Doney, 7. Rylan Gray, 8. Ryan Barr, 9. Kayla Roell, 10. Evan Mosley, 11. Shawn Westerfeld, 12. Joey Amantea, 13. Zack Pretorius, 14. Kobe Simpson, 15. Troy Carey, 16. Logan Calderwood, 17. Hunter Maddox, 18. Brandon Mattox. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (11), 2. C.J. Leary (6), 3. Brady Bacon (5), 4. Robert Ballou (7), 5. Daison Pursley (14), 6. Ricky Lewis (19), 7. Mitchel Moles (2), 8. Carson Garrett (15), 9. Shane Cottle (22), 10. Nick Bilbee (16), 11. Anton Hernandez (23), 12. Matt Westfall (10), 13. Chase Stockon (8), 14. Joey Amantea (25-P), 15. Chance Crum (20), 16. Jadon Rogers (17), 17. Justin Grant (1), 18. Charles Davis Jr. (24), 19. Kale Drake (12), 20. Kevin Thomas Jr. (13), 21. Scotty Weir (21), 22. Briggs Danner (3), 23. Max Adams (18), 24. Kyle Cummins (4), 25. Kyle Shipley (9). NT

(P) represents a provisional feature starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-5 Justin Grant, Lap 6 C.J. Leary, Laps 7-14 Briggs Danner, Laps 15-16 Logan Seavey, Lap 17 Briggs Danner, laps 18-24 Logan Seavey, Lap 25 C.J. Leary, Laps 26-31 Logan Seavey.

**Hunter Maddox flipped during the semi. Kyle Cummins & Kyle Shipley flipped on lap 6 of the feature. Kale Drake flipped on lap 25 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-1948, 2-Brady Bacon-1858, 3-C.J. Leary-1794, 4-Daison Pursley-1770, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1659, 6-Mitchel Moles-1656, 7-Robert Ballou-1641, 8-Kyle Cummins-1553, 9-Justin Grant-1547, 10-Carson Garrett-1308.

NOS ENERGY DRINK USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PRESENTED BY HONEST ABE ROOFING POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-235, 2-Brady Bacon-207, 3-Kyle Cummins-192, 4-Daison Pursley-190, 5-Mitchel Moles-177, 6-C.J. Leary-166, 7-Briggs Danner-163, 8-Ricky Lewis-158, 9-Robert Ballou-147, 10-Chance Crum-124.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-136, 2-Daison Pursley-135, 3-Robert Ballou-114, 4-C.J. Leary-103, 5-Kyle Cummins-96, 6-Justin Grant-93, 7-Joey Amantea-89, 8-Chase Stockon-81, 9-Brady Bacon-73, 10-Carson Garrett-70.

USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Shane Cottle-36, 2-Logan Seavey-26, 3-Ricky Lewis-25, 4-Anton Hernandez-22, 5-Kyle Cummins-20, 6-Chance Crum-20, 7-Jadon Rogers-18, 8-Brady Bacon-17, 9-Chase Stockon-16, 10-Kayla Roell-16.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: July 31, 2024 – Circle City Raceway – Indianapolis, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – 37th Annual NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented By Honest Abe Roofing

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Logan Seavey (14.489)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: C.J. Leary (13.952)

Spire Motorsports 7th Fastest Qualifier: Mitchel Moles

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Chase Stockon

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Kyle Shipley

T.J. Forged Third Heat Winner: Matt Westfall

Car IQ Fourth Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Logan Seavey

J & J Trucking Hard Charger: Ricky Lewis (19th to 6th)

ProSource Hard Work: Charles Davis Jr.

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Robert Ballou

Sam McGhee Motorsports Hard Luck Award: Hunter Maddox

Spire Motorsports 7th Place Feature Finisher: Mitchel Moles

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BAKER'S DOZEN! SEAVEY ROLLS TO USAC SPRINT WIN #13 AT CIRCLE CITY

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Indianapolis, Indiana (July 31, 2024)……For some, the number 13 is an undesirable and unlucky numeral of sorts. However, for Logan Seavey in particular, the number 13 fits neither of those categories. Instead, it represents one of the most historic seasons in the history of USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship competition.

The Sutter, Calif. native entered rarefied air during Wednesday night's fourth round of NOS Energy Drink USAC Indiana Sprint Week Presented By Honest Abe Roofing at Indianapolis, Indiana's Circle City Raceway.

There, Seavey took over the lead once and for all with seven laps remaining en route to his 13th victory of the USAC National Sprint Car season aboard his Abacus Racing/Honest Abe Roofing – Rockwell Security – Indy Custom Stone/DRC/Stanton Chevy.

Seavey is now just one of three drivers to achieve at least 13 wins during a single USAC National Sprint Car season, joining Tom Bigelow (14 in 1977), J.J. Yeley (13 in 2003) and Robert Ballou (13 in 2015). Seavey now sits just one victory shy of the all-time single season series record of 14 set by Bigelow in 1977.

In the meantime, Seavey has won six of his past seven series starts, including three of the first four rounds of USAC Indiana Sprint Week. Funny enough, he's the first driver since himself in 2021 to capture wins in three of the first four rounds of ISW. Amid all the hubbub, Seavey pushed his ISW point lead to 44 markers over Brady Bacon with three events remaining.

Furthermore, Seavey's latest triumph was the 23rd of his USAC National Sprint Car career, equaling him with C.J. Leary and Roger McCluskey for 28th on the all-time list.

Lining up on the outside of the front row for the 30-lap feature, Seavey initially fell back to third on the opening lap as Ricky Lewis darted into the second spot in turn four while pole sitter Shane Cottle nestled into his groove up front to lead the initial seven circuits.

By lap six, Seavey had hustled his way back into second by dipping under Lewis in turn one, then made a beeline toward Cottle and the race lead. Kyle Cummins followed suit to second a lap later as he worked his way under Lewis to slot into third behind Seavey.

For the next two trips around Circle City's 1/4-mile dirt oval, Seavey wound it up on the top while Cottle paced around the bottom. By lap eight, Seavey had tracked down Cottle and raced around the outside of him in turn four to beat Cottle at the line by 0.012 seconds.

Fifth running C.J. Leary fell by the wayside shortly thereafter on lap nine as he slowed dramatically on the back straight, which necessitated a yellow flag, prematurely finishing the night of the 2019 Indiana Sprint Week champion with a 26th place result.

By the midway point, Seavey, followed by the emerging Kevin Thomas Jr., plus Cottle and Kyle Cummins, had reached the thick of lapped traffic. On lap 19, the close quarters nearly caught the frontrunners as 19th running Kyle Shipley flipped upside down in turn four right in the path of Seavey who veered left to successfully avoid contact. Shipley walked away unscathed, but his race was finished.

When racing reconvened for the lap 20 restart, Thomas took full advantage of the newfound opportunity. Thomas slid Seavey in turns three and four to swipe the top spot. However, Seavey quickly countered the move and grabbed the top spot back from Thomas on the bottom of turn one. As Seavey slid up the surface in turn two on lap 21, Thomas once again cut back under off turn two to reassume the position.

At that moment in time, Seavey felt that might've been the decisive moment for his race's fate.

"I honestly thought I gave it away on that restart," Seavey revealed. "I was getting really loose, and I felt like I got myself where I needed to be. I ran one horrendous lap there on that restart. I just ran right through the middle, and I didn't get aggressive against the cushion or protect the bottom. I ran exactly where you can't run on the racetrack and KTJ went right by me. I thought that was it, and with the way he was sliding himself, it was going to be really hard to get a run.

On lap 22, a three-car stack-up in turn one halted the action as Harley Burns (19th), Kale Drake (20th) and Justin Grant (21st) all found themselves interconnected and stopped, promptly ending all three drivers' evenings on the spot.

The ensuing restart saw Thomas enter low in turns one and three, then let his ride glide to the top of turns two and four, thus preventing Seavey from attempting a slide job. On lap 24, however, Seavey was able to get to the inside of Thomas on the entry into turn one. By the time the pair reached the exit of turn two, Seavey had positioned himself in prime position to make a run. There, Seavey drag raced alongside Thomas down the length of the back straightaway and edged ahead in turn three to linquish a lead he wouldn't relinquish the remainder of the way.

"He slipped up one little bit and I really shoved it in there," Seavey said of his pass on Thomas for the lead. "I heard him lift fairly late and it was one of those deals where, if he didn't lift right then, I was going to be all over the brakes trying not to crash us both. He cut me a little of a break there. I thought he was going to get back under me with as much as he lifted."

Once reestablishing the lead, Seavey's voyage to victory was interrupted by a yellow flag that resulted when Mitchel Moles (6th) was found stopped backwards at the exit of turn four on lap 25. Following shortly after, amid the battle for the 14th position, contact between Joey Amantea and Chance Crum on lap 27 resulted in Amantea getting into the outside back straightaway wall, then enduring a series of several vicious flips before landing in turn three. Amantea climbed out and walked away from the incident, then had some choice words to share about the situation over the track's public address system.

A little bit of time under the red flag situation allowed Seavey to make a few more adjustments to get himself dialed in for the final stretch run.

"It just gave me some time to work on my car a little bit with my knobs," Seavey explained. "Once I got back to the lead, I didn't need a lot, but I knew I was going to protect, so I was able to tighten myself up a lot compared to how I need my car to run the cushion. I ran a little bit of defense, which I don't like to do, but with the racetrack the way it was, I was able to tighten myself up enough to run through the black like that and pick up the cushion. You're looking at who's behind you to see if there's a guy who's really good at pounding the top, then maybe you might loosen yourself back up and try to get going on the top. I knew where KTJ was good, and once he got to the lead, I saw his line and I knew if I could just take his line away, it would be really hard for him to pass me back."

Long story short, Seavey did not get passed back. Instead, he pulled away following the lap 27 restart to become the first three-time USAC National Sprint Car winner at Circle City. Kevin Thomas Jr. crossed the line in second, 2.038 seconds back, with Shane Cottle third, Kyle Cummins fourth and Briggs Danner fifth.

Kevin Thomas Jr. (Cullman, Ala.) got back on track after his first three rounds of Indiana Sprint Week resulted in finishes of 9th, 21st and 20th, a destroyed racecar and another night plagued by a mechanical issue. On this night, he led four laps and finished as the runner-up in his Rock Steady Racing/Inferno Armor – Eddie Gilstrap Motors – Creative Finishing/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy.

Shane Cottle (Kansas, Ill.) led the opening seven laps of the feature before finishing third in his Epperson Racing/Epperson Painting – PPG Paints – M2 Bearings/DRC/Speedway Chevy. It was the veteran racer's second consecutive third-place result during Indiana Sprint Week at Circle City.

Briggs Danner (Allentown, Pa.) is back in his realm. Twenty-four hours earlier, he suffered the ultimate heartache when engine woes sidelined him while leading the feature. He got back in the groove at Circle City with a top-five run and he did it after starting 12th. The plus-seven effort made him the night's hard charger.

Kale Drake (Collinsville, Okla.) qualified 30th and was buried deep in the field throughout the program. In the end, Drake worked his way into the feature lineup via a sixth to second place run in the semi. For that, he was rewarded with the ProSource Hard Work award.

Scotty Weir (Marion, Ind.) entered the event as one of the very few drivers to qualify for all three features thus far during Indiana Sprint Week. However, Circle City was not his night. He missed out on making the main event, but he didn't miss out on picking up a new right rear Hoosier Tire courtesy of Sam McGhee Motorsports.

Australia's Todd Hobson entered the night having never competed in an Indiana Sprint Week feature. The Clyde, Victoria native changed that at Circle City by earning Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night accolades.

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SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Mitchel Moles, 2. Harley Burns, 3. Logan Seavey, 4. Anton Hernandez, 5. C.J. Leary, 6. Chase Stockon, 7. Trey Osborne, 8. Logan Calderwood, 9. Scotty Weir, 10. R.J. Johnson, 11. Hunter Maddox, 12. Xavier Doney. NT

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Daison Pursley, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Shane Cottle, 5. Chance Crum, 6. Kyle Shipley, 7. Kale Drake, 8. Brent Beauchamp, 9. Kevin Newton, 10. Matt Goodnight, 11. Troy Carey, 12. Rylan Gray. 2:09.648

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. Brady Bacon, 3. Ricky Lewis, 4. Evan Mosley, 5. Brayden Fox, 6. Frankie Guerrini, 7. Joey Amantea, 8. Brandon Mattox, 9. Gabriel Gilbert, 10. Kayla Roell, 11. Todd Hobson. NT

CAR IQ FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Carson Garrett, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Jake Swanson, 4. Matt Westfall, 5. Briggs Danner, 6. Kobe Simpson, 7. Jack Hoyer, 8. Zack Pretorius, 9. Jadon Rogers, 10. Sam Hinds, 11. Charles Davis Jr. NT

TRAILER ALARMS C-MAIN: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the semi) 1. Kevin Newton, 2. Jadon Rogers, 3. R.J. Johnson, 4. Scotty Weir, 5. Rylan Gray, 6. Sam Hinds, 7. Hunter Maddox, 8. Matt Goodnight, 9. Kayla Roell, 10. Troy Carey, 11. Charles Davis Jr., 12. Xavier Doney. NT

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Todd Hobson, 2. Kale Drake, 3. Kyle Shipley, 4. Chase Stockon, 5. Joey Amantea, 6. Jack Hoyer, 7. Zack Pretorius, 8. Kobe Simpson, 9. Frankie Guerrini, 10. Kevin

Newton, 11. Logan Calderwood, 12. Brandon Mattox, 13. R.J. Johnson, 14. Scotty Weir, 15. Brent Beauchamp, 16. Jadon Rogers, 17. Trey Osborne. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (2), 2. Kevin Thomas Jr. (5), 3. Shane Cottle (1), 4. Kyle Cummins (3), 5. Briggs Danner (12), 6. Brady Bacon (11), 7. Ricky Lewis (4), 8. Robert Ballou (10), 9. Carson Garrett (8), 10. Anton Hernandez (15), 11. Daison Pursley (9), 12. Matt Westfall (18), 13. Mitchel Moles (7), 14. Jake Swanson (19), 15. Chance Crum (21), 16. Todd Hobson (17), 17. Brayden Fox (14), 18. Chase Stockon (23), 19. Hunter Maddox (26-P), 20. Evan Mosley (22), 21. Joey Amantea (25-P), 22. Harley Burns (20), 23. Kale Drake (24), 24. Justin Grant (13), 25. Kyle Shipley (16), 26. C.J. Leary (6). NT

(P) represents a provisional feature starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-7 Shane Cottle, Laps 8-19 Logan Seavey, Laps 20-23 Kevin Thomas Jr., Laps 24-30 Logan Seavey.

**Kyle Shipley flipped on lap 19 of the feature. Joey Amantea flipped on lap 27 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-2026, 2-Brady Bacon-1920, 3-C.J. Leary-1827, 4-Daison Pursley-1819, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1737, 6-Mitchel Moles-1701, 7-Robert Ballou-1698, 8-Kyle Cummins-1624, 9-Justin Grant-1577, 10-Carson Garrett-1362.

NOS ENERGY DRINK USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PRESENTED BY HONEST ABE ROOFING POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-313, 2-Brady Bacon-269, 3-Kyle Cummins-263, 4-Daison Pursley-239, 5-Briggs Danner-225, 6-Mitchel Moles-222, 7-Ricky Lewis-220, 8-Robert Ballou-204, 9-C.J. Leary-199, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-189.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-137, 2-Daison Pursley-135, 3-Robert Ballou-116, 4-C.J. Leary-103, 5-Kyle Cummins-96, 6-Justin Grant-93, 7-Joey Amantea-89, 8-Chase Stockon-86, 9-Brady Bacon-78, 10-Carson Garrett-70.

USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Shane Cottle-37, 2-Logan Seavey-29, 3-Ricky Lewis-28, 4-Anton Hernandez-27, 5-Chance Crum-26, 6-Brady Bacon-25, 7-Kyle Cummins-24, 8-Chase Stockon-22, 9-Jadon Rogers-19, 10-Rylan Gray-17.

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Car IQ Fourth Heat Winner: Carson Garrett

Trailer Alarms C-Main Winner: Kevin Newton

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Todd Hobson

J & J Trucking Hard Charger: Briggs Danner (12th to 5th)

Spire Motorsports 7th Place Feature Finisher: Ricky Lewis

ProSource Hard Work: Kale Drake

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Todd Hobson

Sam McGhee Motorsports Hard Luck Award: Scotty Weir

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BACON CONQUERS TERRE HAUTE, WINS FIRST USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK RACE IN 3 YEARS

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Terre Haute, Indiana (August 1, 2024)……When it comes to competing at the Terre Haute Action Track, some drivers are simply more comfortable in daring the famed dirt oval than their peers.

The list of those who have conquered the Hoosier State's lone 1/2-mile dirt oval in USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship competition is a venerable list of who's who in the annals of the sport.

Brady Bacon is among those few who fit that category, and on Thursday night, he tamed the beast once more for the fourth time in his USAC career to score the victory in round five of NOS Energy Drink USAC Indiana Sprint Week Presented By Honest Abe Roofing.

"This place deserves respect regardless of the track conditions, which probably did play into the hands of the veterans a little bit more," Bacon stated. "People who are comfortable have seen it similar to this here before and are just more comfortable making laps here because it's a pretty intimidating place and it can be tricky."

The aforementioned track conditions dominated the discussion early after rainfall deluged the surface at Terre Haute. Working literally all day, promoter Joe Spiker and his crew were able to pump a Lake Superior's worth of moisture out and get the track whipped back into raceable shape for the evening's festivities, which were delayed for more than an hour from its original time slot.

"Hats off to the track crew," Bacon praised. "I didn't think we were going to get this one in, but they worked hard and got it to be a racy track, almost a little racier than when it's up around the fence because it's easier to make mistakes up top. It was nice to have a little bit of a bottom to run this time, which the rain obviously helped with, but the track crew did as good of a job as they could, given the circumstances, and we were able to get another night of Indiana Sprint Week in that didn't look like we were supposed to."

Perhaps the most stunning tidbit to emerge from Bacon's latest USAC National Sprint Car triumph is the fact that it had been more than three seasons since the Broken Arrow, Okla. native had found victory lane during an Indiana Sprint Week feature in his Dynamics, Inc./Spankins Motorsports – Davis Brothers Trucking – Tel-Star/Triple X/Rider Chevy.

Bacon's latest performance was one of his finest, however, as he started fourth in the 30-lap feature, then raced by Chase Stockon for the lead with just eight laps remaining to earn the 57th win of his USAC National Sprint Car career, which brought him to within five of Dave Darland's all-time record win total of 62.

Initially, pole starter Kyle Cummins broke out to the opening lap lead with outside front row starter Chase Stockon in tow. However, Bacon made quick work to slot into the second position as he slipped underneath Stockon in turn two on the third lap and then began to draw in closer to Cummins for the lead.

Meanwhile, the majority of the crowds' eyes were collectively affixed to Robert Ballou. Initially slated to start 12th, Ballou pulled into the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area prior to the green flag. When he returned to the track, he was relegated to the tail of the pack in 24th. Undeterred, Ballou utilized the extreme top side, right up against the outside guardrail that he literally constructed a couple years ago, to advance 10 spots within the first five laps, into the top-10 by lap eight and into the top-five by lap 16 where he ultimately finished following a masterful drive.

Also on the move was Stockon who advanced to second by driving around the outside of Bacon in turn two on lap seven. By the midway point, Stockon was draped all over Cummins for the race lead as he continuously poked a nose to the outside of Cummins for several laps to no avail. Finally, on lap 18, Stockon surged around the outside of Cummins in turn four for the top spot, his first time leading laps in a USAC National Sprint Car feature since February at Florida's Ocala Speedway.



“Chase got up on the wheel and showed us the line,” Bacon revealed. “I didn’t really want to go up there that early because I knew it was going to be tight with full fuel. As the track ran in, we were really good up there. I was a little bit better diamonding off turns three and four, but he was about even pace with me. There was less of a chance making a mistake on the cushion.”

Bacon followed suit to second as he clung to the inside guardrail to slip past Cummins in turns three and four on lap 19. Seven tenths of a second was the margin calculated between Stockon and Bacon at that moment. Nonetheless, Bacon steadily inched closer and closer toward Stockon’s back bumper.

On lap 23, Stockon’s four wheels just got enough over a ridge in turns three and four, which upset the car and sent him high, wide and off the line. Bacon immediately capitalized and drove under to the lead.

“We were able to move around a lot and capitalize on mistakes to get the lead and hang on to it,” Bacon reflected. “It got a little dicey in lapped traffic but that’s part of it and you had to run hard tonight.”

That moment proved to be the pivotal move for Bacon who pushed his lead to 2.156 seconds by race’s end as he crossed the stipe for his fifth career USAC Indiana Sprint Week feature triumph ahead of Chase Stockon, Kyle Cummins, Logan Seavey and Robert Ballou.

Despite leading late and finishing as the runner-up, Chase Stockon (Fort Branch, Ind.) was stoked about their performance to conclude the night. In his KO Motorsports/Banded Ag – Superior Tank & Trailer – Dewig Meats – AMSOIL/DRC/Fisher Chevy, Stockon led a total of five laps and finished second for his best USAC result since June 2022 at New Jersey’s Bridgeport Motorsports Park.

Kyle Cummins (Princeton, Ind.) had his car tightened up to run the bottom, which aided him in leading a race-high 17 laps at Terre Haute. In the final tally, Cummins wound up third in his Petty Performance Racing/Avanti Windows & Doors – Premier Recycling/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy, his first career top-five Indiana Sprint Week run at Terre Haute.

Daison Pursley (Locust Grove, Okla.) advanced 17th to 9th in the feature to earn J & J Trucking Hard Charger honors. Indeed, Robert Ballou did restart at the tail and go on to finish fifth. However, he went to the work area prior to the start of the feature and his official starting position remained 12th.

Trey Osborne (Columbus, Ohio) made it a successful Terre Haute USAC debut. In what was his first USAC Sprint feature start since February at Florida's Ocala Speedway, when all was said & done, "Tall" had earned the ProSource Hard Work Award.

For Nate Schank, Thursday was a good night to celebrate his 22nd birthday. Schank (Santa Rosa, Calif.) earned his first USAC Indiana Sprint Week feature start by going outside to grab the final transfer spot on the last lap of the semi. He blew out the candles on his big day as Inferno Armor’s Fire Move of the Night recipient.

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SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Max Adams, 2. Shane Cottle, 3. Mitchel Moles, 4. Chase Stockon, 5. Anton Hernandez, 6. Robert Ballou, 7. Hunter Maddox, 8. Kayla Roell, 9. Rylan Gray, 10. Dan Clodfelter. NT

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Matt Westfall, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Daison Pursley, 4. Logan Seavey, 5. Kale Drake, 6. Jack Hoyer, 7. Nate Schank, 8. Jadon Rogers, 9. Kevin Newton. 2:47.253

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Brady Bacon, 2. Carson Garrett, 3. Charles Davis Jr., 4. Nick Bilbee, 5. Briggs Danner, 6. Ricky Lewis, 7. Kyle Shipley, 8. Logan Calderwood, 9. Frankie Guerrini. 2:46.203

CAR IQ FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Joey Amantea, 2. C.J. Leary, 3. Brandon Mattox, 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 5. Justin Grant, 6. Trey Osborne, 7. Xavier Doney, 8. Kobe Simpson, 9. Troy Carey. 2:47.735

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. Ricky Lewis, 3. Trey Osborne, 4. Nate Schank, 5. Xavier Doney, 6. Jack Hoyer, 7. Kayla Roell, 8. Hunter Maddox, 9. Kevin Newton, 10. Frankie Guerrini, 11. Rylan Gray, 12. Kobe Simpson, 13. Troy Carey, 14. Logan Calderwood. 4:14.852

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brady Bacon (4), 2. Chase Stockon (2), 3. Kyle Cummins (1), 4. Logan Seavey (5), 5. Robert Ballou (12), 6. Mitchel Moles (6), 7. Kevin Thomas Jr. (3), 8. Briggs Danner (10), 9. Daison Pursley (17), 10. Justin Grant (11), 11. Kale Drake (13), 12. C.J. Leary (15), 13. Shane Cottle (16), 14. Carson Garrett (20), 15. Matt Westfall (9), 16. Nick Bilbee (14), 17. Charles Davis Jr. (19), 18. Joey Amantea (8), 19. Nate Schank (23), 20. Trey Osborne (24), 21. Brandon Mattox (21), 22. Max Adams (7), 23. Ricky Lewis (18), 24. Anton Hernandez (22). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-17 Kyle Cummins, Laps 18-22 Chase Stockon, Laps 23-30 Brady Bacon.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-2097, 2-Brady Bacon-2002, 3-C.J. Leary-1873, 4-Daison Pursley-1871, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1797, 6-Mitchel Moles-1768, 7-Robert Ballou-1760, 8-Kyle Cummins-1696, 9-Justin Grant-1624, 10-Carson Garrett-1404.

NOS ENERGY DRINK USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PRESENTED BY HONEST ABE ROOFING POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-384, 2-Brady Bacon-351, 3-Kyle Cummins-335, 4-Daison Pursley-291, 5-Mitchel Moles-289, 6-Briggs Danner-278, 7-Robert Ballou-266, 8-Kevin Thomas Jr.-249, 9-Ricky Lewis-246, 10-C.J. Leary-245.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-143, 2-Logan Seavey-138, 3-Robert Ballou-123, 4-C.J. Leary-106, 5-Kyle Cummins-96, 6-Justin Grant-94, 7-Joey Amantea-89, 8-Chase Stockon-86, 9-Brady Bacon-81, 10-Carson Garrett-76.

USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Shane Cottle-41, 2-Brady Bacon-33, 3-Logan Seavey-32, 4-Anton Hernandez-29, 5-Ricky Lewis-28, 6-Kyle Cummins-27, 7-Chance Crum-26, 8-Chase Stockon-23, 9-Daison Pursley-22, 10-Kayla Roell-21.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: August 2, 2024 – Bloomington Speedway – Bloomington, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – 37th Annual NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented By Honest Abe Roofing / Bob & Sheldon Kinser Memorial

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Mitchel Moles (19.967)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Mitchel Moles (19.639)

Spire Motorsports 7th Fastest Qualifier: Briggs Danner

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Max Adams

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Matt Westfall

T.J. Forged Third Heat Winner: Brady Bacon

Car IQ Fourth Heat Winner: Joey Amantea

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

J & J Trucking Hard Charger: Daison Pursley (17th to 9th)

Spire Motorsports 7th Place Feature Finisher: Kevin Thomas Jr.

ProSource Hard Work: Trey Osborne

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Sam McGhee Motorsports Hard Luck Award: Kyle Shipley

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FRIDAY'S BLOOMINGTON USAC ISW RACE RAINED OUT, RESCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Bloomington, Indiana (August 2, 2024)……Friday night's round of the 37th annual NOS Energy Drink USAC Indiana Sprint Week Presented By Honest Abe Roofing at Bloomington Speedway was interrupted by showers that hit the 1/4-mile dirt oval just as the third heat race was lining up.

Following extensive assessment and on-track work by the Bloomington Speedway crew, the grounds were deemed too wet and unsafe to continue with the night's program.

The event featuring the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship will now be held on Sunday, August 4, with a completely new program starting from scratch. Hot laps will be followed by qualifying, heat races, last chance races and the 30-lap feature race.

Fans and teams may use Friday's event wristbands to gain entry into Bloomington Speedway for Sunday's program. Pits will open at 3pm Eastern, with the grandstands opening at 4pm, the drivers meeting starting at 5:45 and hot laps set for 6:30pm, followed by qualifying and the entirety of the racing program.

For points and record keeping purposes, Friday's event is in the history books. Carson Garrett (Littleton, Colo.) earned his first career Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier award during time trials with a lap of 11.455 seconds in his BGE Dougherty Motorsports/Altoz – Hornbeck Concrete – Lugs Lawn Care/DRC/1-Way Chevy.

Two of the four heat races were completed during the course of the evening with Anton Hernandez (Arlington, Texas) scoring Simpson Race Products Heat One while Brady Bacon (Broken Arrow, Okla.) captured Rod End Supply Heat Two.

Since qualifications were run to completion, Garrett will retain his six points earned in the session, plus the $200 bonus from Honest Abe Roofing. Furthermore, since all four heat races were not run to completion and not every driver was able to compete and earn points, heat race points were not awarded. All drivers in the field earned 10 appearance points, plus qualifying points.

Prior to Sunday's Indiana Sprint Week finale at Bloomington, the series heads to Haubstadt, Indiana's Tri-State Speedway on Saturday, August 3.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: August 2, 2024 – Bloomington Speedway – Bloomington, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – 37th Annual NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented By Honest Abe Roofing / Bob & Sheldon Kinser Memorial

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-11.455; 2. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-11.625; 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-11.668; 4. Shane Cottle, 2E, Epperson-11.675; 5. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-11.701; 6. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-11.723; 7. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-11.765; 8. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-11.819; 9. Anton Hernandez, 5, Baldwin/Fox-11.836; 10. Kyle Shipley, 4u, AJR-11.847; 11. Brayden Fox, 53, Fox-11.856; 12. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-11.878; 13. Xavier Doney, 74, Doney/Lawson-11.889; 14. Rylan Gray, 06, Gray-11.901; 15. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland-11.935; 16. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-11.964; 17. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-12.047; 18. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-12.057; 19. Weston Gorham, 71w, Gorham-12.059; 20. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-12.073; 21. Nate Schank, 1, Schank-12.141; 22. Sam Hinds, 71H, Hinds-12.159; 23. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-12.166; 24. Kayla Roell, 5K, KO-12.178; 25. Jadon Rogers, 66, Amati-12.179; 26. Daylan Chambers, 4c, Chambers-12.187; 27. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-12.212; 28. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-12.221; 29. Todd Hobson, 77, Wingo-12.259; 30. Harley Burns, 16, Britt

Aero-12.266; 31. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-12.287; 32. Matt Thompson, 26T, Thompson-12.363; 33. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-12.367; 34. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-12.398; 35. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-12.400; 36. Troy Carey, 45N, Carey-12.457; 37. Logan Calderwood, 4J, Ford-12.460; 38. Jack Hoyer, 11, Hoyer-12.484; 39. Evan Mosley, 27, Barkdull-12.487; 40. Daniel Whitley, 04, Burton-12.540; 41. Gabriel Gilbert, 10G, GGR-12.634; 42. Chance Crum, 26, Crum-12.665; 43. R.J. Johnson, 77s, Sturgeon-12.695; 44. Reed Whitney, 87, Whitney-12.703; 45. Kevin Newton, 14N, 2nd Law-12.764; 46. Stephen Schnapf, 39F, Three Chet's-12.823; 47. Justin Meneely, 100, Meneely-13.466.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Anton Hernandez, 2. Matt Westfall, 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Carson Garrett, 5. Jadon Rogers, 6. Todd Hobson, 7. Nate Schank, 8. Logan Calderwood, 9. Gabriel Gilbert, 10. Kevin Newton, 11. Xavier Doney, 12. Robert Ballou. NT

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Brady Bacon, 2. Briggs Danner, 3. Logan Seavey, 4. Hunter Maddox, 5. Harley Burns, 6. Sam Hinds, 7. Stephen Schnapf, 8. Chance Crum, 9. Rylan Gray, 10. Jack Hoyer, 11. Daylan Chambers, 12. Kyle Shipley. NT

REMAINDER OF PROGRAM RAINED OUT

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-2112, 2-Brady Bacon-2012, 3-C.J. Leary-1885, 4-Daison Pursley-1881, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1811, 6-Mitchel Moles-1778, 7-Robert Ballou-1770, 8-Kyle Cummins-1706, 9-Justin Grant-1634, 10-Carson Garrett-1420.

NOS ENERGY DRINK USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PRESENTED BY HONEST ABE ROOFING POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-399, 2-Brady Bacon-361, 3-Kyle Cummins-345, 4-Daison Pursley-301, 5-Mitchel Moles-299, 6-Briggs Danner-289, 7-Robert Ballou-276, 8-Kevin Thomas Jr.-263, 9-C.J. Leary-257, 10-Ricky Lewis-256.

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CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Daison Pursley (11.552)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Carson Garrett (11.455)

Spire Motorsports 7th Fastest Qualifier: Mitchel Moles

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TRI-ING TIMES: GRANT ENDS SKID TO WIN AGAIN AT TRI-STATE

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Haubstadt, Indiana (August 3, 2024)……For Justin Grant, months and months of frustration led up to Saturday night's penultimate round of NOS Energy Drink USAC Indiana Sprint Week Presented By Honest Abe Roofing at Tri-State Speedway.

The root of the consternation was evident in the results. Entering the night, Grant (Ione, Calif.) hadn't won a USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship feature since the month of May. Since that point in time, a 16-race stretch had produced no wins and an uncharacteristic average finish of 11th.

Furthermore, throughout his first five ISW starts, Grant had drudged through with an average finish of 18th and a best result of 10th at Terre Haute, which had the 2022 ISW champ mired all the way down to 14th place in the standings.

Needless to say, times were rough for Grant and company, and they desperately needed a reprieve from the agitation they had endured for months on end with their TOPP Motorsports/NOS Energy Drink – Bow Foundation – TOPP Industries/Maxim/Kistler Chevy.

The 1/4-mile dirt oval in Haubstadt, Indiana provided the landscape for a bounce back as Grant started from the outside of the front row and was cruising as the leader for the first 18 laps. But alas, Grant felt like he gave away the race when Mitchel Moles briefly took the point just after the halfway mark. But when all was said and done, Grant made it abundantly clear this night was going to be different.

Two laps after seemingly seeing his chance at winning going by the wayside, Grant fought his way back past Moles, then was forced to fend off his repeated attacks down the stretch to reach Indiana Sprint Week victory lane for the first time this week and for the 10th time in his career, moving himself into fourth place all-time behind only Dave Darland (20), Jon Stanbrough (16) and Cory Kruseman (12).

But most importantly, Grant's 51st career USAC National Sprint Car feature win represented so much more. It represented the tireless work that Jeff Walker, Nic Mansker, Kevin Birchmeier and Grant himself have put into turning the ship around and standing tall again in victory circle where Grant has taken the TOPP No. 4 now on 43 occasions dating back to 2018.

"It feels really, really good," Grant exhaled. "It's been a really, really rough go since about May, and we've worked very hard to get me comfortable in the car, to get things feeling right again, and I've worked these guys to death. I'm super thankful to them and their efforts."

As fate had it, the 30-lap feature came down to a pair of teams, one of whom directly assisted the other on race day to overcome its struggles, so that they could get back on track and provide the entertainment that was witnessed on Saturday night.

"In the video we did earlier this week about teams helping each other out, and how we said all the USAC teams are really good at doing that, I said the first one to help me out would be Bunyan (Dylan Cook) and the 19AZ (Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports) guys," Grant explained of the team that Moles competes for. "Tonight, they loaned me some parts to fix what we've been fighting all along. Now, I'm sure they wish they wouldn't have. But that's a testament to these USAC guys and

this whole group we race with, not only for how competitive they all are and how good they all are, but also for how much we all want to go out and beat each other in the race."

While Grant established the early lead, sixth starting Moles was eating up ground in his pursuit to the front as he worked his way into the runner-up spot by lap 12 when he charged past Seavey entering turn three. By then, the front runners were heavily invested in lapped traffic with Grant hustling to retain his half-second lead as the race crossed the halfway point.

On the 18th lap, lapped traffic didn't exactly work in Grant's favor. As he closed in on the then 18th place running car of Shane Cottle on the back straight, Grant had his path blocked, allowing Moles to drive past and assume his new position at the top of the pylon.

Moments later, after the leaders had already crossed the stripe to complete lap 19, Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier Briggs Danner (9th) veered across the back straightway with a knocked out front end. That sent him right into the path of the oncoming Robert Ballou (14th). Ballou was unable to avoid the damaged car of Danner, going nose first into Danner's left rear, which sent Ballou spinning to a stop while Danner's helpless machine continued into the infield before ultimately coasting to a stop. Danner's race ended on the spot with a 22nd place result while Ballou restarted and finished 11th.

Upon the lap 19 restart, Grant quickly found his second wind. Engaging with Moles in a sudden slider fest, the duo unofficially swapped the lead three different times during a two-lap span on laps 19-20 before Grant turned to the bottom to charge past Moles on the 20th lap.

Trouble ensued on the 25th lap that spelled disaster for the two-car BGE-Dougherty Motorsports bunch. C.J. Leary (4th) biked on his entry into turn three, sending him careening into the outside wall and flipping over. A tick of the clock later, his teammate, Carson Garrett (6th) broadsided Leary, knocking both team cars out of the race in one fell swoop, resulting in a 19th place finish for Leary and a 20th for Garrett.

With five laps remaining, the goal for Grant was imperative – keep Moles behind him. Grant's tactic was to slide himself, a time-tested maneuver of which Grant noted its effectiveness, "It's hard to slide me if I'm sliding myself."

"I watched when Mitchel won down here (in June); he could make massive speed circling the top," Grant laid out. "My stuff's never really been that good at making speed circling the top here. I'm really good at scrumming the middle and hooking the infield tires. It's not really the way it was tonight, though. It started getting slicked up there and I knew that the top was better. I kept seeing Mitchel's nose, so I just went into defense with slider line, slider line, slider line. I was banging the cushion, getting a run and aiming for the first infield tire, then repeating and repeating. I'm like, 'okay, I've got to do it 15 more times, 14 more times, 12 more times, 10 more times,' counting it down, so we would be able to hold those guys off."

After staying true to his plan for laps 25-26-27, Grant and Moles' duel took a breather when Kale Drake (11th) got into the turn three and four wall before coming to a rest, thus ending his night. With three to go and another restart awaiting, Grant stuck to the playbook and thwarted each and every shot Moles fired at him.

Grant made all the right moves on the final three-lap shootout to defeat Moles by roughly three car lengths to the tune of a margin of 0.272 seconds. Logan Seavey completed the all California podium by grabbing third with Kyle Cummins fourth and Daison Pursley fifth in a wild scramble at the finish line that saw Cummins spin sideways in front of the pack at the exit of turn four before continuing on.

Mitchel Moles (Raisin City, Calif.) led a pair of laps en route to his best finish of Indiana Sprint Week 2024 aboard his Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports/AME Electrical – Mesilla Valley Transportation/Spike/Stanton Chevy.

Logan Seavey (Sutter, Calif.) not only maintained but extended his Indiana Sprint Week point lead from 38 to 46 in his Abacus Racing/Honest Abe Roofing – Rockwell Security – Indy Custom Stone/DRC/Stanton Chevy.

Meanwhile, a promising night turned to dejection for Xavier Doney (Odessa, Mo.). Running third and in a transfer spot during the semi-feature, he got into the wall and flipped upside down. For his hard luck, he received a right rear Hoosier Tire courtesy of Sam McGhee Motorsports.

The night for C.J. Leary (Greenfield, Ind.) certainly didn't end the way he wanted it to. It started off well, however, by qualifying seventh fastest overall in a field of 42 cars. For that, he earned a $177 bonus from Spire Motorsports.

As for Kevin Thomas Jr. (Cullman, Ala.), what more can you say about his effort to tough it out after a vicious qualifying crash seemingly derailed his night? Returning for the semi-feature in a backup Rock Steady Racing car, Thomas started 20th in the 12-lapper and finished third. In the feature, he once again started dead last, 24th, and managed drive to as high as fifth before slotting into seventh at the finish line. In the end, he racked up numerous awards on the night, including the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night, plus J & J Trucking Hard Charger, Pro Source Hard Work and Spire Motorsports 7th place finisher honors.

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SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Carson Garrett, 2. Brady Bacon, 3. Jadon Rogers, 4. Brandon Mattox, 5. Charles Davis Jr., 6. Briggs Danner, 7. Dustin Beck, 8. Braydon Cromwell, 9. Hunter Maddox, 10. Sam Scott, 11. Kevin Thomas Jr. NT

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Mitchel Moles, 2. Chase Stockon, 3. Robert Ballou, 4. Logan Seavey, 5. Adyn Schmidt, 6. Harley Burns, 7. Xavier Doney, 8. Stan Beadles, 9. Kyle Shipley, 10. Collin Ambrose. 2:15.116

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. Brady Short, 3. Shane Cottle, 4. Carson Short, 5. J.J. Hughes, 6. Daison Pursley, 7. Aric Gentry, 8. Rylan Gray, 9. Kayla Roell, 10. Nathan Seale. 2:18.327

CAR IQ FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Kale Drake, 4. Donny Brackett, 5. Matt Westfall, 6. Reed Whitney, 7. Kobe Simpson, 8. Troy Carey, 9. Colton Booten, 10. Michael Daugherty. 2:17.027

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Daison Pursley, 2. Briggs Danner, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Aric Gentry, 5. Reed Whitney, 6. Harley Burns, 7. Kobe Simpson, 8. Dustin Beck, 9. Kayla Roell, 10. Rylan Gray, 11. Braydon Cromwell, 12. Nathan Seale, 13. Sam Scott, 14. Troy Carey, 15. Hunter Maddox, 16. Michael Daugherty, 17. Stan Beadles, 18. Xavier Doney, 19. Colton Booten, 20. Kyle Shipley. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (2), 2. Mitchel Moles (6), 3. Logan Seavey (4), 4. Kyle Cummins (13), 5. Daison Pursley (8), 6. Brady Bacon (12), 7. Kevin Thomas Jr. (24), 8. Shane Cottle (15), 9. Jadon Rogers (5), 10. Chase Stockon (18), 11. Robert Ballou (14), 12. Brady Short (10), 13. Matt Westfall (16), 14. Carson Short (23), 15. Donny Brackett (20), 16. Charles Davis Jr. (17), 17. Kale Drake (11), 18. Adyn Schmidt (9), 19. C.J. Leary (3), 20. Carson Garrett (1), 21. J.J. Hughes (21), 22. Briggs Danner (7), 23. Aric Gentry (19), 24. Brandon Mattox (22). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-18 Justin Grant, Laps 19-20 Mitchel Moles, Laps 21-30 Justin Grant.

**Kendall Ruble flipped during practice. Kevin Thomas Jr. flipped during qualifying. Xavier Doney flipped during the semi. C.J. Leary flipped on lap 25 of the feature.

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NOS ENERGY DRINK USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PRESENTED BY HONEST ABE ROOFING POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-469, 2-Brady Bacon-423, 3-Kyle Cummins-416, 4-Mitchel Moles-379, 5-Daison Pursley-367, 6-Robert Ballou-323, 7-Briggs Danner-321, 8-Kevin Thomas Jr.-317, 9-Shane Cottle-299, 10-C.J. Leary-290.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-146, 2-Logan Seavey-139, 3-Robert Ballou-126, 4-C.J. Leary-106, 5-Kyle Cummins-105, 6-Justin Grant-95, 7-Chase Stockon-94, 8-Joey Amantea-89, 9-Brady Bacon-87, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-87.

USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kevin Thomas Jr.-52, 2-Shane Cottle-48, 3-Kyle Cummins-40, 4-Brady Bacon-40, 5-Logan Seavey-34, 6-Chase Stockon-31, 7-Anton Hernandez-29, 8-Ricky Lewis-28, 9-Daison Pursley-26, 10-Chance Crum-26.

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DANNER DELIVERS FIRST USAC ISW WIN AT BLOOMINGTON, SEAVEY SECURES ISW TITLE

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Bloomington, Indiana (August 4, 2024)……One year ago, Bloomington Speedway very nearly became the home of Briggs Danner's first career victory during NOS Energy Drink USAC Indiana Sprint Week Presented By Honest Abe Roofing.

After leading the initial 14 laps of the 2023 round of the series at the 1/4-mile red clay oval, the Allentown, Pa. racer went on to finish second. But this time around, he was adamant to not let déjà vu repeat itself despite heavy pressure down the stretch of Sunday night's Bob & Sheldon Kinser Memorial ISW finale at Bloomington, which had been rescheduled following a rain out two nights earlier on Friday.

Meanwhile, a triumphant beginning was bookended by an unexpectedly eventful evening that nearly spelled disaster for Logan Seavey. Despite a lap 11 accident in which he flipped and suffered extensive front end damage, Seavey (Sutter, Calif.) returned to the field and soldiered on to a 15th place result to finish off his first career Indiana Sprint Week championship by a 13-point margin.

As far as Danner, he finally broke through for his first career USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship feature win during the Eastern Storm opener in June of this year on his home soil of Pennsylvania at Grandview Speedway. Since that point, Danner had led four USAC National Sprint Car feature races and was in contention to win all of them.

The tales of recent heartache for Danner and his Hogue Racing Enterprises/E. Schneider & Sons – Boulevard Truck Repair/DRC/Rider Chevy have been devastating. Danner was leading on the final lap in June at Williams Grove Speedway when he ran out of fuel. At Port Royal Speedway, he bounced off the turn two wall while leading with eight laps to go and was forced to bow out with damage. At Action Track USA, he finished second to Logan Seavey in a photo finish, just .043 seconds behind at the stripe. Just earlier this week at Lawrenceburg Speedway, he was leading with 13 laps to go when he pulled into the infield under caution with an engine issue.

Close but no cigar had become an unwanted mantra for the team throughout the week. That is, until Sunday night, when Danner became the first Pennsylvanian to win an Indiana Sprint Week feature in the 37-year history of the series which dates back to 1988.

“I’m just super happy for the guys and for everybody involved. We’ve been so close so many times, and to give that away late would’ve been really hard. We’re happy to get that one under our belt and happy to win in Indiana.”

Danner started his 30-lap quest from the outside of the front row and slipped under pole sitter Rylan Gray to establish the race lead from the word ‘go.’ Daison Pursley followed into second past Gray in turn three on lap four while Seavey slotted into third in the same manner on the fifth go around.

On the 10th lap, while working lapped traffic, Danner skidded up atop the lip of turn four, losing all his ground to Pursley who closed up and even pulled ahead of Danner on entry into turns one and three. However, Danner was able to eke out enough momentum to stave off Pursley’s charge, managing to keep Pursley’s pursuit at bay by a half car length at the stripe on the completion of lap 10. Moments later, the caution was displayed for ninth running Robert Ballou who came to a stop backwards in turn two. Ballou was able to restart and finish 16th.

On the 11th restart, seemingly, the on-track activity was going to take a brief breather due to the absence of lapped traffic. However, that notion quickly proved to be incorrect. Seavey, the Indiana Sprint Week point leader who was running third at the moment, snagged the turn four cushion and tumbled over the banking, resulting in extensive front end damage to his Abacus Racing/Honest Abe Roofing – Rockwell Security – Indy Custom Stone/DRC/Stanton Chevy.

“I just really feel like an idiot,” Seavey admonished himself. “My car was really good, and I thought I was a bit better than the two up front. I was just trying to take my time, but I got in there at a bad angle, and as I was looking for the cushion, Daison hit it and got tight, and I was out of the gas and didn’t know where I was at on the racetrack. I tried to throttle up to save it and I just yarded myself even further off the racetrack.”

Seavey carried a fairly comfortable ISW point lead of 44 into the feature and merely needed an 18th place finish or better to clinch the title. Now, after all that had transpired, that entire scenario completely hung in the balance. However, during the red flag period, a massive community of teams came together to assist the Abacus Racing crew on their repairs, which were extensive on the front end. When all was said and done, repairs were made and Seavey returned to the track, albeit at the back of the field with 20 laps remaining. What at first may have seemed like a longshot return became a reality as the result of the old proverb, “it takes a village.”

"To everybody in the pits who helped out, that was unbelievable to see," a thankful Seavey acknowledged. "There were like 50 people around our pit. (Once I got back on track), I knew I just needed to go by a few (cars) and I feel like I went by quite a few of them right away."

Still, for Seavey's championship to slip away, he had to finish 19th or worse while Bacon had to win. Or else. A runner-up finish for Bacon wasn't going to cut it as the points stood, and now the pressure was on to perform for Seavey to reach that threshold of 18th while Bacon had to win.

On the second attempt at a lap 11 restart, Pursley took grasp of the moment and shot past Danner on the low side of turn three. Nonetheless, in the ensuing laps, negotiating lapped traffic quickly became paramount. On lap 20, Danner swung to the outside of Pursley on the back straightaway. On the bottom, Pursley became boxed in by Weston Gorham (25th) and Frankie Guerrini (24th), while up top, Danner discovered a clear path to the lead. That one particular moment unfolded in a split second, and essentially, foretold the story of the eventual outcome.

"I think Daison made a few less mistakes than I did, but in traffic, I was able to put myself in a good position to get it back," Danner explained. "But I did not want to see that late race restart come."

What Danner is alluding to is a turn two tangle between Kyle Cummins (19th) and Guerrini (20th) that necessitated a yellow flag on lap 28, just three short laps from the finish line, and came just moments after Danner thwarted Pursley's attempt to overthrow him from the top spot by driving around Pursley's slider attempt in turns one and two which saw them go three-wide through the corner along with the lapped car of Joey Amantea on the low line.

Now, with a clear line of vision in front of him due to the absence of lapped traffic, Danner also had an inkling on what the plan behind him was going to look like for the final three laps of green, and he was ready to meet the challenge.

"I knew Daison was going to slide me into one if he could," Danner acknowledged. "I just had to get a good start and not make mistakes. It's a lot of pressure to put on yourself and it was a tricky curb to run."

Danner met the pressure and delivered a response as cool as the other side of the pillow, disallowing Pursley to even get close enough to pose a challenge to his reign at the top of the scoring pylon. Danner finished off the performance with a 0.953 second margin of victory over Daison Pursley, Brady Bacon, Kevin Thomas Jr. and Rylan Gray.

Meanwhile, for the 15th place finishing Seavey, it was a contrasting kaleidoscope of pride and a tinge of disappointment at the same time due to the task becoming more cumbersome than first anticipated. But considering this is a brand new team taking in its first Indiana Sprint Week experience, perspective shows just how much of an accomplishment this truly is.

"We really didn't know what to expect coming into the year," Seavey admitted. "We built this brand new team and clicked off 13 wins right away. I just feel like an idiot because there's no reason we didn't get 14 tonight and I was the reason, so that feels really bad. It just sucks to give away wins because these wins are really hard. I was just trying to be patient, but it bit me last night and it bit me really hard tonight. But overall, this is really special and shows what this team is truly made of. They had to dig really hard. It surely wasn't perfect, but we got it done."

Kevin Thomas Jr. (Cullman, Ala.) passed 58 cars throughout the course of the seven-race Indiana Sprint Week series. That earned KTJ top honors as the Indiana Sprint Week ProSource Passing Master.

Mitchel Moles (Raisin City, Calif.) advanced 20th to 7th in the feature to pick up J & J Trucking Hard Charger honors for the feature which was worth a cool $200. His plus-13 movement through the field also earned him a $177 7th place feature finisher bonus from Spire Motorsports.

Sam Hinds (Westfield, Ind.) charged his way into his first career USAC National Sprint Car feature field. Hinds climbed from 9th to 5th in his heat race to transfer into the feature, and with it, he was honored with the ProSource Hard Work award.

Daniel Whitley (Ferndale, Calif.) was on the cusp of transferring into his first career USAC Indiana Sprint Week feature when, midway through the semi-feature, he was forced out with a flat tire. However, for his misfortune, Whitley received a new right rear Hoosier Tire courtesy of Sam McGhee Motorsports.

Entering Bloomington, Rylan Gray's best career USAC National Sprint Car feature finish was 12th. On this night, he brought home a career best result of 5th. For that performance, he earned the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: August 4, 2024 – Bloomington Speedway – Bloomington, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – 37th Annual NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented By Honest Abe Roofing / Bob & Sheldon Kinser Memorial

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-11.755; 2. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland-11.802; 3. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-11.922; 4. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-11.940; 5. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-11.996; 6. Max Adams, 63, F & F-12.009; 7. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-12.016; 8. Rylan Gray, 06, Gray-12.039; 9. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-12.055; 10. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-12.108; 11. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-12.118; 12. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-12.128; 13. Logan Calderwood, 4J, Ford-12.135; 14. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-12.157; 15. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-12.166; 16. Shane Cottle, 2E, Epperson-12.194; 17. Stephen Schnapf, 39F, Three Chet's-12.247; 18. Brayden Fox, 53, Fox-12.252; 19. Anton Hernandez, 5, Baldwin/Fox-12.266; 20. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-12.271; 21. Frankie Guerrini, G3, F & F-12.337; 22. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-12.338; 23. Jadon Rogers, 66, Amati-12.375; 24. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-12.383; 25. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-12.396; 26. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-12.403; 27. Kyle Shipley, 4u, AJR-12.438; 28. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-12.443; 29. Gabriel Gilbert, 10G, GGR-12.458; 30. Chance Crum, 26, Crum-12.545; 31. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-12.592; 32. Weston Gorham, 71w, Gorham-12.626; 33. Daniel Whitley, 04, Burton-12.653; 34. Sam Hinds, 71H, Hinds-12.669; 35. Matt Thompson, 26T, Thompson-12.735; 36. Evan Mosley, 27, Barkdull-12.738; 37. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-12.782; 38. Todd Moule, 26AU, Moule-12.992; 39. Troy Carey, 45N, Carey-13.056.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Daison Pursley, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Brady Bacon, 4. Mitchel Moles, 5. Frankie Guerrini, 6. Daniel Whitley, 7. Brandon Mattox, 8. Gabriel Gilbert, 9. Stephen Schnapf, 10. Logan Calderwood. NT

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Matt Westfall, 3. Joey Amantea, 4. Brayden Fox, 5. Sam Hinds, 6. Ricky Lewis, 7. Max Adams, 8. Todd Moule, 9. Chance Crum, 10. Kale Drake. NT

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Hunter Maddox, 2. Chase Stockon, 3. Logan Seavey, 4. Jadon Rogers, 5. Briggs Danner, 6. Anton Hernandez, 7. Carson Garrett, 8. Matt Thompson, 9. Kyle Shipley, 10. Troy Carey. NT

CAR IQ FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. Robert Ballou, 3. Shane Cottle, 4. Rylan Gray, 5. Kyle Cummins, 6. Weston Gorham, 7. Kobe Simpson, 8. Evan Mosley, 9. Harley Burns. NT

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Ricky Lewis, 2. Max Adams, 3. Weston Gorham, 4. Kobe Simpson, 5. Brandon Mattox, 6. Kale Drake, 7. Gabriel Gilbert, 8. Todd Moule, 9. Matt Thompson, 10. Troy Carey, 11. Evan Mosley, 12. Logan Calderwood, 13. Anton Hernandez, 14. Kyle Shipley, 15. Daniel Whitley, 16. Carson Garrett, 17. Harley Burns. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (2), 2. Daison Pursley (3), 3. Brady Bacon (6), 4. Kevin Thomas Jr. (7), 5. Rylan Gray (1), 6. C.J. Leary (9), 7. Mitchel Moles (20), 8. Chase Stockon (13), 9. Shane Cottle (15), 10. Justin Grant (12), 11. Jadon Rogers (19), 12. Ricky Lewis (10), 13. Max Adams (11), 14. Kobe Simpson (22), 15. Logan Seavey (5), 16. Robert Ballou (14), 17. Hunter Maddox (8), 18. Joey Amantea (21), 19. Kyle Cummins (4), 20. Matt Westfall (18), 21. Kale Drake (25-P), 22. Sam Hinds (24), 23. Brayden Fox (16), 24. Frankie Guerrini (17), 25. Weston Gorham (23). NT

(P) represents a provisional feature starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 Briggs Danner, Laps 11-19 Daison Pursley, Laps 20-30 Briggs Danner.

**Chance Crum flipped during the second heat. Carson Garrett flipped during the semi. Logan Seavey flipped on lap 11 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-2225, 2-Brady Bacon-2150, 3-Daison Pursley-2024, 4-C.J. Leary-1981, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1934, 6-Mitchel Moles-1915, 7-Robert Ballou-1855, 8-Kyle Cummins-1809, 9-Justin Grant-1762, 10-Carson Garrett-1461.

FINAL NOS ENERGY DRINK USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PRESENTED BY HONEST ABE ROOFING POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-512, 2-Brady Bacon-499, 3-Kyle Cummins-448, 4-Daison Pursley-444, 5-Mitchel Moles-436, 6-Briggs Danner-395, 7-Kevin Thomas Jr.-386, 8-Robert Ballou-361, 9-C.J. Leary-353, 10-Shane Cottle-351.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-147, 2-Logan Seavey-139, 3-Robert Ballou-126, 4-C.J. Leary-109, 5-Kyle Cummins-105, 6-Chase Stockon-99, 7-Justin Grant-97, 8-Joey Amantea-92, 9-Brady Bacon-90, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-90.

FINAL USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kevin Thomas Jr.-58, 2-Shane Cottle-54, 3-Brady Bacon-46, 4-Kyle Cummins-41, 5-Mitchel Moles-40, 6-Chase Stockon-38, 7-Logan Seavey-37, 8-Daison Pursley-31, 9-Jadon Rogers-30, 10-Anton Hernandez-29.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: August 15, 2024 – Red Hill Raceway – Sumner, Illinois – 3/8-Mile Dirt Oval – Salute to Levi Jones

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Carson Garrett (11.846)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Brady Bacon (11.755)

Spire Motorsports 7th Fastest Qualifier: Briggs Danner

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Daison Pursley

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

T.J. Forged Third Heat Winner: Hunter Maddox

Car IQ Fourth Heat Winner: C.J. Leary

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

J & J Trucking Hard Charger: Mitchel Moles (20th to 7th)

Spire Motorsports 7th Place Feature Finisher: Mitchel Moles

ProSource Hard Work: Sam Hinds

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Rylan Gray

Sam McGhee Motorsports Hard Luck Award: Daniel Whitley

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A GRAND OPENING FOR GRANT! JG SCORES SMACKDOWN OPENER AT KOKOMO

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Kokomo, Indiana (August 22, 2024)……"I love racing at Kokomo Speedway."

Those words uttered by Justin Grant in the immediate afterglow of his latest USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship victory on Thursday night at Indiana's Kokomo Speedway may very well be the understatement of the century.

Grant (Ione, Calif.) charged from his seventh starting position, then roared past racelong leader Logan Seavey on the 20th circuit of the 30-lap feature, then led the remaining 11 laps on the 1/4-mile dirt oval to score the opening night victory of Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Sprint Car Smackdown XIII.

Not only does Grant have a fondness for Kokomo Speedway itself, the same could be said for the Smackdown opener. In fact, Thursday night's triumph was the fourth consecutive year that Grant has stood in victory lane following the opening race of Smackdown weekend.

Furthermore, it's Grant's fourth consecutive win overall during Smackdown, extending his streak after winning all three nights in succession during the 2023 event. His latest Smackdown feature score extends his record to eight wins during the event.

As a matter of fact, no driver has won more USAC National Sprint Car feature events at Kokomo than Grant, who notched his record-setting 10th on Thursday, which pushed him to the top of the list ahead of the great Dave Darland.

Continuing the avalanche of noteworthy record-making and record-breaking accomplishments, Grant's 52nd career USAC National Sprint Car feature victory moved him into a tie for third place all-time alongside 1978 series champion Tom Bigelow.

For a guy like Grant, it's become routine to win at Kokomo. Yet, on the same token, each win remains routinely special for the driver of the TOPP Motorsports/NOS Energy Drink – Bow Foundation – TOPP Industries/Maxim/Kistler Chevy.

"It's absolutely incredible," Grant exclaimed. "Kokomo is the first place I drove a 410 sprint car for Jeff Walker who is my crew chief now. It's been a special, special place to me over the years and I've been so fortunate to win races here. I thought this was the coolest racetrack in the world when I moved to Indiana, and to be able to win any race here is incredible to me. Dave Darland is an absolute titan and a hero of the sport. He's a guy I idolized and a guy who helped me out a lot here. To surpass him here for USAC wins is incredible. I don't have the proper words for it, but it sure means an awful lot. I love racing at Kokomo Speedway, and I'm just honored I get to do it."

Grant had endured a funky season, for lack of a better term, which has proved to be perfectly imperfect. His seven USAC National Sprint Car feature wins have been counterbalanced by seven finishes of 20th or worse thus far in 2024, which has him mired ninth in series points after a pair of consecutive championship runs in the two preceding years of 2022 and 2023. Nonetheless, the team has stuck together and rallied to win two of their past three USAC Sprint starts in August.

"It's been a rocky, rocky year but we keep squeezing out wins," Grant stated. "We've actually got the same number of wins as we did last year at this point, but that's due to (this crew). I'd burrow myself in a whole and quit if it wasn't for those guys. They've got a lot more confidence in me than I do on a lot of days and today was another one of those days. I didn't do a very good job qualifying, but they kept me pumped up all day, kept me digging and kept me in the fight and positive. I just can't thank them enough."

Speaking of rocky, the initial start of the night's feature was exactly that. The green flag was quickly followed by the red flag after third-starting Mitchel Moles biked on his entry into turn three, sending him flipping several times up the racetrack and directly into the path of sixth-starting Brady Bacon who also stopped. Moles' night was finished while Bacon restarted at the tail and came back to finish eighth.

On the resumption, Seavey scurried out to the lead from his outside front row starting spot to gain the upper hand on pole starter C.J. Leary. Seavey quickly established an eight car length lead and maintained that distance throughout the first half of the race.

By that point, however, Grant had now reached Leary's rear bumper in the battle for the runner-up position. On lap 18, Grant managed to scoot under Leary to take over second at the exit of turn four before setting his sights on slicing into Seavey's healthy full second advantage.

A yellow flag moments later on lap 19 assisted Grant in that regard as the result of a six-car stack-up in between turns one and two. The incident was triggered by contact between Bacon and Jadon Rogers on the bottom of turn one amid their pursuit for the 11th position. Rogers got the worst end of the deal, spinning sideways and subsequently collecting a train of cars that included Kale Drake, Max Adams, Harley Burns, Brandon Mattox and Carson Garrett, all of whom stopped in the collision.

One lap after the ensuing restart, Grant found his way to the front, sliding Seavey for the lead in turn four on the 20th lap, then instantly began to stretch out his advantage over Seavey to several car lengths with a mere 10 laps to go. In doing so, Grant grabbed the lead by using the bottom side of the racetrack, atypical of his rim-riding style at the bullring.

“I think everybody was focused on hammering the top, and I was really able to run the bottom, which is rare for me here,” Grant admitted. “Normally, I’m the guy waiting for the top to get cleaned off and then I can make some ground. I was really able to get off the middle of two really good, then I just kept chasing the pile. It was almost Haubstadt-y. I just chased the pile around in three and four and was able to make up a lot of ground using that without the treacherousness of the curb. The guys who did try to come to the bottom had to slow down to grab it, and I felt like you could just float across there. Our car was really good, so it allowed me to do that.”

Grant went unblemished down the stretch as he pulled away to a 2.028 second victory over Daison Pursley, Briggs Danner and Seavey while Robert Ballou rounded out the top-five.

Daison Pursley (Locust Grove, Okla.) took over second place with a late-race surge on lap 23 as he drove under Seavey for the spot in turns one and two aboard his Team AZ Racing/Apache Transport – Oak Craft Elegant Cabinetry/DRC/1-Way Chevy. In three USAC starts in 2024 at Kokomo, Pursley hasn't finished worse than fourth. He won June’s Indiana Midget Week round, then finished fourth during Indiana Sprint Week and was second on Thursday in the Smackdown opener.

Briggs Danner (Allentown, Pa.) started mid-pack, but he sure wasn't intent on staying there. Rolling off 14th, he picked his way through the field to move into a podium spot late as he raced by Seavey on lap 27 to slot into the third position where he’d go on to finish in his Hogue Racing Enterprises/E. Schneider & Sons – Boulevard Truck Repair/DRC/Rider Chevy. That earned him the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Ricky Lewis (Oxnard, Calif.) had a fine ride, starting 24th on the grid before making his all the way up to finish 10th in the main event, earning himself a $200 bonus as the J & J Trucking Hard Charger.

Trey Osborne (Columbus, Ohio) earned his way into the feature lineup with style. He made a late race pass in the semi-feature to secure the fourth and final transfer spot, which presented him a brand new right rear Hoosier Tire.

Jadon Rogers (Worthington, Ind.) overcame a 30th place qualifying time to win his heat race and transfer his way into the feature. Unfortunately, after running as high as ninth in the feature, an accident dropped him to 19th at the finish line. Despite the unheralded ending, his performance netted him Hard Work honors for the evening.

Jack Hoyer (Frankfort, Ind.) was the recipient of the night's "Top Local" award courtesy of Jeff's Jam-It-In Storage. The parameters for the local driver award entail a driver who is currently inside the top-20 of the 2024 Kokomo Speedway points but is not inside the top-20 of the USAC standings. Hoyer ran as high as 12th and finished 16th in what was his first career Smackdown feature start.

Kevin Thomas Jr. (Cullman, Ala.) recorded his 40th career fast qualifying time in USAC National Sprint Car competition on this night. That moved him past Levi Jones for sixth place on the all-time list.

The 50 cars on hand were a Sprint Car Smackdown record for a single night, breaking the previous record of 46 entries set on the opening night of the 2023 event.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: August 22, 2024 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – 13th Annual Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Sprint Car Smackdown XIII

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-12.782; 2. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-12.817; 3. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-12.901; 4. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-12.901; 5. Zack Pretorius, 9z, Pretorius-12.902; 6. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-12.908; 7. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-12.968; 8. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-12.971; 9. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-12.988; 10. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-13.013; 11. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-13.030; 12. Shane Cottle, 2E, Epperson-13.139; 13. Trey Osborne, 11T, Osborne-13.142; 14. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-13.148; 15. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-13.148; 16. Jake Swanson, 47, Eades-13.153; 17. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-13.159; 18. Max Adams, 63, F & F-13.161; 19. Luke Hall, 23s, Simon-13.181; 20. Jack Hoyer, 57H, Hazen-13.187; 21. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-13.197; 22. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-13.211; 23. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-13.230; 24. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Cromwell-13.297; 25. Weston Gorham, 71w, Gorham-13.341; 26. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-13.345; 27. Stevie Sussex, 77s, Sturgeon-13.348; 28. Anton Hernandez, 5, Baldwin/Fox-13.364; 29. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland-13.379; 30. Jadon Rogers, 66, Amati-13.400; 31. Rylan Gray, 06, Gray-13.408; 32. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-13.411; 33. Cody Williams, 92, Sertich-13.413; 34. Saban Bibent, 98, Wedgewood-13.419; 35. Austin Hawkins, 5A, Hawkins-13.428; 36. Todd Hobson, 77, Wingo-13.429; 37. Parker Frederickson, 34, Frederickson-13.430; 38. Matt Goodnight, 39G, Goodnight-13.438; 39. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-13.462; 40. Frankie Guerrini, G3, F & F-13.486; 41. Kyle Shipley, 4u, AJR-13.486; 42. Colin Grissom, 00, Grissom-13.548; 43. David Gasper, 04, Burton-13.602; 44. Brayden Clark, 4c, Clark-13.724; 45. Aaron Davis, 11, Davis-13.724; 46. Max Frank, 25, Middle Class-13.787; 47. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-13.802; 48. Nate Schank, 1, Schank-13.827; 49. Jack James, 99, James-14.317; 50. Michael Daugherty, 3.14, Daugherty-14.335.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Harley Burns, 2. Carson Garrett, 3. Jake Swanson, 4. Kobe Simpson, 5. Kevin Thomas Jr., 6. Briggs Danner, 7. Rylan Gray, 8. Kyle Shipley, 9. Todd Hobson, 10. Max Frank. 2:14.053

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Stevie Sussex, 2. Shane Cottle, 3. Daison Pursley, 4. Brady Bacon, 5. Chase Stockon, 6. Matt Westfall, 7. Colin Grissom, 8. Parker Frederickson, 9. Hunter Maddox, 10. Joey Amantea. NT

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Anton Hernandez, 2. Mitchel Moles, 3. Kale Drake, 4. Max Adams, 5. Robert Ballou, 6. Trey Osborne, 7. Cody Williams, 8. David Gasper, 9. Nate Schank, 10. Matt Goodnight. 2:13.579

CAR IQ FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Ricky Lewis, 4. Logan Seavey, 5. Luke Hall, 6. Brayden Cromwell, 7. Hayden Reinbold, 8. Brayden Clark, 9. Saban Bibent, 10. Jack James. 2:13.931

STEEL-IT FIFTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Jadon Rogers, 2. C.J. Leary, 3. Jack Hoyer, 4. Brandon Mattox, 5. Weston Gorham, 6. Frankie Guerrini, 7. Zack Pretorius, 8. Aaron Davis, 9. Austin Hawkins, 10. Michael Daugherty. 2:17.580

TRAILER ALARMS C-MAIN: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the semi) 1. Kyle Shipley, 2. Brayden Clark, 3. Nate Schank, 4. David Gasper, 5. Aaron Davis, 6. Todd Hobson, 7. Saban Bibent, 8. Matt Goodnight, 9. Hunter Maddox, 10. Joey Amantea, 11. Jack James, 12. Max Frank, 13. Michael Daugherty. 2:16.860

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Briggs Danner, 3. Robert Ballou, 4. Trey Osborne, 5. Weston Gorham, 6. Matt Westfall, 7. Chase Stockon, 8. Frankie Guerrini, 9. Kyle Shipley, 10. Braydon Cromwell, 11. Luke Hall, 12. Rylan Gray, 13. Cody Williams, 14. Hayden Reinbold, 15. Nate Schank, 16. Brayden Clark, 17. Zack Pretorius, 18. Colin Grissom, 19. David Gasper. 2:42.697

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (7), 2. Daison Pursley (4), 3. Briggs Danner (14), 4. Logan Seavey (2), 5. Robert Ballou (13), 6. C.J. Leary (1), 7. Kevin Thomas Jr. (12), 8. Brady Bacon (6), 9. Jake Swanson (19), 10. Ricky Lewis (24), 11. Stevie Sussex (9), 12. Carson Garrett (15), 13. Brandon Mattox (18), 14. Kyle Cummins (5), 15. Trey Osborne (17), 16. Jack Hoyer (21), 17. Kale Drake (22), 18. Kobe Simpson (23), 19. Jadon Rogers (11), 20. Hunter Maddox (25-P), 21. Harley Burns (8), 22. Max Adams (20), 23. Anton Hernandez (10), 24. Shane Cottle (16), 25. Mitchel Moles (3). NT

(P) represents a provisional feature starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-19 Logan Seavey, Laps 20-30 Justin Grant.

**Joey Amantea flipped during the second heat. Hunter Maddox flipped during the second heat. Aaron Davis flipped after the checkered flag during the C-Main. Mitchel Moles flipped on lap 1 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-2291, 2-Brady Bacon-2209, 3-Daison Pursley-2097, 4-C.J. Leary-2043, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1996, 6-Mitchel Moles-1945, 7-Robert Ballou-1919, 8-Kyle Cummins-1854, 9-Justin Grant-1840, 10-Carson Garrett-1507.

SPRINT CAR SMACKDOWN XIII POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-347, 2-Daison Pursley-341, 3-Briggs Danner-325, 4-Logan Seavey-325, 5-C.J. Leary-323, 6-Robert Ballou-322, 7-Kevin Thomas Jr.-316, 8-Brady Bacon-315, 9-Jake Swanson-301, 10-Kyle Cummins-301.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-168, 2-Logan Seavey-146, 3-Robert Ballou-134, 4-C.J. Leary-109, 5-Justin Grant-107, 6-Kyle Cummins-105, 7-Chase Stockon-101, 8-Kevin Thomas Jr.-95, 9-Joey Amantea-92, 10-Brady Bacon-90.

SPRINT CAR SMACKDOWN XIII PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-15, 2-Ricky Lewis-14, 3-Jake Swanson-10, 4-Justin Grant-9, 5-Robert Ballou-9, 6-Nate Schank-9, 7-Kyle Shipley-8, 8-Kevin Thomas Jr.-6, 9-Carson Garrett-5, 10-Brandon Mattox-5.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES: August 23-24, 2024 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – 13th Annual Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Sprint Car Smackdown XIII

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Logan Seavey (13.042)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Kevin Thomas Jr. (12.782)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Harley Burns

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Stevie Sussex



T.J. Forged Third Heat Winner: Anton Hernandez

Car IQ Fourth Heat Winner: Justin Grant

Steel-It Fifth Heat Winner: Jadon Rogers

Trailer Alarms C-Main Winner: Kyle Shipley

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

Hoosier Tire Last Semi-Transfer: Trey Osborne

ProSource Hard Work: Jadon Rogers

J & J Trucking Hard Charger: Ricky Lewis (24th to 10th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Briggs Danner

Jeff's Jam-It-In Storage Top Local Driver: Jack Hoyer (16th)

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FRIDAY PAYDAY: KTJ RETURNS TO SMACKDOWN VICTORY LANE AT KOKOMO

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Kokomo, Indiana (August 23, 2024)……In recent years, the second night of Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Sprint Car Smackdown has been a honey hole of sorts for Kevin Thomas Jr.

In 2021 and 2022, the Cullman, Alabama racer captured back-to-back second night victories during the event at Indiana's Kokomo Speedway. After a one-year aberration in 2023, Thomas was back in winner's circle following Friday night's second round Smackdown performance in his Rock Steady Racing/Inferno Armor – Eddie Gilstrap Motors – Creative Finishing/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy.

Thomas started his race from the outside of the front row and was never headed for the entirety of the 30-lap distance, scoring a dominant victory, which was the sixth of his USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship career at the 1/4-mile, five of which have occurred during Smackdown.

Overall, it was yet another major milestone in the career of KTJ. His 43rd career USAC National Sprint Car triumph moved him past 1974 and 1976 series champion Duane "Pancho" Carter for eighth place on the all-time series win list.

In his first season with Rock Steady Racing, Thomas has netted the team four feature victories, and in the process, provided car owner Hank Byram his 29th career USAC National Sprint Car win as an entrant, tied for 18th all-time alongside Paul Leffler.

It's been quite a turnaround for Thomas in the past month at Kokomo. During July's USAC Indiana Sprint Week round, while battling for second, he soon found himself upside down after contact with the turn four wall and fence. In the

aftermath, Thomas returned to the track behind the wheel of “Frankencar,” a machine featuring a patchwork of mismatched pieces and panels assembled together.

“We were looking like a mixed bag of tricks there at the end of Indiana Sprint Week,” Thomas recalled. “We had different body panels from different cars, but it was still fast. We put a nice new body on that car, and it’s done us very well.”

There were no such worries tonight as Thomas did most of his work on the bottom half of the racing surface from the get-go, and nobody was able to get under his skin or underneath him throughout the entire duration.

“I do prevail a little bit better when it’s a little more patient and technical on the bottom,” Thomas explained. “Tonight, it wasn’t necessarily technical, but we’ve got a good racecar whenever it comes to being able to rotate, get squared up and get down the straightaway at a good rate of speed.”

As KTJ held the initial serve on the opening lap, Thursday’s opening night Smackdown winner Justin Grant was surging under pole sitter Anton Hernandez for second place in turn three on the second lap.

Behind those two, the jockeying for position was frenzied, but resulted in a bit of heartburn for fourth running Robert Ballou who was contacted in the rear bumper by the fifth place car driven by Mitchel Moles in between turns three and four, which sent Ballou spinning to a stop. The eighth running car of Daison Pursley was unable to avoid the melee and careened into the side of Ballou’s car. After time spent in the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area, both Ballou and Pursley restarted at the tail and proceeded to finish eighth and 13th, respectively.

Moles, who set fast time during Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying to kick off the night, rolled past Hernandez for the third spot with a turn one low side dive on lap five. Series point leader Logan Seavey followed suit to fourth a half lap later in turns three and four as Hernandez fell back to fifth.

Hernandez’s night became even more weary on lap 11 when he and Briggs Danner tangled amid a battle for fifth, sending both spinning in turn four. Kyle Cummins (7th) found no place to turn and slammed into the side of Danner, sending both Cummins and Danner flipping upside down. Cummins returned to finish 11th while Danner was done for the evening. Hernandez restarted at the tail and finished 15th.

On the lap 11 restart, Moles pounced his way to the second position as he snuck under Grant for the spot entering turn three. However, even just one lap following the restart, Moles still had a full second of ground to make up and chase down KTJ to contend for the race lead.

Thomas maintained a decisive one second interval through the middle stages before wedging himself between the 20th and 21st place cars of Hayden Reinbold and Jack Hoyer in turn one on lap 20 to escape with his breathing room intact. That is until 10th running Harley Burns flipped wildly, 3.5 times to be precise, entering turn three on the 20th lap. Burns walked away from the incident after what had been his best Smackdown run to date.

From there onward, Thomas remained untouched up front as he perused the bottom in precision-like fashion to prevail by 0.991 seconds over Mitchel Moles, Justin Grant and Brady Bacon with C.J. Leary rounding out the top-five.

“Hats off to my guys,” Thomas complimented. “I am one difficult dude to deal with whenever I’m slow. They stick by me every moment of the day. It’s a testament to what they do with their race team and making the changes to make me happy, which isn’t easy, but I do know what I want in a racecar. We’re getting there, and I’m super glad that we got a win tonight,

which I assume locks us into Saturday. We can go watch a concert and I don't have to drive home pissed off. It's been a good weekend for us and I'm proud of everybody."

Thomas did, in fact, lock himself into Saturday night's $30,000-to-win feature event at Kokomo as well as the King of the Hill duels. Justin Grant is the top-point earner of the weekend and is locked in along with Thomas, Logan Seavey, Brady Bacon, C.J. Leary, Robert Ballou, Daison Pursley and Mitchel Moles.

Mitchel Moles (Raisin City, Calif.) flipped upside down on lap one of Thursday's opening night Smackdown feature. On Friday, he bounced back to finish as the runner-up for his best career USAC result at Kokomo in his Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports/AME Electrical – Mesilla Valley Transportation/Spike/Stanton Chevy.

"I felt like we were going to be really good last night if I had just made it through those first couple of laps," Moles lamented. "But I want to say 'I'm sorry' to Robert (Ballou). I got kind of bombarded there and he was sideways in front of me trying to stick the bottom, and I got bombarded by the guys in front of me. I thought I had a little room, tagged him, and spun him out. That's not how I like to race, and I apologize to them and their whole team. They all work really hard to get out here like all of us. My guys gave me a great racecar, and it was great all night. We just made a little mistake there early in the race last night and it hurt us."

One night after notching the win, Justin Grant (Ione, Calif.) came back with another strong run, finishing third in his TOPP Motorsports/NOS Energy Drink – Bow Foundation – TOPP Industries/Maxim/Kistler Chevy. Although his streak of four consecutive Smackdown victories dating back to the 2023 was ended, he still placed himself as the number one overall seed entering Saturday's weekend finale.

"Tonight, everybody was fired off on the bottom and the top was really, really dirty," Grant explained. "It was fast around the bottom there and I just let the middle of the race get away from me. I made the right decisions with the shocks under the last red (flag) and felt like we had as good of a car as anybody the last 10 laps. In the middle of the race, I wasn't as on it as I needed to be. Our car is really good, but I was concerned about the middle portion of the race. You'd like to win but I felt pretty good about my car at the end."

Jadon Rogers (Worthington, Ind.) notched several awards for his Friday night performance. He earned $200 as the J & J Trucking Hard Charger as he made his way from 24th to 9th. Earlier in the night, he picked up an extra $100 as the ProSource Hard Work award recipient. Just to make his way into the feature lineup, he advanced from 12th to 4th in the Semi, earning the final transfer spot on the last lap to earn himself a new Hoosier right rear tire.

On the other side of the equation, Kyle Shipley (Phoenix, Ariz.) experienced heartbreak on the last lap when the final transfer spot in the semi-feature slipped from his grip. As a consolation, he earned a $300 reward as the first non-transfer courtesy of The Frolic Bar & Grill.

Max Adams (Loomis, Calif.) earned accolades as Friday's top local driver in the feature field as the native Californian, who now makes his home in Indiana, finished 10th, earning a $100 bonus from Jeff's Jam-It-In Storage.

Brandon Mattox (Terre Haute, Ind.) made a nifty move to steal a victory on the final lap of the semi-feature. That earned the veteran racer the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: August 23, 2024 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – 13th Annual Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Sprint Car Smackdown

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-12.626; 2. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-12.640; 3. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-12.746; 4. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-12.844; 5. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-12.897; 6. Anton Hernandez, 5, Baldwin/Fox-12.897; 7. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-12.907; 8. Stevie Sussex, 77s, Sturgeon-12.913; 9. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-12.913; 10. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-12.917; 11. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland-12.923; 12. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-12.953; 13. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-13.008; 14. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-13.010; 15. Shane Cottle, 2E, Epperson-13.027; 16. Trey Osborne, 11T, Osborne-13.085; 17. Cody Williams, 92, Sertich-13.119; 18. Max Adams, 63, F & F-13.138; 19. Jake Swanson, 47, Eades-13.174; 20. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-13.179; 21. Rylan Gray, 06, Gray-13.191; 22. Jack Hoyer, 57H, Hazen-13.194; 23. Todd Hobson, 77, Wingo-13.220; 24. Zack Pretorius, 9z, Pretorius-13.223; 25. Frankie Guerrini, G3, F & F-13.226; 26. Harley Burns, 16, Britt Aero-13.259; 27. Saban Bibent, 98, Wedgewood-13.264; 28. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-13.296; 29. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-13.314; 30. Luke Hall, 23s, Simon-13.334; 31. Kyle Shipley, 4u, AJR-13.338; 32. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-13.353; 33. Jadon Rogers, 66, Amati-13.373; 34. Max Frank, 25, Middle Class-13.421; 35. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-13.441; 36. Brayden Clark, 4c, Clark-13.445; 37. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-13.447; 38. Braydon Cromwell, 4x, Cromwell-13.471; 39. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-13.566; 40. David Gasper, 04, Burton-13.596; 41. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-13.611; 42. Weston Gorham, 71w, Gorham-13.646; 43. Matt Goodnight, 39G, Goodnight-13.664; 44. Nate Schank, 1, Schank-13.678; 45. Jack James, 99, James-13.981; 46. Colin Grissom, 00, Grissom-14.063; 47. Michael Daugherty, 3.14, Daugherty-14.221; 48. Austin Hawkins, 5A, Hawkins-14.263; 49. James Boice, 69x, Boice-15.376.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Trey Osborne, 2. Mitchel Moles, 3. Harley Burns, 4. Anton Hernandez, 5. Kyle Shipley, 6. Rylan Gray, 7. Colin Grissom, 8. Brayden Clark, 9. Hunter Maddox, 10. Ricky Lewis. 2:14.198

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Briggs Danner, 2. Daison Pursley, 3. Logan Seavey, 4. Jack Hoyer, 5. Chase Stockon, 6. Saban Bibent, 7. Cody Williams, 8. Joey Amantea, 9. Weston Gorham, 10. Michael Daugherty. 2:12.824

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Brady Bacon, 2. Robert Ballou, 3. Todd Hobson, 4. Max Adams, 5. Matt Westfall, 6. Jadon Rogers, 7. Stevie Sussex, 8. Matt Goodnight, 9. Austin Hawkins, 10. Braydon Cromwell. 2:12.950

CAR IQ FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Hayden Reinbold, 3. Jake Swanson, 4. Kale Drake, 5. Brandon Mattox, 6. Zack Pretorius, 7. Nate Schank, 8. Kobe Simpson, 9. Max Frank, 10. James Boice. 2:14.891

STEEL-IT FIFTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. Shane Cottle, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Kyle Cummins, 5. Frankie Guerrini, 6. Luke Hall, 7. David Gasper, 8. Carson Garrett, 9. Jack James. 2:11.421

TRAILER ALARMS C-MAIN: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the semi) 1. Brayden Clark, 2. Kobe Simpson, 3. Matt Goodnight, 4. Weston Gorham, 5. Max Frank, 6. Hunter Maddox, 7. Jack James, 8. Austin Hawkins, 9. Michael Daugherty. 2:18.245

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Brandon Mattox, 2. Stevie Sussex, 3. Frankie Guerrini, 4. Jadon Rogers, 5. Kyle Shipley, 6. Chase Stockon, 7. Cody Williams, 8. Nate Schank, 9. Zack Pretorius,

10. Rylan Gray, 11. Matt Westfall, 12. Brayden Clark, 13. Kobe Simpson, 14. Luke Hall, 15. David Gasper, 16. Matt Goodnight, 17. Weston Gorham, 18. Ricky Lewis, 19. Saban Bibent. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr. (2), 2. Mitchel Moles (6), 3. Justin Grant (3), 4. Brady Bacon (13), 5. C.J. Leary (9), 6. Logan Seavey (5), 7. Shane Cottle (16), 8. Robert Ballou (4), 9. Jadon Rogers (24), 10. Max Adams (17), 11. Kyle Cummins (14), 12. Jake Swanson (18), 13. Daison Pursley (10), 14. Trey Osborne (8), 15. Anton Hernandez (1), 16. Kale Drake (12), 17. Stevie Sussex (11), 18. Brandon Mattox (15), 19. Frankie Guerrini (21), 20. Jack Hoyer (19), 21. Hayden Reinbold (23), 22. Harley Burns (22), 23. Briggs Danner (7), 24. Todd Hobson (20). NT

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

**Briggs Danner & Kyle Cummins flipped on lap 11 of the feature. Harley Burns flipped on lap 20 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-2357, 2-Brady Bacon-2278, 3-Daison Pursley-2141, 4-C.J. Leary-2109, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2074, 6-Mitchel Moles-2025, 7-Robert Ballou-1979, 8-Justin Grant-1915, 9-Kyle Cummins-1900, 10-Carson Garrett-1517.

SPRINT CAR SMACKDOWN XIII POINTS: (Top-8 locked into Saturday night's feature) 1-Justin Grant-694, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-664, 3-Logan Seavey-652, 4-Brady Bacon-648, 5-C.J. Leary-644, 6-Robert Ballou-644, 7-Daison Pursley-642, 8-Mitchel Moles-615.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-168, 2-Logan Seavey-146, 3-Robert Ballou-134, 4-C.J. Leary-113, 5-Kyle Cummins-108, 6-Justin Grant-107, 7-Chase Stockon-101, 8-Brady Bacon-99, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-96, 10-Joey Amantea-92.

SPRINT CAR SMACKDOWN XIII PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Jadon Rogers-24, 2-Briggs Danner-18, 3-Nate Schank-18, 4-Jake Swanson-16, 5-Justin Grant-14, 6-Brady Bacon-14, 7-Ricky Lewis-14, 8-Robert Ballou-13, 9-Shane Cottle-13, 10-Mitchel Moles-11.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: August 24, 2024 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – 13th Annual Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Sprint Car Smackdown XIII

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: C.J. Leary (12.865)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Mitchel Moles (12.626)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Trey Osborne

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Briggs Danner

T.J. Forged Third Heat Winner: Brady Bacon

Car IQ Fourth Heat Winner: Justin Grant

Steel-It Fifth Heat Winner: C.J. Leary



Trailer Alarms C-Main Winner: Brayden Clark

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Hoosier Tire Last Semi-Transfer: Jadon Rogers

The Frolic Bar & Grill First Non-Transfer: Kyle Shipley

ProSource Hard Work: Jadon Rogers

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Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Brandon Mattox

Jeff's Jam-It-In Storage Top Local Driver: Max Adams (10th)

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FIRST TO 4! GRANT COLLECTS $35,000, BECOMES FIRST 4-TIME SMACKDOWN CHAMP

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Kokomo, Indiana (August 24, 2024)……Simply put, over the course of the 13-year history of Elliott's Custom Trailer & Carts Sprint Car Smackdown at Indiana's Kokomo Speedway, no one has done it better than Justin Grant.

On Saturday night, the Ione, California native ascended to even greater heights after leading the final 10 circuits of the 40-lapper to become the first four-time Smackdown champion, duplicating the feat he had previously achieved in 2018, 2021 and 2023.

In the process, Grant earned his record-extending 11th career USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship feature victory at the Kokomo 1/4-mile dirt oval to earn a $35,000 payday - $30,000 for winning the race and an extra $500 for each of the 10 laps he led down the stretch.

Grant also moved up another notch in the record books. His 53rd overall USAC National Sprint Car victory moved him past Tom Bigelow and into sole possession of third-place all-time on the series' win list in his TOPP Motorsports/NOS Energy Drink – Bow Foundation – TOPP Industries/Maxim/Kistler Chevy.

Speaking of which, TOPP Motorsports also surpassed Steve Stapp for the third most career wins as an entrant in USAC National Sprint Car history. The team now stands at 51 series victories, trailing only Dynamics, Inc./Hoffman Auto Racing with 139 and Tony Stewart Racing with 71.

Overall, nine of Grant's 11 career USAC National Sprint Car victories at Kokomo have come during Smackdown – seven prelim triumphs and four final nighters. Yet perhaps none of them have come in as unorthodox fashion as it did in his latest winning performance.

"I just absolutely love this place," Grant exclaimed. "I've never spent that much time on the bottom of this place, but it's all right. It's nice to know we can do that too!"

It has admittedly been a trying year for Grant, who's been stuck in the lower half of the series point standings for much of the year due to seven finishes of 20th or worse, and currently stands eighth, 430 points out of the lead, practically putting him out of contention for a third consecutive USAC National Sprint Car driving title.

However, Grant has still managed to win eight series races, second most in the series. But once Smackdown came around, Grant was once again in top form, winning his Thursday prelim, finishing third in the Friday prelim and capping off the weekend with another championship belt after starting fifth on the grid and after a bit of work by the him and the crew to make sure all facets were buttoned up to go after a repeat Smackdown score and a win in the opening race of the 2024 NOS Energy Drink Hoosier Trifecta.

"We swapped motors from this car to our spare car, went through it, then changed a bunch and did everything," Grant explained. "We just weren't happy with where we were at and went to work today to try and be a little better, and it sure paid off. I've had some rough spells this year, but I wake up every day and I get to be a racecar driver for a living and that's incredible to me. I love it."

Initially, 2016 Smackdown champion Kevin Thomas Jr. had the dominant hand as he broke out to a two second lead by lap 10 after starting from the outside of the front row. However, while slicing his way through lapped traffic on lap 18, his car suddenly went up in smoke on the back straightaway, forcing him into the infield with what Thomas diagnosed as a puncture in the radiator.

"I had a great racecar, and I felt like I could've won that race," a dejected Thomas stated. "Obviously, you don't want to speak for what hasn't happened but it's tough to have $50 grand slip through your fingers like that or at least not have an opportunity to race it out to your abilities, but that is racing. This (stuff) ain't fair."

Despite finishing 23rd, Thomas still walked away from the night with $10,000 in earnings for leading the initial 17 laps on top of his $1,500 start money. However, it was of little consolation as Mitchel Moles became the new race leader just prior to the halfway point on lap 18. Earlier in the evening, Moles made a Cinderella run as the lowest seed (#8) in the King of the Hill duels, beating his competition in dramatic fashion to score the title.

However, at this juncture in the race, Grant was already finding his groove as he slotted into the second spot and began his pursuit of Moles with just a little more than half the race remaining.

"If I tried to pedal at all, I'd lose all my grip," Grant pointed out. "I kind of found that while bombing and trying to pass guys into three. I could run in twice as hard as I thought I could and then make twice as much grip when I got there. The first time I did that – I think it was when I was getting by (Daison Pursley) – I was like, 'oh, we're really, really good.' We started marching back forward, and we got a break there with (Thomas) blowing up. But I think our car was really good. It would've been a great race between us; he's awfully good at scrumming the middle like that, but I've been getting better and better at it."

Moles continued to pace the field through the back end of the field, but by lap 25, Grant was right on the heels of the Moles. On lap 31, Grant found daylight in turn one with a wide open lane on the bottom to surge past Moles and assume his new, but familiar spot as the Smackdown Saturday night race leader.

In a race that had gone clean and green throughout the first 33 laps, the action was halted for the first and only time on the 34th lap when 14th running Ricky Lewis snagged the turn two cushion, ramped up the wall and flipped upside down.

It was a fairly close call for Grant as he was running side-by-side with Lewis at the moment of the incident, which Lewis walked away from without harm.

Grant had held a 0.876 second lead before the red, but during the ensuing laps after the restart with seven to go and a clear track ahead, Grant was unflappable. Turning his fastest lap of the race with three to go, Grant ultimately extended his advantage to 1.747 seconds at the finish line over Mitchel Moles, Robert Ballou and Logan Seavey with C.J. Leary rounding out the top-five.

Mitchel Moles (Raisin City, Calif.) electrified the crowd with an astonishing run through King of the Hill earlier in the evening. After leading 13 laps and finishing as the runner-up in the feature, it was a career best Smackdown night for Moles en route to a 19,000 payday aboard his Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports/AME Electrical – Mesilla Valley Transportation/Spike/Stanton Chevy.

Third-place finisher Robert Ballou (Rocklin, Calif.) completed the weekend with his best Smackdown championship night result since 2017. His result also marked his third-straight top-five finish on the final night of Smackdown at the wheel of his Ballou Motorsports/Suburban Subaru – Deaton's Waterfront Services/DRC/Ott Chevy.

Kale Drake (Collinsville, Okla.) earned a $1,000 reward courtesy of Crume-Evans Insurance as the 2024 Smackdown Rookie of the Year. Drake finished 10th in the feature, his best career USAC National Sprint Car result to date.

Jadon Rogers (Worthington, Ind.) passed a total of 25 cars throughout the three nights of Smackdown. No driver passed more than Rogers who collected a $500 bonus as Smackdown's ProSource Passing Master.

Hayden Reinbold (Gilbert, Ariz.) is just getting started. This weekend, he made his USAC National Sprint Car debut, and on Saturday night, he was on the cusp of gaining the final transfer spot in the semi-feature before coming up one position short. For that, he collected a $300 bonus from The Frolic Bar & Grill as the first non-transferring driver.

Matt Westfall (Pleasant Hill, Ohio) pocketed an extra $200 courtesy of J & J Trucking as the night's hard charger and also earned himself a new right rear Hoosier Tire for taking the final transfer spot in the semi-feature. Hunter Maddox (Bedford, Ind.) also received a new right rear Hoosier Tire as the winner of the C-Main.

It was a superb Smackdown kind of night for Brayden Clark (Tipton, Ind.) who advanced from fifth to first to win the semi-feature and make his way into his first Smackdown feature field. For his performance, he also earned the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night. Plus, he picked up another $100 bonus as the recipient of the ProSource Hard Work award.

For the second consecutive night, Max Adams (Loomis, Calif.) ranked as the top finishing local driver in the field. Currently fourth in Kokomo Speedway's point standings, Adams raced to an 11th place finish in the feature after starting back in 18th.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: August 24, 2024 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – 13th Annual Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Sprint Car Smackdown

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-3 transfer to the feature) 1. Briggs Danner (#39 Hogue), 2. Stevie Sussex (#77s Sturgeon), 3. Brandon Mattox (#28 Mattox), 4. Todd Hobson (#77 Wingo), 5. Brayden Clark (#4c Clark), 6.

Frankie Guerrini (#G3 F & F), 7. Cody Williams (IN) (#26 Williams), 8. Michael Daugherty (#3.14 Daugherty), 9. Saban Bibent (#98 Wedgewood). 2:14.954

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-3 transfer to the feature) 1. Shane Cottle (#2E Epperson), 2. Ricky Lewis (#41 Stensland), 3. Max Adams (#63 F & F), 4. Hayden Reinbold (#19 Reinbold-Underwood), 5. Matt Westfall (#33m Marshall), 6. Rylan Gray (#06 Gray), 7. Austin Hawkins (#5A Hawkins), 8. David Gasper (#04 Burton). NT

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-3 transfer to the feature) 1. Kale Drake (#2B 2B Racing), 2. Jake Swanson (#47 Eades), 3. Trey Osborne (#11T Osborne), 4. Kyle Shipley (#4u AJR), 5. Kobe Simpson (#21K Simpson), 6. Weston Gorham (#71w Gorham), 7. Matt Goodnight (#39G Goodnight), 8. Jack James (#99 James). 2:16.785

CAR IQ FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-3 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins (#3p Petty), 2. Carson Garrett (#15 BGE Dougherty), 3. Jack Hoyer (#57H Hazen), 4. Jadon Rogers (#66 Amati), 5. Chase Stockon (#5s KO), 6. Cody Williams (CA) (#92 Sertich), 7. Hunter Maddox (#24m Maddox), 8. Max Frank (#25 Middle Class). NT

FIRST BILL & SANDY WEVER & THE GRANDKIDS KING OF THE HILL QUARTERFINAL: (3 laps) #8 Mitchel Moles (#19AZ Reinbold-Underwood) defeats #1 Justin Grant (#4 TOPP). 41.080

SECOND BILL & SANDY WEVER & THE GRANDKIDS KING OF THE HILL QUARTERFINAL: (3 laps) #5 C.J. Leary (#15x BGE Dougherty) defeats #4 Brady Bacon (#69 Dynamics). 41.005

THIRD BILL & SANDY WEVER & THE GRANDKIDS KING OF THE HILL QUARTERFINAL: (3 laps) #6 Robert Ballou (#12 Ballou) defeats Logan Seavey (#57 Abacus). 41.767

FOURTH BILL & SANDY WEVER & THE GRANDKIDS KING OF THE HILL QUARTERFINAL: (3 laps) #2 Kevin Thomas Jr. (#3R Rock Steady) defeats #7 Daison Pursley (#21AZ Team AZ). 41.212

FIRST BILL & SANDY WEVER & THE GRANDKIDS KING OF THE HILL SEMIFINAL: (3 laps) #8 Mitchel Moles defeats #5 C.J. Leary. 40.920

SECOND BILL & SANDY WEVER & THE GRANDKIDS KING OF THE HILL SEMIFINAL: (3 laps) #2 Kevin Thomas Jr. defeats #6 Robert Ballou. 40.553

BILL & SANDY WEVER & THE GRANDKIDS KING OF THE HILL FINAL: (3 laps) #8 Mitchel Moles defeats #2 Kevin Thomas Jr. 40.612

TRAILER ALARMS C-MAIN: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the semi) 1. Hunter Maddox, 2. David Gasper, 3. Cody Williams (IN), 4. Max Frank, 5. Saban Bibent, 6. Matt Goodnight, 7. Jack James, 8. Michael Daugherty, 9. Austin Hawkins. 2:26.478

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Brayden Clark, 2. Chase Stockon, 3. Jadon Rogers, 4. Matt Westfall, 5. Hayden Reinbold, 6. Todd Hobson, 7. Kyle Shipley, 8. David Gasper, 9. Cody Williams (CA), 10. Hunter Maddox, 11. Weston Gorham, 12. Max Frank, 13. Cody Williams (IN), 14. Kobe Simpson, 15. Frankie Guerrini, 16. Rylan Gray. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (5), 2. Mitchel Moles (1), 3. Robert Ballou (4), 4. C.J. Leary (3), 5. Logan Seavey (6), 6. Brady Bacon (7), 7. Kyle Cummins (12), 8. Daison Pursley (8), 9. Shane Cottle (10), 10. Kale Drake (11), 11. Max Adams (18), 12. Jake Swanson (15), 13. Briggs Danner (9), 14. Stevie Sussex (13), 15. Matt Westfall (24),

16. Carson Garrett (16), 17. Brandon Mattox (17), 18. Chase Stockon (22), 19. Trey Osborne (19), 20. Ricky Lewis (14), 21. Brayden Clark (21), 22. Jack Hoyer (20), 23. Kevin Thomas Jr. (2), 24. Jadon Rogers (23). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-17 Kevin Thomas Jr., Laps 18-30 Mitchel Moles, Laps 31-40 Justin Grant.

**Ricky Lewis flipped on lap 34 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-2415, 2-Brady Bacon-2333, 3-Daison Pursley-2190, 4-C.J. Leary-2170, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2097, 6-Mitchel Moles-2092, 7-Robert Ballou-2043, 8-Justin Grant-1985, 9-Kyle Cummins-1952, 10-Carson Garrett-1548.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-168, 2-Logan Seavey-147, 3-Robert Ballou-135, 4-C.J. Leary-113, 5-Kyle Cummins-113, 6-Justin Grant-111, 7-Chase Stockon-105, 8-Brady Bacon-100, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-96, 10-Joey Amantea-92.

FINAL SPRINT CAR SMACKDOWN XIII PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Jadon Rogers-25, 2-Jake Swanson-19, 3-Justin Grant-18, 4-Briggs Danner-18, 5-Nate Schank-18, 6-Brady Bacon-15, 7-Ricky Lewis-15, 8-Robert Ballou-14, 9-Shane Cottle-14, 10-Max Adams-14.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: September 5, 2024 – RPM Speedway – Crandall, Texas – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – Co-Sanctioned by the ASCS Elite Non-Wing Sprints

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Crume-Evans Insurance Smackdown Rookie of the Year: Kale Drake (10th)

Smackdown ProSource Passing Master Champion: Jadon Rogers (25)

Bill & Sandy Wever & The Grandkids King of the Hill Champion: Mitchel Moles

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Justin Grant (13.008)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Briggs Danner

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Shane Cottle

T.J. Forged Third Heat Winner: Kale Drake

Car IQ Fourth Heat Winner: Kyle Cummins

Trailer Alarms C-Main Winner: Hunter Maddox

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Brayden Clark

Hoosier Tire Last Semi-Transfer: Matt Westfall

The Frolic Bar & Grill First Non-Transfer: Hayden Reinbold

ProSource Hard Work: Brayden Clark

J & J Trucking Hard Charger: Matt Westfall (24th to 15th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Brayden Clark

Jeff's Jam-It-In Storage Top Local Driver: Max Adams (11th)

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Bacon Wins #50 For Hoffman, Plus $10,000 Big Ones At Texarkana

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Texarkana, Arkansas (September 7, 2024)……Brady Bacon had multiple duels to face off against during the final laps of Saturday night's Wingless Short Track Nationals at Arkansas' Texarkana 67 Speedway.

First, there was Kyle Cummins who controlled much of the second half of the 40-lap event and was leading Bacon when the white flag was displayed. Then there was the lapped traffic, which seemingly encompassed every spec of dirt across the entire width of the 1/4-mile dirt oval.

Through it all, Bacon emerged as the $10,000 victor to become the first driver to win multiple USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship feature events in The Natural State of Arkansas.

Back in 2012, Bacon scored what was his first career victory for the Hoffman team, which he now owns 50 of, down the road at Riverside International Speedway in West Memphis, Ark., truly a full circle event for the Broken Arrow, Okla. native. In fact, the 50 wins for Bacon as the driver of the Hoffman / Dynamics, Inc No. 69 is the most between any driver/entrant pairing in USAC National Sprint Car history.

In a race which featured six lead changes, including five during the final seven laps, Bacon took over the lead when Cummins biked on the turn two cushion, dug in and flipped upside multiple times. Upon the resumption, Bacon led the final two laps following a green-white-checker restart to earn the 58th overall victory of his USAC National Sprint Car career, four shy of Dave Darland's all-time series record of 62.

"I knew traffic was going to be hard and I knew we were tight," Bacon explained. "So, I was just hanging on for the first 15 laps or so. I knew the track would come to us, but it was going to be hard to pass, and it came down to the wire there."

Kevin Thomas Jr. led the opening 18 laps from his outside front row starting position while pole sitter Cummins slotted into the second position. Just before the midway point, the duel between the pair was on. First, Cummins swept around the outside of Thomas briefly in turn three on lap 17. However, Cummins became boxed in behind a lapped car. Thomas promptly drove back under to reclaim the top spot.

However, Thomas' lead proved to be short lived following that encounter. On lap 19, Cummins shot around the outside of Thomas off the exit of turn four to take over up front.

As Cummins worked through traffic to extend his lead on lap 25, he split between the cars of Anthony Nicholson and Justin Zimmerman to put them a lap down. It was a close call off turn four for Cummins who touched wheels with Zimmerman, but both continued on without interruption, harm or foul.

Meanwhile, Bacon, who had run third throughout much of the contest, slipped under Thomas for the runner-up spot in turns three and four on lap 28. However, Bacon remained 1.7 seconds behind Cummins who was steadily running away and hiding from all challengers.

If traffic did not exist, commutes from point A to point B would be so much smoother and simpler. But that's not real life on the mean streets, nor is it on the racetrack, and Cummins soon reinforced that sad truth of life. As Cummins spied high and low to find a gap to escape through on his merry way, those gaps became smaller until they became non-existent.

During that time, Bacon was shaving off multiple tenths a lap, and by lap 35, he was in a position to pounce. Bacon scoured the bottom of turns one and two to scoot by Cummins for the top spot. In the meantime, Thomas re-entered the fray and slid across the nose of Cummins in turn three to briefly occupy second for a moment.

Undeterred, Cummins cut back under Bacon to retain the position at the stripe, and less than a full circuit later, on lap 37, Bacon found himself trapped behind Kale Drake on the bottom, which subsequently parted the seas for Cummins who cruised the high side back to the lead with just three laps remaining.

With the tail-end lead lap cars of Chase Howard, Kale Drake and Kyle Jones stacked three-wide from top-to-bottom, that left minimal wiggle room for Cummins to finish his work. Gliding through the middle of turns one and two, Cummins was in no man's land as Bacon once again motored by on the low side to retake the lead with two laps remaining. Bacon encountered the same precarious position on lap 39 as he got bogged behind the same three-wide formation, while Cummins had free reign up top to blast past Bacon one more on the back straight, ultimately clearing him for the spot off turn four with the white flag in sight.

Traveling side-by-side into turn one, with Bacon low and Cummins high, fate was decided when Cummins smashed the curb, got his left side wheels airborne before landing back on all fours and pancaking the wall, sending Cummins flopping over twice. Cummins climbed out under his own power after the incident that turned the complexion of the race on a dime.

"That baby biked up on me; it hadn't biked the whole race," Cummins lamented. "We were just driving hard, and the lapped cars were hard to get around, and Brady got back around me. We were two-wide and three-wide, and it was wild up there. God, I hate it for my team. We were going to win $10,000 bucks. I'm here to race to win and I was giving it all she had. I went into that corner every lap just like that, and I thought it would come down and maybe I could save it. This one time got me a little bit."

Cummins' catastrophe set up a green-white-checker scenario to decide the race, pushing the total laps of the feature into a rare "overtime" period. However, just as soon as it got going, the going soon got stopped. On the lap 40 restart, Hunter Maddox, running 17th at the time, ramped over the left rear tire of R.J. Miller entering turn three, resulting in Maddox flipping wildly several times. Maddox walked away from the incident under his own power.

The second attempt at a GWC went much more smoothly for all, but especially for Bacon who launched forward with a much better restart than the time before. Without an imminent challenge, Bacon stepped away from the field with relative

ease to cross the line 0.725 seconds ahead of the pack in his Dynamics, Inc./Davis Brothers Trucking - Tel-Star Communications/Triple X/Rider Chevy.

“On those green-white-checker restarts, you never know what’s going to happen, especially after we sit on the track and the tire gets cold and loses air,” Bacon demonstrated. “On the first one, I didn’t get a very good start. I saw KTJ on the bottom and I had too much time to think about what I was going to do on the next one, but obviously, we made the right choice, and we were able to stay out front and get the win. It’s good to win a little closer to home than I’m used to.”

Behind the front two of Bacon and Thomas, Logan Seavey crossed the line in third while Daison Pursley and Mitchel Moles finished fourth and fifth respectively to round out the top-five.

Kevin Thomas Jr. (Cullman, Ala.) led the initial 18 laps of the main event but felt he just didn’t pick the right lines at the right time to grab the win on this evening aboard his Rock Steady Racing/Inferno Armor – Eddie Gilstrap Motors – Creative Finishing/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy. Still, it was a superb night for the veteran as he finished as the runner-up.

Logan Seavey (Sutter, Calif.) began his night by setting a new one-lap USAC National Sprint Car track record at Texarkana with a time of 13.985 seconds during Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying. The 15th fast time of his career with the series tied him for 32nd all-time alongside Kenny Irwin Jr., Sammy Sessions and Brian Tyler. In the feature, the series point leader searched the surface high, low and everywhere in between to work his way past Pursley into the third spot on the final lap in his MPV Express – CG CPAs – Indy Custom Stone/DRC/Stanton Chevy, which was his 12th top-five result in his last 14 series starts.

Kyle Jones (Kennedale, Texas) racked up several contingency awards throughout the course of the feature. He earned $500 as the ProSource Passing Master for the abbreviated weekend, going +13 combined between his heat race and the feature at Texarkana. He claimed another $100 bonus as the race’s hard charger, starting 22nd and finishing 10th. He also pocketed $200 as the top-finishing ASCS Elite Non-Wing Sprint Car Series driver.

Jason Howell (Fort Worth, Texas) put together a pretty solid night all around, finishing the feature as the 14th place finisher, which was the second highest placement by an ASCS Elite Non-Wing Sprint Car Series driver in Saturday night’s feature. For that performance, he picked up an extra $100 from ProSource.

Kyle Cummins (Princeton, Ind.) was the show from the get-go. Although his bid for a feature win came up short in heartbreaking fashion, he was spectacular throughout. Early on, he overcame engine issues to win his heat race on the last lap. That right there proved to be the night's Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: September 7, 2024 – Texarkana 67 Speedway – Texarkana, Arkansas – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – Co-Sanctioned by the ASCS Elite Non-Wing Sprints

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-13.985 (New Track Record); 2. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-13.987; 3. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-14.158; 4. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-14.170; 5. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-14.177; 6. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-14.220; 7. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-14.335; 8. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-14.340; 9. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-14.484; 10. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-14.523; 11. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-14.559; 12. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-14.585; 13. Jason Howell, 72, Pack Rat-14.642; 14. Chase Howard, 13, Howard-14.656; 15. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-14.672; 16. Justin Zimmerman, #1, Zimmerman-14.696; 17. Keith

Martin, 79, Hall-14.722; 18. Paul White, 1, Wade-14.767; 19. R.J. Miller, 34, Miller-14.856; 20. Anthony Nicholson, 16, Nicholson-14.885; 21. Kyle Jones, 79x, Hall-14.935; 22. Rhett Butler, 34R, Butler-15.587; 23. Ronny Howard, 44, Howard-15.638; 24. Brennon Marshall, 43, Miller-NT; 25. Colby Stubblefield, 2, Stubblefield-NT.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Kale Drake, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Justin Zimmerman, 4. Brady Bacon, 5. Jason Howell, 6. Logan Seavey, 7. R.J. Miller, 8. Rhett Butler. 2:02.068

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. C.J. Leary, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Mitchel Moles, 5. Keith Martin, 6. Chase Howard, 7. Anthony Nicholson, 8. Ronny Howard. 2:00.129 (New Track Record)

T.J. FORGED / CAR IQ THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins, 2. Matt Westfall, 3. Hunter Maddox, 4. Kobe Simpson, 5. Daison Pursley, 6. Kyle Jones, 7. Paul White. 2:03.372

FEATURE: (41 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brady Bacon (3), 2. Kevin Thomas Jr. (2), 3. Logan Seavey (6), 4. Daison Pursley (4), 5. Mitchel Moles (5), 6. C.J. Leary (10), 7. Robert Ballou (8), 8. Justin Grant (9), 9. Matt Westfall (11), 10. Kyle Jones (22), 11. Kale Drake (7), 12. Kobe Simpson (12), 13. Anthony Nicholson (19), 14. Jason Howell (13), 15. R.J. Miller (18), 16. Kyle Cummins (1), 17. Paul White (21), 18. Hunter Maddox (14), 19. Chase Howard (17), 20. Rhett Butler (20), 21. Justin Zimmerman (15), 22. Keith Martin (16), 23. Ronny Howard (23). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-18 Kevin Thomas Jr., Laps 19-34 Kyle Cummins, Laps 35-36 Brady Bacon, Lap 37 Kyle Cummins, Lap 38 Brady Bacon, Lap 39 Kyle Cummins, Laps 40-41 Brady Bacon.

**Kyle Cummins flipped on lap 40 of the feature. Hunter Maddox flipped on lap 40 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-2502, 2-Brady Bacon-2427, 3-Daison Pursley-2269, 4-C.J. Leary-2245, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2187, 6-Mitchel Moles-2172, 7-Robert Ballou-2114, 8-Justin Grant-2051, 9-Kyle Cummins-2002, 10-Carson Garrett-1548.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-176, 2-Logan Seavey-168, 3-Robert Ballou-136, 4-C.J. Leary-117, 5-Kyle Cummins-113, 6-Justin Grant-112, 7-Chase Stockon-109, 8-Brady Bacon-106, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-96, 10-Joey Amantea-92.

TEXARKANA USAC PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kyle Jones-13, 2-C.J. Leary-6, 3-Anthony Nicholson-6, 4-Matt Westfall-4, 5-Kyle Cummins-4, 6-Paul White-4, 7-Brady Bacon-3, 8-Logan Seavey-3, 9-Robert Ballou-3, 10-Justin Grant-10.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: September 13, 2024 – Circle City Raceway – Indianapolis, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Mitchel Moles (14.710)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Logan Seavey (13.985)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Kale Drake

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

T.J. Forged / Car IQ Third Heat Winner: Kyle Cummins

Hard Charger: Kyle Jones (22nd to 10th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Kyle Cummins

Texarkana ProSource Passing Master Champion: Kyle Jones (13)

Top Finishing ASCS Elite Non-Wing Sprint Car Driver: Kyle Jones (10th)

Second Best Finishing ASCS Elite Non-Wing Sprint Car Driver: Jason Howell (14th)

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Road to Redemption: Cummins Bounces Back to Win at Circle City

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Indianapolis, Indiana (September 13, 2024)……One week earlier, it was the cushion that tripped up Kyle Cummins while he was less than one lap away from a possible victory at Arkansas's Texarkana 67 Speedway, resulting in him landing on his lid rather than celebrating another triumph.

Just six days later on a rare Friday the 13th affair at Indianapolis, Indiana's Circle City Raceway, Cummins prevailed on what he deemed was the hardest cushion he's ever run in his life to win his second USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship feature of the year in his Petty Performance Racing/Avanti Windows & Doors - Premier Recycling/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy.

Cummins led all 30 laps from green to checkered, but endured repeated challenges throughout the distance, including a last lap, last turn effort from Logan Seavey to score his third career USAC National Sprint Car win at Circle City's 1/4-mile dirt oval, tying Seavey for the most all-time, in what was a most demanding task.

"I'm very excited but I am mentally exhausted," Cummins acknowledged. "That's like the hardest cushion I've ever run in my life. Normally, I like it here, but (turn) one was weird, and I kept seeing Brady (Bacon) and Seavey there. To have that pressure behind you lap after lap, and to know I crashed the last time I was leading, puts a lot of pressure on you."

Overall, Cummins' latest victory was the 20th of his USAC National Sprint Car career, becoming the 35th driver in series history to notch at least 20 main event wins. This one was uber rewarding for Cummins, considering it came in such a redemptious manner, which required the first-year USAC Sprint Car team to unbend and straighten out the pieces in order to pick up where they left off.

"I think we've had a really good car since the start of Indiana Sprint Week," Cummins said of the late-July event. "I was kind of excited and made some mistakes during Sprint Week. But this car is good, and it's the one we ran at Texarkana. It was all bent up, but we bent it back and it seems to be pretty good. It's been a long year, but we've finally found a package that allows me to race with these guys. If you're not there to race, you don't have a chance, and at least we're racing with them."

Track position was paramount, as it turned out, and proved to be pivotal from the get-go. On the initial green flag attempt, outside front row starter Bacon went topside around pole sitter Cummins to secure the lead. However, just before the completion of the lap, 16th starting Carson Garrett coasted to a stop on the back straightaway with a broken tie-rod.

However, with zero laps completed, Bacon's lead was negated, and the lineup reverted back to factory settings with a complete side-by-side restart. On the second attempt, it was Cummins who got the upper hand on Bacon to lead the initial lap.

On the sixth circuit, amid a tussle for 13th, wheel-to-wheel contact between Daison Pursley and Shane Cottle triggered a three-car accident in turn three. Following the contact, Pursley spun backwards into turn three. As he slid up the race track, Jadon Rogers (15th) slammed into the side of Pursley. Todd Hobson (18th) also was unable to avoid and broadsided Rogers. The incident ended the evening for both Rogers and Hobson while Pursley was able to restart at the tail before making his way back up through the field for a 13th place result.

Cummins maintained roughly a three-car length lead nearing the halfway point of the 30-lap feature, even despite a sizable snag of the turn four cushion, which jackknifed him sideways as he fought through traffic. Nonetheless, it turned out to be no harm, no foul for Cummins at the time as he led a three-car breakaway on the top side just ahead of Bacon and Seavey.

As Bacon attempted to make a move on Cummins for the lead in turns one and two on the 19th lap, he lost grip through the middle of turn two, thus opening the door for Seavey to blast by for the second position entering turn three. The moment proved brief, however, as Bacon returned fire and slid Seavey back a half-lap later to retake second in turns one and two.

A yellow flag on lap 20 for the stopped car of Hunter Maddox in turn three erased Cummins 1/2-second lead with 10 laps remaining but also broke up the conglomeration of traffic in front of the leaders for the time being.

With that said, it didn't delete the possibility of hiccups along the way, and on lap 22, Bacon slipped over the cushion in turn two. As Bacon fought to regain control, Seavey breezed on by underneath on the back straight to become the new occupant of the runner-up spot but still remained a 1/2-second out of the reach of Cummins' race lead.

Throughout the final stretch, Seavey was able to inch his way closer and closer to Cummins and found himself just 2.5 car lengths behind the leader midway down the back stretch when he made his move by diving underneath Cummins to pull even through turns three and four. However, Cummins' high side momentum proved too much to overcome as he put the finishing touches on a 0.444 second margin of victory.

"When I took the white flag, I messed up in turns three and four and I was getting really tight," Cummins replayed. "I didn't know if I was doing better at sliding myself and catching the cushion or not. On that last lap, I thought I got in and I'm like, "man, I didn't get off good." I couldn't tell if I was hearing him or not, and when I got into three, I just kind of babied it knowing that if I didn't push, I could at least come around him. It was going to be tight, but I think I was kind of being careful, but it wasn't like it was that close."

Behind Cummins at the finish line were runner-up Logan Seavey with Brady Bacon, Mitchel Moles and Shane Cottle completing the top-five. Ironically or not, the top-three of Cummins, Seavey and Bacon represented all three USAC National Sprint Car winners at Circle City in 2024.

Logan Seavey (Sutter, Calif.) felt he might have been too patient for the first 20 or so laps, but in the end, he came on strong to finish as the runner-up after winning the previous two Circle City USAC Sprint Car races in 2024 aboard his Abacus Racing/Honest Abe Roofing - Rockwell Security - Indy Custom Stone/DRC/Stanton Chevy.

Brady Bacon (Broken Arrow, Okla.) ran second for much of the race, but one bite of the cushion with nine laps to go took away his runner-up spot and relegated him back to third at the finish line in his Dynamics, Inc./Daredevil Brewing – Davis Brothers Trucking - Tel-Star/Triple X/Rider Chevy.

Mitchel Moles (Raisin City, Calif.) finished fourth but started his night off as the Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier, which was the 14th of his USAC National Sprint Car career, equaling him with Billy Cassella, Tyler Courtney and Damion Gardner for 36th place all-time.

Shane Cottle (Kansas, Ill.) has made it a habit of winning hard charger awards on the low line at dirt tracks across the nation, especially at Circle City. He did it once again on this night after starting 12th and finishing fifth.

What way to make an entrance for Gunnar Setser (Columbus, Ind.). Making his USAC National Sprint Car debut, Setser made a splash in his heat race with a last lap, last turn pass to earn the final transfer spot by mere inches. That move alone earned him the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Of note, this occasion marked just the eighth USAC National Sprint Car event ever held on Friday the 13th. Past winners on the date include Jim Mahoney (Lakeside (Kan.) Speedway 1991), Billy Pauch (Williams Grove Speedway 1996), Brian Tyler (Toledo Speedway 2001), Daron Clayton (Gas City I-69 Speedway 2007), Bryan Clauson (Gas City I-69 Speedway 2012), Robert Ballou (Perris Auto Speedway 2015), Justin Grant (Terre Haute Action Track 2019) and now Kyle Cummins (Circle City Raceway 2024).

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: September 13, 2024 – Circle City Raceway – Indianapolis, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-12.228; 2. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-12.236; 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-12.295; 4. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-12.300; 5. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-12.303; 6. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-12.316; 7. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-12.319; 8. Shane Cottle, 2E, Epperson-12.453; 9. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-12.461; 10. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-12.490; 11. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-12.535; 12. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-12.560; 13. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-12.584; 14. Jadon Rogers, 66, Amati-12.638; 15. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-12.659; 16. Zack Pretorius, 9z, Pretorius-12.680; 17. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-12.703; 18. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-12.710; 19. Harley Burns, 16K, Knight-12.726; 20. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-12.743; 21. Jack Hoyer, 11, Hoyer-12.852; 22. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-12.867; 23. Todd Hobson, 77, Wingo-12.886; 24. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-12.890; 25. Cale Coons, 5, Baldwin/Fox-12.916; 26. Travis Thompson, 7, Thompson-12.921; 27. Sam Hinds, 71H, Hinds-12.938; 28. Chance Crum, 26, Crum-13.043; 29. Noah Whitehouse, 00, Whitehouse-13.193.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Jack Hoyer, 2. Daison Pursley, 3. Matt Westfall, 4. Brady Bacon, 5. Mitchel Moles, 6. Hunter Maddox, 7. Noah Whitehouse, 8. Cale Coons. 2:09.638

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Joey Amantea, 2. Hayden Reinbold, 3. Kyle Cummins, 4. Jadon Rogers, 5. Justin Grant, 6. Robert Ballou, 7. Travis Thompson. NT

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Chase Stockon, 2. Todd Hobson, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Harley Burns, 5. Gunnar Setser, 6. Sam Hinds, 7. C.J. Leary. NT

CAR IQ FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kale Drake, 2. Carson Garrett, 3. Shane Cottle, 4. Logan Seavey, 5. Brandon Mattox, 6. Chance Crum, 7. Zack Pretorius. 2:12.770

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. Robert Ballou, 3. Hunter Maddox, 4. Chance Crum, 5. Sam Hinds, 6. Travis Thompson, 7. Noah Whitehouse, 8. Cale Coons. 2:17.923

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kyle Cummins (1), 2. Logan Seavey (3), 3. Brady Bacon (2), 4. Mitchel Moles (6), 5. Shane Cottle (12), 6. Chase Stockon (7), 7. Justin Grant (5), 8. Kevin Thomas Jr. (4), 9. Joey Amantea (8), 10. Robert Ballou (14), 11. Kale Drake (9), 12. Gunnar Setser (15), 13. Daison Pursley (13), 14. C.J. Leary (11), 15. Matt Westfall (17), 16. Hayden Reinbold (21), 17. Jack Hoyer (10), 18. Chance Crum (24), 19. Carson Garrett (16), 20. Brandon Mattox (23), 21. Harley Burns (20), 22. Hunter Maddox (19), 23. Jadon Rogers (18), 24. Todd Hobson (22). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Kyle Cummins.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-2577, 2-Brady Bacon-2498, 3-Daison Pursley-2313, 4-C.J. Leary-2284, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2246, 6-Mitchel Moles-2243, 7-Robert Ballou-2160, 8-Justin Grant-2112, 9-Kyle Cummins-2079, 10-Carson Garrett-1580.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-176, 2-Logan Seavey-169, 3-Robert Ballou-140, 4-C.J. Leary-117, 5-Kyle Cummins-113, 6-Justin Grant-112, 7-Chase Stockon-110, 8-Brady Bacon-106, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-96, 10-Joey Amantea-92.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: September 14, 2024 – Tri-State Speedway – Haubstadt, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – 17th Haubstadt Hustler

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Mitchel Moles (12.168)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Mitchel Moles (12.228)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Jack Hoyer

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Joey Amantea

T.J. Forged Third Heat Winner: Chase Stockon

Car IQ Fourth Heat Winner: Kale Drake

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: C.J. Leary

Hard Charger: Shane Cottle (12th to 5th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Gunnar Setser

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High 5! Thomas Scores $20,000 USAC Haubstadt Hustler at Tri-State

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Haubstadt, Indiana (September 14, 2024)……It's safe to say that, over the years, no driver has accrued more success at Tri-State Speedway and the Haubstadt Hustler in USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship competition than Kevin Thomas Jr.

And that was even before he set foot on the property of the southern Indiana 1/4-mile dirt oval on Saturday night.

That's where Thomas (Cullman, Ala.) blitzed by Justin Grant for the lead in lapped traffic on the 14th circuit of the 40-lap main event to earn a hefty sum of $20,000 while extending his record of USAC National Sprint Car victories at Tri-State to eight and his Haubstadt Hustler win total to five. No other driver has more than two in the 17-year history of the event.

KTJ's victory also marked a redemption on two different fronts. His last visit to Tri-State in early August began with a qualifying crash, which put him behind the proverbial eight ball all night. Furthermore, in late August during Sprint Car Smackdown at Kokomo (Ind.) Speedway, Thomas saw a potential $50,000 payday go by the wayside when a radiator puncture forced him out of the race with 17 of 40 laps complete.

This time around, there was no doubt about it as Thomas put the stamp on his 44th career USAC National Sprint Car triumph, one behind 1968-1970-1975 series champion Larry Dickson for seventh place all-time. Meanwhile, it was Thomas' fifth series win of the year, two of which have come at Tri-State after also winning this past May's Spring Showdown.

In fact, only two drivers have captured victories in both the Spring Showdown and the Haubstadt Hustler within the same year. Daron Clayton achieved it once in 2014. However, Thomas has now completed the sweep of these two events on three distinct occasions in 2013, 2018 and now in 2024 while at the wheel of his Rock Steady Racing/Inferno Armor – Eddie Gilstrap Motors – Creative Finishing/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy.

On this night, it was "one for the thumb" so to speak as Thomas officially collected an entire handful of Haubstadt Hustler scores after previously mastering the course in 2013, 2017, 2018 and 2021.

"Hats off to my guys. I was a little skittish today during qualifying. I was just being pretty cautious and making sure we got two laps," referring to his Tri-State qualifying flip in August. "Whenever you talk about rebounding, these guys definitely know how to do that. It's a blessing to be able to drive this thing."

That's no joke as Thomas' latest win provided team owner Hank Byram's Rock Steady Racing team with its third Haubstadt Hustler win after previously reigning in 2016 and 2019 with driver Kyle Cummins. Furthermore, Byram/Rock Steady's 30th career USAC National Sprint Car victory on this night tied Don Siebert and Dick Hammond's Gohr Distributing team for 16th place on the all-time list.

The race also resulted in a weekend sweep for the Mach-1 Chassis, which is pretty much piloted by just two drivers on the circuit – Kyle Cummins and Kevin Thomas Jr. Cummins and his Petty Performance Racing team were victorious on Friday night at Indianapolis, Indiana's Circle City Raceway and the Pennsylvania-based chassis was in top form again on Saturday night with Thomas at Tri-State while its constructor was in attendance to witness both wins first-hand.

"Mark Smith is here this week, and he told me before the race that he wanted to get his picture taken and not with his own phone," Thomas quipped. "I'm glad he was here to be able to get a win. Hell, I think this car is a 2014. Kyle (Cummins) won about a million races in it, and it's proven to be fast."

While Thomas started fourth on the feature grid, outside front row starter Justin Grant shot out to the initial lead over pole sitter Robert Ballou. By lap two, however, Thomas was on the move, establishing himself in the second spot as he scooped under Ballou in turn three before going to work on Grant for the race lead.

Meanwhile, Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier Mitchel Moles was spying down Ballou for third on the fourth lap. As Moles ducked under in turn three, his right rear tire made contact with Ballou's left front tire, sending Ballou skating up the racetrack. Moles went by for third as series point leader Logan Seavey followed suit to fourth, thus dropping Ballou all the way back to fifth in the blink of an eye.

Grant maintained a three to four car length grip over Thomas for much of the first half of the race. That is until lap 14 just after the frontrunners were beginning to work their way through traffic at the tail end of the field. As Grant entered turns three and four, his car suddenly bogged down, scrubbing his speed and allowing Thomas to freely drive by along the bottom to take over the lead.

"I felt good running behind him," Thomas said of the situation. "But being good and passing somebody who is good are two different circumstances. Being able to run the right part of the racetrack whenever I'm alone by myself, that allows me to enter at the right speeds and I'm not trying to critique myself on whether that was faster or better. I can just go out there and naturally drive. Being out front allows you to do that. As I was trying to chase Justin, I got lucky in lapped traffic. He got a full hornet's nest, and that didn't help him there. I'm just glad we were able to pounce whenever we needed to and have the car to stay there."

Moments later, on lap 16, 16th running Gunnar Setser, making his second career USAC National Sprint Car start, endured a vicious flip along the front straightaway as he raced side-by-side with KO Motorsports teammate Kayla Roell. As he attempted to avoid contact with her just under the flag stand, Setser veered left, which promptly dug his right rear tire into the track surface and sent him barrel-rolling five times into turn one. For Setser, it was his second flip of the night after also taking a tumble in virtually the same spot on the opening lap of the fourth heat race. Both times, he was able to walk away under his own power.

By halfway, Thomas had opened up his lead to 1.5 seconds over Grant and maintained roughly the same interval as he continued to make his pathway through lapped traffic. But on lap 32, the man who was chasing him, Grant, performed a half-spin in turn four. Brady Short (17th) had no time to avoid and collided into the left rear of Grant's ride. Grant continued onward without stopping while Short's race ended on the spot with heavy front end damage.

The incident also left Grant with lingering damage to his left rear shock, which he'd endure for the final nine laps. On the ensuing restart, Ballou took advantage of Grant's misfortune by gliding underneath in turn four to grab the second spot. Grant subsequently took a precipitous drop all the way down to ninth by race's end.

As Thomas led by 1.4 seconds and appeared headed to a comfortable outcome, the yellow flag suddenly stifled his pursuit. On lap 39, seventh running Kale Drake slid to a stop on the top side of turns three and four, erasing what would've been his best career USAC National Sprint Car run to date.

For the final two-lap shootout, Thomas utilized the upper line while Ballou was digging on the bottom. Ultimately, Thomas punctuated the 40th and final lap by crossing the stripe 0.390 seconds ahead of Ballou with Kyle Cummins third, Mitchel Moles fourth and Brady Bacon fifth.

However, an ongoing melee was underway behind the front runners at the finish line. Daison Pursley (11th) smashed into the outside turn four wall on the final corner, then bounced back directly into the path of Jadon Rogers who made contact with Pursley. Carson Garrett ramped over the left rear tire of the slowing Pursley while Kendall Ruble careened into the side of Garrett. Miraculously, no drivers got upside down in the accident as they all crossed the finish line in an unsavory manner.

Robert Ballou (Rocklin, Calif.) fell from second to fifth early but soon found his groove thereafter. He worked his way back up to second during the waning laps to finish as the runner-up in his Ballou Motorsports/Suburban Subaru – Deaton's Waterfront Services/DRC/Ott Chevy. That earned him the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night and also tied his best career Haubstadt Hustler result after finishing second in 2014. Furthermore, Ballou remains the only driver in contention to collect a payday for the NOS Energy Drink Trifecta. After finishing third at Kokomo in July and second on this night at Tri-State, a third-place or better run at Lawrenceburg (Ind.) Speedway on October 12 would earn him a $10,000 bonus.

Kyle Cummins (Princeton, Ind.) experienced a solid weekend after winning on Friday night at Circle City Raceway before finishing third at Tri-State in his Petty Performance Racing/Avanti Windows & Doors - Premier Recycling/Mach-1/Stanton Chevy. Overall, it was Cummins' seventh career Haubstadt Hustler podium finish.

Despite the tumultuous finish that saw him fly sideways under the checkered flag, Kendall Ruble (Vincennes, Ind.) was highly pleased with his performance that netted him hard charger honors after starting 24th and finishing 11th.

The event was also round eight of 10 in the third annual Bubby Jones Master of Going Faster Presented By Spire Sports + Entertainment series. With his fifth place result at Tri-State, Bacon retains a 22-point lead over Thomas with two events remaining on September 21 at Ohio's Eldora Speedway and October 12 at Indiana's Lawrenceburg Speedway.

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HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-13.216; 2. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-13.312; 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-13.491; 4. Gunnar Setser, 5G, KO-13.505; 5. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-13.557; 6. Carson Short, 21m, Edwards-13.589; 7. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-13.591; 8. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-13.637; 9. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-13.670; 10. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-13.700; 11. Brady Short, 61m, Edwards-13.714; 12. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-13.752; 13. Kayla Roell, 5K, KO-13.766; 14. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-13.776; 15. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-13.804; 16. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-13.825; 17. Jadon Rogers, 66, Amati-13.842; 18. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-13.848; 19. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-13.880; 20. Dustin Beck, 75, Henson/Rupp-13.922; 21. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-13.956; 22. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-14.056; 23. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-14.073; 24. J.J. Hughes, 76, Hughes-14.087; 25. Sam Scott, 7s, Scott-14.091; 26. Aric Gentry, 10, Gentry-14.203; 27. Nate Schank, 1, Schank-14.233; 28. Donny Brackett, 4B, Brackett-14.285; 29. Kendall Ruble, 17, Ruble-14.319; 30. Nathan Seale, 1s, Seale-14.671; 31. Austin Hawkins, 5A, Hawkins-14.986; 32. Colton Booten, 2J, Pritchett-15.308.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Mitchel Moles, 2. Jadon Rogers, 3. Chase Stockon, 4. Kayla Roell, 5. Logan Seavey, 6. Kendall Ruble, 7. Sam Scott, 8. Brandon Mattox. NT

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Brady Bacon, 2. Hayden Reinbold, 3. Kyle Cummins, 4. Daison Pursley, 5. Hunter Maddox, 6. Nathan Seale, 7. Carson Short. 2:14.315

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Brady Short, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Matt Westfall, 5. Kale Drake, 6. Austin Hawkins, 7. Nate Schank. NT

CAR IQ FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. Robert Ballou, 3. Dustin Beck, 4. Carson Garrett, 5. J.J. Hughes, 6. Donny Brackett, 7. Colton Booten, 8. Gunnar Setser. NT

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kendall Ruble, 2. Gunnar Setser, 3. Joey Amantea, 4. Brandon Mattox, 5. Austin Hawkins, 6. Sam Scott, 7. Nathan Seale, 8. Nate Schank, 9. Aric Gentry, 10. Donny Brackett, 11. Carson Short, 12. Colton Booten. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr. (4), 2. Robert Ballou (1), 3. Kyle Cummins (5), 4. Mitchel Moles (6), 5. Brady Bacon (8), 6. Logan Seavey (3), 7. C.J. Leary (7), 8. Chase Stockon (10), 9. Justin Grant (2), 10. Carson Garrett (16), 11. Kendall Ruble (24), 12. Daison Pursley (11), 13. Matt Westfall (15), 14. Jadon Rogers (17), 15. Kayla Roell (13), 16. Kale Drake (18), 17. J.J. Hughes (23), 18. Dustin Beck (19), 19. Brady Short (12), 20. Hayden Reinbold (14), 21. Hunter Maddox (21), 22. Joey Amantea (22), 23. Gunnar Setser (9), 24. Brandon Mattox (20). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-13 Justin Grant, Laps 14-40 Kevin Thomas Jr.

**Gunnar Setser flipped during the fourth heat. Donny Brackett flipped during the semi. Nathan Seale flipped during the semi. Gunnar Setser flipped on lap 16 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-2638, 2-Brady Bacon-2564, 3-Daison Pursley-2357, 4-C.J. Leary-2344, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2326, 6-Mitchel Moles-2318, 7-Robert Ballou-2234, 8-Justin Grant-2166, 9-Kyle Cummins-2154, 10-Carson Garrett-1628.

BUBBY JONES MASTER OF GOIN' FASTER PRESENTED BY SPIRE SPORTS + ENTERTAINMENT POINTS: 1-Brady Bacon-544, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-522, 3-C.J. Leary-507, 4-Logan Seavey-499, 5-Daison Pursley-495, 6-Mitchel Moles-489, 7-Kyle Cummins-479, 8-Robert Ballou-452, 9-Justin Grant-440, 10-Chase Stockon-361.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-176, 2-Logan Seavey-169, 3-Robert Ballou-140, 4-C.J. Leary-117, 5-Kyle Cummins-115, 6-Justin Grant-112, 7-Chase Stockon-112, 8-Brady Bacon-109, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-99, 10-Joey Amantea-92.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: September 21, 2024 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – 42nd 4-Crown Nationals Presented By NKTELCO

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Logan Seavey (13.214)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Mitchel Moles (13.216)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Mitchel Moles

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Brady Bacon

T.J. Forged Third Heat Winner: Justin Grant

Car IQ Fourth Heat Winner: C.J. Leary

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Kendall Ruble

Hard Charger: Kendall Ruble (24th to 11th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Robert Ballou

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Pursley Powers to 4-Crown USAC Sprint Victory at Eldora

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Rossburg, Ohio (September 21, 2024)……Twenty four hours after becoming a first-time Eldora Speedway USAC NOS Energy Drink National Midget winner, Daison Pursley checked off another box by becoming a first-time USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car winner at the Rossburg, Ohio dirt oval.

The fifth-place starting Pursley (Locust Grove, Okla.) became the third different leader in the first one-third of Saturday night's 30-lap feature after he tracked down and slid his way past Kevin Thomas Jr. on the 10th lap, then ran away from the field to earn a $15,000 payday at the 42nd running of the 4-Crown Nationals Presented By NKTELCO in his Team AZ Racing/Apache Transport – Oak Craft Elegant Cabinetry/DRC/1-Way Chevy.

"This car was on rails on all night tonight," Pursley praised. "Coming into this, I honestly thought this would be the hardest one to win. To click that one for the first feature of the night is cool. This is an unbelievable team to drive for, and once again, I'm just lucky enough to get to hold the steering wheel and take part in these victories."

For Pursley, it was his second career points-paying USAC National Sprint Car victory, both of which have come this year at two of the most famed 1/2-mile dirt ovals in the world after also winning at Iowa's Knoxville Raceway on the first of June.

It was certainly no comfort cruise for Pursley, however, as he was on the chase for the first nine laps while pole sitter Stevie Sussex patrolled the field by pacing the first five circuits in what was the veteran's first career start at the 4-Crown and his first time in the seat of a Baldwin-Fox Racing machine.

The lone caution of the feature occurred on the fifth lap when series Rookie and fourth-place running Kale Drake spun to a halt on the bottom of turn four. The entirety of the field scattered high and low to avoid head-on contact with the idle Drake but all managed to miss. Drake restarted at the tail and finished 18th.

On the horse following the restart was Kevin Thomas Jr. who shot to the bottom down around the inside concrete wall in turns three and four to surge past Sussex for the lead on lap six. Pursley followed suit past Sussex into second a lap later to place himself right within striking distance of the top spot.

After briefly pondering taking the high road around Thomas for a lap or two, Pursley recalculated and found a crack in the doorway on the bottom to slip past Thomas on the front straight away on lap 10 to snare the lead and instantly pulled away.

Pursley continuously built his advantage to three, four and five seconds as he quickly reached lapped traffic. Undeterred, he was unrelenting as he maintained his pace and cemented his case as the class of the field on this night.

In the end, Pursley made mincemeat of the field by crossing the stripe 5.434 seconds ahead of the competition as Kevin Thomas Jr., Logan Seavey, Kyle Cummins and Robert Ballou rounded out the top-five.

Pursley's performance netted him his first career 4-Crown Nationals victory of any kind after capturing the USAC National Midget portion of the BeFour the Crowns on Friday evening.

Meanwhile, Kevin Thomas Jr. (Cullman, Ala.) led four laps to earn his best career 4-Crown Nationals result in what was his 12th start in the event dating back to 2009.

For Logan Seavey (Sutter, Calif.), the third-place finish was fruitful as it helped him extend his USAC National Sprint Car championship point lead from 74 to 86 with just four events remaining on the schedule. Furthermore, for his efforts, Seavey was the recipient of the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night after recovering from an early-race near incident in which he almost backed himself into the turn one outside wall.

Mitchel Moles (Raisin City, Calif.) also recovered from early hardship after his Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports mount wasn't able to fire for qualifying. Forced to swap the engine out, Moles ultimately made his way into the feature via the last transfer spot in the semi, then hustled from 24th to 15th in the feature to become the event's hard charger. That earned him a $500 bonus for the Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move of the Race.

With his seventh place finish in the main event, Brady Bacon (Broken Arrow, Okla.) was able to maintain a slim six-point edge over Kevin Thomas Jr. in the battle for the Bubby Jones Master of Going Faster Presented By Spire Sports + Entertainment title. One race remains in the 10-race series during the October 12 Fall Nationals at Lawrenceburg (Ind.) Speedway.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: September 21, 2024 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – 42nd 4-Crown Nationals Presented By NKTELCO

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-15.536; 2. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ-15.935; 3. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-16.130; 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-16.174; 5. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-16.207; 6. Stevie Sussex, 5, Baldwin/Fox-16.207; 7. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-16.266; 8. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-16.272; 9. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-16.302; 10. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-16.327; 11. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-16.369; 12. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-16.450; 13. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming/Swanson-16.607; 14. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-16.612; 15. Trey Osborne, 11T, Osborne-16.622; 16. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-16.633; 17. Max Adams, 63, F & F-17.008; 18. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-17.009; 19. Paul Dues, 87, Dues-17.110; 20. Nick Bilbee, 17, Bilbee-17.152; 21. Saban Bibent, 98, Wedgewood-17.155; 22. Chance Crum, 26, Crum-17.181; 23. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-17.208; 24. Scotty Weir, 21H,

Hery-17.257; 25. Kody Swanson, 77, Doran-17.325; 26. Matt Goodnight, 39G, Goodnight-17.364; 27. Steve Irwin, 0, Flying Zero-17.366; 28. Braxton Cummings, 71B, Cummings-17.520; 29. Brian Ruhlman, 49, Ruhlman-17.528; 30. Collin Ambrose, 36, Ambrose-17.558; 31. Travis Thompson, 7, Thompson-17.658; 32. Korbyn Hayslett, 1H, Hayslett-17.791; 33. John Mollick, 4J, Clever-17.884; 34. Aric Gentry, 10, Gentry-17.936; 35. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-17.940; 36. Max Frank, 25, Middle Class-17.992; 37. Ryan Barr, 21B, Barr-18.029; 38. Keith Sheffer II, 86, Sheffer-18.101; 39. Bryce Dues, 23D, Dues-18.123; 40. Austin Cory, 00, Cory-18.208; 41. Jack James, 99, James-18.417; 42. Mike Haggenbottom, 51, Hoagie-18.481; 43. Nate Schank, 1, Schank-NT; 44. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-NT.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Seavey, 2. C.J. Leary, 3. Max Adams, 4. Kyle Cummins, 5. Saban Bibent, 6. Jake Swanson, 7. John Mollick, 8. Ryan Barr, 9. Brian Ruhlman, 10. Kody Swanson, 11. Jack James. 2:18.130

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. Daison Pursley, 3. Matt Westfall, 4. Chance Crum, 5. Stevie Sussex, 6. Brandon Mattox, 7. Matt Goodnight, 8. Keith Sheffer II, 9. Aric Gentry, 10. Collin Ambrose, 11. Mike Haggenbottom. 2:18.838

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Chase Stockon, 2. Briggs Danner, 3. Kale Drake, 4. Hunter Maddox, 5. Trey Osborne, 6. Steve Irwin, 7. Mitchel Moles, 8. Paul Dues, 9. Travis Thompson, 10. Joey Amantea, 11. Bryce Dues. 2:23.576

CAR IQ FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Brady Bacon, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Carson Garrett, 5. Nick Bilbee, 6. Scotty Weir, 7. Max Frank, 8. Braxton Cummings, 9. Nate Schank, 10. Austin Cory. NT

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Scotty Weir, 2. John Mollick, 3. Jake Swanson, 4. Mitchel Moles, 5. Brandon Mattox, 6. Kody Swanson, 7. Brian Ruhlman, 8. Steve Irwin, 9. Braxton Cummings, 10. Matt Goodnight, 11. Ryan Barr, 12. Keith Sheffer II, 13. Mike Haggenbottom, 14. Paul Dues, 15. Max Frank, 16. Joey Amantea, 17. Nate Schank, 18. Bryce Dues, 19. Jack James, 20. Aric Gentry, 21. Collin Ambrose, 22. Travis Thompson, 23. Austin Cory. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Daison Pursley (5), 2. Kevin Thomas Jr. (3), 3. Logan Seavey (7), 4. Kyle Cummins (2), 5. Robert Ballou (10), 6. C.J. Leary (6), 7. Brady Bacon (9), 8. Briggs Danner (11), 9. Matt Westfall (13), 10. Stevie Sussex (1), 11. Chase Stockon (8), 12. Justin Grant (16), 13. Jake Swanson (14), 14. Carson Garrett (12), 15. Mitchel Moles (24), 16. Trey Osborne (15), 17. Scotty Weir (22), 18. Kale Drake (4), 19. Max Adams (17), 20. Nick Bilbee (18), 21. John Mollick (23), 22. Hunter Maddox (21), 23. Chance Crum (20), 24. Saban Bibent (19). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-5 Stevie Sussex, Laps 6-9 Kevin Thomas Jr., Laps 10-30 Daison Pursley.

**Nate Schank flipped during qualifying.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-2710, 2-Brady Bacon-2624, 3-Daison Pursley-2439, 4-C.J. Leary-2412, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2402, 6-Mitchel Moles-2352, 7-Robert Ballou-2300, 8-Kyle Cummins-2222, 9-Justin Grant-2212, 10-Carson Garrett-1668.

BUBBY JONES MASTER OF GOIN' FASTER PRESENTED BY SPIRE SPORTS + ENTERTAINMENT POINTS: 1-Brady Bacon-604, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-598, 3-Daison Pursley-577, 4-C.J. Leary-575, 5-Logan Seavey-571, 6-Kyle Cummins-547, 7-Mitchel Moles-523, 8-Robert Ballou-518, 9-Justin Grant-486, 10-Chase Stockon-410.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-186, 2-Logan Seavey-174, 3-Robert Ballou-145, 4-C.J. Leary-117, 5-Justin Grant-116, 6-Kyle Cummins-115, 7-Chase Stockon-112, 8-Brady Bacon-111, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-100, 10-Joey Amantea-93.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES: October 11-12, 2024 – Lawrenceburg Speedway – Lawrenceburg, Indiana – 3/8-Mile Dirt Oval – Fall Nationals

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: C.J. Leary (15.709)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: C.J. Leary (15.536)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Logan Seavey

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

T.J. Forged Third Heat Winner: Chase Stockon

Car IQ Fourth Heat Winner: Brady Bacon

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Scotty Weir

Hard Charger: Mitchel Moles (24th to 15th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Logan Seavey

Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move of the Race: Mitchel Moles

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C.J. History! Leary Leads the Way at IMS USAC Sprint Invitational

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Speedway, Indiana (September 26, 2024)……C.J. Leary has consistently run near the front of the field throughout the 2024 USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship season. Nonetheless, a fact that's been stuck in his craw throughout much of the campaign is the absence of a victory, last winning with the series at Florida's Ocala Speedway in February.

Even though Thursday night's caution-free 20-lap inaugural Stoops Sprint Car Invitational at The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway fell into the category of a non-points special event, victory was like a warm hug for the Greenfield, Ind. native and his BGE Dougherty Motorsports/Altoz – Valvoline – Hornbeck Concrete/DRC/1-Way Chevy.

And to do it at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway? Well, that's priceless.

"It's pretty special," Leary beamed. "I didn't know if we knew how to win anymore; it's been a long time."

Starting seventh, Leary quickly moved up into the top-three by the third lap, then made his strike at the halfway point when he combed the bottom past Mitchel Moles on lap 11, then raced past racelong leader Daison Pursley on the back stretch on the 12th lap to snag the lead.

This was the first official sprint car race contested at the 1/5-mile dirt oval. Shhh. Don't tell. But there was a trial run of USAC Sprint Car racing at the IMS dirt track in 2022, a test in which Leary and others gained critical notes to add to their notebook in order to be ready when the time came to return.

"I came here and tested two years ago," Leary remembered. "I feel like that gave me a little bit of an edge. We knew what gear to run and knew a little bit of what to expect. We ran some small tracks this year like Action Track USA and Macon, so our short track program has gotten better."

Leary is well-known for his prowess on the larger, fast tracks such as Eldora and Lawrenceburg where he has excelled extensively. But this year has admittedly been a bit of a struggle to find victory lane on any track regardless of shape or size. So, a win at this place at this particular time was a more than welcome addition to his personal win list.

"Typically, we're a little bit better on the bigger racetracks," Leary acknowledged. "But this year, we haven't been good at anything. Even though it's an invitational race, it's super cool to be in victory lane. I've run here since the start of the BC39 (in 2018), and I've never really done any good. So, it feels good to win something."

On a track in which many naysayers and doomsdayers cast their doubts on regarding passing and competitiveness, even Leary was down in the doldrums after finding out his starting position. However, the seventh starting position just proved to be the sweet spot for Leary to make his charge from, and it even came in a car that he had previously had not-so-kind thoughts on.

"We've put a lot of effort into this," Leary admitted. "Honestly, when they redrew the seven (pill), we were contemplating on not even running. But we came out here to put on a show for the fans. We had a really good racecar, and this thing was dialed in. The last time this car ran was at Kokomo during Indiana Sprint Week (in late July). It did pretty poorly and I didn't like it that night. So, I think my opinion has changed a little bit. It's obviously pretty good."

After Leary took over the lead, for the final nine circuits, he was forced to fend off USAC's most recent National Sprint Car winner, Daison Pursley, who rim-rode the circumference of the dirt track located within the confines of turn three inside the world famous 2.5-mile "Brickyard" that surrounds it.

While Leary stuck low, Pursley's high line couldn't get him any closer. In turn four on the final lap, Pursley ran out of room and clobbered the wall, briefly lifting him airborne. While Pursley continued on, he was no match for Leary who closed out the race with a 1.102 second margin of victory over Pursley, while Mitchel Moles, Robert Ballou and Kyle Cummins rounded out the top-five.

"We needed to make money," Leary exclaimed. "I lost the transmission in my truck last week, so we're going to have to pay for that. Hats off to (car owners) Broc (Garrett) and Doug (Dougherty) for sticking it out. I know it's been a tough year, and we haven't won as many as we wanted. But it's not for a lack of effort. (Crewmen) Zack (Burks), my dad (Chuck Leary) and I have been pounding away in the shop, just trying to figure out what we're missing and I think we might've caught on to something."

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SPECIAL EVENT RACE RESULTS: September 26, 2024 – The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway – Speedway, Indiana – 1/5-Mile Dirt Oval – Stoops Sprint Car Invitational

FIRST QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-11.941; 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-11.995; 3. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-12.041; 4. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-12.094; 5. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-12.252.

SECOND QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-11.784; 2. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-11.786; 3. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-12.228; 4. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-12.262; 5. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-12.384.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Carson Garrett, 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3. Kyle Cummins, 4. Logan Seavey, 5. Chase Stockon. 1:40.202

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. Robert Ballou, 3. Mitchel Moles, 4. Daison Pursley, 5. Kale Drake. 1:38.189

FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. C.J. Leary (7), 2. Daison Pursley (1), 3. Mitchel Moles (3), 4. Robert Ballou (5), 5. Kyle Cummins (4), 6. Logan Seavey (2), 7. Kevin Thomas Jr. (6), 8. Kale Drake (10), 9. Chase Stockon (9), 10. Carson Garrett (8). 4:15.600

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-11 Daison Pursley, Laps 12-20 C.J. Leary.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES: October 11-12, 2024 – Lawrenceburg Speedway – Lawrenceburg, Indiana – 3/8-Mile Dirt Oval – Greg Staab Memorial/Fall Nationals

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Redemption at The Burg! Danner Capitalizes Late to Score Staab Memorial

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Lawrenceburg, Indiana (October 11, 2024)……"It's not really the way we want to do it, but we'll take them any way we can get them."

On a smattering of occasions throughout the 2024 USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship season, Briggs Danner wound up in the unenvious position of having the proverbial rug pulled out from underneath him while leading late in a race.

One of those particular instances came during July's USAC Indiana Sprint Week round at Lawrenceburg Speedway where he was leading the field in the latter stages of the race before an engine issue forced him to the sidelines.

Upon his return to the 3/8-mile dirt oval during Friday night's inaugural Greg Staab Memorial, Danner just so happened to be on the opposite side of a similar ordeal. On the final lap, racelong leader Mitchel Moles' bid for victory was snuffed just one turn away from the finish line when a caution was displayed for an incident in turn one involving Kyle Shipley and Kale Drake.

Under the yellow, Moles' car developed an unusual and unexpected malady. With his engine's RPMs suddenly rising, Moles wore out his brakes just trying to keep his car whoa'd down under the yellow flag period. When Moles pulled off the racing surface, Danner took over control of the race, then fended off Robert Ballou for the final two circuits to gather a look-what-I-found victory in his Hogue Racing Enterprises/E. Schneider & Sons – Boulevard Truck Repair/DRC/Rider Chevy.

Even with the lap 30 yellow flag, Danner (Allentown, Pa.) felt he still had a chance to make a run at Moles. As it turned out, good fortune for himself and devastating heartbreak for Moles was negated that scenario before it could even be put to the test.

"I feel really bad for Mitchel," Danner admitted. "I knew he had something going on. I think his throttle was sticking. I don't really want to win a race in that manner, but I still think we had a shot with two laps to go there. He was running through the bottom of one and two and I felt really good up top. I think we could've pushed the issue."

Despite gaining all three of his career USAC National Sprint Car feature wins in 2024 at Pennsylvania's Grandview Speedway as well as Indiana's Bloomington and Lawrenceburg Speedways, Danner has also quite often been on the other side of the equation more times than he'd prefer with a boatload of near misses.

At Williams Grove, Danner ran out of fuel while leading coming off the final turn on the last lap. At Port Royal, he smacked the wall and subsequently dropped out while leading with eight laps to go. At Action Track USA, he came up on the short end of a photo finish, losing out to Logan Seavey by .043 second. And of course, there was the aforementioned Lawrenceburg race in midsummer, but this time around, Danner was determined not to let another one slip away.

While Danner slotted into third for the start of the 73rd USAC national event of the year during the 73rd ever visit by the USAC National Sprint Cars at Lawrenceburg, Moles was lined up directly in front of him on the pole position. Moles levied no mercy on the 24-car field as he rushed out to a near two second lead and stayed put throughout much of the first half of the race.

On lap 13, however, Moles nearly met catastrophe as he and Todd Hobson collided off the exit of turn two as Moles was attempting to put Hobson a lap down. Wheels touched as a result, sending Hobson airborne while Moles' momentum briefly got stifled. Nonetheless, both continued onward seemingly void of any lasting effects for the moment.

The torrid pace went caution free for the initial 26 laps until 11th running Kale Drake initiated the first yellow flag after performing a 360-degree spin in turn four, thus erasing Moles' 1.6 second advantage. While Moles' interval had been slashed, on the same token, it did clear a path for him to race his way to the finish line for the final four laps without the hindrance of traffic.

For the third-running Danner, it was "good riddance" to traffic, and thus, made it one less task to take away from his ultimate focus of getting to the front. With that said, time was running short.

"It was getting tough because I was pushing it really hard," Danner explained. "We got in traffic and I knew we'd be slowing down a little bit. Guys like Brady (Bacon) would be able to keep up. He was showing his nose, but I wasn't going to let it faze me. I just tried not to look at him and kept pushing. I was able to get by Robert (Ballou) there, and luckily, that was a big move to be able to win this."

While many eyes were affixed to Moles leading the pathway, the intriguing battle for the second position proved to be critical. Danner chased Ballou, then successfully slid underneath him in turn three to grab the second position at a crucial juncture with just three laps to go.

Although Danner managed to close to within three to four car lengths of Moles as the front two swept through turns three and four for the final time, it seemed as if the sand in the hourglass had run out. But, just in the nick of time for Danner's sake, Shipley bounced through turn one and nearly toppled over before coming to a halt. Drake, like Shipley, also running just beyond mid-pack at the moment, was unable to avoid Shipley and slid sideways, nerf bar first, into Shipley's ride. Both drivers were okay, but unable to restart.

In a shocking development, under the yellow flag, Moles stopped at the edge of the infield, then was pushed to the pits with a possible stuck throttle. That made Danner the leader of the pack for the race that was extended to 31 laps due to the "overtime" period.

Although Ballou took run after run to slide up in front, Danner never flinched and never wavered as he crossed the stripe

0.593 seconds ahead of the field. Ballou came home a close second while Bacon collected third, Daison Pursley fourth and Kevin Thomas Jr. fifth.

Danner's victory allowed him to become the first native Pennsylvanian to win three or more USAC National Sprint Car feature events in a season since National Sprint Car Hall of Famer Mitch Smith do so in 1971.

Robert Ballou (Rocklin, Calif.) came narrowly close to scoring his first USAC victory at Lawrenceburg since 2011. In the end, he finished with his second top-two series result in his past three starts aboard his Ballou Motorsports/Suburban Subaru – Mountain Mechanical Contractors/DRC/Ott Chevy.

Brady Bacon (Broken Arrow, Okla.) kept the train-a-rollin' as he finished third to grab his 19th consecutive top-10 finish of the USAC National Sprint Car season in his Dynamics, Inc./Tom Hoffman Construction – Spankins Motorsports/Triple X/Rider Chevy.

Mired back in the 16th starting spot, Kyle Cummins (Princeton, Ind.) went to work and raced his way up to a ninth place result in the feature. That earned him the evening's hard charger honors.

Kayla Roell (Dillsboro, Ind.) furiously fought her way into the main event. Starting sixth in the semi-feature, she moved her way up to the fourth and final transfer spot to put herself in the big show. For that, she's the honoree of Inferno Armor USA's Fire Move of the Night

In Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying, Daison Pursley (Locust Grove, Okla.) captured his sixth career USAC National Sprint Car quick time, which tied him for 80th on all-time list with Mike Bliss, Daron Clayton, Derek Davidson, Eric Gordon, Richard Griffin, Jac Haudenschild, Tray House, James McElreath and Ken Schrader.

Meanwhile, Danner's third career USAC National Sprint Car victory placed him 118th on the all-time series feature winners list alongside Chuck Amati, Sonny Ates, Joe Barzda, Jeff Bloom, Mark Cassella, Jerry "Scratch" Daniels, Bob East, Bob Frey, Dickie Gaines, Wayne Hammond, Tray House, Kenny Jacobs, Tony Jones, Kyle Larson, Andy Linden, Charlie Masters, Mike Mosley, Larry Rice, Ron Shuman, Mitch Smith and Doug Wolfgang.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: October 11, 2024 – Lawrenceburg Speedway – Lawrenceburg, Indiana – 3/8-Mile Dirt Oval – Greg Staab Memorial

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-14.049; 2. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-14.076; 3. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-14.085; 4. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-14.169; 5. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-14.256; 6. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-14.266; 7. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-14.369; 8. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-14.387; 9. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-14.441; 10. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-14.537; 11. Jadon Rogers, 66, Amati-14.552; 12. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-14.618; 13. Kyle Shipley, 4u, AJR-14.700; 14. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-14.709; 15. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-14.724; 16. J.J. Hughes, 76, Hughes-14.730; 17. Nick Bilbee, 17, Bilbee-14.786; 18. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-14.862; 19. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-14.951; 20. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-14.953; 21. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-14.971; 22. Shawn Westerfeld, 44J, Fischesser/Owen-15.010; 23. Todd Hobson, 44, Soudrette-15.106; 24. Kayla Roell, 5K, KO-15.304; 25. Ryan Barr, 21B, Barr-15.355; 26. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-15.633; 27. Dakota Earls, 15E, Earls-15.736; 28. Braxton Cummings, 71B, Cummings-15.948; 29. Brian Heitkamp, 22, Heitkamp-16.394; 30. Saban Bibent, 98, Wedgewood-NT.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Nick Bilbee, 2. Kyle Shipley, 3. Hayden Reinbold, 4. Justin Grant, 5. Daison Pursley, 6. Ryan Barr, 7. Brian Heitkamp, 8. Kale Drake. NT

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Shawn Westerfeld, 3. Matt Westfall, 4. Joey Amantea, 5. Logan Seavey, 6. Carson Garrett, 7. Hunter Maddox. 1:57.869

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Chase Stockon, 2. Robert Ballou, 3. Todd Hobson, 4. Brady Bacon, 5. Jadon Rogers, 6. Brandon Mattox, 7. Dakota Earls. 1:59.526

CAR IQ FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Mitchel Moles, 4. J.J. Hughes,

5. Briggs Danner, 6. Braxton Cummings, 7. Kayla Roell. 1:59.479

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kale Drake, 2. Carson Garrett, 3. Brandon Mattox, 4. Kayla Roell, 5. Braxton Cummings, 6. Hunter Maddox, 7. Dakota Earls, 8. Brian Heitkamp, 9. Ryan Barr. NT

FEATURE: (31 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (3), 2. Robert Ballou (2), 3. Brady Bacon (4), 4. Daison Pursley (6), 5. Kevin Thomas Jr. (7), 6. Chase Stockon (8), 7. C.J. Leary (10), 8. Justin Grant (13), 9. Kyle Cummins (16), 10. Logan Seavey (5), 11. Nick Bilbee (9), 12. Carson Garrett (12), 13. Joey Amantea (19), 14. J.J. Hughes (18), 15. Brandon Mattox (20), 16. Todd Hobson (23), 17. Kayla Roell (24), 18. Hayden Reinbold (21), 19. Mitchel Moles (1), 20. Kale Drake (11), 21. Kyle Shipley (17), 22. Shawn Westerfeld (22), 23. Jadon Rogers (15), 24. Matt Westfall (14). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-29 Mitchel Moles, Laps 30-31 Briggs Danner.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-2762, 2-Brady Bacon-2697, 3-Daison Pursley-2510, 4-C.J. Leary-2472, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2468, 6-Mitchel Moles-2383, 7-Robert Ballou-2374, 8-Kyle Cummins-2275, 9-Justin Grant-2266, 10-Carson Garrett-1711.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-196, 2-Logan Seavey-188, 3-Robert Ballou-145, 4-Justin Grant-138, 5-C.J. Leary-128, 6-Chase Stockon-126, 7-Kyle Cummins-124, 8-Brady Bacon-112, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-105, 10-Matt Westfall-104.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: October 12, 2024 – Lawrenceburg Speedway – Lawrenceburg, Indiana – 3/8-Mile Dirt Oval – Fall Nationals

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Daison Pursley (14.246)

Honest Abe Roofing/Greg Staab Memorial Fast Qualifier: Daison Pursley (14.049)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Nick Bilbee

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

T.J. Forged Third Heat Winner: Chase Stockon

Car IQ Fourth Heat Winner: C.J. Leary

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Kale Drake

Greg Staab Memorial First Non-Transfer: Braxton Cummings

Greg Staab Memorial Hard Charger: Kyle Cummins (16th to 9th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Kayla Roell

Greg Staab Memorial Best Lawrenceburg Regular: Nick Bilbee (11th)

Greg Staab Memorial Not in Show Bonus: Ryan Barr

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History Maker! Seavey Ties Bigelow with 14th USAC Sprint Win of '24 at Fall Nationals

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Lawrenceburg, Indiana (October 12, 2024)……For the past 47 seasons, Tom Bigelow's 14-win campaign in 1977 has shined as the beacon when it comes to single season success on the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship tour.

Following Saturday night's 17th running of the Fall Nationals at Indiana's Lawrenceburg Speedway, Bigelow now has company in the form of Logan Seavey as both now stand shoulder-to-shoulder for the winningest single season in series history.

The fifth-place starting Seavey (Sutter, Calif.) took over the top spot by lap two, then routed the field for the remaining 29 circuits at the 3/8-mile dirt oval to cash in a $20,000 payday and his 14th win of the series season in his Abacus Racing/Mesilla Valley Transportation – Mountain Mechanical Contractors/DRC/Stanton Chevy.

Surprisingly, despite the record-setting season turned in by Seavey, Saturday night's score was his first USAC National Sprint Car feature triumph in two-and-a-half months. His last one came during the USAC Indiana Sprint Week round at Circle City Raceway on July 31.

Oddly enough, during Bigelow's 1977 season, his 14th and final victory of the year came on July 16. He then went the remaining 20 starts without a win before ultimately finishing as the runner-up in the title race to champion Sheldon Kinser. Seavey was determined not to let it come to a déjà vu moment nearly a half-century later after going winless in his 11 most recent series starts in 2024. In doing so, Seavey extended his championship point lead to a resounding 84 markers with just two events remaining.

Seavey's 24th career USAC National Sprint Car feature win moved him into sole possession of 27th place on the all-time list, just ahead of past series champions C.J. Leary and Roger McCluskey. It was Seavey's second USAC National Sprint Car win at Lawrenceburg in 2024 after also claiming July's Indiana Sprint Week round. Overall, it was his third career USAC National Sprint Car score at The Burg, but it's his first Fall Nationals triumph, making the monumental 14th win that much sweeter, and a load off his back.

"Once (the record) became talked about, it's kind of been in the back of my head, but I've tried not to think about it," Seavey acknowledged. "I just really like to win these races and I try to do my best to win them. It sure makes it a lot sweeter with that $20 grand here."

Seavey reeled off his first 13 series wins of 2024 in a 30-race span between February and July. Since that point, he's still been a front-runner, just not all the way up front. In that 11-race winless span, Seavey still managed seven top-five finishes, 10 top-ten results and an average finish of sixth. Here and there, it may have been just one move or one moment that proved to be the deciding factor one way or another.

"We got to 13 (wins) really fast, then it's been like 10 or 12 races since we've won, and it feels like it's been a lifetime," Seavey admitted. "But that's just sprint car racing. These USAC guys are tough and my guys have been doing a great job. I feel like I've put myself in position at times and run a few bad races as well. Sometimes you get on a run like that where everything's just going magnificent and everything's falling into our laps. Then we have 10 races where our cars are still fast, but if I don't make the right moves or whatever it may be, it just shows how hard these races are to win. That's not due to a lack of effort from these guys."

Despite the "happily ever after" ending for Seavey, early on, this was the race that literally couldn't get started. On the initial green flag start, Daison Pursley (6th) and C.J. Leary (7th) clipped wheels on the back straightaway, sending Leary flipping nose-to-tail several times. Meanwhile, while attempting to avoid the flipping Leary, Saban Bibent (16th) grinded to a halt alongside the outside wall and flipped over. Both drivers managed to walk away but did so with a pair of heavily damaged racecars.

With the field re-racked for a second attempt to restart the race, as the field rounded turn two, Kayla Roell (19th) spun to a stop to bring out the caution. The third try to complete a lap proved to not be a charm as Friday night's Greg Staab Memorial winner Briggs Danner biked, hopped, then barrel rolled into the outside wall as he led the field into turn one. He too walked away from his suddenly crumpled machine, but his bid for a major payday and a Lawrenceburg weekend sweep was gone in a heap.

The fourth try did indeed prove to be the charm, but more so for Seavey than anyone else. He hustled his way past Kyle Cummins for second on the opening lap as he cut down from the top of the banking to drive underneath the 2022 Fall Nationals victor. By lap two, Seavey had tracked down race leader Mitchel Moles, and by the time the two hit turn three on the second lap, Seavey dove under Moles and slid up to the cushion to clear the competition once and for all.

Seavey had already begun to weave his way through lapped traffic by lap eight as he constructed a lead of nearly two seconds over Moles and the rest of the field. Fast Qualifier Daison Pursley advanced to third on lap 14 after repeatedly trying every which way to make his move for the spot on Cummins stick.

Meanwhile, Seavey was having absolutely no trouble up front as he continued to build upon his advantage gradually while Moles had his full attention tuned to fending off Pursley for the runner-up spot for the last several laps. That was all to the advantage of Seavey who was married to the high side and in control of his own destiny.

“I guess you could say I live and die by the top,” Seavey remarked. “It killed me last night but it sure paid off tonight. It was so rough getting into one all weekend. I got in above it for five to 10 laps and made a bunch of speed. It got really ledgy once I got to traffic, and I wasn’t trusting it as much. For the last 10 or so laps, I felt really slow. But I knew that if I could keep putting lapped cars away, every lap or two, we’d be in good shape.”

As a matter of fact, Seavey was in tip-top shape as he put the race on ice, passing under the checkered flag 1.616 seconds ahead of the field for a quite lucrative night. Mitchel Moles finished a distant second with Daison Pursley third, Kyle Cummins fourth and Chase Stockon rounding out the top-five.

Furthermore, with his sixth place result, Brady Bacon earned a $10,000 bonus as he became the first two-time champion in the three-year history of the 10-race Bubby Jones Master of Going Faster series presented by Spire Sports + Entertainment. The inaugural Master of Going Faster champ from 2022 also netted his crew chief, Matt Hummel, $2,500 as the champion for the miniseries within the USAC National Sprint Car season.

After suffering heartbreak on the final lap of Friday’s feature at Lawrenceburg when a stuck throttle and a late caution thwarted his victory, Mitchel Moles (Raisin City, Calif.) bounced back with a runner-up finish on Saturday night in his Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports/AME Electrical – Mesilla Valley Transportation/Spike/Stanton Chevy.

Starting off with his second Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifying time in as many nights followed by a heat race victory, Daison Pursley (Locust Grove, Okla.) came up just a couple spots short of a complete sweep of the event in his Team AZ-Curb-Agajanian Racing/Curb Records – Apache Transport – OakCraft Elegant Cabinetry/DRC/1-Way Chevy. But in the end, he turned in his best Fall Nationals performance to date with a third.

Jadon Rogers (Worthington, Ind.) picked up 11 spots in the feature to earn hard charger honors. The 21st to 10th performance netted him his second consecutive Fall Nationals top-10 result following a fifth in 2023.

Chase Stockon’s mud-packed right rear tire in his heat nearly derailed his plans early on. After getting it cleaned out, the Fort Branch, Indiana racer restarted at the tail, then blazed his way into the last transfer spot on the last corner of the last lap. In the feature, he scored a fifth, his best Fall Nationals result since finishing second to Bryan Clauson in the 2013 event. That was worthy of the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: October 12, 2024 – Lawrenceburg Speedway – Lawrenceburg, Indiana – 3/8-Mile Dirt Oval – Fall Nationals

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-14.213; 2. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-14.357; 3. Chase Stockon, 5s, KO-14.452; 4. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-14.469; 5. Briggs Danner, 39, Hogue-14.537; 6. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-14.582; 7. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-14.591; 8. Rylan Gray, 06, Gray-14.663; 9. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-14.715; 10. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-14.781; 11. Shawn Westerfeld, 44J, Fischesser/Owen-14.791; 12. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-14.815; 13. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-14.959; 14. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-14.962; 15. Saban Bibent, 98, Wedgewood-15.029; 16. J.J. Hughes, 76, Hughes-15.033; 17. Jake Swanson, 5T, Daming/Swanson-15.082; 18. Kale Drake, 2B, 2B Racing-15.104; 19. Kayla Roell, 5K, KO-15.195; 20. Scotty Weir, 2x, 2B Racing-15.229; 21. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-15.232; 22. Jadon Rogers, 66, Amati-15.236; 23. Stevie Sussex, 77s, Sturgeon-15.267; 24. Todd Hobson, 44, Soudrette-15.325; 25. Joey Amantea, 88J, JPA-15.354; 26. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-15.392; 27. Ryan Barr, 21B, Barr-15.473; 28. Nick Bilbee, 17, Bilbee-15.505; 29. Brandon Mattox, 28, Mattox-15.544; 30. Braxton Cummings, 71B, Cummings-15.579; 31. Chance Crum, 26, Crum-15.838; 32. Kyle Shipley, 4u, AJR-15.842; 33. Dakota Earls, 15E, Earls-16.359; 34. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-16.401; 35. Brian Heitkamp, 22, Heitkamp-17.087.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Daison Pursley, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Briggs Danner, 5. Jake Swanson, 6. Jadon Rogers, 7. Hayden Reinbold, 8. Braxton Cummings, 9. Hunter Maddox. 2:01.433

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins, 2. Robert Ballou, 3. Logan Seavey, 4. Stevie Sussex, 5. Carson Garrett, 6. Chance Crum, 7. Kayla Roell, 8. Ryan Barr, 9. Brian Heitkamp. 2:05.501

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Scotty Weir, 2. Brady Bacon, 3. Shawn Westerfeld, 4. Saban Bibent, 5. Chase Stockon, 6. Nick Bilbee, 7. Kyle Shipley, 8. Todd Hobson. NT

CAR IQ FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. J.J. Hughes, 3. Mitchel Moles, 4. Matt Westfall, 5. Rylan Gray, 6. Joey Amantea, 7. Brandon Mattox, 8. Dakota Earls. 2:09.859

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Jadon Rogers, 2. Hayden Reinbold, 3. Nick Bilbee, 4. Kayla Roell, 5. Kyle Shipley, 6. Ryan Barr, 7. Joey Amantea, 8. Chance Crum, 9. Brandon Mattox, 10. Dakota Earls, 11. Braxton Cummings, 12. Hunter Maddox, 13. Brian Heitkamp. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (5), 2. Mitchel Moles (3), 3. Daison Pursley (6), 4. Kyle Cummins (1), 5. Chase Stockon (4), 6. Brady Bacon (9), 7. Justin Grant (11), 8. Robert Ballou (12), 9. Rylan Gray (10), 10. Jadon Rogers (21), 11. Scotty Weir (8), 12. Kevin Thomas Jr. (14), 13. Jake Swanson (18), 14. J.J. Hughes (17), 15. Matt Westfall (20), 16. Kayla Roell (19), 17. Carson Garrett (15), 18. Stevie Sussex (22), 19. Shawn Westerfeld (13), 20. Hayden Reinbold (23), 21. Hunter Maddox (25-P), 22. Nick Bilbee (24), 23. Briggs Danner (2), 24. C.J. Leary (7), 25. Saban Bibent (16). NT

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FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Mitchel Moles, Laps 2-30 Logan Seavey.

**Kale Drake flipped during qualifying. C.J. Leary & Saban Bibent flipped on lap 1 of the feature. Briggs Danner flipped on lap 1 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-2843, 2-Brady Bacon-2759, 3-Daison Pursley-2588, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2513, 5-C.J. Leary-2503, 6-Mitchel Moles-2459, 7-Robert Ballou-2430, 8-Kyle Cummins-2345, 9-Justin Grant-2325, 10-Chase Stockon-1768.

FINAL BUBBY JONES MASTER OF GOIN' FASTER PRESENTED BY SPIRE SPORTS + ENTERTAINMENT POINTS: 1-Brady Bacon-666, 2-Daison Pursley-655, 3-Logan Seavey-652, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-643, 5-Kyle Cummins-617, 6-C.J. Leary-606, 7-Mitchel Moles-599, 8-Robert Ballou-574, 9-Justin Grant-545, 10-Chase Stockon-476.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-199, 2-Logan Seavey-192, 3-Robert Ballou-149, 4-Justin Grant-142, 5-C.J. Leary-128, 6-Chase Stockon-126, 7-Kyle Cummins-124, 8-Brady Bacon-115, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-109, 10-Matt Westfall-107.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES: October 25-26, 2024 – Red Dirt Raceway – Meeker, Oklahoma – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Shawn Westerfeld (14.454)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Daison Pursley (14.213)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Daison Pursley

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Kyle Cummins

T.J. Forged Third Heat Winner: Scotty Weir

Car IQ Fourth Heat Winner: C.J. Leary

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

Hard Charger: Jadon Rogers (21st to 10th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Chase Stockon

Bubby Jones Master of Going Faster Series Presented By Spire Sports + Entertainment Champion: Brady Bacon

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Westfall Shocks & Awes with Red Dirt Win, Seavey Clinches USAC Sprint Title

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

2024 USAC National Sprint Car Season Review

Meeker, Oklahoma (October 25, 2024)……"It's a dream come true to be able to win some USAC races."

Matt Westfall has now achieved this highlight three times in his long career, but his latest triumph was undoubtedly his most incredible during Friday night's USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship debut at Meeker, Oklahoma's Red Dirt Raceway.

Meanwhile, third-place finishing Logan Seavey clinched the USAC National Sprint Car driving title. In doing so, he became the eighth member of the USAC Career Triple Crown Club by capturing championships in all three of USAC's national divisions: Midget (2018 & 2023), Silver Crown (2023) and Sprint (2024). It's a feat previously accomplished by only Pancho Carter, Tony Stewart, Dave Darland, J.J. Yeley, Jerry Coons Jr., Tracy Hines and Chris Windom.

Starting 13th on the grid, Westfall (Pleasant Hill, Ohio) found his way to the front by sticking to the bottom and controlling the throttle with precision and perfection. After all, starting as far back as he did and running the line that he chose, Westfall had to be every bit of perfect as humanly possible for 30-straight laps in his Ray Marshall Motorsports/Buckeye Machine – Hempy Water/DRC/Gressman Chevy.

After swiping the lead away from the rim-riding Kyle Cummins with seven laps remaining, Westfall cruised to his first USAC National Sprint Car win of the season. Amid the process, it was the furthest back any driver had started and won a race with the series since Kevin Thomas Jr.'s 14th to 1st charge at Indiana's Lincoln Park Speedway in 2021.

Perhaps most miraculous of all was the fact that Westfall's run to the front came after starting on the pole of the semi-feature and running second. It was a bounce back for the ages for the driver who hadn't finished inside the top-five of a USAC National Sprint Car feature in nearly six months, back in May at Ohio's Eldora Speedway.

"We sucked all night," Westfall admitted. "We qualified decent but we weren't very good. We made wholesale changes there for the feature and it slowed down enough to where we could idle the bottom and nobody else could hold it down there."

At the start, it was pole starting Kevin Thomas Jr. who broke out to lead the opening four laps, fending off repeated slider attempts from Justin Grant along the way. However, Kyle Cummins was fiercely on the move. The sixth starting driver was contending for the lead by lap four, and by lap five, he was up front after slipping under Thomas for the top spot in turn two.

Within a few laps, Cummins had strung his lead out to a full-straightaway, and his powerhouse performance thus far appeared to all onlookers as if he was a shoo-in for the win, especially after already corralling Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier honors followed by a dominant heat race victory.

Within a few laps, Cummins was already slicing his way through the back end of traffic. As the focus turned to the battles beyond the lead, there was a yellow streak crawling along the bottom of the track driven by Westfall. At first, some might've misconstrued it as a lapped car until noticing that it was picking off the cars in front of it at will.

By lap eight, Westfall was running 10th, and that's when he really began to rally. He was eighth by lap nine, sixth by lap 10, fifth by lap 11 and third by lap 12. Finally, on lap 17, Westfall cleared Grant for second after Grant became entrapped behind a flurry of traffic on the high line of turns three and four. Though the track could be deemed technical, for Westfall's style and liking, this place fit him like a glove.



“I call this red ice; there was no grip,” Westfall explained. “There was just one little patch around the bottom that we could get ahold of. Everybody was pretty even and we were pretty good there on the bottom.”

Although his deficit remained nearly three seconds behind Cummins at that juncture, the momentum seemed to be on the side of Westfall. However, once Westfall encountered his share of lapped cars on the low line, he figured his surge to the front was in danger. However, none of those cars were able to stick to the bottom quite like he could. As they slid up, Westfall swiftly drove by them all while keeping his car as straight as an arrow through the turns. Suddenly, Cummins' lead had dwindled from a full-straightaway to a half-straightaway.

Westfall’s 1.812 second deficit to Cummins was dramatically cut on lap 20 when 23rd running Hunter Maddox spun to a stop in turn one to bring out the yellow flag, thus, bunching up the field and removing the equation of lapped traffic for the final 10 laps.

On the ensuing restart, Cummins stayed true to the top while Westfall occupied the bottom. Lap after lap after lap, it was the true definition of a high-low battle as the pair remained side-by-side all the way around the 1/4-mile dirt oval. On lap 24, Westfall’s persistence paid off as he emerged from turn four to nip Cummins at the line by a wheel at the conclusion of the 24th lap.

From that point onward, Westfall successfully inched away bit by bit to cross the finish line as a winner in the return of USAC National Sprint Cars to Oklahoma for the first time since Jay Drake’s victory 20 years ago at the Tulsa Fairgrounds in 2004.

Kyle Cummins finished as the runner-up 1.948 seconds behind Westfall after leading a race high 19 laps. New series champion Logan Seavey took third with Justin Grant fourth and Kevin Thomas Jr. fifth.

Not only was Westfall the feature winner, but he also earned hard charger honors for his +12 performance. While doing so, he became the first driver since Brady Bacon at Wisconsin’s Wilmot Raceway in 2023 to score both the hard charger award and the feature win on the same evening.

It was also a big night for Paul White. The Texan earned his best career USAC National Sprint Car result. His 17th to 7th run made him the recipient of Inferno Armor’s Fire Move of the Night. He also picked up an extra $100 from ProSource as the best finishing ASCS Elite Non-Wing Sprints Series driver.

To begin the night, Kyle Cummins established Red Dirt’s USAC National Sprint Car track record of 12.832 seconds. His 17th career fast time with the series moved him past Rollie Beale, Jack Hewitt and Doug Kalitta for sole possession of 28th place all-time.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: October 25, 2024 – Red Dirt Raceway – Meeker, Oklahoma – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – Co-Sanctioned by the ASCS Elite Non-Wing Sprints Series

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-12.832 (New Track Record); 2. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-12.946; 3. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-13.018; 4. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-13.042; 5. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-13.087; 6. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-13.148; 7. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-13.186; 8. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-13.235; 9. Kyle Jones, 79, Hall-13.245; 10. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-13.284; 11. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-13.356; 12. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-13.361; 13. Hayden Reinbold, 19,

Reinbold/Underwood-13.420; 14. Xavier Doney, 74, Doney/Lawson-13.457; 15. Wesley Smith, 2B, 2B Racing-13.471; 16. Paul White, 1, Wade-13.566; 17. Weston Gorham, 71w, Gorham-13.597; 18. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-13.602; 19. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-13.695; 20. Wyatt Burks, 11w, Burks-13.817; 21. Matt Sherrell, 15m, Graham-13.902; 22. Cooper Sullivan, 79F, Fry-13.920; 23. Colt Treharn, 77, Treharn-13.931; 24. Craig Carroll, 24c, Risley-14.019; 25. Brock Cottrell, 5B, Cottrell-14.044; 26. Ty Hulsey, 24H, Risley-14.094; 27. R.J. Miller, 34, Miller-14.102; 28. Brennon Marshall, 43, Miller-14.798; 29. Joe Wood Jr., 03, Wood-14.090.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Hayden Reinbold, 4. Matt Sherrell, 5. Kyle Jones, 6. Weston Gorham, 7. Brock Cottrell, 8. Joe Wood Jr. 2:17.610

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Xavier Doney, 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Kobe Simpson, 5. Carson Garrett, 6. Cooper Sullivan, 7. Ty Hulsey. 2:17.053 (New Track Record)

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Daison Pursley, 2. Wesley Smith, 3. Brady Bacon, 4. Mitchel Moles, 5. Colt Treharn, 6. R.J. Miller, 7. Hunter Maddox. NT

CAR IQ FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Wyatt Burks, 2. Craig Carroll, 3. Logan Seavey, 4. Robert Ballou, 5. Paul White, 6. Matt Westfall, 7. Brennon Marshall. 2:25.578

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Weston Gorham, 2. Matt Westfall, 3. Brock Cottrell, 4. Cooper Sullivan, 5. Ty Hulsey, 6. Hunter Maddox, 7. Brennon Marshall, 8. R.J. Miller, 9. Joe Wood Jr. 2:23.814

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Matt Westfall (13), 2. Kyle Cummins (6), 3. Logan Seavey (3), 4. Justin Grant (2), 5. Kevin Thomas Jr. (1), 6. Brady Bacon (9), 7. Paul White (17), 8. Daison Pursley (7), 9. Mitchel Moles (4), 10. Wesley Smith (16), 11. C.J. Leary (5), 12. Robert Ballou (10), 13. Wyatt Burks (8), 14. Xavier Doney (15), 15. Kyle Jones (11), 16. Cooper Sullivan (21), 17. Carson Garrett (12), 18. Weston Gorham (18), 19. Matt Sherrell (20), 20. Hunter Maddox (25-P), 21. Kobe Simpson (19), 22. Hayden Reinbold (14), 23. Colt Treharn (22), 24. Brock Cottrell (24), 25. Craig Carroll (23). NT

(P) represents a provisional feature starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-4 Kevin Thomas Jr., Laps 5-23 Kyle Cummins, Laps 24-30 Matt Westfall.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-2916, 2-Brady Bacon-2820, 3-Daison Pursley-2645, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2580, 5-C.J. Leary-2555, 6-Mitchel Moles-2514, 7-Robert Ballou-2474, 8-Kyle Cummins-2426, 9-Justin Grant-2395, 10-Carson Garrett-1777.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-199, 2-Logan Seavey-195, 3-Robert Ballou-149, 4-Justin Grant-142, 5-C.J. Leary-130, 6-Kyle Cummins-128, 7-Chase Stockon-126, 8-Matt Westfall-119, 9-Brady Bacon-118, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-109.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: October 26, 2024 – Red Dirt Raceway – Meeker, Oklahoma – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: C.J. Leary (12.867)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Kyle Cummins (12.832)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Kyle Cummins

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

T.J. Forged Third Heat Winner: Daison Pursley

Car IQ Fourth Heat Winner: Wyatt Burks

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Weston Gorham

Hard Charger: Matt Westfall (13th to 1st)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Paul White

ProSource Top ASCS Elite Non-Wing Finisher: Paul White

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Grant Finale! JG Finishes with a Flourish in Red Dirt USAC Sprint Closer

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Meeker, Oklahoma (October 26, 2024)……After earning back-to-back USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championships in 2022 and 2023, Justin Grant had become accustomed to finishing the season on a high note.

However, after an admittedly uneven and inconsistent year featuring a multitude of highs and lows, the Ione, Calif. native still managed to strike the right chord to wrap up the 2024 campaign during Saturday night's season finale for the series at Meeker, Oklahoma's Red Dirt Raceway.

Far out of the championship equation this time around, Grant's sole focus was zeroed in on securing the bag in the $10,000-to-win event aboard his TOPP Motorsports/NOS Energy Drink – Bow Foundation – TOPP Industries/Maxim/Kistler Chevy.

That he did, capping a season with nine feature wins, and remarkably, a ninth place finish in the series' final standings. His nine victories mark the second best output of his career following an 11-win splurge in 2023.

If you stay away from the point tally, and instead, focus on the win column, it looked like any other typical Justin Grant kind of year. Saturday also proved to be yet another performance you've come to expect from Grant as he slid past Robert Ballou for the lead on a restart just prior to the halfway point of the 30-lapper before going on to lead the final 19 laps en route to his 54th career series win, third on the all-time list.

"We've won nine races but it's been a heck of a struggle this year," Grant acknowledged. "It's been really tough, but we've finally hit on some things that gave me some feel and started to give me some comfort in the car. (Jeff Walker) and Nic (Mansker) have been working their tails off. I've been driving J-Dub nuts all year just trying to get comfortable. Tires change

and things change, and I just lost the feel for the car. We could win races but it was only when the track kind of fell into our favor. Tonight is really what we had struggled with all year – slick to a curb on the wall, which is what I love to do, so that's been super frustrating. I've been beating my head against the wall, and it feels like we've finally figured it out in time to roll into next year."

In the process, Grant became just the fourth driver in USAC Sprint Car history to win both the season opener and the season closer, joining the likes of Pat O'Connor (1956), Steve Butler (1986) and Brady Bacon (2020).

Furthermore, he also became the eighth driver to win the final race of the USAC Sprint Car season in back-to-back seasons. The list includes Pat O'Connor (1956-57), Pancho Carter (1973-74), Tom Bigelow (1975-76 & 1979-80), Steve Butler (1988-89), Tracy Hines (1999-2000), Bryan Clauson (2014-15) and Kevin Thomas Jr. (2017-18).

Early on, the pace was controlled by another past USAC National Sprint Car champion, Robert Ballou. Starting from the pole, Ballou broke away from the pack while Logan Seavey slotted into the second spot before being overhauled by Daison Pursley for the position on the second go around on the 1/4-mile dirt oval.

By lap 10, Ballou had already reached the tail end of the 25-car field. From there, he sliced, diced and julienned a pathway through two and three-wide traffic to escape Pursley's pursuit for the time being. At that moment, fourth starting Grant emerged in the hunt. At the exit of turn four on the 11th lap, Grant and Pursley made wheel-to-wheel contact. Pursley took the brunt of it and dropped to third while Grant stepped up another spot in the running order to third.

"It was pretty tight and it was awfully slick across there," Grant explained. "It was hard to get much of a drive to really clear a guy. As soon as you peeled off the wall, they'd start driving back away from you. When you're trying to throw sliders on a guy who's getting away from you into the corner, it's difficult to get them cleared. I got into Daison a little bit there; I think I got the back bumper, but they were close. There were a couple of them there where I about killed the motor coming across and some of the sliders on lappers were pretty sketchy coming across there.

Moments later, after the completion of the lap by the leaders, 24th running Matt Sherrell spun to a stop at the edge of the infield between turns three and four, thus bringing out the yellow flag, while also making the path void of traffic and placing Grant right on the rear bumper of Ballou for the ensuing restart.

Grant spared little time in getting right to work as he slid Ballou in turn one to take over the lead once and for all while Ballou was faced with having to shake off the hounding pursuit of Pursley in the tussle for second.

"He started the race so slow down there that I thought he was going to stay in the moisture down the front stretch and slide himself into one," Grant concluded of Ballou. "He took off from the moisture and fired right into the slick under the flag stand, and you're just a sitting duck at that point. I wasn't really planning on sliding him into one. I was going to get up and follow him. I didn't want to get caught in the melee and get drug back into the scrum. When he did that, I thought, well, if you're going to tee it up, I'm going to hit it."

Around 10 to go, Grant now found himself in the throngs of gridlocked lap traffic. At first, he was at ease as he used the high side to move around and ahead of the tail-enders. However, a bevy of high/low traffic awaited on his route. Those compounding factors allowed Ballou to reel himself back into contention, to within four car lengths of Grant with just eight laps to go.

Grant's swift split second slide job on the lapped car of Cooper Sullivan in turns one and two on lap 25 proved decisive in two fashions. First, it provided Grant a clear coast on the back straightaway. Secondly, Ballou became entrapped, stifled and suppressed behind Sullivan momentarily, allowing Grant to break the race open with just five-and-a-half laps remaining.

The fact is, neither Grant nor Ballou ever totally completely escaped their plight in traffic. They managed their way through successfully, but when all was said and done, Grant reached the stripe 1.688 seconds ahead of Ballou with Pursley third, USAC National Sprint Car champion Logan Seavey fourth and C.J. Leary fifth.

"The big move of the race I feel like was getting by Daison," Grant explained. "Daison is a heck of a racecar driver and he's obviously good here at Meeker. I was happy to get him put away pretty early, and then after that, I just went to work. It was a heck of a lot of fun. I wanted to go win a race. I never have been accused of making a lot of friends out here in this deal. If you're going to get berated for it, you might as well throw it and make some money while you're at it."

One night following his first win of the USAC National Sprint Car season, Matt Westfall (Pleasant Hill, Ohio) closed out the weekend as the ProSource Passing Master for the Red Dirt weekend. Westfall passed a total of 15 cars over the course of both nights this weekend to earn a $500 bonus.

Also this weekend, Cooper Sullivan (Lawton, Okla.) was making his debut in USAC National Sprint Car competition. To close out the second of two nights, he earned Hard Charger honors by virtue of advancing from 23rd to 18th in the feature.

R.J. Miller (Edgewood, Texas) not only made his first USAC National Sprint Car start on Saturday night, but he also cemented 2024 his ASCS Elite Non-Wing Sprint Car title in the process during the co-sanctioned show. For that, Miller earned recognition for the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

To open the night, C.J. Leary (Greenfield, Ind.) collected his 55th career Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifying time with the USAC National Sprint Cars. By doing so, he became just the fifth driver in series history to reach 10 or more fast times in a season. Of the seven occasions this feat has been accomplished throughout the 69-year history of the series, Leary has done it himself three of those times with 11 in 2019, 12 in 2022 and now 10 in 2024. Others to do it include Kevin Thomas Jr. (15 in 2018), Tom Bigelow (14 in 1978), Rich Vogler (10 in 1989) and Bryan Clauson (2012).

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: October 26, 2024 – Red Dirt Raceway – Meeker, Oklahoma – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – Co-Sanctioned by the ASCS Elite Non-Wing Sprints Series

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. C.J. Leary, 15x, BGE Dougherty-12.935; 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3R, Rock Steady-13.030; 3. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-13.118; 4. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-13.127; 5. Daison Pursley, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-13.160; 6. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-13.207; 7. Xavier Doney, 74, Doney/Lawson-13.217; 8. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-13.242; 9. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-13.300; 10. Kobe Simpson, 21K, Simpson-13.310; 11. Wesley Smith, 2B, 2B Racing-13.372; 12. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-13.400; 13. Carson Garrett, 15, BGE Dougherty-13.401; 14. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-13.432; 15. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-13.445; 16. Kyle Jones, 79, Hall-13.478; 17. Hunter Maddox, 24m, Maddox-13.517; 18. Weston Gorham, 71w, Gorham-13.559; 19. Colt Treharn, 77, Treharn-13.741; 20. Matt Sherrell, 15m, Graham-13.745; 21. R.J. Miller, 34, Miller-13.808; 22. Wyatt Burks, 11w, Burks-13.826; 23. Ty Hulsey, 24H, Risley-13.914; 24. Joe Wood Jr., 03, Wood-13.979; 25. Paul White, 1, Wade-13.980; 26. Cooper Sullivan, 79F, Fry-

14.029; 27. Craig Carroll, 24c, Risley-14.044; 28. Brock Cottrell, 5B, Cottrell-14.115; 29. Brennon Marshall, 43, Miller-14.575.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Matt Westfall, 2. Daison Pursley, 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Hunter Maddox, 5. R.J. Miller, 6. Paul White, 7. Carson Garrett. 2:14.442 (New Track Record)

ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou, 2. Weston Gorham, 3. Hayden Reinbold, 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 5. Cooper Sullivan, 6. Wyatt Burks, 7. Kobe Simpson. NT

T.J. FORGED THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Brady Bacon, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Xavier Doney, 4. Wesley Smith, 5. Ty Hulsey, 6. Craig Carroll, 7. Colt Treharn. 2:17.425

CAR IQ FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Mitchel Moles, 2. Logan Seavey, 3. Kyle Cummins, 4. Kyle Jones, 5. Matt Sherrell, 6. Joe Wood Jr., 7. Brock Cottrell. 2:19.896

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kobe Simpson, 2. Joe Wood Jr., 3. Paul White, 4. Craig Carroll, 5. Colt Treharn, 6. Brock Cottrell. 1:55.343 (New Track Record)

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (4), 2. Robert Ballou (1), 3. Daison Pursley (2), 4. Logan Seavey (3), 5. C.J. Leary (6), 6. Kevin Thomas Jr. (5), 7. Brady Bacon (9), 8. Kyle Cummins (11), 9. Wesley Smith (12), 10. Matt Westfall (7), 11. Xavier Doney (10), 12. Mitchel Moles (8), 13. Kyle Jones (14), 14. Kobe Simpson (16), 15. Hunter Maddox (15), 16. Ty Hulsey (20), 17. Joe Wood Jr. (21), 18. Cooper Sullivan (23), 19. Weston Gorham (17), 20. Craig Carroll (24), 21. Hayden Reinbold (13), 22. R.J. Miller (19), 23. Paul White (22), 24. Matt Sherrell (18), 25. Carson Garrett (25-P). NT

(P) represents a provisional feature starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-11 Robert Ballou, Laps 12-30 Justin Grant.

**Carson Garrett flipped over the turn three wall during the first heat. Wyatt Burks flipped into the front straightaway catchfence during the second heat.

FINAL USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-2987, 2-Brady Bacon-2880, 3-Daison Pursley-2718, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2645, 5-C.J. Leary-2625, 6-Mitchel Moles-2561, 7-Robert Ballou-2550, 8-Kyle Cummins-2481, 9-Justin Grant-2476, 10-Matt Westfall-1804.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-199, 2-Logan Seavey-195, 3-Robert Ballou-149, 4-Justin Grant-145, 5-Kyle Cummins-131, 6-C.J. Leary-131, 7-Chase Stockon-126, 8-Brady Bacon-120, 9-Matt Westfall-119, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-109.

FINAL RED DIRT PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Matt Westfall-15, 2-Kyle Cummins-14, 3-Cooper Sullivan-12, 4-Paul White-11, 5-Justin Grant-10, 6-Wesley Smith-10, 7-Brady Bacon-9, 8-Logan Seavey-7

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Daison Pursley (13.220)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: C.J. Leary (12.935)

Simpson Race Products First Heat Winner: Matt Westfall

Rod End Supply Second Heat Winner: Robert Ballou

T.J. Forged Third Heat Winner: Brady Bacon

Car IQ Fourth Heat Winner: Mitchel Moles

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Kobe Simpson

Hard Charger: Cooper Sullivan (23rd to 18th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: R.J. Miller

ProSource Red Dirt Passing Master Champion: Matt Westfall (15)

ProSource Top ASCS Elite Non-Wing Finisher: Wesley Smith (9th)

ProSource Top ASCS Elite Non-Wing Two-Night Average Finish: Wesley Smith (9.5)

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2024 USAC AMSOIL NATIONAL SPRINT CAR STAT LEADERS

Driver Champion: Logan Seavey

Entrant Champion: Abacus Racing #57

Most Feature Wins: 14-Logan Seavey

Rookie of the Year: Hunter Maddox

Most Laps Led: 364-Logan Seavey

Most Top-Fives: 31-Logan Seavey

Most Top-Tens: 38-Logan Seavey

Most Fast Qualifying Times: 10-C.J. Leary

Most Heat Race Wins: 13-Robert Ballou

Most Feature Starts: 44-Brady Bacon, Robert Ballou, Kyle Cummins, Justin Grant, C.J. Leary, Mitchel Moles, Daison Pursley, Logan Seavey & Kevin Thomas Jr.

Biggest Charge of the Year: May 10: Bloomington Speedway – Daison Pursley (23rd to 2nd)

2024 USAC National Sprint Car Season Review

2024 USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DRIVER POINT STANDINGS:

POS.	PTS.	DRIVER, HOMETOWN
1	2987	Logan Seavey, Sutter, Calif.
2	2880	Brady Bacon, Broken Arrow, Okla.
3	2718	Daison Pursley, Locust Grove, Okla.
4	2645	Kevin Thomas Jr., Cullman, Ala.
5	2625	C.J. Leary, Greenfield, Ind.
6	2561	Mitchel Moles, Raisin City, Calif.
7	2550	Robert Ballou, Rocklin, Calif.
8	2481	Kyle Cummins, Princeton, Ind.
9	2476	Justin Grant, Ione, Calif.
10	1804	Matt Westfall, Pleasant Hill, Ohio
11	1800	Carson Garrett, Littleton, Colo.
12	1768	Chase Stockon, Fort Branch, Ind.
13	1559	Jake Swanson, Anaheim, Calif.
14	1499	Briggs Danner, Allentown, Pa.
15	1432	Jadon Rogers, Worthington, Ind.
16	1322	Joey Amantea, Mount Pocono, Pa.
17	1008	Ricky Lewis, Camarillo, Calif.
18	949	(R) Hunter Maddox, Bedford, Ind.
19	890	Shane Cottle, Kansas, Ill.
20	593	Brandon Mattox, Terre Haute, Ind.
21	570	Alex Bright, Collegeville, Pa.
22	553	(R) Kale Drake, Collinsville, Okla.
23	494	(R) Chance Crum, Snohomish, Wash.
24	429	Max Adams, Loomis, Calif.
25	402	Tom Harris, Banbury, Oxfordshire, UK

26	360	(R) Rylan Gray, Greenfield, Ind.
27	353	Tye Mihocko, Peoria, Ariz.
28	328	(R) Trey Osborne, Columbus, Ohio
29	314	(R) Wesley Smith, Nixa, Mo.
30	275	(R) Todd Hobson, Clyde, Vic.
31	267	(R) Kayla Roell, Dillsboro, Ind.
32	246	(R) Saban Bibent, Cincinnati, Ohio
33	231	Xavier Doney, Odessa, Mo.
34	192	Timmy Buckwalter, Douglassville, Pa.
35	127	(R) Chase Howard, Nesbit, Miss.
36	126	Zach Daum, Pocahontas, Ill.
37	123	Brent Beauchamp, Fairland, Ind.
38	114	Mario Clouser, Auburn, Ill.
39	72	(R) Gunnar Setser, Columbus, Ind.
40	68	(R) Shane Butler, Bushnell, Fla.
41	68	(R) Nic Harris, Atlanta, Ill.
42	46	Kody Swanson, Kingsburg, Calif.
43	24	Sterling Cling, Tempe, Ariz.
44	20	(R) Jason Cherry, Blandon, Pa.
45	10	(R) Will Hull, Plainfield, Vt.

2024 USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRANT POINT STANDINGS:

POS.	PTS.	ENTRANT, TEAM LOCATION
1	2987	Abacus Racing, Noblesville, Ind. (#57)
2	2880	Dynamics Inc., Milford, Ohio (#69)
3	2718	Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian Racing, Brownsburg, Ind. (#21AZ)
4	2645	Rock Steady Racing, Dupont, Ind. (#3R)

5	2625	BGE Dougherty Motorsports, Evansville, Ind. (#15x)
6	2561	Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports, Gilbert, Ariz. (#19AZ)
7	2550	Ballou Motorsports, Tipton, Ind. (#12)
8	2481	Petty Performance Racing, Litchfield Park, Ariz. (#3p)
9	2476	TOPP Motorsports, Rochester, Ind. (#4)
10	1875	2B Racing, Marion, Ind. (#2B)
11	1804	Ray Marshall Motorsports, Forest, Ohio (#33m)
12	1800	BGE Dougherty Motorsports, Evansville, Ind. (#15)
13	1768	KO Motorsports, Owensville, Ind. (#5s)
14	1471	Hogue Racing Enterprises, Westampton, N.J. (#39)
15	1322	JPA Racing, Cresco, Pa. (#88J)
16	1008	Stensland Motorsports, Fort Wayne, Ind. (#41)
17	949	Hunter Maddox Racing, Bloomington, Ind. (#24m)
18	935	Michael Dutcher Motorsports, Cicero, Ind. (#17GP)
19	890	Epperson Racing, Camby, Ind. (#2E)
20	722	Baldwin-Fox Racing, West Lafayette, Ind. (#5)
21	583	Brandon Mattox Racing, Cory, Ind. (#28)
22	570	Heffner Racing Enterprises, Hellertown, Pa. (#27)
23	484	Crum Racing, Mooresville, Ind. (#26)
24	402	Tom Harris Motorsport, Tipton, Ind. (#84)
25	360	Gray Brothers, Greenfield, Ind. (#06)
26	310	KO Motorsports, Owensville, Ind. (#5K)
27	246	Wedgewood Motorsports, Lebanon, Ohio (#98)
28	241	Dave Wilson Special, Brownsburg, Ind. (#5T)
29	231	Doney-Lawson Racing, Odessa, Mo. (#74)
30	212	Trey Osborne Racing, Indianapolis, Ind. (#11T)
31	192	Hummer Motorsports, Belvidere, N.J. (#20)

32	187	Daming-Swanson Motorsports, Danville, Ind. (#5T)
33	128	Paul Hazen, Columbia City, Ind. (#57H)
34	127	Ronny Howard, Nesbit, Miss. (#13)
35	126	Daum Motorsports, Greenville, Ill. (#5d)
36	123	Lauren Beauchamp, Needham, Ind. (#11)
37	114	Mario Clouser Motorsports, Chatham, Ill. (#6)
38	86	On The Gass Racing, Advance, Ind. (#17)
39	68	Landon Butler Racing, Bushnell, Fla. (#18)
40	68	Nic Harris, Atlanta, Ill. (#N2)
41	27	Cheney Racing, Arcadia, Calif. (#42)
42	24	Sterling Cling Racing, Franklin, Ind. (#34)
43	20	Cherry Motorsports, Blandon, Pa. (#67c)
44	10	Sy Allen, Plainfield, Vt. (#7s)

2024 USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ROOKIE DRIVER POINT STANDINGS:

POS.	PTS.	DRIVER, HOMETOWN
1	949	Hunter Maddox, Bedford, Ind.
2	553	Kale Drake, Collinsville, Okla.
3	494	Chance Crum, Snohomish, Wash.
4	360	Rylan Gray, Greenfield, Ind.
5	328	Trey Osborne, Columbus, Ohio
6	314	Wesley Smith, Nixa, Mo.
7	275	Todd Hobson, Clyde, Vic.
8	267	Kayla Roell, Dillsboro, Ind.
9	246	Saban Bibent, Cincinnati, Ohio
10	127	Chase Howard, Nesbit, Miss.
11	72	Gunnar Setser, Columbus, Ind.

12	68	Shane Butler, Bushnell, Fla.
13	68	Nic Harris, Atlanta, Ill.
14	20	Jason Cherry, Blandon, Pa.
15	10	Will Hull, Plainfield, Vt.

2024 USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Feb 9: Ocala Speedway – Ocala, FL

WINNER: Justin Grant (TOPP Motorsports #4)

Feb 10: Ocala Speedway – Ocala, FL

WINNER: Justin Grant (TOPP Motorsports #4)

Feb 13: Volusia Speedway Park – Barberville, FL

WINNER: Logan Seavey (Abacus Racing #57)

Feb 13: Volusia Speedway Park – Barberville, FL

WINNER: Logan Seavey (Abacus Racing #57)

Feb 15: Ocala Speedway – Ocala, FL

WINNER: Justin Grant (TOPP Motorsports #4)

Feb 16: Ocala Speedway – Ocala, FL

WINNER: C.J. Leary (BGE-Dougherty Motorsports #15x)

Apr 13: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Lawrenceburg, IN

WINNER: Kevin Thomas Jr. (Rock Steady Racing #3R)

May 3: Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, OH

WINNER: Robert Ballou (Ballou Motorsports #12)

May 4: Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, OH

WINNER: Justin Grant (TOPP Motorsports #4)

May 10: Bloomington Speedway – Bloomington, IN

WINNER: Logan Seavey (Abacus Racing #57)

May 11: Tri-State Speedway – Haubstadt, IN

WINNER: Kevin Thomas Jr. (Rock Steady Racing #3R)

May 21: Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, IN

WINNER: Logan Seavey (Abacus Racing #57)

May 22: Circle City Raceway – Indianapolis, IN

WINNER: Brady Bacon (Dynamics, Inc. #69)

May 23: Circle City Raceway – Indianapolis, IN

WINNER: Logan Seavey (Abacus Racing #57)

May 31: Knoxville Raceway – Knoxville, IA

WINNER: Justin Grant (TOPP Motorsports #4)

Jun 1: Knoxville Raceway – Knoxville, IA

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

Jun 11: (E) Grandview Speedway | Bechtelsville, PA

WINNER: Briggs Danner (Hogue Racing Enterprises #39)

Jun 12: (E) Bridgeport Motorsports Park | Swedesboro, NJ

WINNER: Brady Bacon (Dynamics, Inc. #69)

Jun 13: (E) Big Diamond Speedway | Pottsville, PA

WINNER: Logan Seavey (Abacus Racing #57)

Jun 14: (E) Williams Grove Speedway | Mechanicsburg, PA

WINNER: Kevin Thomas Jr. (Rock Steady Racing #3R)

Jun 15: (E) Port Royal Speedway | Port Royal, PA

WINNER: Brady Bacon (Dynamics, Inc. #69)

Jun 16: (E) Action Track USA | Kutztown, PA

WINNER: Logan Seavey (Abacus Racing #57)

Jun 28: Macon Speedway – Macon, IL

WINNER: Mitchel Moles (Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports #19AZ)

Jun 29: Macon Speedway – Macon, IL

WINNER: Logan Seavey (Abacus Racing #57)

Jul 5: Lincoln Park Speedway – Putnamville, IN

WINNER: Logan Seavey (Abacus Racing #57)

Jul 6: Lincoln Park Speedway – Putnamville, IN

WINNER: Logan Seavey (Abacus Racing #57)

Jul 26: Lincoln Park Speedway | Putnamville, IN

WINNER: Logan Seavey (Abacus Racing #57)

Jul 27: Kokomo Speedway | Kokomo, IN

WINNER: Kyle Cummins (Petty Performance Racing #3p)

Jul 30: Lawrenceburg Speedway | Lawrenceburg, IN

WINNER: Logan Seavey (Abacus Racing #57)

Jul 31: Circle City Raceway | Indianapolis, IN

WINNER: Logan Seavey (Abacus Racing #57)

Aug 1: Terre Haute Action Track | Terre Haute, IN

WINNER: Brady Bacon (Dynamics Inc. #69)

Aug 3: Tri-State Speedway | Haubstadt, IN

WINNER: Justin Grant (TOPP Motorsports #4)

Aug 4: Bloomington Speedway | Bloomington, IN

WINNER: Briggs Danner (Hogue Racing Enterprises #39)

Aug 22: Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, IN

WINNER: Justin Grant (TOPP Motorsports #4)

Aug 23: Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, IN

WINNER: Kevin Thomas Jr. (Rock Steady Racing #3R)

Aug 24: Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, IN

WINNER: Justin Grant (TOPP Motorsports #4)

Sep 7: (AE) Texarkana 67 Speedway – Texarkana, AR

WINNER: Brady Bacon (Dynamics Inc. #69)

Sep 13: Circle City Raceway – Indianapolis, IN

WINNER: Kyle Cummins (Petty Performance Racing #3p)

Sep 14: Tri-State Speedway – Haubstadt, IN

WINNER: Kevin Thomas Jr. (Rock Steady Racing #3R)

Sep 21: Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, OH

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

Sep 26: (SE) The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway – Speedway, IN

WINNER: C.J. Leary (BGE-Dougherty Motorsports #15x)

Oct 11: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Lawrenceburg, IN

WINNER: Briggs Danner (Hogue Racing Enterprises #39)

Oct 12: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Lawrenceburg, IN

WINNER: Logan Seavey (Abacus Racing #57)

Oct 25: (AE) Red Dirt Raceway – Meeker, OK

WINNER: Matt Westfall (Ray Marshall Motorsports #33m)

Oct 26: (AE) Red Dirt Raceway – Meeker, OK

WINNER: Justin Grant (TOPP Motorsports #4)

---------- KEY DEFINITIONS ----------

(AE) represents an event co-sanctioned by ASCS Elite Non-Wing

(E) represents an Eastern Storm event

(I) represents an Indiana Sprint Week event

(F) represents an event awarding feature points only

(A) represents an event awarding appearance points only

(SE) represents a non-points, special event

2024 USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP STATISTICS

FEATURE WINS

14-Logan Seavey (Feb 13 at Volusia Speedway Park, Feb 13 at Volusia Speedway Park, May 10 at Bloomington Speedway, May 21 at the Terre Haute Action Track, May 23 at Circle City Raceway, Jun 13 at Big Diamond Speedway, Jun 16 at Action

Track USA, Jun 29 at Macon Speedway, Jul 5 at Lincoln Park Speedway, Jul 6 at Lincoln Park Speedway, Jul 26 at Lincoln Park Speedway, Jul 30 at Lawrenceburg Speedway, Jul 31 at Circle City Raceway & Oct 12 at Lawrenceburg Speedway)

9-Justin Grant (Feb 9 at Ocala Speedway, Feb 10 at Ocala Speedway, Feb 15 at Ocala Speedway, May 4 at Eldora Speedway, May 31 at Knoxville Raceway, Aug 3 at Tri-State Speedway, Aug 22 at Kokomo Speedway, Aug 24 at Kokomo Speedway & Oct 26 at Red Dirt Raceway)

5-Brady Bacon (May 22 at Circle City Raceway, Jun 12 at Bridgeport Motorsports Park, Jun 15 at Port Royal Speedway, Aug 1 at the Terre Haute Action Track & Sep 7 at Texarkana 67 Speedway)

5-Kevin Thomas Jr. (Apr 13 at Lawrenceburg Speedway, May 11 at Tri-State Speedway, Jun 14 at Williams Grove Speedway, Aug 23 at Kokomo Speedway & Sep 14 at Tri-State Speedway)

3-Briggs Danner (Jun 11 at Grandview Speedway, Aug 4 at Bloomington Speedway & Oct 11 at Lawrenceburg Speedway)

2-Kyle Cummins (Jul 27 at Kokomo Speedway & Sep 13 at Circle City Raceway)

2-Daison Pursley (Jun 1 at Knoxville Raceway & Sep 21 at Eldora Speedway)

1-Robert Ballou (May 3 at Eldora Speedway)

1-C.J. Leary (Feb 16 at Ocala Speedway)

1-Mitchel Moles (Jun 28 at Macon Speedway)

1-Matt Westfall (Oct 25 at Red Dirt Raceway)

NON-POINTS SPECIAL EVENT WINS:

1-C.J. Leary (Sep 26 at The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway)

FEATURE LAPS LED

364-Logan Seavey

190-Kevin Thomas Jr.

177-Justin Grant

133-Kyle Cummins

131-Brady Bacon

114-Mitchel Moles

113-Briggs Danner

83-Daison Pursley



20-Jake Swanson

19-Carson Garrett

12-Robert Ballou

10-Max Adams & C.J. Leary

9-Shane Cottle & Chase Stockon

7-Matt Westfall

5-Stevie Sussex

3-Joey Amantea & Jadon Rogers

1-Brayden Fox

TOP-FIVE FEATURE FINISHES

31-Logan Seavey

26-Brady Bacon

21-Daison Pursley

20-Kevin Thomas Jr.

19-C.J. Leary

18-Justin Grant

17-Robert Ballou

16-Mitchel Moles

14-Kyle Cummins

11-Briggs Danner

5-Chase Stockon

4-Carson Garrett & Jake Swanson

3-Shane Cottle

2-Alex Bright, Ricky Lewis, Jadon Rogers & Matt Westfall

1-Max Adams, Rylan Gray & Chase Johnson

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TOP-TEN FEATURE FINISHES

38-Logan Seavey

37-Brady Bacon

35-Daison Pursley

33-Mitchel Moles & Kevin Thomas Jr.

32-C.J. Leary

31-Robert Ballou

30-Kyle Cummins

29-Justin Grant

19-Briggs Danner

17-Chase Stockon

14-Jake Swanson

12-Shane Cottle, Carson Garrett, Ricky Lewis & Jadon Rogers

9-Matt Westfall

6-Joey Amantea

5-Alex Bright

4-Wesley Smith

2-Max Adams, Nick Bilbee, Rylan Gray, Anton Hernandez & J.J. Yeley

1-Chance Crum, Xavier Doney, Kale Drake, Steven Drevicki, Chase Johnson, Kyle Jones, Tye Mihocko, Brady Short, Stevie Sussex & Paul White

FAST QUALIFYING TIMES

10-C.J. Leary

7-Logan Seavey

5-Mitchel Moles & Daison Pursley

4-Brady Bacon & Kevin Thomas Jr.

3-Kyle Cummins

1-Robert Ballou, Alex Bright, Briggs Danner, Geoff Ensign, Carson Garrett, Justin Grant & Chase Stockon

HEAT RACE / QUALIFYING RACE WINS (Presented by Simpson Race Products, Rod End Supply, T.J. Forged & Car IQ)

13-Robert Ballou

12-Justin Grant

11-Brady Bacon & Kyle Cummins

10-Kevin Thomas Jr.

9-C.J. Leary, Logan Seavey & Matt Westfall

8-Mitchel Moles & Chase Stockon

7-Daison Pursley

6-Jadon Rogers

5-Jake Swanson

4-Carson Garrett & Ricky Lewis

3-Joey Amantea, Briggs Danner, Kale Drake & Anton Hernandez

2-Alex Bright, Charles Davis Jr. & Stevie Sussex

1-Max Adams, Saban Bibent, Nick Bilbee, Wyatt Burks, Harley Burns, Mario Clouser, Shane Cottle, Xavier Doney, Steven Drevicki, Tom Harris, Jack Hoyer, Chase Johnson, Hunter Maddox, Tye Mihocko, Trey Osborne, Kyle Shipley, Carson Short, Wesley Smith & Scotty Weir

SEMI WINS (Presented by Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts)

2-Robert Ballou, Carson Garrett, Todd Hobson, C.J. Leary, Ricky Lewis, Daison Pursley & Kevin Thomas Jr.

1-Alex Bright, Brayden Clark, Shane Cottle, Kyle Cummins, Charles Davis Jr., Kale Drake, Weston Gorham, Justin Grant, Korbyn Hayslett, Brandon Mattox, Mitchel Moles, Jadon Rogers, Kendall Ruble, Nate Schank, Logan Seavey, Kyle Shipley, Kobe Simpson, Jake Swanson, Scotty Weir & Matt Westfall

FEATURE STARTS

44-Brady Bacon, Robert Ballou, Kyle Cummins, Justin Grant, C.J. Leary, Mitchel Moles, Daison Pursley, Logan Seavey, Kevin Thomas Jr.

42-Matt Westfall

41-Carson Garrett



36-Chase Stockon

34-Joey Amantea & Jadon Rogers

33-Jake Swanson

29-Briggs Danner

25-Hunter Maddox

20-Ricky Lewis

17-Shane Cottle

16-Brandon Mattox

15-Charles Davis Jr. & Kale Drake

14-Anton Hernandez

13-Chance Crum

12-Alex Bright & Tom Harris

11-Max Adams

10-Harley Burns

9-Tye Mihocko & Trey Osborne

8-Korbyn Hayslett & Kobe Simpson

7-Hayden Reinbold & Wesley Smith

6-Saban Bibent, Nick Bilbee, Rylan Gray, Todd Hobson & Stevie Sussex

5-Timmy Buckwalter, Jack Hoyer, J.J. Hughes, Kayla Roell, Kyle Shipley & Scotty Weir

4-Zach Daum, Xavier Doney, J.T. Ferry, Brayden Fox & Frankie Guerrini

3-Brent Beauchamp, Geoff Ensign, Matt Goodnight, Weston Gorham, Chase Howard, Kyle Jones, Carmen Perigo, Zack Pretorius, Brady Short, Shawn Westerfeld & Paul White

2-Dustin Beck, Donny Brackett, Shane Butler, Logan Calderwood, Craig Carroll, Mario Clouser, Colten Cottle, Aric Gentry, Nic Harris, Hayden Harvey, Chase Johnson, R.J. Miller, Kendall Ruble, Brian Ruhlman, Nate Schank, Adyn Schmidt, Eric Schulz, Gunnar Setser, Matt Sherrell, Carson Short, Mark Smith, Cooper Sullivan & J.J. Yeley

1-Garrett Abrams, Ryan Barr, Robert Bell, Wyatt Burks, Rhett Butler, Brayden Clark, Sterling Cling, Brock Cottrell, Braxton Cummings, Steven Drevicki, Paul Dues, Dakota Earls, Nate Ervin, Scott Frack, Gabriel Gilbert, Ivan Glotzbach, Sam Hinds, Ronny Howard, Jason Howell, Ty Hulsey, Keith Martin, John Mollick, Evan Mosley, Anthony Nicholson, Seth Parker, Kody Swanson, Colt Treharn, Cody Williams, Joe Wood Jr. & Justin Zimmerman

2024 USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR FAST QUALIFIERS

Feb 9: Ocala Speedway – Kevin Thomas Jr. (13.858)

Feb 10: Ocala Speedway – Chase Stockon (14.075)

Feb 13: Volusia Speedway Park – C.J. Leary (16.173)

Feb 13: Volusia Speedway Park – C.J. Leary (16.151)

Feb. 15: Ocala Speedway – Logan Seavey (13.925)

Feb. 16: Ocala Speedway – Kevin Thomas Jr. (13.914)

Apr 13: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Daison Pursley (14.026)

May 3: Eldora Speedway – Kevin Thomas Jr. (16.151)

May 4: Eldora Speedway – C.J. Leary (15.286)

May 10: Bloomington Speedway – Geoff Ensign (11.496)

May 11: Tri-State Speedway – Justin Grant (13.226)

May 21: Terre Haute Action Track – Logan Seavey (20.152)

May 22: Circle City Raceway – Robert Ballou (12.679)

May 23: Circle City Raceway – C.J. Leary (12.371)

May 31: Knoxville Raceway – C.J. Leary (18.807)

Jun 1: Knoxville Raceway – Brady Bacon (19.708)

Jun 11: Grandview Speedway – Brady Bacon (13.341)

Jun 12: Bridgeport Motorsports Park – Mitchel Moles (14.685)

Jun 13: Big Diamond Speedway – Alex Bright (14.799)

Jun 14: Williams Grove Speedway – Logan Seavey (19.659)

Jun 15: Port Royal Speedway – C.J. Leary (18.205)

Jun 16: Action Track USA – Kyle Cummins (10.539)

Jun 28: Macon Speedway – Daison Pursley (10.335)

Jun 29: Macon Speedway – Logan Seavey (10.268)

Jul 5: Lincoln Park Speedway – Logan Seavey (11.959)

Jul 6: Lincoln Park Speedway – Daison Pursley (12.050)

Jul 26: Lincoln Park Speedway – Logan Seavey (12.078)

Jul 27: Kokomo Speedway – Kyle Cummins (12.687)

Jul 30: Lawrenceburg Speedway – C.J. Leary (13.952)

Jul 31: Circle City Raceway – C.J. Leary (11.957)

Aug 1: Terre Haute Action Track – Mitchel Moles (19.639)

Aug 2: Bloomington Speedway – Carson Garrett (11.455)

Aug 3: Tri-State Speedway – Briggs Danner (13.193)

Aug 4: Bloomington Speedway – Brady Bacon (11.755)

Aug 22: Kokomo Speedway – Kevin Thomas Jr. (12.782)

Aug 23: Kokomo Speedway – Mitchel Moles (12.626)

Sep 6: Texarkana 67 Speedway – Brady Bacon (14.110)

Sep 7: Texarkana 67 Speedway – Logan Seavey (13.985)

Sep 13: Circle City Raceway – Mitchel Moles (12.228)

Sep 14: Tri-State Speedway – Mitchel Moles (13.216)

Sep 21: Eldora Speedway – C.J. Leary (15.536)

Oct 11: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Daison Pursley (14.049)

Oct 12: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Daison Pursley (14.213)

Oct 25: Red Dirt Raceway – Kyle Cummins (12.832)

Oct 26: Red Dirt Raceway – C.J. Leary (12.935)

HARD CHARGER OF THE RACE

Feb 9: Ocala Speedway – Robert Ballou (10th to 4th)

Feb 10: Ocala Speedway – Alex Bright (18th to 6th)

Feb 13: Volusia Speedway Park – Robert Ballou (24th to 11th)

Feb 13: Volusia Speedway Park – Tye Mihocko (23rd to 11th)

Feb. 15: Ocala Speedway – Kevin Thomas Jr. (14th to 7th)

Feb. 16: Ocala Speedway – Joey Amantea (20th to 11th)

Apr 13: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Mitchel Moles (18th to 9th)

May 3: Eldora Speedway – Jadon Rogers (19th to 6th)

May 4: Eldora Speedway – Jake Swanson (15th to 9th)

May 10: Bloomington Speedway – Daison Pursley (23rd to 2nd)

May 11: Tri-State Speedway – Robert Ballou (16th to 7th)

May 21: Terre Haute Action Track – Joey Amantea (19th to 11th)

May 22: Circle City Raceway – Carson Garrett (24th to 12th)

May 23: Circle City Raceway – Chance Crum (23rd to 14th)

May 31: Knoxville Raceway – J.J. Yeley (23rd to 10th)

Jun 1: Knoxville Raceway – J.J. Yeley (17th to 10th)

Jun 11: Grandview Speedway – Joey Amantea (20th to 9th)

Jun 12: Bridgeport Motorsports Park – Logan Seavey (23rd to 15th)

Jun 13: Big Diamond Speedway – Ricky Lewis (25th to 10th)

Jun 14: Williams Grove Speedway – Justin Grant (12th to 5th)

Jun 15: Port Royal Speedway – Daison Pursley (13th to 4th)

Jun 16: Action Track USA – Joey Amantea (20th to 10th)

Jun 28: Macon Speedway – Kyle Cummins (22nd to 15th)

Jun 29: Macon Speedway – C.J. Leary (11th to 5th)

Jul 5: Lincoln Park Speedway – Kevin Thomas Jr. (18th to 10th)

Jul 6: Lincoln Park Speedway – Chase Stockon (23rd to 11th)

Jul 26: Lincoln Park Speedway – Jadon Rogers (23rd to 10th)

Jul 27: Kokomo Speedway – Shane Cottle (23rd to 8th)

Jul 30: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Ricky Lewis (19th to 6th)

Jul 31: Circle City Raceway – Briggs Danner (12th to 5th)

Aug 1: Terre Haute Action Track – Daison Pursley (17th to 9th)

Aug 3: Tri-State Speedway – Kevin Thomas Jr. (24th to 7th)

Aug 4: Bloomington Speedway – Mitchel Moles (20th to 7th)

Aug 22: Kokomo Speedway – Ricky Lewis (24th to 10th)

Aug 23: Kokomo Speedway – Jadon Rogers (24th to 9th)

Aug 24: Kokomo Speedway – Matt Westfall (24th to 15th)

Sep 7: Texarkana 67 Speedway – Kyle Jones (22nd to 10th)

Sep 13: Circle City Raceway – Shane Cottle (12th to 5th)

Sep 14: Tri-State Speedway – Kendall Ruble (24th to 11th)

Sep 21: Eldora Speedway – Mitchel Moles (24th to 15th)

Oct 11: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Kyle Cummins (16th to 9th)

Oct 12: Lawrenceburg Speedway – (21st to 10th)

Oct 25: Red Dirt Raceway – Matt Westfall (13th to 1st)

Oct 26: Red Dirt Raceway – Cooper Sullivan (23rd to 18th)

DIRT DRAFT FASTEST HOT LAPS DRIVER

Feb 9: Ocala Speedway – C.J. Leary (14.054)

Feb 10: Ocala Speedway – Justin Grant (14.556)

Feb 12: Volusia Speedway Park – Timmy Buckwalter (16.994)

Feb 13: Volusia Speedway Park – Justin Grant (16.711)

Feb. 15: Ocala Speedway – Logan Seavey (13.946)

Feb. 16: Ocala Speedway – Briggs Danner (14.202)

Apr 13: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Daison Pursley (14.140)

May 3: Eldora Speedway – C.J. Leary (16.341)

May 4: Eldora Speedway – C.J. Leary (15.629)

May 10: Bloomington Speedway – C.J. Leary (11.688)

May 11: Tri-State Speedway – Justin Grant (13.179)

May 21: Terre Haute Action Track – C.J. Leary (20.157)

May 22: Circle City Raceway – Shane Cottle (12.551)

May 23: Circle City Raceway – Logan Seavey (12.447)

May 31: Knoxville Raceway – Chase Stockon (19.086)

Jun 1: Knoxville Raceway – Daison Pursley (19.918)

Jun 11: Grandview Speedway – Mitchel Moles (13.409)

Jun 12: Bridgeport Motorsports Park – Kyle Cummins (15.164)

Jun 13: Big Diamond Speedway – Kevin Thomas Jr. (14.784)

Jun 14: Williams Grove Speedway – C.J. Leary (20.667)

Jun 15: Port Royal Speedway – Brady Bacon (18.245)

Jun 16: Action Track USA – C.J. Leary (10.563)

Jun 28: Macon Speedway – C.J. Leary (10.448)

Jun 29: Macon Speedway – Mitchel Moles (10.358)

Jul 5: Lincoln Park Speedway – Robert Ballou (11.942)

Jul 6: Lincoln Park Speedway – Justin Grant (12.319)

Jul 26: Lincoln Park Speedway – Chance Crum (12.265)

Jul 27: Kokomo Speedway – Carson Garrett (12.799)

Jul 30: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Logan Seavey (14.489)

Jul 31: Circle City Raceway – Brady Bacon (12.058)

Aug 1: Terre Haute Action Track – Mitchel Moles (19.967)

Aug 2: Bloomington Speedway – Daison Pursley (11.552)

Aug 3: Tri-State Speedway – Kevin Thomas Jr. (13.068)

Aug 4: Bloomington Speedway – Carson Garrett (11.846)

Aug 22: Kokomo Speedway – Logan Seavey (13.042)

Aug 23: Kokomo Speedway – C.J. Leary (12.865)

Aug 24: Kokomo Speedway – Justin Grant (13.008)

Sep 6: Texarkana 67 Speedway – C.J. Leary (14.523)

Sep 7: Texarkana 67 Speedway – Mitchel Moles (14.710)

Sep 13: Circle City Raceway – Mitchel Moles (12.168)

Sep 14: Tri-State Speedway – Logan Seavey (13.214)

Sep 21: Eldora Speedway – C.J. Leary (15.709)

Oct 11: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Daison Pursley (14.246)

Oct 12: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Shawn Westerfeld (14.454)

Oct 25: Red Dirt Raceway – C.J. Leary (12.867)

Oct 26: Red Dirt Raceway – Daison Pursley (13.220)

INFERNO ARMOR FIRE MOVE OF THE NIGHT

Jun 11: Grandview Speedway – Robert Ballou

Jun 12: Bridgeport Motorsports Park – Anton Hernandez

Jun 13: Big Diamond Speedway – Joey Amantea

Jun 14: Williams Grove Speedway – Charles Davis Jr.

Jun 15: Port Royal Speedway – Alex Bright

Jun 16: Action Track USA – Ricky Lewis

Jun 28: Macon Speedway – Jake Swanson

Jun 29: Macon Speedway – Kyle Cummins

Jul 5: Lincoln Park Speedway – Chase Stockon

Jul 6: Lincoln Park Speedway – Ricky Lewis

Jul 26: Lincoln Park Speedway – C.J. Leary

Jul 27: Kokomo Speedway – Joey Amantea

Jul 30: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Robert Ballou

Jul 31: Circle City Raceway – Todd Hobson

Aug 1: Terre Haute Action Track – Nate Schank

Aug 3: Tri-State Speedway – Kevin Thomas Jr.

Aug 4: Bloomington Speedway – Rylan Gray

Aug 22: Kokomo Speedway – Briggs Danner

Aug 23: Kokomo Speedway – Brandon Mattox

Aug 24: Kokomo Speedway – Brayden Clark

Sep 7: Texarkana 67 Speedway – Kyle Cummins

Sep 13: Circle City Raceway – Gunnar Setser

Sep 14: Tri-State Speedway – Robert Ballou

Sep 21: Eldora Speedway – Logan Seavey

Oct 11: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Kayla Roell

Oct 12: Lawrenceburg Speedway – Chase Stockon

Oct 25: Red Dirt Raceway – Paul White

Oct 26: Red Dirt Raceway – R.J. Miller

C-MAIN WINS (Presented by Trailer Alarms)

3-Hunter Maddox

1-Max Adams, Brayden Clark, Kyle Johnson, Kevin Newton & Kyle Shipley

2024 USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR DRIVER & TEAM ROSTER:

A

GARRETT ABRAMS/Rushville, IN (Garrett & Tony Abrams #32)

MAX ADAMS/Loomis, CA (F & F Racing #63)

JOEY AMANTEA/Mount Pocono, PA (JPA Racing #88J)

COLLIN AMBROSE/Owensboro, KY (Lynn Ambrose #36)

B

BRADY BACON/Broken Arrow, OK (Dynamics, Inc. #69)

ROBERT BALLOU/Rocklin, CA (Ballou Motorsports #12)

WILL BARNETT/Brazil, IN (Will Barnett #88)

RYAN BARR/Piqua, OH (Barr Family #21B)



STAN BEADLES/Owensville, IN (Beadles Racing #84)

BRENT BEAUCHAMP/Fairland, IN (Lauren Beauchamp #11)

DUSTIN BECK/Petersburg, IN (Henson-Rupp #75)

ROBERT BELL/Colfax, IA (Robert Bell #71)

(R) SABAN BIBENT/Cincinnati, OH (Wedgewood Motorsports #98)

NICK BILBEE/Indianapolis, IN (Bilbee Motorsports #17)

JAKE BLAND/Bloomington, IN (Hunter Maddox Racing #24x)

JAMES BOICE/Summitville, IN (James Boice #69x)

COLTEN BOOTEN/Marion, IL (Jeff Pritchett #2J)

JAMES BOYD/Villa Park, IL (James Boyd #16B)

DONNY BRACKETT/Fort Branch, IN (Tony Brackett #4B)

ALEX BRIGHT/Collegeville, PA (Heffner Racing Enterprises #27)

TIMMY BUCKWALTER/Douglassville, PA (Hummer Motorsports #20)

WYATT BURKS/Topeka, KS (Wyatt Burks Racing #11w)

HARLEY BURNS/Brazil, IN (Britt Aero Racing #16) & (Knight Racing #16K)

(R) SHANE BUTLER/Bushnell, FL (Landon Butler Racing #18)

RHETT BUTLER/San Angelo, TX (Rhett Butler #34R)

C

LOGAN CALDERWOOD/Goodyear, AZ (Josh Ford Motorsports #4c) & (Josh Ford Motorsports #73)

TROY CAREY/Tullamore, NSW (Troy Carey Motorsports #45N)

NATE CARLE/West Harrison, IN (Jeff Carle #14c)

CRAIG CARROLL/Collinsville, OK (Dena Risley #24c)

DAYLAN CHAMBERS/Bowling Green, IN (Daylan Chambers Racing #4c)

JASON CHERRY/Blandon, PA (Cherry Motorsports #67c)

BRAYDEN CLARK/Tipton, IN (Clark Racing #4BC)

STERLING CLING/Tempe, AZ (Sterling Cling #34)



MARIO CLOUSER/Auburn, IL (Mario Clouser Motorsports #6)

CALE COONS/Greencastle, IN (Baldwin-Fox Racing #5)

AUSTIN CORY/Morristown, IN (Cory Racing #00)

SHANE COTTLE/Kansas, IL (Epperson Racing #2E)

COLTEN COTTLE/Kansas, IL (KCBJ Motorsports #8D)

BROCK COTTRELL/Fletcher, OK (Derek Cottrell #5B)

BRAYDON CROMWELL/Lone Jack, MO (Mike Cromwell #4x)

(R) CHANCE CRUM/Snohomish, WA (Crum Racing #26)

BRAXTON CUMMINGS/Bedford, IN (Bub & Amanda Cummings #71B)

KYLE CUMMINS/Princeton, IN (Petty Performance Racing #3p)

D

LEE DAKUS/Edmonton, AB (Dakus Open Wheel Motorsports #21x)

BRIGGS DANNER/Allentown, PA (KO Motorsports #5D) & (Hogue Racing Enterprises #39)

MICHAEL DAUGHERTY/Evansville, IN (Michael Daugherty #3.14)

ZACH DAUM/Pocahontas, IL (Daum Motorsports #5d)

AARON DAVIS/Windfall, IN (Jeff Davis #11)

CHARLES DAVIS JR./Buckeye, AZ (Charles Davis Jr. #47)

XAVIER DONEY/Odessa, MO (Doney-Lawson Racing #74)

(R) KALE DRAKE/Collinsville, OK (2B Racing #2B)

STEVEN DREVICKI/Reading, PA (Drevicki Racing #19)

BRYCE DUES/Russia, OH (Bryce Dues Racing #23D)

PAUL DUES/Minster, OH (Dues Racing #87)

E

DAKOTA EARLS/Independence, MO (Jason Earls #15E)

TOM ELLER/Pleasant Prairie, WI (Tom Eller #29OG)



GEOFF ENSIGN/Sebastopol, CA (On The Gass Racing #17) & (Ensign Motorsports #44E)

NATE ERVIN/Reelsville, IN (Nevil Algieo #11)

F

J.T. FERRY/Drums, PA (J.T. Ferry #18J)

BRAYDEN FOX/Avon, IN (Fox Brothers Racing #53)

SCOTT FRACK/Gilbertsville, PA (Scott Frack #39x)

MAX FRANK/Williamston, MI (Middle Class Motorsports #25)

PARKER FREDERICKSON/Kokomo, IN (Parker Frederickson #34)

G

CARSON GARRETT/Littleton, CO (BGE Dougherty Motorsports #15)

DAVID GASPER/Goleta, CA (Jerry Burton #04)

ARIC GENTRY/Robards, KY (Larry Gentry #10)

GABRIEL GILBERT/Greenwood, IN (Gabriel Gilbert Racing #10G)

IVAN GLOTZBACH/Fillmore, IN (Brian Hayden Racing #2H)

MATT GOODNIGHT/Winchester, IN (Goodnight Racing #39G)

WESTON GORHAM/Colleyville, TX (Gorham Racing #71w)

JUSTIN GRANT/Ione, CA (TOPP Motorsports #4)

TYLER GRAVES/Chariton, IA (Graves Motorsports #T4)

(R) RYLAN GRAY/Greenfield, IN (Gray Brothers #06)

COLIN GRISSOM/Anderson, IN (Colin Grissom #00)

FRANKIE GUERRINI/San Rafael, CA (Jerry Burton #04), (F & F Racing #G3) & (F & F Racing #63)

H

MIKE HAGGENBOTTOM/Levittown, PA (Tin Hoagie Customs #51)

LUKE HALL/Ludlow Falls, OH (Simon Racing #23s)



(R) NIC HARRIS/Atlanta, IL (Nic Harris #N2)

TOM HARRIS/Banbury, Oxfordshire, UK (Tom Harris Motorsport #84)

HAYDEN HARVEY/Warrensburg, IL (Judy Smith-Terry Robertson #8)

AUSTIN HAWKINS/Sumner, IL (Austin Hawkins #5A)

KORBYN HAYSLETT/Troy, OH (Kim & Dave Hayslett #1H)

BRIAN HEITKAMP/North Star, OH (Brian Heitkamp #22)

ANTON HERNANDEZ/Arlington, TX (Baldwin-Fox Racing #5)

TYLER HEWITT/Marion, IN (Abby Hewitt #97)

SAM HINDS/Westfield, IN (Steve Hinds #71H)

(R) TODD HOBSON/Clyde, VIC (Jerry Burton #04), (Jason Soudrette Racing #44) & (Wingo Brothers Racing #77)

(R) CHASE HOWARD/Nesbit, MS (Ronny Howard #13)

RONNY HOWARD/Nesbit, MS (Howard Racing #44)

JASON HOWELL/Fort Worth, TX (Pack Rat Racing #72)

JACK HOYER/Frankfort, IN (Chris Hoyer #11) & (Paul Hazen #57H)

J.J. HUGHES/Jasper, IN (John Hughes #76)

(R) WILL HULL/Plainfield, VT (Sy Allen #7s)

TY HULSEY/Owasso, OK (Dena Risley #24H)

I

STEVE IRWIN/Fenton, MI (Flying Zero Racing #0)

J

JACK JAMES/Harlan, IN (Jack James #99)

A.J. JOHNSON/Oskaloosa, IA (Rick Germar #93)

CHASE JOHNSON/Penngrove, CA (Josh Ford Motorsports #4J)

KYLE JOHNSON/Greencastle, IN (Mike Johnson #99J)

R.J. JOHNSON/Laveen, AZ (Tyler Sturgeon Racing #77s)



KYLE JONES/Kennedale, TX (Ryan Hall Racing #79x)

L

MIKE LARRISON/Avon, IN (American Dream Racing #06L)

C.J. LEARY/Greenfield, IN (BGE Dougherty Motorsports #15x)

RICKY LEWIS/Camarillo, CA (Stensland Motorsports #41)

M

(R) HUNTER MADDOX/Bedford, IN (Hunter Maddox Racing #24m) & (Hunter Maddox Racing #36)

BRENNON MARSHALL/Edgewood, TX (Miller Racing #43)

KEITH MARTIN/Clayburn, TX (Ryan Hall Racing #79)

BRANDON MATTOX/Terre Haute, IN (Brandon Mattox Racing #28)

JUSTIN MENEELY/Brazil, IN (Justin Meneely #100)

TYE MIHOCKO/Peoria, AZ (Dave Wilson Special #5T), (Jamie Paul #24p) & (Cheney Racing #42)

R.J. MILLER/Edgewood, TX (Miller Racing #34)

MITCHEL MOLES/Raisin City, CA (Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports #19AZ)

JOHN MOLLICK/Toronto, OH (Scott Clever #4J)

EVAN MOSLEY/Lapel, IN (Chris Barkdull #27)

TODD MOULE/Heathcote, VIC (Moule Racing #26AU)

N

KEVIN NEWTON/Farmersburg, IN (2nd Law Motorsports #14N) & (2nd Law Motorsports #16TH)

ANTHONY NICHOLSON/Arlington, TN (Nicholson Motorsports #16)

O

(R) TREY OSBORNE/Columbus, OH (Baldwin-Fox Racing #5), (Trey Osborne Racing #6T), (Trey Osborne Racing #11T) & (Larry Ebert #11T)



P

SETH PARKER/West Terre Haute, IN (Seth & Mike Parker #38p)

CARMEN PERIGO/Stoystown, PA (John Stehman #21)

ANDREW PRATHER/Martinsville, IN (Knight Racing #16K)

ZACK PRETORIUS/Yorktown, IN (Jeff Pretorius #9z)

DAISON PURSLEY/Locust Grove, OK (Team AZ-Curb-Agajanian Racing #21AZ)

R

HAYDEN REINBOLD/Gilbert, AZ (Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports #19)

(R) KAYLA ROELL/Dillsboro, IN (KO Motorsports #5K)

JADON ROGERS/Worthington, IN (Michael Dutcher Motorsports #17GP) & (Amati Racing #66)

KENDALL RUBLE/Vincennes, IN (Jerry Ruble #17)

BRIAN RUHLMAN/Clarklake, MI (Brian Ruhlman #49)

S

NATE SCHANK/Santa Rosa, CA (Nate Schank #1)

ADYN SCHMIDT/Haubstadt, IN (Adam Schmidt #12s)

STEPHEN SCHNAPF/Newburgh, IN (Three Chet's Racing #39F)

ERIC SCHULZ/Sioux Falls, SD (Miles Grein #38)

SAM SCOTT/Patoka, IN (Sam Scott #7s)

JAKE SCOTT/Morgantown, IN (Jeff Miller #33)

NATHAN SEALE/Fort Branch, IN (Nathan Seale #1s)

LOGAN SEAVEY/Sutter, CA (Abacus Racing #57)

(R) GUNNAR SETSER/Columbus, IN (KO Motorsports #5G)

KEITH SHEFFER II/Jerome, MI (Sheffer Racing #86)

MATT SHERRELL/Owasso, OK (Graham Motorsports #15m)

KYLE SHIPLEY/Phoenix, AZ (AJR Motorsports #4u)



BRADY SHORT/Bedford, IN (Randy Edwards #61m)

CARSON SHORT/Marion, IL (Randy Edwards #21m)

JAKE SIMMONS/New Palestine, IN (Jake Simmons #7s)

KOBE SIMPSON/Bonham, TX (Kevin Simpson #21K)

(R) WESLEY SMITH/Nixa, MO (2B Racing #2B)

MARK SMITH/Sunbury, PA (Terry Witherspoon #43m)

WESLEY SMITH/Nixa, MO (Wesley Smith Racing #44)

CHASE STOCKON/Fort Branch, IN (KO Motorsports #5s)

COLBY STUBBLEFIELD/Seagoville, TX (Glen Stubblefield #2)

COOPER SULLIVAN/Lawton, OK (Fry Family Motorsports #79F)

STEVIE SUSSEX/Tempe, AZ (Baldwin-Fox Racing #5) & (Tyler Sturgeon Racing #77s)

JAKE SWANSON/Anaheim, CA (2B Racing #2B), (Daming-Swanson Motorsports #5T), (Landon Simon Racing #24) & (Tom Eades #47)

KODY SWANSON/Kingsburg, CA (Doran Racing #77)

T

KEVIN THOMAS JR./Cullman, AL (Rock Steady Racing #3R)

TRAVIS THOMPSON/Brazil, IN (Travis Thompson #7)

MATT THOMPSON/Bloomington, IN (Matt Thompson #26T)

COLT TREHARN/Los Lunas, NM (Treharn Racing #77)

W

SCOTTY WEIR/Marion, IN (2B Racing #2x), (Mark Hery #21) & (Tom Eades #47x)

SHAWN WESTERFELD/Guilford, IN (Fischesser-Owen Racing #4J) & (Fischesser-Owen Racing #44J)

MATT WESTFALL/Pleasant Hill, OH (Ray Marshall Motorsports #33m)

PAUL WHITE/Temple, TX (Greg Wade #1)

NOAH WHITEHOUSE/Greenfield, IN (Scott Whitehouse #00)

DANIEL WHITLEY/Ferndale, CA (Jerry Burton #04)



REED WHITNEY/Jasper, IN (Whitney Racing #87)

CODY WILLIAMS/Rensselaer, IN (Cody Williams #26)

CODY WILLIAMS/Norco, CA (Tom & Laurie Sertich #92)

MITCH WISSMILLER/Saybrook, IL (RNB Motorsports #29)

JOE WOOD JR./Newcastle, OK (Joe Wood #03)

Y

J.J. YELEY/Phoenix, AZ (Yeley Racing #2)

Z

JUSTIN ZIMMERMAN/Athens, TX (Justin Zimmerman #1)

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