2019 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SEASON

JOSH HODGES SPRINTS TO VICTORY AT CANYON SPEEDWAY PARK

Peoria, Arizona……Taking the lead from Brody Roa on the second lap, Josh Hodges (Tijeras, NM) led the rest of the way to win the opening night of the Spring Showcase at Canyon Speedway Park.

Driving the family owned #74X Jackson Compaction / Parts Plus Maxim, Hodges earned the $3,000 USAC CRA and USAC Southwest Sprint Car triumph. Brody Roa, Isaac Chapple, R.J. Johnson, and Jake Swanson rounded out the top five drivers. Before the main event, several cars were penalized for reporting late to staging and Hodges was the night's hard charger.

Hunter Schuerenberg posted his second career Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award over the 26-car field. The Sikeston, Missouri driver clocked in with a time of 13.575 on the 1/3-mile oval.

5-time USAC Southwest Champion Johnson raced to victory in the Extreme Mufflers Heat Race #1. 2018 Champions The Demon Damion Gardner (USAC CRA) and Chargin Charles Davis Jr. (USAC Southwest) claimed their 10-lap heats, while Swanson topped the 12-lap semi-main.

AMSOIL USAC CRA & USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: March 8, 2019 – Canyon Speedway Park – Peoria, Arizona – 2nd Annual Spring Showcase

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY / BEAVER STRIPES QUALIFYING: 1. Hunter Schuerenberg, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-13,575; 2. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-13.729; 3. Isaac Chapple, 52, Chapple-13.913; 4. Dennis Gile, 13, Gile-13.945; 5. Matt Rossi, 02, Rossi-13.969; 6. Jason McDougal, 42, Cheney-13.980; 7. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-13.988; 8. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-14.023; 9. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-14.034; 10. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-14.053; 11. Josh Hodges, 74X. Hodges-14.080; 12. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-14.116; 13. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-14.142; 14. Tye Mihocko, 5, Mihocko-14.170; 15. Charles Davis Jr., 50, Davis-14.176; 16. Landon Cling, 34C, Cling-14.268; 17. Damion Gardner, 4, Alexander-14.271; 18. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-14.282; 19. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-14.436; 20. Kyle Shipley, 34, Grau-14.661; 21. Matt Lundy, 98, Lundy- 14.692; 22. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-14.857; 23. Cal Smith, 39, Cal-Sun-15.042; 24. Ryan Cully, 21J, Cully-15.128; 25. Stephen Sanchez, 7, Sanchez-15.540; 26. Michael Curtis, 11C, Turner/Wheeler-16.074.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. R.J. Johnson, 2. Hunter Schuerenberg, 3. Austin Williams, 4. Brody Roa, 5. Dennis Gile, 6. Landon Cling, 7. Chris Gansen, 8. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 9. Stephen Sanchez. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. Josh Hodges, 3. Stevie Sussex, 4. Matt Rossi, 5. Tye Mihocko, 6. Michael Curtis, 7. Kyle Shipley, 8. Jake Swanson, 9. Cal Smith. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Tommy Malcolm, 3. Mike Martin, 4. Isaac Chapple, 5. Jason McDougal, 6. Matt McCarthy, 7. Matt Lundy, 8. Ryan Cully. NT

SEMI: (12 laps, top 10 transfer to the feature) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Jason McDougal, 3. Tye Mihocko, 4. Matt McCarthy, 5. Dennis Gile, 6. Chris Gansen, 7. Landon Cling, 8. Kyle Shipley, 9. Matt Lundy, 10. Michael Curtis, 11. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 12. Ryan Cully, 13. Stephen Sanchez. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parenthesis) 1. Josh Hodges (11), 2. Brody Roa (3), 3. Isaac Chapple (5), 4. R.J. Johnson (13), 5. Jake Swanson (7), 6. Jason McDougal (9), 7. Damion Gardner (17), 8. Austin Williams (10), 9. Matt Rossi (4), 10. Stevie Sussex (2), 11. Mike Martin (12), 12. Landon Cling (16), 13. Charles Davis Jr. (15), 14. Michael Curtis (22), 15. Matt McCarthy (18), 16. Matt Lundy (21), 17. Kyle Shipley (20), 18. Chris Gansen (19), 19. Hunter Schuerenberg (6), 20. Tye Mihocko (14), 21. Dennis Gile (8), 22. Tommy Malcolm (1). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Brody Roa, Laps 2-30 Josh Hodges.

HARD CHARGER: Josh Hodges (11th to 1st)

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Josh Hodges-77, 2-Isaac Chapple-73, 3-Brody Roa-72, 4-R.J. Johnson-69, 5-Jake Swanson-67, 6-Damion Gardner-60, 7-Jason McDougal-59, 8-Austin Williams-55, 9-Matt Rossi-54, 10-Stevie Sussex-49.

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Josh Hodges-148, 2-Isaac Chapple-147, 3-Brody Roa-144, 4-Jake Swanson-134, 5-Mike Martin-110, 6-Charles Davis Jr.-108, 7-R.J. Johnson-107, 8-Stevie Sussex-95, 9-Matt Rossi-89, 10-Michael Curtis-85.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA & USAC SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE: March 9, 2019 – Canyon Speedway Park – Peoria, Arizona – 2nd Annual Spring Showcase

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HUNTER SCHUERENBERG TOPS THE SPRING SHOWCASE AT PEORIA

Peoria, Arizona… Securing the lead for good on lap 25, Hunter Schuerenberg (Sikeston, MO) claimed the Saturday night finale of the Spring Showcase at Canyon Speedway Park.

Driving the Reinbold / Underwood Motorsports #19 AME Electrical / Mesilla Valley Transportation Spike, Hunter earned his first $3,000 USAC CRA and USAC Southwest Sprint Car win over Damion Gardner, Brody Roa, R.J. Johnson, and Jason McDougal. McDougal was the night's hard charger with a thirteenth to fifth place run.

Gardner posted his 82nd career Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award over the 24-car field. The 7-time USAC CRA Champion clocked in with a time of 13.469 on the 1/3-mile oval.

Friday night winner Josh Hodges took the checkered flags in Extreme Mufflers Heat Race #1. USAC Southwest drivers The Bull Tye Mihocko and Dennis Gile claimed their 10-lap heats.

AMSOIL USAC CRA & USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: March 9, 2019 – Canyon Speedway Park – Peoria, Arizona – 2nd Annual Spring Showcase

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY / BEAVER STRIPES QUALIFYING: 1. Damion Gardner, 4, Alexander-13.469; 2. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-13.485; 3. Hunter Schuerenberg, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-13.674; 4. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-13.680; 5. Matt Rossi, 02, Rossi-13.746; 6. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-13.795; 7. Isaac Chapple, 52, Chapple-13.807; 8. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-13.814; 9. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-13.868; 10. Josh Hodges, 74X. Hodges-13.923; 11. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-13.926; 12. Charles Davis Jr., 50, Davis-13.931; 13. Jason McDougal, 42, Cheney-13.992; 14. Tye Mihocko, 5, Mihocko-14.069; 15. Dennis Gile, 13, Gile-14.102; 16. Landon Cling, 34C, Cling-14.154; 17. Michael Curtis, 11C, Turner/Wheeler-14.208; 18. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-14.456; 19. Matt Lundy, 98, Lundy-14.559; 20. Ryan Cully, 21J, Cully-14.563; 21. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-14.651; 22. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-14.747; 23. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-15.120; 24. Stephen Sanchez, 7, Sanchez-15.698.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top 4 finishers eligible for invert) 1. Josh Hodges, 2. Jason McDougal, 3. Damion Gardner, 4. Austin Williams, 5. Isaac Chapple, 6. Landon Cling, 7. Matt McCarthy, 8. Matt Lundy. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, Top 4 finishers eligible for invert) 1. Tye Mihocko, 2. R.J. Johnson, 3. Mike Martin, 4. Tommy Malcolm, 5. Matt Rossi, 6. Michael Curtis, 7. Ryan Cully, 8. Jeff Dyer. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, Top 4 finishers eligible for invert) 1. Dennis Gile, 2. Hunter Schuerenberg, 3. Stevie Sussex, 4. Brody Roa, 5. Charles Davis Jr., 6. Chris Gansen, 7. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 8. Stephen Sanchez. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parenthesis) 1. Hunter Schuerenberg (4), 2. Damion Gardner (6), 3. Brody Roa (2), 4. R.J. Johnson (5), 5. Jason McDougal (13), 6. Stevie Sussex (9), 7. Austin Williams (3), 8. Isaac Chapple (8), 9. Josh Hodges (10), 10. Tommy Malcolm (11), 11. Landon Cling (16), 12. Mike Martin (1), 13. Matt Lundy (19), 14. Charles Davis Jr. (12), 15. Matt Rossi (7), 16. Chris Gansen (18), 17. Michael Curtis (17), 18. Dennis Gile (15), 19. Ryan Cully (20), 20. Matt McCarthy (22), 21. Stephen Sanchez (24), 22. Jeff Dyer (23), 23. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (21), 24. Tye Mihocko (14). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-12 Brody Roa, Laps 13-23 Hunter Schuerenberg, Lap 24 R.J. Johnson, Laps 25-30 Hunter Schuerenberg.

**Tye Mihocko flipped on lap 4 of the feature.

HARD CHARGER: Jason McDougal (13th to 5th)

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Brody Roa-142, 2-R.J. Johnson-142, 3-Damion Gardner-139, 4-Josh Hodges-131, 5-Isaac Chapple-126, 6-Jason McDougal-124, 7-Hunter Schuerenberg-119, 8-Austin Williams-115, 9-Stevie Sussex-110, 10-Matt Rossi-92.

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Brody Roa-214, 2-Josh Hodges-202, 3-Isaac Chapple-200, 4-R.J. Johnson-180, 5-Stevie Sussex-156, 6-Mike Martin-153, 7-Charles Davis Jr.-147, 8-Damion Gardner-139, 9-Jake Swanson-134, 10-Matt Rossi-128.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: March 30, 2019 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – So-Cal Showdown

NEXT USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE: April 20, 2019 – Arizona Speedway – San Tan Valley, Arizona

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BRODY ROA SPRINTS TO SO-CAL SHOWDOWN TRIUMPH AT PERRIS

Perris, California… After taking the lead from R.J. Johnson on lap 16, Brody Roa held off all challengers to become the third different driver in as many races to claim an AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car triumph in 2019.

Racing the BR Performance #91R HD Industries / Burris Racing Maxim, Roa topped the So-Cal Showdown at Perris Auto Speedway over fast qualifier Richard Vander Weerd, The Big Game Hunter Austin Williams, Austin Liggett, and Stevie Sussex.

Starting on the pole position, Roa claimed his seventh career series main event win. Jace Vander Weerd earned the Specialty Fasteners Hard Charger Award with a seventeenth to eighth place run.

Richard Vander Weerd scored his eighth career Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award over the 27-car roster by posting a time of 16.508.

A.J. Bender took the checkered flags in the Extreme Mufflers Heat Race #1. The Demon Damion Gardner and R.J. Johnson claimed their 10-lap heat races.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: March 30, 2019 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – So-Cal Showdown

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Richard Vander Weerd, 10, Vander Weerd-16.509; 2. Damion Gardner, 4, Alexander-16.566; 3. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.633; 4. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-16.636; 5. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-16.637; 6. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-16.672; 7. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-16.845; 8. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-16.856; 9. Josh Hodges, 74X, Hodges-16.932; 10. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-16.935; 11. Charles Davis Jr., 50, Davis-17.012; 12. Landon

Cling, 54C, Cling-17.015; 13. Danny Faria Jr., 42, Cheney-17.042; 14. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-17.145; 15. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-17.172; 16. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-17.215; 17. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-17.223; 18. Jace Vander Weerd, 88, Vander Weerd-17.229; 19. Sterling Cling, 34C, Cling-17.248; 20. Kyle Edwards, 39E, Edwards-17.370; 21. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.396; 22. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-17.419; 23. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-17.717; 24. Jake Swanson, 42X, Cheney-17.775; 25. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.813; 26. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-18.110; 27. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-18.184.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. A.J. Bender, 2. Danny Faria Jr., 3. Stevie Sussex, 4. Richard Vander Weerd, 5. Austin Liggett, 6. Tommy Malcolm, 7. Matt McCarthy, 8. Sterling Cling, 9. Eddie Tafoya Jr. 2:58.41

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. Austin Williams, 3. Brody Roa, 4. Charles Davis Jr., 5. Matt Mitchell, 6. Mike Martin, 7. Joel Rayborne, 8. Steve Hix, 9. Kyle Edwards. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. R.J. Johnson, 2. Cody Williams, 3. Josh Hodges, 4. Chris Gansen, 5. Jake Swanson, 6. Jace Vander Weerd, 7. Verne Sweeney, 8. Landon Cling, 9. Jeff Dyer. 3:00.76.

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Tommy Malcolm, 2. Austin Liggett, 3. Jace Vander Weerd, 4. Mike Martin, 5. Matt Mitchell, 6. Verne Sweeney, 7. Kyle Edwards, 8. Matt McCarthy, 9. Jake Swanson, 10. Sterling Cling, 11. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 12. Landon Cling, 13. Jeff Dyer, 14. Joel Rayborne, 15. Steve Hix. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parenthesis) 1. Brody Roa (1), 2. Richard Vander Weerd (6), 3. Austin Williams (3), 4. Austin Liggett (8), 5. Stevie Sussex (10), 6. Charles Davis Jr. (11), 7. Damion Gardner (5), 8. Jace Vander Weerd (17), 9. Danny Faria Jr. (12), 10. Mike Martin (16), 11. Tommy Malcolm (7), 12. Chris Gansen (14), 13. Kyle Edwards (19), 14. Sterling Cling (18), 15. Verne Sweeney (20), 16. R.J. Johnson (2), 17. A.J. Bender (15), 18. Josh Hodges (9), 19. Matt Mitchell (13), 20. Cody Williams (4), 21. Jake Swanson (22), 22. Matt McCarthy (21). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-15 R.J. Johnson, Laps 16-30 Brody Roa.

**Cody Williams flipped on lap 1 of the feature. A.J. Bender & R.J. Johnson flipped on lap 16 of the feature.

SPECIALTY FASTENERS HARD CHARGER: Jace Vander Weerd (17th to 8th)

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Brody Roa-218, 2-Damion Gardner-204, 3-Austin Williams-188, 4-R.J. Johnson-182, 5-Stevie Sussex-174, 6-Josh Hodges-164, 7-Charles Davis Jr.-144, 8-Mike Martin-136, 9-Tommy Malcolm-126, 10-Isaac Chapple-126.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: April 13, 2019 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – Sokola Shootout

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RICHARD VANDER WEERD TOPS PERRIS SOKOLA SHOOTOUT

PERRIS, CA – APRIL 13, 2019… Inheriting the lead on lap seventeen, Richard Vander Weerd (Visalia, CA) powered to his first win of the season at Perris Auto Speedway.

Driving the family owned #10 Vander Weerd Construction / Stone Gate Development Maxim, Vander Weerd earned his eighth career AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car triumph at the annual Sokola Shootout. R.J. Johnson, point leader Brody Roa, A.J. Bender, and fast qualifier The Demon Damion Gardner followed the 2011 USAC West Coast Sprint Car champion.

Hollywood Danny Faria Jr. earned the night's Specialty Fasteners Hard Charger Award with an eighteenth to seventh place run. The Magic Man Mike Martin scored the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award with a thirteenth place finish in the feature.

The Demon Damion Gardner scored his 83rd Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award over the 28-car roster by posting a time of 16.516.

The ten-lap heat race victories went to Chargin Charles Davis Jr. (Extreme Mufflers First Heat), R.J. Johnson (Circle Track Performance / Ultra Shield Race Products Second Heat), and Verne Sweeney (Saldana Racing Products / Butlerbuilt Seats Third Heat). Tommy Thunder Malcolm took the checkered flags in the 12-lap Competition Suspension Incorporated Semi-Main.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: April 13, 2019 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – Sokola Shootout

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Damion Gardner, 4, Alexander-16.516; 2. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-16.573; 3. Richard Vander Weerd, 10, Vander Weerd-16.700; 4. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-16.855; 5. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-16.869; 6. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-16.894; 7. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.931; 8. Jace Vander Weerd, 88, Vander Weerd-17.045; 9. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-17.132; 10. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-17.137; 11. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-17.149; 12. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-17.175; 13. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-17.235; 14. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-17.252; 15. Sterling Cling, 34, Cling-17.402; 16. Kyle Edwards, 39E, Edwards-17.415; 17. Charles Davis Jr., 50, Davis-17.513; 18. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.548; 19. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.649; 20. Danny Faria Jr., 42, Cheney-17.655; 21. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-17.762; 22. Jeremy Ellertson, 98J, Ellertson-17.800; 23. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-17.910; 24. Jeff Der, 39, Cal-Sun-17.944; 25. Matt Stewart, 90S, Waitman-18.087; 26. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-18.156; 27. Randy Waitman, 90, Waitman-18.346; 28. Eric Englert, 35, Englert-18.446.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Damion Gardner, 3. Cody Williams, 4. Brody Roa, 5. Danny Faria Jr., 6. Matt Mitchell, 7. Steve Hix, 8. Joel Rayborne, 9. Jake Swanson. 2:55.86

CIRCLE TRACK PERFORMANCE / ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. R.J. Johnson, 2. A.J. Bender, 3. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 4. Sterling Cling, 5. Matt McCarthy, 6. Jace Vander Weerd, 7. Mike Martin, 8. Randy Waitman, 9. Jeff Dyer. 2:58.23

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS / BUTLERBUILT SEATS THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Verne Sweeney, 2. Austin Williams, 3. Richard Vander Weerd, 4. Kyle Edwards, 5. Tommy Malcolm, 6. Chris Gansen, 7. Jeremy Ellertson, 8. Matt Stewart, 9. Eric Englert. 2:59.74

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INCORPORATED SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Tommy Malcolm, 2. Matt McCarthy, 3. Matt Mitchell, 4. Danny Faria Jr., 5. Jace Vander Weerd, 6. Mike Martin, 7. Jeremy Ellertson, 8. Chris Gansen, 9. Joel Rayborne, 10. Steve Hix, 11. Jeff Dyer, 12. Randy Waitman, 13. Matt Stewart. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Richard Vander Weerd (4), 2. R.J. Johnson (5), 3. Brody Roa (2), 4. A.J. Bender (1), 5. Damion Gardner (6), 6. Cody Williams (12), 7. Danny Faria Jr. (18), 8. Jace Vander Weerd (9), 9. Austin Williams (3), 10. Tommy Malcolm (11), 11. Kyle Edwards (14), 12. Chris Gansen (10), 13. Mike Martin (19), 14. Charles Davis Jr. (15), 15. Sterling Cling (13), 16. Jeremy Ellertson (20), 17. Steve Hix (22), 18. Verne Sweeney (17), 19. Joel Rayborne (21), 20. Matt Mitchell (8), 21. Matt McCarthy (7), 22. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (16). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-16 Brody Roa, Laps 17-30 Richard Vander Weerd.

**Stevie Sussex flipped during qualifying. Matt Mitchell flipped on lap 16 of the feature.

SPECIALTY FASTENERS HARD CHARGER: Danny Faria Jr. (18th to 7th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Mike Martin

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Brody Roa-287, 2-Damion Gardner-275, 3-R.J. Johnson-262, 4-Austin Williams-242, 5-Charles Davis Jr.-187, 6-Stevie Sussex-184, 7-Mike Martin-174, 8-Tommy Malcolm-173, 9-Josh Hodges-164, 10-Richard Vander Weerd-158.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: May 4, 2019 – Ventura Raceway – Ventura, California

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TROY RUTHERFORD WINS USAC CRA SHOWDOWN AT VENTURA

VENTURA, CA – MAY 4, 2019… Reclaiming the lead from Jake Swanson on lap 27, Troy Rutherford (Ojai, CA) scored the Saturday night victory at Ventura Raceway.

Racing his #11 Trench Shoring / Grimes Rock Maxim with an iron block 360 cubic-inch engine, Rutherford started eleventh and earned his second career AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car triumph. Hard charger Austin Williams, Swanson, A.J. Bender, and point leader Brody Roa followed Troy to the checkered flags.

Williams earned the Specialty Fasteners Hard Charger Award with a twenty-second to second place run. Verne Sweeney scored the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award with a thirteenth place finish in the main event.

The Demon Damion Gardner scored his 84th Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award over the 23-car field by posting a time of 12.454.

The night's 10-lap heat race victories went to Brody Roa (Extreme Mufflers First Heat), Troy Rutherford (Circle Track Performance / Ultra Shield Race Products Second Heat), and Ricky Lewis (Saldana Racing Products / Butlerbuilt Seats Third Heat).

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: May 4, 2019 – Ventura Raceway – Ventura, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Damion Gardner, 4, Alexander-12.454; 2. Jake Swanson, 73, Ford-12.678; 3. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-12.919; 4. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-13.001; 5. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-13.044; 6. Trent Williams, 52, Williams-13.097; 7. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-13.175; 8. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-13.178; 9. Jeremy Ellertson, 98J, Ellertson-13.240; 10. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-13.273; 11. Troy Rutherford, 11, Rutherford-13.318; 12. Rick Hendrix, 15, Hendrix-13.599; 13. Ryan Timmons, 29T, Timmons-13.741; 14. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-13.855; 15. Ricky Lewis, 81M, Watt-13.930; 16. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-14.036; 17. Brent Owens, 71, Martin-14.101; 18. Austin Ervine, 51, AJ-14.351; 19. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-14.510; 20. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-14.576; 21. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-14.630; 22. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-14.684; 23. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-NT.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Brody Roa, 2. Damion Gardner, 3. Austin Liggett, 4. Austin Williams, 5. Verne Sweeney, 6. Ryan Timmons, 7. Chris Gansen, 8. A.J. Bender. NT

CIRCLE TRACK PERFORMANCE / ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Troy Rutherford, 2. Matt Mitchell, 3. Jake Swanson, 4. Brent Owens, 5. Matt McCarthy, 6. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 7. Joel Rayborne, 8. Jeff Dyer. NT

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS / BUTLERBUILT SEATS THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Ricky Lewis, 2. Tommy Malcolm, 3. Rick Hendrix, 4. Jeremy Ellertson, 5. Trent Williams, 6. Steve Hix, 7. Austin Ervine. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Troy Rutherford (11), 2. Austin Williams (22), 3. Jake Swanson (5), 4. A.J. Bender (8), 5. Brody Roa (10), 6. Austin Liggett (3), 7. Chris Gansen (19), 8. Damion Gardner (6), 9. Rick Hendrix (12), 10. Steve Hix (21), 11. Matt McCarthy (23), 12. Trent Williams (7), 13. Verne Sweeney (16), 14. Ryan Timmons (13), 15. Jeremy Ellertson (1), 16. Ricky Lewis (15), 17. Joel Rayborne (9), 18. Brent Owens (17), 19. Jeff Dyer (20), 20. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (14), 21. Austin Ervine (18), 22. Matt Mitchell (2), 23. Tommy Malcolm (4). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-7 Jeremy Ellertson, Laps 8-25 Troy Rutherford, Lap 26 Jake Swanson, Laps 27-30 Troy Rutherford.

**Matt Mitchell flipped on lap 3 of the feature.

SPECIALTY FASTENERS HARD CHARGER: Austin Williams (22nd to 2nd)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Verne Sweeney

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Brody Roa-353, 2-Damion Gardner-337, 3-Austin Williams-314, 4-R.J. Johnson-262, 5-Tommy Malcolm-207, 6-Chris Gansen-200, 7-Charles Davis Jr.-187, 8-Stevie Sussex-184, 9-Jake Swanson-179, 10-Mike Martin-174.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: May 11, 2019 – Bakersfield Speedway – Bakersfield, California

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DAMION GARDNER WINS USAC CRA BATTLE AT BAKERSFIELD

BAKERSFIELD, CA - MAY 11, 2019... Taking the lead from Troy Rutherford on lap five, The Demon Damion Gardner (Concord, CA) scored the $3,000 victory at Bakersfield Speedway.

Racing Mark Alexander's #4 Trench Shoring / All Coast Construction Spike, Gardner became the sixth different winner in as many races with the AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car Series. Damion's 30-lap triumph was the eighty-first series win of his career as he was followed by Rutherford, fast qualifier Jake Swanson, The Cadillac Cody Williams, and Trent Carter.

James Herrera earned the night's Specialty Fasteners Hard Charger Award with a seventeenth to ninth place run. The Rickster Ricky Kirkbride scored the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award with a thirteenth place finish in the main event.

Swanson posted his 17th career Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award over the 17-car field with a time of 12.636.

The night's 10-lap heat race victories went to The Demon Damion Gardner (Extreme Mufflers First Heat) and Tommy Thunder Malcolm (Circle Track Performance / Ultra Shield Race Products Second Heat).

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: May 11, 2019 – Bakersfield Speedway – Bakersfield, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Jake Swanson, 42, Cheney-12.636; 2. Trent Carter, 13, Carter-12.747; 3. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-12.762; 4. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-12.783; 5. Damion Gardner, 4, Alexander-12.820; 6. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-12.913; 7. Troy Rutherford, 11, Rutherford-12.919; 8. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-12.956; 9. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-12.963; 10. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-12.993; 11. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-13.024; 12. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-13.027; 13. Austin Ervine, 51, AJ-13.102; 14. Ricky Kirkbride, 87, Kirkbride-13.120; 15. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-13.268; 16. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-13.581; 17. James Herrera, 5J, Herrera-14.154.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. Chris Gansen, 3. Jake Swanson, 4. Troy Rutherford, 5. Austin Williams, 6. Austin Ervine, 7. Joel Rayborne, 8. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 9. James Herrera. NT

CIRCLE TRACK PERFORMANCE / ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tommy Malcolm, 2. Steve Hix, 3. Brody Roa, 4. Trent Carter, 5. Matt McCarthy, 6. Ricky Kirkbride, 7. Cody Williams, 8. A.J. Bender. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Damion Gardner (3), 2. Troy Rutherford (2), 3. Jake Swanson (6), 4. Cody Williams (9), 5. Trent Carter (5), 6. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (10), 7. Steve Hix (1), 8. Chris Gansen (11), 9. James Herrera (17), 10. Joel Rayborne (15), 11. Austin Williams (7), 12. Tommy Malcolm (12), 13. Ricky Kirkbride (14), 14. Brody Roa (4), 15. Matt McCarthy (8), 16. A.J. Bender (16), 17. Austin Ervine (13). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-4 Troy Rutherford, Laps 5-30 Damion Gardner.

**Austin Williams flipped on lap 24 of the feature.

SPECIALTY FASTENERS HARD CHARGER: James Herrera (17th to 9th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Ricky Kirkbride

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-417, 2-Brody Roa-397, 3-Austin Williams-363, 4-R.J. Johnson-262, 5-Chris Gansen-256, 6-Jake Swanson-255, 7-Tommy Malcolm-254, 8-A.J. Bender-199, 9-Matt McCarthy-194, 10-Charles Davis Jr.-187.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: May 25, 2019 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – Salute to Indy

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HUNTER SCHUERENBERG ADDS PERRIS SALUTE TO INDY TO WIN LIST

PERRIS, CA – MAY 25, 2019… After battling back and forth with Jake Swanson, Hunter Schuerenberg (Sikeston, MO) took command on lap 7 and led the rest of the way to win the Salute to Indy at Perris Auto Speedway.

Racing Andy Reinbold and Todd Underwood's #19 AME Electrical / Mesilla Valley Transportation Spike, Schuerenberg earned his second career AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car triumph over Swanson, Richard Vander Weerd, Matt Mitchell, and R.J. Johnson.

Matt McCarthy earned the Specialty Fasteners Hard Charger Award with a twenty-first to ninth place run. Stevie Sussex claimed the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award with a thirteenth place finish in the main event.

The Demon Damion Gardner scored his 85th Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award by posting a time of 16.409 over the 25-car field.

The night's 10-lap heat race victories went to R.J. Johnson (Extreme Mufflers First Heat), Richard Vander Weerd (Circle Track Performance / Ultra Shield Race Products Second Heat), and The Cadillac Cody Williams (Saldana Racing Products / Butlerbuilt Seats Third Heat). A.J. Bender topped the 12-lap Competition Suspension Inc. / Pyrotect Racing Cells Semi-Main.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: May 25, 2019 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – Salute to Indy

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Damion Gardner, 4, Alexander-16.409; 2. Richard Vander Weerd, 10, Vander Weerd-16.671; 3. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.703; 4. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-16.735; 5. Hunter Schuerenberg, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-16.811; 6. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-16.870; 7. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-16.874; 8. Danny Faria Jr., 42, Cheney-16.898; 9. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.918; 10. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-16.931; 11. Jace Vander Weerd, 88, Vander Weerd-16.939; 12. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-17.034; 13. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.060; 14. Trent Williams, 52V, Williams-17.104; 15. Tommy Malcolm, 5, Napier-17.144; 16. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-17.228; 17. Matt Stewart, 90S, Waitman-17.308; 18. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.405; 19. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-17.520; 20. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-17.544; 21. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-17.592; 22. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-17.699; 23. Randy Waitman, 90, Waitman-17.840; 24. Blade Hildebrand, 5, Hildebrand-18.073; 25. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-18.103.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. R.J. Johnson, 2. Damion Gardner, 3. Austin Williams, 4. Verne Sweeney, 5. A.J. Bender, 6. Matt McCarthy, 7. Chris Gansen, 8. Stevie Sussex, 9. Jeff Dyer. 2:54.96.

CIRCLE TRACK PERFORMANCE / ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Richard Vander Weerd, 2. Trent Williams, 3. Danny Faria Jr., 4. Hunter Schuerenberg, 5. Matt Stewart, 6. Jace Vander Weerd, 7. Joel Rayborne, 8. Randy Waitman. 2:56.73.

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS / BUTLERBUILT SEATS THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Cody Williams, 2. Brody Roa, 3. Jake Swanson, 4. Matt Mitchell, 5. Tommy Malcolm, 6. Mike Martin, 7. Eddie Tafoya Jr. 2:55.90.

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INC. / PYROTECT RACING CELLS SEMI: (12 laps) 1. A.J. Bender, 2. Matt Stewart, 3. Tommy Malcolm, 4. Jace Vander Weerd, 5. Stevie Sussex, 6. Matt McCarthy, 7. Chris Gansen, 8. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 9. Mike Martin, 10. Joel Rayborne, 11. Jeff Dyer. 3:41.60

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Hunter Schuerenberg (2), 2. Jake Swanson (1), 3. Richard Vander Weerd (5), 4. Matt Mitchell (4), 5. R.J. Johnson (7), 6. Brody Roa (12), 7. Danny Faria Jr. (8), 8. Chris Gansen (10), 9. Matt McCarthy (21), 10. Austin Williams (3), 11. Damion Gardner (6), 12. Jace Vander Weerd (11), 13. Steve Sussex (18), 14. Mike Martin (20), 15. Verne Sweeney (13), 16. Cody Williams (9), 17. A.J. Bender (15), 18. Matt Stewart (16), 19. Jeff Dyer (22), 20. Joel Rayborne (19), 21. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (17), 22. Trent Williams (14). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 Jake Swanson, Lap 4 Hunter Schuerenberg, Laps 5-6 Jake Swanson, Laps 7-30 Hunter Schuerenberg.

**A.J. Bender flipped on lap 22 of the feature.

SPECIALTY FASTENERS HARD CHARGER: Matt McCarthy (21st to 9th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Stevie Sussex

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-471, 2-Brody Roa-459, 3-Austin Williams-415, 4-Jake Swanson-329, 5-R.J. Johnson-328, 6-Chris Gansen-306, 7-Tommy Malcolm-266, 8-Matt McCarthy-241, 9-Richard Vander Weerd-235, 10-A.J. Bender-232.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: June 29, 2019 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California

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RICHARD VANDER WEERD MAKES STATEMENT AT THE PAS!

PERRIS, CA – JUNE 29, 2019… Making his fourth start, Richard Vander Weerd (Visalia, CA) regained the lead from The Demon Damion Gardner on lap sixteen and sprinted to his second win of the campaign.

Piloting the family owned #10 Vander Weerd Construction / Stone Gate Development Maxim, Richard claimed his ninth career AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car victory at Perris Auto Speedway. Early leader Jake Swanson, fast qualifier Gardner, Brody Roa, and The Cadillac Cody Williams followed Vander Weerd to the checkered flags.

Matt Stewart earned the night's Specialty Fasteners Hard Charger Award with an eighteenth to ninth place run. Rookie contender Jeff Dyer claimed the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award with a thirteenth place finish in the main event.

Gardner scored his 86th Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award by posting a time of 16.449 over the 24-car roster.

The Perris 10-lap heat race victories went to Gardner (Extreme Mufflers First Heat), A.J. Bender (Circle Track Performance / Ultra Shield Race Products Second Heat), and Swanson (Saldana Racing Products / Butlerbuilt Seats Third Heat).

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: June 29, 2019 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Damion Gardner, 4, Alexander-16.449; 2. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.686; 3. Richard Vander Weerd, 10, Vander Weerd-16.806; 4. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-16.864; 5. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-16.867; 6. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-16.913; 7. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-16.928; 8. Charles Davis Jr., 50, Davis-16.959; 9. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-17.164; 10. Jace Vander Weerd, 88, Vander Weerd-17.192; 11. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-17.234; 12. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.278; 13. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.350; 14. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-17.373; 15. Randy Waitman, Y69, Waitman-17.447; 16. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-17.548; 17. Kyle Shipley, 34, Grau-17.586; 18. Matt Stewart, 90S, Waitman-17.940; 19. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-18.029; 20. Eddie Tafoya Sr., 51E, Tafoya-18.251; 21. Scott Coffman, 98S, Tracy-18.857; 22. Will Perkins, 50P, Perkins-19.051; 23. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-19.152; 24. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-NT.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. Tommy Malcolm, 3. Brody Roa, 4. Verne Sweeney, 5. Chris Gansen, 6. Jace Vander Weerd, 7. Jeff Dyer, 8. Will Perkins. 2:55.44.

CIRCLE TRACK PERFORMANCE / ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. A.J. Bender, 2. Matt Mitchell, 3. Austin Williams, 4. Charles Davis Jr., 5. Matt McCarthy, 6. Kyle Shipley, 7. Steve Hix, 8. Eddie Tafoya Sr. NT

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS / BUTLERBUILT SEATS THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Richard Vander Weerd, 3. Cody Williams, 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 5. Randy Waitman, 6. Scott Coffman, 7. Matt Stewart. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Richard Vander Weerd (4), 2. Jake Swanson (1), 3. Damion Gardner (6), 4. Brody Roa (3), 5. Cody Williams (9), 6. Jace Vander Weerd (10), 7. Austin Williams (2), 8. Tommy Malcolm (7), 9. Matt Stewart (18), 10. Kyle Shipley (17), 11. Chris Gansen (16), 12. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (12), 13. Jeff Dyer (19), 14. Verne Sweeney (13), 15. Matt Mitchell (5), 16. Charles Davis Jr. (8), 17. Matt McCarthy (11), 18. A.J. Bender (14), 19. Randy Waitman (15), 20. Steve Hix (22), 21. Scott Coffman (20), 22. Will Perkins (21). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Jake Swanson, Laps 3-7 Richard Vander Weerd, Laps 8-15 Damion Gardner, Laps 16-30 Richard Vander Weerd.

SPECIALTY FASTENERS HARD CHARGER: Matt Stewart (18th to 9th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Jeff Dyer

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-549, 2-Brody Roa-529, 3-Austin Williiams-475, 4-Jake Swanson-405, 5-Chris Gansen-351, 6-R.J. Johnson-328, 7-Tommy Malcolm-322, 8-Richard Vander Weerd-316, 9-Matt McCarthy-274, 10-A.J. Bender-267.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: July 6, 2019 – Santa Maria Raceway – Nipomo, California

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BRODY ROA EARNS 2ND FORT MEMORIAL WIN AT SANTA MARIA

SANTA MARIA, CA – JULY 6, 2019… Racing past Chris Gansen on the second lap, Brody Roa (Garden Grove, CA) ran away from the field to win his second Doug Fort Memorial at Santa Maria Raceway.

Driving the BR Performance #91R HD Industries / Burris Racing Maxim, Roa scored his second AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car victory of the campaign and the eighth win of his career. Thunder Tommy Malcolm, fast qualifier Jake Swanson, The Big Game Hunter Austin Williams, and hard charger T.J. Smith followed Roa to the checkered flags.

Using an iron block 360 cubic-inch engine, Smith earned the Specialty Fasteners Hard Charger Award with a tenth to fifth place run. Chris Gansen claimed the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award with a thirteenth place finish in the main event.

Swanson scored his 18th career Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award by posting a time of 13.537 over the 18-car roster.

The night's 10-lap heat race victories went to Malcolm (Extreme Mufflers First Heat) and Smith (Circle Track Performance / Ultra Shield Race Products Second Heat).

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: July 6, 2019 – Santa Maria Raceway – Nipomo, California – 11th Doug Fort Memorial

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-13.537; 2. Danny Faria Jr., 8, Richardson-13.707; 3. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-13.741; 4. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-13.785; 5. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-13.865; 6. Damion Gardner, 4, Alexander-13.867; 7. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-13.907; 8. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-13.980; 9. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-14.118; 10. T.J. T.J. Smith, 8M, May-14.149; 11. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-14.157; 12. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-14.167; 13. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-14.293; 14. Austin Ervine, 51, AJ-14.696; 15. Kenny Perkins, 0K, Perkins-14.739; 16. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-14.758; 17. James Herrera, 5J, Herrera-15.103; 18. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-NT

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tommy Malcolm, 2. Austin Liggett, 3. Jake Swanson, 4. Chris Gansen, 5. Austin Williams, 6. Cody Williams, 7. Matt McCarthy, 8. Kenny Perkins, 9. James Herrera. NT

CIRCLE TRACK PERFORMANCE / ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. T.J. Smith, 2. Damion Gardner, 3. Danny Faria Jr., 4. Brody Roa, 5. Steve Hix, 6. Verne Sweeney, 7. Austin Ervine, 8. Joel Rayborne. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brody Roa (4), 2. Tommy Malcolm (1), 3. Jake Swanson (6), 4. Austin Williams (7), 5. T.J. Smith (10), 6. Verne Sweeney (9), 7. Cody Williams (8), 8. Damion Gardner (3), 9. Matt McCarthy (13), 10. Steve Hix (12), 11. Joel Rayborne (16), 12. Austin Ervine (14), 13. Chris Gansen (2), 14. Danny Faria Jr. (5), 15. Kenny Perkins (15), 16. Austin Liggett (11), 17. James Herrera (17), 18. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (18). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Chris Gansen, Laps 2-30 Brody Roa.

**Chris Gansen flipped on lap 23 of the feature.

SPECIALTY FASTENERS HARD CHARGER: T.J. Smith (10th to 5th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Chris Gansen

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Brody Roa-607, 2-Damion Gardner-606, 3-Austin Williams-544, 4-Jake Swanson-481, 5-Tommy Malcolm-397, 6-Chris Gansen-393, 7-R.J. Johnson-328, 8-Matt McCarthy-322, 9-Cody Williams-318, 10-Richard Vander Weerd-316.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: July 13, 2019 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – Co-Sanctioned with the USAC Sands Chevrolet Southwest Sprint Cars

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THE DEMON STRIKES AT PERRIS

PERRIS, CA – JULY 13, 2019… After temperatures reached triple digits, fast qualifier The Demon Damion Gardner (Concord, CA) raced to victory at Perris Auto Speedway.

Piloting Mark Alexander's #4 Trench Shoring / All Coast Construction Spike, Gardner reclaimed the lead for good on lap 24 from The Big Game Hunter Austin Williams to earn the AMSOIL USAC CRA & Sands Chevrolet USAC Southwest Sprint Car triumph. For Gardner, the win marked his second triumph of the season (82nd career USAC CRA / 1st career USAC Southwest) over R.J. Johnson, hard charger Stevie Sussex, Tommy Thunder Malcolm, and Chargin' Charles Davis Jr.

Sussex earned the Specialty Fasteners / Saldana Racing Products Hard Charger Award with a twenty-fourth to third place run. T-Dub Trent Williams claimed the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award with a thirteenth place finish in the main event.

Gardner also scored the night's Woodland Auto Display / Beaver Stripes Fast Time Award by posting a time of 16.526 over the 25-car roster.

The night's 10-lap heat race victories went to Davis (Extreme Mufflers / Brown & Miller Racing Solutions First Heat), Johnson (Circle Track Performance / Ultra Shield Race Products / Competition Suspension Inc. Second Heat), and Austin Williams (Saldana Racing Products / Butlerbuilt Seats Third Heat).

AMSOIL USAC CRA & USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: July 13, 2019 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY / BEAVER STRIPES QUALIFYING: 1. Damion Gardner, 4, Alexander-16.526; 2. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-16.636; 3. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-16.643; 4. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-16.724; 5. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-16.953; 6. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-16.971; 7. Charles Davis Jr., 50, Davis-17.014; 8. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-17.219; 9. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-17.253; 10. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-17.287; 11. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-17.340; 12. Matt Stewart, 90, Waitman-17.431; 13. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.473; 14. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.536; 15. Randy Waitman, Y69, Waitman-17.580; 16. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-17.586; 17. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-17.753; 18. Ryan Timmons, 29T, Timmons-17.815; 19. Bill Rose, 6, Rose/Miller-17.817; 20. Trent Williams, 52V, Williams-17.929; 21. Eric Englert, 35, Englert-17.978; 22. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-18.203; 23. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-18.399; 24. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-NT; 25. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-NT.

EXTREME MUFFLERS / BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Damion Gardner, 3. Brody Roa, 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 5. Jake Swanson, 6. Jeff Dyer, 7. Cody Williams. 2:56.35

CIRCLE TRACK PERFORMANCE / ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS / COMPETITION SUSPENSION INC. SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. R.J. Johnson, 2. Chris Gansen, 3. Verne Sweeney, 4. Mike Martin, 5. Tommy Malcolm, 6. Trent Williams, 7. Steve Hix, 8. Joel Rayborne. 3:00.46

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS / BUTLERBUILT SEATS THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Austin Williams, 2. A.J. Bender, 3. Matt Stewart, 4. Matt McCarthy, 5. Ryan Timmons, 6. Randy Waitman, 7. Eric Englert, 8. Stevie Sussex. 3:03.32

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Damion Gardner (6), 2. R.J. Johnson (4), 3. Stevie Sussex (24), 4. Tommy Malcolm (7), 5. Charles Davis Jr. (2), 6. Austin Williams (5), 7. Chris Gansen (1), 8. Mike Martin (11), 9. Matt McCarthy (3), 10. Ryan Timmons (18), 11. Steve Hix (23), 12. Joel Rayborne (17), 13. Trent Williams (20), 14. Cody Williams (16), 15. Bill Rose (19), 16. Eric Englert (21), 17. Randy Waitman (15), 18. Brody Roa (10), 19. Verne Sweeney (14), 20. Jake Swanson (8), 21. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (13), 22. Matt Stewart (12), 23. A.J. Bender (9), 24. Jeff Dyer (22). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-5 Chris Gansen, Laps 6-13 Damion Gardner, Laps 14-23 Austin Williams, Laps 24-30 Damion Gardner.

SPECIALTY FASTENERS / SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS HARD CHARGER: Stevie Sussex (24th to 3rd)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Trent Williams

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-689, 2-Brody Roa-640, 3-Austin Williams-611, 4-Jake Swanson-511, 5-Tommy Malcolm-467, 6-Chris Gansen-452, 7-R.J. Johnson-405, 8-Matt McCarthy-374, 9-Cody Williams-355, 10-Richard Vander Weerd-316.

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Brody Roa-622, 2-R.J. Johnson-613, 3-Stevie Sussex-576, 4-Charles Davis Jr.-548, 5-Mike Martin-521, 6-Jake Swanson-387, 7-Matt Rossi-381, 8-Matt Lundy-368, 9-Michael Curtis-347, 10-Chris Bonneau-300.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA & SANDS CHEVROLET USAC SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE: August 17, 2019 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – California Racers Hall of Fame Night

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JAKE SWANSON SLICES HIS WAY TO FIRST PERRIS WIN

PERRIS, CA – AUGUST 17, 2019… After a first lap tangle sent him to the back, Jake Swanson (Anaheim, CA) sliced his way to the lead on lap twenty-four and earned his first win at Perris Auto Speedway.

Racing John Grau & Mike Burkhart's #34AZ Stratis Construction / Team AZ Racing DRC, Swanson topped the California Racers Hall of Fame Night with the AMSOIL USAC CRA and Sands Chevrolet USAC Southwest Sprint Car Series. Fast qualifier Richard Vander Weerd, Brody Roa, Hollywood Danny Faria Jr., and The Big Game Hunter Austin Williams rounded out the top five drivers.

Thanks to Janet and Lealand McSpadden, Austin Liggett took home $2,700 for claiming the Specialty Fasteners / Saldana Racing Products Ellen Ellis Hard Charger Award with a twenty-second to eighth place run. Tommy Thunder Malcolm scored the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award with a thirteenth place finish. Matt Lundy earned his third AAA Car Buying 360 Bonus of the season with a ninth place finish in the semi-main.

Vander Weerd began the night by posting the night's Woodland Auto Display / Beaver Stripes Billy Wilkerson Fast Time Award with a new Southwest track record of 16.411 over the 30-car roster. Swanson won the special Junior Kurtz No Bozos Trophy Dash over Vander Weerd, Williams, and Roa.

The night's 10-lap heat race victories went to Vander Weerd (Extreme Mufflers / Brown & Miller Racing Solutions First Heat), Swanson (Circle Track Performance / Ultra Shield Race Products / Competition Suspension Inc. Second Heat), Roa (Saldana Racing Products / Butlerbuilt Seats Third Heat), and Stevie Sussex (Brown & Miller Racing Solutions Fourth Heat). The Demon Damion Gardner won the 12-Lap Competition Suspension Inc. / Pyrotect Racing Cells Semi Main.

AMSOIL USAC CRA & USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: August 17, 2019 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – California Racers Hall of Fame Night

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY / BEAVER STRIPES BILLY WILKERSON QUALIFYING: 1. Richard Vander Weerd, 10, Vander Weerd-16.411 (New Southwest Track Record); 2. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-16.530; 3. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-16.627; 4. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-16.645; 5. Damion Gardner, 4, Alexander-16.658; 6. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.693; 7. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-16.896; 8. Jace Vander Weerd, 88, Vander Weerd-17.061; 9. Charles Davis Jr., 50, Davis-17.062; 10. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-17.068; 11. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-17.160; 12. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-17.217; 13. Danny Faria Jr., 42, Cheney-17.244; 14. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-17.336; 15. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.430; 16. Matt Rossi, 02, Rossi-17.458; 17. Bill Rose, 6, Rose/Miller-17.492; 18. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-17.602; 19. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-17.606; 20. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.650; 21. Kyle Shipley, 34, Grau-17.659; 22. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-17.693; 23. Trent Williams, 52V, Williams-17.708; 24. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-17.830; 25. Daylin Perreira, 21X, Perreira-17.898; 26. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-18.016; 27. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-18.102; 28. Matt Lundy, 98L, Lundy-18.218; 29. Justin Kierce, 43, Kierce-18.654; 30. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-NT.

JUNIOR KURTZ NO BOZOS TROPHY DASH: (Four 3 lap dashes) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Richard Vander Weerd, 3. Austin Williams, 4. Brody Roa. NT

EXTREME MUFFLERS / BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Richard Vander Weerd, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Danny Faria Jr., 4. Bill Rose, 5. Kyle Shipley, 6. Daylin Perreira, 7. Damion Gardner. 2:57.77

CIRCLE TRACK PERFORMANCE / ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS / COMPETITION SUSPENSION INC. SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. R.J. Johnson, 3. Cody Williams, 4. Austin Liggett, 5. Chris Gansen, 6. Chris Bonneau, 7. Mike Martin. 2:55.34

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS / BUTLERBUILT SEATS THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Brody Roa, 2. Trent Williams, 3. Matt McCarthy, 4. Tommy Malcolm, 5. Steve Hix, 6. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 7. Matt Lundy. 2:57.46

BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Stevie Sussex, 2. Austin Williams, 3. Matt Rossi, 4. Verne Sweeney, 5. Jeff Dyer, 6. Jace Vander Weerd, 7. Justin Kierce. NT

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INC. / PYROTECT RACING CELLS SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. Jace Vander Weerd, 3. Mike Martin, 4. Chris Bonneau, 5. Chris Gansen, 6. Kyle Shipley, 7. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 8. Steve Hix, 9. Matt Lundy, 10. Jeff Dyer, 11. Daylin Perreira, 12. Justin Kierce. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Jake Swanson (5), 2. Richard Vander Weerd (6), 3. Brody Roa (4), 4. Danny Faria Jr. (13), 5. Austin Williams (3), 6. Stevie Sussex (12), 7. Jace Vander Weerd (8), 8. Austin Liggett (22), 9. R.J. Johnson (10), 10. Cody Williams (2), 11. Damion Gardner (7), 12. Bill Rose (16), 13. Tommy Malcolm (1), 14. Matt McCarthy (11), 15. Trent Williams (21), 16. Mike Martin (14), 17. Charles Davis Jr. (9), 18. Chris Gansen (17), 19. Chris Bonneau (20), 20. Kyle Shipley (19), 21. Verne Sweeney (18), 22. Matt Rossi (15). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-8 Cody Williams, Lap 9 Damion Gardner, Laps 10-14 Richard Vander Weerd, Laps 15-23 Brody Roa, Laps 24-30 Jake Swanson.

**A.J. Bender & Joel Rayborne flipped during qualifying.

SPECIALTY FASTENERS / SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS ELLEN ELLIS HARD CHARGER: Austin Liggett (22nd to 8th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Tommy Malcolm

AAA CAR BUYING 360 BONUS: Matt Lundy

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-736, 2-Brody Roa-716, 3-Austin Williams-679, 4-Jake Swanson-594, 5-Tommy Malcolm-509, 6-Chris Gansen-480, 7-R.J. Johnson-458, 8-Matt McCarthy-415, 9-Cody Williams-405, 10. Richard Vander Weerd-397.

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Brody Roa-698, 2-R.J. Johnson-666, 3-Stevie Sussex-639, 4-Charles Davis Jr.-584, 5-Mike Martin-554, 6-Jake Swanson-470, 7-Matt Rossi-413, 8-Matt Lundy-378, 9-Michael Curtis-347, 10-Chris Bonneau-326.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACES: August 31-September 1, 2019 – Calistoga Speedway – Calistoga, California – 12th Louie Vermeil Classic / USAC California Sprint Week

NEXT USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE: September 14, 2019 – Canyon Speedway Park – Peoria, Arizona – Southwest Championships

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AUSTIN WILLIAMS WINS SHORTENED CALISTOGA FEATURE

CALISTOGA, CA – AUGUST 31, 2019… The Big Game Hunter Austin Williams (Yorba Linda, CA) held off a late challenge from Austin Liggett before the curfew ended the main event at Calistoga Speedway.

Piloting Tom & Laurie Sertich's #92 Huntington Beach Glass & Mirror DRC, Williams earned his first AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car feature of the year over Liggett, The Demon Damion Gardner, Brody Roa, and Richard Vander Weerd.

Hollywood Danny Faria Jr. earned the Specialty Fasteners / Saldana Racing Products Hard Charger Award with a sixteenth to sixth place run. Chris Gansen claimed the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award with a thirteenth place finish in the main event.

Gardner also scored the night's Woodland Auto Display / Beaver Stripes Fast Time Award by posting a time of 19.240 over the 25-car roster.

The night's 8-lap heat race victories went to Faria (Extreme Mufflers / Brown & Miller Racing Solutions First Heat), Jake Swanson (Circle Track Performance / Ultra Shield Race Products / Competition Suspension Inc. Second Heat), and Michael Faccinto (Saldana Racing Products / Butlerbuilt Seats Third Heat).

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: August 31, 2019 – Calistoga Speedway – Calistoga, California – 12th Annual Louie Vermeil Classic / USAC California Sprint Week

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Damion Gardner, 4, Alexander-19.240; 2. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-19.377; 3. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-19.660; 4. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-19.685; 5. Richard Vander Weerd, 10, Vander Weerd-19.782; 6. Chase Johnson, 68, Thomas-19.880; 7. Bud Kaeding, 69, BK-20.022; 8. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-20.057; 9. Jason McDougal, 56, Phulps-20.059; 10. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-20.084; 11. Geoff Ensign, 3F, Finkenbinder-20.088; 12. Jace Vander Weerd, 88, Vander Weerd-20.109; 13. Ryan Bernal, 24, Copeland-20.124; 14. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-20.147; 15. Michael Faccinto, 8, Richardson-20.208; 16. Danny Faria Jr., 42, Cheney-20.351; 17. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-20.359; 18. Charles Davis Jr., 50, Davis-20.492; 19. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-20.510; 20. Billy Aton, 26, Aton-20.618; 21. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-20.687; 22. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-20.700; 23. Jake Morgan, 45, Morgan-20.730; 24. Terry Schank Jr., 51, Sperry-20.855; 25. Travis Moore, 11T, Moore-22.514.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Danny Faria Jr., 2. Ryan Bernal, 3. Damion Gardner, 4. Austin Liggett, 5. Austin Williams, 6. Bud Kaeding, 7. Tommy Malcolm, 8. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 9. Travis Moore. NT

CIRCLE TRACK PERFORMANCE / ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Chris Gansen, 3. Geoff Ensign, 4. Richard Vander Weerd, 5. Matt McCarthy, 6. Mike Martin, 7. Jake Morgan, 8. Billy Aton. NT

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS / BUTLERBUILT SEATS THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Michael Faccinto, 2. Chase Johnson, 3. Charles Davis Jr., 4. Jace Vander Weerd, 5. Jason McDougal, 6. Brody Roa, 7. Terry Schank Jr., 8. Steve Hix. NT

FEATURE: (22 laps, starting positions in parentheses, shortened from 30 laps due to curfew) 1. Austin Williams (8), 2. Austin Liggett (2), 3. Damion Gardner (6), 4. Brody Roa (7), 5. Richard Vander Weerd (4), 6. Danny Faria Jr. (16), 7. Bud Kaeding (9), 8. Jason McDougal (11), 9. Ryan Bernal (13), 10. Jace Vander Weerd (12), 11. Tommy Malcolm (19), 12. Matt McCarthy (10), 13. Chris Gansen (17), 14. Chase Johnson (3), 15. Terry Schank Jr. (24), 16. Billy Aton (20), 17. Steve Hix (21), 18. Mike Martin (14), 19. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (22), 20. Geoff Ensign (1), 21. Jake Swanson (5), 22. Michael Faccinto (15), 23. Charles Davis Jr. (18), 24. Jake Morgan (23), NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-13 Austin Liggett, Laps 14-22 Austin Williams.

**Jake Swanson & Charles Davis Jr. flipped on lap 8 of the feature.

SPECIALTY FASTENERS HARD CHARGER: Danny Faria Jr. (16th to 6th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Chris Gansen

USAC 360 BONUS: Billy Aton

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-812, 2-Brody Roa-784, 3-Austin Williams-756, 4-Jake Swanson-630, 5-Tommy Malcolm-552, 6-Chris Gansen-524, 7-Richard Vander Weerd-462, 8-R.J. Johnson-458, 9-Matt McCarthy-458, 10-Cody Williams-405.

USAC CALIFORNIA SPRINT WEEK POINTS: 1-Austin Williams-77, 2-Damion Gardner-76, 3-Austin Liggett-72, 4-Brody Roa-68, 5-Richard Vander Weerd-65, 6-Danny Faria Jr.-63, 7-Bud Kaeding-55, 8-Ryan Bernal-53, 9-Jason McDougal-53, 10-Jace Vander Weerd-48.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: September 1, 2019 – Calistoga Speedway – Calistoga, California – 12th Louie Vermeil Classic / USAC California Sprint Week

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JAKE SWANSON REBOUNDS AT CALISTOGA

Calistoga, California (September 1, 2019)……After crashing the previous night, Jake Swanson (Anaheim, CA) reclaimed the lead from Ryan Bernal on lap 23 and won the Sunday USAC California Sprint Week feature at Calistoga Speedway.

Racing the John Grau and Mike Burkhart owned #34AZ Stratis Construction / Team AZ Racing DRC, Swanson's Louie Vermeil Classic triumph was his second AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car win of the season. Ryan Bernal, Jason McDougal, Hollywood Danny Faria Jr., and fast qualifier Austin Liggett rounded out the top five drivers.

The Human Highlight Reel Geoff Ensign. earned the Specialty Fasteners / Saldana Racing Products Hard Charger Award with a seventeenth to seventh place run. Mike Martin claimed the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award with a thirteenth place finish in the main event.

Austin Liggett scored his first career USAC CRA Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award by posting a time of 19.666 over the 24-car roster.

The night's 8-lap heat race victories went to The Demon Damion Gardner (Extreme Mufflers / Brown & Miller Racing Solutions First Heat), Austin Williams (Circle Track Performance / Ultra Shield Race Products / Competition Suspension Inc. Second Heat), and Jace Vander Weerd (Saldana Racing Products / Butlerbuilt Seats Third Heat).

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: September 1, 2019 – Calistoga Speedway – Calistoga, California – 12th Annual Louie Vermeil Classic / USAC California Sprint Week

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-19.666; 2. Chase Johnson, 68, Thomas-19.739; 3. Ryan Bernal, 24, Copeland-19.974; 4. Damion Gardner, 4, Alexander-19.981; 5. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-19.986; 6. Danny Faria Jr., 42, Cheney-19.991; 7. Bud Kaeding, 69, BK-20.093; 8. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-20.120; 9. Richard Vander Weerd, 10, Vander Weerd-20.327; 10. Jason McDougal, 56, Phulps-20.360; 11. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-20.479; 12. Charles Davis Jr., 50, Davis-20.489; 13. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-20.524; 14. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-20.544; 15. Jace Vander Weerd, 88, Vander Weerd-20.554; 16. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-20.621; 17. Geoff Ensign, 3F, Finkenbinder-20.625; 18. Billy Aton, 26, Aton-20.743; 19. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-20.755; 20. Terry Schank Jr., 51, Sperry-20.764; 21. Jake Morgan, 45, Morgan-20.852; 22. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-20.966; 23. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-21.088; 24. Michael Faccinto, 8, Richardson-23.350.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. Matt McCarthy, 3. Bud Kaeding, 4. Austin Liggett, 5. Jason McDougal, 6. Tommy Malcolm, 7. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 8. Steve Hix. NT

CIRCLE TRACK PERFORMANCE / ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Austin Williams, 2. Geoff Ensign, 3. Jake Swanson, 4. Chase Johnson, 5. Chris Gansen, 6. Terry Schank Jr., 7. Mike Martin, 8. Brody Roa. NT

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS / BUTLERBUILT SEATS THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jace Vander Weerd, 2. Danny Faria Jr., 3. Charles Davis Jr., 4. Ryan Bernal, 5. Billy Aton, 6. Richard Vander Weerd, 7. Michael Faccinto, 8. Jake Morgan. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Jake Swanson (2), 2. Ryan Bernal (4), 3. Jason McDougal (10), 4. Danny Faria Jr. (1), 5. Austin Liggett (6), 6. Charles Davis Jr. (12), 7. Geoff Ensign (17), 8. Damion Gardner (3), 9. Chase Johnson (5), 10. Richard Vander Weerd (9), 11. Jace Vander Weerd (15), 12. Brody Roa (11), 13. Mike Martin (23), 14. Matt McCarthy (13) (13), 15. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (16), 16. Chris Gansen (14), 17. Billy Aton (18), 18. Austin Williams (8), 19. Steve Hix (22), 20. Terry Schank Jr. (20), 21. Tommy Malcolm (19), 22. Jake Morgan (21), 23. Bud Kaeding (7), 24. Michael Faccinto (24). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 Jake Swanson, Laps 11-22 Ryan Bernal, Laps 23-30 Jake Swanson.

**Tommy Malcolm & Terry Schank Jr. flipped on lap 9 of the feature.

SPECIALTY FASTENERS HARD CHARGER: Geoff Ensign (17th to 7th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Mike Martin

USAC 360 BONUS: Billy Aton

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-872, 2-Brody Roa-824, 3-Austin Williams-791, 4-Jake Swanson-708, 5-Tommy Malcolm-578, 6-Chris Gansen-559, 7-Richard Vander Weerd-508, 8-Matt McCarthy-500, 9-R.J. Johnson-458, 10-Charles Davis Jr.-415.

USAC CALIFORNIA SPRINT WEEK POINTS: 1-Austin Liggett-141, 2-Damion Gardner-136, 3-Danny Faria Jr.-132, 4-Ryan Bernal-129, 5-Jason McDougal-121, 6-Jake Swanson-14, 7-Austin Williams-112, 8-Richard Vander Weerd-111, 9-Brody Roa-108, 10-R.J. Johnson-99.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: September 2, 2019 – Petaluma Speedway – Petaluma, California – USAC California Sprint Week

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CHASE JOHNSON WINS WILD PETALUMA FEATURE

PETALUMA, CA – SEPTEMBER 2, 2019… Starting seventh, Chase Johnson (Penngrove, CA) took the lead from Hollywood Danny Faria Jr. on the 28th lap and claimed the Monday night USAC California Sprint Week feature at Petaluma Speedway.

Racing the Thomas Family #68 Fire Suppression Engineering / Pitstop USA Maxim, Johnson earned his second career AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car triumph over Colby Johnson, The Big Game Hunter Austin Williams, Shawn Arriaga, and Brody Roa.

Arriaga earned the Specialty Fasteners Hard Charger Award with an eighteenth to fourth place run. The Demon Damion Gardner claimed the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award with a thirteenth place finish in the main event.

Chase Johnson also posted his second career Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award with a time of 14.471 over the 19-car field.

The night's 10-lap heat race victories went to The Magic Man Mike Martin (Extreme Mufflers First Heat), Brody Roa (Circle Track Performance / Ultra Shield Race Products Second Heat), and Norm Johns (Saldana Racing Products / Butlerbuilt Seats Third Heat).

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: September 2, 2019 – Petaluma Speedway – Petaluma, California – USAC California Sprint Week

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Chase Johnson, 68, Thomas-14.471; 2. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-14.660; 3. Damion Gardner, 4, Alexander-14.767; 4. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-14.770; 5. Geoff Ensign, 3F, Finkenbinder-14.806; 6. Colby Johnson, 38, Johnson-14.813; 7. Jason McDougal, 56, Phulps-14.877; 8. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-14.891; 9. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-14.895; 10. Danny Faria Jr., 42, Cheney-14.974; 11. Charles Davis Jr., 50, Davis-15.026; 12. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-15.204; 13. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-15.327; 14. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-15.347; 15. Norm Johns, 32, Johns-15.412; 16. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-15.625; 17. Ricky Brophy, 3, 15.635; 18. Tommy Malcolm, 5X,, Napier-16.503; 19. Shawn Arriaga, 56J, Arriaga-NT.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Mike Martin, 2. Jason McDougal, 3. Austin Williams, 4. Danny Faria Jr., 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 6. Chase Johnson. NT

CIRCLE TRACK PERFORMANCE / ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Brody Roa, 2. Jake Swanson, 3. Chris Gansen, 4. Charles Davis Jr., 5. Geoff Ensign, 6. Ricky Brophy. NT

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS / BUTLERBUILT SEATS THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Norm Johns, 2. Damion Gardner, 3. Steve Hix, 4. Matt McCarthy, 5. Colby Johnson, 6. Shawn Arriaga. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Chase Johnson (7), 2. Colby Johnson (9), 3. Austin Williams (4), 4. Shawn Arriaga (18), 5. Brody Roa (2), 6. Danny Faria Jr. (10), 7. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (13), 8. Charles Davis Jr. (11), 9. Steve Hix (12), 10. Chris Gansen (14), 11. Norm Johns (15), 12. Ricky Brophy (17), 13. Damion Gardner (5), 14. Jake Swanson (6), 15. Geoff Ensign (8), 16. Jason McDougal (3), 17. Matt McCarthy (1), 18. Mike Martin (16). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-22 Brody Roa, Laps 23-27 Danny Faria Jr., Laps 28-30 Chase Johnson.

**Mike Martin flipped on lap 1 of the feature. Matt McCarthy flipped on lap 3 of the feature.

SPECIALTY FASTENERS HARD CHARGER: Shawn Arriaga (18th to 4th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Damion Gardner

USAC 360 BONUS: Colby Johnson

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-920, 2-Brody Roa-890, 3-Austin Williams-864, 4-Jake Swanson-755, 5-Chris Gansen-608, 6-Tommy Malcolm-588, 7-Richard Vander Weerd-542, 8-Matt McCarthy-500, 9-Charles Davis Jr.-469, 10-Danny Faria Jr.-469.

USAC CALIFORNIA SPRINT WEEK POINTS: 1-Danny Faria Jr.-192, 2-Austin Williams-185, 3-Damion Gardner-184, 4-Chase Johnson-178, 5-Brody Roa-174, 6-Jake Swanson-161, 7-Jason McDougal-159, 8-Charles Davis Jr.-144, 9-Austin Liggett-141, 10-Ryan Bernal-129.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: September 6, 2019 – Merced Speedway – Merced, California – USAC California Sprint Week

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AUSTIN LIGGETT TOPS MERCED USAC CRA DEBUT

MERCED, CA – SEPTEMBER 6, 2019… Racing from fifth, Austin Liggett (Tracy, CA) slipped by Jake Swanson on the eleventh lap and sprinted to the Friday night USAC California Sprint Week debut at Merced Speedway.

Piloting the family owned #83 Excel Environmental Services / Liggett Trucking Maxim, Liggett scored his second career AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car triumph and became the tenth driver to win in fifteen races. The defending USAC West Coast Champion finished ahead of Hollywood Danny Faria Jr., Chase Johnson, Brody Roa, and Swanson.

Ryan Bernal earned the Specialty Fasteners Hard Charger Award with a twentieth to eighth place run. Koen Shaw claimed the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award and Colby Johnson scored the USAC 360 bonus for the second race in a row.

The Demon Damion Gardner also posted his 89th career Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award and a new track record with a time of 12.085 over the 20-car field.

The night's 10-lap heat race victories went to Gardner (Extreme Mufflers First Heat), Swanson (Circle Track Performance / Ultra Shield Race Products Second Heat), and The Big Game Hunter Austin Williams (Saldana Racing Products / Butlerbuilt Seats Third Heat).

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: September 6, 2019 – Merced Speedway – Merced, California – USAC California Sprint Week

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Damion Gardner, 4, Alexander-12.085 (New Track Record); 2. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-12.219; 3. Charles Davis Jr., 50, Davis-12.478; 4. Danny Faria Jr., 42, Cheney-12.544; 5. Colby Johnson, 38, Johnson-12.545; 6. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-12.568; 7. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-12.580; 8, Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-12.599; 9. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-12.628; 10. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-12.765; 11. Chase Johnson, 68, Thomas-12.773; 12. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-12.897; 13. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-12.901; 14. Mark Barroso, 78, Barroso-12.984; 15. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-13.086; 16. Sean Watts, 98, Watts-13.169; 17. Austin Ervine, 51, AJ-13.170; 18. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-13.295; 19. Koen Shaw, 88, Shaw-13.323; 20. Ryan Bernal, 73, Ford-NT

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. Brody Roa, 3. Mike Martin, 4. Danny Faria Jr., 5. Matt McCarthy, 6. Sean Watts, 7. Koen Shaw. NT

CIRCLE TRACK PERFORMANCE / ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Austin Liggett, 3. Chase Johnson, 4. Ryan Bernal, 5. Colby Johnson, 6. Mark Barroso, 7. Austin Ervine. NT

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS / BUTLERBUILT SEATS THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Austin Williams, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Chris Gansen, 4. Steve Hix, 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Austin Liggett (5), 2. Danny Faria Jr. (3), 3. Chase Johnson (11), 4. Brody Roa (2), 5. Jake Swanson (1), 6. Austin Williams (9), 7. Damion Gardner (6), 8. Ryan Bernal (20), 9. Charles Davis Jr. (4), 10. Colby Johnson (7), 11. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (8), 12. Mike Martin (13), 13. Koen Shaw (19), 14. Steve Hix (18), 15. Chris Gansen (12), 16. Sean Watts (16), 17. Mark Barroso (14), 18. Matt McCarthy (10), 19. Austin Ervine (17).

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 Jake Swanson, Laps 11-30 Austin Liggett.

**Matt McCarthy flipped on lap 4 of the feature.

SPECIALTY FASTENERS HARD CHARGER: Ryan Bernal (20th to 8th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Koen Shaw

USAC 360 BONUS: Colby Johnson

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-986, 2-Brody Roa-958, 3-Austin Williams-927, 4-Jake Swanson-821, 5-Chris Gansen-647, 6-Tommy Malcolm-598, 7-Matt McCarthy-565, 8-Danny Faria Jr.-544, 9-Charles Davis Jr.-526, 10-Richard Vander Weerd-508.

USAC CALIFORNIA SPRINT WEEK POINTS: 1-Danny Faria Jr.-267, 2-Damion Gardner-250, 3-Austin Williams-248, 4-Chase Johnson-248, 5-Brody Roa-242, 6-Jake Swanson-227, 7-Austin Liggett-223, 8-Charles Davis Jr.-201, 9-Ryan Bernal-183, 10-Chris Gansen-167.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: September 7, 2019 – Santa Maria Raceway – Nipomo, California – USAC California Sprint Week

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DAMION GARDNER WINS SANTA MARIA MAIN & USAC CALIFORNIA SPRINT WEEK CROWN

SANTA MARIA, CA – SEPTEMBER 7, 2019… When the checkered flag waved at Santa Maria Raceway, The Demon Damion Gardner (Concord, CA) emerged victorious and topped the 5-race USAC California Sprint Week championship by one point.

Driving Mark Alexander's #4 Trench Shoring / All Coast Construction Spike, Gardner took command from Chris Gansen on the tenth lap and recorded his third AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car win of the campaign (83rd career) over fast qualifier The Big Game Hunter Austin Williams, Jake Swanson, Max Adams, and Chargin Charles Davis Jr.

Ryan Bernal earned the Specialty Fasteners Hard Charger Award with an eleventh to sixth place run. Troy Rutherford claimed the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award and James Herrera scored the USAC 360 Bonus with a fourteenth place finish in the feature.

Williams also posted his fifth career Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award with a time of 13.388 over the 19-car field.

The night's 10-lap heat race victories went to rookie contender Steve Hix (Extreme Mufflers First Heat), Bernal (Circle Track Performance / Ultra Shield Race Products Second Heat), and Davis (Saldana Racing Products / Butlerbuilt Seats Third Heat).

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: September 7, 2019 – Santa Maria Raceway – Nipomo, California – USAC California Sprint Week

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-13.388; 2. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-13.579; 3. Max Adams, 42X, Cheney-13.619; 4. Damion Gardner, 4, Alexander-13.708; 5. Chase Johnson, 68, Thomas-13.761; 6. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-13.809; 7. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-13.831; 8. Danny Faria Jr., 42, Cheney-13.847; 9. Charles Davis Jr., 50, Davis-13.856; 10. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-13.864; 11. Ryan Bernal, 73, Ford-13.993; 12. Troy Rutherford, 11, Rutherford-14.061; 13. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-14.226; 14. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-14.237; 15. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-14.312; 16. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-14.339; 17. Austin Ervine, 51, AJ-14.431; 18. Brandon Wiley, 33B, Team 33-14.445; 19. James Herrera, 5J, Herrera-14.487.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Steve Hix, 2. Brody Roa, 3. Austin Williams, 4. Damion Gardner, 5. Cody Williams, 6. James Herrera, 7. Mike Martin. NT

CIRCLE TRACK PERFORMANCE / ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Ryan Bernal, 2. Chase Johnson, 3. Danny Faria Jr., 4. Jake Swanson, 5. Verne Sweeney. NT

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS / BUTLERBUILT SEATS THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 3. Max Adams, 4. Chris Gansen, 5. Brandon Wiley, 6. Troy Rutherford. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Damion Gardner (3), 2. Austin Williams (6), 3. Jake Swanson (5), 4. Max Adams (4), 5. Charles Davis Jr. (9), 6. Ryan Bernal (11), 7. Cody Williams (10), 8. Chase Johnson (2), 9. Chris Gansen (1), 10. Steve Hix (13), 11. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (15), 12. Verne Sweeney (14), 13. Troy Rutherford (12), 14. James Herrera (19), 15. Danny Faria Jr. (8), 16. Brody Roa (7), 17. Mike Martin (16), 18. Brandon Wiley (18), 19. Austin Ervine (17). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-9 Chris Gansen, Laps 10-30 Damion Gardner.

**Brandon Wiley flipped on lap 5 of the third heat. Danny Faria Jr. flipped on lap 26 of the feature.

SPECIALTY FASTENERS HARD CHARGER: Ryan Bernal (11th to 6th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Troy Rutherford

USAC 360 BONUS: James Herrera

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-1064, 2-Austin Williams-1006, 3-Brody Roa-996, 4-Jake Swanson-895, 5-Chris Gansen-699, 6-Tommy Malcolm-598, 7-Charles Davis Jr.-592, 8-Danny Faria Jr.-583, 9-Matt McCarthy-565, 10-Richard Vander Weerd-508.

FINAL USAC CALIFORNIA SPRINT WEEK POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-328, 2-Austin Williams-327, 3-Danny Faria Jr.-306, 4-R.J. Johnson-306, 5-Jake Swanson-301, 6-Brody Roa-280, 7-Charles Davis Jr.-267, 8-Ryan Bernal-246, 9-Austin Liggett-223, 10-Chris Gansen-219.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: September 21, 2019 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – Glenn Howard Classic

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AUSTIN WILLIAMS GRABS PERRIS GLENN HOWARD MEMORIAL VICTORY

PERRIS, CA – SEPTEMBER 21, 2019… Charging from ninth, The Big Game Hunter Austin Williams (Yorba Linda, CA) took the lead from The Demon Damion Gardner on the 22nd lap and claimed the 12th Annual Glenn Howard Memorial at Perris Auto Speedway.

Driving Tom and Laurie Sertich's #92 Huntington Beach Glass & Mirror / Lucas Oil DRC, Williams claimed a hard fought main event and scored his ninth career AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car victory. Jake Swanson, fast qualifier Gardner, Thunder Tommy Malcolm, and Brody Roa rounded out the top five drivers.

Matt Stewart earned the Specialty Fasteners Hard Charger Award with a seventeenth to seventh place run. Chris Bonneau claimed the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award with a thirteenth place finish in the feature.

Earlier in the program, Gardner posted his 90th career Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award with a time of 16.269 over the 21-car roster.

The night's 10-lap heat race victories went to Gardner (Extreme Mufflers First Heat), Swanson (Circle Track Performance / Ultra Shield Race Products Second Heat), and R.J. Johnson (Saldana Racing Products / Butlerbuilt Seats Third Heat).

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: September 21, 2019 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – 12th Annual Glenn Howard Classic

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Damion Gardner, 4, Alexander-16.269; 2. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-16.522; 3. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-16.563; 4. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.656; 5. Brody Roa, 42, Cheney-16.705; 6. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-16.748; 7. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.761; 8. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-16.793; 9. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-16.830; 10. Trent Williams, 52V, Williams-16.863; 11. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-16.933; 12. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-17.067; 13. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.088; 14. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-17.101; 15. Bill Rose, 6, Rose/Miller-17.287; 16. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-17.299; 17. Matt Stewart, 55, Everhart-17.437; 18. Eric Englert, 35, Englert-17.797; 19. Chris Tramel, 58, Everhart-17.954; 20. Ryan Timmons, 29T, Timmons-23.700; 21. Will Perkins, 50P, Perkins-NT.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. Cody Williams, 3. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 4. Matt Mitchell, 5. Trent Williams, 6. Steve Hix, 7. Chris Tramel. 2:53.03

CIRCLE TRACK PERFORMANCE / ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Brody Roa, 3. Matt Stewart, 4. Ryan Timmons, 5. Verne Sweeney, 6. Chris Gansen, 7. Matt McCarthy. 2:54.28

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS / BUTLERBUILT SEATS THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. R.J. Johnson, 2. Austin Williams, 3. Tommy Malcolm, 4. Bill Rose, 5. Eric Englert, 6. Chris Bonneau, 7. Will Perkins. 2:58.16

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Austin Williams (9), 2. Jake Swanson (5), 3. Damion Gardner (6), 4. Tommy Malcolm (1), 5. Brody Roa (2), 6. Chris Gansen (8), 7. Matt Stewart (17), 8. Bill Rose (15), 9. Trent Williams (10), 10. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (13), 11. Matt McCarthy (14), 12. Verne Sweeney (11), 13. Chris Bonneau (12), 14. Eric Englert (18), 15. Steve Hix (16), 16. Chris Tramel (19), 17. R.J. Johnson (4), 18. Cody Williams (7), 19. Ryan Timmons (20), 20. Matt Mitchell (3), 21. Will Perkins (21). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 Tommy Malcolm, Lap 4 Brody Roa, Laps 5-8 Tommy Malcolm, Laps 9-10 R.J. Johnson, Laps 11-21 Damion Gardner, Laps 22-30 Austin Williams.

SPECIALTY FASTENERS HARD CHARGER: Matt Stewart (17th to 7th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Chris Bonneau

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-1142, 2-Austin Williams-1083, 3-Brody Roa-1063, 4-Jake Swanson-975, 5-Chris Gansen-757, 6-Tommy Malcolm-666, 7-Matt McCarthy-608, 8-Charles Davis Jr.-592, 9-Danny Faria Jr.-583, 10-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-549.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: September 28, 2019 – Arizona Speedway – San Tan Valley, Arizona – Hall of Fame Classic – Co-Sanctioned by the USAC Sands Chevrolet Southwest Sprint Cars

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R.J. JOHNSON SPRINTS TO HALL OF FAME CLASSIC WIN AT SAN TAN VALLEY

San Tan Valley, Arizona (September 28, 2019)……Inheriting the lead with 21 laps in the books, R.J. Johnson (Laveen, AZ) raced to victory at Arizona Speedway's Hall of Fame Classic.

Driving the Bobby Martin Racing #51 Martin Auto Museum / AME Electrical Sherman, Johnson topped the $4,000 AMSOIL USAC CRA and Sands Chevrolet USAC Southwest Sprint Car main event over Stevie Sussex, fast qualifier Austin Williams, The Demon Damion Gardner, and Thunder Tommy Malcolm.

Johnson also posted the night's Specialty Fasteners / Saldana Racing Products Hard Charger Award with an eighth to first place run. The Magic Man Mike Martin scored the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award with a 13th place finish. Matt Lundy earned the AAA Car Buying 360 Bonus of the season with a 15th place finish.

The Big Game Hunter Austin Williams began the night by topping the Woodland Auto Display / Beaver Stripes Time Trials with a time of 14.903 over the 23-car roster.

The night's 10-lap heat race victories went to rookie contender Eddie Tafoya Jr. (Extreme Mufflers / Brown & Miller Racing Solutions First Heat), Jake Swanson (Circle Track Performance / Ultra Shield Race Products / Competition Suspension Inc. Second Heat), and Dennis Gile (Saldana Racing Products / Butlerbuilt Seats Third Heat).

AMSOIL USAC CRA & USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: September 28, 2019 – Arizona Speedway – San Tan Valley, Arizona – Hall of Fame Classic

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY / BEAVER STRIPES QUALIFYING: 1. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-14.903; 2. Damion Gardner, 4, Alexander-15.179; 3. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-15.291; 4. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-15.326; 5. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-15.360; 6. Brody Roa, 42, Cheney-15.417; 7. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-15.425; 8. R.J. Johnson, 51,

Martin-15.517; 9. Sterling Cling, 34, Cling-15.540; 10. Zachary Madrid, 15M, Johnson-15.542; 11. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-15.588; 12. Charles Davis Jr., 50, Davis-15.618; 13. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-15.620; 14. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-15.705; 15. Dennis Gile, 13, Gile-15.711; 16. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-15.925; 17. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-15.972; 18. Michael Curtis, 11C, Turner/Wheeler-16.084; 19. Jake Helsel, 44, Helsel-16.093; 20. Matt Stewart, 55, Everhart-16.328; 21. Matt Lundy, 98, Lundy-16.619; 22. Asa Kesterson, 18, Kesterson-16.704; 23. Stephen Sanchez, 7, Sanchez-17.104.

EXTREME MUFFLERS / BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 2. Austin Williams, 3. Zachary Madrid, 4. Tommy Malcolm, 5. Jake Helsel, 6. Chris Bonneau, 7. Chris Gansen, 8. Asa Kesterson. NT

CIRCLE TRACK PERFORMANCE / ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS / COMPETITION SUSPENSION INC. SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Damion Gardner, 3. R.J. Johnson, 4. Mike Martin, 5. Matt McCarthy, 6. Matt Stewart, 7. Steve Hix, 8. Stephen Sanchez. NT

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS / BUTLERBUILT SEATS THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Dennis Gile, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Brody Roa, 4. Stevie Sussex, 5. Sterling Cling, 6. Michael Curtis, 7. Matt Lundy. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. R.J. Johnson (8), 2. Stevie Sussex (4), 3. Austin Williams (6), 4. Damion Gardner (5), 5. Tommy Malcolm (3), 6. Zachary Madrid (10), 7. Charles Davis Jr. (12), 8. Sterling Cling (9), 9. Brody Roa (1), 10. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (13), 11. Michael Curtis (18), 12. Steve Hix (17), 13. Mike Martin (14), 14. Dennis Gile (15), 15. Matt Lundy (21), 16. Chris Gansen (16), 17. Asa Kesterson (22), 18. Jake Swanson (2), 19. Jake Helsel (19), 20. Matt McCarthy (11), 21. Matt Stewart (20), 22. Chris Bonneau (7), 23. Stephen Sanchez (23). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-6 Jake Swanson, Laps 7-11 Damion Gardner, Laps 12-21 Jake Swanson, Laps 22-30 R.J. Johnson.

**Jake Swanson flipped on lap 21 of the feature.

SPECIALTY FASTENERS / SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS HARD CHARGER: R.J. Johnson (8th to 1st)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY6 13 AWARD: Mike Martin

AAA CAR BUYING 360 BONUS: Matt Lundy

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-1215, 2-Austin Williams-1160, 3-Brody Roa-1116, 4-Jake Swanson-1012, 5-Chris Gansen-790, 6-Tommy Malcolm-732, 7-Charles Davis Jr.-651, 8-Matt McCarthy-635, 9-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-600, 10-Danny Faria Jr.-583.

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Brody Roa-828, 2-R.J. Johnson-819, 3-Stevie Sussex-777, 4-Charles Davis Jr.-717, 5-Mike Martin-655, 6-Jake Swanson-507, 7-Matt Lundy-462, 8-Matt Rossi-413, 9-Michael Curtis-401, 10-Austin Williams-401.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACES: November 7-8-9, 2019 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – 24th Annual Budweiser Oval Nationals Presented by All Coast Construction – Co-Sanctioned by the USAC AMSOIL National & USAC Sands Chevrolet Southwest Sprint Cars

NEXT USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE: October 26, 2019 – Central Arizona Speedway – Casa Grande, Arizona– Howl-O-Ween Bash

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PERRIS ELUSIVE NO MORE FOR BACON AT OVAL NATS NIGHT #1

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Perris, California (November 7, 2019)……In 26 previous USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car starts at Perris Auto Speedway, Brady Bacon was in contention in the majority of them, garnering 17 top-tens and nine top-fives between 2006 and 2018.

However, in start 27 on Thursday, Bacon finally tasted the sweet nectar of victory at the southern California ½-mile, leading all 30 laps from the pole position to capture opening night of the 24th annual Budweiser Oval Nationals presented by All Coast Construction.

“I think we’ve run second on prelim nights probably five or six times and been in the top-five a couple times on the final night, so this is awesome to get this monkey off our back,” a relieved Bacon said. “Now, we can just go ahead and win a couple more this weekend.”

The long-awaited victory couldn’t have come a moment too soon for the 2014 and 2016 series champ from Broken Arrow, Okla., who hadn’t scored a triumph with the series since a two-night sweep of Iowa’s Knoxville Raceway in July, four months ago in his Dynamics, Inc./Mean Green – Fatheadz Eyewear – Tel-Star/Triple X/Rider Chevy.

“This late in the year, this win definitely helps going into the winter,” Bacon admitted. “We had a dry spell, a little bit of bad luck, led at Lawrenceburg and stuff like that. Hopefully, we can kind of get that momentum we had earlier this summer and carry it on for the rest of the year.”

Bacon started up front and was rarely challenged throughout the duration of the 30-lapper, save for a few instances in traffic later in the battle. However, at the start, Bacon slipped under outside front row starter Chris Windom and led the charge by a car-length by the time the pair hit the back straightaway.

The first stoppage came early when the two USAC National Sprint Car title contenders, C.J. Leary and Tyler Courtney, collided in turn two on the fourth lap while battling for the fifth spot. The contact between Leary’s right rear and the left side of Courtney’s ride flattened Courtney’s left rear-tire. As Courtney scrambled to regain control of his car, Leary’s teammate, Logan Seavey, came upon the scene and struck Courtney, heavily damaging the front end of Seavey.

Both Courtney and Seavey returned to action following time in the work area. Seavey struggled to a 21st place result while Courtney charged back through the pack to take 8th, a night Courtney would soon rather forget after enduring a wild flip in turn three on the second lap of his qualifying run. Courtney’s Clauson Marshall Newman Racing team made extensive repairs to the car and returned with the very same car to win their heat a short time later.

When action resumed, Bacon jumped back out to a one-plus second lead while seven-time USAC/CRA champ Damion Gardner began to close on Windom for the runner-up position.

Nearing the midway point, and in the throes of lapped traffic, Gardner made the move to second with an inside pass of Windom in turns one and two but was stifled after encountering the lapped car of Chris Gansen on the low line of three, forcing Gardner to throttle back and allowing Windom to surge ahead on the top side for the position.

Once Windom cleared Gardner, he began to rapidly reel in Bacon as the leader surfed inside the green room of a barrel wave, trying to keep unfazed with a heavy task on his horizon.

However, just as Windom sensed the smell of blood in the water, a spin by Dennis Gile in turn three removed traffic from the equation for the time being and supplied Bacon with room to maneuver, a clear mind and a clear track ahead with the lapped car of Eddie Tafoya Jr. separating the top-two of Bacon and Windom on the restart.

Under yellow, Windom signaled for Tafoya to stay low on the track surface so the top shelf would be wide open for himself on the high line while in pursuit of Bacon. Windom resumed his chase of Bacon who held the advantage once again, but just as lapped traffic loomed, the yellow for the stopped car of three-time Oval Nationals winner and 10th running Bud Kaeding who rested backwards on the bottom berm of turn two with eight laps to go.

On lap 24, Windom came as close as he’d get all night to Bacon, pulling within a half-car length of Bacon on the bottom between turns one and two. Bacon held onto a firm Kung Fu grip of the lead exiting the second turn and began to inchworm away from Windom down the stretch.

Windom relentlessly tried to gain any ground he could to pounce on a possible Bacon misstep. But none were to be had by Bacon as Windom got above the cushion between turns three and four with four laps to go, disallowing another shot at Bacon.

Bacon finished off the deal with a 0.974 second victory, the fifth of his 2019 USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car season and the 28th of his career with the series, moving him into a tie for 14th all-time with Levi Jones and J.J. Yeley.

“I thought we had a pretty good balance there,” Bacon said. “We were good at the beginning, and still pretty good at the end. I felt like we were fading a little bit with those yellows at the end, but we’ll make some adjustments and be ready (for Friday and Saturday).”

Windom (Canton, Ill.) had a solid 2nd place run in his Parallax Group-Goacher Racing/NOS Energy Drink – Parallax Power Supply/Twister/Claxton Mopar, earning his sixth consecutive top-five finish, which is the longest current active streak in the series.

“Overall, it was a really solid night,” Windom stated. “Brady (Bacon) was better than us early on. I think, once we moved up there, we were just as good as him, but he was probably just a little better than us overall tonight. I was hoping we would stay in lapped traffic there and we could race with those guys, but he got the restarts right when he needed them. (My crew) has been working hard all night to get us in this position and I think we’ve got a good car for the rest of the weekend.”

Third-place finisher Richard Vander Weerd (Visalia, Calif.) may run a limited schedule, but he showed no inkling of any rust as he recorded his best USAC National Sprint Car feature finish since a 3rd place run on the final night of the Oval Nationals in 2016 in his Ron Vander Weerd/Vander Weerd Construction – Maxwell Industries/DRC/Shark Chevy.

“These guys run 60 races a year or more, but I’ve run probably about 15 to 20 this year so far,” Vander Weerd explained. “But I run this track a lot more. Racing a lot more is an advantage, but me running here more is an advantage too. (The car) was good at the end; we were a little too snug down in (turns) one and two, but it made up for it over in three and four where it was dry slick. Bacon and Windom are tough guys, so I can’t complain about finishing 3rd behind them.”

Gardner finished fourth while Leary rounded out the top-five and, in the process, upped his lead in the National standings from 47 to 55 over Courtney with four races remaining. Damion Gardner, likewise, extended his CRA lead as did Brody Roa in the Southwest tally.

USAC AMSOIL NATIONAL, CRA & SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: November 7, 2019 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – 24th Budweiser Oval Nationals Presented by All Coast Construction – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval

FATHEADZ EYEWEAR/WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY/BEAVER STRIPES QUALIFYING: 1. C.J. Leary, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-16.362; 2. Tyler Courtney, 7BC, Clauson Marshall Newman-16.407; 3. Damion Gardner, 4x, Alexander-16.512; 4. Richard Vander Weerd, 10, Vander Weerd-16.519; 5. Chris Windom, 5G, Parallax/Goacher-16.560; 6. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-16.591; 7. Jace Vander Weerd, 88, Vander Weerd-16.602; 8. Logan Seavey, 19L, Reinbold/Underwood-16.639; 9. Kevin Thomas Jr., 19, Hayward/Thomas-16.643; 10. Bud Kaeding, 0, Williams-16.659; 11. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-16.734; 12. Thomas Meseraull, 13m, Gile-16.740; 13. Max Adams, 73T, Ford-16.745; 14. Chase Stockon, 32, 32 TBI-16.820; 15. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.829; 16. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-16.884; 17. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-16.909; 18. Donnie Gansen, 4D, Gansen-16.949; 19. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-17.052; 20. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-17.057; 21. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-17.057; 22. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-17.060; 23. Brody Roa, 42, Cheney-17.063; 24. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-17.084; 25. Jason McDougal, 42x, Cheney-17.087; 26. Hunter Schuerenberg, 19s, Reinbold/Underwood-17.107; 27. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-17.145; 28. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-17.181; 29. Bill Rose, 6, Rose-17.252; 30. Sterling Cling, 34, Cling-17.311; 31. Dennis Gile, 13G, Gile-17.408; 32. Josh Hodges, 74x, Hodges-17.498; 33. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.610; 34. Jeremy Ellertson, 98J, Ellertson-17.654; 35. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-17.656; 36. Matt McCarthy, 28m,

McCarthy-17.671; 37. Tye Mihocko, 5, Mihocko-17.794; 38. Will Perkins, 50, Perkins-18.034; 39. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-18.715; 40. Chase Johnson, 68, Thomas-NT; 41. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-NT; 42. Frank Rodgers III, 6R, Rodgers-NT.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS/EXTREME MUFFLERS/BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Hunter Schuerenberg, 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Brady Bacon, 5. Austin Williams, 6. Chris Gansen, 7. Dennis Gile, 8. Matt McCarthy. 2:51.31

COMPETITION SUSPENSION (CSI)/CIRCLE TRACK PERFORMANCE/ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Tyler Courtney, 2. R.J. Johnson, 3. Thomas Meseraull, 4. Tommy Malcolm, 5. Jace Vander Weerd, 6. Josh Hodges, 7. Steve Hix, 8. Tye Mihocko. 2:52.85

AUTOMETER/SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS/BUTLERBUILT SEATS THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. Brody Roa, 3. Logan Seavey, 4. Austin Liggett, 5. Max Adams, 6. Donnie Gansen, 7. Eddie Tafoya Jr. 2:51.35

INDY RACE PARTS/BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS/SWAY-A-WAY RACING FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3. Chase Stockon, 4. Richard Vander Weerd, 5. Jake Swanson, 6. Bill Rose, 7. Jeremy Ellertson, 8. Joel Rayborne. NT

SWAY-A-WAY RACING FIFTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Chris Windom, 2. Cody Williams, 3. Bud Kaeding, 4. Stevie Sussex, 5. Chris Bonneau, 6. Jason McDougal, 7. Sterling Cling, 8. Chase Johnson. NT

COMPETITION SUSPENSION (CSI)/PYROTECT RACING CELLS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Max Adams, 2. Jace Vander Weerd, 3. Austin Williams, 4. Jake Swanson, 5. Chris Gansen, 6. Josh Hodges, 7. Chris Bonneau, 8. Donnie Gansen, 9. Dennis Gile, 10. Jeremy Ellertson, 11. Steve Hix, 12. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 13. Bill Rose, 14. Matt McCarthy, 15. Tye Mihocko, 16. Joel Rayborne, 17. . Frank Rodgers III. 18. Verne Sweeney. NT

BILL PRATT FEATURE: (30 laps, starting position in parentheses) 1. Brady Bacon (1), 2. Chris Windom (2), 3. Richard Vander Weerd (3), 4. Damion Gardner (4), 5. C.J. Leary (6), 6. Justin Grant (11), 7. Jace Vander Weerd (7), 8. Tyler Courtney (5), 9. Kevin Thomas Jr. (9), 10. Austin Williams (16), 11. Chase Stockon (14), 12. Hunter Schuerenberg (23), 13. Brody Roa (21), 14. Tommy Malcolm (17), 15. Jake Swanson (18), 16. Thomas Meseraull (12), 17. Bud Kaeding (10), 18. Cody Williams (15), 19. Charles Davis Jr. (22), 20. Max Adams (13), 21. Logan Seavey (8), 22. Austin Liggett (24), 23. Stevie Sussex (19), 24. R.J. Johnson (20), 25. Josh Hodges (25-P), 26. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (28-P), 27. Chris Gansen (26-P), 28. Dennis Gile (27-P). NT

(P) represents a provisional starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Brady Bacon

**Chase Johnson flipped during practice. Tyler Courtney flipped during qualifying. Jason McDougal & Sterling Cling flipped at the start of the fifth heat.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-2073, 2-Tyler Courtney-2018, 3-Chris Windom-1920, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1914, 5-Brady Bacon-1913, 6-Justin Grant-1913, 7-Chase Stockon-1804, 8-Jason McDougal-1493, 9-Carson Short-1361, 10-Isaac Chapple-1193.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-1288, 2-Austin Williams-1205, 3-Brody Roa-1160, 4-Jake Swanson-1046, 5-Chris Gansen-813, 6-Tommy Malcolm-772, 7-Charles Davis Jr.-684, 8-Matt McCarthy-645, 9-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-623, 10-R.J. Johnson-605.

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Brody Roa-941, 2-R.J. Johnson-917, 3-Stevie Sussex-856, 4-Charles Davis Jr.-823, 5-Mike Martin-655, 6-Jake Swanson-612, 7-Matt Lundy-500, 8-Austin Williams-446, 9-Chris Bonneau-444, 10-Michael Curtis-433.

USAC OVAL NATIONALS PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Hunter Schuerenberg-11, 2-Justin Grant-8, 3-Brody Roa-8, 4-Chris Bonneau-8, 5-Austin Williams-6, 6-Chris Windom-5, 7-Damion Gardner-5, 8-Tyler Courtney-5, 9-Josh Hodges-5, 10-C.J. Leary-4.

USAC OVAL NATIONALS POINTS: 1-Chris Windom-144, 2-Brady Bacon-140, 3-Damion Gardner-140, 4-Richard Vander Weerd-136, 5-C.J. Leary-135, 6-Tyler Courtney-129, 7-Justin Grant-126, 8-Jace Vander Weerd-119, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-117, 10-Chase Stockon-108.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL NATIONAL, CRA & SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR CHAMPIONSHIP RACES: November 8-9, 2019 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – 24th Budweiser Oval Nationals Presented by All Coast Construction – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval

CONTINGENCY AWARDS:

PROSOURCE HARD WORK AWARD: Austin Liggett

KSE RACING PRODUCTS/SPECIALTY FASTENERS/SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS HARD CHARGER: Hunter Schuerenberg (23rd to 12th)

WILWOOD BRAKES 13TH PLACE FINISHER: Brody Roa

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS FIRST NON-TRANSFER: Chris Gansen

ROGER & BARB TAPY 13TH FASTEST QUALIFIER: Max Adams

C.J. Leary (Fatheadz Eyewear/Woodland Auto Display/Beaver Stripes Fast Qualifier)

Justin Grant (Simpson Race Products/Extreme Muffler/Brown & Miller Racing Solutions First Heat Winner)

Tyler Courtney (Competition Suspension, Inc./Circle Track Performance/Ultra Shield Race Products Second Heat Winner)

Damion Gardner (AutoMeter/Saldana Racing Products/Butlerbuilt Seats Third Heat Winner)

Charles Davis Jr. (Indy Race Parts/Brown & Miller Racing Solutions/Sway-A-Way Racing Fourth Heat Winner)

Chris Windom (Sway-A-Way Racing Fifth Heat Winner)

Max Adams (Competition Suspension, Inc./Pyrotect Racing Cells Semi Winner)

Brady Bacon (Jack Jory Lap 15 Leader)

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BACK-TO-BACK BACON DOES IT AGAIN AT PERRIS

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Perris, California (November 8, 2019)……It took Brady Bacon 27 starts over a span of 13 years to reach victory lane for the first time at California's Perris Auto Speedway on Thursday night.

It took just 24 hours for him to capture his second on Friday at night two of the 24th annual Budweiser Oval Nationals presented by All Coast Construction.

The Broken Arrow, Okla. native delivered again on the southern California half-mile dirt oval for the second-straight night and became the first driver to repeat a USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car victory on back-to-back nights since himself in July at Iowa's Knoxville Raceway – the only driver to accomplish the feat this season.

The two-time USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car champion in 2014 and 2016 had to do it in a different style with a changed racing surface from the previous night, yet still preserved and persevered, leading all 30 laps in the process to score his sixth series win of 2019 and the 29th of his career, moving him past Levi Jones and J.J. Yeley and into a tie with Robert Ballou for 13th all-time.

“Last night was more my style of track than the one tonight which was something I don’t necessarily excel at,” Bacon admitted. “It was really rewarding, so I believe we’re prepared for whatever tomorrow night throws at us. I’m proud of my guys for working hard. We weren’t very good the last time we came here last year. We put our heads together and remembered as much as we could and put it with what we learned this year and it’s obviously a pretty good package.”

Bacon was originally slated to start 3rd on the grid, but a wild opening lap sequence would ultimately play into his favor. After the initial start was called back, the ensuing complete restart saw outside front row starter Tyler Courtney rip to the lead while pole sitter Damion Gardner slotted into second.

Exiting turn two, seven-time USAC/CRA champ Gardner ramped the K-Rail, up to the billboards, landed on his left side wheels, then bounced backward to a stop on the back straightaway. Steve Hix clipped Gardner’s front end with his right rear wheel, signaling an end to the night for Hix and forced Gardner to the work area where repairs were made before sending him back into the fray, albeit four laps down when he returned.

The outside front row spot vacated by Gardner moved Bacon to the outside of the front row. Bacon got the upper hand of Courtney on the first try before a three-car melee between turns three and four involved fast qualifier Chris Windom, National point leader C.J. Leary and Jace Vander Weerd. Vander Weerd restarted while Leary took on new left rear rubber on his damaged mount in the work area. Chris Windom, however, was not able to resume.

The third complete restart was the charm with Grant diving to the bottom and going three-wide alongside Courtney and Bacon down the front straight with Grant poking ahead into one briefly before Bacon blasted off the top to secure the lead exiting the second turn.

Grant was Bacon’s closest pursuant throughout the 30-lapper where he maintained a presence about 2-3 car lengths back of Bacon on the topside. Bacon ably pushed forward to a near one-second advantage at the halfway point with lapped traffic drawing nearer and nearer.

On the 18th lap, an opportunity presented itself for Grant as Bacon installed his navigational tactics on the lapped car of Bill Rose. Bacon was briefly caught up, and while Grant was able to reel in and catch Bacon, he wasn’t in the position to perform the pick and roll past both.

The track was quickening down the stretch with both Bacon and Grant reeling off their fastest laps of the race on the white flag lap. Bacon corralled the lapped car of Hunter Schuerenberg in the waning laps but could only stay stride-for-stride with him as Schuerenberg logged his fastest laps as well. The narrow strip of rubber right through the middle proved succulent and any mistake that pushed a driver out of the groove could prove costly track position wise.

“I tried to start feeling around, but the rubber was getting so heavy,” Bacon explained. “I figured if I couldn’t pass a lapped car, they probably couldn’t pass me, and I just tried not to slip up out of the rubber or anything. I tried entering above it and turning down to try and get a run, but it was just so narrow, you had to stay in the rubber the whole time. We took care of our tires and our car was hooked up, so I wasn’t spinning (the tires). We had plenty left, which is a testament to how hard they’ve been working and hopefully we can continue this the rest of the year.”

Bacon finished it off flawlessly, leading laps 1 through 30 for the second night in a row en route to a 0.649 second victory over Grant, Courtney, Chase Stockon and top USAC/CRA finisher Austin Williams in fifth.

Bacon, along with Courtney, Grant, Richard Vander Weerd, C.J. Leary and Chase Stockon accumulated enough points over the first two nights to lock themselves into Saturday night’s feature event where they will occupy the first three rows in the starting lineup. The lineup will be determined following the Super Six Dash – a six lap shootout involving the six drivers to determine the first six starting spots for the 40-lap finale.

USAC AMSOIL NATIONAL, CRA & SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: November 8, 2019 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – 24th Budweiser Oval Nationals Presented by All Coast Construction – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval

FATHEADZ EYEWEAR/WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY/BEAVER STRIPES QUALIFYING: 1. Chris Windom, 5G, Parallax/Goacher-16.835; 2. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-16.930; 3. Chase Stockon, 32, 32 TBI-16.946; 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 19, Hayward/Thomas-16.955; 5. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-17.121; 6. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.136; 7. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-17.146; 8. Max Adams, 73T, Ford-17.172; 9. Tyler Courtney, 7BC, Clauson Marshall Newman-17.184; 10. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-17.199; 11. Jace Vander Weerd, 88, Vander Weerd-17.222; 12. C.J. Leary, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-17.264; 13. Logan Seavey, 19L, Reinbold/Underwood-17.300; 14. Damion Gardner, 4x, Alexander-17.361; 15. Bud Kaeding, 0, Williams-17.406; 16. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-17.428; 17. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-17.445; 18. Josh Hodges, 74x, Hodges-17.470; 19. Brody Roa, 42, Cheney-17.518; 20. Hunter Schuerenberg, 19s, Reinbold/Underwood-17.594; 21. Richard Vander Weerd, 10, Vander Weerd-17.612; 22. Chase Johnson, 68, Thomas-17.615; 23. Thomas Meseraull, 13m, Gile-17.631; 24. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-17.656; 25. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-17.674; 26. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-17.690; 27. Bill Rose, 6, Rose-17.766; 28. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-17.784; 29. Donnie Gansen, 4D, Gansen-17.790; 30. Dennis Gile, 13G, Gile-17.793; 31. Tye Mihocko, 5, Mihocko-17.864; 32. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.865; 33. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-17.888; 34. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-18.024; 35. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-18.082; 36. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-18.149; 37. Sterling Cling, 34, Cling-18.328; 38. Jeremy Ellertson, 98J, Ellertson-18.383; 39. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-18.515; 40. Will Perkins, 50, Perkins-18.824; 41. Frank Rodgers III, 6R, Rodgers-19.449.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS/EXTREME MUFFLERS/BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Richard Vander Weerd, 2. R.J. Johnson, 3. Jake Swanson, 4. Stevie Sussex, 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 6. Chris Bonneau, 7. Tye Mihocko, 8. Frank Rodgers III, 9. Chris Windom. 2:52.87

COMPETITION SUSPENSION (CSI)/CIRCLE TRACK PERFORMANCE/ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Bill Rose, 2. Brady Bacon, 3. Austin Williams, 4. Jace Vander Weerd, 5. Tommy Malcolm, 6. Sterling Cling, 7. Verne Sweeney. 2.53.45

AUTOMETER/SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS/BUTLERBUILT SEATS THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Austin Liggett, 2. Thomas Meseraull, 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Chase Stockon, 5. Josh Hodges, 6. Max Adams, 7. Steve Hix, 8. Jeremy Ellertson. NT

INDY RACE PARTS/BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS/SWAY-A-WAY RACING FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Tyler Courtney, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Logan Seavey, 4. Brody Roa, 5. Kevin Thomas Jr., 6. Donnie Gansen, 7. Matt McCarthy, 8. Cody Williams. NT

SWAY-A-WAY RACING FIFTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Bud Kaeding, 2. Damion Gardner, 3. Hunter Schuerenberg, 4. Justin Grant, 5. Chris Gansen, 6. Joel Rayborne, 7. Will Perkins, 8. Dennis Gile. NT

COMPETITION SUSPENSION (CSI)/PYROTECT RACING CELLS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Chris Windom, 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3. Max Adams, 4. Tommy Malcolm, 5. Josh Hodges, 6. Cody Williams, 7. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 8. Dennis Gile, 9. Chris Gansen, 10. Steve Hix, 11. Tye Mihocko, 12. Chris Bonneau, 13. Sterling Cling, 14. Matt McCarthy, 15. Verne Sweeney, 16. Joel Rayborne, 17. Frank Rodgers III, 18. Will Perkins. 3:41.72

EVELYN PRATT FEATURE: (30 laps, starting position in parentheses) 1. Brady Bacon (3), 2. Justin Grant (4), 3. Tyler Courtney (2), 4. Chase Stockon (5), 5. Austin Williams (6), 6. Logan Seavey (13), 7. Kevin Thomas Jr. (8), 8. Richard Vander Weerd (19), 9. Bud Kaeding (14), 10. C.J. Leary (12), 11. Max Adams (9), 12. Brody Roa (17), 13. Thomas Meseraull (20), 14. Stevie Sussex (22), 15. Austin Liggett (24), 16. Jace Vander Weerd (11), 17. Jake Swanson (10), 18. Hunter Schuerenberg (18), 19. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (26-P), 20. Damion Gardner (1), 21. Bill Rose (23), 22. Josh Hodges (25-P), 23. Charles Davis Jr. (21), 24. Tommy Malcolm (16), 25. Chris Windom (7), 26. Steve Hix (27-P), 27. R.J. Johnson (15). NT

(P) represents a provisional starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Brady Bacon.

**Chase Johnson flipped during qualifying.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-2198, 2-Tyler Courtney-2090, 3-Brady Bacon-1990, 4-Justin Grant-1987, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1972, 6-Chris Windom-1947, 7-Chase Stockon-1874, 8-Jason McDougal-1493, 9-Carson Short-1361, 10-Isaac Chapple-1193.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-1318, 2-Austin Williams-1274, 3-Brody Roa-1204, 4- Jake Swanson-1081, 5-Chris Gansen-823, 6-Tommy Malcolm-796, 7-Charles Davis Jr.-714, 8-Matt McCarthy-655, 9-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-649, 10-Richard Vander Weerd-637.

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Brody Roa-985, 2-R.J. Johnson-947, 3-Stevie Sussex-896, 4-Charles Davis Jr.-853, 5-Mike Martin-655, 6-Jake Swanson-647, 7-Austin Williams-515, 8-Matt Lundy-500, 9-Chris Bonneau-454, 10-Damion Gardner-445.

USAC OVAL NATIONALS PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Richard Vander Weerd-14, 2-Brody Roa-13, 3-Justin Grant-12, 4-Chris Bonneau-12, 5-Hunter Schuerenberg-11, 6-Austin Liggett-11, 7-Logan Seavey-10, 8-Bud Kaeding-10, 9-Tyler Courtney-9, 10-Damion Gardner-8.

USAC OVAL NATIONALS POINTS: 1-Brady Bacon-283, 2-Tyler Courtney-266, 3-Justin Grant-264, 4-Richard Vander Weerd-256, 5-C.J. Leary-245, 6-Chase Stockon-242, 7-Austin Williams-239, 8-Kevin Thomas Jr.-239, 9-Damion Gardner-233, 10-Chris Windom-231.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL NATIONAL, CRA & SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: November 9, 2019 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – 24th Budweiser Oval Nationals Presented by All Coast Construction – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval

CONTINGENCY AWARDS:

PROSOURCE HARD WORK AWARD: Austin Liggett

KSE RACING PRODUCTS/SPECIALTY FASTENERS/SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS HARD CHARGER: Richard Vander Weerd (19th to 8th)

WILWOOD BRAKES 13TH PLACE FINISHER: Thomas Meseraull

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS FIRST NON-TRANSFER: Josh Hodges

ROGER & BARB TAPY 13th FASTEST QUALIFIER: Logan Seavey

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Chris Windom (Competition Suspension, Inc./Pyrotect Racing Cells Semi Winner)

Richard Vander Weerd (Simpson Race Products/Extreme Muffler/Brown & Miller Racing Solutions First Heat Winner)

Bill Rose (Competition Suspension, Inc./Circle Track Performance/Ultra Shield Race Products Second Heat Winner)

Austin Liggett (AutoMeter/Saldana Racing Products/Butlerbuilt Seats Third Heat Winner

Tyler Courtney (Indy Race Parts/Brown & Miller Racing Solutions/Sway-A-Way Racing Fourth Heat Winner)

Bud Kaeding (Sway-A-Way Racing Fifth Heat Winner)

and Brady Bacon (Jack Jory Halfway Leader)

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LEARY LANDS OVAL NATIONALS VICTORY AT PERRIS

By: Richie Murray - USAC Media

Perris, California (November 9, 2019)……In his seven previous Oval Nationals final night starts entering Saturday, C.J.

Leary had never managed a finish better than 13th, a result hardly indicative of his performances throughout the years which have been plagued by the lack of Lady Luck's presence, including a mechanical issue that sidelined him while leading with 14 laps remaining one year ago.

The 2019 edition unfolded quite differently for the Greenfield, Ind. native on this particular evening, a story void of heartache, a story filled with triumph and joy.

Leary took over the lead with 24 laps remaining and mastered a rash of late-race restarts to capture the 24th annual Budweiser Oval Nationals presented by All Coast Construction at southern California's Perris Auto Speedway.

It was a much-needed win for the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship point leader and the crew of the Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports/AME Electrical - Mesilla Valley Transportation/Spike/Foxco Chevy in a myriad of ways.

For one, almost inconceivably, it had been nearly nine months and 29 races since his most recent USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car victory. Ironically, Leary's first win of the season came in the third race of the year in Ocala, Fla. Saturday's victory at Perris came in the third race from the conclusion of the series campaign.

Secondly, it provided a boon to a team in the midst of a close championship battle where every position means everything. Leary took care of that, earning max points with the win and gained 12 points on second-place Tyler Courtney in the title pursuit, 44 up, with two races remaining on the docket.

While Leary had experienced victory lane on Oval Nationals weekend prior to Saturday, that came during the 360 sprint portion in 2014. This one is special, however, considering how close he has come since then to notching a first 410 win at The PAS.

"Man, this is awesome," Leary exclaimed. "This race, I feel like, has escaped me three or four times in the past. I got the 360 Oval Nationals deal done a long time ago, but this definitely takes the cake. The white eagle is my favorite trophy to win."

Earlier in the evening, Leary captured victory in the six lap, six-car Super Six dash to claim the pole position for the 40-lap main event. However, outside front row occupant Chase Stockon ripped the top of turns one and two to take the lead on the opening circuit where he'd remain for the first 16 trips around the ½-mile until Leary utilized a drive off the bottom of turn two to grab the lead from Stockon on lap 17.

Leary opened up a three-car-length advantage over Stockon who was now involved in a tussle for second with Courtney, Brady Bacon and Chris Windom all under a proverbial blanket. Courtney dipped into turn three underneath Stockon to gain the second spot on the 23rd go-around and set forth toward Leary.

Leary and Courtney, who swapped the lead between them four times in last year's Oval Nationals final night feature, resumed their wrestling match in traffic for the top spot. On the 26th lap, Courtney almost parked it as he closed abruptly on Leary's tail tank at the entrance of turn three. Courtney slid sideways above the cushion, losing the 2nd and 3rd positions in the ensuing two laps to Stockon, then Bacon.

Thursday and Friday Perris winner Bacon was suddenly the man on the move as he began to track down Stockon for the second position until lap 29 when, unrelatedly, Max Adams came to a stop in turn two, necessitating a yellow flag. As

Stockon slowed for the yellow, the trailing Bacon ramped over Stockon's left rear wheel and slid backwards to a stop without making wall contact. However, his bid for an Oval Nationals sweep was denied. He restarted from the tail, and eventually, worked his way back to a 12th place result at the checkered.

Down the stretch, several cautions wreaked havoc on Leary's flow with a flat right rear on teammate Logan Seavey's ride on lap 31, an Austin Liggett turn four flip on the 35th lap, a Justin Grant turn four spin on lap 37 and a debris caution for the exodus of bodywork on the nose of Damion Gardner's silver bullet. However, each time a stoppage occurred, Leary was superb on the restart, jaunting out to a three to four car length advantage each time, for which no other seemed to have an answer.

Chris Windom had worked his way underneath Stockon on the 33rd lap to get into contention with Leary yet had to contend with preserving his second spot from the onslaught of attacks from both Stockon and Gardner in the waning laps, which went all to Leary's benefit as he closed out his ninth career series victory with a 1.624 second interval over Windom, Gardner, Stockon and Courtney.

Leary's ninth USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car victory tied him with Mario Andretti, Hunter Schuerenberg and Robbie Stanley for 51st on the all-time series win list while also supplying Davey Jones with his sixth career Oval Nationals feature score as a crew chief.

"I never really thought we would've just run the bottom the whole time but figured we'd make the switch to the top and I just kept pulling away. Davey was giving some good hand signals from the trailer," Leary recalled. "He and I put a lot of time into these racecars and to come out here and win this one is (sweet)."

A roller coaster Oval Nationals for Windom (Canton, Ill.) saw him finishing 2nd twice this weekend following Thursday and Saturday's runner-up results while a 25th place run is sandwiched between the two nights that wound up with a seemingly successful, yet bittersweet night for the 2010 Oval Nationals winner.

"We're definitely happy, but it's a little frustrating," Windom admitted. "I feel like we run second or third every year and have some sort of issue that puts us starting in the fourth or fifth row. Overall, we've overcame a lot in the last 24 hours. Everybody on this team has done a phenomenal job all weekend to get us here."

"I didn't have anything for C.J., obviously, at the end," Windom added. "I felt like I did in the middle part of the race when I was passing guys. One of those late race cautions, I don't know if our right rear tire sealed over or what happened for sure, but I had no grip to the center of the corner anymore and he could just pull through three and four so much better. I just couldn't get there."

Three-time Oval Nationals victor Damion Gardner (Concord, Calif.) came away with a third-place run, continuing his streak of top-ten finishes on Saturday night of the event to 11 years running that came one night after an uncharacteristic early race incident took him out of contention while running second.

"It's points, it's winning the Oval Nationals, all the cautions and running out of fuel is always a concern, then the hood blew off. I was really worried that would be the two laps I needed to finish the race," Gardner said. "Last year, we literally sputtered to the checkered and that was a lot of drama there, so I was worried about that."

"We were just really good the whole race," Gardner continued. "It was kind of tacky early, but at the end, we were really making ground. I got hung up behind a couple guys at the beginning and they were just kind of all over, and it took me awhile to break free. Once I broke free, I ran those guys down from pretty far back. I knew they would be tough, there were five of them, so I just had to be patient, but that was all I had, that was it, I gave it all I had. I just didn't need the cautions at the end."

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FATHEADZ EYEWEAR/WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY/BEAVER STRIPES QUALIFYING: 1. Damion Gardner, 4x, Alexander-16.362; 2. Max Adams, 73T, Ford-16.406; 3. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-16.491; 4. Jace Vander Weerd, 88, Vander Weerd-16.527; 5. Kevin Thomas Jr., 19, Hayward/Thomas-16.543; 6. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-16.553; 7. Chris Windom, 5G, Parallax/Goacher-16.560; 8. Logan Seavey, 19L, Reinbold/Underwood-16.684; 9. Bud Kaeding, 0, Williams-16.720; 10. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-16.752; 11. Thomas Meseraull, 13m, Gile-16.777; 12. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-16.782; 13. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-16.827; 14. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-16.853; 15. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-16.908; 16. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.914; 17. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-16.919; 18. Bill Rose, 6, Rose-16.929; 19. Brody Roa, 42, Cheney-16.959; 20. Josh Hodges, 74x, Hodges-16.992; 21. Sterling Cling, 34, Cling-17.015; 22. Hunter Schuerenberg, 19s, Reinbold/Underwood-17.070; 23. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-17.077; 24. Dennis Gile, 13G, Gile-17.151; 25. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.153; 26. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-17.160; 27. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.399; 28. Tye Mihocko, 5, Mihocko-17.643; 29. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-17.818; 30. Will Perkins, 50, Perkins-18.902; 31. Frank Rodgers III, 6R, Rodgers-NT.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS/EXTREME MUFFLERS/BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-2 transfer to the feature) 1. Austin Liggett, 2. Damion Gardner, 3. Bud Kaeding, 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 5. Sterling Cling, 6. Steve Hix, 7. Verne Sweeney, 8. Joel Rayborne. 2:56.98

COMPETITION SUSPENSION (CSI)/CIRCLE TRACK PERFORMANCE/ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-2 transfer to the feature) 1. Max Adams, 2. Jake Swanson, 3. Stevie Sussex, 4. Tommy Malcolm, 5. Hunter Schuerenberg, 6. Chris Gansen, 7. Bill Rose, 8. Will Perkins. 2:54.48

AUTOMETER/SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS/BUTLERBUILT SEATS THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-2 transfer to the feature) 1. Thomas Meseraull, 2. Chris Windom, 3. R.J. Johnson, 4. Austin Williams, 5. Brody Roa, 6. Chris Bonneau, 7. Eddie Tafoya Jr. 2:56.65

INDY RACE PARTS/BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS/SWAY-A-WAY RACING FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-2 transfer to the feature) 1. Jace Vander Weerd, 2. Logan Seavey, 3. Josh Hodges, 4. Charles Davis Jr., 5. Cody Williams, 6. Dennis Gile. 2:56.28

SWAY-A-WAY RACING SUPER SIX DASH: (6 laps, finishing order sets first three rows of the feature) 1. C.J. Leary (#19AZ Reinbold/Underwood), 2. Chase Stockon (#32 32 TBI), 3. Justin Grant (#4 TOPP), 4. Brady Bacon (#69 Dynamics), 5. Tyler Courtney (#7BC Clauson Marshall Newman), 6. Richard Vander Weerd (#10 Vander Weerd). 1:43.99

COMPETITION SUSPENSION (CSI)/PYROTECT RACING CELLS FIRST SEMI: (12 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Austin Williams, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Bud Kaeding, 4. Hunter Schuerenberg, 5. R.J. Johnson, 6. Bill Rose, 7. Dennis Gile, 8. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 9. Verne Sweeney, 10. Steve Hix, 11. Will Perkins. 3:30.37

COMPETITION SUSPENSION (CSI)/PYROTECT RACING CELLS SECOND SEMI: (12 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Brody Roa, 3. Stevie Sussex, 4. Cody Williams, 5. Tommy Malcolm, 6. Chris Bonneau, 7. Chris Gansen, 8. Sterling Cling, 9. Joel Rayborne, 10. Josh Hodges. 3:29.16

FEATURE: (40 laps, starting position in parentheses) 1. C.J. Leary (1), 2. Chris Windom (8), 3. Damion Gardner (7), 4. Chase Stockon (2), 5. Tyler Courtney (5), 6. Kevin Thomas Jr. (16), 7. Jake Swanson (13), 8. Austin Williams (15), 9. Richard Vander Weerd (6), 10. Bud Kaeding (17), 11. Jace Vander Weerd (9), 12. Brady Bacon (4), 13. Thomas Meseraull (11), 14. R.J. Johnson (21), 15. Tommy Malcolm (22), 16. Charles Davis Jr. (19), 17. Max Adams (12), 18. Logan Seavey (10), 19. Justin Grant (3), 20. Stevie Sussex (20), 21. Josh Hodges (23-P), 22. Cody Williams (24), 23. Chris Gansen (25-P), 24. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (26-P), 25. Austin Liggett (14), 26. Brody Roa (18), 27. Chris Bonneau (28-P), 28. Hunter Schuerenberg (27). NT

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FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-16 Chase Stockon, Laps 17-40 C.J. Leary.

**Austin Liggett flipped on lap 35 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-2192, 2-Tyler Courtney-2148, 3-Brady Bacon-2029, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2027, 5-Chris Windom-2020, 6-Justin Grant-2012, 7-Chase Stockon-1935, 8-Jason McDougal-1493, 9-Carson Short-1361, 10-Isaac Chapple-1193.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-1382, 2-Austin Williams-1323, 3-Brody Roa-1227, 4- Jake Swanson-1138, 5-Chris Gansen-846, 6-Tommy Malcolm-829, 7-Charles Davis Jr.-745, 8-Richard Vander Weerd-683, 9- Eddie Tafoya Jr.-672, 10-R.J. Johnson-670.

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Brody Roa-1008, 2-R.J. Johnson-982, 3-Stevie Sussex-919, 4-Charles Davis Jr.-884, 5-Jake Swanson-699, 6-Mike Martin-655, 7-Austin Williams-564, 8-Damion Gardner-509, 9- Matt Lundy-500, 10-Chris Bonneau-477.

FINAL USAC OVAL NATIONALS PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Bud Kaeding-17, 2-Austin Williams-15, 3-Kevin Thomas Jr., 4-Damion Gardner-14, 5-Richard Vander Weerd-14, 6-Jake Swanson-14, 7-Justin Grant-13, 8-Brody Roa-13, 9-Chris Bonneau-13, 10-Chris Windom-12.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL NATIONAL, CRA & SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR CHAMPIONSHIP RACES: November 15-16, 2019 – Arizona Speedway – San Tan Valley, Arizona – 52nd Western World Championships Presented by San Tan Ford – 1/3-Mile Dirt Oval

CONTINGENCY AWARDS:

PROSOURCE HARD WORK AWARD: Cody Williams

TONY JONES/KSE RACING PRODUCTS/SPECIALTY FASTENERS/SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS HARD CHARGER: Kevin Thomas Jr. (16th to 6th)

WILWOOD BRAKES 13TH PLACE FINISHER: Thomas Meseraull

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS FIRST NON-TRANSFERS: Bill Rose & Chris Bonneau

ROGER & BARB TAPY 13TH FASTEST QUALIFIER: Austin Liggett

Damion Gardner (Fatheadz Eyewear/Woodland Auto Display/Beaver Stripes Fast Qualifier)

Austin Liggett (Simpson Race Products/Extreme Muffler/Brown & Miller Racing Solutions First Heat Winner)

Max Adams (Competition Suspension, Inc./Circle Track Performance/Ultra Shield Race Products Second Heat Winner)

Thomas Meseraull (AutoMeter/Saldana Racing Products/Butlerbuilt Seats Third Heat Winner)

Jace Vander Weerd (Indy Race Parts/Brown & Miller Racing Solutions/Sway-A-Way Racing Fourth Heat Winner)

Austin Williams (Competition Suspension, Inc./Pyrotect Racing Cells Semi Winner)

Kevin Thomas Jr. (Competition Suspension, Inc./Pyrotect Racing Cells Semi Winner)

C.J. Leary (Sway-A-Way Racing Super Six Dash Winner)

C.J. Leary (Jack Jory Halfway Leader)

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SUNSHINE SURVIVES AND THRIVES IN WESTERN WORLD SPRINT OPENER

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

San Tan Valley, Arizona (November 15, 2019)……Entering the final weekend of the year trailing by 44 points in the USAC AMSOIL National standings, Tyler Courtney's goal was simple. Win a championship.

Simple enough. But to do that, you've got to persevere under pressure and tense situations that may arise around you. You've also got to avoid catastrophe whether it's by your own doing or avoiding the calamities around you in order to maximize your points.

Courtney checked all those boxes on Friday night in the opener for the 52nd annual Western World Championships presented by San Tan Ford at Arizona Speedway to win his eighth series feature of 2019 and the 25th of his career, tying him with Steve Butler, Jay Drake and Chris Windom for 20th all-time.

"We came here this weekend to do one thing, and that's win a championship," Courtney reiterated. "You've got to do that by winning races. We may have fallen into one a little bit here, but you've got to be lucky just as much as you've got to be good."

Courtney, the defending Western World champion, started the feature from 5th, where he had a front row seat for a 30-lap war of attrition that plagued many of the front runners for a variety of reasons.

Chris Windom mostly dominated from the pole position for much of the first half of the event following a lap one stoppage for fast qualifier and heat race one winner Logan Seavey who slowed with a mechanical issue on the opening circuit and was sidelined for the remainder of the evening.

In reverse of the midget race that proceeded the sprint feature, the groove was up on the fence where Windom led the charge around the 1/3-mile dirt oval while National championship contenders Courtney and point leader C.J. Leary ran 6th and 11th, respectively, with Courtney throwing a shower of sparks from brakes in the turns for the time being.

Just before midway, second-running Justin Grant had caught Windom, taking a peek underneath Windom on both ends of the track just as the ring of rubber began to take hold on the top side.

Grant successfully made the pass of Windom stick in turn one on the 17th lap with the two making contact, Grant's rear to Windom's front bumper. Windom fell back behind Grant, but it didn't take long for him to fire his next shot in turn one two laps later to reclaim the lead.

On the 21st lap, Grant brought the heat once again with a turn one slider across the nose of Windom to secure the top spot with less than 10 to go. Grant became the locomotive pulling the train with Windom and midget feature winner Kevin Thomas Jr. now closing in rapidly in third.

On the very next lap, the unthinkable happened. As the top-three entered the middle of turns one and two, they approached the lapped car of Kyle Shipley, whose right rear tire was pouring smoke off the corners. As Shipley rounded turn two, he drifted high off the rubber, half-spinning right into the path of not only Grant, but also second-running Windom, third-place Thomas and fourth place Schuerenberg, who all plowed into Shipley's stopped car.

Just behind, resting near the outside turn two wall was 10th running Chase Stockon and point leader Leary. With only nine laps remaining, Leary's pursuit of a championship seemed to be in peril. However, he restarted and managed to wheel back to 6th at the checkered following a slew of attrition and tire wear that developed down the stretch.

Windom and Schuerenberg were out, and Thomas dropped out a few laps later, while Grant, Leary, Stockon rejoined the fray. USAC/CRA Sprint standout Austin Williams inherited the lead with Brady Bacon and Courtney now residing in his shadow.

However, Williams bid for a first career USAC National feature win came to a bitter end with just five laps to go as his right rear tire gave way in turn 4 while a melee involving the cars of Jake Swanson, Thomas Meseraull, Max Adams, Brody Roa and a helicoptering R.J. Johnson ensued behind him.

The restart put Bacon up front ahead of Courtney. Bacon assumed control, setting the pace until three laps to go when 19th running Chris Gansen slowed to a stop in turn four with a flat right rear of his own. When racing resumed, 4th running Damion Gardner and 12th place Kevin Thomas Jr. were the next to fall to the wayside with flat tires. Under caution, the cords on Bacon's right rear became readily apparent, thus placing him in the unenviable role of sitting duck on the lap 29 restart.

Courtney smelled blood in the water and went on the offensive, sliding underneath Bacon in turn one to grab the lead. Just mere moments later, Bacon slowed to a crawl with the plodding sound of flat right rear rubber entering his ear.

Courtney was now in his Shangri-La for the final restart and where he'd stay for good, encountering no trouble at the end en route to victory over a hard-charging Justin Grant, who returned from the earlier incident to finish 2nd. Jason McDougal was 3rd ahead of KSE Racing Products Hard Charger Charles Davis Jr. in 4th (from 16th) and Stevie Sussex rounding out the top-five.

With the victory, Courtney has now closed the gap to 26 entering Saturday's finale in the race for the 2019 USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car championship.

"Our team hasn't given up all year," Courtney praised the crew of his Clauson-Marshall-Newman Racing/NOS Energy Drink – Competition Suspension, Inc./Spike/Rider Chevy. "We've been behind the eight ball ever since the first race in Florida when we ran 18th, but these guys never give up and they gave me a great racecar again. One more night to try and seal this deal up and we're just excited about the momentum we've got."

USAC AMSOIL NATIONAL, CRA & SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: November 15, 2019 – Arizona Speedway – San Tan Valley, Arizona – 52nd Western World Championships Presented by San Tan Ford – 1/3-Mile Dirt Oval

FATHEADZ EYEWEAR/WOODLAND AUTODISPLAY/BEAVER STRIPES QUALIFYING: 1. Logan Seavey, 19L, Reinbold/Underwood-14.763; 2. Hunter Schuerenberg, 19s, Reinbold/Underwood-14.881; 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 19, Hayward/Thomas-14.960; 4. Tyler Courtney, 7BC, Clauson Marshall Newman-14.967; 5. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-15.008; 6. Chase Stockon, 32, 32 TBI-15.057; 7. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-15.064; 8. Chris Windom, 5G, Parallax/Goacher-15.072; 9. Jason McDougal, 34, Grau-15.105; 10. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-15.113; 11. C.J. Leary, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-15.157; 12. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-15.182; 13. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-15.191; 14. Josh Hodges, 74x, Hodges-15.205; 15. Damion Gardner, 4x, Alexander-15.217; 16. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-15.252; 17. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-15.259; 18. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-15.266; 19. Dustin Clark, 75, Clark-15.266; 20. Thomas Meseraull, 13m, Gile-15.281; 21. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-15.286; 22. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-15.332; 23. Max Adams, 42, Cheney-15.339; 24. Tanner Carrick, 83T, Carrick-15.446; 25. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-15.447; 26. Dennis Gile, 13G, Gile-15.540; 27. Sterling Cling, 34c, Cling-15.541; 28. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-15.628; 29. Matt Rossi, 02, Rossi-15.696; 30. Kyle Shipley, 0G, Shipley-15.698; 31. Tye Mihocko, 5, Mihocko-15.816; 32. Michael Curtis, 11c, Turner/Wheeler-15.867; 33. Frank Rodgers III, 6R, Rodgers-16.957; 34. Noah Gass, 20G, Gass-NT; 35. Zack Madrid, 15m, Johnson-NT.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS/EXTREME MUFFLERS/BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Seavey, 2. Jason McDougal, 3. Chris Gansen, 4. Justin Grant, 5. Stevie Sussex, 6. Chris Bonneau, 7. Frank Rodgers III, 8. Eddie Tafoya Jr. NT

COMPETITION SUSPENSION (CSI)/CIRCLE TRACK PERFORMANCE/ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Chase Stockon, 3. Jake Swanson, 4. Brody Roa, 5. Hunter Schuerenberg, 6. Josh Hodges, 7. Kyle Shipley, 8. Dennis Gile, 9. Noah Gass. 2:06.413

AUTOMETER/SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS/BUTLERBUILT SEATS THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. Damion Gardner, 3. Max Adams, 4. Austin Williams, 5. Kevin Thomas Jr., 6. Dustin Clark, 7. Sterling Cling, 8. Tye Mihocko. 2:04.285 (New Track Record)

INDY RACE PARTS/BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS/SWAY-A-WAY RACING FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Tyler Courtney, 2. Thomas Meseraull, 3. Brady Bacon, 4. Chris Windom, 5. R.J. Johnson, 6. Tommy Malcolm, 7. Tanner Carrick, 8. Michael Curtis. 2:05.195

COMPETITION SUSPENSION (CSI)/PYROTECT RACING CELLS SEMI: (12 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Josh Hodges, 3. Hunter Schuerenberg, 4. R.J. Johnson, 5. Dustin Clark, 6. Kyle Shipley, 7. Chris Bonneau, 8. Stevie Sussex, 9. Dennis Gile, 10. Tanner Carrick, 11. Michael Curtis, 12. Tye Mihocko, 13. Noah Gass, 14. Frank Rodgers III, 15. Tommy Malcolm, 16. Sterling Cling, 17. Eddie Tafoya Jr. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting position in parentheses) 1. Tyler Courtney (5), 2. Justin Grant (4), 3. Jason McDougal (9), 4. Charles Davis Jr. (16), 5. Stevie Sussex (24-P), 6. C.J. Leary (11), 7. Josh Hodges (13), 8. Chase Stockon (3), 9. Austin Williams (2), 10. Tommy Malcolm (23-P), 11. Jake Swanson (10), 12. Thomas Meseraull (18), 13. Damion Gardner (14), 14. R.J. Johnson (15), 15. Max Adams (21), 16. Chris Gansen (19), 17. Brady Bacon (12), 18. Kevin Thomas Jr. (8), 19. Brody Roa (20), 20. Chris Windom (1), 21. Hunter Schuerenberg (7), 22. Kyle Shipley (22), 23. Dustin Clark (17), 24. Logan Seavey (6). NT

(P) represents a provisional starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-16 Chris Windom, Laps 17-18 Justin Grant, Laps 19-20 Chris Windom, Lap 21 Justin Grant, Laps 22-25 Austin Williams, Laps 26-28 Brady Bacon, Laps 29-30 Tyler Courtney.

**Justin Grant flipped during the first heat. Sterling Cling flipped during the semi.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-2255, 2-Tyler Courtney-2229, 3-Justin Grant-2086, 4-Brady Bacon-2064, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2062, 6-Chris Windom-2048, 7-Chase Stockon-1992, 8-Jason McDougal-1564, 9-Carson Short-1361, 10-Isaac Chapple-1193.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-1426. 2-Austin Williams-1374, 3-Brody Roa-1257, 4- Jake Swanson-1180, 5-Chris Gansen-883, 6-Tommy Malcolm-872, 7-Charles Davis Jr.-814, 8-R.J. Johnson-706, 9-Richard Vander Weerd-683, 10-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-682.

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Brody Roa-1038, 2-R.J. Johnson-1018, 3-Stevie Sussex-977, 4-Charles Davis Jr.-953, 5-Jake Swanson-746, 6-Mike Martin-655, 7-Austin Williams-615, 8-Damion Gardner- 553, 9-Matt Lundy-500, 10-Chris Bonneau-487.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL NATIONAL, CRA & SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: November 16, 2019 – Arizona Speedway – San Tan Valley, Arizona – 52nd Western World Championships Presented by San Tan Ford – 1/3-Mile Dirt Oval

CONTINGENCY AWARDS:

KSE RACING PRODUCTS/SPECIALTY FASTENERS/SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS HARD CHARGER: Charles Davis Jr. (16th to 4th)

WILWOOD BRAKES 13TH PLACE FINISHER: Damion Gardner

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS FIRST NON-TRANSFER: Chris Bonneau

ROGER & BARB TAPY 13TH FASTEST QUALIFIER: Eddie Tafoya Jr.

Tyler Courtney (Indy Race Parts/Brown & Miller Racing Solutions/Sway-a-Way Racing Fourth Heat Winner)

Charles Davis Jr. (Competition Suspension, Inc./Circle Track Performance/Ultra Shield Second Heat Winner)

C.J. Leary (AutoMeter/Saldana Racing Products/Butlerbuilt Seats Third Heat Winner)

Logan Seavey (Fatheadz Eyewear/Woodland Auto Display/Beaver Stripes Fast Qualifier)

Logan Seavey (Simpson Race Products/Extreme Mufflers/Brown & Miller Racing Solutions First Heat Winner)

Kevin Thomas Jr. (Competition Suspension, Inc./Pyrotect Racing Cells Semi Winner)

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COURTNEY SPRINTS TO BACK-TO-BACK WESTERN WORLD WINS

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

San Tan Valley, Arizona (November 16, 2019)……One year ago, Tyler Courtney had a view from the other side of the spectrum at the season finale. There, his nearest combatant in the title chase collected a feature win while he celebrated a USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car championship.

Saturday's 2019 season finale at Arizona Speedway found the Indianapolis, Ind. in the polar opposite position where he was the one standing in victory lane with a tinge of bittersweetness surrounding him. He earned a second-straight Western World Championships Sprint Car crown, and second victory in as many nights, but in the end, came up 18 points shy of a second-straight series crown behind C.J. Leary.

While Courtney was elated in one sense by picking up his series-leading ninth victory of the 2019 season and the 26th of his USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car career, tying him with Tony Elliott and Dave Steele for 18th all-time, he couldn't help but have the end result of the championship weigh on his mind before a celebration of victory came to mind.

"What's going through my mind is that we lost the championship," Courtney said. "These guys worked their tails off all year to put us in contention for it. For the year, we just didn't get it there. We know what it's like to be the champions and especially for the first time, it's truly something special and I hope they get to enjoy it."

Entering the 30-lap feature, that landscape had been laid out. If Leary finished 11th or better, the championship would be his regardless of where Courtney finished. With that on his mind, Courtney took care of the aspect he was fully in control of.

"I told (the crew) before the feature pushed off that I was going to bring back either the trophy or the steering wheel," Courtney explained. "We brought home the trophy. To sweep the weekend in a sprint car is really cool. To win Western World in back-to-back years is pretty cool too. But second in the championship sucks. We did all we could do. We came out here and we won the race tonight. That's nothing to hang our head on. For the season, nine wins on the year is pretty special. Winning any USAC race is tough with the competition we have year-in and year-out. It's incredible."

Courtney started fifth and worked his way into third by the opening lap and into the runner-up spot by lap five while pole sitter Josh Hodges, then the evening's midget feature winner Brady Bacon, exchanged control at the front of the field.

On the 13th lap, Bacon ripped into traffic, threading needles as he scooted around the outside of Chris Gansen off turn four to escape a rapidly closing Courtney who, just moments before, had trailed by 1.5 sec., but had whittled it down to breadcrumbs by the halfway mark.

Courtney ran down Bacon in traffic, sliding underneath the two-time series champ between turns three and four to nab the position. Bacon immediately went back to work on the bottom of turn one under Courtney and emerged as the new leader at the exit of turn two.

Courtney had momentum in his back pocket, catching up to race side-by-side with Bacon into turn three on lap 17 where the two touched wheels – Bacon's right rear and Courtney's left rear – popping Courtney airborne before landing on all fours and continuing on, albeit while watching Bacon drive back by to the lead.

Courtney immediately jumped back on the bull and made a beeline from the top of turn four to the middle of turn one where the two nearly made contact again as Bacon slid above the cushion. However, Bacon made a quick recovery and turned down off two to dart back under Courtney and into the lead by turn three. The following lap was a rinse and repeat situation as Courtney slid Bacon in one while Bacon ducked back under and reassumed the top spot off two.

On the 20th lap, Bacon raced into one with Courtney a half car length behind. This time, the last car on the lead lap, Charles Davis Jr., was to the outside of Bacon between turns one and two. As Bacon drifted to the inside of Davis, he wasn't able to slide all the way to the curb in order to propel him down the back straightaway. As Bacon slid through the middle, Courtney stuck the line under Bacon and opened up an eight-car-length advantage with ten laps remaining.

By lap 25, however, Bacon had reeled in Courtney to within a couple car lengths distance when Justin Grant and Jason McDougal found trouble in turn two. Grant landed upside down and walked to the ambulance under his own power for further observation.

During the red flag period, steam began to pour from Courtney's resting car, which was revealed to be a result of a hole in the radiator. Earlier in the night, Courtney and the team qualified fourth, but were forced to swap out the engine before their heat race in the Clauson-Marshall-Newman Racing/NOS Energy Drink – Competition Suspension, Inc./Spike/Rider Chevy.

Friday night's Western World midget winner Kevin Thomas Jr. was the man on the move on the lap 25 restart, sliding past Bacon in turn one for the second position as Bacon faded into a distant third. Meanwhile, Courtney had gapped Thomas and Bacon to the tune of two seconds until a last lap yellow for a flat left rear tire on Chase Stockon necessitated a yellow flag.

A green-white-checkered finish wasn't enough to knock Courtney off his game as he utilized a solid restart to distance himself from the pack once and for all, taking the checkered by a 1.299 sec. margin over Thomas, Bacon, Chris Windom and C.J. Leary, whose fifth place finish secured himself a USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car driver championship.

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FATHEADZ EYEWEAR/WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY/BEAVER STRIPES QUALIFYING: 1. C.J. Leary, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-15.007; 2. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-15.007; 3. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-15.010; 4. Tyler Courtney, 7BC, Clauson Marshall Newman-15.020; 5. Damion Gardner, 4x, Alexander-15.073; 6. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-15.079; 7. Kevin Thomas Jr., 19, Hayward/Thomas-15.089; 8. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-15.093; 9. Josh Hodges, 74x, Hodges-15.100; 10. Logan Seavey, 19L, Reinbold/Underwood-15.105; 11. Chris Windom, 5G, Parallax/Goacher-15.153; 12. Eric Wilkins, 34w, Grau/Burkhart-15.182; 13. Jason McDougal, 34, Grau-15.233; 14. Hunter Schuerenberg, 19s, Reinbold/Underwood-15.271; 15. Chase Stockon, 32, 32 TBI-15.290; 16. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-15.329; 17. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-15.366; 18. Dustin Clark, 75, Clark-15.378; 19. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-15.420; 20. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-15.422; 21. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-15.440; 22. Thomas Meseraull, 13m, Gile-15.502; 23. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-15.502; 24. Kyle Shipley, 0G, Shipley-15.543; 25. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-15.596; 26. Zack Madrid, 51m, Johnson-15.607; 27. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-15.610; 28. Dennis Gile, 13G, Gile-15.721; 29. Michael Curtis, 11c, Turner/Wheeler-15.744; 30. Tanner Carrick, 83T, Carrick-15.795; 31. Noah Gass, 20G, Gass-16.014; 32. Frank Rodgers III, 6R, Rodgers-16.472.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS/EXTREME MUFFLERS/BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. Austin Williams, 3. Damion Gardner, 4. Josh Hodges, 5. Charles Davis Jr., 6. Jason McDougal, 7. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 8. Michael Curtis. NT

COMPETITION SUSPENSION (CSI)/CIRCLE TRACK PERFORMANCE/ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Dustin Clark, 2. Logan Seavey, 3. Hunter Schuerenberg, 4. Thomas Meseraull, 5. Jake Swanson, 6. Tommy Malcolm, 7. Zack Madrid. 8. Tanner Carrick. 2:07.366

AUTOMETER/SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS/BUTLERBUILT SEATS THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. R.J. Johnson, 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3. Chris Windom, 4. Chase Stockon, 5. Justin Grant, 6. Brody Roa, 7. Stevie Sussex, 8. Noah Gass. 2:07.655

INDY RACE PARTS/BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS/SWAY-A-WAY RACING FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Brady Bacon, 2. Tyler Courtney, 3. Eric Wilkins, 4. Chris Bonneau, 5. Chris Gansen, 6. Kyle Shipley, 7. Dennis Gile, 8. Frank Rodgers III. 2:08.698

COMPETITION SUSPENSION (CSI)/PYROTECT RACING CELLS SEMI: (12 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Brody Roa, 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 5. Jason McDougal, 6. Chris Gansen, 7. Dennis Gile, 8. Charles Davis Jr., 9. Zack Madrid, 10. Tanner Carrick, 11. Tommy Malcolm, 12. Kyle Shipley, 13. Noah Gass, 14. Michael Curtis, 15. Frank Rodgers III, 16. Stevie Sussex. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting position in parentheses) 1. Tyler Courtney (5), 2. Kevin Thomas Jr. (3), 3. Brady Bacon (2), 4. Chris Windom (10), 5. C.J. Leary (6), 6. Damion Gardner (4), 7. Josh Hodges (1), 8. Jake Swanson (8), 9. Logan Seavey (9), 10. Brody Roa (22), 11. Stevie Sussex (23-P), 12. R.J. Johnson (18), 13. Austin Williams (20), 14. Chase Stockon (13), 15. Thomas Meseraull (21), 16. Eric Wilkins (11), 17. Dustin Clark (17), 18. Chris Gansen (14), 19. Chris Bonneau (19), 20. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (15), 21. Justin Grant (7), 22. Jason McDougal (16), 23. Charles Davis Jr. (24-P), 24. Hunter Schuerenberg (12). NT

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FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Josh Hodges, Laps 2-15 Brady Bacon, Lap 16 Tyler Courtney, Laps 17-19 Brady Bacon, Laps 20-30 Tyler Courtney.

**Justin Grant flipped on lap 25 of the feature.

FINAL USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-2327, 2-Tyler Courtney-2309, 3-Brady Bacon-2136, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2136, 5-Justin Grant-2116, 6-Chris Windom-2115, 7-Chase Stockon-2032, 8-Jason McDougal-1588, 9-Carson Short-1361, 10-Isaac Chapple-1193.

FINAL AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-1489, 2-Austin Williams-1418, 3-Brody Roa-1302, 4- Jake Swanson-1234, 5-Chris Gansen-911, 6-Tommy Malcolm-887, 7-Charles Davis Jr.-837, 8-R.J. Johnson-753, 9-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-706, 10-Richard Vander Weerd-683.

FINAL USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Brody Roa-1083, 2-R.J. Johnson-1065, 3-Stevie Sussex-1018, 4-Charles Davis Jr.-976, 5-Jake Swanson-800, 6-Austin Williams-659, 7-Mike Martin-655, 8-Damion Gardner- 616, 9-Chris Bonneau-517, 10-Matt Lundy-500.

CONTINGENCY AWARDS:

KSE RACING PRODUCTS/SPECIALTY FASTENERS/SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS HARD CHARGER: Brody Roa (22nd to 10th)

WILWOOD BRAKES 13TH PLACE FINISHER: Austin Williams

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS FIRST NON-TRANSFER: Dennis Gile

ROGER & BARB TAPY 13TH FASTEST QUALIFIER: Jason McDougal

Brady Bacon (Indy Race Parts/Brown & Miller Racing Solutions/Sway-a-Way Racing Fourth Heat Winner)

Dustin Clark (Competition Suspension, Inc./Circle Track Performance/Ultra Shield Second Heat Winner)

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Jake Swanson (Competition Suspension, Inc./Pyrotect Racing Cells Semi Winner)