2024 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SEASON

R.J. Shows the Way, Becomes Arizona's First USAC CRA Sprint Champ in 2024

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

R.J. Johnson's championship mantle is chockfull of USAC championship trophies.

Between 2013-2017, Johnson (Laveen, Ariz.) collected five-straight USAC Southwest Sprint Car driving titles, and for much of his career, he's also been a frequent regular and winner with the Avanti Windows & Doors USAC CRA Sprint Car Series each year since its inception in 2004.

But after 21 years with the series, the 37-year-old Johnson broke through to the top in 2024 as a USAC CRA champion on the strength of a pair of victories at California's Dirt Track at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway in June and Santa Maria Speedway in September, to go along with a series-high 17 top-five and 21 top-ten results in 22 starts.

For much of the season, Johnson was involved in a see-saw, back-and-forth point battle with fellow series veteran Tommy Malcolm. However, after taking over the lead in late September, Johnson incrementally built his advantage with a string of consistency in which he finished inside the top-five in each of his final nine appearances to conclude the season. In fact, Johnson never finished worse than 11th all year long.

In the end, Johnson's final tally was 185 points better than Malcolm as he earned his first career USAC CRA driving championship, and his sixth overall in USAC competition. Meanwhile, Ricky and Michele Johnson earned their first USAC CRA entrant crown as the owners of R.J.'s JUGO Superfoods / Avanti Windows & Doors sponsored Sherman chassis powered by a Pro Flyer Chevy.

Johnson's route to a title is quite extensive. Hailing from Arizona, he regularly made the long northbound treks to California to compete with the series which consists of a majority of California drivers and California venues. Undaunted, Johnson's commitment paid off in a big way.

"It takes a lot to do this," Johnson explained. "When you're from Arizona, it's a lot of traveling and you lose every weekend. It's not just one day. We've got to leave Friday; we race Saturday and drive home Sunday."

On the same note, Johnson became the first native Arizonian to capture the USAC CRA championship and is also the first former series Rookie of the Year to vault his way to the series title. Johnson was USAC CRA's top Rookie in 2005.

Tommy Malcolm (Corona, Calif.) finished as the runner-up in series points for the second consecutive year. He led the series in feature wins with four during the 2024 campaign, including a run of three-straight in midsummer at California's Perris Auto Speedway twice, sandwiched around a Santa Maria score. Malcolm pocketed win number four in August at Kern Raceway.

In part-time duty with the series, Ricky Lewis (Camarillo, Calif.) notched three wins within a single month late in the season at Arizona's Mohave Valley Raceway, plus a pair in California at Imperial Valley Raceway and in the season finale at Perris.

Series veterans more than held their own on the trail in 2024. Charles Davis Jr. (Buckeye, Ariz.) owned a pair of wins in a rain-shortened March show at Arizona's Cocopah Speedway and once more in September at Perris.

Meanwhile, Matt Mitchell (Yorba Linda, Calif.) posted two early season triumphs, including the season opener at Perris in February where he swept the night as the fastest qualifier, then went on to win his heat race and the feature. In late May, he returned to the PAS to grab his third career win at the Salute to Indy.

When he wasn't on the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship tour, Kevin Thomas Jr. (Cullman, Ala.) stopped by with the series and wheeled the Bonneau Motorsports machine to its first two career series victories, both at Mohave Valley, in April and again during November's Western World Championships opener.

Cody Williams (Norco, Calif.) led all drivers in the series in Woodland Auto Display Fast Qualifying times for the second consecutive season. The five-time quick timer raced to victory lane twice as well, scoring a last lap win over A.J. Bender in August at Perris, and then used a borrowed engine from fellow competitor Verne Sweeney to win at Kern Raceway on the final weekend in September.

Four first time USAC CRA winners emerged during the 2024 season. David Gasper (Goleta, Calif.) was named the series Rookie of the Year following a fifth place finish in the standings, plus his first two career series victories at Perris in March and at Imperial Valley in October.

In what was his 119th career series start, A.J. Bender (San Diego, Calif.) finally broke through as a USAC CRA Sprint Car winner in April at Perris. Bender also led all drivers with seven heat race wins.

Furthermore, Braden Chiaramonte (El Cajon, Calif.) went wire-to-wire for his first win in August at Santa Maria. USAC National Sprint Car regular Kyle Cummins (Princeton, Ind.) tallied his initial USAC CRA win in the 57th Western World Championships finale in November at Mohave Valley.

In that same event at Mohave Valley, USAC Triple Crown champion J.J. Yeley (Phoenix, Ariz.) made the biggest feature charge with the series during the year after advancing from 18th to 5th.

Eighty-one (81) different drivers made a feature start during the 2023 season with A.J. Bender, David Gasper, R.J. Johnson, Tommy Malcolm, Verne Sweeney (Lomita, Calif.) and Austin Williams (Yorba Linda, Calif.) making feature starts in all 22 events.

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2024 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR STAT LEADERS:

Driver Champion: R.J. Johnson

Entrant Champion: Ricky & Michele Johnson

Most Feature Wins: 4-Tommy Malcolm

Rookie of the Year: David Gasper

Most Laps Led: 86-Tommy Malcolm

Most Top-Fives: 17-R.J. Johnson

Most Top-Tens: 21-R.J. Johnson

Most Fast Qualifying Times: 5-Cody Williams

Most Heat Race Wins: 7-A.J. Bender

Most Feature Starts: 22-A.J. Bender, David Gasper, R.J. Johnson, Tommy Malcolm, Verne Sweeney & Austin Williams

Biggest Charge of the Year: November 2: Mohave Valley Raceway – J.J. Yeley (18th to 5th)

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2024 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR DRIVER POINT STANDINGS:

POS	PTS	DRIVER, HOMETOWN
1	1509	R.J. Johnson, Laveen, Arizona
2	1324	Tommy Malcolm, Corona, California
3	1271	Austin Williams, Yorba Linda, California
4	1256	A.J. Bender, San Diego, California
5	1251	(R) David Gasper, Goleta, California
6	1145	Logan Williams, Yorba Linda, California
7	1133	Cody Williams, Corona, California
8	990	Charles Davis Jr., Buckeye, Arizona
9	948	Verne Sweeney, Lomita, California
10	926	Austin Grabowski, Riverside, California
11	786	Eddie Tafoya Jr., Chino Hills, California
12	663	(R) Elexa Herrera, New Cuyama, California
13	608	Ricky Lewis, Camarillo, California
14	521	(R) Brent Sexton, Lakeside, California
15	508	Logan Calderwood, Goodyear, Arizona
16	470	Grant Sexton, Lakeside, California
17	366	(R) Blake Bower, Brentwood, California
18	360	Matt Mitchell, Yorba Linda, California
19	330	Matt Westfall, Pleasant Hill, Ohio
20	329	Jeff Dyer, Yucca Valley, California
21	317	Tye Mihocko, Peoria, Arizona
22	307	Brody Roa, Garden Grove, California
23	307	Kevin Thomas Jr., Cullman, Alabama
24	254	Matt McCarthy, Riverside, California
25	237	Kaleb Montgomery, Templeton, California
26	219	Stevie Rogers, Apple Valley, California
27	214	Jordan Hermansader, Long Beach, California
28	212	Chris Gansen, Verdemont Heights, California
29	200	Ryan Timmons, Pleasant Hill, California
30	191	Jon DeWees, Lemoore, California
31	180	Jake Swanson, Anaheim, California

32	178	(R) Braden Chiaramonte, El Cajon, California
33	176	Brent Owens, Rancho Cucamonga, California
34	173	Andrew Sweeney, Queen Creek, Arizona
35	167	Jonas Reynolds, Moorpark, California
36	154	Kyle Cummins, Princeton, Indiana
37	148	C.J. Leary, Greenfield, Indiana
38	130	(R) Mark Henry Jr., Rosamond, California
39	104	Brody Fuson, Bakersfield, California
40	95	(R) Blake Hendricks, Simi Valley, California
41	86	Gary Marshall Jr., Pomona, California
42	82	(R) Joey Bishop, Camarillo, California
43	77	(R) Aaron Altaffer, Tulare, California
44	76	(R) Camie Bell, Bakersfield, California
45	76	Dan Taylor, Reily, Ohio
46	72	Tanner Boul, Auberry, California
47	67	Tyler Hatzikian, Murrieta, California
48	57	Jake Andreotti, Castro Valley, California
49	56	Shane Sexton, Warner Springs, California
50	44	(R) Heath Holdsclaw, Loomis, California
51	43	Tom Hendricks, Simi Valley, California
52	41	(R) Jacob Tuttle, Oakley, California
53	40	(R) Tom Dunkel, Menifee, California
54	37	Chris Bonneau, Peoria, Arizona
55	31	Sterling Cling, Tempe, Arizona
56	30	(R) Bryan Drollinger, Lomita, California

(R) represents a USAC CRA Sprint Car Rookie

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2024 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR ENTRANT POINT STANDINGS:

POS.	**PTS**	**ENTRANT, TEAM LOCATION**
1	1386	Ricky & Michele Johnson, Laveen, Arizona (#51)

2	1324	Dino Napier, Corona, California (#5x)
3	1271	Tom & Christy Dunkel, Menifee, California (#17w)
4	1256	Kim & Richard Bender, San Diego, California (#21)
5	1145	John McCarthy, Riverside, California (#5w)
6	1133	Cody Williams, Norco, California (#44)
7	990	Charles Davis Jr., Buckeye, Arizona (#47)
8	948	Rachel Guerrero, Westminster, California (#98)
9	786	Eddie Tafoya Sr., Chino Hills, California (#51T)
10	663	James Herrera, New Cuyama, California (#5E)
11	521	Brent Sexton, Lakeside, California (#44s)
12	487	Tom & Christy Dunkel, Menifee, California (#17)
13	470	Brent Sexton, Lakeside, California (#22)
14	409	Bonneau Motorsports, Peoria, Arizona (#15)
15	383	Cal-Sun Racing, Phelan, California (#39)
16	378	Dave Wilson Special, Brownsburg, Indiana (#5T)
17	360	J.W. Mitchell Motorsports, Costa Mesa, California (#37)
18	310	Yeley Racing, Waddell, Arizona (#2)
19	288	Josh Ford Motorsports, Ventura, California (#73x)
20	254	John McCarthy, Riverside, California (#28m)
21	233	Stensland Motorsports, Fort Wayne, Indiana (#41)
22	212	Gansen Engineering Motorsports, San Bernardino, California (#4G)
23	203	Josh Ford Motorsports, Ventura, California (#73)
24	154	Petty Performance Racing, Litchfield Park, Arizona (#3p)
25	148	Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian Racing, Brownsburg, Indiana (#21AZ)
26	138	Tom Hendricks, Simi Valley, California (#14)
27	110	Baldwin-Fox Racing, West Lafayette, Indiana (#5)
28	86	John Bellegante , Banning, California (#23)
29	82	Joey Bishop Motorsports, Camarillo, California (#45)
30	10	Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports, Gilbert, Arizona (#19AZ)

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2024 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR FEATURE WINNERS:

Feb 24: Perris Auto Speedway - Perris, California

WINNER: Matt Mitchell (J.W. Mitchell Motorsports #37)

Mar 16: Perris Auto Speedway - Perris, California

WINNER: David Gasper (Josh Ford Motorsports #73x)

Mar 23: Cocopah Speedway - Somerton, Arizona

WINNER: Charles Davis Jr. (Charles Davis Jr. #47)

Apr 6: Mohave Valley Raceway - Mohave Valley, Arizona

WINNER: Kevin Thomas Jr. (Bonneau Motorsports #15)

Apr 27: Perris Auto Speedway - Perris, California

WINNER: A.J. Bender (Kim & Richard Bender #21)

May 25: Perris Auto Speedway - Perris, California

WINNER: Matt Mitchell (J.W. Mitchell Motorsports #37)

Jun 8: The Dirt Track at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway - Bakersfield, California

WINNER: R.J. Johnson (Ricky & Michele Johnson #51)

Jun 22: Perris Auto Speedway - Perris, California

WINNER: Tommy Malcolm (Dino Napier #5x)

Jul 6: Santa Maria Speedway - Nipomo, California

WINNER: Tommy Malcolm (Dino Napier #5x)

Jul 13: Perris Auto Speedway - Perris, California

WINNER: Tommy Malcolm (Dino Napier #5x)

Aug 10: Santa Maria Speedway - Nipomo, California

WINNER: Braden Chiaramonte (OCC Motorsports #73B)

Aug 17: Perris Auto Speedway - Perris, California

WINNER: Cody Williams (Cody Williams #44)

Aug 31: Dirt Track at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway - Bakersfield, California

WINNER: Tommy Malcolm (Dino Napier #5x)

Sep 7: Santa Maria Speedway - Nipomo, California

WINNER: R.J. Johnson (Ricky & Michele Johnson #51)

Sep 21: Perris Auto Speedway - Perris, California

WINNER: Charles Davis Jr. (Charles Davis Jr. #47)

Sep 28: Dirt Track at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway - Bakersfield, California

WINNER: Cody Williams (Cody Williams #44)

Oct 12: Mohave Valley Raceway - Mohave Valley, Arizona

WINNER: Ricky Lewis (Tom & Christy Dunkel #17)

Oct 18: Imperial Valley Raceway - Imperial, California

WINNER: David Gasper (Kittle Motorsports-Gasper Racing #18)

Oct 19: Imperial Valley Raceway - Imperial, California

WINNER: Ricky Lewis (Tom & Christy Dunkel #17)

Nov 1: Mohave Valley Raceway - Mohave Valley, Arizona

WINNER: Kevin Thomas Jr. (Bonneau Motorsports #15)

Nov 2: Mohave Valley Raceway - Mohave Valley, Arizona

WINNER: Kyle Cummins (Petty Performance Racing #3p)

Nov 9: Perris Auto Speedway - Perris, California

WINNER: Ricky Lewis (Tom & Christy Dunkel #17)

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2024 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR FEATURE WINS:

4-Tommy Malcolm (Jun 22 at Perris Auto Speedway, Jul 6 at Santa Maria Speedway, Jul 13 at Perris Auto Speedway & Aug 31 at The Dirt Track at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway)

3-Ricky Lewis (Oct 12 at Mohave Valley Raceway, Oct 19 at Imperial Valley Raceway & Nov 9 at Perris Auto Speedway)

2-Charles Davis Jr. (Mar 23 at Cocopah Speedway & Sep 21 at Perris Auto Speedway)

2-David Gasper (Mar 16 at Perris Auto Speedway & Oct 18 at Imperial Valley Raceway)

2-R.J. Johnson (Jun 8 at The Dirt Track at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway & Sep 7 at Santa Maria Speedway)

2-Matt Mitchell (Feb 24 at Perris Auto Speedway & May 25 at Perris Auto Speedway)

2-Kevin Thomas Jr. (Apr 6 at Mohave Valley Raceway & Nov 1 at Mohave Valley Raceway)

2-Cody Williams (Aug 17 at Perris Auto Speedway & Sep 28 at The Dirt Track at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway)

1-A.J. Bender (Apr 27 at Perris Auto Speedway)

1-Braden Chiaramonte (Aug 10 at Santa Maria Speedway)

1-Kyle Cummins (Nov 2 at Mohave Valley Raceway)

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2024 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR FEATURE LAPS LED:

86-Tommy Malcolm

84-R.J. Johnson

70-Ricky Lewis

62-Charles Davis Jr.

59-David Gasper

44-A.J. Bender

43-Cody Williams

34-Kyle Cummins

30-Braden Chiaramonte

29-Kevin Thomas Jr.

27-Matt Mitchell

21-Logan Williams

17-Austin Williams

14-Tye Mihocko & Jake Swanson

3-Logan Calderwood

2-Brody Roa

1-Chris Gansen

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2024 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR TOP-5 FEATURE FINISHES:

17-R.J. Johnson

10-David Gasper, Tommy Malcolm & Austin Williams

9-Charles Davis Jr.

7-A.J. Bender & Cody Williams

6-Ricky Lewis & Logan Williams

4-Kevin Thomas Jr.

2-Kyle Cummins, C.J. Leary, Tye Mihocko, Matt Mitchell, Brody Roa & Matt Westfall

1-Blake Bower, Logan Calderwood, Braden Chiaramonte, Shon Deskins, Brody Fuson, Chris Gansen, Austin Grabowski, Kaleb Montgomery, Jake Swanson, Andrew Sweeney, Eddie Tafoya Jr. & J.J. Yeley

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2024 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR TOP-10 FEATURE FINISHES:

21-R.J. Johnson

18-Tommy Malcolm

16-A.J. Bender & Austin Williams

15-David Gasper & Logan Williams

12-Charles Davis Jr.

10-Eddie Tafoya Jr. & Cody Williams

9-Verne Sweeney

8-Austin Grabowski

7-Ricky Lewis

4-Blake Bower, Tye Mihocko, Brody Roa, Kevin Thomas Jr. & Matt Westfall

3-Chris Gansen, Jake Swanson, Ryan Timmons & J.J. Yeley

2-Logan Calderwood, Braden Chiaramonte, Kyle Cummins, C.J. Leary, Matt McCarthy, Matt Mitchell, Kaleb Montgomery, Brent Owens & Andrew Sweeney

1-Jake Andreotti, Joey Bishop, Shon Deskins, Bryce Eames, Kyle Edwards, Brody Fuson, Jordan Hermansader, Elexa Herrera, Cameron La Rose, Gary Marshall Jr., Brent Sexton, Grant Sexton & Stevie Sussex

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2024 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR FEATURE STARTS:

22-A.J. Bender, David Gasper, R.J. Johnson, Tommy Malcolm, Verne Sweeney & Austin Williams

21-Austin Grabowski & Logan Williams

20-Cody Williams

18-Elexa Herrera

17-Charles Davis Jr.

16-Eddie Tafoya Jr.

14-Grant Sexton

13-Brent Sexton

12-Logan Calderwood

10-Jeff Dyer

9-Ricky Lewis

8-Blake Bower

7-Matt Mitchell

6-Jon DeWees, Tye Mihocko, Jonas Reynolds, Stevie Rogers & Matt Westfall

5-Jordan Hermansader, Matt McCarthy, Kaleb Montgomery & Brody Roa

4-Chris Gansen, Brent Owens, Andrew Sweeney, Kevin Thomas Jr. & Ryan Timmons

3-Braden Chiaramonte, Bryce Eames, Mark Henry Jr., Cameron La Rose, Stevie Sussex, Jake Swanson & J.J. Yeley

2-Aaron Altaffer, Joey Bishop, Tanner Boul, Kyle Cummins, Shon Deskins, Kyle Edwards, Brody Fuson, Tyler Hatzikian, Blake Hendricks, C.J. Leary, Davey Pombo, Todd Pratt, Dayton Shelton, Cal Smith & Dan Taylor

1-Jake Andreotti, Camie Bell, Ryan Bernal, Chris Bonneau, Sterling Cling, Chris Ennis, Tom Hendricks, Steve Hix, Heath Holdsclaw, Chase Johnson, Gary Marshall Jr., Shane Sexton, Racin Silva, Colt Treharn, James Turnbull II & Jacob Tuttle

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2024 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR FAST QUALIFYING TIMES:

5-Cody Williams

4-Matt Mitchell

3-R.J. Johnson

2-Blake Bower

1-Logan Calderwood, David Gasper, C.J. Leary, Ricky Lewis, Tommy Malcolm, Jake Swanson, Kevin Thomas Jr. & Ryan Timmons

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2024 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR HEAT RACE WINS:

7-A.J. Bender

6-Tommy Malcolm & Austin Williams

5-Verne Sweeney

4-Cody Williams

3-Charles Davis Jr., R.J. Johnson, Ricky Lewis, Matt McCarthy, Matt Mitchell & Eddie Tafoya Jr.

2-Logan Calderwood & Kevin Thomas Jr.

1-Jake Andreotti, Kyle Cummins, Bryce Eames, Brody Fuson, David Gasper, Austin Grabowski, Tye Mihocko, Kaleb Montgomery, Brody Roa, Grant Sexton, Stevie Sussex, Matt Westfall, Logan Williams & J.J. Yeley

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2024 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SEMI-FEATURE WINS:

3-David Gasper

1-A.J. Bender, Jon DeWees, R.J. Johnson, Eddie Tafoya Jr. & Cody Williams

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MITCHELL SWEEPS PERRIS USAC CRA OPENER

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Perris, California (February 24, 2024)……Matt Mitchell is highly familiar with victory lane at Perris Auto Speedway.

After all, nine of his 10 career Avanti Windows & Doors USAC CRA Sprint Car victories have come at the southern California half-mile dirt oval.

However, during Saturday night's 2024 USAC CRA season opener at The PAS, the Yorba Linda, Calif. driver achieved a feat he'd never accomplished before – a complete sweep.

Mitchell posted the fastest time in Woodland Auto Display Qualifying, then raced from sixth to first to score the opening heat race win. Once again starting sixth in the 30-lap feature, Mitchell charged his way to the front by mid-race, then bested Ricky Lewis in a brief duel to take over for good by the 17th circuit.

From there, Mitchell led the remaining 14 laps to defeat impressive USAC CRA Rookie of the Year contender David Gasper (Goleta, Calif.) who finished as the runner-up after starting ninth. Lewis (Camarillo, Calif.) took third while R.J. Johnson (Laveen, Ariz.) grabbed fourth and Charles Davis Jr. (Buckeye, Ariz.) rounded out the top-five.

Austin Grabowski advanced from 19th to 10th to earn hard charger honors in memory of Jim & Chet Gardner.

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: February 24, 2024 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.241; 2. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-16.571; 3. Austin Williams, 17w, Dunkel-16.658; 4. Tye Mihocko, 5, Wilson-16.675; 5. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.701; 6. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland-16.746; 7. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-16.827; 8. R.J. Johnson, 2, Yeley-16.856; 9. Sterling Cling, 11o, O'Brien-16.866; 10. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-16.899; 11. David Gasper, 73x, Ford-16.919; 12. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-16.929; 13. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-17.003; 14. Logan Calderwood, 73, Ford-17.127; 15. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-17.223; 16. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-17.233; 17. Braden Chiaramonte, 73B, OCC-17.343; 18. James Turnbull II, 2J, Turnbull-17.378; 19. Matt Westfall, 11c, Turner/Wheeler-17.474; 20. Grant Sexton, 22, Sexton-17.500; 21. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-17.624; 22. Verne Sweeney, 98, Guerrero-17.907; 23. Shane Sexton, 74, Sexton/Gatlin-17.980; 24. Brent Sexton, 44s, Sexton-18.212; 25. Gary Marshall Jr., 23, Bellegante-18.328; 26. Blake Hendricks, 14, Hendricks-18.460; 27. Elexa Herrera, 5E, Herrera-19.157.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / SEXTON FIRE PROTECTION FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Matt Mitchell, 2. A.J. Bender, 3. Tye Mihocko, 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 5. Jeff Dyer, 6. Matt Westfall, 7. Verne Sweeney, 8. Matt McCarthy. NT

BILLSJERKY.NET / FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Calderwood, 2. R.J. Johnson, 3. Charles Davis Jr., 4. Cody Williams, 5. David Gasper, 6. Braden Chiaramonte, 7. Grant Sexton, 8. Blake Hendricks, 9. Shane Sexton. 2:52.74

WC FRIEND COMPANY / IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Tommy Malcolm, 2. Austin Williams, 3. Sterling Cling, 4. Ricky Lewis, 5. Logan Williams, 6. Austin Grabowski, 7. Brent Sexton, 8. Elexa Herrera, 9. James Turnbull II. NT

FACTORY WRAPS SEMI: (12 laps, top-10 transfer to the feature) 1. David Gasper, 2. Braden Chiaramonte, 3. Logan Williams, 4. Austin Grabowski, 5. Matt Westfall, 6. Verne Sweeney, 7. Jeff Dyer, 8. Grant Sexton, 9. Blake Hendricks, 10. Brent Sexton, 11. Gary Marshall Jr., 12. Elexa Herrera, 13. Matt McCarthy. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Matt Mitchell (6), 2. David Gasper (9), 3. Ricky Lewis (2), 4. R.J. Johnson (1), 5. Charles Davis Jr. (12), 6. Tommy Malcolm (14), 7. Logan Williams (10), 8. Braden Chiaramonte (16), 9. Matt Westfall (17), 10. Austin Grabowski (19), 11. Austin Williams (5), 12. A.J. Bender (11), 13. Logan Calderwood (13), 14. Jeff Dyer (15), 15. Brent Sexton (21), 16. Verne Sweeney (20), 17. Grant Sexton (18), 18. Tye Mihocko (4), 19. Sterling Cling (7), 20. Cody Williams (3), 21. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (8), 22. Blake Hendricks (22). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-14 Ricky Lewis, Lap 15 Matt Mitchell, Lap 16 Ricky Lewis, Laps 17-30 Matt Mitchell.

**James Turnbull II flipped on the second lap during the third heat.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Austin Grabowski (19th to 10th)

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Matt Mitchell-84, 2-David Gasper-71, 3-Ricky Lewis-70, 4-Charles Davis Jr.-69, 5-R.J. Johnson-68, 6-Tommy Malcolm-63, 7-Logan Williams-54, 8-Braden Chiaramonte-52, 9-Austin Williams-52, 10-Matt Westfall-47.

NEXT AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: March 16, 2024 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California

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GASPER WINS HIS FIRST IN A WILD ONE AT PERRIS

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Perris, California (March 16, 2024)……In just his fourth career Avanti Windows & Doors USAC CRA Sprint Car start, David Gasper became the newest first-time series winner on Saturday night at southern California's Perris Auto Speedway.

In a 30-lap event that featured six different lead changes, the 18-year-old Gasper (Goleta, Calif.) was the last of the four drivers to head up the pack in a back-and-forth affair at the half-mile dirt oval.

Behind the wheel of the Josh Ford Motorsports No. 73x, Gasper led the initial nine laps after starting from the pole before Austin Williams (Yorba Linda, Calif.) took over between laps 10-11. Ricky Lewis (Camarillo, Calif.) raced his way to the front to lead laps 12-15 before ultimately falling by the wayside to an 18th place result.

Williams made a second stint as the leader when he took the point from laps 15-23. Reigning series champion and 10th place starting Brody Roa (Garden Grove, Calif.) briefly got by for the lead on laps 24-25 before Williams slashed back to the front on lap 26. With four laps remaining, Gasper surged past Roa for second, then Williams for the lead on the 27th circuit, then warded off the field to score the victory.

Gasper's triumph elevated him to the top of the USAC CRA point standings. Williams collected a runner-up finish with Matt Westfall (Pleasant Hill, Ohio) finishing third after starting 12th. Roa crossed the line in fourth while Logan Williams (Yorba Linda, Calif.) started 15th and finished fifth to earn hard charger honors in memory of Jim and Chet Gardner.

Matt Mitchell (Yorba Linda, Calif.) took the Woodland Auto Display Fast Qualifying time with a lap of 15.926 seconds. Matt McCarthy (Riverside, Calif.), Cody Williams (Corona, Calif.) and Lewis corralled heat race wins courtesy of FlowDynamics Inc., Sexton Fire Protection, BillsJerky.net, Factory Wraps and the WC Friend Company.

Two incidents took place during the night with Braden Chiaramonte (El Cajon, Calif.) flipping on the seventh lap of the second heat and was transported to a local hospital observation. Grant Sexton (Lakeside, Calif.) got upside down on the second lap of the feature.

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: March 16, 2024 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-15.926; 2. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.167; 3. Grant Sexton, 22, Sexton-16.258; 4. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-16.469; 5. R.J. Johnson, 2, Yeley-16.473; 6. Logan Calderwood, 73, Ford-16.475; 7. Brody Roa, 15, Bonneau-16.482; 8. Austin Williams, 17w, Dunkel-16.490; 9. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland-16.502; 10. David Gasper, 73x, Ford-16.539; 11. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-16.563; 12. Matt Westfall, 11c, Turner/Wheeler-16.565; 13. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-16.568; 14. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-16.574; 15. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-16.603; 16. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-16.684; 17. Braden Chiaramonte, 73B, OCC-16.995; 18. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-16.995; 19. Brent Owens, 71, Martin-17.037; 20. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-17.117; 21. Verne Sweeney, 98, Guerrero-17.356; 22. Shane Sexton, 74, Sexton-17.372; 23. Brent Sexton, 44s, Sexton-17.575; 24. Elexa Herrera, 5E, Herrera-17.996.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / SEXTON FIRE PROTECTION FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Matt McCarthy, 2. A.J. Bender, 3. Matt Mitchell, 4. David Gasper, 5. Brody Roa, 6. Charles Davis Jr., 7. Brent Owens, 8. Shane Sexton. NT

BILLSJERKY.NET / FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Cody Williams, 2. Austin Williams, 3. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 4. Tommy Malcolm, 5. R.J. Johnson, 6. Brent Sexton, 7. Jeff Dyer, 8. Braden Chiaramonte. NT

WC FRIEND COMPANY / IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Ricky Lewis, 2. Logan Williams, 3. Matt Westfall, 4. Grant Sexton, 5. Austin Grabowski, 6. Logan Calderwood, 7. Verne Sweeney, 8. Elexa Herrera. 2:55.36

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. David Gasper (1), 2. Austin Williams (3), 3. Matt Westfall (12), 4. Brody Roa (10), 5. Logan Williams (15), 6. Tommy Malcolm (11), 7. Cody Williams (5), 8. R.J. Johnson (8), 9. Brent Owens (18), 10. Matt McCarthy (13), 11. Logan Calderwood (9), 12. Verne Sweeney (20), 13. Brent Sexton (21), 14. Austin Grabowski (17), 15. Elexa Herrera (22), 16. A.J. Bender (16), 17. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (14), 18. Ricky Lewis (2), 19. Jeff Dyer (19), 20. Charles Davis Jr. (7), 21. Grant Sexton (4), 22. Matt Mitchell (6). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-9 David Gasper, Laps 10-11 Austin Williams, Laps 12-15 Ricky Lewis, Laps 16-23 Austin Williams, Laps 24-25 Brody Roa, Lap 26 Austin Williams, Laps 27-30 David Gasper.

**Braden Chiaramonte flipped on the seventh lap of the second heat and was transported to a local hospital observation. Grant Sexton flipped on the second lap of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Logan Williams (15th to 5th)

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-David Gasper-146, 2-Austin Williams-126, 3-R.J. Johnson-123, 4-Tommy Malcolm-123, 5-Matt Mitchell-119, 6-Logan Williams-119, 7-Matt Westfall-117, 8-Ricky Lewis-105, 9-Charles Davis Jr.-98, 10-Cody Williams-95.

NEXT AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: March 23 – Cocopah Speedway – Somerton, Arizona

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ARIZONA HOMECOMING: DAVIS WINS RAIN-SHORTENED USAC CRA RACE AT COCOPAH

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Somerton, Arizona (March 23, 2024)……Charles Davis Jr. owns six feature wins in his Avanti Windows & Doors USAC CRA Sprint Car career, but a series victory in his home state of Arizona has been a long time coming.

Outside front row starter Davis (Buckeye, Ariz.) took over the top spot on lap four and led the final 17 laps to win the rain-shortened main event on Saturday night at Somerton, Arizona's Cocopah Speedway.

When the rain fell after the completion of lap 20 of the scheduled 30-lap event, Davis was in the lead and declared as the winner when the race was officially called. For Davis, it's his first USAC CRA Sprint Car feature win in the state of Arizona since a 2007 victory at USA Race Park in Tucson.

Davis was followed to the line by Ricky Lewis (Camarillo, Calif.) who led the opening three laps from the pole position. New series point leader R.J. Johnson (Laveen, Ariz.) took third in the final rundown. Matt Westfall (Pleasant Hill, Ohio) was scored fourth while A.J. Bender (San Diego, Calif.) rounded out the top-five.

Austin Williams (Yorba Linda, Calif.) was running fifth on the final lap when he got upside down, dropping him back to 13th in the official finishing order. David Gasper (Goleta, Calif.) earned hard charger honors in memory of Jim and Chet Gardner after starting 16th and finishing 11th.

Tommy Malcolm (Corona, Calif.) was the night's Woodland Auto Display fastest qualifier with a time of 16.766 seconds around the 3/8-mile dirt oval. Austin Williams and Ricky Lewis captured the two heat race victories sponsored by FlowDynamics, Sexton Fire Protection, BillsJerky.net, Factory Wraps, WC Friend Company and In Memory of Jim and Chet Gardner.

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: March 23, 2024 – Cocopah Speedway – Somerton, Arizona

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-16.766; 2. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-16.868; 3. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-16.877; 4. Matt Westfall, 11c, Turner/Wheeler-16.900; 5. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-16.926; 6. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-16.936; 7. Grant Sexton, 22, Sexton-17.060; 8. Ricky Lewis, 41, Lewis-17.156; 9. Logan Calderwood, 73, Ford-17.180; 10. Verne Sweeney, 98, Guerrero-17.209; 11. Austin Williams, 17w, Dunkel-17.247; 12. Brody Roa, 2, Yeley-17.276; 13. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-17.313; 14. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.364; 15. Brent Sexton, 44s, Sexton-18.168; 16. Elexa Herrera, 5E, Herrera-18.822; 17. David Gasper, 73x, Ford-NT.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / SEXTON FIRE PROTECTION / BILLSJERKY.NET FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Austin Williams, 2. R.J. Johnson, 3. A.J. Bender, 4. Austin Grabowski, 5. Logan Calderwood, 6. Grant Sexton, 7. Brent Sexton, 8. Tommy Malcolm. NT

FACTORY WRAPS / WC FRIEND COMPANY / IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Ricky Lewis, 2. Logan Williams, 3. Charles Davis Jr., 4. Matt Westfall, 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 6. Verne Sweeney, 7. David Gasper, 8. Elexa Herrera, 9. Brody Roa. NT

FEATURE: (20 laps, shortened from 30 laps due to rain, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Charles Davis Jr. (2), 2. Ricky Lewis (1), 3. R.J. Johnson (3), 4. Matt Westfall (4), 5. A.J. Bender (5), 6. Logan Williams (6), 7. Tommy Malcolm (7), 8. Logan

Calderwood (9), 9. Austin Grabowski (12), 10. Verne Sweeney (10), 11. David Gasper (16), 12. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (13), 13. Austin Williams (11), 14. Brent Sexton (14), 15. Elexa Herrera (15), 16. Grant Sexton (8). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 Ricky Lewis, Laps 4-20 Charles Davis Jr.

**Austin Williams flipped on lap 20 of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: David Gasper (16th to 11th)

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-R.J. Johnson-196, 2-David Gasper-189, 3-Matt Westfall-186, 4-Logan Williams-186, 5-Tommy Malcolm-182, 6-Ricky Lewis-180, 7-Charles Davis Jr.-175, 8-Austin Williams-171, 9-A.J. Bender-152, 10-Logan Calderwood-143.

NEXT AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: April 6, 2024 – Mohave Valley Raceway – Mohave Valley, Arizona

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KTJ SCORES WITH USAC CRA AT MOHAVE VALLEY

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Mohave Valley, Arizona (April 6, 2024)……With this weekend's pair of Midwest rainouts on the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship tour, an opportunity opened up on Saturday for Kevin Thomas Jr. in the Grand Canyon State.

Thomas (Cullman, Ala.) became the fourth different winning driver in the first four races of the Avanti Windows & Doors USAC CRA Sprint Car Series season on Saturday night at Arizona's Mohave Valley Raceway.

The third-starting Thomas emerged up front after a near racelong battle for the lead with Cody Williams (Corona, Calif.). Thomas took over the lead with three laps remaining to earn the Bonneau Motorsports team its first USAC CRA victory.

Pole starting Logan Williams (Yorba Linda, Calif.) led the opening three laps of the 30-lapper but wound up dropping to ninth in the final finishing order. Thereafter, Logan's brother, Cody, led the next 10 circuits after starting from the outside of the front row.

Thomas led the bulk of the race after grabbing the lead just before the halfway point on lap 14, then patrolled the field for the next 13 laps until just four to go. The lead swapped hands in the tussle for the number one spot as Cody surged ahead on lap 27 before Thomas made the winning move to get back by on the 28th lap, which proved to be the difference.

From there, Thomas prevailed for his seventh career USAC CRA victory, and his first since 2021. Cody Williams took second with new point leader Tommy Malcolm (Corona, Calif.) charging from 12th to third, which moved him to the top of the series standings. David Gasper (Goleta, Calif.) grabbed fourth while Logan Calderwood (Goodyear, Ariz.) rounded out the top-five.

Meanwhile, Grant Sexton (Lakeside, Calif.) was named the Hard Charger of the feature in memory of Jim & Chet Gardner after starting 21st and finishing 11th. Ricky Lewis (Camarillo, Calif.) was the night's Woodland Auto Display Fast Qualifier.

Lewis, Austin Williams (Yorba Linda, Calif.), Thomas and Charles Davis Jr (Buckeye, Ariz.) scored heat race wins sponsored by FlowDynamics, Inc., WC Friend Company, BillsJerky.net and Sexton Fire Protection. R.J. Johnson (Laveen, Ariz.) took the victory in the Factory Wraps Semi-Feature.

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: April 6, 2024 – Mohave Valley Raceway – Mohave Valley, Arizona

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Ricky Lewis, 41, -14.491; 2. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-14.525; 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 15, Bonneau-14.569; 4. Cameron La Rose, 5, Wilson-14.577; 5. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-14.607; 6. Logan Calderwood, 73, Ford-14.613; 7. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-14.667; 8. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-14.750; 9. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-14.770; 10. David Gasper, 73x, Ford-14.781; 11. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-14.833; 12. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-14.856; 13. J.J. Yeley, 2, Yeley-14.862; 14. Austin Williams, 17w, Dunkel-14.953; 15. Brent Owens, 71, Martin-15.109; 16. Mark Henry Jr., 39R, Henry-15.153; 17. Brent Sexton, 44s, Sexton-15.193; 18. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-15.269; 19. Andrew Sweeney, 98A, Guerrero-15.433; 20. Tom Dunkel, 17A, Dunkel-15.486; 21. Verne Sweeney, 98, Guerrero-15.506; 22. Grant Sexton, 22, Sexton-15.540; 23. Elexa Herrera, 5E, Herrera-15.618; 24. Jim Vanzant, 3v, Vanzant-15.854; 25. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-15.863; 26. Camie Bell, 29c, Bell-16.500; 27. Brody Roa, 8m, May-NT; 28. Brody Wake, 78B, Wake-NT.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Ricky Lewis, 2. J.J. Yeley, 3. Cody Williams, 4. Brent Sexton, 5. Verne Sweeney, 6. Jeff Dyer, 7. R.J. Johnson. NT

WC FRIEND COMPANY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Austin Williams, 2. Austin Grabowski, 3. Grant Sexton, 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 5. David Gasper, 6. Logan Calderwood, 7. Camie Bell. NT

BILLSJERKY.NET THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Logan Williams, 3. A.J. Bender, 4. Brent Owens, 5. Andrew Sweeney, 6. Elexa Herrera. NT

SEXTON FIRE PROTECTION FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Tommy Malcolm, 3. Cameron La Rose, 4. Mark Henry Jr., 5. Tom Dunkel, 6. Jim Vanzant. NT

FACTORY WRAPS SEMI: (12 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. R.J. Johnson, 2. Jeff Dyer, 3. David Gasper, 4. Logan Calderwood, 5. Andrew Sweeney, 6. Verne Sweeney, 7. Tom Dunkel, 8. Elexa Herrera, 9. Camie Bell. NT.

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr. (4), 2. Cody Williams (2), 3. Tommy Malcolm (12), 4. David Gasper (10), 5. Logan Calderwood (7), 6. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (5), 7. Cameron La Rose (3), 8. J.J. Yeley (13), 9. Logan Williams (1), 10. R.J. Johnson (9), 11. Grant Sexton (21), 12. Ricky Lewis (6), 13. A.J. Bender (11), 14. Austin Williams (14), 15. Austin Grabowski (18), 16. Verne Sweeney (20), 17. Mark Henry Jr. (16), 18. Brent Sexton (17), 19. Andrew Sweeney (19), 20. Jeff Dyer (22), 21. Charles Davis Jr. (8), 22. Brent Owens (15). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 Logan Williams, Laps 4-13 Cody Williams, Laps 14-26 Kevin Thomas Jr., Lap 27 Cody Williams, Laps 28-30 Kevin Thomas Jr.

**Brody Roa flipped during qualifying.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Grant Sexton (21st to 11th)

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Tommy Malcolm-253, 2-David Gasper-252, 3-R.J. Johnson-243, 4-Logan Williams-239, 5-Ricky Lewis-233, 6-Austin Williams-214, 7-Charles Davis Jr.-206, 8-Logan Calderwood-203, 9-A.J. Bender-195, 10-Matt Westfall-186.

NEXT AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: April 27, 2024 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California

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BENDER SCORES AT PERRIS, EARNS FIRST USAC CRA WIN IN 119TH START

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Perris, California (April 27, 2024)……Since 2011, A.J. Bender had accrued 118 career Avanti Windows & Doors USAC CRA Sprint Car Series feature starts.

But in his 119th career series start on Saturday night at California's Perris Auto Speedway, he experienced something he'd never achieved in his previous 13-plus years of competition – a USAC CRA feature victory.

Bender (San Diego, Calif.) led early, led midway and led late, but had to fend off constant pressure from R.J. Johnson throughout the 30-lap distance before beating Cody Williams to the finish line to score his first series win.

Starting from the pole, Bender led the opening three laps before Johnson got past and remained up front through lap 10. On the 11th circuit, Bender swept by Johnson to regain the lead. That proved to be short lived, however, as Johnson edged ahead on lap 13. Even shorter lived was Johnson's lead as Bender charged back to the point on lap 14.

Johnson made one last surge to lead lap 20, but the undeterred Bender reclaimed the lead for good on lap 21 and led the final 10 trips around the half-mile dirt oval to experience the thrill of victory for the first time in his USAC CRA career.

Cody Williams (Yorba Linda, Calif.) finished second with series point leader Tommy Malcolm (Corona, Calif.) third and Austin Williams (Yorba Linda, Calif.) earned In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Hard Charger honors by finishing fourth after starting 16th. Johnson (Laveen, Ariz.) rounded out the top-five after leading nine laps.

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: April 27, 2024 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.527; 2. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-16.553; 3. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.668; 4. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-16.676; 5. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-16.699; 6. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-16.731; 7. Grant Sexton, 22, Sexton-16.733; 8. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-16.738; 9. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-16.798; 10. David Gasper, 73x, Ford-16.828; 11. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-16.839; 12. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-16.873; 13. Braden Chiaramonte, 73B, OCC-17.031; 14. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-17.089; 15. Brody Roa, 8m, May-17.127; 16. Austin Williams, 17w, Dunkel-17.264; 17. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-17.333; 18. Verne Sweeney, 98, Guerrero-17.456; 19. Brent Sexton, 44s, Sexton-17.658; 20. Elexa Herrera, 5E, Herrera-18.303; 21. Shane Sexton, 74, SCDE-18.552; 22. Joey Bishop, 45, Bishop-18.912.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / SEXTON FIRE PROTECTION FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to feature) 1. Matt Mitchell, 2. David Gasper, 3. Austin Williams, 4. Braden Chiaramonte, 5. Logan Williams, 6. Grant Sexton, 7. Brent Sexton, 8. Joey Bishop. 2:58.35

BILLSJERKY.NET / FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to feature) 1. Matt McCarthy, 2. Austin Grabowski, 3. Charles Davis Jr., 4. R.J. Johnson, 5. Chris Bonneau, 6. Chris Gansen, 7. Elexa Herrera. 2:54.57

WC FRIEND COMPANY / IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to feature) 1. A.J. Bender, 2. Cody Williams, 3. Tommy Malcolm, 4. Brody Roa, 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 6. Verne Sweeney, 7. Shane Sexton. 2:55.64

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. A.J. Bender (1), 2. Cody Williams (4), 3. Tommy Malcolm (2), 4. Austin Williams (16), 5. R.J. Johnson (3), 6. Matt McCarthy (14), 7. Brody Roa (15), 8. Chris Gansen (11), 9. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (12), 10. Joey Bishop (22), 11. Verne Sweeney (18), 12. Elexa Herrera (20), 13. Austin Grabowski (17), 14. Matt Mitchell (6), 15. Chris Bonneau (9), 16. Brent Sexton (19), 17. David Gasper (10), 18. Charles Davis Jr. (5), 19. Grant Sexton (8), 20. Braden Chiaramonte (13), 21. Shane Sexton (21), 22. Logan Williams (7). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 A.J. Bender, Laps 4-10 R.J. Johnson, Laps 11-12 A.J. Bender, Lap 13 R.J. Johnson, Laps 14-19 A.J. Bender, Lap 20 R.J. Johnson, Laps 21-30 A.J. Bender.

**David Gasper flipped on lap 25 of the feature. Brent Sexton flipped on lap 26 of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Austin Williams (16th to 4th)

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Tommy Malcolm-324, 2-R.J. Johnson-308, 3-David Gasper-288, 4-Austin Williams-281, 5-A.J. Bender-273, 6-Logan Williams-269, 7-Cody Williams-248, 8-Charles Davis Jr.-244, 9-Ricky Lewis-233, 10-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-221.

NEXT AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: May 25, 2024 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – Salute to Indy

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MITCHELL SCORES THIRD SALUTE TO INDY AT PERRIS

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Perris, California (May 25, 2024)……Matt Mitchell became the sixth three-time winner of the Salute to Indy on Saturday night at California's Perris Auto Speedway.

In a tradition that dates back to 1948, Mitchell (Yorba Linda, Calif.) became one of the select few to accrue three or more victories in the event, joining Dean Thompson (6), Bubby Jones (5), Billy Wilkerson (4), Damion Gardner (4) and Cory Kruseman (3).

Mitchell also became the first multi-time Avanti Windows & Doors USAC CRA Sprint Car feature winner of the 2024 season. In doing so, Mitchell also recorded his first multi-win USAC CRA season since scoring a pair of events all the way back during the 2011 season, both of which came at Perris back then as well.

Furthermore, Mitchell's 11th career series triumph tied him with Austin Williams for seventh on USAC CRA's all-time feature win list.

Mitchell led early from the pole position, patrolling the first three laps before outside front row starter Logan Williams (Yorba Linda, Calif.) assumed his spot at the front, leading a race-high 18 circuits between laps 4-21.

Mitchell, never straying too far, returned to the forefront on lap 22, then led the remaining nine trips around the 1/2-mile dirt oval to take the checkered flag over new series point leader R.J. Johnson (Laveen, Ariz.), reigning series champion Brody Roa (Garden Grove, Calif.), Logan Williams and A.J. Bender (San Diego, Calif.).

David Gasper (Goleta, Calif.) captured hard charger honors in memory of Jim and Chet Gardner after advancing from his 15th starting position to finish sixth.

Tommy Malcolm (Corona, Calif.) entered the evening as the series point leader, but the seventh place starting driver flipped upside down on the second lap of the feature, resulting in a 15th place finish.

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: May 25, 2024 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – Salute to Indy

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.436; 2. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-16.492; 3. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-16.507; 4. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-16.682; 5. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-16.734; 6. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.787; 7. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-16.859; 8. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-16.922; 9. Brody Roa, 8m, May-16.990; 10. Austin Williams, 17w, Dunkel-17.035; 11. Brent Owens, 71, Martin-17.125; 12. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-17.256; 13. Verne Sweeney, 98, Guerrero-17.276; 14. Kyle Edwards, 39E, Edwards-17.303; 15. David Gasper, 18, Kittle/Gasper-18.244; 16. Joey Bishop, 45, Bishop-18.305; 17. Elexa Herrera, 5E, Herrera-18.717.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / SEXTON FIRE PROTECTION FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. A.J. Bender, 2. Tommy Malcolm, 3. Cody Williams, 4. Austin Williams, 5. Verne Sweeney, 6. Joey Bishop. 2:55.56.

BILLSJERKY.NET / FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 2. Matt McCarthy, 3. Logan Williams, 4. Kyle Edwards, 5. Brent Owens, 6. Elexa Herrera. 2:58.78.

WC FRIEND COMPANY / IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Matt Mitchell, 2. R.J. Johnson, 3. Brody Roa, 4. David Gasper, 5. Jeff Dyer. 2:55.19.

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Matt Mitchell (1), 2. R.J. Johnson (4), 3. Brody Roa (9), 4. Logan Williams (2), 5. A.J. Bender (3), 6. David Gasper (15), 7. Austin Williams (10), 8. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (8), 9. Kyle Edwards (14), 10. Elexa Herrera (17), 11. Verne Sweeney (13), 12. Matt McCarthy (5), 13. Brent Owens (11), 14. Joey Bishop (16), 15. Tommy Malcolm (7), 16. Cody Williams (6), 17. Jeff Dyer (12). NT.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 Matt Mitchell, Laps 4-21 Logan Williams, Laps 22-30 Matt Mitchell.

**Tommy Malcolm flipped on the second lap of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: David Gasper (15th to 6th)

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-R.J. Johnson-386, 2-Tommy Malcolm-364, 3-David Gasper-348, 4-A.J. Bender-342, 5-Austin Williams-338, 6-Logan Williams-338, 7-Cody Williams-291, 8-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-278, 9-Matt Mitchell-247, 10-Charles Davis Jr.-244.

NEXT AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: June 8, 2024 – The Dirt Track at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway – Bakersfield, California

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R.J. JOHNSON SCORES KERN'S USAC CRA GOLDEN EMPIRE CLASH

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Bakersfield, California (June 8, 2024)……R.J. Johnson led the final 14 laps to master Saturday night's Golden Empire Clash for the Avanti Windows & Doors USAC Sprint Car Series at The Dirt Track at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway in Bakersfield, Calif.

Johnson (Laveen, Ariz.) earned Woodland Auto Display Fast Qualifying honors to open the night, then started sixth on the grid for the 30-lap feature, then proceeded to work his way forward while Chris Gansen (1) and Cody Williams (2-16) led the initial 16 trips.

Assuming the lead on lap 17, Johnson paced the final 14 laps to earn his first USAC CRA Sprint Car victory since 2019, and his first in the state of California since 2017.

Logan Williams (Corona, Calif.) grabbed second at the finish line while A.J. Bender (San Diego, Calif.) scored a third. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (Chino Hills, Calif.) brought it home fourth while Tommy Malcolm (Corona, Calif.) rounded out the top-five after starting 14th. It was valiant comeback effort for Malcolm who flipped during qualifying but returned to collect hard charger honors in memory of Jim & Chet Gardner.

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: June 8, 2024 – The Dirt Track at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway – Bakersfield, California – Golden Empire Clash

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-14.371; 2. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-14.524; 3. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-14.550; 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-14.667; 5. Brody Roa, 8m, May-14.910; 6. Brent Owens, 71, Martin-14.978; 7. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-15.014; 8. Austin Williams, 17w, Dunkel-15.095; 9. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-15.189; 10. David Gasper, 18, Kittle/Gasper-15.246; 11. Ryan Timmons, 29T, Timmons-15.265; 12. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-15.301; 13. Verne Sweeney, 98, Guerrero-15.562; 14. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-15.666; 15. Elexa Herrera, 5E, Herrera-15.723; 16. Jon DeWees, 63D, DeWees-16.181; 17. Chris Ennis, 86, Ennis-16.328; 18. Camie Bell, 29c, Bell-16.428.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / SEXTON FIRE PROTECTION / BILLSJERKY.NET FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Brody Roa, 2. R.J. Johnson, 3. Cody Williams, 4. Chris Gansen, 5. Logan Williams, 6. Ryan Timmons, 7. Elexa Herrera, 8. Verne Sweeney, 9. Chris Ennis. NT

FACTORY WRAPS / WC FRIEND COMPANY / IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. David Gasper, 2. A.J. Bender, 3. Austin Williams, 4. Brent Owens, 5. Austin Grabowski, 6. Tommy Malcolm, 7. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 8. Jon DeWees, 9. Camie Bell. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. R.J. Johnson (6), 2. Logan Williams (9), 3. A.J. Bender (5), 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (7), 5. Tommy Malcolm (14), 6. Cody Williams (4), 7. Austin Williams (8), 8. Chris Gansen (1), 9. Ryan Timmons (11), 10. Brent Owens (2), 11. Chris Ennis (17), 12. Verne Sweeney (13), 13. Jon DeWees (16), 14. Camie Bell (18), 15. Brody Roa (3), 16. Elexa Herrera (15), 17. David Gasper (10), 18. Austin Grabowski (12). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Chris Gansen, Laps 2-16 Cody Williams, Laps 17-30 R.J. Johnson.

**Tommy Malcolm flipped during qualifying. Elexa Herrera flipped on lap 16 of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Tommy Malcolm (14th to 5th)

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-R.J. Johnson-469, 2-Tommy Malcolm-425, 3-A.J. Bender-418, 4-Logan Williams-409, 5-Austin Williams-396, 6-David Gasper-385, 7-Cody Williams-356, 8-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-344, 9-Verne Sweeney-280, 10-Brody Roa-256.

NEXT AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: June 22, 2024 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California

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MALCOLM THUNDERS TO PERRIS USAC CRA VICTORY

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Perris, California (June 22, 2024)……Tommy Malcolm topped the field for his first victory of the Avanti Windows & Doors USAC CRA Sprint Car season on Saturday night at southern California's Perris Auto Speedway.

Malcolm (Corona, Calif.) started from the pole and led all 20 laps en route to victory in his Dino Napier-owned No. 5x. The triumph was the fourth of Malcolm/Napier's career in USAC CRA competition, three of which have come at Perris' 1/2-mile dirt oval.

Following Malcolm to the line was Chris Gansen (Verdemont Heights, Calif.) who earned his best career finish of second place in what was his 158th career series start. Austin Williams (Yorba Linda, Calif.) grabbed third while Logan Willams (Yorba Linda, Calif.) took fourth. A.J. Bender (San Diego, Calif.) rounded out the top-five.

Grant Sexton (Lakeside, Calif.), the 2023 USAC CRA Rookie of the Year, finished a season best sixth after advancing 10 spots from his 16th starting position. For his efforts, Sexton earned hard charger honors in memory of Jim and Chet Gardner.

Cody Williams (Corona, Calif.), who earned Woodland Auto Display Fast Qualifier honors for the night, finished 12th in the feature event, which was originally scheduled for 30 laps, but shortened to 20 due to track conditions.

Malcolm's victory also cut his deficit in the race for the 2024 USAC CRA Sprint Car title from 44 to 14 behind point leader R.J. Johnson (Laveen, Ariz.) who finished 11th in Saturday night's main event.

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: June 22, 2024 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-17.084; 2. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-17.153; 3. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-17.318; 4. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-17.329; 5. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-17.506; 6. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-17.626; 7. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-17.651; 8. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-17.660; 9. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-17.661; 10. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.848; 11. Austin Williams, 17w, Dunkel-17.890; 12. David Gasper, 18, Kittle/Gasper-17.910; 13. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-17.950; 14. Verne Sweeney, 98, Guerrero-18.125; 15. Gary Marshall Jr., 23, Bellegante-18.209; 16. Grant Sexton, 22, Sexton-18.360; 17. Brent Owens, 71, Martin-18.433; 18. Stevie Rogers, 11, Burgeson/Rogers-18.568; 19. Brent Sexton, 44s, Sexton-18.698; 20. Tyler Hatzikian, 27, Hatzikian-18.914; 21. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-18.956; 22. Elexa Herrera, 5E, Herrera-19.230.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / SEXTON FIRE PROTECTION FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to feature) 1. Matt McCarthy, 2. Logan Williams, 3. Cody Williams, 4. R.J. Johnson, 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 6. Grant Sexton, 7. Brent Sexton, 8. Elexa Herrera. 2:55.68

BILLSJERKY.NET / FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to feature) 1. Austin Williams, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. A.J. Bender, 4. Chris Gansen, 5. Verne Sweeney, 6. Tyler Hatzikian. 2:57.65

WC FRIEND COMPANY / IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to feature) 1. Tommy Malcolm, 2. Matt Mitchell, 3. David Gasper, 4. Jeff Dyer, 5. Austin Grabowski, 6. Gary Marshall Jr., 7. Stevie Rogers. 3:05.14

FEATURE: (20 laps, shortened from 30 laps due to track conditions, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Tommy Malcolm (1), 2. Chris Gansen (2), 3. Austin Williams (11), 4. Logan Williams (7), 5. A.J. Bender (8), 6. Grant Sexton (16), 7. Gary Marshall Jr. (15), 8. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (10), 9. Verne Sweeney (14), 10. David Gasper (12), 11. R.J. Johnson (3), 12. Cody Williams (6), 13. Brent Sexton (18), 14. Stevie Rogers (17), 15. Tyler Hatzikian (19), 16. Austin Grabowski (9), 17. Charles Davis Jr. (5), 18. Matt McCarthy (13), 19. Jeff Dyer (20), 20. Elexa Herrera (21), 21. Matt Mitchell (4). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-20 Tommy Malcolm.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Grant Sexton (16th to 6th)

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-R.J. Johnson-518, 2-Tommy Malcolm-504, 3-A.J. Bender-482, 4-Logan Williams-477, 5-Austin Williams-468, 6-David Gasper-434, 7-Cody Williams-407, 8-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-397, 9-Verne Sweeney-330, 10-Charles Davis Jr.-285.

NEXT AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: July 6, 2024 – Santa Maria Speedway – Nipomo, California – Doug Fort Memorial

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MALCOLM GOES BACK-TO-BACK AT SANTA MARIA

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Nipomo, California (July 6, 2024)……Tommy Malcolm is heating up at just the right time.

The Corona, California racer collected his second consecutive Avanti Windows & Doors USAC CRA Sprint Car feature victory during Saturday night's Doug Fort Memorial at Nipomo, California's Santa Maria Speedway.

Malcolm led all 30 laps from the pole position to earn his fifth career USAC CRA triumph and his second overall score of the season, which helped vault him into the series point lead by a mere two markers over seventh place finisher R.J. Johnson.

Trailing Malcolm to the finish line was runner-up Austin Williams (Yorba Linda, Calif.) who was followed by Cody Williams (Corona, Calif.), David Gasper (Goleta, Calif.) and Andrew Sweeney (Queen Creek, Ariz.) while Woodland Auto Display Fast Qualifier Ryan Timmons (Pleasant Hill, Calif.) finished sixth.

Austin Grabowski (Riverside, Calif.) advanced from 22nd to 10th to earn hard charger honors in memory of Jim and Chet Gardner.

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: July 6, 2024 – Santa Maria Speedway – Nipomo, California – Doug Fort Memorial

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Ryan Timmons, 29T, Timmons-13.636; 2. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-13.657; 3. Kaleb Montgomery, 3, Montgomery-13.666; 4. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-13.761; 5. Austin Williams, 17w, Dunkel-13.846; 6. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-13.860; 7. David Gasper, 18, Kittle/Gasper-13.902; 8. Andrew Sweeney, 98A, Guerrero-14.008; 9. Ryan Bernal, 17T, Dunkel-14.032; 10. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-14.040; 11. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-14.061; 12. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-14.096; 13. Bryce Eames, 50, Abeytia-14.103; 14. Grant Sexton, 22, Sexton-14.140; 15. Davey Pombo, 38, Pombo-14.165; 16. Anthony Pombo, 3x, Pombo-14.467; 17. Mark Henry Jr., 39R, Henry-14.530; 18. Jon DeWees, 63D, DeWees-14.745; 19. Brent Sexton, 44s, Sexton-14.907; 20. Tom Dunkel, 17A, Dunkel-15.166; 21. Elexa Herrera, 5E, Herrera-15.394; 22. Blake Bower, 3F, Finkenbinder-17.983; 23. Verne Sweeney, 98, Guerrero-23.527; 24. Shane Sexton, 74, Sexton/Gatlin-NT; 25. Aaron Altaffer, 84, Altaffer-NT; 26. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-NT.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED/SEXTON FIRE PROTECTION FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Bryce Eames, 2. David Gasper, 3. Ryan Timmons, 4. Jeff Dyer, 5. R.J. Johnson, 6. Blake Bower, 7. Brent Sexton, 8. Aaron Altaffer, 9. Anthony Pombo. NT

BILLSJERKY.NET/FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Williams, 2. Andrew Sweeney, 3. Cody Wiliams, 4. Austin Williams, 5. Grant Sexton, 6. Austin Grabowski, 7. Mark Henry Jr., 8. Tom Dunkel, 9. Verne Sweeney. NT

WC FRIEND COMPANY/IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kaleb Montgomery, 2. Ryan Bernal, 3. A.J. Bender, 4. Davey Pombo, 5. Tommy Malcolm, 6. Jon DeWees, 7. Elexa Herrera, 8. Shane Sexton. NT

FACTORY WRAPS SEMI: (12 laps, top-7 transfer to the feature) 1. Jon DeWees, 2. Blake Bower, 3. Brent Sexton, 4. Verne Sweeney, 5. Elexa Herrera, 6. Austin Grabowski, 7. Mark Henry Jr., 8. Tom Dunkel, 9. Aaron Altaffer, 10. Shane Sexton. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Tommy Malcolm (1), 2. Austin Williams (2), 3. Cody Williams (5), 4. David Gasper (7), 5. Andrew Sweeney (8), 6. Ryan Timmons (6), 7. R.J. Johnson (3), 8. Logan Williams (11), 9. Blake Bower (20), 10. Austin Grabowski (22), 11. Davey Pombo (15), 12. Mark Henry (16), 13. Elexa Herrera (19), 14. Jeff Dyer (10), 15. Brent Sexton (18), 16. Verne Sweeney (21), 17. Kaleb Montgomery (4), 18. Ryan Bernal (9), 19. A.J. Bender (12), 20. Grant Sexton (14), 21. Jon DeWees (17), 22. Bryce Eames (13). NT.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Tommy Malcolm.

**Grant Sexton flipped on lap 1 of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Austin Grabowski (22nd to 10th)

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Tommy Malcolm-579, 2-R.J. Johnson-577, 3-Austin Williams-542, 4-Logan Williams-534, 5-A.J. Bender-513, 6-David Gasper-502, 7-Cody Williams-482, 8-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-397, 9-Verne Sweeney-362, 10-Austin Grabowski-328.

NEXT AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: July 13, 2024 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California

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3-IN-A-ROW FOR MALCOLM WITH USAC CRA AT PERRIS

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Perris, California (July 13, 2024)……Tommy Malcolm raced to his third consecutive Avanti Windows & Doors USAC CRA Sprint Car feature victory on Saturday night at southern California's Perris Auto Speedway 1/2-mle dirt oval.

Malcolm (Corona, Calif.) led all 30 laps from the pole position to score his latest triumph. In fact, Malcolm has gone wire-to-wire to lead all 80 laps that have been contested by the series in the three most recent events at Perris, Santa Maria and Perris once again.

Overall, it's Malcolm's sixth USAC CRA main event victory, meaning he's doubled his career win total in just the last three events. In the process, Malcolm extended his USAC CRA championship point lead from two to eight over R.J. Johnson (Laveen, Ariz.) who turned the quickest lap in Woodland Auto Display Qualifying.

Behind Malcolm at the checkered flag were runner-up A.J. Bender (San Diego, Calif.), Austin Williams (Yorba Linda, Calif.) and Johnson while Charles Davis Jr. (Buckeye, Ariz.) rounded out the top-five.

Four different drivers were involved in upside down accidents during the course of the evening's program Gary Marshall Jr. flipped on lap two of the first heat. Austin Grabowski flipped on the opening lap of the feature. Logan Williams and Jeff Dyer flipped on lap 24 of the feature. Dyer was transported to a local hospital where he will be going into surgery for a broken humerus bone. Dyer also suffered a concussion in the accident.

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: July 13, 2024 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-16.425; 2. Austin Williams, 17w, Dunkel-16.742; 3. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-16.750; 4. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-16.783; 5. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.807; 6. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-16.974; 7. David Gasper, 18, Kittle/Gasper-17.056; 8. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-17.092; 9. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-17.240; 10. Verne Sweeney, 98, Guerrero-17.250; 11. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-17.433; 12. Tom Hendricks, 14, Hendricks-17.622; 13. Gary Marshall Jr., 23, Bellegante-17.811; 14. Brent Sexton, 44s, Sexton-17.842; 15. Elexa Herrera, 5E, Herrera-18.153; 16. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-NT.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / SEXTON FIRE PROTECTION / WC FRIEND COMPANY FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. A.J. Bender, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Cody Williams, 4. R.J. Johnson, 5. David Gasper, 6. Jeff Dyer, 7. Elexa Herrera, 8. Gary Marshall Jr. NT

BILLSJERKY.NET / FACTORY WRAPS / IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Verne Sweeney, 2. Tommy Malcolm, 3. Logan Williams, 4. Austin Williams, 5. Austin Grabowski, 6. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 7. Tom Hendricks, 8. Brent Sexton. 3:00.85

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Tommy Malcolm (1), 2. A.J. Bender (9), 3. Austin Williams (5), 4. R.J. Johnson (6), 5. Charles Davis Jr. (4), 6. Cody Williams (2), 7. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (15), 8. Austin Grabowski (8), 9. Brent Sexton (13), 10. Verne Sweeney (10), 11. Tom Hendricks (12), 12. Elexa Herrera (14), 13. Logan Williams (3), 14. Jeff Dyer (11), 15. David Gasper (7). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Tommy Malcolm.

**Gary Marshall Jr. flipped on lap 2 of the first heat. Austin Grabowski flipped on lap 1 of the feature. Logan Williams and Jeff Dyer flipped on lap 24 of the feature. Dyer was transported to a local hospital for observation.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Eddie Tafoya Jr. (15th to 7th)

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Tommy Malcolm-657, 2-R.J. Johnson-649, 3-Austin Williams-616, 4-A.J. Bender-588, 5-Logan Williams-580, 6-Cody Williams-545, 7-David Gasper-539, 8-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-452, 9-Verne Sweeney-413, 10-Austin Grabowski-381.

NEXT AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: August 10, 2024 – Santa Maria Speedway – Nipomo, California

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CHIARAMONTE CHECKS OFF FIRST CAREER USAC CRA WIN AT SANTA MARIA

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Nipomo, California (August 10, 2024)……Braden Chiaramonte led all 30 laps to earn his first career Avanti Windows & Doors USAC CRA Sprint Car Series feature win on Saturday night at Nipomo, California's Santa Maria Speedway.

In just his seventh career USAC CRA Sprint Car start, Chiaramonte, at the wheel of his OCC Motorsports No. 73B, started from the pole position and led the distance at the 1/3-mile.

The 17-year-old from El Cajon, Calif., whose previous best USAC CRA finish was a fourth, became the 84th different winner in the series' history, which dates back to 2004.

Kaleb Montgomery (Templeton, Calif.) crossed the stripe in second with Logan Williams (Yorba Linda, Calif.) in third and Woodland Auto Display Fast Qualifier Cody Williams (Norco, Calif.) fourth with R.J. Johnson (Laveen, Ariz.) rounding out the top-five.

David Gasper (Goleta, Calif.) raced from 21st to 10th to earn hard charger honors in memory of Jim & Chet Gardner.

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES: August 10, 2024 – Santa Maria Speedway – Nipomo, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-13.337; 2. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-13.347; 3. Chase Johnson, 17, Dunkel-13.426; 4. Kaleb Montgomery, 3, Montgomery-13.443; 5. Blake Bower, 3F, Finkenbinder-13.509; 6. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-13.535; 7. Braden Chiaramonte, 73B, OCC-13.540; 8. Grant Sexton, 22, Sexton-13.560; 9. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-13.605; 10. Andrew Sweeney, 98A, Guerrero-13.688; 11. Brody Fuson, 51B, Van Meter-13.774; 12. Bryce Eames, 50, Abeytia-13.798; 13. Verne Sweeney, 98, Guerrero-13.799; 14. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-13.811; 15. Austin Williams, 17w, Dunkel-13.831; 16. Davey Pombo, 38, Pombo-13.940; 17. Brody Roa, 8m, May-13.982; 18. Brent Sexton, 44s, Sexton-13.997; 19. Jonas Reynolds, 0, Reynolds-14.217; 20. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-14.260; 21. David Gasper, 18, Kittle/Gasper-14.312; 22. Heath Holdsclaw, 33, Holdsclaw-14.472; 23. Jon DeWees, 63D, DeWees-14.679; 24. Elexa Herrera, 5E, Herrera-14.730.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / SEXTON FIRE PROTECTION FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Verne Sweeney, 2. Braden Chiaramonte, 3. Davey Pombo, 4. Kaleb Montgomery, 5. Cody Williams, 6. Andrew Sweeney, 7. Jonas Reynolds, 8. Heath Holdsclaw. NT

BILLSJERKY.NET / FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to feature) 1. Tommy Malcolm, 2. Grant Sexton, 3. Brody Fuson, 4. Brody Roa, 5. Blake Bower, 6. A.J. Bender, 7. Austin Grabowski, 8. Jon DeWees. NT

WC FRIEND COMPANY / IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to feature) 1. Austin Williams, 2. Chase Johnson, 3. Brent Sexton, 4. R.J. Johnson, 5. Logan Williams, 6. Bryce Eames, 7. David Gasper, 8. Elexa Herrera. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Braden Chiaramonte (1), 2. Kaleb Montgomery (4), 3. Logan Williams (2), 4. Cody Williams (6), 5. R.J. Johnson (9), 6. Blake Bower (3), 7. Tommy Malcolm (14), 8. A.J. Bender (7), 9. Brody Roa (17), 10. David Gasper (21), 11. Austin Grabowski (20), 12. Bryce Eames (12), 13. Verne Sweeney (13), 14. Brent Sexton (18), 15. Heath Holdsclaw (22), 16. Elexa Herrera (24), 17. Chase Johnson (5), 18. Davey Pombo (16), 19. Jonas Reynolds (19), 20. Jon DeWees (23), 21. Andrew Sweeney (10), 22. Brody Fuson (11), 23. Grant Sexton (8), 24. Austin Williams (15). NT.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Braden Chiaramonte.

**Austin Williams flipped on lap 1 of the feature. Chase Johnson flipped on lap 28 of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: David Gasper (21st to 10th)

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Tommy Malcolm-717, 2-R.J. Johnson-712, 3-Logan Williams-649, 4-Austin Williams-647, 5-A.J. Bender-645, 6-Cody Williams-616, 7-David Gasper-584, 8-Verne Sweeney-458, 9-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-452, 10-Austin Grabowski-424.

NEXT AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: August 17, 2024 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – Brother Brett Classic at the California Racers Hall of Fame Night

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Cody Williams Swipes Win on Last Lap, Sweeps Perris

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Perris, California (August 17, 2024)……Cody Williams' last lap pass in the main event netted him a complete sweep of Saturday's Avanti Windows & Doors USAC CRA Sprint Car Series feature at southern California's Perris Auto Speedway.

Williams (Corona, Calif.) set quick time in Woodland Auto Display Time Trials, then followed it up by charging from sixth to first to win his heat race. To top of the night, Williams raced by A.J. Bender (San Diego, Calif.) on the final lap to score his first feature victory of the season, in an inaugural Brother Brett Classic which feature five lead changes in a 30-lap span.

The event honored the memory of Brett Taylor, who passed away at the age of 66 earlier this year. Taylor was everyone's friend in the pit area and was known throughout short track racing in southern and central California. In addition, he was a mainstay with the Police and Fire Departments in Ventura County.

Bender led the opening nine laps before giving way for a lap to Charles Davis Jr. on the sixth circuit. Bender quickly grabbed the top spot once again on the 11th go around and led through lap 16. Meanwhile, Williams was hustling his way to the front in his family-owned No. 44, taking the lead on lap 17 and pacing the field for the next five go arounds.

Not going away lightly into the night was Bender who reemerged as the leader on lap 22 and took the white flag as the leader. On the final lap, Williams got by Bender once again to notch the victory, the fourth of his USAC CRA career and his first since May of 2022, also at Perris. Bender finished second with point leader Tommy Malcolm (Corona, Calif.) third, Charles Davis Jr. (Buckeye, Ariz.) fourth and R.J. Johnson (Laveen, Ariz.) fifth.

Cody Williams became the ninth different driver to claim a victory during the 2024 USAC CRA season through 12 events. He also now leads all USAC CRA drivers with four fast qualifying awards in 2024. To put the cherry on top of his night, Williams also earned hard charger honors in memory of Jim & Chet Gardner.

Williams' fourth fast time award of the season was the 19th of his career, which ranks fourth on the all-time USAC CRA list.

An extra $1,000 went to the winner of the 30-lap main event courtesy of Mike Grosswendt from All Coast Construction, bumping the winner's share to $4,000 total.

Furthermore, the fastest four qualifiers competed in the Brother Brett Trophy Dash, a series of four three-lap rotating dashes where points were earned. R.J. Johnson was the overall winner and pocketed an extra $2,000.

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: August 17, 2024 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – Brother Brett Classic

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.512; 2. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-16.721; 3. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-16.866; 4. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-16.959; 5. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-17.012; 6. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-17.124; 7. Kyle Edwards, 39E, Edwards-17.152; 8. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-17.177; 9. David Gasper, 18, Kittle/Gasper-17.215; 10. Verne Sweeney, 98, Guerrero-17.308; 11. Austin Williams, 17w, Dunkel-17.515; 12. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.594; 13. Elexa Herrera, 5E, Herrera-17.757; 14. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-17.790; 15. Jordan Hermansader, 71, Martin-18.121; 16. Jonas Reynolds, 0, Reynolds-18.130; 17. Tanner Boul, 99T, Boul-18.190; 18. Dan Taylor, T5, Taylor-18.432; 19. Cal Smith, 39, Cal-Sun-18.961; 20. Tyler Hatzikian, 27, Hatzikian-NT.

BROTHER BRETT TROPHY DASH: (four 3-lap dashes) 1. R.J. Johnson (10 points), 2. Matt McCarthy (8 points), 3. Logan Williams (4 points), 4. Cody Williams (2 points).

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / SEXTON FIRE PROTECTION / IN HONOR OF WILEY MILLER SR. & WILEY MILLER JR. FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, all cars transfer to feature) 1. Cody Williams, 2. Verne Sweeney, 3. Logan Williams, 4. Kyle Edwards, 5. Elexa Herrera, 6. Jonas Reynolds, 7. Cal Smith. 2:58.60

BILLSJERKY.NET / FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, all cars transfer to feature) 1. Tommy Malcolm, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. R.J. Johnson, 4. Austin Williams, 5. Austin Grabowski, 6. Tanner Boul, 7. Tyler Hatzikian. 3:03.38

WC FRIEND COMPANY / IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, all cars transfer to feature) 1. A.J. Bender, 2. Matt McCarthy, 3. David Gasper, 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 5. Jordan Hermansader, 6. Dan Taylor. 3:06.04

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Cody Williams (6), 2. A.J. Bender (1), 3. Tommy Malcolm (8), 4. Charles Davis Jr. (2), 5. R.J. Johnson (5), 6. Logan Williams (3), 7. Austin Williams (11), 8. David Gasper (9), 9. Verne Sweeney (10), 10. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (12), 11. Kyle Edwards (7), 12. Austin Grabowski (14), 13. Elexa Herrera (13), 14. Jordan Hermansader (15), 15. Matt McCarthy (4), 16. Dan Taylor (18), 17. Tyler Hatzikian (20), 18. Tanner Boul (17), 19. Jonas Reynolds (16), 20. Cal Smith (19). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-9 A.J. Bender, Lap 10 Charles Davis Jr., Laps 11-16 A.J. Bender, Laps 17-21 Cody Williams, Laps 22-29 A.J. Bender, Lap 30 Cody Williams.

**Jonas Reynolds flipped on lap 15 of the feature. Matt McCarthy flipped on lap 21 of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Cody Williams (6th to 1st)

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Tommy Malcolm-789, 2-R.J. Johnson-781, 3-A.J. Bender-721, 4-Logan Williams-713, 5-Austin Williams-704, 6-Cody Williams-700, 7-David Gasper-639, 8-Verne Sweeney-511, 9-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-500, 10-Austin Grabowski-467.

NEXT AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: August 31, 2024 – The Dirt Track at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway – Bakersfield, California

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Malcolm Wins USAC CRA Duel at Kern County

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Bakersfield, California (August 31, 2024)……In a feature in which the lead exchanged hands five times between Tommy Malcolm and Charles Davis Jr., it was Malcolm who ultimately had the last word.

Malcolm (Corona, Calif.) led the final two laps to prevail during Saturday night's Avanti Windows & Doors USAC CRA Sprint Car Series' $4,500-to-win Bob Vermeer & Narcie Ferreira Classic at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway Dirt Track.

Davis (Buckeye, Ariz.) led the initial 16 laps of the 30-lapper before the duel of the year commenced. Malcolm surged ahead of Davis on lap 17 before Davis fought back to lead on lap 20. Malcolm edged ahead of Davis on lap 21 before Davis bolted back ahead on lap 22.

Davis led the next seven laps until the white flag lap when Davis, Malcolm and R.J. Johnson (Laveen, Ariz.) were three-wide at the start finish line. Ultimately, Malcolm outdueled both on the final lap to earn his seventh career USAC CRA main event victory, and his fourth of the year, to extend his championship point lead to 26 over R.J. Johnson.

Davis finished a close second with Austin Williams (Yorba Linda, Calif.) third, David Gasper (Goleta, Calif.) fourth and Blake Bower (Brentwood, Calif.) fifth. Johnson dropped back to seventh at the finish line.

Logan Calderwood (Goodyear, Ariz.) won the FlowDynamics Incorporated / Sexton Fire Protection / In Memory of Wiley Miller Sr. & Wiley Miller Jr. First Heat Race. A.J. Bender (San Diego, Calif.) won the 10-lap BillsJerky.net / Factory Wraps Second Heat Race. Jake Andreotti (Castro Valley, Calif.) topped the 10-lap W.C. Friend Company / In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Third Heat Race.

Steve Lafond awarded Verne Sweeney (Lomita, Calif.) a $100 hard charger bonus. The 60-year old driver raced from 20th to 11th in the feature. Meanwhile, Blake Bower earned the first career USAC CRA Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award.

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES: August 31, 2024 – The Dirt Track at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway – Bakersfield, California – Bob Vermeer & Narcie Ferreira Classic

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Blake Bower, 3F, Finkenbinder-14.348; 2. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-14.439; 3. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-14.469; 4. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-14.628; 5. Ryan Timmons, 29T, Timmons-14.634; 6. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-14.635; 7. Austin Williams, 17w, Dunkel-14.643; 8. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-14.645; 9. Grant Sexton, 22, Sexton-14.698; 10. David Gasper, 18, Kittle/Gasper-14.786; 11. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-14.799; 12. Kaleb Montgomery, 3, Montgomery-14.831; 13. Logan Calderwood, 4, Calderwood-14.834; 14. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-14.890; 15. Jake Andreotti, 8m, May-14.943; 16. Jacob Tuttle, 69, Tuttle-14.986; 17. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-15.033; 18. Brent Sexton, 44s, Sexton-15.133; 19. Jordan Hermansader, 71, Martin-15.152; 20. Chris Ennis, 86, Ennis-15.179; 21. Elexa Herrera, 5E, Herrera-15.181; 22. Verne Sweeney, 98, Guerrero-15.257; 23. Blake Hendricks, 14,

Hendricks-15.324; 24. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-15.428; 25. Tom Dunkel, 17A, Dunkel-15.608; 26. Aaron Altaffer, 84, Altaffer-16.104; 27. Camie Bell, 29c, Bell-16.248.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / SEXTON FIRE PROTECTION / IN HONOR OF WILEY MILLER SR. & WILEY MILLER JR. FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Calderwood, 2. Austin Williams, 3. Jacob Tuttle, 4. Tommy Malcolm, 5. Blake Bower, 6. David Gasper, 7. Verne Sweeney, 8. Tom Dunkel, 9. Jordan Hermansader. NT

BILLSJERKY.NET / FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. A.J. Bender, 2. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 3. Charles Davis Jr., 4. Logan Williams, 5. Cody Williams, 6. Ryan Timmons, 7. Blake Hendricks, 8. Aaron Altaffer, 9. Chris Ennis. NT

WC FRIEND COMPANY / IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. Jake Andreotti, 2. R.J. Johnson, 3. Kaleb Montgomery, 4. Grant Sexton, 5. Brent Sexton, 6. Austin Grabowski, 7. Steve Hix, 8. Elexa Herrera, 9. Camie Bell. NT

FACTORY WRAPS SEMI: (12 laps, top 7 transfer to the feature) 1. David Gasper, 2. Ryan Timmons, 3. Austin Grabowski, 4. Verne Sweeney, 5. Steve Hix, 6. Jordan Hermansader, 7. Aaron Altaffer, 8. Blake Hendricks, 9. Camie Bell, 10. Elexa Herrera, 11. Tom Dunkel, 12. Chris Ennis. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Tommy Malcolm (4), 2. Charles Davis Jr. (1), 3. Austin Williams (2), 4. David Gasper (10), 5. Blake Bower (6), 6. Kaleb Montgomery (12), 7. R.J. Johnson (3), 8. Jake Andreotti (15), 9. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (14), 10. Austin Grabowski (7), 11. Verne Sweeney (20), 12. Logan Calderwood (13), 13. Brent Sexton (18), 14. Jacob Tuttle (16), 15. Jordan Hermansader (19), 16. Aaron Altaffer (22), 17. A.J. Bender (11), 18. Logan Williams (17), 19. Cody Williams (5), 20. Grant Sexton (9), 21. Steve Hix (21), 22. Ryan Timmons (8). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-16 Charles Davis Jr., Laps 17-19 Tommy Malcolm, Lap 20 Charles Davis Jr., Lap 21 Tommy Malcolm, Laps 22-28 Charles Davis Jr., Laps 29-30 Tommy Malcolm.

**A.J. Bender flipped on lap 27 of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Verne Sweeney (20th to 11th)

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Tommy Malcolm-867, 2-R.J. Johnson-841, 3-Austin Williams-775, 4-A.J. Bender-758, 5-Logan Williams-745, 6-Cody Williams-734, 7-David Gasper-704, 8-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-553, 9-Verne Sweeney-553, 10-Austin Grabowski-516.

NEXT AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: September 7, 2024 – Santa Maria Speedway – Nipomo, California

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R.J. Johnson Prevails at Santa Maria

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Nipomo, California (September 7, 2024)……R.J. Johnson took a big leap in his pursuit of a first career Avanti Windows & Doors USAC CRA Sprint Car title on Saturday night at Nipomo, California's Santa Maria Speedway.

The Laveen, Arizona native started fourth in the field of the 30-lap feature but surged his way to the front of the pack by lap 18 when he moved past racelong leader David Gasper to score his second victory of the USAC CRA season, his first since June at The Dirt Track at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway and the first of his career at Santa Maria.

Johnson, in his family owned Jugo Superfoods machine, led the final 13 laps of the contest to earn his ninth career USAC CRA victory, tying him for 12th all-time alongside Brady Bacon, David Cardey, Matt Mitchell and Richard Vander Weerd.

Johnson crossed the line ahead of top USAC CRA Rookie David Gasper who finished second after starting from the pole position and leading the initial 17 laps. Logan Williams (Yorba Linda, Calif.) took third with Austin Williams (Yorba Linda, Calif.) fourth and Tommy Malcolm (Corona, Calif.) fifth.

In the process, Johnson shaved his USAC CRA championship point deficit behind Malcolm from 26 to seven. Meanwhile, Malcolm endured a flip during his heat race, then recovered to run top-five in the feature and retained the point lead with nine races left.

A.J. Bender (San Diego, Calif.) won the 10-lap FlowDynamics Incorporated / BillsJerky.net / In Honor of Wiley Miller Sr. and Wiley Miller Jr. First Heat Race. Austin Williams topped the 10-lap W.C. Friend Company / In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner / Sexton Fire Protection / Factory Wraps Second Heat Race. After starting 10th and placing fourth in the feature, he also earned a $100 hard charger bonus that was donated by Steve Lafond.

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: September 7, 2024 – Santa Maria Speedway – Nipomo, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Blake Bower, 3F, Finkenbinder-13.933; 2. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-14.089; 3. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-14.093; 4. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-14.144; 5. Logan Calderwood, 4, Calderwood-14.186; 6. David Gasper, 18, Kittle/Gasper-14.220; 7. Andrew Sweeney, 98A, Guerrero-14.228; 8. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-14.266; 9. Bryce Eames, 50, Abeytia-14.291; 10. Austin Williams, 17w, Dunkel-14.597; 11. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-14.621; 12. Stevie Rogers, 11, Burgeson/Rogers-14.664; 13. Verne Sweeney, 98, Guerrero-14.712; 14. Elexa Herrera, 5E, Herrera-15.139; 15. Jon DeWees, 63D, DeWees-15.198.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / BILLSJERKY.NET / IN HONOR OF WILEY MILLER SR. & WILEY MILLER JR. FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to feature) 1. A.J. Bender, 2. Logan Calderwood, 3. Blake Bower, 4. R.J. Johnson, 5. Andrew Sweeney, 6. Bryce Eames, 7. Verne Sweeney, 8. Jon DeWees. NT

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER / WC FRIEND COMPANY / SEXTON FIRE PROTECTION / FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to feature) 1. Austin Williams, 2. Logan Williams, 3. Austin Grabowski, 4. David Gasper, 5. Elexa Herrera, 6. Stevie Rogers, 7. Tommy Malcolm. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. R.J. Johnson (4), 2. David Gasper (1), 3. Logan Williams (5), 4. Austin Williams (10), 5. Tommy Malcolm (8), 6. Austin Grabowski (3), 7. Andrew Sweeney (7), 8. A.J. Bender (11), 9. Verne Sweeney (13), 10. Bryce Eames (9), 11. Logan Calderwood (2), 12. Jon DeWees (15), 13. Stevie Rogers (12), 14. Elexa Herrera (14), 15. Blake Bower (6). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-17 David Gasper, Laps 18-30 R.J. Johnson

**Tommy Malcolm flipped on lap 5 of the second heat.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Austin Williams (10th to 4th)

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Tommy Malcolm-927, 2-R.J. Johnson-920, 3-Austin Williams-844, 4-Logan Williams-821, 5-A.J. Bender-815, 6-David Gasper-777, 7-Cody Williams-734, 8-Verne Sweeney-601, 9-Austin Grabowski-580, 10-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-553.

NEXT AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: September 21, 2024 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California

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Chuck D's Night! Davis Does it Again at Perris

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Perris, California (September 21, 2024)……Charles Davis Jr. led early; he led often; and he led late en route to victory during Saturday night's Avanti Windows & Doors USAC CRA Sprint Car event at southern California's Perris Auto Speedway.

Davis (Buckeye, Ariz.) started the 30-lap main event from the outside of the front row and subsequently led the opening 16 laps before giving way to new series point leader R.J. Johnson. Johnson seemed prime on scoring his first Perris USAC CRA win since 2017.

That is until one lap after the lap 26 restart when Davis found his way back past Johnson with four laps remaining, then successfully fended off Johnson for the balance of the distance to capture his seventh career USAC CRA win and his second of the 2024 season.

Johnson (Laveen, Ariz.) didn't leave Perris empty handed, however. His runner-up result vaulted him ahead of Tommy Malcolm (Corona, Calif.) in the championship point standings. Johnson now holds a three-point lead with seven events remaining.

Austin Williams (Yorba Linda, Calif.) took third with Malcolm fourth while Austin Grabowski (Riverside, Calif.) collected a season best finish of fifth.

Two red flags occurred during the feature with a total of three drivers getting upside down. Chris Gansen and Logan Calderwood flipped in turn three on lap two of the feature. David Gasper flipped in the second turn on lap 26 of the feature while running sixth. All three drivers walked away.

Matt Mitchell (Yorba Linda, Calif.) earned his 15th career Woodland Auto Display Fast Qualifying time over the 22 car roster. Mitchell tied Cory Kruseman and Blake Miller for fifth on the all-time list with USAC CRA in that category.

Austin Grabowski won the FlowDynamics Incorporated / Sexton Fire Protection / In Honor of Wiley Miller Sr. and Wiley Miller II First Heat Race. Cody Williams scored the BillsJerky.net / Factory Wraps Second Heat Race. Charles Davis Jr. captured the WC Friend Company / In Memory of Jim and Chet Gardner Third Heat Race.

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES: September 21, 2024 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.544; 2. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.587; 3. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-16.600; 4. Austin Williams, 17w, Dunkel-16.800; 5. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-16.821; 6. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-16.927; 7. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-16.972 8. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-16.998; 9. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.012; 10. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-17.025; 11. David Gasper, 18, Kittle/Gasper-17.112; 12. Logan Calderwood, 4, Calderwood-17.139; 13. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-17.330; 14. Grant Sexton, 22, Sexton-17.343; 15. Stevie Rogers, 11, Burgeson/Rogers-17.396; 16. Jordan Hermansader, 71, Martin-17.400; 17. Verne Sweeney, 98, Guerrero-17.459; 18. Brent Sexton, 44s, Sexton-17.590; 19. Elexa Herrera, 5E, Herrera-17.708; 20. Jonas Reynolds, 0, Reynolds-17.846; 21. Cal Smith, 39, Cal-Sun-18.472; 22. Dan Taylor, T5, Taylor-NT.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / SEXTON FIRE PROTECTION / IN HONOR OF WILEY MILLER SR. & WILEY MILLER II FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Austin Grabowski, 2. Tommy Malcolm, 3. Matt Mitchell, 4. Logan Williams, 5. Austin Williams, 6. Jordan Hermansader, 7. Elexa Herrera, 8. Dan Taylor. 2:52.89

BILLSJERKY.NET / FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Cody Williams, 2. Grant Sexton, 3. David Gasper, 4. Chris Gansen, 5. Verne Sweeney, 6. Jonas Reynolds, 7. A.J. Bender. NT

WC FRIEND COMPANY / IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. R.J. Johnson, 3. Logan Calderwood, 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 5. Stevie Rogers, 6. Brent Sexton, 7. Cal Smith. 2:56.48

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Charles Davis Jr. (2), 2. R.J. Johnson (4), 3. Austin Williams (7), 4. Tommy Malcolm (1), 5. Austin Grabowski (13), 6. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (9), 7. A.J. Bender (8), 8. Jordan Hermansader (16), 9. Verne Sweeney (17), 10. Logan Williams (10), 11. Brent Sexton (18), 12. Cody Williams (5), 13. David Gasper (11), 14. Matt Mitchell (6), 15. Stevie Rogers (15), 16. Dan Taylor (22), 17. Jonas Reynolds (20), 18. Cal Smith (21), 19. Chris Gansen (3), 20. Logan Calderwood (12), 21. Grant Sexton (14), 22. Elexa Herrera (19). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-16 Charles Davis Jr., Laps 17-26 R.J. Johnson, Laps 27-30 Charles Davis Jr.

**Chris Gansen & Logan Calderwood flipped on lap 2 of the feature. David Gasper flipped on lap 26 of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Austin Grabowski (13th to 5th)

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-R.J. Johnson-998, 2-Tommy Malcolm-995, 3-Austin Williams-915, 4-A.J. Bender-869, 5-Logan Williams-869, 6-David Gasper-820, 7-Cody Williams-786, 8-Verne Sweeney-651, 9-Austin Grabowski-646, 10-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-613.

NEXT AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: September 28, 2024 – The Dirt Track at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway – Bakersfield, California

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Using Borrowed Engine, Cody Williams Owns USAC CRA Victory at Kern

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Bakersfield, California (September 28, 2024)……Cody Williams had to borrow an engine from a fellow competitor just to be able to compete in Saturday night's Avanti Windows & Doors USAC CRA Sprint Car Series feature at The Dirt Track at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway.

By the end of the night, the Corona, Calif. native owned his second feature victory of the season, and the fifth of his USAC CRA career at the Bakersfield, Calif. dirt oval.

Utilizing a powerplant from Verne Sweeney under the hood of his own No. 44, the sixth place starting Williams took over the top spot from racelong leader David Gasper on lap 20 of the 30-lap feature. From there, Williams paced the final 12 laps to score the win.

To kick off the evening, Williams earned his 20th career Woodland Auto Display Fast Qualifier award, which now ranks him fourth all-time in series history, and one behind Jake Swanson for third on the list.

Furthermore, in addition to the $3,500 winner's share, Williams earned an extra $500 cash bonus from Avanti Windows & Doors for his efforts.

Making just his second USAC CRA appearance of the year, hometown hero Brody Fuson (Bakersfield, Calif.) charged from his 11th starting spot to finish second with a 360 cubic inch engine between the frame rails. Steve Lafond awarded Fuson, the 2023 USAC Western States Midget champion, with a $100 hard charger bonus.

It was a big night for R.J. Johnson (Laveen, Ariz.) as he separated himself from Tommy Malcolm in the 2024 USAC CRA championship race. Johnson used a third-place result to dramatically increase his series point lead from three to 41. Tommy Malcolm was plagued by mechanical issues and pulled off before the start of the feature with a 16th place finish.

Rookie David Gasper (Goleta, Calif.) led a race-high 19 laps to finish fourth while Charles Davis Jr. (Buckeye, Ariz.) rounded out the top-five.

Fuson won the FlowDynamics Incorporated / BillsJerky.net / In Honor of Wiley Miller Sr and Wiley Miller II First Heat Race. Verne Sweeney (Lomita, Calif.) won the In Memory of Jim and Chet Gardner / WC Friend Company / Sexton Fire Protection / Factory Wraps Second Heat Race.

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: September 28, 2024 – The Dirt Track at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway – Bakersfield, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-14.771; 2. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-14.864; 3. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-14.913; 4. Ryan Timmons, 29T, Timmons-15.033; 5. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-15.110; 6. David Gasper, 18, Kittle/Gasper-15.117; 7. Austin Williams, 17w, Dunkel-15.122; 8. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-15.134; 9. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-15.139; 10. Verne Sweeney, 98, Guerrero-15.180; 11. Brody Fuson, 51B, Van Meter-15.293; 12. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-15.295; 13. Blake Bower, 17, Dunkel-15.360; 14. Tanner Boul, 99T, Boul-15.971; 15. Elexa Herrera, 5E, Herrera-16.291; 16. Aaron Altaffer, 84, Altaffer-16.478.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / BILLSJERKY.NET / IN HONOR OF WILEY MILLER SR. & WILEY MILLER II FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Brody Fuson, 2. R.J. Johnson, 3. Charles Davis Jr., 4. Cody Williams, 5. Austin Williams, 6. Blake Bower, 7. Elexa Herrera, 8. Logan Williams. NT

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER / WC FRIEND COMPANY / SEXTON FIRE PROTECTION / FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Verne Sweeney, 2. Ryan Timmons, 3. David Gasper, 4. A.J. Bender, 5. Austin Grabowski, 6. Tanner Boul, 7. Aaron Altaffer, 8. Tommy Malcolm. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Cody Williams (6), 2. Brody Fuson (11), 3. R.J. Johnson (5), 4. David Gasper (2), 5. Charles Davis Jr. (3), 6. A.J. Bender (12), 7. Austin Williams (1), 8. Verne Sweeney (10), 9. Ryan Timmons (4), 10. Logan Wiliams (9), 11. Austin Grabowski (8), 12. Tanner Boul (14), 13. Blake Bower (13), 14. Elexa Herrera (15), 15. Aaron Altaffer (16), 16. Tommy Malcolm (7). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-19 David Gasper, Laps 20-30 Cody Williams.

**Aaron Altaffer flipped on lap 22 of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Brody Fuson (11th to 2nd)

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-R.J. Johnson-1073, 2-Tommy Malcolm-1032, 3-Austin Williams-971, 4-A.J. Bender-929, 5-Logan Williams-913, 6-David Gasper-888, 7-Cody Williams-867, 8-Verne Sweeney-708, 9-Austin Grabowski-691, 10-Charles Davis Jr.-642.

NEXT AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACES: October 12, 2024 – Mohave Valley Raceway – Mohave Valley, Arizona

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Lewis Repeats with USAC CRA at Mohave Valley

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Mohave Valley, Arizona (October 12, 2024)……He's won everywhere man.

Ricky Lewis (Camarillo, Calif.) added on to his astonishing win total throughout the 2024 season by adding an Avanti Windows & Doors USAC CRA Sprint Car feature victory to his checklist on Saturday night at Arizona's Mohave Valley Raceway.

The win was his 20th total sprint car triumph of the season, which ranks number one in the country. His latest came after leading all 30 laps from his outside front row starting position. The win was a repeat performance Lewis as his only other previous USAC CRA career victory came at Mohave Valley on this same weekend one year ago in 2023.

Lewis has now won sprint car features with seven different series in 2024, including two different USAC divisions. He's won with BOSS, ESCS, GLTS, MTSC, POWRi WAR, USAC Midwest Wingless and now USAC CRA. His win list for the year includes victories at 13 different tracks spanning six different states in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Texas and Arizona.

Recently joining Tom Dunkel Racing, Lewis won for the same team one week ago in the Eastern Time Zone at Indianapolis, Indiana's Circle City Raceway. One week later, the same team and driver were victorious in the Mountain Time Zone.

Following Lewis to the finish line at Mohave Valley was David Gasper (Goleta, Calif.) who earned hard charger honors in memory of Jim & Chet Gardner after starting ninth. R.J. Johnson (Laveen, Ariz.), Cody Williams (Norco, Calif.) and Charles Davis Jr. (Buckeye, Ariz.) rounded out the top-five.

Logan Calderwood (Goodyear, Ariz.) earned his first career Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award with USAC CRA. He is the series' 92nd fast time driver. Johnson won the FlowDynamics, Inc. / Sexton Fire Protection / In Honor of Wiley Miller Sr. and Wiley Miller II First Heat Race. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (Chino Hills, Calif.) captured the BillsJerky.net / Factory Wraps Second Heat Race. Austin Williams (Yorba Linda, Calif.) scored the WC Friend Company / In Memory of Jim and Chet Gardner Third Heat Race.

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: October 12, 2024 – Mohave Valley Raceway – Mohave Valley, Arizona

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Logan Calderwood, 6, Calderwood-14.520; 2. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-14.636; 3. Verne Sweeney, 98, Guerrero-14.690; 4. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-14.716; 5. Ricky Lewis, 17, Dunkel-14.729; 6. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-14.761; 7. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-14.770; 8. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-14.783; 9. David Gasper, 18, Kittle/Gasper-14.922; 10. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-15.007; 11. Jordan Hermansader, 71, Martin-15.078; 12. Austin Williams, 17w, Dunkel-15.114; 13. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-15.247; 14. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-15.477; 15. Racin Silva, 5s, Silva-15.529; 16. Blake Bower, 17x, Dunkel-15.692; 17. Elexa Herrera, 5E, Herrera-16.167; 18. Stevie Rogers, 11, Burgeson/Rogers-16.393; 19. Todd Pratt, 17T, Pratt-16.759; 20. Caleb Stelzig, 21x, Stelzig-NT.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / SEXTON FIRE PROTECTION / IN HONOR OF WILEY MILLER SR. & WILEY MILLER II FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. R.J. Johnson, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. A.J. Bender, 4. Logan Calderwood, 5. Tommy Malcolm, 6. Blake Bower, 7. Todd Pratt. NT

BILLSJERKY.NET / FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 2. Ricky Lewis, 3. Logan Williams, 4. Cody Williams, 5. Jordan Hermansader, 6. Elexa Herrera. NT

WC FRIEND COMPANY / IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Austin Williams, 2. David Gasper, 3. Verne Sweeney, 4. Racin Silva, 5. Austin Grabowski, 6. Stevie Rogers. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Ricky Lewis (2), 2. David Gasper (9), 3. R.J. Johnson (3), 4. Cody Williams (5), 5. Charles Davis Jr. (1), 6. A.J. Bender (13), 7. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (8), 8. Austin Grabowski (7), 9. Tommy Malcolm (10), 10. Austin Williams (12), 11. Logan Calderwood (6), 12. Logan Williams (14), 13. Verne Sweeney (4), 14. Jordan

Hermansader (11), 15. Racin Silva (15), 16. Elexa Herrera (17), 17. Stevie Rogers (18), 18. Todd Pratt (19), 19. Blake Bower (16). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Ricky Lewis.

**Stevie Rogers flipped on lap 4 of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: David Gasper (9th to 2nd)

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-R.J. Johnson-1148, 2-Tommy Malcolm-1082, 3-Austin Williams-1022, 4-A.J. Bender-990, 5-David Gasper-962, 6-Logan Williams-958, 7-Cody Williams-938, 8-Verne Sweeney-755, 9-Austin Grabowski-745, 10-Charles Davis Jr.-707.

NEXT AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACES: October 18-19, 2024 – Imperial Valley Raceway – Imperial, California

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Gasper Breathes Easy, Wins Again at Imperial Valley

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Imperial, California (October 18, 2024)……David Gasper raced into the lead late, then led the final eight laps to score his second career Avanti Windows & Doors USAC CRA Sprint Car Series victory during Friday night's 3rd Annual Heritage Fall Classic in the series debut at California's Imperial Valley Raceway.

Gasper (Goleta, Calif.), the leading Rookie of the Year contender with the series, led early and led late during the 30-lap feature, but had his hands full with Tye Mihocko and Austin Williams throughout. Gasper paced the opening two circuits before yielding to Mihocko from laps 3-16. Williams emerged up front on lap 17 and led the ensuing six laps.

On lap 23, Gasper wrestled control and led the remainder of the way in his Kittle-Gasper No. 18. Austin Williams (Yorba Linda, Calif.) grabbed second ahead of series point leader R.J. Johnson in third, Tye Mihocko (Peoria, Ariz.) fourth and Shon Deskins (Waddell, Ariz.) fifth.

The night featured three notable incidents. Ricky Lewis caught a rut while running the top line during the semi and flipped his backup car in turn one. On lap five of the feature, series newcomer Dayton Shelton flipped on the back straightaway. On the 17th lap of the feature, Mark Henry Jr. flipped in turn one. All drivers were able to walk away.

R.J. Johnson (Laveen, Ariz.) was the Woodland Auto Display Fast Qualifier and topped the 25-car roster by establishing a new track record. Johnson also won the FlowDynamics Inc. / Sexton Fire Protection / In Honor of Wiley Miller Sr. and Wiley Miller II First Heat Race. Grant Sexton (Lakeside, Calif.) scored the BillsJerky.net / Factory Wraps Second Heat Race victory. A.J. Bender (San Diego, Calif.) was triumphant in the WC Friend Company / In Memory of Jim and Chet Gardner Third Heat Race.

Blake Bower (Brentwood, Calif.) earned hard charger honors in memory of Jim & Chet Gardner after advancing from his 19th place starting spot to finish 10th in the feature.

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: October 18, 2024 – Imperial Valley Raceway – Imperial, California – 3rd Annual Heritage Fall Classic

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-11.976 (New Track Record); 2. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-11.984; 3. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-12.008; 4. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-12.033; 5. Ricky Lewis, 17,

Dunkel-12.092; 6. Tye Mihocko, 5, Wilson-12.113; 7. Austin Williams, 17w, Dunkel-12.178; 8. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-12.190; 9. David Gasper, 18, Kittle/Gasper-12.238; 10. Shon Deskins, 20, Deskins-12.319; 11. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-12.326; 12. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-12.373; 13. Verne Sweeney, 98, Guerrero-12.376; 14. Grant Sexton, 22, Sexton-12.508; 15. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-12.543; 16. Mark Henry Jr., 39R, Henry-12.567; 17. Stevie Rogers, 11, Burgeson/Rogers-12.641; 18. Jonas Reynolds, 0, Reynolds-12.705; 19. Dayton Shelton, 9, Shelton-12.722; 20. Blake Bower, 17x, Dunkel-12.742; 21. Jon DeWees, 63D, DeWees-12.835; 22. Elexa Herrera, 5E, Herrera-12.886; 23. Tom Dunkel, 17A, Dunkel-13.369; 24. Todd Pratt, 17T, Pratt-13.466; 25. Brent Sexton, 44s, Sexton-13.927.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / SEXTON FIRE PROTECTION / IN HONOR OF WILEY MILLER SR. & WILEY MILLER II FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. R.J. Johnson, 2. Shon Deskins, 3. Verne Sweeney, 4. Austin Williams, 5. Dayton Shelton, 6. Tommy Malcolm, 7. Mark Henry Jr., 8. Elexa Herrera, 9. Brent Sexton. NT

BILLSJERKY.NET / FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Grant Sexton, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Logan Williams, 4. Stevie Rogers, 5. Blake Bower, 6. Cody Williams, 7. Tom Dunkel, 8. Ricky Lewis. NT

WC FRIEND COMPANY / IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. A.J. Bender, 2. David Gasper, 3. Tye Mihocko, 4. Austin Grabowski, 5. Jon DeWees, 6. Jonas Reynolds, 7. Todd Pratt, 8. Jeff Dyer. NT

FACTORY WRAPS SEMI: (12 laps, top-7 transfer to feature) 1. Cody Williams, 2. Tommy Malcolm, 3. Jeff Dyer, 4. Jonas Reynolds, 5. Elexa Herrera, 6. Mark Henry Jr., 7. Brent Sexton, 8. Todd Pratt, 9. Tom Dunkel, 10. Ricky Lewis. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. David Gasper (1), 2. Austin Williams (3), 3. R.J. Johnson (6), 4. Tye Mihocko (4), 5. Shon Deskins (9), 6. Tommy Malcolm (8), 7. A.J. Bender (11), 8. Charles Davis Jr. (10), 9. Verne Sweeney (12), 10. Blake Bower (19), 11. Austin Grabowski (5), 12. Cody Williams (7), 13. Brent Sexton (22), 14. Jeff Dyer (14), 15. Elexa Herrera (21), 16. Stevie Rogers (16), 17. Jonas Reynolds (17), 18. Logan Williams (2), 19. Mark Henry Jr. (15), 20. Jon DeWees (20), 21. Grant Sexton (13), 22. Dayton Shelton (18). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 David Gasper, Laps 3-16 Tye Mihocko, Lap 17-22 Austin Williams, Laps 23-30 David Gasper.

**Ricky Lewis flipped during lap 1 of the semi. Dayton Shelton flipped during lap 5 of the feature. Mark Henry Jr. flipped on lap 17 of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Blake Bower (19th to 10th)

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-R.J. Johnson-1226, 2-Tommy Malcolm-1143, 3-Austin Williams-1094, 4-A.J. Bender-1050, 5-David Gasper-1039, 6-Logan Williams-991, 7-Cody Williams-986, 8-Verne Sweeney-807, 9-Austin Grabowski-795, 10-Charles Davis Jr.-763.

NEXT AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: October 19, 2024 – Imperial Valley Raceway – Imperial, California – 3rd Annual Heritage Fall Classic

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Redeemed Ricky! Lewis Uses Late Restart to Win at Imperial Valley

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Imperial, California (October 19, 2024)……In a span of 24 hours, Ricky Lewis went from the lowest of lows to the highest of highs.

On Friday, Lewis (Camarillo, Calif.) flipped upside down during the semi, and subsequently, missed the feature. The hours to come were spent making extensive repairs and preparations until 5am Saturday morning to ensure he was ready to go for that night's event.

Lewis is a testament to the fact that dedication and desire pay off.

While running second on the final green-white-checkered restart, Lewis (Camarillo, Calif.) dove to the bottom of turn one, got two wheels on the berm and two wheels off the ground, but managed to slide up and take the line away from R.J. Johnson to earn his second Avanti Windows & Doors USAC CRA Sprint Car win of the year, and the third of his career, during Saturday night's 3rd Annual Heritage Fall Classic at California's Imperial Valley Raceway.

Overall, it was Lewis' 21st sprint car feature victory of the 2024 season across several different sanctioning bodies and tracks from coast to coast.

The fifth starting Lewis executed his winning move after both Logan Calderwood (Goodyear, Ariz.) and series point leader Johnson led the majority of the 30-lap main. Calderwood paced the field for the first three circuits before Johnson led laps 4-28 until a late-race caution halted the action.

Lewis earned a $500 cash bonus from Avanti Windows & Doors for his winning efforts in the Tom Dunkel-owned No. 17. He was followed to the line by runner-up Charles Davis Jr. (Buckeye, Ariz.) and third place finisher Tye Mihocko (Peoria, Ariz.). R.J. Johnson (Laveen, Ariz.), who led a race-high 25 laps, got shuffled out and fell to fourth at the finish line. Austin Williams (Yorba Linda, Calif.) rounded out the top-five.

Two incidents resulted in red flags during the feature event. Blake Bower (Brentwood, Calif.) flipped on the opening lap while Jonas Reynolds (Peoria, Ariz.) got upside down on lap 19 of the feature. Both drivers walked away.

Fresh off his first career USAC CRA victory on Friday night at Imperial, David Gasper (Goleta, Calif.) earned his first career Woodland Auto Display Fast Qualifier award on Saturday while also breaking R.J. Johnson's one day old track record with a lap of 11.770 seconds.

Verne Sweeney (Lomita, Calif.) won the FlowDynamics Inc. / Sexton Fire Protection / In Honor of Wiley Miller Sr. and Wiley Miller II First Heat Race. Charles Davis Jr. scored the BillsJerky.net / Factory Wraps Second Heat Race victory. Tye Mihocko snagged top honors in the WC Friend Company / In Memory of Jim and Chet Gardner Third Heat Race.

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: October 19, 2024 – Imperial Valley Raceway – Imperial, California – 3rd Annual Heritage Fall Classic

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. David Gasper, 18, Kittle/Gasper-11.770 (New Track Record); 2. Ricky Lewis, 17, Dunkel-11.952; 3. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-11.955; 4. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-12.018; 5, Logan Calderwood, 6, Calderwood-12.048; 6. Austin Williams, 17w, Dunkel-12.142; 7. Blake Bower, 17x, Dunkel-12.174; 8. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-12.191; 9. Shon Deskins, 20, Deskins-12.200; 10. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-12.248; 11. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-12.286; 12. Tye Mihocko, 5, Wilson-12.338; 13. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-12.349; 14. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-12.372; 15. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-12.414; 16. Verne Sweeney, 98, Guerrero-12.443; 17. Grant Sexton, 22, Sexton-12.469; 18. Jonas Reynolds, 0, Reynolds-12.602; 19. Stevie Rogers, 11, Rogers-12.619; 20. Dayton Shelton, 9, Shelton-12.709; 21. Jon DeWees, 63D, DeWees-12.819; 22. Brent Sexton, 44s, Sexton-12.827; 23. Elexa Herrera, 5E, Herrera-12.977; 24. Blake Hendricks, 14, Hendricks-13.080; 25. Todd Pratt, 17T, Pratt-13.772.

FLOWDYNAMICS INC. / SEXTON FIRE PROTECTION / IN HONOR OF WILEY MILLER SR. & WILEY MILLER II FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Verne Sweeney, 2. Tommy Malcolm, 3. Cody Williams, 4. Blake Bower, 5. David Gasper, 6. Brent Sexton, 7. Stevie Rogers, 8. Jeff Dyer, 9. Todd Pratt. NT

BILLSJERKY.NET / FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Grant Sexton, 3. Ricky Lewis, 4. A.J. Bender, 5. Logan Calderwood, 6. Elexa Herrera, 7. Dayton Shelton, 8. Austin Grabowski. NT

WC FRIEND COMPANY / IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, Top 5 Transfer to Feature) 1. Tye Mihocko, 2. Logan Williams, 3. Austin Williams, 4. R.J. Johnson, 5. Jon DeWees, 6. Jonas Reynolds, 7. Blake Hendricks, 8. Shon Deskins. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Ricky Lewis (5), 2. Charles Davis Jr. (8), 3. Tye Mihocko (11), 4. R.J. Johnson (4), 5. Austin Williams (1), 6. A.J. Bender (10), 7. Logan Williams (13), 8. Tommy Malcolm (9), 9. David Gasper (6), 10. Verne Sweeney (14), 11. Grant Sexton (15), 12. Dayton Shelton (18), 13. Brent Sexton (20), 14. Austin Grabowski (12), 15. Elexa Herrera (21), 16. Jon DeWees (19), 17. Blake Hendricks (22), 18. Todd Pratt (23), 19. Stevie Rogers (17), 20. Logan Calderwood (2), 21. Jonas Reynolds (16), 22. Cody Williams (3), 23. Blake Bower (7). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 Logan Calderwood, Laps 4-28 R.J. Johnson, Laps 29-30 Ricky Lewis.

**Blake Bower flipped on lap 1 of the feature. Jonas Reynolds flipped on lap 19 of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Tye Mihocko (11th to 3rd)

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-R.J. Johnson-1296, 2-Tommy Malcolm-1199, 3-Austin Williams-1159, 4-A.J. Bender-1110, 5-David Gasper-1095, 6-Logan Williams-1050, 7-Cody Williams-1018, 8-Verne Sweeney-858, 9-Charles Davis Jr.-838, 10-Austin Grabowski-831.

NEXT AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACES: November 1-2, 2024 – Mohave Valley Raceway – Mohave Valley, Arizona – 57th Annual Western World Championships presented by Avanti Windows & Doors

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KTJ Scores Western World Opener at Mohave Valley

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Mohave Valley, Arizona (November 2, 2024)……Entering Friday night, Kevin Thomas Jr.'s most recent visit to Arizona's Mohave Valley Raceway back in April of this year resulted in victory.

The Cullman, Ala. native kept the winning ways rolling during the opening night of the 57th annual Western World Championships Presented by Avanti Windows & Doors.

For KTJ, it was his eighth career Avanti Windows & Doors USAC CRA Sprint Car feature victory, and his second of the season for the Bonneau Motorsports team.

Thomas was one of three different leaders in the 30-lap feature, and was the final of the bunch, as he raced around the outside of fellow USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship competitor Kyle Cummins in turn two on lap 18, then led the remaining 13 laps en route to victory on the first of two nights of Western World.

USAC CRA point leader R.J. Johnson paced the first eight laps from the pole position before being overtaken by Cummins who started third. Thomas then raced his way into the lead on lap 18 from the sixth starting position after kicking off the night as the Woodland Auto Display Fast Qualifier.

At the checkered flag, Thomas was followed to the line by R.J. Johnson (Laveen, Ariz.), Kyle Cummins (Princeton, Ind.), C.J. Leary (Greenfield, Ind.) and Ricky Lewis (Camarillo, Calif.).

USAC CRA top Rookie David Gasper (Goleta, Calif.) was the feature's hard charger presented in memory of Jim and Chet Gardner after advancing from 20th to 12th. Gasper also notched a win in the Factory Wraps Semi-Feature.

Verne Sweeney (Lomita, Calif.) won the FlowDynamics Incorporated / In Honor of Wiley Miller Sr and Wiley Miller II First Heat Race. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (Chino Hills, Calif.) captured the WC Friend Company Second Heat Race. R.J. Johnson scored

the win in the BillsJerky.net / Silbermann Solar Third Heat Race. Tommy Malcolm (Corona, Calif.) was the victor of the Sexton Fire Protection Fourth Heat Race.

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: November 1, 2024 – Mohave Valley Raceway – Mohave Valley, Arizona – 57th Annual Western World Championships presented by Avanti Windows & Doors

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 15, Bonneau-14.010; 2. J.J. Yeley, 2, Yeley-14.300; 3. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-14.421; 4. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-14.454; 5. Stevie Sussex, 5B, Baldwin-14.482; 6. Jake Swanson, 17x, Dunkel-14.564; 7. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-14.591; 8. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-14.621; 9. Ricky Lewis, 17, Dunkel-14.623; 10. Tye Mihocko, 5, Mihocko-14.632; 11. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-14.634; 12. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-14.689; 13. Kaleb Montgomery, 4J, Calderwood-14.691; 14.691; 14. Matt Westfall, 11c, Turner/Wheeler-14.704; 15. Grant Sexton, 22, Sexton-14.750; 16. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-14.751; 17. Verne Sweeney, 98, Guerrero-14.754; 18. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-14.842; 19. Logan Calderwood, 6, Calderwood-14.847; 20. Austin Williams, 17w, Dunkel-14.851; 21. David Gasper, 18, Kittle/Gasper-14.862; 22. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-14.895; 23. Cameron La Rose, 13P, Petty-14.940; 24. Dayton Shelton, 9, Shelton-15.048; 25. Colt Treharn, 77, Treharn-15.111; 26. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-15.120; 27. James Turnbull II, 2J, Turnbull-15.124; 28. Jordan Hermansader, 71, Martin-15.218; 29. Troy Treharn, 7x, Treharn-15.222; 30. Don Grable, 45x, Budlong-15.226; 31. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-15.262; 32. Braden Chiaramonte, 73B, OCC-15.322; 33. Jayme Barnes, 9, Barnes-15.406; 34. Blake Hendricks, 14, Hendricks-15.406; 35. Stevie Rogers, 11, Rogers-14.479; 36. Shon Deskins, 20, Deskins-15.493; 37. Brent Sexton, 44s, Sexton-15.595; 38. Racin Silva, 5s, Silva-15.696; 39. Mark Henry Jr., 39R, Henry-15.698; 40. Jim Vanzant, 3v, Vanzant-15.815; 41. Elexa Herrera, 5E, Herrera-16.093; 42. Todd Pratt, 17F, Pratt-16.238; 43. Brody Wake, 78B, Wake-16.430; 44. Bryan Drollinger, 71D, Drollinger/Sweeney-17.118; 45. Camie Bell, 29c, Bell-17.122.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / IN HONOR OF WILEY MILLER SR. & WILEY MILLER II FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Verne Sweeney, 2. Ricky Lewis, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Colt Treharn, 5. Stevie Sussex, 6. Kaleb Montgomery, 7. Jayme Barnes, 8. David Gasper, 9. Troy Treharn. NT

WC FRIEND COMPANY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 2. Matt Westfall, 3. J.J. Yeley, 4. Tye Mihocko, 5. Austin Grabowski, 6. Jeff Dyer, 7. Don Grable, 8. Blake Hendricks, 9. Jake Swanson. NT

BILLSJERKY.NET / SILBERMANN SOLAR THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. R.J. Johnson, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Logan Calderwood, 5. Cameron La Rose, 6. Logan Williams, 7. Grant Sexton, 8. James Turnbull II, 9. Stevie Rogers. NT

SEXTON FIRE PROTECTION FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Tommy Malcolm, 2. Austin Williams, 3. A.J. Bender, 4. Kyle Cummins, 5. Cody Williams, 6. Shon Deskins, 7. Braden Chiaramonte, 8. Jordan Hermansader, 9. Dayton Shelton. NT

FACTORY WRAPS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. David Gasper, 2. Jake Swanson, 3. Kaleb Montgomery, 4. Jeff Dyer, 5. Troy Treharn, 6. Jayme Barnes, 7. Jordan Hermansader, 8. Logan Williams, 9. Don Grable, 10. James Turnbull II, 11. Braden Chiaramonte, 12. Dayton Shelton, 13. Shon Deskins, 14. Mark Henry Jr., 15. Racin Silva, 16. Elexa Herrera, 17. Brody Wake, 18. Brent Sexton, 19. Jim Vanzant, 20. Bryan Drollinger, 21. Todd Pratt, 22. Blake Hendricks, 23. Camie Bell, 24. Grant Sexton. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr. (6), 2. R.J. Johnson (1), 3. Kyle Cummins (3), 4. C.J. Leary (4), 5. Ricky Lewis (9), 6. Stevie Sussex (2), 7. Charles Davis Jr. (11), 8. A.J. Bender (8), 9. Jake Swanson (7), 10. J.J. Yeley (5), 11. Matt Westfall (14), 12. David Gasper (20), 13. Logan Calderwood (18), 14. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (17), 15. Cameron La Rose (22), 16. Cody Williams (12), 17. Tye Mihocko (10), 18. Austin Williams (19), 19. Kaleb Montgomery (13), 20. Verne Sweeney (16), 21. Austin Grabowski (21), 22. Elexa Herrera (26), 23. Tommy Malcolm (15), 24. Jeff Dyer (24), 25. Colt Treharn (23), 26. Grant Sexton (25). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-8 R.J. Johnson, Laps 9-17 Kyle Cummins, Laps 18-30 Kevin Thomas Jr.

**Stevie Rogers flipped on lap 4 of the third heat.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: David Gasper (20th to 12th)

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-R.J. Johnson-1371, 2-Tommy Malcolm-1230, 3-Austin Williams-1193, 4-A.J. Bender-1165, 5-David Gasper-1138, 6-Logan Williams-1060, 7-Cody Williams-1053, 8-Charles Davis Jr.-897, 9-Verne Sweeney-889, 10-Austin Grabowski-858.

NEXT AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: November 2, 2024 – Mohave Valley Raceway – Mohave Valley, Arizona – 57th Annual Western World Championships presented by Avanti Windows & Doors

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Top of the World! Cummins Wins Western World at Mohave Valley, Johnson Clinches USAC CRA Title

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Mohave Valley, Arizona (November 2, 2024)……One night after pacing the middle stages of the feature before seeing the lead slip through his fingers, Kyle Cummins bounced back quite nicely during Saturday night's 57th Western World Championships finale Presented By Avanti Windows & Doors at Arizona's Mohave Valley Raceway.

This time around, once Cummins (Princeton, Ind.) assumed control, he never relented after leading the final 25 laps to earn a $10,500 reward as well as his first career Avanti Windows & Doors USAC CRA Sprint Car Series feature victory in his Petty Performance Racing No. 3p.

In what was nearly a carbon copy of Friday's Western World opener, USAC CRA point leader R.J. Johnson was the driver all others were chasing during the opening laps. Johnson paced the first eight of Friday's feature, and on Saturday, led the opening five circuits of the 30-lap affair.

Each time, however, it was the fourth-place starting Cummins who surged by Johnson for the lead. On Saturday, Cummins went top side in turn four to clear Johnson for the top spot by the sixth lap mark.

Moments later, on the 10th lap, the most unexpected of all twists and turns took place when a brief power outage submerged the 1/3-mile dirt oval in darkness amid a green flag run. After only two minutes, the track lights began to shine again, the red flag was lifted, and racing was able to resume.

Just as he did the previous night, Friday winner Kevin Thomas Jr. emerged into the second spot past R.J. Johnson thereafter. However, this time, by the time he did so, only nine laps remained, and a full straightaway separated himself and Cummins for the race lead.

Going green the rest of the way, Cummins went unchallenged the remainder of the way, outside of navigating lapped traffic, to earn the victory with Kevin Thomas Jr. (Cullman, Ala.) taking second and Woodland Auto Display Fast Qualifier C.J. Leary (Greenfield, Ind.) finishing third.

R.J. Johnson (Laveen, Ariz.) finished in the fourth spot after leading the initial five laps, and his points gained throughout the night allowed him to clinch his first career USAC CRA Sprint Car championship.

J.J. Yeley (Phoenix, Ariz.) rounded out the top-five after starting 18th on the grid. His +13 advancement earned him hard charger honors presented in memory of Jim and Chet Gardner. Furthermore, Yeley pocketed the coveted Lafond Jar of Change, which totaled $3423.68, raised through donations from the racing community.

Cody Williams (Norco, Calif.) won the FlowDynamics Incorporated / In Honor of Wiley Miller Sr and Wiley Miller II First Heat Race. Matt Westfall (Pleasant Hill, Ohio) captured the WC Friend Company Second Heat Race. Kyle Cummins scored

the win in the BillsJerky.net / Silbermann Solar Third Heat Race. J.J. Yeley was the victor of the Sexton Fire Protection Fourth Heat Race. A.J. Bender (San Diego, Calif.) raced to the win in the Factory Wraps Semi.

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: November 2, 2024 – Mohave Valley Raceway – Mohave Valley, Arizona – 57th Annual Western World Championships presented by Avanti Windows & Doors

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. C.J. Leary, 21AZ, Team AZ/Curb-Agajanian-14.089; 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 15, Bonneau-14.172; 3. Kyle Cummins, 3p, Petty-14.252; 4. Stevie Sussex, 5, Baldwin-14.379; 5. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-14.399; 6. Ricky Lewis, 17, Dunkel-14.429; 7. Logan Calderwood, 6, Calderwood-14.477; 8. Tye Mihocko, 5T, Wilson-14.518; 9. Jake Swanson, 17x, Dunkel-14.592; 10. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-14.644; 11. David Gasper, 18, Kittle/Gasper-14.671; 12. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-14.725; 13. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-14.746; 14. Austin Williams, 17w, Dunkel-14.760; 15. Jordan Hermansader, 71, Martin-14.801; 16. James Turnbull II, 2J, Turnbull-14.807; 17. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-14.819; 18. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-14.872; 19. Cameron La Rose, 13p, Petty-14.879; 20. J.J. Yeley, 2, Yeley-14.907; 21. Bryan Drollinger, 71, Drollinger/Sweeney-14.913; 22. Matt Westfall, 11c, Turner/Wheeler-14.941; 23. Troy Treharn, 7x, Treharn-14.977; 24. Verne Sweeney, 98, Guerrero-15.085; 25. Kaleb Montgomery, 4J, Calderwood-15.108; 26. Dayton Shelton, 9, Shelton-15.111; 27. Grant Sexton, 22, Sexton-15.142; 28. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-15.169; 29. Don Grable, 45x, Budlong-15.195; 30. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-15.241; 31. Jayme Barnes, 9x, Barnes-15.266; 32. Shon Deskins, 20, Deskins-15.281; 33. Racin Silva, 5s, Silva-15.363; 34. Mark Henry Jr., 39R, Henry-15.429; 35. Colt Treharn, 77, Treharn-15.628; 36. Brent Sexton, 44s, Sexton-15.634; 37. Blake Hendricks, 14, Hendricks-15.737; 38. Brody Wake, 78B, Wake-15.927; 39. Camie Bell, 29c, Bell-16.305; 40. Elexa Herrera, 5E, Herrera-18.610; 41. Todd Pratt, 17F, Pratt-NT; 42. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-NT.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / IN HONOR OF WILEY MILLER SR. & WILEY MILLER II FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Cody Williams, 2. C.J. Leary, 3. R.J. Johnson, 4. Jake Swanson, 5. Kaleb Montgomery, 6. Logan Williams, 7. Don Grable, 8. Mark Henry Jr., 9. Bryan Drollinger. NT

WC FRIEND COMPANY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Matt Westfall, 2. Ricky Lewis, 3. Charles Davis Jr., 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 5. Austin Williams, 6. A.J. Bender, 7. Austin Grabowski, 8. Colt Treharn, 9. Dayton Shelton. NT

BILLSJERKY.NET / SILBERMANN SOLAR THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins, 2. Cameron La Rose, 3. David Gasper, 4. Logan Calderwood, 5. Shon Deskins, 6. Troy Treharn, 7. Brent Sexton, 8. Jordan Hermansader, 9. Grant Sexton. NT

SEXTON FIRE PROTECTION FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. J.J. Yeley, 2. Tommy Malcolm, 3. Tye Mihocko, 4. Stevie Sussex, 5. Jeff Dyer, 6. Verne Sweeney, 7. Racin Silva, 8. Blake Hedricks, 9. James Turnbull II. NT

FACTORY WRAPS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. A.J. Bender, 2. Logan Williams, 3. Austin Grabowski, 4. Grant Sexton, 5. Colt Treharn, 6. Verne Sweeney, 7. Don Grable, 8. Brody Wake, 9. Racin Silva, 10. Brent Sexton, 11. Jordan Hermansader, 12. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 13. Mark Henry Jr., 14. Elexa Herrera, 15. Troy Treharn, 16. Dayton Shelton, 17. Bryan Drollinger, 18. Blake Hendricks, 19. Todd Pratt, 20. Camie Bell, 21. James Turnbull II. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kyle Cummins (4), 2. Kevin Thomas Jr. (5), 3. C.J. Leary (6), 4. R.J. Johnson (2), 5. J.J. Yeley (18), 6. Ricky Lewis (1), 7. Matt Westfall (19), 8. Tye Mihocko (8), 9. Jake Swanson (9), 10. Austin Williams (14), 11. Stevie Sussex (3), 12. David Gasper (11), 13. Charles Davis Jr. (10), 14. Cody Williams (13), 15. A.J. Bender (23), 16. Cameron La Rose (17), 17. Kaleb Montgomery, 18. Tommy Malcolm (12), 19. Austin Grabowski (16), 20. Shon Deskins (24), 21. Jeff Dyer (2), 22. Verne Sweeney (25-P), 23. Grant Sexton (21), 24. Logan Calderwood (7), 25. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (26-P), 26. Logan Williams (15). NT

(P) represents a provisional starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-5 R.J. Johnson, Laps 6-30 Kyle Cummins.

**Jayme Barnes flipped during qualifying.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: J.J. Yeley (18th to 5th)

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-R.J. Johnson-1440, 2-Tommy Malcolm-1264, 3-Austin Williams-1240, 4-A.J. Bender-1202, 5-David Gasper-1183, 6-Cody Williams-1096, 7-Logan Williams-1086, 8-Charles Davis Jr.-940, 9-Verne Sweeney-912, 10-Austin Grabowski-885.

NEXT AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: November 9, 2024 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California

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Lewis Prevails at Perris USAC CRA Season Finale

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Perris, California (November 9, 2024)……Ricky Lewis doesn't always compete in the Avanti Windows & Doors USAC CRA Sprint Car Series, but when he does, he prefers to win.

For the third time in less than a month, the Camarillo, Calif. racer came away with a USAC CRA victory, this time doing so in the series' season finale on Saturday night at California's Perris Auto Speedway.

Lewis led early, late and often. After starting from the pole, Lewis paced the opening the eight laps before giving up the top spot to his teammate, Jake Swanson, a third of the way through the 30-lap event.

Swanson held control for a 14 circuit span from laps 9-22 before Lewis raced his way back on by on lap 23, then led the final eight trips around the 1/2-mile dirt oval en route to victory, the fourth overall of his USAC CRA career and his nation-leading 22nd sprint car win of the 2024 season across all series and divisions.

Lewis' first career Perris Auto Speedway triumph was extra special. He and his parents used to frequent the southern California venue to watch USAC CRA racing while he was growing up.

Furthermore, Lewis led a one-two Tom & Christy Dunkel Racing sweep as his teammate, Jake Swanson (Anaheim, Calif.) finished second after starting the night as the Woodland Auto Display Fast Qualifier, the 22nd of his career over the 30 drivers on hand with a time of 16.066 seconds. Swanson now ranks third overall on the list behind Damion Gardner (106) and Mike Spencer (63).

Tenth starting David Gasper (Goleta, Calif.), the 2024 USAC CRA Rookie of the Year, crossed the line in third while series champion R.J. Johnson (Laveen, Ariz.) took fourth.

Kevin Thomas Jr. (Cullman, Ala.) rounded out the top-five by earning hard charger honors in memory of Jim & Chet Gardner, advancing 11 spots after starting back in the 16th position. Thomas also captured the FlowDynamics Inc. / Sexton Fire Protection / In Honor of Wiley Miller Sr and Wiley Miller II First Heat Race.

Stevie Sussex (Tempe, Ariz.) won the Perris BillsJerky.net / Factory Wraps Second Heat Race. Tommy Malcolm (Corona, Calif.) scored the Perris WC Friend Company / In Memory of Jim and Chet Gardner Third Heat Race.

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WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Jake Swanson, 17x, Dunkel-16.066; 2. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.072; 3. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.256; 4. Logan Calderwood, 6, Calderwood-16.260; 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-16.330; 6. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-16.381; 7. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-16.413; 8. Ricky Lewis, 17, Dunkel-16.439; 9. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-16.446; 10. David Gasper, 18, Kittle/Gasper-16.477; 11. Matt Westfall, 11c, Turner/Wheeler-16.488; 12. Austin Williams, 17w, Dunkel-16.532; 13. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-16.536; 14. Tye Mihocko, 5, Wilson-16.578; 15. James Turnbull II, 2J, Turnbull-16.616; 16. Kevin Thomas Jr., 15, Bonneau-16.662; 17. Stevie Sussex, 4, Calderwood-16.690; 18. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-16.741; 19. Jordan Hermansader, 71, Martin-17.083; 20. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-17.113; 21. Blake Hendricks, 14, Hendricks-17.136; 22. Verne Sweeney, 98, Guerrero-17.298; 23. Mark Henry Jr., 39R, Henry-17.634; 24. Jonas Reynolds, 0, Reynolds-17.656; 25. Gary Marshall Jr., 23, Bellegante-17.661; 26. Dan Taylor, T5, Taylor-17.730; 27. Hayden Reinbold, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-17.832; 28. Bryan Drollinger, 71D, Drollinger/Sweeney-17.880; 29. Heath Holdsclaw, 33, Holdsclaw-17.913; 30. Elexa Herrera, 5E, Herrera-18.199.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / SEXTON FIRE PROTECTION / IN HONOR OF WILEY MILLER SR. & WILEY MILLER II FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Jake Swanson, 4. A.J. Bender, 5. David Gasper, 6. Logan Calderwood, 7. Verne Sweeney, 8. Jordan Hermansader, 9. Gary Marshall Jr., 10. Bryan Drollinger. 2:50.71

BILLSJERKY.NET / FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to feature) 1. Stevie Sussex, 2. Ricky Lewis, 3. Tye Mihocko, 4. Cody Williams, 5. Austin Grabowski, 6. Matt Westfall, 7. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 8. Mark Hendry Jr., 9. Heath Holdsclaw. 2:53.77

WC FRIEND COMPANY / IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to feature) 1. Tommy Malcolm, 2. R.J. Johnson, 3. Austin Williams, 4. Matt Mitchell, 5. Logan Williams, 6. James Turnbull II, 7. Jonas Reynolds, 8. Elexa Herrera, 9. Blake Hendricks, 10. Hayden Reinbold. 2:54.15

FACTORY WRAPS SEMI: (12 laps, top-7 transfer to feature) 1. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 2. Matt Westfall, 3. Logan Calderwood, 4. James Turnbull II, 5. Verne Sweeney, 6. Jordan Hermansader, 7. Jonas Reynolds, 8. Hayden Reinbold, 9. Mark Henry Jr., 10. Bryan Drollinger, 11. Blake Hendricks, 12. Elexa Herrera, 13. Heath Holdsclaw, 14. Gary Marshall Jr. 4:37.01

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Ricky Lewis (1), 2. Jake Swanson (6), 3. David Gasper (10), 4. R.J. Johnson (3), 5. Kevin Thomas Jr. (16), 6. Logan Williams (9), 7. Tommy Malcolm (18), 8. A.J. Bender (2), 9. Tye Mihocko (14), 10. Charles Davis Jr. (13), 11. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (8), 12. James Turnbull II (15), 13. Austin Grabowski (20), 14. Verne Sweeney (21), 15. Matt Westfall (11), 16. Elexa Herrera (23), 17. Jordan Hermansader (19), 18. Cody Williams (5), 19. Austin Williams (12), 20. Matt Mitchell (4), 21. Stevie Sussex (17), 22. Logan Calderwood (7), 23. Jonas Reynolds (22). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-8 Ricky Lewis, Laps 9-22 Jake Swanson, Laps 23-30 Ricky Lewis.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Kevin Thomas Jr. (16th to 5th)

AVANTI WINDOWS & DOORS USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-R.J. Johnson-1509, 2-Tommy Malcolm-1324, 3-Austin Williams-1271, 4-A.J. Bender-1256, 5-David Gasper-1251, 6-Logan Williams-1145, 7-Cody Williams-1133, 8-Charles Davis Jr.-990, 9-Verne Sweeney-948, 10-Austin Grabowski-926.