2026 USAC Silver Crown Season Review

Leary's Crown! 2026 USAC Silver Crown Review

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Through personal loss, love, pain and joy, C.J. Leary continued to race on over the past year and a half.

And after finishing the USAC Silver Crown Championship points 3rd, 4th, 4th, and 2nd over the past four seasons, a title was just within reach.

In 2026, after 12 years after making his series debut, the Greenfield, Indiana native finally made it to the top once again, this time as a USAC Silver Crown champion.

Leary's Silver Crown title is his first with the series and the second of his USAC national career after also grabbing the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship back in 2019. This one required near perfection as he finished inside the top-five in all but one of the 10 rounds while also tallying three wins.

He picked up two wins on the pavement at WWT Raceway and Iowa Speedway, both of which Leary admitted were "bucket list" tracks for him to win at. A repeat victory on the dirt at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds and a ceremonial swim in the infield pond / lake followed in September, to go along with a series-leading 204 laps led, and no finish worse than eighth throughout the season. By September, he had achieved a brand new series record of 15 consecutive top five finishes dating back to mid-2025.

The 105-point margin of Leary's was the series' largest since the 2015 season, while completing every single one of the 911 laps contested during the 2026 campaign. His quest to the 2026 USAC Silver Crown driving championship has spanned for nearly half of his 30 years on this earth, and this was about as perfect of a year he could've possibly had on the racetrack as the team finished every single race without a single DNF.

"Over half the battle of Silver Crown racing is making sure that your car runs the full 100 laps and finishes the races," Leary stated. If you can do that, you're going to be top 10 for sure, top five maybe even. We've had no failures the last two years, which has been just unbelievable. I owe that all to those guys for spending the time in the shop and providing us with all the right parts and pieces. It makes my job easy to show up to track and give them 100 percent."

For C.J., it's a journey to the championship that debuted in 2014. After going full-time in 2015 in the family-owned No. 30, Leary first raced to victory in USAC national competition in 2016 at Indiana's Terre Haute Action Track, celebrating alongside his dad, 1997 Hoosier Hundred winner Chuck Leary, as they became the first father and son to win USAC Silver Crown races as drivers.

C.J.'s 2018 champ car score at Ohio's Eldora Speedway is widely regarded as one of the best races in USAC Silver Crown history, one that C.J. cites put him "on the map" to where teams were calling him to drive their cars on a full-time basis.

After a run with the Klatt Enterprises team and Bob East in the forthcoming years, Leary notched another series win in 2022. But after vacating that seat in 2024, Leary joined the Team AZ Racing / Petty-Rossi / Curb-Agajanian team for 2025. Their goals were clear: win races and win championships. Despite a new pavement car, no notebook, and a new combo, they won twice and finished second in the standings for 2025. In 2026, they got even better, attaining their goals by year two in their Avanti Windows & Doors – Curb Records/DRC/Stanton Chevy No. 21.

At times, it takes a village to operate at an optimum level, and the 21 bunch sure has its share, becoming quite possibly the first four owner operation to earn a USAC championship, with a team that consists of Mike Burkhart, Craig Burkhart, Eric and Windy Wilkins, Justin Grau, Joe Devin of DRC, Eric Stanton of Stanton Racing Engines, Jerry Petty of Avanti Windows & Doors, Phil Rossi of Apache Transport, and Mike Curb, all of whom can now claim the 2026 Silver Crown title as their very own.

“It’s about the people really,” Leary tipped his cap. “I think it’s about the people you surround yourself with. And if you’re not enjoying what you’re doing, why are you doing it? There are a lot of other things out there that we could all be doing, but racing has brought us all together in the sport that we love.”

But amid the pursuit of accomplishing the task of capturing a USAC Silver Crown title, away from the track, Leary’s experiences were anything but perfect. An emotional roller coaster over the span of the past year and a half saw his dad pass away unexpectedly in March 2025 at the age of 59. Not only was he his dad, his mentor, and his crew chief, he was his best friend.

“Losing my dad was the hardest thing I’ve ever endured and I still struggle with it today. I don’t know if it’s something I’ll ever really truly get over,” C.J. said. “He was my best friend and my crew chief and he was sometimes even my worst enemy. We butted heads a lot, but I sure do wish he was here to have witnessed this season and get to celebrate this championship with us. I know that he was watching over me at all those races.”

In December 2025, C.J. married his longtime girlfriend, Kristy Bemmes. In 2026, C.J.’s trusty sidekick, Charlie the Black Lab, who traveled up and down the road to every one of C.J.’s USAC races going back more than a decade, passed away. Soon after, C.J. and Kristy announced that they would soon become the proud new parents of a baby boy in early 2027.

“I don’t know if it gets any cooler getting to win a USAC Silver Crown championship and to have a son all in the same year,” Leary beamed. “I’m really looking forward to becoming a dad. I think I’ve learned a lot from my dad and I just hope that I’m as good as he was. I think he’ll be the seventh generation of Charles Leary. That’s really cool for my family and really cool for Kristy. I think she’s going to be a great mom.”

Leary led the championship points for all but the first race, which was won in spectacular fashion in May at the Kansas State Fairgrounds by Hayden Reinbold. Restarting 17th after a first lap crash, then later going a lap down just 10 laps into the race, Reinbold took over the lead from a fuel-starved Justin Grant with two laps to go to become the first driver to win in his first career USAC Silver Crown start since Marv Carman in 1984.

Dakoda Armstrong charged from fourth to first in the first 10 laps to win the 69th running of the Hoosier Hundred at Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park in June. In that same race, Russ Gamester made the biggest charge of the season in what was his record-setting 31st career Hoosier Hundred start by driving from 18th to fourth. That same night, Brian Tyler and his son, Robert Tyler, became just the sixth father and son to compete in the same USAC Silver Crown race, joining David & Mike McCreary, Jim & James McElreath, Wayne Reutimann Jr. & Sr., Ken & Davey Hamilton, and Davey Hamilton Jr. & Sr.

Mitchel Moles led all but one lap of July’s Sumar Classic at Indiana’s Terre Haute Action Track as he lost the lead to his teammate Hayden Reinbold with seven laps to go, then quickly grabbed it back on the very next lap to secure the win. Moles and Reinbold’s resulting one-two finish made Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports the first team to occupy the top two spots of a USAC Silver Crown race since Tony Stewart Racing’s Levi Jones and Bryan Clauson in 2010, also at Terre Haute.

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Briggs Danner tied for the most victories during the 2026 season, going wire-to-wire for all 100 laps to score the Rich Vogler Classic in what his first ever visit to the daunting 37 degree high banks of Indiana's Winchester Speedway. Danner's second career series win on July 19 came exactly one year to the day after his first win. Danner then won his first dirt mile race at the Illinois State Fairgrounds' Bettenhausen 100 in August, taking over the lead from Justin Grant, who suffered another heartbreak when his engine expired just 13 laps from the finish line while leading. Danner then capped the season with another victory on the pavement in his first ever visit to Ohio's Toledo Speedway.

During September's 4-Crown Nationals at Ohio's Eldora Speedway, Spire Motorsports with CB Industries debuted their new USAC Silver Crown team with Daison Pursley at the wheel. The result was absolute perfection as they were fastest in practice, captured the pole position in qualifying, then led all 50 laps en route to Pursley's second straight Eldora champ car win. Interestingly, the top four finishers of the feature were Pursley, Brady Bacon, Matt Westfall, and Logan Seavey. For all four of those drivers, it was their only feature start of the USAC Silver Crown season.

Furthermore, Chase Cabre made history at Iowa when he became the first driver to win the pole position in his USAC Silver Crown debut since Shane Hmiel in 2008. In his second qualifying run at Toledo, he captured the pole position again! He led 45 laps in both races, bowing out with a mechanical issue at Iowa before finishing third at Toledo.

Also at Iowa, the versatile Nathan Byrd became the first driver since J.J. Yeley in 2007 at Kansas Speedway to compete in both a USAC Silver Crown and NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts race on the same day at the same track. Byrd finished fourth in the USAC race and 25th in the NASCAR event.

With his eighth place finish in the standings, Chelby Hinton was named the 2026 USAC Silver Crown Max Papis Innovations Rookie of the Year after finishing all six of his starts inside the top 10. In one of the closest Rookie races in series history, Louisiana's Hinton edged Hayden Reinbold by a mere eight points.

Chase Cabre, Justin Grant, and C.J. Leary each led a three-way tie for the most pole positions in 2026 with two apiece.

Six drivers started all 10 feature events: C.J. Leary (1st in points), Briggs Danner (2nd in points), Justin Grant (3rd in points), Mario Clouser (4th in points), Gregg Cory (5th in points), and Dave Berkheimer (6th in points).

Seventy-two different drivers competed in a USAC Silver Crown event in 2026, the most in three years.

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2026 USAC SILVER CROWN STAT LEADERS:

Driver Champion: C.J. Leary

Entrant Champion: Team AZ/Petty-Rossi/Curb-Agajanian Racing #21

Most Wins: 3-Briggs Danner & C.J. Leary

Rookie of the Year: Chelby Hinton (8th)

Most Laps Led: 204-C.J. Leary

Most Top-Fives: 9-C.J. Leary

Most Top-Tens: 10-C.J. Leary

Most Fast Qualifying Times: 2-Chase Cabre, Justin Grant & C.J. Leary

Most Feature Starts: 10-Dave Berkheimer, Mario Clouser, Gregg Cory, Briggs Danner, Justin Grant & C.J. Leary

Best Finish By A Rookie: May 9: Kansas State Fairgrounds - Hayden Reinbold (1st)

Most Positions Advanced in a Race: (14) Jun 25: Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park - Russ Gamester (18th to 4th)

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2026 USAC SILVER CROWN SCHEDULE & RESULTS

May 9: (D) Kansas State Fairgrounds - Hutchinson, Kansas

WINNER: Hayden Reinbold (Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports #119)

Jun 7: (P) World Wide Technology Raceway - Madison, Illinois

WINNER: C.J. Leary (Team AZ/Petty-Rossi/Curb-Agajanian #21)

Jun 25: (P) Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park - Brownsburg, Indiana

WINNER: Dakoda Armstrong (C & A Motorsports #5)

Jul 5: (D) Terre Haute Action Track - Terre Haute, Indiana

WINNER: Mitchel Moles (Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports #19)

Jul 19: (P) Winchester Speedway - Winchester, Indiana

WINNER: Briggs Danner (Doran-Mark Swanson Encore Team #77)

Aug 8: (P) Iowa Speedway - Newton, Iowa

WINNER: C.J. Leary (Team AZ/Petty-Rossi/Curb-Agajanian #21)

Aug 22: (D) Illinois State Fairgrounds - Springfield, Illinois

WINNER: Briggs Danner (DMW Motorsports #10)

Sep 5: (D) Du Quoin State Fairgrounds - Du Quoin, Illinois

WINNER: C.J. Leary (Team AZ/Petty-Rossi/Curb-Agajanian #21)

Sep 26: Eldora Speedway - Rossburg, Ohio



WINNER: Daison Pursley (Spire Motorsports with CB Industries #77)

Oct 3: Toledo Speedway - Toledo, Ohio

WINNER: Briggs Danner (Doran-Mark Swanson Encore Team #77)

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2026 USAC Silver Crown Driver Points

Pos.	Pts.	Driver, Hometown
1	662	C.J. Leary, Greenfield, Indiana
2	557	Briggs Danner, Allentown, Pennsylvania
3	557	Justin Grant, Ione, California
4	487	Mario Clouser, Auburn, Illinois
5	388	Gregg Cory, Shelbyville, Indiana
6	322	Dave Berkheimer, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania
7	283	Kaylee Bryson, Muskogee, Oklahoma
8	279	(R) Chelby Hinton, Dubberly, Louisiana
9	275	Dakoda Armstrong, New Castle, Indiana
10	271	(R) Hayden Reinbold, Gilbert, Arizona
11	258	Mitchel Moles, Raisin City, California
12	254	Chase Stockon, Fort Branch, Indiana
13	251	Jake Swanson, Anaheim, California
14	249	Kyle Steffens, Saint Charles, Missouri
15	227	(R) Steve Gennetten, Gravois Mills, Missouri
16	187	Nathan Byrd, Goodyear, Arizona
17	183	Tyler Roahrig, Plymouth, Indiana
18	165	Bobby Santos, Franklin, Massachusetts
19	148	Jackson Macenko, Cincinnati, Ohio

20	148	Carmen Perigo, Stoystown, Pennsylvania
21	148	(R) Robert Tyler, Mount Pleasant, North Carolina
22	140	Brian Tyler, Parma, Michigan
23	125	Davey Hamilton Jr., Boise, Idaho
24	121	(R) Kale Drake, Collinsville, Oklahoma
25	120	Saban Bibent, Cincinnati, Ohio
26	117	(R) Chase Cabre, Tampa, Florida
27	107	Russ Gamester, Peru, Indiana
28	106	Kyle Hamilton, Danville, Indiana
29	105	Jerry Coons Jr., Tucson, Arizona
30	90	Kyle Cummins, Princeton, Indiana
31	83	Danny Jennings, Norman, Oklahoma
32	81	Trey Osborne, Columbus, Ohio
33	80	Chris Fetter, Troy, Missouri
34	79	Shane Cockrum, Benton, Illinois
35	77	Brady Bacon, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
36	76	(R) Bret Tripplett, Lincoln, Illinois
37	76	Daison Pursley, Locust Grove, Oklahoma
38	74	(R) Colton Bettis, Lutz, Florida
39	66	Mark Bitner, Columbus, New Jersey
40	64	Matt Westfall, Pleasant Hill, Ohio
41	61	Logan Seavey, Sutter, California
42	59	Ryan Newman, South Bend, Indiana
43	55	Bill Rose, Plainfield, Indiana
44	52	Michael Lewis, Noblesville, Indiana
45	47	Korey Weyant, Springfield, Illinois
46	46	Jimmy Light, West Springfield, Pennsylvania

47	45	(R) Mitchell Davis, Auburn, Illinois
48	43	Kip Hughes, North Enid, Oklahoma
49	41	Brian Ruhlman, Clarklake, Michigan
50	39	(R) Chase Locke, Chester, New Hampshire
51	37	(R) Jared Kreider, Stockton, New Jersey
52	35	Kyle O'Gara, Beech Grove, Indiana
53	35	Shane Cottle, Kansas, Illinois
54	35	(R) Darin Naida, Adrian, Michigan
55	35	(R) Rob Caho Jr., Rush City, Minnesota
56	33	(R) Brent Yarnal, Phoenix, Arizona
57	33	Chris Urish, Elkhart, Illinois
58	31	Jake Trainor, Medway, Massachusetts
59	31	Kenny Gentry, Henderson, Kentucky
60	29	Bryan Gossel, Fort Collins, Colorado
61	29	Robert Ballou, Rocklin, California
62	29	(R) Scott Hampton, Greenfield, Indiana
63	29	(R) Jason York, Chico, California
64	23	(R) Kevin Studley, Brownsburg, Indiana
65	22	Patrick Bruns, Champaign, Illinois
66	20	Dave Peperak, Clinton, Indiana
67	20	(R) Billy Pauch Jr., Frenchtown, New Jersey
68	19	Joey Moughan, Springfield, Illinois
69	18	(R) Cale Coons, Greencastle, Indiana
70	15	(R) Colten Cottle, Kansas, Illinois
71	10	(R) Aric Gentry, Robards, Kentucky
72	10	(R) Adam Taylor, Wheatfield, Indiana

(R) represents a USAC Silver Crown Rookie

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2026 USAC Silver Crown Entrant Points

Pos.	Pts.	Entrant, Team Location
1	662	Team AZ/Petty-Rossi/Curb-Agajanian Racing, Phoenix, Arizona (#21)
2	557	Hemelgarn Racing, Toledo, Ohio (#91)
3	487	Team AZ/Petty-Rossi/Curb-Agajanian Racing, Phoenix, Arizona (#20)
4	409	Klatt Enterprises, Hastings, Nebraska (#6)
5	388	Williams-Cory Racing, Shelbyville, Indiana (#32)
6	322	Dave Berkheimer Motorsports, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania (#31)
7	311	Doran-Mark Swanson Encore Team, Lebanon, Ohio (#77)
8	287	Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports, Gilbert, Arizona (#19)
9	283	Abacus Racing Powered by Droplight, Indianapolis, Indiana (#11)
10	281	DMW Motorsports, Phoenix, Arizona (#10)
11	275	C & A Motorsports, New Castle, Indiana (#5)
12	254	Pink 69 Racing, Evansville, Indiana (#69)
13	249	Steffens Motorsports, Saint Charles, Missouri (#8)
14	242	Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports, Gilbert, Arizona (#119)
15	227	GGR Motorsports, Gravois Mills, Missouri (#64)
16	226	Aaron Pierce, Fishers, Indiana (#26)
17	215	Kazmark Motorsports, Joliet, Illinois (#92)
18	187	Meyer Auto Research-Byrd Racing-John Tosti, Brownsburg, Indiana (#40)
19	183	Newman Racing, Snohomish, Washington (#41)
20	165	DJ Racing, Boca Raton, Florida (#98)
21	164	Hamilton-DB Racing, Avon, Indiana (#14)
22	162	John Haggenbottom, Bristol, Pennsylvania (#24)

23	148	Brad Hayes Racing, Pendleton, Indiana (#124)
24	148	Stehman Motorsports, Halifax, Pennsylvania (#52)
25	148	Robert Tyler Racing, Mount Pleasant, North Carolina (#75)
26	144	Klatt Enterprises, Hastings, Nebraska (#62)
27	140	BCR Group, South Vienna, Ohio (#81)
28	135	Breidinger Motorsports, Hillsborough, California (#80)
29	120	Sammy & Mouren Fetter, Bridgeton, Missouri (#88)
30	107	Gamester Racing, Peru, Indiana (#51)
31	95	Shawn Wood, Memphis, Tennessee (#27)
32	90	Team AZ/Petty-Rossi/Curb-Agajanian Racing, Phoenix, Arizona (#33)
33	83	David Grace Motorsports, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (#61)
34	80	Chris Fetter, Moscow Mills, Missouri (#15)
35	77	Chris Dyson Racing, Poughkeepsie, New York (#9)
36	76	SV Motorsports, Blackstone, Illinois (#65)
37	76	Kip Hughes, Enid, Oklahoma (#60)
38	76	Spire Motorsports with CB Industries, Mooresville, North Carolina (#77)
39	66	Henry Yeska, Columbus, New Jersey (#4)
40	64	Westfall Racing, Pleasant Hill, Ohio (#54)
41	61	Abacus Racing Powered by Droplight, Indianapolis, Indiana (#57)
42	56	Hans Lein, Edgerton, Wisconsin (#97)
43	55	Bill Rose Racing, Crawfordsville, Indiana (#66)
44	47	Weyant Motorsports, Rochester, Illinois (#99)
45	46	Mike Thomas, Indianapolis, Indiana (#118)
46	45	Shoestring Racing, Plainfield, Illinois (#38)
47	41	Ruhlman Racing, Clarklake, Michigan (#49)
48	35	Whitman-Caho Racing, Rush City, Minnesota (#78)
49	33	Brent Yarnal, Phoenix, Arizona (#29)

50	33	Urish Racing, Lincoln, Illinois (#177)
51	31	Aaron Pierce, Fishers, Indiana (#126)
52	31	Gentry Motorsports, Henderson, Kentucky (#18)
53	29	Bryan Gossel, Fort Collins, Colorado (#06)
54	29	Team AZ/Petty-Rossi/Curb-Agajanian Racing, Phoenix, Arizona (#211)
55	29	York Racing, Brownsburg, Indiana (#255)
56	23	Studley Motorsports, Brownsburg, Indiana (#57)
57	22	Full Throttle Racing, Champaign, Illinois (#95)
58	20	Dave Peperak Motorsports, Clinton, Indiana (#777)
59	19	Joey Moughan Racing, Springfield, Illinois (#129)
60	18	DMW Motorsports, Phoenix, Arizona (#110)
61	15	McQuinn Motorsports, Springfield, Illinois (#114)
62	15	Mark Moreland Racing, O'Fallon, Missouri (#04)
63	10	Tim & Linda Simmons, Cabot, Arkansas (#3)
64	10	Adam Taylor Motorsports, Wheatfield, Indiana (#53)

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2026 USAC Silver Crown Rookie Driver Points

Pos.	Pts.	Driver, Hometown
1	279	Chelby Hinton, Dubberly, Louisiana
2	271	Hayden Reinbold, Gilbert, Arizona
3	227	Steve Gennetten, Gravois Mills, Missouri
4	148	Robert Tyler, Mount Pleasant, North Carolina
5	121	Kale Drake, Collinsville, Oklahoma
6	117	Chase Cabre, Tampa, Florida
7	76	Bret Tripplett, Lincoln, Illinois

8	74	Colton Bettis, Lutz, Florida
9	45	Mitchell Davis, Auburn, Illinois
10	39	Chase Locke, Chester, New Hampshire
11	37	Jared Kreider, Stockton, New Jersey
12	35	Darin Naida, Adrian, Michigan
13	35	Rob Caho Jr., Rush City, Minnesota
14	33	Brent Yarnal, Phoenix, Arizona
15	29	Scott Hampton, Greenfield, Indiana
16	29	Jason York, Chico, California
17	23	Kevin Studley, Brownsburg, Indiana
18	20	Billy Pauch Jr., Frenchtown, New Jersey
19	18	Cale Coons, Greencastle, Indiana
20	15	Colten Cottle, Kansas, Illinois
21	10	Aric Gentry, Robards, Kentucky
22	10	Adam Taylor, Wheatfield, Indiana

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RACE WINS:

3-Briggs Danner (Jul 19 at Winchester Speedway, Aug 22 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds & Oct 3 at Toledo Speedway)

3-C.J. Leary (Jun 7 at World Wide Technology Raceway, Aug 8 at Iowa Speedway & Sep 5 at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds)

1-Dakoda Armstrong (Jun 25 at Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park)

1-Mitchel Moles (Jul 5 at the Terre Haute Action Track)

1-Hayden Reinbold (May 9 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds)

1-Daison Pursley (Sep 26 at Eldora Speedway)

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LAPS LED:

204-C.J. Leary

185-Justin Grant

164-Briggs Danner

99-Mitchel Moles

91-Dakoda Armstrong

90-Chase Cabre

50-Daison Pursley

19-Davey Hamilton Jr.

6-Bobby Santos

3-Hayden Reinbold

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TOP 5 FINISHES:

9-C.J. Leary

7-Justin Grant

4-Mario Clouser & Briggs Danner

3-Dakoda Armstrong & Jake Swanson

2-Hayden Reinbold, Tyler Roahrig & Kyle Steffens

1-Brady Bacon, Saban Bibent, Nathan Byrd, Chase Cabre, Jerry Coons Jr., Gregg Cory, Russ Gamester, Jackson Macenko, Mitchel Moles, Daison Pursley, Bobby Santos, Logan Seavey, Chase Stockon & Matt Westfall

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TOP 10 FINISHES:

10-C.J. Leary



8-Briggs Danner & Justin Grant

7-Mario Clouser

6-Chelby Hinton

4-Dakoda Armstrong & Chase Stockon

3-Gregg Cory, Steve Gennetten, Mitchel Moles, Tyler Roahrig, Bobby Santos, Kyle Steffens & Jake Swanson

2-Kaylee Bryson, Nathan Byrd, Jackson Macenko, Carmen Perigo & Hayden Reinbold

1-Brady Bacon, Colton Bettis, Saban Bibent, Chase Cabre, Shane Cockrum, Jerry Coons Jr., Kyle Cummins, Kale Drake, Chris Fetter, Russ Gamester, Kyle Hamilton, Davey Hamilton Jr., Kip Hughes, Danny Jennings, Michael Lewis, Trey Osborne, Daison Pursley, Bill Rose, Logan Seavey, Brian Tyler, Robert Tyler & Matt Westfall

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FEATURE STARTS:

10-Dave Berkheimer, Mario Clouser, Gregg Cory, Briggs Danner, Justin Grant & C.J. Leary

7-Kaylee Bryson

6-Chelby Hinton & Hayden Reinbold

5-Dakoda Armstrong, Steve Gennetten, Mitchel Moles, Kyle Steffens, Chase Stockon & Jake Swanson

4-Nathan Byrd, Brian Tyler & Robert Tyler

3-Saban Bibent, Kale Drake, Russ Gamester, Kyle Hamilton, Davey Hamilton Jr., Jackson Macenko, Trey Osborne, Carmen Perigo, Tyler Roahrig, Bobby Santos & Bret Tripplett

2-Colton Bettis, Mark Bitner, Chase Cabre, Shane Cockrum, Jerry Coons Jr., Kyle Cummins, Chris Fetter, Danny Jennings, Jimmy Light & Ryan Newman

1-Brady Bacon, Robert Ballou, Patrick Bruns, Rob Caho Jr., Cale Coons, Colten Cottle, Shane Cottle, Mitchell Davis, Kenny Gentry, Bryan Gossel, Scott Hampton, Kip Hughes, Jared Kreider, Michael Lewis, Chase Locke, Joey Moughan, Darin Naida, Kyle O'Gara, Dave Peperak, Daison Pursley, Bill Rose, Brian Ruhlman, Logan Seavey, Kevin Studley, Jake Trainor, Chris Urish, Matt Westfall, Korey Weyant, Brent Yarnal & Jason York

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FAST QUALIFIERS: (Presented by LearnLab)



May 9: Kansas State Fairgrounds - Justin Grant (20.789)

Jun 7: World Wide Technology Raceway - C.J. Leary (30.641)

Jun 25: Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park - C.J. Leary (20.962)

Jul 5: Terre Haute Action Track - Mitchel Moles (20.627)

Jul 19: Winchester Speedway - Briggs Danner (14.972)

Aug 8: Iowa Speedway - Chase Cabre (21.963)

Aug 22: Illinois State Fairgrounds - Justin Grant (31.504)

Sep 5: Du Quoin State Fairgrounds - Chase Stockon (30.125)

Sep 25: Eldora Speedway - Daison Pursley (16.428)

Oct 3: Toledo Speedway - Chase Cabre (15.159)

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FAST QUALIFYING TIMES: (Presented by LearnLab)

2-Chase Cabre, Justin Grant & C.J. Leary

1-Briggs Danner, Mitchel Moles, Daison Pursley & Chase Stockon

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QUALIFYING RACE WINNERS: (Presented by Five Star Bodies)

1-Carmen Perigo

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TOP ROOKIE FINISHER OF THE RACE:

May 9: Kansas State Fairgrounds - Hayden Reinbold (1st)

Jun 7: World Wide Technology Raceway - Brent Yarnal (15th)

Jun 25: Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park - Chelby Hinton (9th)

Jul 5: Terre Haute Action Track - Hayden Reinbold (2nd)

Jul 19: Winchester Speedway - Robert Tyler (8th)

Aug 8: Iowa Speedway - Chelby Hinton (9th)

Aug 22: Illinois State Fairgrounds - Chelby Hinton (10th)

Sep 5: Du Quoin State Fairgrounds - Chelby Hinton (6th)

Sep 26: Eldora Speedway - Chelby Hinton (9th)

Oct 3: Toledo Speedway - Chase Cabre (3rd)

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HARD CHARGER OF THE RACE: (Presented by Rod End Supply)

May 9: Kansas State Fairgrounds - Hayden Reinbold (8th to 1st)

Jun 7: World Wide Technology Raceway - Jackson Macenko (16th to 3rd)

Jun 25: Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park - Russ Gamester (18th to 4th)

Jul 5: Terre Haute Action Track - Bill Rose (18th to 6th)

Jul 19: Winchester Speedway - Brian Tyler (11th to 6th)

Aug 8: Iowa Speedway - Gregg Cory (15th to 5th)

Aug 22: Illinois State Fairgrounds - Steve Gennetten (22nd to 11th)

Sep 5: Du Quoin State Fairgrounds - Briggs Danner (16th to 3rd)

Sep 26: Eldora Speedway - Carmen Perigo (21st to 8th)

Oct 3: Toledo Speedway - Kale Drake (16th to 6th)

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MOST LAPS LED: (K & N Filters Clean Air Award)

May 9: Kansas State Fairgrounds - Justin Grant (98)



Jun 7: World Wide Technology Raceway - C.J. Leary (45)

Jun 25: Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park - Dakoda Armstrong (91)

Jul 5: Terre Haute Action Track - Mitchel Moles (99)

Jul 19: Winchester Speedway - Briggs Danner (100)

Aug 8: Iowa Speedway - C.J. Leary (55)

Aug 22: Illinois State Fairgrounds - Justin Grant (87)

Sep 5: Du Quoin State Fairgrounds - C.J. Leary (100)

Sep 26: Eldora Speedway - Daison Pursley (50)

Oct 3: Toledo Speedway - Briggs Danner (55)

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FASTEST PRACTICE DRIVER: (Presented by Dirt Draft)

May 9: Kansas State Fairgrounds - Justin Grant (21.019)

Jun 7: World Wide Technology Raceway - C.J. Leary (30.596)

Jun 25: Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park - Kyle Hamilton (21.215)

Jul 5: Terre Haute Action Track - Justin Grant (20.462)

Jul 19: Winchester Speedway - Justin Grant (15.149)

Aug 8: Iowa Speedway - C.J. Leary (22.217)

Aug 22: Illinois State Fairgrounds - Justin Grant (30.976)

Sep 5: Du Quoin State Fairgrounds - Justin Grant (29.802)

Sep 25: Eldora Speedway - Daison Pursley (16.182)

Oct 3: Toledo Speedway - C.J. Leary (15.140)

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2026 USAC SILVER CROWN RESULTS LOG

Salt City Stunner! Reinbold Reigns at Hutch in his First USAC Silver Crown Start

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Hutchinson, Kansas (May 9, 2026)……Any way you slice it, the odds were stacked against Hayden Reinbold during Saturday night's 3rd running of the Evans Building Salt City 100 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson.

In what was his first career USAC Silver Crown appearance, Reinbold didn't even make it to the green flag on the initial start after wall contact in turn four. Restarting 17th, he even went a lap down to the leader just 10 circuits into the 100-lapper.

Even after surging forward in the second half of the race, with 13 laps to go, Reinbold still ran fifth. With three laps to go, he occupied third behind the top-two drivers in series points a year ago. Furthermore, a half-straightaway deficit to the leader still stood in his path.

But at the end of it all, the 22-year-old Gilbert, Arizona native could proudly proclaim that he owned a perfect winning percentage of 100 in his USAC Silver Crown career.

One-for-one.

Reinbold made his winning move on lap 99 of 100 when racelong leader Justin Grant's fuel tank ran dry just 1.5 laps from the finish line. Capitalizing on the situation, Reinbold scurried along the bottom of turns three and four on the 1/2-mile dirt oval, leading the final two laps to earn one of the most stunning victories in series history, considering all the circumstances.

"This is so much fun," Reinbold exclaimed. "I don't know if anybody has ever come from a lap down and went on to go win it. I'm kind of gassed. My legs are cooked. I fell off the cage."

Reinbold did, in fact, fall off the roll cage on his victory lane celebration, but it was no harm, no foul. Funny thing is it took 101 starts for Reinbold to score his first career USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship feature victory in 2025 at Eldora. The Silver Crown car took just one try, and he now shares a unique stat with Jimmy Horton as the holder of an unblemished 100 percent Silver Crown winning percentage.

It had been nearly 42 years since a driver won in his first career USAC Silver Crown start, but Reinbold decided to take it upon himself to become the latest to achieve the feat at the wheel of his Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports/AME Electrical – RDI Development – JUGO/DRC/Stanton Chevy.

Marv Carman was the most recent driver to win in his first ever USAC Silver Crown start at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in 1984. In fact, only eight drivers have ever pulled off the feat: Jim McElreath (1971 Nazareth), A.J. Foyt (1971 Illinois State Fairgrounds), Danny Smith (1982 Eldora), Rick Hood (1982 Indiana State Fairgrounds), Jimmy Horton (1983 Nazareth), Herb Copeland (1983 Oklahoma City), Marv Carman (1984 Minnesota State Fairgrounds) and now Reinbold.

The way it all played out at Hutch could not have possibly been more dramatic. As the field was approaching the green flag on the initial start, Reinbold's wheels got caught in the wet, causing the car to push straight into the outside turn four wall before coming to a stop and necessitating a yellow flag.

The contact was slight, but with a full fuel load and it being his first time in the car, it can be chalked it up to a inexperience and a learning moment.

“At the start, I just got tight and the track was greasy,” Reinbold explained. “I got caked in mud and I couldn’t get a tear-off off.”

Initially, it didn’t seem to get all that much better for Reinbold. While continuing to gain footing and gather laps, Reinbold lost a lap as pole starter Justin Grant blitzed by him just 10 laps into the race. However, with the aid of a lap 21 caution, Reinbold received his lap back per a rule that was instituted by the series a few years ago.

From there on, Reinbold got to work. He marched his way into the top-five by lap 64, using a part of the racetrack that had been relatively underutilized, much to his surprise.

“No one was going to the bottom of three and four, surprisingly,” Reinbold offered. “I felt like it was really juiced up down there, so I asked if I should go to the bottom (over the two-way radio). Since no one else was going down there, I went down there.”

Running the infield berm with his front wheels elevated on top of it at times, Reinbold still ran fifth with as little as 13 laps to go. He got to fourth on lap 88 when Chase Stockon fell out of contention due to a lack of fuel. He rose to third on lap 93 as he ducked under defending race winner Briggs Danner in turns three and four. Reinbold finally won a tug-of-war with C.J. Leary for second entering turn one with three laps to go.

But Reinbold still had to track down Grant, who remained about a second ahead of him at the time with the laps dwindling. However, Grant noticeably didn’t have quite the drive off the corners as he did just moments earlier. Reinbold quickly ate up Grant’s interval on the back straight on lap 99 and completed the pass for the lead on the bottom of turns three and four just moments later.

On the final lap, Grant remained within a couple car lengths of Reinbold’s back bumper on the high side of turns one and two. That’s when Grant’s car appeared to practically shut off as the last fumes of fuel sloshed around. That allowed Reinbold to turn a narrow lead into an astonishing 3.042 second victory.

Grant crossed the line a disappointing second just inches in front of C.J. Leary in third. Kyle Steffens came home a strong fourth after starting 10th while Mario Clouser rounded out the top-five, bouncing back after suffering a flat right rear tire on lap 39 and running out of fuel on lap 88.

Additionally, Reinbold not only won the race, but he also did it with a flourish. Officially, he advanced seven positions to the lead from his eighth starting spot. That said, everyone saw him win the thing after restarting 17th. Either way you slice it, his spectacular back-to-front victory earned him Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

Motorsports, like life, can deliver a cruel fate when everything is seemingly going perfect. That was the case for Grant who won the pole and led 98 of the 100 laps before running out of fuel on the white flag lap. By leading the most laps, he was the night’s K & N Filters Clean Air Award recipient.

Grant’s start to the night was quite an adventure, as it was for all competitors. Grant literally broke the Hutchinson one-lap USAC Silver Crown track record three times during the night. He did it once in the first qualifying session before rain hit and washed the session out. With everybody required to requalify, Grant lowered the record twice more on his LearnLab

re-Qualifying run with a lap of 20.789 seconds. It was the 13th career USAC Silver Crown fast qualifying time for JG, tying him with J.J. Yeley for sixth place all-time.

USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: May 9, 2026 – Kansas State Fairgrounds – Hutchinson, Kansas – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – 3rd Evans Building Salt City 100

LEARNLAB QUALIFYING: 1. Justin Grant, 91, Hemelgarn-20.789 (New Track Record); 2. C.J. Leary, 21, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi/Curb-Agajanian-21.031; 3. Mitchel Moles, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-21.060; 4. Mario Clouser, 20, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi/Curb-Agajanian-21.218; 5. Briggs Danner, 10, DMW-21.394; 6. Kale Drake, 92, Kazmark-21.542; 7. Chase Stockon, 69, Pink 69-21.598; 8. Hayden Reinbold, 119, Reinbold/Underwood-21.684; 9. Jake Swanson, 6, Klatt-21.749; 10. Kyle Steffens, 8, Steffens-22.274; 11. Bret Tripplett, 65, SV-22.525; 12. Kip Hughes, 160, Hughes-22.617; 13. Steve Gennetten, 64, GGR-22.694; 14. Danny Jennings, 61, Jennings-22.827; 15. Gregg Cory, 32, Williams/Cory-23.405; 16. Bryan Gossel, 06, Gossel-NT; 17. Dave Berkheimer, 31, Berkheimer-NT.

FEATURE: (100 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Hayden Reinbold (8), 2. Justin Grant (1), 3. C.J. Leary (2), 4. Kyle Steffens (10), 5. Mario Clouser (4), 6. Chase Stockon (7), 7. Briggs Danner (5), 8. Steve Gennetten (13), 9. Danny Jennings (14), 10. Kip Hughes (12), 11. Gregg Cory (15), 12. Jake Swanson (9), 13. Bret Tripplett (11), 14. Mitchel Moles (3), 15. Kale Drake (6), 16. Dave Berkheimer (17), 17. Bryan Gossel (16). 48:06.009

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-98 Justin Grant, Laps 99-100 Hayden Reinbold

**Bryan Gossel flipped during practice.

USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-73, 2-Hayden Reinbold-70, 3-C.J. Leary-64, 4-Kyle Steffens-61, 5-Mario Clouser-58, 6-Chase Stockon-55, 7-Briggs Danner-52, 8-Steve Gennetten-49, 9-Danny Jennings-46, 10-Kip Hughes-43.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Cale Coons-38, 2-Logan Calderwood-36, 3-Robert Ballou-30, 4-Justin Grant-29, 5-Briggs Danner-28, 6-Kevin Thomas Jr.-28, 7-Hayden Reinbold-27, 8-Chase Stockon-24, 9-Chelby Hinton-22, 10-Jadon Rogers-21.

NEXT USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: May 22, 2026 – Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park – Brownsburg, Indiana – .686-Mile Paved Oval – 69th Hoosier Hundred

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Justin Grant (21.019)

LearnLab Fast Qualifier: Justin Grant (20.789)

K & N Filters Clean Air Award: Justin Grant (98 laps led)

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Hayden Reinbold (8th to 1st)

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Sunday Drive! Leary Gets His Kicks in Route 66 Classic at WWT Raceway

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Madison, Illinois (June 7, 2026)……Twenty-nine years ago in 1997, Chuck Leary christened the then-brand-new World Wide Technology Raceway (then known as Gateway Motorsports Park) by capturing the pole position for the inaugural USAC Silver Crown event at the track.

Twenty-nine years later, on a Sunday afternoon, Chuck's son, C.J. Leary, established his own mark at the 1.25-mile paved oval by not only repeating his dad's feat of starting on the pole, but then took it another step further by going on to win the main event.

C.J., from Greenfield, Indiana, took the lead when Davey Hamilton Jr.'s car overheated on the back straightaway on lap 22. Leary then led the final 45 laps en route to victory lane at the slightly shortened OUTFRONT Route 66 Classic Presented by Welsch Heating & Cooling.

Leary's sixth career USAC Silver Crown win moved him to 21st place on the all-time list alongside Tom Bigelow, Russ Gamester, Kenny Irwin Jr., Jason Leffler, Ken Schrader and Al Unser. Plus, Leary is now the Silver Crown point leader as he remains on the hunt for his first career series title.

The race concluded one lap short of the scheduled 66-lap distance due to a combination of oil being laid down on the racing surface on the final lap as well as time constraints, which required the race to go checkered at 4:00pm sharp.

Yet, whether it was 65 laps or 66 laps, Leary had the field covered aboard his Team AZ-Petty-Rossi/Curb Agajanian Racing/Avanti Windows & Doors – Curb Records/DRC/Stanton Chevy.

"I'm out of breath," Leary exhaled. "We unloaded fast. Thanks to Corey (Fillip) with Advanced Racing Shocks for coming up with a new shock program versus what we had on last year, which was still pretty good. Thanks to the Burkhart family and Joe Devin, who has really taken on the crew chief role, at least on my car. This thing was a rocket ship."

That said, it was outside front row starter Bobby Santos who initially found the front as he got out in front of Leary to lead the opening lap. That didn't last long as fourth starting Davey Hamilton Jr. surged to the front on the second lap by going three-wide alongside Leary and Santos down the back straightaway.

On the fourth lap, the left front spindle broke on the car of 14th running Brent Yarnal, who was making his WWTR debut. His contact with the outside turn three wall resulted in significant damage to the left side of his car as well as the SAFER barrier. Yarnal was transported to Saint Louis University Hospital, then was released overnight with a fractured rib, a fractured left ankle and soreness.

Upon the restart, Leary made his way back up to second as he dove under Santos entering turn one on lap 15. Utilizing the draft off of Hamilton's car, Leary immediately began to close up the 1.2 second gap for the lead. However, that gap instantly went to nil on lap 21 when Hamilton's engine overheated, sending him into the pits and out of the race for good.

With Leary the new leader, he was set on cruise control. However, another factor began to weigh on his and the team's mind, which altered their strategic thought process a bit.

"I knew that the 14 (Hamilton) couldn't keep up that pace on the start and I was trying to conserve," Leary explained. "Then, on that red, we were talking about maybe a time limit. So, I just got up on the wheel and got after it."

Attrition was an issue for many front runners throughout the midsection of the race. Second place runner Briggs Danner, making his first USAC pavement start, pulled off the pace when smoke began billowing from his ride on the 30th lap. Armstrong was the next victim while running second as he too slowed dramatically before stopping on lap 35.

Jackson Macenko, who started 16th in the field after changing a right rear tire following qualifying, made his way into third as he beat Santos in a drag race to the entry of turn one on lap 45.

Leary continuously upped the interval over Grant during the last 20 laps, where it sat at 3.532 seconds over Grant. Macenko kept his incredible charge going on the bottom of turn one when he took the second spot from Grant on lap 57. Moments later, Grant began to fall off the pace and then fell out of the race with a magneto failure. Now occupying second, Santos moved up another position in the pecking order from as he breezed by Macenko on the back straight on lap 63.

All the while, Leary was setting the pace to the tune of 4.5 seconds. But by then, a slight disturbance came into play. Although, Leary seemed comfortably in control by that point.

"We picked up a pretty good vibration there towards the end of the race and tried to milk it home," Leary revealed. "We were getting a little free, then the 6 blew up going into three and laid oil down on the track."

The 6 was Michael Lewis who was making his first USAC Silver Crown start in 20 years! He started fifth and finished seventh, completing every lap but the last one in his return.

With the yellow and checkered flags waving simultaneously, Leary crossed the line as the winner for the third time in his USAC career on pavement.

Santos finished second as Macenko earned Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors with a career best series finish in his +13 run to third. Kyle Steffens posted a fourth place result for the second straight series race while Mario Clouser rounded out the top-five.

Leary didn't lead early, but he led often. Overall, he led the most laps (45 of 65) to grab accolades as the K & N Filters Clean Air Award. Furthermore, Leary's pole run of 30.641 seconds (146.862 mph average) was the 10th of his USAC Silver Crown career, placing him eighth all-time alongside Bobby East and Rich Vogler.

USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: June 7, 2026 – World Wide Technology Raceway – Madison, Illinois – 1.25-Mile Paved Oval – OUTFRONT 100 Route 66 Classic Presented by Welsch Heating & Cooling

LEARNLAB QUALIFYING: 1. C.J. Leary, 21, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi/Curb-Agajanian-30.641; 2. Bobby Santos, 98, DJ-30.667; 3. Briggs Danner, 77, Doran/Swanson-30.958; 4. Davey Hamilton Jr., 14, Hamilton/DB-31.016; 5. Michael Lewis, 6, Klatt-31.070; 6. Mario Clouser, 20, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi/Curb-Agajanian-31.180; 7. Dakoda Armstrong, 5, C & A-31.272; 8. Kyle O'Gara, 92, Kazmark-31.434; 9. Kyle Steffens, 8, Steffens-31.442; 10. Justin Grant, 91, Hemelgarn-31.450; 11. Jackson Macenko, 124, Hayes-31.628; 12. Colton Bettis, 26, Pierce-32.060; 13. Kaylee Bryson, 11, Abacus/Droplight-32.141; 14.

Gregg Cory, 32, Williams/Cory-33.711; 15. Brent Yarnal, 29, Yarnal-33.827; 16. Dave Berkheimer, 31, Berkheimer-35.834; 17. Jake Trainor, 126, Pierce-NT.

FEATURE: (65 laps, shortened from 66 laps due to time constraints, starting positions in parentheses) 1. C.J. Leary (1), 2. Bobby Santos (2), 3. Jackson Macenko (16), 4. Kyle Steffens (9), 5. Mario Clouser (6), 6. Kaylee Bryson (12), 7. Michael Lewis (5), 8. Justin Grant (10), 9. Dakoda Armstrong (7), 10. Briggs Danner (3), 11. Davey Hamilton Jr. (4), 12. Dave Berkheimer (15), 13. Gregg Cory (13), 14. Kyle O'Gara (8), 15. Brent Yarnal (14), 16. Colton Bettis (11). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Bobby Santos, Laps 2-20 Davey Hamilton Jr., Laps 21-65 C.J. Leary.

USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-140, 2-Justin Grant-122, 3-Kyle Steffens-122, 4-Mario Clouser-116, 5-Briggs Danner-95, 6-Gregg Cory-78, 7-Hayden Reinbold-70, 8-Dave Berkheimer-70, 9-Bobby Santos-67, 10-Jackson Macenko-64.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Cale Coons-59, 2-Hayden Reinbold-51, 3-Briggs Danner-47, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-44, 5-Robert Ballou-44, 6-Justin Grant-42, 7-Logan Calderwood-39, 8-Chase Stockon-38, 9-Brady Bacon-37, 10-Kyle Cummins-34.

NEXT USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: June 20, 2026 – Port Royal Speedway – Port Royal, Pennsylvania – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – USAC Eastern Blast

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: C.J. Leary (30.596)

LearnLab Fast Qualifier: C.J. Leary (30.641)

K & N Filters Clean Air Award: C.J. Leary (45 laps led)

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Jackson Macenko (16th to 3rd)

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Port Royal USAC Silver Crown Rained Out

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Port Royal, Pennsylvania (June 20, 2026)……Precipitation rained down on Pennsylvania's Port Royal Speedway midway through USAC Silver Crown practice, resulting in the cancellation of USAC Eastern Blast at the 1/2-mile dirt oval.

Seventeen USAC Silver Crown drivers and cars were on hand for the event.

After an earlier rain delay of nearly three hours, USAC Silver Crown competitors took the track where eight of the 12 drivers recorded a time in practice that was under the official track record of 19.816 seconds set by Brady Bacon in 2024.

Chase Stockon was the fastest of all with a staggeringly fast lap of 18.591 seconds, nearly 1.3 seconds faster than the record.

However, the show never extended past that point, and the event was canceled.

All drivers and teams in attendance were awarded 10 points toward the season long USAC Silver Crown Championship standings.

The 2026 USAC Silver Crown Championship season continues this Thursday night, June 25, with the 69th running of the Hoosier Hundred at Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park.

USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: June 20, 2026 – Port Royal Speedway – Port Royal, Pennsylvania – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – USAC Eastern Blast

CARS & DRIVERS IN ATTENDANCE: (17) Mark Bitner (#4 Yeska), Jake Swanson (#6 Klatt), Kyle Steffens (#8 Steffens), Brady Bacon (#9 Dyson), Briggs Danner (#10 DMW), Mitchel Moles (#19 Reinbold-Underwood), Mario Clouser (#20 Team AZ/Petty-Rossi/Curb-Agajanian), C.J. Leary (#21 Team AZ/Petty-Rossi/Curb-Agajanian), Billy Pauch Jr. (#24 Haggenbottom), Dave Berkheimer (#31 Berkheimer), Gregg Cory (#32 Williams-Cory), Kyle Cummins (#33 Team AZ/Petty-Rossi/Curb-Agajanian), Carmen Perigo (#52 Stehman), Steve Gennetten (#64 GGR), Chase Stockon (#69 Pink 69), Justin Grant (#91 Hemelgarn) & Hayden Reinbold (#119 Reinbold-Underwood).

REMAINDER OF PROGRAM RAINED OUT

USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-150, 2-Justin Grant-132, 3-Kyle Steffens-132, 4-Mario Clouser-126, 5-Briggs Danner-105, 6-Gregg Cory-88, 7-Hayden Reinbold-80, 8-Dave Berkheimer-80, 9-Bobby Santos-67, 10-Chase Stockon-65.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kevin Thomas Jr.-68, 2-Hayden Reinbold-65, 3-Robert Ballou-64, 4-Cale Coons-64, 5-Briggs Danner-56, 6-Justin Grant-54, 7-Jacob Denney-52, 8-Chase Stockon-48, 9-Brady Bacon-44, 10-Logan Calderwood-39.

NEXT USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: June 25, 2026 – Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park – Brownsburg, Indiana – .686-Mile Paved Oval – 69th Hoosier Hundred

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Dakoda Domination! Armstrong Flexes at IRP's Hoosier Hundred

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Brownsburg, Indiana (June 25, 2026)……Admittedly, Dakoda Armstrong hasn't had the most reciprocal relationship with Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park over the years.

Since 2008, he's raced Midgets, Sprint Cars, Stock Cars, Trucks, and Silver Crown cars at the Brownsburg, Indiana .686-mile paved oval, but had never achieved a victory.

The New Castle, Indiana racer's time finally arrived during Thursday night's USAC Silver Crown event when he swiftly moved from his fourth starting position to the top spot within the first 10 laps, then led the remaining 91 circuits to capture his first ever IRP triumph.

"I love this place," Armstrong exclaimed. "I've been coming here almost 18 years, off and on. I've always loved it, but it has not loved me. But finally, tonight, it gave us a little kiss of luck."

The icing on the cake for Armstrong was that it occurred at the 69th running of the Hoosier Hundred, one of the most historic and prestigious races in American open wheel racing, and now Armstrong has his name on its win list.

"It's just a historic event," expressed Armstrong. "Since it moved to pavement, that became a checkmark for me to try to get one. The fact that we did it is awesome, especially here. I love this place, but I have not had the best luck. To finally put it all together after all these years, man, we finally did it."

Starting from the outside of the second row, Armstrong momentarily bided his time as front row occupants C.J. Leary and Bobby Santos duked it out for the initial seven laps with the two swapping the lead four different times in that timeframe. Santos led the opening lap before giving way to Leary on lap two. Santos hustled back to the front on lap three until Leary returned to the front on the seventh go around.

Meanwhile, Armstrong began to surge. First he ducked under Santos for second on the pylon in turn three. He stalked Leary for the next two laps until taking his shot in turn three on lap 10, as he dove to the bottom and stuck the pass. When all was said and done, it turned out to be the winning move at the wheel of his C & A Motorsports/Meristem – Armstrong Farms/Beast/Stanton Chevy No. 5.

"Normally, I like to ride, but man, these guys have been so good about setting a pace early, and then it gets late and your tires are burned and there's nothing you can do with them," Armstrong explained.

Throughout the first half of the race, the driver making the biggest move was Russ Gamester, who was making his record-extending 31st career Hoosier Hundred start dating back to 1989. Starting 18th, he had picked his way into the top five past defending series champion Justin Grant on lap 46. When fourth running Briggs Danner's car went up in smoke on lap 55, Gamester moved up one more spot on the board to fourth.

For Armstrong, he had to contend with two sorts challenges at the front of the pack. That being lapped traffic and second running Leary, who trailed Armstrong by 1.5 seconds, but was able to chip away and whittle the interval down to a half second as Armstrong attempted to weave his way in and around the backmarkers.

"C.J. would not leave me alone," Armstrong stated. "(My spotter) kept telling me how far back he was. I didn't want to drive the car that hard, but it kept taking it. This place is just so hard. I tell everyone all the time, this place is hard to get ahold of. But this thing was just a rocket all night."

But every time Leary seemingly drew nearer to the lead, Armstrong thwarted all of it, keeping Leary behind him in the range of one to one-and-a-half seconds down to stretch. There was no waiting around for Armstrong on this night whether it was in the early stages or the latter stages of the race. If he saw a chance, he took it. Because it was all on him.

"We went so hard early," Armstrong said. "I didn't know how much tire I was going to have and I just didn't have time to wait. He would capitalize sometimes if I was slow on passing. But we were good enough to get around all of them, and we made it work."

As it turned out, Armstrong got around most of the field, lapping all but the top five finishers in the 100-lap race. Ultimately, Armstrong crossed the finish line 2.105 seconds ahead of runner-up Leary. Reigning Hoosier Hundred winner Tyler Roahrig took third with Gamester an impressive fourth and Grant fifth.

Armstrong led 91 of the 100 laps to receive the K & N Filters Clean Air Award. Interestingly, Armstrong won the race in the same car that David Byrne used to win at IRP back in July 2014!

Gamester was a passing machine this evening. Starting 18th on the grid, the 61-year-old Peru, Indiana native raced his way up to a fourth place result. His +14 run made him the night's Rod End Supply Hard Charger.

Leary was the LearnLab Fast Qualifier with a time of 20.962 seconds to capture a USAC Silver Crown pole position for the 11th time in his career, which moved him past Rich Vogler and Bobby East for sole possession of eighth place on the all-time list.

Brian Tyler and Robert Tyler completed a rare feat during the program. They became the sixth father and son to compete in the same USAC Silver Crown race. They joined a group that also includes David & Mike McCreary, Jim & James McElreath, Wayne Reutimann Jr. & Sr., Ken & Davey Hamilton, and Davey Hamilton Jr. & Sr. Brian finished 13th and Robert 16th.

USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: June 25, 2026 – Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park – Brownsburg, Indiana – .686-Mile Paved Oval – 69th Hoosier Hundred

LEARNLAB QUALIFYING: 1. C.J. Leary, 21, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi/Curb-Agajanian-20.962; 2. Bobby Santos, 98, DJ-21.124; 3. Briggs Danner, 77, Doran/Swanson-21.160; 4. Dakoda Armstrong, 5, C & A-21.205; 5. Tyler Roahrig, 41, Newman-21.206; 6. Justin Grant, 91, Hemelgarn-21.293; 7. Kyle Hamilton, 6, Klatt-21.368; 8. Mario Clouser, 20, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi/Curb-Agajanian-21.407; 9. Davey Hamilton Jr., 14, Hamilton/DB-21.408; 10. Nathan Byrd, 40, Meyer/Byrd-21.431; 11. Colton Bettis, 26, Pierce-21.563; 12. Jackson Macenko, 124, Hayes-21.611; 13. Chelby Hinton, 80, Breidinger-21.641; 14. Jake Trainor, 126, Pierce-21.748; 15. Kaylee Bryson, 11, Abacus/Droplight-21.850; 16. Brian Tyler, 81, BCR-22.121; 17. Kyle Steffens, 8, Steffens-22.290; 18. Kevin Studley, 57, Studley-22.337; 19. Russ Gamester, 51, Gamester-23.542; 20. Robert Tyler, 75, Tyler-23.717; 21. Gregg Cory, 32, Williams/Cory-NT; 22. Ryan Newman, 92, Kazmark-NT; 23. Dave Berkheimer, 31, Berkheimer-NT.

FEATURE: (100 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Dakoda Armstrong (4), 2. C.J. Leary (1), 3. Tyler Roahrig (5), 4. Russ Gamester (18), 5. Justin Grant (6), 6. Bobby Santos (2), 7. Mario Clouser (8), 8. Davey Hamilton Jr. (9), 9. Chelby Hinton (13), 10. Colton Bettis (11), 11. Nathan Byrd (10), 12. Kaylee Bryson (14), 13. Brian Tyler (15), 14. Jackson Macenko (12), 15. Gregg Cory (21), 16. Robert Tyler (20), 17. Briggs Danner (3), 18. Kyle Hamilton (7), 19. Dave Berkheimer (22), 20. Kevin Studley (17), 21. Ryan Newman (23), 22. Jake Trainor (19), 23. Kyle Steffens (16). 40:48.815

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Bobby Santos, Lap 2 C.J. Leary, Laps 3-6 Bobby Santos, Laps 7-9 C.J. Leary, Laps 10-100 Dakoda Armstrong.

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USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-220, 2-Justin Grant-190, 3-Mario Clouser-178, 4-Kyle Steffens-152, 5-Briggs Danner-134, 6-Bobby Santos-122, 7-Gregg Cory-121, 8-Dakoda Armstrong-119, 9-Dave Berkheimer-105, 10-Jackson Macenko-99.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kevin Thomas Jr.-75, 2-Hayden Reinbold-68, 3-Robert Ballou-64, 4-Cale Coons-64, 5-Justin Grant-57, 6-Briggs Danner-56, 7-Jacob Denney-52, 8-Chase Stockon-48, 9-Brady Bacon-44, 10-Logan Seavey-39.

NEXT USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: July 5, 2026 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – Sumar Classic

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Kyle Hamilton (21.215)

LearnLab Fast Qualifier: C.J. Leary (20.962)

K & N Filters Clean Air Award: Dakoda Armstrong (91 laps led)

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Russ Gamester (18th to 4th)

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Moles Wins Reinbold-Underwood Terre Haute Duel in 500th USAC Silver Crown Race

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Terre Haute, Indiana (July 5, 2026)……Mitchel Moles practically had a perfect night from start to finish throughout Sunday's 22nd running of the Sumar Classic at Indiana's Terre Haute Action Track.

After capturing the pole position in LearnLab Qualifying, the Raisin City, California racer paced the field for the first 92 circuits of the 100-lapper, briefly giving up the lead for a single blip of time before gaining it back on lap 94, then going on to victory in what was the milestone 500th event in the history of the USAC Silver Crown Championship.

Making it all the more intriguing for the final 25 laps was that the battle at the front involved a pair of Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports teammates in Moles and series newcomer Hayden Reinbold, who surged from his 11th starting spot to lead briefly on the 93rd lap on the legendary 1/2-mile dirt oval.

With Moles leading Reinbold across the line for the victory, their resulting one-two finish made Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports the first team to occupy the top two spots in the finishing order of a USAC Silver Crown race in 16 years. Back in 2010, Levi Jones outdueled fellow Tony Stewart Racing teammate Bryan Clauson for the win at, of all places, the Terre Haute Action Track.

Going back even further, Moles became the first driver since Donnie Beechler in 1996-1997 to win the pole for the Sumar Classic in consecutive years. And just like Beechler, Moles was victorious in the same race he achieved the second of his two pole positions. Furthermore, Moles became the first driver to win the Sumar Classic after starting from the pole since Dave Darland 18 years ago in 2008.

For Moles, it was his second ride into victory lane at the Terre Haute Action Track in 2026. He also captured the Tony Hulman Classic with the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship back in May.

To top it off, Reinbold-Underwood extended its undefeated run on the dirt portion of the USAC Silver Crown trail this season. Reinbold won in his very first career series start at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in May. Now, it was Moles' turn at Terre Haute, and of all people he had to beat for the top prize, it was his teammate, Hayden.

"(Car owners) Andy and Tammy (Reinbold) have been huge supporters of my career, so I'm happy for them and I'm happy for Hayden. He already won one this year, so I feel like I deserved one," Moles said with a wry smile after earning his second career USAC Silver Crown triumph aboard his Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports/AME Electrical – RDI Development – MVT/DRC/Stanton Chevy.

For most of the night, Moles held a commanding lead as a pair of drivers traded barbs in the second position – Justin Grant early and then Jake Swanson – throughout the first three-quarters of the race.

The most substantial incident of the evening occurred on lap five when Patrick Bruns' ride suddenly darted right on his entry into turn one and smashed into the outside guardrail before digging in nose first and flipping over after major airtime which saw his car rise above the top of the guardrail. Fortunately, he was able to climb out and walk away.

By lap 57, Reinbold had moved his way into the top five as he blasted past C.J. Leary on the back straightaway, then advanced another spot in the running order to fourth when Shane Cottle slowed on the lap 65 restart. Reinbold surged past Kyle Cummins for third on the bottom of turn three on the 70th lap, then made a beeline past Swanson for the runner-up slot on the back straight on another restart on the 76th lap.

At the time, Moles was in full command. But the margin kept getting slimmer and slimmer as Reinbold drew nearer, all while using a lower line than Moles toward the middle/bottom portion of the racetrack. Reinbold's surge was so sudden, it caught Moles by surprise.

"The whole time, (crew chief) Dylan (Cook) is telling me, 'you're good. You're good. You're good.' Then, all of a sudden, he said, 'a tenth back,' I'm like, 'Uh, who is it?' And he said, 'Hayden.' I'm like, 'Oh my goodness.' Luckily, I just kept doing what I was doing and then took his line away a couple times. I got him moving around more than anything.'

After Reinbold was able to gain an edge off turns two and four to pull ahead briefly, Moles was able to dig in and find his way back to edge ahead of Reinbold lap after lap between laps 80-84. With 15 laps remaining, Moles stole Reinbold's line away, and the two swapped methods with Reinbold now running a step higher than Moles.

On the 93rd lap, Reinbold went topside and drove around Moles to edge him at the stripe by mere inches to tally his one and only lap as the leader. Moments later, Moles tossed his car sideways under Reinbold entering turn one. At the same time, Reinbold's car skated ever so slightly straight up the racetrack, stifling his momentum and allowing Moles to regain the upper hand at the exit of turn two.

From there on, Moles was able to extend his lead and keep Reinbold at bay once and for all to win again at the legendary Terre Haute Action Track. Reinbold finished second 2.177 seconds behind, while series point leader C.J. Leary grabbed third with Grant fourth and Swanson fifth.

By leading 99 of the 100 laps, Moles was also the recipient of the K & N Filters Clean Air award. Meanwhile, Reinbold was the top Rookie finisher for the second straight dirt race and gave Moles everything he had for the final quarter of the race.

“We always said, ‘if he could get in a Silver Crown car, I think he'd be good at it’ just because he's so patient,” Moles said of Reinbold. “He does such a good job when it's like that around the bottom. Man, he made me work for it. I didn't want to work that hard.”

The race occurred after a copious amount of rainfall doused the Terre Haute Action Track overnight, leading to pretty heavy track conditions early, which led to some prognostications from the Reinbold-Underwood teammates beforehand.

“I saw all the water piled up there early in the day, and Hayden kept asking me if I thought it was going to come in,” Moles recalled. “I'm like, ‘man, I don't think so,’ but apparently, I was wrong. Terre Haute loves the top. I love the top. To get another one here at Terre Haute is huge. Andy and I love this place, and it didn't love me for the longest time. So, I’m happy to have some success here.”

Veteran racer Bill Rose started 18th and finished sixth in an impressive +12 run, which made him the night’s Rod End Supply Hard Charger. The night also marked 30 years since his first career Sumar Classic start in 1996 and equaled his best career Sumar Classic result of sixth in 2022.

USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: July 5, 2026 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – 22nd Sumar Classic

LEARNLAB QUALIFYING: 1. Mitchel Moles, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-20.627; 2. Justin Grant, 91, Hemelgarn-20.953; 3. Jake Swanson, 6, Klatt-20.981; 4. Kyle Cummins, 33, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi/Curb-Agajanian-21.026; 5. Shane Cottle, 77, Doran/Swanson-21.050; 6. Mario Clouser, 20, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi/Curb-Agajanian-21.171; 7. Darin Naida, 26, Pierce-21.196; 8. Bret Tripplett, 65, SV-21.202; 9. Chase Stockon, 69, Pink 69-21.283; 10. C.J. Leary, 21, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi/Curb-Agajanian-21.364; 11. Hayden Reinbold, 119, Reinbold/Underwood-21.398; 12. Briggs Danner, 10, DMW-21.403; 13. Patrick Bruns, 95, Full Throttle-21.548; 14. Kyle Steffens, 8, Steffens-21.564; 15. Jerry Coons Jr., 24, Haggenbottom-21.585; 16. Robert Ballou, 27, Wood-21.625; 17. Steve Gennetten, 64, GGR-21.635; 18. Bill Rose, 66, Rose-22.246; 19. Gregg Cory, 32, Williams/Cory-22.859; 20. Korey Weyant, 99, Weyant-23.398; 21. Dave Berkheimer, 31, Berkheimer-23.489; 22. Dave Peperak, 777, Peperak-NT; 23. Kenny Gentry, 18, Gentry-NT.

FEATURE: (100 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Mitchel Moles (1), 2. Hayden Reinbold (11), 3. C.J. Leary (10), 4. Justin Grant (2), 5. Jake Swanson (3), 6. Bill Rose (18), 7. Steve Gennetten (17), 8. Mario Clouser (6), 9. Gregg Cory (19), 10. Kyle Cummins (4), 11. Jerry Coons Jr. (15), 12. Dave Berkheimer (21), 13. Korey Weyant (20), 14. Shane Cottle (5), 15. Briggs Danner (12), 16. Kyle Steffens (14), 17. Robert Ballou (16), 18. Chase Stockon (9), 19. Darin Naida (7), 20. Bret Tripplett (8), 21. Patrick Bruns (13), 22. Kenny Gentry (23), 23. Dave Peperak (22). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-92 Mitchel Moles, Lap 93 Hayden Reinbold, Laps 94-100 Mitchel Moles.

**Patrick Bruns flipped on lap 5 of the feature.

USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-284, 2-Justin Grant-251, 3-Mario Clouser-227, 4-Kyle Steffens-183, 5-Briggs Danner-167, 6-Gregg Cory-167, 7-Hayden Reinbold-147, 8-Dave Berkheimer-144, 9-Bobby Santos-122, 10-Mitchel Moles-121.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Hayden Reinbold-93, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-83, 3-Robert Ballou-74, 4-Justin Grant-66, 5-Briggs Danner-65, 6-Jacob Denney-64, 7-Cale Coons-64, 8-Chase Stockon-56, 9-Kyle Cummins-46, 10-Brady Bacon-44.

NEXT USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: July 19, 2026 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Indiana – 1/2-Mile Paved Oval – 35th Rich Vogler Classic

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Justin Grant (20.462)

LearnLab Fast Qualifier: Mitchel Moles (20.627)

K & N Filters Clean Air Award: Mitchel Moles (99 laps led)

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Bill Rose (18th to 6th)

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No Pressure! Danner Thrives in Drive at Winchester's Vogler Classic

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Winchester, Indiana (July 19, 2026)……No pressure.

That's pretty much the antithesis of how Briggs Danner truly felt entering Sunday afternoon's 34th running of the Rich Vogler Classic at Indiana's Winchester Speedway.

After all, Danner's seat in the Doran-Swanson Racing No. 77 pavement car was formerly occupied by the ultimate USAC Silver Crown king, Kody Swanson.

When Swanson stepped away from the champ car cockpit to become the Series Director for the 2026 campaign, Danner was tabbed to take over. The ride had experienced its share of winning, especially on Winchester's 37 degree high banks.

The stats that the Doran-Swanson combo posted at Winchester are simply mind boggling. Together, they had led the last 400 laps in a row between 2022-2025 at Winchester. They'd captured the pole position in all five series races run at the track since 2021, and in that same span, finished the main event 2nd-1st-1st-1st-1st.

Allentown, Pennsylvania's Danner kept every single one of those stat categories intact on his Sunday drive aboard the Doran-Swanson Racing/E. Schneider & Sons – Fuel Mart – Sennebogen/Beast/Doran Toyota.

"When you look back at all the races that Kevin (Doran), Kody (Swanson), and they've all run here, and just the stats, the laps led, and quick times, it definitely is big shoes to fill," Danner admitted. "I put a lot of pressure on myself just to be able to produce the same results. But after yesterday, I was a little nervous. I felt like I had a lot of learning to do, but yesterday's practice helped me out a lot."

After earning the first pole position of his USAC Silver Crown career at an average speed of 120.224 mph, Danner proceeded to lead all 100 laps, and despite a late challenge from Dakoda Armstrong, he held the field at bay to earn his first ever USAC Silver Crown pavement win in just his third pavement start with the series.

Well known for his prowess on dirt, Danner hasn't run much pavement in his racing career, though it's not completely foreign to him. He'd run a handful of times on the hard top, winning an American TQ Midget Racing Association feature at New Jersey's Wall Stadium in 2021 during the Turkey Derby. This past winter on an indoor concrete floor surface, he scored a pair of Indoor Auto Racing Championship TQ Midget main events at Allentown's PPL Center and again at Boardwalk Hall in New Jersey.

Interestingly, Danner's second career USAC Silver Crown victory came exactly one year to the day of his first career series triumph, on July 19, 2025, on the dirt at the Kansas State Fairgrounds. Furthermore, his latest win made him the first driver to win a main event in all three USAC national series in 2026.

Danner's pavement USAC Silver Crown results of 10th and 17th this year were nowhere near how strong he'd actually been. He qualified and started third at both WWT Raceway and IRP and was running inside the top five both times when a mechanical failure ended his race early. There were no such qualms this time around.

"I feel like every time I get in this car, it has the ability to produce results. If it's not up front, it's probably my fault," Danner remarked. "They probably worked a little bit harder than what they're used to with Kody. It's just a super cool deal and it's cool for everybody involved to be able to pick this one off."

For the first 91 laps, Danner was fully in control without a single threat being posed to his lead. For him, it was akin to a Sunday drive.

"I was just kind of saving. I knew I had a pretty good gap and Kevin was doing a good job on the radio just to help me run a smart race," Danner explained. "I just felt like I got in such a good rhythm about three or four laps in, and as I just kept taking it easy on the car and the tires, I just kept pulling away. I just wanted to get in a rhythm there and finish that one off, but 100 laps around here goes by pretty quick, for sure."

Lap after lap after lap after lap – you get the point – third running Armstrong looked high and low under the second place car of C.J. Leary. However, Armstrong could never quite get the run he needed whether it was running downhill off the banking or trying to stick the nose of his car under Leary on entry.

But on lap 92, Leary and Armstrong encountered the lapped car of Robert Tyler off turn four. Leary's ride slipped sideways on exit as he approached Tyler and he subsequently dove low under Tyler on the front straightaway. Armstrong, meanwhile, had an unfettered full head of steam up top and rode the high line through turns one and two and right around the outside of Leary on the back straight to complete the pass for second.

At the same time, Danner was beginning to work his way back into traffic with Kaylee Bryson and Brian Tyler in his path. As he went to work on getting by those two USAC Silver Crown race winners with five laps remaining, Armstrong chopped Danner's lead from a full two seconds to a half second, and the pressure on Danner began to build back up.

"Lapped traffic got a little dicey there, and I haven't had any experience passing race cars (at Winchester), really," Danner noted. "I just wanted to give myself enough of a gap to get to them and then be able to deal with them. Luckily, that went well."

By the time Armstrong had cleared Bryson and Tyler with three circuits to go, Danner had already broken away with pretty much a clear track ahead of him and a checkered flag in wait.

Danner's final margin of victory was 1.415 seconds over Armstrong with Leary taking third for his fifth podium result in five series races this season. Justin Grant grabbed fourth while Mario Clouser rounded out the top-five.

Danner hadn't led a lap on pavement thus far in his USAC Silver Crown career. On this afternoon, he went ahead and led them all. For leading the most laps, he was the recipient of the K & N Filters Clean Air Award.

No driver has passed more cars in USAC Silver Crown racing history than Brian Tyler (843 positions advanced). He added to his total on Sunday with a run from 11th to sixth to earn Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

The most serious incident of the day occurred on lap 48 when sixth running Nathan Byrd made hard contact with the outside wall in turn two, resulting in heavy damage to the right front of his car and ending his race. It was a bummer of a conclusion for Byrd and his special throwback scheme. The red No. 1 was a tribute to the midget driven by Vogler and owned by Nathan's grandfather, Jonathan Byrd, during the late 1980s.

USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: July 19, 2026 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Indiana – 1/2-Mile Paved Oval – 34th Rich Vogler Classic

LEARNLAB QUALIFYING: 1. Briggs Danner, 77, Doran/Swanson-14.972; 2. C.J. Leary, 21, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi/Curb-Agajanian-15.123; 3. Dakoda Armstrong, 5, C & A-15.132; 4. Ryan Newman, 92, Kazmark-15.178; 5. Justin Grant, 91, Hemelgarn-15.185; 6. Mario Clouser, 20, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi/Curb-Agajanian-15.285; 7. Nathan Byrd, 1, Meyer/Byrd/Tosti-15.444; 8. Tyler Roahrig, 41, Newman-15.493; 9. Kyle Steffens, 8, Steffens-15.515; 10. Kaylee Bryson, 11, Abacus/Droplight-15.740; 11. Brian Tyler, 81, BCR-16.068; 12. Robert Tyler, 75, Tyler-16.548; 13. Gregg Cory, 32, Williams/Cory-17.710; 14. Dave Berkheimer, 31, Berkheimer-NT.

FEATURE: (100 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (1), 2. Dakoda Armstrong (3), 3. C.J. Leary (2), 4. Justin Grant (5), 5. Mario Clouser (6), 6. Brian Tyler (11), 7. Tyler Roahrig (8), 8. Robert Tyler (12), 9. Kyle Steffens (9), 10. Kaylee Bryson (10), 11. Gregg Cory (13), 12. Nathan Byrd (7), 13. Ryan Newman (4), 14. Dave Berkheimer (14). 38:46.694

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-100 Briggs Danner.

USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-348, 2-Justin Grant-312, 3-Mario Clouser-285, 4-Briggs Danner-243, 5-Kyle Steffens-229, 6-Gregg Cory-208, 7-Dakoda Armstrong-186, 8-Dave Berkheimer-179, 9-Hayden Reinbold-147, 10-Kaylee Bryson-137.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Hayden Reinbold-102, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-101, 3-Jacob Denney-84, 4-Robert Ballou-74, 5-Justin Grant-71, 6-Briggs Danner-65, 7-Cale Coons-64, 8-Chase Stockon-56, 9-Kyle Cummins-46, 10-Brady Bacon-44.

NEXT USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: August 8, 2026 – Iowa Speedway – Newton, Iowa – 7/8-Mile Paved Oval

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Practice Fastest Driver: Justin Grant (15.149)

LearnLab Fast Qualifier: Briggs Danner (14.972)

K & N Filters Clean Air Award: Briggs Danner (100 laps led)

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Brian Tyler (11th to 6th)

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Big Time! Leary Wins Iowa 100, Extends USAC Silver Crown Point Lead

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Newton, Iowa (August 8, 2026)……When it comes to the two biggest and fastest pavement tracks on the USAC Silver Crown trail, C.J. Leary has had the upper hand in 2026.

After winning at the 1.25-mile WWT Raceway in June, Leary added the 7/8-mile Iowa Speedway to his win list in what was his first visit to the track during Saturday night's Iowa 100.

Leary (Greenfield, Indiana) started fifth but found his way to fourth on the opening lap, then to third on the second circuit before taking over second on the 24th trip. On lap 46, he pounced when racelong leader Chase Cabre's engine shut off with an apparent ignition issue.

From there, Leary controlled the pace the rest of the way, leading the final 55 laps while also withstanding a late-race challenge from Mario Clouser to front a one-two Team AZ Racing/Petty-Rossi/Curb-Agajanian result.

Oddly enough, entering the 2026 season, it had been 16 years since teammates occupied the top two spots of the finishing order in a USAC Silver Crown race. It's already occurred twice this season, including in two of the past three events. Mitchel Moles and Hayden Reinbold led a one-two Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports finish in July at the Terre Haute Action Track.

In the process, Leary bumped his USAC Silver Crown Championship point lead from 36 to 45 as he seeks his first career series title. Furthermore, he's now run his streak to six podium finishes in six starts this season, plus 12 consecutive top five finishes with the series dating back to 2025. He's been exceptionally strong on the pavement, which has netted him finishes of 4th, 1st, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 1st in his past six asphalt appearances, with the latest victories coming at the two biggest pavement circuits on the slate.

“I think these two big fast race tracks play a little bit into my hands,” Leary said. “I don't know if it's from my dad (Chuck Leary) or what, but I know he was riding along with me there because he was always good on these big fast race tracks where you just kind of let it all hang out.”

Quite impressively, Leary’s Iowa victory came in his very first visit to the track, which also just happened to be the first USAC Silver Crown event at the track since 2015, more than 11 years ago. Just five of the 18 drivers in Saturday’s lineup possessed previous Iowa Speedway experience of some sort, and through it all, Leary passed three of them on the path to victory aboard his Avanti Windows & Doors – Curb Records/DRC/Stanton Chevy.

“It's my first time here,” Leary revealed. “This place is really, really cool. It’s on a really good stage. Hats off to USAC and (series director) Kody Swanson, and everybody who got the Silver Crown series back to Iowa. This was one that was on the bucket list to win this year and we did it.”

Early morning qualifying presented a different format than usual, with drivers and cars being permitted to come and go on track as they pleased throughout the 35-minute session, taking as many laps as they wanted, rather than just two laps on the clock. Leary played the long game, eschewing a run for the pole in favor of saving some rubber for the 100-lap main event.

“We played qualifying quite right with our tires and the way we ran them throughout practice,” Leary explained. “Normally, we get just two laps of qualifying, but today, guys were able to bolt tires on keep trying to improve their time. I kept telling these guys, ‘let's not burn up our only good set of tires just in qualifying.’ One hundred laps is a long time around here.”

To start off the day, Cabre made history in what was his first ever USAC Silver Crown appearance. In LearnLab Qualifying, he captured the pole position with a lap of 21.963 seconds, which translates to an average speed of 143.423 miles per hour. With that, he became just the sixth driver to win the pole in his USAC Silver Crown debut, joining Larry Dickson (1971 Nazareth), Ken Schrader (1980 Terre Haute), Brad Noffsinger (1991 Indiana State Fairgrounds), P.J. Jones (1994 IRP), and Shane Hmiel (2008 IRP).

Cabre promptly became the dominant figure of the race as well, pulling out to a whopping 10 second lead by the 46th lap when, all of a sudden, he dropped off the pace, handing the lead over to Leary who now commandeered control just four laps shy of the halfway point. In a cruel twist, after Cabre coasted into the pits without power to his car, the team fired up the engine and it started fine, with the team suspecting an ignition issue as the culprit.

While Leary maintained an advantage of one second or so throughout the balance of the race, several other challengers emerged to dethrone him. Briggs Danner ran in the “place” position until Jackson Macenko shot up to second under Danner in turn one on the 59th lap. Clouser then ripped around the outside of Danner for third a half lap later, while Justin Grant followed suit past Danner into fourth. Ultimately, Danner dropped out with a driveline issue.

Clouser worked his way past Macenko with a low side maneuver in turns three and four on lap 66 to slot into second behind his teammate, Leary, with 34 laps to go and just seven tenths of a second separating the two. Grant charged inside of Macenko on the front stretch to get the third spot on lap 76.

In a race chockfull of heavy attrition, just five cars were left running at the checkered. Thirteen drivers exited the stage, ending solid performances, including fourth running Macenko on lap 82, fifth running Kyle Hamilton on lap 86, and the aforementioned Danner on lap 89 while he was running fourth.

The last 19 laps ran under green as Leary kept Clouser at bay throughout to earn his seventh career USAC Silver Crown victory, tying Jerry Coons Jr., Rick Hood, and George Snider for 18th place on the all-time list. Leary also led the final 55 laps en route to victory, and as the leader of the most laps, he earned the K & N Filters Clean Air Award.

“Tyler Kramer called a hell of a race up there on the spotter stand,” Leary praised. “He kept me just where I needed to be and talked me through the whole race. It definitely pays dividends to have a good guy up there on the spotter box. And I can't say enough about Joe Devin. To go one-two here is really special. Joe just puts his heart and soul into this thing. He's tinkering on it and laying on the ground and he's doing all the stuff that a good crew chief should do, which makes my job easy.”

Mario Clouser crossed the stripe 0.895 seconds behind Leary in the second position, while Justin Grant took third. For Clouser, it was the third time he’s finished as the runner-up at Iowa Speedway. He was also second with the USAC National Midgets at Iowa in both 2011 and 2012. On Saturday, he was just one spot shy again of earning his first career USAC national victory.

Nathan Byrd became the first driver since J.J. Yeley 19 years ago in 2007 at Kansas Speedway to compete in both a USAC Silver Crown and NASCAR O’Reilly Auto Parts race on the same day at the same track. Byrd finished fourth in the USAC race and 25th in the NASCAR event.

Meanwhile, Gregg Cory advanced 10 positions to earn his best career USAC Silver Crown finish of fifth. His 15th to 5th run earned him the Rod End Supply Hard Charger award.

USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: August 8, 2026 – Iowa Speedway – Newton, Iowa – 7/8-Mile Paved Oval – Iowa 100

LEARNLAB QUALIFYING: 1. Chase Cabre, 26, Pierce-21.963; 2. Mario Clouser, 20, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi/Curb-Agajanian-22.112; 3. Bobby Santos, 98, DJ-22.139; 4. Davey Hamilton Jr., 14, Hamilton/DB-22.140; 5. C.J. Leary, 21, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi/Curb-Agajanian-22.157; 6. Dakoda Armstrong, 5, C & A-22.382; 7. Briggs Danner, 77, Doran/Swanson-22.389; 8. Kyle Hamilton, 6, Klatt-22.389; 9. Kyle Steffens, 8, Steffens-22.399; 10. Jackson Macenko, 124, Hayes-22.528; 11. Justin Grant, 91, Hemelgarn-22.594; 12. Chelby Hinton, 80, Breidinger-22.720; 13. Kaylee Bryson, 11, Abacus/Droplight-22.761; 14. Nathan Byrd, 40, Meyer/Byrd/Tosti-22.902; 15. Robert Tyler, 75, Tyler-23.543; 16. Gregg Cory, 32, Williams/Cory-24.428; 17. Dave Berkheimer, 31, Berkheimer-26.241; 18. Scott Hampton, 211, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi/Curb-Agajanian-NT.

FEATURE: (100 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. C.J. Leary (5), 2. Mario Clouser (2), 3. Justin Grant (10), 4. Nathan Byrd (13), 5. Gregg Cory (15), 6. Briggs Danner (7), 7. Kyle Hamilton (8), 8. Jackson Macenko (9), 9. Chelby Hinton (11), 10. Bobby Santos (3), 11. Dave Berkheimer (16), 12. Kaylee Bryson (12), 13. Chase Cabre (1), 14. Davey Hamilton Jr. (4), 15. Robert Tyler (14), 16. Dakoda Armstrong (6), 17. Scott Hampton (17). 44:18.389

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-45 Chase Cabre, Laps 46-100 C.J. Leary.

USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-421, 2-Justin Grant-376, 3-Mario Clouser-352, 4-Briggs Danner-298, 5-Gregg Cory-266, 6-Kyle Steffens-239, 7-Dave Berkheimer-220, 8-Dakoda Armstrong-217, 9-Kaylee Bryson-176, 10-Bobby Santos-165.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kevin Thomas Jr.-123, 2-Hayden Reinbold-110, 3-Justin Grant-102, 4-Robert Ballou-93, 5-Cale Coons-93, 6-Jacob Denney-84, 7-Jake Swanson-84, 8-Briggs Danner-82, 9-Chase Stockon-81, 10-Gavin Miller-71.

NEXT USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: August 22, 2026 – Illinois State Fairgrounds – Springfield, Illinois – 1-Mile Dirt Oval – 63rd Bettenhausen 100 Presented by Hunt Brothers Pizza

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Practice Fastest Driver: C.J. Leary (22.217)

LearnLab Fast Qualifier: Chase Cabre (21.963)

K & N Filters Clean Air Award: C.J. Leary (55 laps led)

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Gregg Cory (15th to 5th)

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Bettenhausen 96! Danner Beats the Field & the Clock to Win at Springfield

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Springfield, Illinois (August 22, 2026)……Winning the Bettenhausen 100 requires skill, speed, good timing, and good fortune.

Briggs Danner had all of those traits in spades throughout Saturday afternoon's 63rd running of the Bettenhausen 100 Presented by Hunt Brothers Pizza at the Illinois State Fairgrounds.

The Allentown, Pennsylvania racer was in the hunt all day as he chased Grant for the first 87 circuits of the scheduled 100-lap event on the one-mile dirt oval in Springfield. When Grant's engine expired on the 88th lap, Grant pounced to the front, then withstood a late-race restart to capture his first mile dirt victory.

The race was halted after 96 laps when ninth place running Danny Jennings endured a vicious series of end-over-end flips down the front straightaway. Jennings was checked and released following the accident.

Saturday's event got off to a late start due to overnight showers that delayed practice by an hour. Three massive crashes during the feature required a lengthy cleanup. Furthermore, a 3:30pm Central deadline was slated for the race due to setup commencing for Saturday night's concert by The Chicks on the front straightaway stage.

All of those factors ended the race four laps short of the full distance, the first shortened Springfield race since 2021.

Overall, it was Danner's third career USAC Silver Crown victory, and his second of the season after capturing a victory on the pavement at Indiana's Winchester Speedway in July.

No matter what, he'll take them however he can get them after leading the final nine laps at the helm of his DMW Motorsports/Advanced Materials Technologies – Phoenix Pavers/DRC/Fisher Chevy.

"This is one of the coolest wins I've had, for sure," Danner exclaimed. "These dirt miles are the coolest races all year long in my opinion. I don't know if it's just my modified racing background or what it is, but this whole kind of 100-lap strategy deal with fuel and tire (strategy) is really cool. I look forward to these races every year."

As for Grant, he now owns the distinction of being the driver who led the most laps in a single Bettenhausen 100 without winning the race (87). That broke the record of 85 laps led by Chris Windom during the 2013 Bettenhausen 100.

"I kind of hate winning them like that," Danner admitted. "I felt a little bit better than Justin all race, but it's just so tough to pass and I don't want to win because of him blowing up. I'd like to see it go to the end."

The start of race was an adventure of catastrophic proportions. On the initial green flag, visibility was at a premium as the 28-car starting field kicked up a wall of dust. In the middle of it, 28th place starting Bettenhausen 100 Rookie Bret Tripplett ramped over the right rear tire of Russ Gamester on the front straightaway, sending Tripplett flipping numerous times nose-to-tail, end-over-end before being clipped by Dave Berkheimer before Tripplett's mangled machine came to a rest on its side. Tripplett was able to walk away.

On the second attempt at a green flag, virtually the same result befell 21st place starting Joey Moughan who climbed over the left rear tire of Jimmy Light, then proceeded to flip wildly into turn one. Moughan was able to walk away from the scene under his own power.

The third attempt was finally the charm as the field completed the restart clean and green with Grant settling into the lead up front with Danner in tow, and the top-two remained that way for practically the first two-thirds of the race. On lap 63, Danner used a higher line to pull right alongside Grant for the top spot off the exit of turn two. Yet Grant was able to muscle away to maintain the spot.

Meanwhile, Brian Tyler, who had made yet another miraculous charge from 19th to fifth, saw his race end suddenly on the back straightaway on the 68th lap, the victim of an engine issue which ended an incredible run for the four-time Bettenhausen 100 winner.

Up front, Danner was continuously hounding Grant whose lead had shrunk from a full second to four car lengths with 20 laps to go. On the 81st lap, both drivers swung around the lapped car of Hayden Reinbold to put him a lap down in turn two just as Danner began to poke his nose to the inside of Grant in turn two. But once again, Grant hung on, while Jake Swanson slipped into third past Jerry Coons Jr. moments later on lap 82, five seconds behind the top-two.

Everything you thought you knew about the race soon came apart at the seams with 13 laps remaining when Grant's car suddenly slowed on the back straightaway, handing over the lead to Danner, who was making just his third Springfield start and his 20th career USAC Silver Crown appearance.

"I feel like I don't quite have enough races under my belt for this kind of a deal to know exactly when to go and feel everything out," Danner acknowledged. "But I know Justin (Grant) and (crew chief) Dennis (LaCava) had a really good car today. To keep pace with them is great, and I could apply pressure when I felt like I needed to. It was just tricky the way the rubber was moving around. In three and four, there was a little spot where it was dirty, so you'd slide to catch the

rubber and it was just a little hard to hit there. I'm just trying to put a couple laps together and save my stuff, and I was worried about fuel at the end there."

Danner kept Swanson, Coons, et al. at bay down the stretch, and was holding a 0.831 second margin lead on lap 97 when Jennings' car reportedly had a mechanical failure on the left front, which sent him veering into the wall before enduring a series of vicious flips, which also entangled first-time USAC Silver Crown starter Mitchell Davis who came to a rest nose first against the turn one outside wall, adjacent from Jennings. Both Jennings and Davis were able to walk away.

Danner finished ahead of runner-up Jake Swanson who equaled his best career series finish of second. Jerry Coons Jr. took third for his 13th career top five finish in the Bettenhausen 100 in his 22nd career Springfield Mile start.

C.J. Leary extended his championship point lead with a fourth place result as he recorded his 13th consecutive top five finish with the series dating back to the 2025 season. Saban Bibent rounded out the top-five with his best career series finish, which was also the best for longtime series car owners Sammy and Mouren Fetter.

Steve Gennetten advanced from 22nd to 11th to earn the Rod End Supply Hard Charger award. For leading 87 laps, Justin Grant was the K & N Filters Clean Air Award recipient.

Furthermore, Grant tied a Springfield Mile record with his 31.504 second / 114.271 mph average lap during LearnLab Qualifying. As a result, he picked up his fourth career Bettenhausen 100 pole position, equaling Kody Swanson for the most in event history. Grant has earned the pole for the event in each of the last four even numbered years in 2020-2022-2024-2026. His 14th career USAC Silver Crown pole position also tied him with Jerry Coons Jr. for fifth place all-time.

USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: August 22, 2026 – Illinois State Fairgrounds – Springfield, Illinois – 1-Mile Dirt Oval – 63rd Bettenhausen 100 Presented by Hunt Brothers Pizza

LEARNLAB QUALIFYING: 1. Justin Grant, 91, Hemelgarn-31.504; 2. Briggs Danner, 10, DMW-31.736; 3. Jerry Coons Jr., 24, Haggenbottom-31.992; 4. Jake Swanson, 6, Klatt-32.351; 5. Saban Bibent, 88, Fetter-32.512; 6. C.J. Leary, 21, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi/Curb-Agajanian-32.609; 7. Mario Clouser, 20, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi/Curb-Agajanian-32.787; 8. Chris Urish, 77, Urish-32.898; 9. Trey Osborne, 27, Wood-32.945; 10. Mitchel Moles, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-32.960; 11. Hayden Reinbold, 119, Reinbold/Underwood-32.975; 12. Bret Tripplett, 65, SV-33.273; 13. Chase Stockon, 69, Pink 69-33.335; 14. Danny Jennings, 61, Grace-33.615; 15. Chelby Hinton, 62, Klatt-33.785; 16. Shane Cockrum, 97, Lein-33.913; 17. Carmen Perigo, 52, Stehman-33.918; 18. Mitchell Davis, 38, Shoestring-34.043; 19. Kaylee Bryson, 11, Abacus/Droplight-34.075; 20. Chris Fetter, 15, Fetter-34.076; 21. Brian Tyler, 81, BCR-34.104; 22. Jimmy Light, 118, Thomas-34.177; 23. Joey Moughan, 29, Moughan-34.201; 24. Colten Cottle, 14, McQuinn-34.471; 25. Steve Gennetten, 64, GGR-35.279; 26. Gregg Cory, 32, Williams/Cory-35.641; 27. Dave Berkheimer, 31, Berkheimer-35.997; 28. Russ Gamester, 51, Gamester-NT; 29. Kenny Gentry, 18, Gentry-NT; 30. Kyle Steffens, 8, Steffens-NT; 31. Korey Weyant, 99, Weyant-NT; 32. Mark Bitner, 4, Yeska-NT (time of 35.475 disallowed due to missing scales).

FEATURE: (96 laps, shortened from 100 laps due to time constraints, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (2), 2. Jake Swanson (4), 3. Jerry Coons Jr. (3), 4. C.J. Leary (6), 5. Saban Bibent (5), 6. Mitchel Moles (10), 7. Carmen Perigo (16), 8. Chase Stockon (13), 9. Shane Cockrum (15), 10. Chelby Hinton (14), 11. Steve Gennetten (22), 12. Hayden Reinbold (11), 13. Danny Jennings (12), 14. Mitchell Davis (17), 15. Chris Urish (8), 16. Justin Grant (1), 17. Russ Gamester (26), 18. Kaylee Bryson (18), 19. Brian Tyler (19), 20. Trey Osborne (9), 21. Mario Clouser (7), 22. Jimmy Light (20), 23. Gregg Cory

(23), 24. Joey Moughan (21), 25. Dave Berkheimer (24), 26. Mark Bitner (25), 27. Bret Tripplett (28), 28. Colten Cottle (27). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-87 Justin Grant, Laps 88-96 Briggs Danner.

**Bret Tripplett flipped on lap 1 of the feature. Joey Moughan flipped on the lap 1 restart of the feature. Danny Jennings flipped on lap 97 of the feature.

USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-482, 2-Justin Grant-413, 3-Mario Clouser-374, 4-Briggs Danner-368, 5-Gregg Cory-286, 6-Kyle Steffens-249, 7-Dave Berkheimer-238, 8-Dakoda Armstrong-217, 9-Kaylee Bryson-203, 10-Hayden Reinbold-186.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kevin Thomas Jr.-123, 2-Hayden Reinbold-110, 3-Justin Grant-102, 4-Robert Ballou-93, 5-Cale Coons-93, 6-Jake Swanson-86, 7-Chase Stockon-86, 8-Jacob Denney-84, 9-Briggs Danner-83, 10-Gavin Miller-71.

NEXT USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: September 5, 2026 – Du Quoin State Fairgrounds – Du Quoin, Illinois – 1-Mile Dirt Oval – 72nd Ted Horn 100

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Practice Fastest Driver: Justin Grant (30.976)

LearnLab Fast Qualifier: Justin Grant (31.504)

K & N Filters Clean Air Award: Justin Grant (87 laps led)

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Steve Gennetten (22nd to 11th)

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Du Quoin Dive! Leary Swims Again with Repeat Ted Horn 100 Win

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Du Quoin, Illinois (September 5, 2026)……C.J. Leary delivered on the promise he made prior to Saturday afternoon's 72nd running of the Ted Horn 100 at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds in southern Illinois.

"If we win again this year, we're getting in the pond again," he stated.

The Greenfield, Indiana native made certain of both of those things – no ifs, ands, or buts about it – as he led all 100 laps to capture a USAC Silver Crown victory on the Magic Mile for the second consecutive season at the controls of his Team AZ / Petty-Rossi / Curb-Agajanian Racing/Avanti Windows & Doors – Curb Records/DRC/Stanton Chevy No. 21.

Leary had his gameplan prepared. He brought an extra pair of clothes (and dry socks) with him to the track, unlike last year when he had to pressure wash his firesuit. When all was said and done, he and his crew took the leap into the infield pond, which was extra refreshing on this particular day in which the temperatures hovered around 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

For Leary, it's his eighth career USAC Silver Crown win, tying him with Chris Windom for 17th place on the all-time series win list. Two of those have now come at the Du Quoin mile.

"This is super special," Leary reacted. "Winning on these miles is so much fun. I tried for a really long time before I got my first one. I would have really liked to get Springfield, but we'll take Du Quoin two years in a row."

Once Leary got the lead on the start from pole sitter Chase Stockon, the race was in his hands from start to finish, even after a caution and subsequent restart with seven laps remaining that erased his four second advantage. Through it all, Leary still had 'em covered.

"That was an easy 100 laps, honestly," Leary admitted. "I was just on cruise control trying to save tires. With how hot it was, we knew that the rubber was going to be pretty heavy. But getting a jump on Chase (Stockon) was probably the race winning move. From there, I was able to get out front and run my own race."

Dating back to last year, Leary has now paced 195 out of the past 200 laps of USAC racing at Du Quoin. He knew what kind of piece he had last year when he passed Stockon for the lead on lap six. This time, Leary got Stockon at the start and went on his merry way to join the multi-time Ted Horn 100 winners club.

"Man, that was epic," Leary exclaimed. "Everybody on this team did a fabulous job. I knew after last year that our car was going to be really good here and it was. We qualified really well and we had a bit of a brake issue in practice. We didn't get a bunch of practice laps, but it really didn't matter. We were kind of waiting for the track to take rubber so we could work on it from there."

Top of mind for Leary is the pursuit of his first career USAC Silver Crown championship. With his third victory of the series season on Saturday at Du Quoin, Leary increased his lead from 69 to 81 with just two races remaining and now sits squarely in the driver's seat of the title race.

On top of it all, Leary's latest result was also his 14th consecutive top five finish in USAC Silver Crown competition. That surpassed the former record of 13 set by Chris Windom (2015-2017) and Kody Swanson (2016-2017). Leary's streak of 14 straight has continuously run since the July 19, 2025, round at the Kansas State Fairgrounds. All of that has bolstered him and his championship aspirations.

"It's everything," Leary reflected. "Especially when there's only 11 or 12 races. you can't have one bad night or two bad nights and expect to overcome a bad night. Justin (Grant) has been really good at being consistent, winning races, and just getting out front and doing his thing. I feel like that's kind of what we've been doing this year. We want this championship really bad."

Leary's final margin of victory for the 100 miles was 1.840 seconds over Stockon, repeating the same top two finishers at Du Quoin from a year ago. Briggs Danner advanced 13 positions to equal his best career Du Quoin finish of third. Justin Grant grabbed fourth while Jake Swanson completed the top five.

Furthermore, Leary was the recipient of the K & N Filters Clean Air Award after leading the most laps – all 100.

Danner was earned Rod End Supply Hard Charger accolades after dicing his way through the field from 16th to third. The last time a driver started 16th or worse and finished on the podium at the Ted Horn 100 was Kody Swanson in 2010.

Stockon's lap of 30.125 seconds (119.502 mph) in LearnLab Qualifying was the fastest USAC Silver Crown qualifying run at Du Quoin since Tyler Walker in 2005. For Stockon, it was the first pole position of his USAC Silver Crown career.

Three incidents occurred during the race. The most serious involved 11th running Jimmy Light who flipped over in turn three on the 15th lap. He was up on his feet but was assisted by the medical crew and taken for further observation.

Shane Cockrum's original mount, the Hans Lein No. 97, experienced a mechanical issue during practice. With that ride out of commission, Kip Hughes, who was working on Cockrum's crew for the day, offered up his own ride (#60) for Cockrum. Starting 19th, Cockrum had raced his way into the top 10. By lap 39, he was running sixth. After dropping back to seventh on lap 44, the car jettisoned its right side headers down the front straightaway before landing on the top of turn one, subsequently ending his day after another quality run to the front.

On the 51st lap, 14th running Dave Berkheimer drifted high off the exit of turn two and slapped the outside wall with his right rear tire before grinding to a halt along the back straightaway. He was able to walk away.

USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: September 5, 2026 – Du Quoin State Fairgrounds – Du Quoin, Illinois – 1-Mile Dirt Oval – 72nd Ted Horn 100

LEARNLAB QUALIFYING: 1. Chase Stockon, 69, Pink 69-30.125; 2. C.J. Leary, 21, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi/Curb-Agajanian-30.365; 3. Saban Bibent, 88, Fetter-30.495; 4. Mitchel Moles, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-30.609; 5. Justin Grant, 91, Hemelgarn-30.662; 6. Jake Swanson, 6, Klatt-30.866; 7. Trey Osborne, 27, Wood-30.891; 8. Jimmy Light, 118, Thomas-31.042; 9. Carmen Perigo, 52, Stehman-31.045; 10. Mario Clouser, 20, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi/Curb-Agajanian-31.269; 11. Kaylee Bryson, 11, Abacus/Droplight-31.709; 12. Chelby Hinton, 62, Klatt-31.771; 13. Hayden Reinbold, 119, Reinbold/Underwood-31.854; 14. Brian Tyler, 81, BCR-32.126; 15. Steve Gennetten, 64, GGR-32.551; 16. Chris Fetter, 15, Fetter-32.635; 17. Briggs Danner, 10, DMW-32.723; 18. Gregg Cory, 32, Williams/Cory-33.772; 19. Dave Berkheimer, 31, Berkheimer-NT; 20. Aric Gentry, 3, Simmons-NT; 21. Chase Cabre, 26, Pierce-NT; 22. Shane Cockrum, 97, Lein-NT; 23. Shane Cockrum, 60, Hughes-NT.

FEATURE: (100 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. C.J. Leary (2), 2. Chase Stockon (1), 3. Briggs Danner (16), 4. Justin Grant (5), 5. Jake Swanson (6), 6. Chelby Hinton (12), 7. Steve Gennetten (14), 8. Chris Fetter (15), 9. Gregg Cory (17), 10. Trey Osborne (7), 11. Mario Clouser (10), 12. Kaylee Bryson (11), 13. Carmen Perigo (9), 14. Dave Berkheimer (18), 15. Shane Cockrum (19) (#60), 16. Saban Bibent (3), 17. Hayden Reinbold (13), 18. Mitchel Moles (4), 19. Jimmy Light (8), 20. Brian Tyler (20). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-100 C.J. Leary.

**Jimmy Light flipped on lap 15 of the feature.

USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-555, 2-Justin Grant-474, 3-Briggs Danner-432, 4-Mario Clouser-415, 5-Gregg Cory-332, 6-Dave Berkheimer-273, 7-Kyle Steffens-249, 8-Kaylee Bryson-242, 9-Jake Swanson-232, 10-Dakoda Armstrong-217.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Hayden Reinbold-125, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-123, 3-Justin Grant-113, 4-Robert Ballou-109, 5-Briggs Danner-108, 6-Cale Coons-105, 7-Jacob Denney-100, 8-Chase Stockon-94, 9-Jake Swanson-87, 10-Mitchel Moles-78.

NEXT USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: September 25-26, 2026 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – 4-Crown Nationals

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Practice Fastest Driver: Justin Grant (29.802)

LearnLab Fast Qualifier: Chase Stockon (30.125)

K & N Filters Clean Air Award: C.J. Leary (100 laps led)

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Briggs Danner (16th to 3rd)

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Pursley Wires Eldora's 4-Crown, Leary Clinches USAC Silver Crown Title

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Rossburg, Ohio (September 26, 2026)……From start to finish, the debut of the CB Industries / Spire Motorsports USAC Silver Crown team with Daison Pursley at the wheel was absolute perfection at Rossburg, Ohio's Eldora Speedway.

On Friday night, they were the fastest in practice, then followed it up by winning the pole position with the fastest lap in LearnLab Qualifying. Then, during Saturday night's 50-lap feature, they led all 50 laps en route to a comfortable victory at the 44th running of the 4-Crown Nationals Presented by NKTELCO on the 1/2-mile dirt oval.

Meanwhile, with his fifth place finish, C.J. Leary of Greenfield, Indiana clinched his first career USAC Silver Crown driving championship with still one race remaining next Saturday, October 3, at Ohio's Toledo Speedway. It's Leary's second overall USAC national title after also capturing the USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car crown in 2019. Furthermore, Team AZ Racing / Petty-Rossi / Curb-Agajanian earned its first USAC Silver Crown entrant title.

In what was his first USAC Silver Crown start since his 2025 4-Crown victory, Pursley (Locust Grove, Oklahoma) picked up right where he left off, this time with a brand new, but familiar team.

Pursley captured the 2024 USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship for CB Industries and had previously won 4-Crown events in a midget and a USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car for the CBI team in recent years.

With the fresh out of the box Spire Motorsports with CB Industries/Spectrum – NOS Energy Drink – Pristine Auction/DRC/Stanton Chevy No. 77, Pursley now has the rare distinction of winning all three legs of the USAC portion of the 4-Crown for the same team during his career.

Pursley's fourth career USAC Silver Crown triumph ties him for 37th place on the all-time series win list alongside Kyle Larson, Jeff Swindell, and Rich Vogler. The victory is the first in USAC competition for Spire Motorsports. Additionally, CB Industries became just the 19th team to possess a USAC Silver Crown, National Sprint Car, and National Midget feature win on its resume.

"I'm just super happy for CB Industries, Spire, and everyone that's a part of this car," Pursley exclaimed. "It's their debut and anything (team owner) Chad (Boat) touches here at Eldora just goes around the racetrack pretty dang fast."

For Pursley, it's his fifth career 4-Crown victory as a driver. For CBI, it's their sixth 4-Crown score as an entrant.

While Pursley had a relatively easy and breezy drive up front, there was a bit of chaos happening further on back through the field. On the first turn of the opening lap, 10th place starting Trey Osborne biked on the cushion, bounced into the wall, and endured a series of tumbles that ended the debut of new Mark Moreland Racing team just as soon as it began. Osborne walked away from the wreckage under his own power.

On the 16th lap, 20th place running Cale Coons, making his USAC Silver Crown debut, spun sideways to a stop at the top of turns three and four. Moments later, Mario Clouser, running a solid fourth, was already committed to the high side and had nowhere to go. In avoiding T-boning the sitting duck that was Coons and his car, Clouser clobbered the wall and barrel rolled down the track three times but was able to walk away.

Pursley's lead to that point had been more than two seconds before Brady Bacon began to inch forward late to pose a challenge, getting to as close as six car lengths. Throughout the second half of the race, Pursley had to fight through traffic while navigating the delicate balance of preserving his equipment while also enduring the most sprint-like race of the champ car calendar with its brief 50-lap distance.

"I think it's definitely hard just because the closing rate with the Silver Crown cars is pretty drastic," Pursley explained. "When Brady's right there on your tail for the majority of the race, you can't really take any breaks. We were a little on the tight side through the holes and stuff. Anytime I lifted and gave a little bit of grasp or maybe caught my breath a little bit, that's when I would make a mistake. So, I just tried to run 110% for 50 laps. That was the most grueling and fun Silver Crown race I've ever had to compete in. But it was a lot of fun."

With just six laps remaining, third running Justin Grant snagged the turn four cushion with his right rear tire, climbed the wall, and flipped along the catch fence in a shower of sparks before landing capsized in a heap. With that, Grant's chances at a repeat USAC Silver Crown title vanished in the blink of an eye.

Grant walked away from the damage but came home with a disappointing 21st place result. As a consolation, he did earn a $200 bonus as the 4-Crown Nationals Parallax Group Passing Master champion after advancing 24 total positions across the three USAC divisions this weekend at Eldora.

Throughout it all, Pursley navigated a quite tricky surface that already seen a lot of laps run on it throughout the night which featured a total of 131 cars between the four divisions. But for him, for the entirety of the race, there was no place like the top side, just as God intended it to be at Eldora.

"Anytime you think of Eldora, you better be comfortable running the wall," Pursley acknowledged. "It had a little bit of character tonight with the cold weather and how much rain they've got the past two weeks. I think that was the most technical I've ever had to run it up there."

In the end, Pursley had the field covered to the tune of a 1.331 second margin of victory over Brady Bacon, with Matt Westfall an impressive third, Logan Seavey fourth, and Leary rounding out the top-five in what was his record extending 15th consecutive top-five finish in USAC Silver Crown competition.

Westfall finished third in what he indicated may very well be the last race he ever competes in as a driver. It was a banner night for Westfall who won the USAC National Midget race earlier in the evening as the crew chief for Jakeb Boxell. For his dual performance with the wrench and the steering wheel, Westfall pocketed an extra $300 for the Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move of the Race.

Pursley's wire-to-wire performance also netted him the K & N Filters Clean Air award for leading the most laps.

All you have to do is just wind him up and watch him go. That's Carmen Perigo. He advanced 13 positions from 21st to eighth in the feature to earn Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors after also winning Friday's Five Star Bodies Semi-Feature.

Interestingly, the top four finishers of the feature were Pursley, Bacon, Westfall, and Seavey. For all four of those drivers, it was their first feature start of the USAC Silver Crown season.

USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: September 25-26, 2026 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – 44th 4-Crown Nationals Presented by NKTELCO

LEARNLAB QUALIFYING: (Top-20 locked into the feature) 1. Daison Pursley, 77, Spire/CBI-16.428; 2. Mario Clouser, 20, Team AZ/Petty-Rossi/Curb-Agajanian-16.625; 3. Brady Bacon, 9, Dyson-16.754; 4. Jake Swanson, 6, Klatt-16.767; 5. Briggs Danner, 10, DMW-16.788; 6. Matt Westfall, 54, Westfall-16.832; 7. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus/Droplight-16.869; 8. Justin Grant, 91, Hemelgarn-16.921; 9. Mitchel Moles, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-16.930; 10. Trey Osborne, 04, Moreland-16.942; 11. Chase Stockon, 69, Pink 69-16.993; 12. C.J. Leary, 21, Team AZ/Petty-Rossi/Curb-Agajanian-17.024; 13. Cale Coons, 110, DMW-17.050; 14. Chelby Hinton, 62, Klatt-17.081; 15. Kyle Cummins, 33, Team AZ/Petty-Rossi/Curb-Agajanian-17.118; 16. Kale Drake, 92, Kazmark-17.163; 17. Saban Bibent, 88, Fetter-17.187; 18. Hayden Reinbold, 119, Reinbold/Underwood-17.344; 19. Russ Gamester, 51, Gamester-17.488; 20. Brian Ruhlman, 49, Ruhlman-17.523; 21. Darin Naida, 26, Pierce-17.623; 22. Billy Pauch Jr., 24, Haggenbottom-17.650; 23. Carmen Perigo, 52, Stehman-17.746; 24. Mitchell Davis, 38, Shoestring-17.780; 25. Rob Caho Jr., 78, Whitman/Caho-17.784; 26. Chris Fetter, 15, Fetter-17.886; 27. Jason York, 255, York-17.917; 28. Adam Taylor, 53, ATM-17.948; 29. Mark Bitner, 4, Yeska-18.354; 30. Gregg Cory, 32, Williams/Cory-18.401; 31. Dave Berkheimer, 31, Berkheimer-19.175; 32. Steve Gennetten, 64, GGR-NT.

FIVE STAR BODIES SEMI: (8 laps, top 6 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Carmen Perigo (2), 2. Rob Caho Jr. (3), 3. Chris Fetter (4), 4. Mark Bitner (7), 5. Gregg Cory (8), 6. Jason York (5), 7. Dave Berkheimer (9), 8. Adam Taylor (6), 9. Billy Pauch Jr. (1). NT

FEATURE: (50 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Daison Pursley (1), 2. Brady Bacon (3), 3. Matt Westfall (6), 4. Logan Seavey (7), 5. C.J. Leary (12), 6. Mitchel Moles (9), 7. Briggs Danner (5), 8. Carmen Perigo (21), 9. Chelby Hinton (14), 10. Chase Stockon (11), 11. Brian Ruhlman (20), 12. Mark Bitner (24), 13. Kyle Cummins (15), 14. Rob Caho Jr. (22), 15. Kale Drake (16), 16. Saban Bibent (17), 17. Jason York (26), 18. Hayden Reinbold (18), 19. Gregg Cory (25), 20. Steve Gennetten (28-P), 21. Justin Grant (8), 22. Chris Fetter (23), 23. Mario Clouser (2), 24. Jake Swanson (4), 25. Cale Coons (13), 26. Russ Gamester (19), 27. Dave Berkheimer (27-P), 28. Trey Osborne (10). NT

(P) represents a provisional starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-50 Daison Pursley.

**Trey Osborne flipped on lap 1 of the feature. Mario Clouser flipped on lap 16 of the feature. Justin Grant flipped on lap 45 of the feature.

USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-613, 2-Justin Grant-496, 3-Briggs Danner-484, 4-Mario Clouser-435, 5-Gregg Cory-357, 6-Dave Berkheimer-289, 7-Mitchel Moles-258, 8-Chase Stockon-254, 9-Jake Swanson-251, 10-Kyle Steffens-249.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Hayden Reinbold-142, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-139, 3-Justin Grant-138, 4-Robert Ballou-124, 5-Chase Stockon-112, 6-Briggs Danner-108, 7-Cale Coons-108, 8-Jacob Denney-102, 9-Jake Swanson-95, 10-Logan Seavey-91.

NEXT USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: October 3, 2026 – Toledo Speedway – Toledo, Ohio – 1/2-Mile Paved Oval – Hemelgarn Racing/Super Fitness Rollie Beale Classic

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Practice Fastest Driver: Daison Pursley (16.182)

LearnLab Fast Qualifier: Daison Pursley (16.428)

Five Star Bodies Semi-Feature Winner: Carmen Perigo

K & N Filters Clean Air Award: Daison Pursley (50 laps led)

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Carmen Perigo (21st to 8th)

Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move of the Race: Matt Westfall

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Curtain Call! Danner Aces Toledo's USAC Silver Crown Season Finale

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Toledo, Ohio (October 3, 2026)……For Briggs Danner and Ohio's Toledo Speedway, it was love at first sight.

The first time Danner laid eyes on the 1/2-mile paved oval this weekend, he simply decided to go out and win the thing during Saturday's Hemelgarn Racing / Super Fitness Rollie Beale Classic 100-lap USAC Silver Crown championship season finale.

Just like clockwork, Danner did the very same thing by winning in his first ever trip to Indiana's Winchester Speedway in July.

Starting third, the Allentown, Pennsylvania native worked his way to second past Mario Clouser on the 32nd lap, then found his way to the lead on the 46th go around when racelong leader Chase Cabre locked up his left front tire on entry into turn three.

From that point forward, Danner had to contend with a hard-charging and pesky Tyler Roahrig to capture his third USAC Silver Crown win of the season, and his second on the pavement at the controls of the Doran Racing-Mark Swanson Encore Team/E. Schneider & Sons – Fuel Mart – Sennebogen/Beast/Doran Toyota No. 77.

“I’ve just got to hand it to everybody on this team,” Danner praised. “These guys give me a really fast car and it makes my job easy, for sure. Our speed showed today. I know we probably would’ve liked to have been a little bit better at the end, and I know Tyler had a shot to do something. But to qualify as good as we did in our first time coming here and to be able to hold them off, it was great.”

Danner’s victory, coupled with a three-point bonus for leading the most laps in Saturday’s race, elevated him to second in the season-ending USAC Silver Crown point standings. Danner actually tied Grant at 557 points but held the tiebreaker over Grant based on most feature victories this year.

With the fourth win of his USAC Silver Crown career, Danner moved to 37th place on the all-time series win list alongside Kyle Larson, Daison Pursley, Jeff Swindell, and Rich Vogler. Furthermore, Danner became the first driver since Kody Swanson in 2018 to win the Toledo USAC Silver Crown race from a starting spot further back than the front row! Danner started Saturday’s race from inside row two.

For five of the past six years, the Doran Racing team has celebrated a USAC Silver Crown triumph at Toledo. The first four came with Swanson in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and now Danner has added his name to the list of Toledo dominators.

Cabre was comfortably up front for the majority of the first half of the race. However, all eyes were on eighth starting Tyler Roahrig who stepped up a lane and methodically picked his way to the front. He went topside around Dakoda Armstrong for sixth on lap 25, by C.J. Leary for fifth on lap 26, and by Justin Grant for fourth on the 28th lap.

At the same time, Danner was making his surge, as he charged by Mario Clouser for the runner-up spot on lap 32. Meanwhile, Roahrig’s fantastic run was still rolling along as the traveled the high line around Clouser moments later on the back straightaway on lap 33.

Danner made his first bid for the lead on lap 36 as he was able to pull along the inside of Cabre off turn four. However, that pathway was occupied for the time being as the lapped car of Robert Tyler already had the line. Danner instead swung high around Tyler entering turn one and fell back into line behind Cabre. But not for too long.

On the 46th lap, Cabre’s left front tire shot out a puff of smoke as he entered through the middle of turn three. That left the matador line open for Danner as he zipped on by Cabre on the low groove to take over the lead just five laps short of the halfway mark.

“I knew Chase was going to be pretty good and I was actually a little surprised to see how quickly he started to fall off and tighten up, I feel, as we all did,” Danner remarked.

Danner ran his lead out to two full seconds over the next few laps as Roahrig made a beeline to the second position around the outside of Cabre in turns three and four on the 54th lap. However, a yellow flag for the stopped car of first-time USAC

Silver Crown starter Jared Kreider completely evaporated Danner's advantage as the field bunched up for the restart. Thereafter, Roahrig wouldn't leave Danner alone.

"I know Tyler was really good rolling the middle groove there and I wasn't really quite sure if he was faster or if we were just checked up on the bottom and that's why he could pick cars off," Danner pondered. "(Car owner) Kevin (Doran) did a really good job on the radio of letting me know what was going on behind me, when I needed to push, and when I could settle down and save my stuff a little bit."

On lap 72, Roahrig nearly lost the handle of his ride in turn two as he slipped sideways before catching it and continuing on, but his deficit plummeted from a little more than a car length to eight car lengths in the snap of a finger. That said, Roahrig quickly reeled Danner back in and was on his rear bumper with 15 laps to go as lapped traffic loomed. By the time just eight laps remained, traffic was disposed of while Roahrig was superglued to Danner's rear bumper, and now it was a one-on-one to decide the race.

Despite the rigidness of a pavement surface in comparison to dirt, a pavement surface can be quite malleable and finicky based on weather conditions and the time of day, especially when one end of the track is in the shade and the opposite end lays in direct sunlight. Danner had to face the challenge of adapting to his car's handling as the race wore on, affected by tire wear and the fuel load burning off.

"It was tough," Danner acknowledged. "I felt like I could roll the bottom of three and four really good. I felt like that's kind of where I felt the best, and as the race went on, the sun was getting lower and lower and it just made it hard to see the front stretch wall. So, I felt like that's where I struggled the most. As I tried to time my exit off four and entry into one, I think that's where Tyler was gaining the most on me at the end. I was just trying to keep all four tires underneath me and try to conserve what I could and push when I had to. It's the name of the of the game for all these races. That's why I love them so much."

With four laps to go, you could barely slide a credit card between the back of Danner's car and Roahrig's nose at the exit of turn four. But moments later when Roahrig drifted wide off turns one and two on the 98th lap, Danner skated away free and easy to put the race on ice by a 0.478 second margin over Roahrig. Cabre crossed the line third with Grant fourth and Armstrong rounding out the top-five.

It was banner way for Danner to cap his first full season of USAC Silver Crown racing after enduring a rough patch at the beginning of the campaign with three straight DNFs across June and July.

"When we were able to finish races, it was really good," Danner offered. "It was either running great or not finishing, but that's part of it. Just trying to get everything figured out to be as consistent as we are is a great thing. If we have a little bit of luck on our side, I think we're right there."

By leading the most laps (55), Danner also added the K & N Filters Clean Air Award to his accolades for good measure.

Kale Drake, meanwhile, was making his first career USAC Silver Crown pavement start, and just the third asphalt start of his racing career following two recent All Star Pavement Midget outings. He worked his way up from his 16th starting position to corral a solid sixth place result. His +10 run earned him the Rod End Supply Hard Charger award.

Chase Cabre has now made two LearnLab Qualifying attempts in his brief USAC Silver Crown career. He scored the pole position in both of them. He got it done in August at Iowa Speedway, then got it done again on Saturday at Toledo after reeling off a lap of 15.159 seconds for an average lap speed of 118.741 miles per hour.

USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: October 3, 2026 – Toledo Speedway – Toledo, Ohio – 1/2-Mile Paved Oval – Hemelgarn Racing/Super Fitness Rollie Beale Classic

LEARNLAB QUALIFYING: 1. Chase Cabre, 26, Pierce-15.159; 2. Mario Clouser, 20, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi/Curb-Agajanian-15.256; 3. Briggs Danner, 77, Doran/Swanson-15.290; 4. Kyle Hamilton, 6, Klatt-15.314; 5. Justin Grant, 91, Hemelgarn-15.338; 6. Dakoda Armstrong, 5, C & A-15.372; 7. C.J. Leary, 21, Team AZ/Petty/Rossi/Curb-Agajanian-15.382; 8. Tyler Roahrig, 41, Newman-15.605; 9. Chase Locke, 14, Hamilton/DB-15.727; 10. Nathan Byrd, 40, Meyer/Byrd/Tosti-15.789; 11. Jared Kreider, 24, Haggenbottom-15.803; 12. Kale Drake, 92, Kazmark-15.872; 13. Chelby Hinton, 80, Breidinger-15.963; 14. Kaylee Bryson, 11, Abacus/Droplight-15.995; 15. Robert Tyler, 75, Tyler-16.410; 16. Gregg Cory, 32, Williams/Cory-16.473; 17. Dave Berkheimer, 31, Berkheimer-17.711; 18. Hayden Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-19.554.

FEATURE: (100 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (3), 2. Tyler Roahrig (8), 3. Chase Cabre (1), 4. Justin Grant (5), 5. Dakoda Armstrong (6), 6. Kale Drake (16), 7. Mario Clouser (2), 8. C.J. Leary (7), 9. Nathan Byrd (10), 10. Chelby Hinton (12), 11. Kaylee Bryson (18), 12. Chase Locke (9), 13. Jared Kreider (11), 14. Robert Tyler (13), 15. Dave Berkheimer (15), 16. Gregg Cory (14), 17. Hayden Reinbold (17), 18. Kyle Hamilton (4). 32:22.998

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-45 Chase Cabre, Laps 46-100 Briggs Danner.

FINAL USAC SILVER CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-662, 2-Briggs Danner-557, 3-Justin Grant-557, 4-Mario Clouser-487, 5-Gregg Cory-388, 6-Dave Berkheimer-322, 7-Kaylee Bryson-283, 8-Chelby Hinton-279, 9-Dakoda Armstrong-275, 10-Hayden Reinbold-271.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Hayden Reinbold-142, 2-Justin Grant-139, 3-Kevin Thomas Jr.-139, 4-Robert Ballou-124, 5-Chase Stockon-112, 6-Briggs Danner-110, 7-Cale Coons-108, 8-Jacob Denney-102, 9-Jake Swanson-95, 10-Logan Seavey-91.

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Practice Fastest Driver: C.J. Leary (15.140)

LearnLab Fast Qualifier: Chase Cabre (15.159)

K & N Filters Clean Air Award: Briggs Danner (55 laps led)

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Kale Drake (16th to 6th)