2021 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SEASON

Gardner Plants 8th Consecutive USAC CRA Sprint Title in 2021

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Rich Vogler, A.J. Foyt, Sleepy Tripp, Mel Kenyon, Dave Darland, Bryan Clauson and now Damion Gardner.

In 2021, Gardner (Concord, Calif.) added his name to this exclusive cast of seven drivers to reach 100 career USAC feature victories, adding six more scores during the season.

Moreover, his 8th consecutive series championship, and 9th overall with the AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car Series, made Gardner one of just six individuals to collect at least nine career USAC driving titles, a company he keeps with Foyt, Clauson, Vogler, Tripp and Tony Hunt.

The Concord, Calif. native won three of his six at California's Perris Auto Speedway in April and June with number 100 arriving in October. A win at Santa Maria (Calif.) Raceway in July was followed by a memorable victory lane speech that put an exclamation mark on his Louie Vermeil Classic victory at Silver Dollar Speedway in Chico, Calif. The sixth and final came in October at Arizona Speedway.

The 38-point margin of victory provided the ninth title for the driver affectionately known as "The Demon" over chief rival Brody Roa. Gardner previously gathered USAC CRA Sprint Car championships in 2005-2013-2014-2015-2016-2017-2018-2019.

Brody Roa (Garden Grove, Calif.) scored twice at Perris in May's Salute to Indy and in August during California Racers Hall of Fame Night. Roa's second place standing in the points was his sixth consecutive top-three finish in the final rundown, and his third time as the series runner-up.

For Austin Williams (Yorba Linda, Calif.), it was his third-straight top-three result in the CRA standings, finishing third in 2021 on the strength of a pair of victories, the first coming at Perris in July for the 2009 series Rookie of the Year with the second coming at California's Petaluma Speedway in September.

Max Adams (Loomis, Calif.), the 2016 USAC CRA Rookie of the Year, became the first driver to reach multiple victories with the series in 2021, winning for the first time with CRA in nearly three years with two early season scores in March at The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park in Bakersfield, Calif. and again on March 26 at Thunderbowl Raceway in Tulare, Calif.

Brady Bacon (Broken Arrow, Okla.), the four-time USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Champion, migrated west during the month of November to capture two National/CRA co-sanctioned events – prelim nights for both the Oval Nationals at Perris and the Western World Championships at Arizona Speedway.

Similar stories unfolded during the National tour's venture to the west in November by Jake Swanson (Anaheim, Calif.) who captured a daring victory on the final corner of the final lap at Perris in an Oval Nationals prelim. Kevin Thomas Jr. (Cullman, Ala.), meanwhile, took the Oval Nationals finale, the third of his career. Logan Seavey (Sutter, Calif.) was the master in the closer at Arizona Speedway's Western World.

Charles Davis Jr. (Buckeye, Ariz.) returned to USAC CRA victory lane for the first time in 14 seasons with a triumph at Perris in September. Chase Johnson (Penngrove, Calif.) made it to the checkered flag first in a wildly entertaining and controversial finish at California's Bakersfield Speedway in May.

Two first-time USAC CRA feature winners dialed up victories in 2021, first by Ryan Timmons in the season opener in March at Kern County, doing so with a 360 c.i. engine versus a field full of 410s. Carson Short (Marion, Ill.) got the job done in the Louie Vermeil Classic opener in September at Silver Dollar.

Chris Gansen (Verdemont Heights, Calif.) finished a career-best 4th in the series standings. Best career points finishes were also earned by 8th place Eddie Tafoya Jr. (Chino Hills, Calif.) and 9th place Verne Sweeney (Lomita, Calif.). Corona, California's Cody Williams returned to the top-five with a 5th place finish in the points while Corona, California's Tommy Malcolm took 7th and Yorba Linda, California's Logan Williams was 10th.

Austin Grabowski (Riverside, Calif.) finished 15th in the standings, tops among all first-year competitors, which earned him 2021 USAC CRA Sprint Car Rookie of the Year honors.

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2021 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR STAT LEADERS:

Driver Champion: Damion Gardner

Entrant Champion: Mark Alexander #4

Most Wins: 6-Damion Gardner

Rookie of the Year: Austin Grabowski

Most Laps Led: 125-Damion Gardner

Most Top-Fives: 14-Damion Gardner

Most Top-Tens: 16-Brody Roa

Most Fast Qualifying Times: 8-Damion Gardner

Most Heat Race Wins: 7-Damion Gardner

Most Feature Starts: 21-Damion Gardner & Brody Roa

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2021 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR DRIVER POINT STANDINGS:

POS.	PTS.	DRIVER, HOMETOWN
1	1352	Damion Gardner, Concord, Calif.
2	1314	Brody Roa, Garden Grove, Calif.
3	1183	Austin Williams, Yorba Linda, Calif.
4	1036	Chris Gansen, Verdemont Heights, Calif.
5	993	Cody Williams, Corona, Calif.
6	941	Charles Davis Jr., Buckeye, Ariz.
7	929	Tommy Malcolm, Corona, Calif.
8	708	Eddie Tafoya Jr., Chino Hills, Calif.

9	676	Verne Sweeney, Lomita, Calif.
10	605	Logan Williams, Yorba Linda, Calif.
11	590	Matt McCarthy, Riverside, Calif.
12	589	A.J. Bender, San Diego, Calif.
13	521	Danny Faria Jr., Tipton, Calif.
14	519	Matt Mitchell, Yorba Linda, Calif.
15	492	Austin Grabowski (R), Riverside, Calif.
16	474	Stevie Sussex, Mesa, Ariz.
17	386	R.J. Johnson, Laveen, Ariz.
18	357	C.J. Leary, Greenfield, Ind.
19	354	Brady Bacon, Broken Arrow, Okla.
20	345	Tanner Thorson, Minden, Nev.
21	327	Jake Swanson, Anaheim, Calif.
22	316	Max Adams, Loomis, Calif.
23	312	Justin Grant, Ione, Calif.
24	310	Brent Owens (R), Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
25	298	Kevin Thomas Jr., Cullman, Ala.
26	280	Jake Hodges (R), Camarillo, Calif.
27	271	Chris Windom, Canton, Ill.
28	250	Logan Seavey, Sutter, Calif.
29	243	Shane Cottle, Kansas, Ill.
30	223	Joel Rayborne, West Covina, Calif.
31	215	Steve Hix, Ventura, Calif.
32	211	Chris Muraoka (R), Waianae, Hawaii
33	207	Dan Taylor, Reily, Ohio
34	199	Shane Sexton (R), Warner Springs, Calif.
35	195	Ikaika O'Brien (R), Oahu, Hawaii
36	182	Austin Liggett, Tracy, Calif.
37	181	Trent Williams, Apple Valley, Calif.
38	146	Sterling Cling, Tempe, Ariz.
39	141	Nate Schank, Santa Rosa, Calif.
40	138	Austin Ervine, Bakersfield, Calif.

41	130	Chris Bonneau, Peoria, Ariz.
42	123	Tye Mihocko, Phoenix, Ariz.
43	119	Rick Hendrix, Palmdale, Calif.
44	117	Kyle Edwards, Fountain Valley, Calif.
45	115	Jake Helsel, Arlington, Wash.
46	105	Davey Ray, Davenport, Iowa
47	97	Thomas Meseraull, San Jose, Calif.
48	87	Randy Nelson, Peoria, Ariz.
49	77	James Herrera, New Cuyama, Calif.
50	75	Tanner Boul (R), Auberry, Calif.
51	75	Travis Buckley (R), Auckland, N.Z.
52	66	Jonas Reynolds, Peoria, Ariz.
53	53	Cal Smith, Phelan, Calif.
54	41	James Heling, San Bernardino, Calif.
55	40	Daylin Perreira, Hilo, Hawaii

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2021 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR ENTRANT POINT STANDINGS:

1	1352	Mark Alexander, Torrance, Calif. (#1)
2	1314	BR Performance, Garden Grove, Calif. (#91R)
3	1183	Tom & Laurie Sertich, Huntington Beach, Calif. (#92)
4	1036	Gansen Engineering Motorsports, San Bernardino, Calif. (#4G)
5	993	Cody Williams, Norco, Calif. (#44)
6	929	Dino Napier, Corona, Calif. (#5x)
7	827	Charles Davis Jr., Buckeye, Ariz. (#47)
8	708	Eddie Tafoya Sr., Chino Hills, Calif. (#51T)
9	676	Ken Tracy, Buena Park, Calif. (#98)
10	605	John McCarthy, Riverside, Calif. (#5w)
11	590	John McCarthy, Riverside, Calif. (#28m)
12	405	Robbie & Gaye Allen, Cottonwood, Ariz. (#12)
13	357	Michael Motorsports, Chino Valley, Ariz. (#77m)

14	354	Dynamics, Inc., Milford, Ohio (#69)
15	345	Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports, Gilbert, Ariz. (#19AZ)
16	327	Team AZ Racing, Danville, Ind. (#21AZ)
17	312	TOPP Motorsports, Rochester, Ind. (#4)
18	298	KT Motorsports, Whitestown, Ind. (#9K)
19	271	Hayward Motorsports, Morrison, Ill. (#19)
20	250	Baldwin-Fox Racing, West Lafayette, Ind. (#5)
21	243	Hodges Motorsports, Albuquerque, N.M. (#74x)
22	232	Yeley Racing, Waddell, Ariz. (#2)
23	215	Steve Hix, Ventura, Calif. (#57)
24	146	Sterling Cling Racing, Tempe, Ariz. (#34)
25	123	Glenn Crossno, Chino Valley, Ariz. (#38)
26	117	Gordon Edwards, Fountain Valley, Calif. (#39E)
27	105	FattFro Motorsports/RayPro, Hoffman Estates, Ill. (#14AJ)

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2021 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR FEATURE WINNERS:

Mar 12: The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park – Bakersfield, CA

WINNER: Ryan Timmons (Timmons Racing #29)

Mar 13: The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park – Bakersfield, CA

WINNER: Max Adams (Keith Ford #73)

Mar 26: Thunderbowl Raceway – Tulare, CA

WINNER: Max Adams (Keith Ford #73)

Apr 24: Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, CA

WINNER: Damion Gardner (Mark Alexander #4)

May 8: Bakersfield Speedway – Bakersfield, CA

WINNER: Chase Johnson (May Motorsports #8m)

May 22: Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, CA

WINNER: Brody Roa (BR Performance #91R)

Jun 19: Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, CA

WINNER: Damion Gardner (Mark Alexander #4)

Jul 3: Santa Maria Raceway – Santa Maria, CA

WINNER: Damion Gardner (Mark Alexander #4)

Jul 17: Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, CA

WINNER: Austin Williams (Tom & Laurie Sertich #92)

Aug 21: Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, CA

WINNER: Brody Roa (BR Performance #91R)

Sep 4: Silver Dollar Speedway – Chico, CA

WINNER: Carson Short (Clayton Snow #17)

Sep 5: Silver Dollar Speedway – Chico, CA

WINNER: Damion Gardner (Mark Alexander #4)

Sep 6: Petaluma Speedway – Petaluma, CA

WINNER: Austin Williams (Tom & Laurie Sertich #92)

Sep 25: Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, CA

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

Oct 2: Arizona Speedway – San Tan Valley, AZ

WINNER: Damion Gardner (Mark Alexander #4)

Oct 23: Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, CA

WINNER: Damion Gardner (Mark Alexander #4)

Nov 4: Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, CA

WINNER: Jake Swanson (Team AZ Racing #21AZ)

Nov 5: Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, CA

WINNER: Brady Bacon (Dynamics, Inc. #69)

Nov 6: Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, CA

WINNER: Kevin Thomas Jr. (KT Motorsports #9K)

Nov 12: Arizona Speedway – San Tan Valley, AZ

WINNER: Brady Bacon (Dynamics, Inc. #69)

Nov 13: Arizona Speedway – San Tan Valley, AZ

WINNER: Logan Seavey (Baldwin-Fox Racing #5)

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2021 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR FEATURE WINS:

6-Damion Gardner (Apr 24 at Perris Auto Speedway, Jun 19 at Perris Auto Speedway, Jul 3 at Santa Maria Raceway, Sep 5 at Silver Dollar Speedway, Oct 2 at Arizona Speedway & Oct 23 at Perris Auto Speedway)

2-Max Adams (Mar 13 at The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park & Mar 26 at Thunderbowl Raceway)

2-Brady Bacon (Nov 5 at Perris Auto Speedway & Nov 12 at Arizona Speedway)

2-Brody Roa (May 22 at Perris Auto Speedway & Aug 21 at Perris Auto Speedway)

2-Austin Williams (Jul 17 at Perris Auto Speedway & Sep 6 at Petaluma Speedway)

1-Charles Davis Jr. (Sep 25 at Perris Auto Speedway)

1-Chase Johnson (May 8 at Bakersfield Speedway)

1-Logan Seavey (Nov 13 at Arizona Speedway)

1-Carson Short (Sep 4 at Silver Dollar Speedway)

1-Jake Swanson (Nov 4 at Perris Auto Speedway)

1-Kevin Thomas Jr. (Nov 6 at Perris Auto Speedway)

1-Ryan Timmons (Mar 12 at The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park)

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2021 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR FEATURE LAPS LED:

125-Damion Gardner

72-Austin Williams

59-Brody Roa

55-Logan Seavey

37-Charles Davis Jr. & Justin Grant

33-Kevin Thomas Jr.

31-Matt Mitchell

30-Carson Short

28-Max Adams

26-Stevie Sussex

20-Brady Bacon

17-Verne Sweeney & Cody Williams

15-Chase Johnson

13-Tanner Thorson

9-Chris Gansen

7-Ryan Timmons

5-Troy Rutherford

2-Tommy Malcolm & Jake Swanson

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2021 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR TOP-5 FEATURE FINISHES:

14-Damion Gardner

12-Brody Roa

9-Austin Williams

7-Charles Davis Jr. & Cody Williams

5-Brady Bacon & C.J. Leary

4-Chris Gansen, Matt Mitchell & Eddie Tafoya Jr.

3-Chase Johnson, Jake Swanson, Kevin Thomas Jr. & Tanner Thorson

2-Max Adams, Justin Grant, Tommy Malcolm, Logan Seavey & Stevie Sussex

1-A.J. Bender, Ryan Bernal, Danny Faria Jr., Tony Gomes, R.J. Johnson, Austin Liggett, Thomas Meseraull, Davey Ray, Carson Short, Verne Sweeney, Ryan Timmons & Daniel Whitley

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2021 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR TOP-10 FEATURE FINISHES:

16-Brody Roa

15-Chris Gansen & Austin Williams

14-Damion Gardner

13-Charles Davis Jr.

11-Tommy Malcolm

9-Cody Williams

6-Danny Faria Jr., Stevie Sussex, Verne Sweeney & Eddie Tafoya Jr.

5-Brady Bacon, A.J. Bender, Justin Grant, R.J. Johnson, C.J. Leary, Tanner Thorson, Logan Williams & Chris Windom

4-Chase Johnson, Matt McCarthy, Matt Mitchell & Jake Swanson

3-Max Adams, Shane Cottle, Austin Grabowski & Kevin Thomas Jr.

2-Ryan Bernal, Chris Bonneau, Tony Gomes, Jake Hodges, Logan Seavey, Daniel Whitley & Trent Williams

1-Kyle Edwards, Austin Ervine, Rick Hendrix, Steve Hix, Shane Hopkins, Austin Liggett, Thomas Meseraull, Davey Ray, Nate Schank, Carson Short & Ryan Timmons

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2021 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR FEATURE STARTS:

21-Damion Gardner & Brody Roa

20-Chris Gansen, Austin Williams & Cody Williams

19-Tommy Malcolm

17-Charles Davis Jr.

15-Verne Sweeney, Eddie Tafoya Jr. & Logan Williams

14-A.J. Bender

13-Matt McCarthy

12-Austin Grabowski

11-Matt Mitchell

10-Danny Faria Jr.

9-Stevie Sussex

8-R.J. Johnson, Brent Owens & Ryan Timmons

7-Jeff Dyer, Jake Hodges & Chase Johnson

6-Max Adams & Joel Rayborne

5-Brady Bacon, Shane Cottle, Justin Grant, Steve Hix, C.J. Leary, Troy Rutherford, Logan Seavey, Carson Short, Jake Swanson, Dan Taylor, Kevin Thomas Jr., Tanner Thorson & Chris Windom

4-Sterling Cling, Austin Liggett, Ikaika O'Brien & Trent Williams

3-Austin Ervine, Jake Helsel, Rick Hendrix, Tye Mihocko, Kaleb Montgomery, Nate Schank & Shane Sexton

2-Ryan Bernal, Chris Bonneau, Tanner Boul, Travis Buckley, Kyle Edwards, Dennis Gile, Tony Gomes, James Herrera, Shane Hopkins, Thomas Meseraull, Randy Nelson, Davey Ray, Trevor Schmid, Jarrett Soares, Jonas Reynolds & Daniel Whitley

1-Alex Banales, Logan Calderwood, Tyler Hatzikian, James Heling, Tom Hendricks, Kalib Henry, Frank Herman, Ron Laplant, Jake Morgan, Chris Muraoka, Gary Paulson, Danny Sheridan, Cal Smith, Caleb Stelzig & Jace Vander Weerd

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2021 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR FAST QUALIFYING TIMES:

8-Damion Gardner

3-Brody Roa & Tanner Thorson

1-Charles Davis Jr., Tony Gomes, Chase Johnson, Matt Mitchell, Jake Swanson, Daniel Whitley & Austin Williams

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2021 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR HEAT RACE WINS:

7-Damion Gardner

5-Tommy Malcolm & Brody Roa

4-Charles Davis Jr.

3-A.J. Bender, Austin Liggett, Matt McCarthy, Carson Short, Austin Williams & Cody Williams

2-Brady Bacon, Justin Grant, R.J. Johnson, Matt Mitchell, Stevie Sussex, Verne Sweeney & Kevin Thomas Jr.

1-Max Adams, Danny Faria Jr., Chris Gansen, Jake Helsel, Chase Johnson, C.J. Leary, Thomas Meseraull, Davey Ray, Troy Rutherford, Nate Schank, Logan Seavey, Shane Sexton, Caleb Stelzig, Jake Swanson, Eddie Tafoya Jr. & Chris Windom

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2021 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SEMI-FEATURE WINS:

2-Chris Windom

1-Shane Cottle, Charles Davis Jr., Tony Gomes, Jake Hodges, Kaleb Montgomery, Brody Roa, Verne Sweeney, Eddie Tafoya Jr. & Tanner Thorson

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2021 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR DASH WINS:

1-C.J. Leary & Matt Mitchell

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2021 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR C-MAIN WINS:

1-Shane Cottle

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RYAN TIMMONS SCORES FIRST USAC CRA WIN AT KERN COUNTY DEBUT

BAKERSFIELD, CA – MARCH 12, 2021… Holding off veteran Davey Ray, Ryan Timmons (Pleasant Hill, CA) earned his first career $3,000 AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car victory at The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park (KCRP).

Piloting the family owned #29 Timmons Auto & Truck Repair / Evergood Fine Foods CS9 with 360 power, the 2016 USAC West Coast Sprint Car Rookie of the Year won the Kern County debut over hard charger Ray, Chris Gansen (first podium), "The Big Game Hunter" Austin Williams, and "Chargin" Charles Davis Jr.

Ray earned the night's In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Hard Charger Award with a fifteenth to second place run.

"The Demon" Damion Gardner scored his 92nd career Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award by posting a new track record with a time of 14.104 over the 30-car roster. The 8-time champion scored twentieth in the main event after an early flip ended his night.

The 10-lap heat race victories went to Gardner (FlowDynamics / Factory Wraps First Heat), Troy Rutherford (Huntington Beach Glass & Mirror / Factory Wraps Second Heat), Austin Liggett (All Coast Construction / Factory Wraps Third Heat), and Max Adams (Component Repair Company / Factory Wraps Fourth Heat). Former Ascot veteran driver Verne Sweeney topped the 12-lap semi-main.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: March 12, 2021 – The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park – Bakersfield, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Damion Gardner 1, Alexander-14.106 (New Track Record); 2. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-14.116; 3. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-14.519; 4. Max Adams, 73, Ford-14.660; 5. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-14.704; 6. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-14.764; 7. Ryan Timmons, 29, Timmons-14.827; 8. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-14.828; 9. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-14.858; 10. Troy Rutherford, 11, Rutherford-14.871; 11. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-14.880; 12. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-14.880; 13. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-14.967; 14. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-15.132; 15. Danny Faria Jr., 17V, Faria-15.135; 16. Davey Ray, 14AJ, FattFro-15.138; 17. Shane Sexton, 74, Sexton-15.192; 18. Rick Hendrix, 15, Hendrix-15.287; 19. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-15.526; 20. Jake Hodges, 4, Hodges-15.595; 21. Tyler Hatzikian, 27, Hatzikian-15.642; 22. Nate Schank, 1S, Schank-15.709; 23. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-15.711; 24. Jeff Dyer, 4X, Dyer-15.726; 25. Dan Taylor, T5, Taylor-15.759; 26. Ikaika O'Brien, 11o, O'Brien-16.045; 27. Cal Smith, 39, Cal-Sun-16.285; 28. James Herrera, 5J, Herrera-16.364; 29. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-NT; 30. Austin Ervine, 21, AJ-NT.

FLOWDYNAMICS / FACTORY WRAPS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. Matt Mitchell, 3. Charles Davis Jr., 4. Steve Hix, 5. Shane Sexton, 6. Tyler Hatzikian, 7. Dan Taylor. 2:35.51

HUNTINGTON BEACH GLASS & MIRROR / FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Troy Rutherford, 2. Austin Williams, 3. Tommy Malcolm, 4. Nate Schank, 5. Rick Hendrix, 6. Verne Sweeney, 7. Ikaika O'Brien. NT

ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION / FACTORY WRAPS THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Austin Liggett, 2. Brody Roa, 3. Danny Faria Jr., 4. Matt McCarthy, 5. Ryan Timmons, 6. Austin Grabowski, 7. Cal Smith. NT

COMPONENT REPAIR COMPANY / FACTORY WRAPS FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Max Adams, 2. Davey Ray, 3. Chris Gansen, 4. Jeff Dyer, 5. Jake Hodges, 6. James Herrera, 7. Cody Williams. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Verne Sweeney, 2. Ryan Timmons, 3. Rick Hendrix, 4. Austin Grabowski, 5. Tyler Hatzikian, 6. Jake Hodges, 7. James Herrera, 8. Dan Taylor, 9. Ikaika O'Brien, 10. Cal Smith, 11. Shane Sexton. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Ryan Timmons (7), 2. Davey Ray (15), 3. Chris Gansen (11), 4. Austin Williams (5), 5. Charles Davis Jr. (12), 6. Verne Sweeney (13), 7. Brody Roa (4), 8. Rick Hendrix (16), 9. Austin Grabowski (21), 10. Nate Schank (20), 11. Jake Hodges (18), 12. Matt McCarthy (10), 13. Danny Faria Jr. (14), 14. Jeff Dyer (22), 15. Steve Hix (8), 16. Tyler Hatzikian (19), 17. Matt Mitchell (2), 18. Troy Rutherford (9), 19. Tommy Malcolm (1), 20. Damion Gardner (6), 21. Max Adams (3), 22. Austin Liggett (17). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-22 Brody Roa, Lap 23 Ryan Timmons, Lap 24 Brody Roa, Laps 25-30 Ryan Timmons.

**Cal Smith flipped on lap 2 of the semi. Damion Gardner flipped on lap 1 of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Davey Ray (15th to 2nd)

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Davey Ray-74, 2-Austin Williams-73, 3-Ryan Timmons-73, 4-Chris Gansen-70, 5-Charles Davis Jr.-64, 6-Brody Roa-63, 7-Verne Sweeney-59, 8-Rick Hendrix-51, 9-Nate Schank-48, 10-Austin Grabowski-47.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: March 13, 2021 – The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park – Bakersfield, California

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MAX ADAMS TOPS SATURDAY'S KERN COUNTY USAC CRA FEATURE

BAKERSFIELD, CA – MARCH 13, 2021… Racing past Brody Roa on the twenty-third circuit, Max Adams (Loomis, CA) led the rest of the way to claim Saturday's $3,000 feature at The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park.

Racing Keith Ford's #73 Cam 2 Blue Blood Racing Oil / Sun Valley AG Transport Triple X, Adams scored the third AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car victory of his career. Brody Roa, "The Demon" Damion Gardner, new point leader "The Big Game Hunter" Austin Williams, and Matt Mitchell followed the defending Gas City I-69 Speedway champion to the finish line.

Chris Gansen earned the night's In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Hard Charger Award with nineteenth to sixth place run.

For the second night in a row, Gardner claimed the Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award by posting a time of 14.571 over the 32-car roster. The 8-time champion now has 93 quick times to his credit.

The 10-lap heat race victories went to Mitchell (FlowDynamics / Factory Wraps First Heat), Davey Ray (Huntington Beach Glass & Mirror / Factory Wraps Second Heat), Austin Liggett (All Coast Construction / Factory Wraps Third Heat), and "Chargin" Charles Davis Jr. (Component Repair Company / Factory Wraps Fourth Heat). Jake Hodges topped the 12-lap semi-main in his self-built Racecrafters chassis.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: March 13, 2021 – The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park – Bakersfield, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-14.571; 2. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-14.780; 3. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-14.867; 4. Max Adams, 73, Ford-14.936; 5. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-14.948; 6. Troy Rutherford, 11, Rutherford-14.965; 7. Jake Hodges, 4, Hodges-15.057; 8. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-15.070; 9. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-15.085; 10. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-15.106; 11. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-15.129; 12. Danny Faria Jr., 17V, Faria-15.137; 13. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-15.153; 14. Davey Ray, 14AJ, FattFro-15.162; 15. A.J. Bender, 21B, Bender-15.215; 16. Ryan Timmons, 29T, Timmons-15.285; 17. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-15.316; 18. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-15.375; 19. Tommy Malcolm, 5X,, Napier-15.402; 20. Nate Schank, 1S, Schank-15.413; 21. Tanner Boul, 99T, Boul-15.442; 22. Tyler Hatzikian, 27, Hatzikian-15.539; 23. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-15.756; 24. Rick Hendrix, 15, Hendrix-15.806; 25. Shane Sexton, 74, Sexton-16.017; 26. Ikaika O'Brien, 11o, O'Brien-16.044; 27. Austin Ervine, 21, AJ-16.173; 28. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-16.191; 29. Dan Taylor, T5, Taylor-16.359; 30. Cal Smith, 39, Cal-Sun-16.375; 31. Brent Owens, 71, Martin-16.453; 32. James Herrera, 5J, Herrera-16.598.

FLOWDYNAMICS / FACTORY WRAPS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Matt Mitchell, 2. Brody Roa, 3. Damion Gardner, 4. Matt McCarthy, 5. Tanner Boul, 6. Shane Sexton, 7. Joel Rayborne, 8. Dan Taylor. NT

HUNTINGTON BEACH GLASS & MIRROR / FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Davey Ray, 2. Cody Williams, 3. Austin Williams, 4. Troy Rutherford, 5. Verne Sweeney, 6. Tyler Hatzikian, 7. Cal Smith, 8. Ikaika O'Brien. NT

ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION / FACTORY WRAPS THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Austin Liggett, 2. Tommy Malcolm, 3. A.J. Bender, 4. Chris Gansen, 5. Steve Hix, 6. Jake Hodges, 7. Brent Owens, 8. Austin Ervine. NT

COMPONENT REPAIR COMPANY / FACTORY WRAPS FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Danny Faria Jr., 3. Max Adams, 4. Rick Hendrix, 5. Ryan Timmons, 6. Nate Schank, 7. Austin Grabowski, 8. James Herrera. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Jake Hodges, 2. Ryan Timmons, 3. Tanner Boul, 4. Joel Rayborne, 5. Austin Grabowski, 6. Austin Ervine, 7. Nate Schank, 8. Tyler Hatzikian, 9. Brent Owens, 10. Shane Sexton, 11. Cal Smith, 12. James Herrera, 13. Dan Taylor, 14. Ikaika O'Brien, 15. Verne Sweeney. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Max Adams (4), 2. Brody Roa (3), 3. Damion Gardner (6), 4. Austin Williams (5), 5. Matt Mitchell (16), 6. Chris Gansen (19), 7. Danny Faria Jr. (11), 8. Tommy Malcolm (17), 9. Charles Davis Jr. (1), 10. A.J. Bender (14), 11. Austin Liggett (10), 12. Cody Williams (9), 13. Rick Hendrix (20), 14. Tanner Boul (18), 15. Ryan Timmons (15), 16. Joel Rayborne (8), 17. Austin Ervine (21), 18. Austin Grabowski (22), 19. Jake Hodges (7), 20. Troy Rutherford (2), 21. Matt McCarthy (12), 22. Davey Ray (13). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-22 Brody Roa, Laps 23-30 Max Adams.

**Ryan Timmons flipped on lap 30 of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Chris Gansen (19th to 6th)

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Austin Williams-145, 2-Brody Roa-139, 3-Chris Gansen-130, 4-Charles Davis Jr.-118, 5-Damion Gardner-113, 6-Max Adams-113, 7-Ryan Timmons-109, 8-Davey Ray-105, 9-Matt Mitchell-104, 10-Danny Faria Jr.-102.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: March 26, 2021 – Thunderbowl Raceway – Tulare, California

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MAX ADAMS ADDS TULARE USAC CRA WIN TO RESUME

TULARE, CA – MARCH 26, 2021… After a torrid four-car battle and six changes for the top spot, Max Adams (Loomis, CA) emerged victorious at Tulare's Thunderbowl Raceway.

Piloting Keith Ford's #73 Cam 2 Blue Blood Racing Oil / Sun Valley AG Transport Triple X, Adams earned his fourth career $3,000 AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car win (second in a row) over fast qualifier "The Demon" Damion Gardner, Austin Liggett, Matt Mitchell, and "The Cadillac" Cody Williams.

Rookie driver Austin Grabowski claimed the night's In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Hard Charger Award with nineteenth to eighth place run. Brody Roa, who crossed the finish line in second, was penalized for not going to the scales after the feature.

For the third consecutive race, Gardner claimed the Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award by posting a time of 15.453 over the 21-car roster. At press time, the eight-time champion has 94 quick times to his credit. Before the main event, Gardner's crew had to change an ignition box and "The Demon" had to start last on the racetrack.

The 10-lap heat race victories went to Mitchell (FlowDynamics / Factory Wraps First Heat), "Hollywood" Danny Faria Jr. (Huntington Beach Glass & Mirror / Factory Wraps Second Heat), and Williams (All Coast Construction / Factory Wraps Third Heat).

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: March 26, 2021 – Thunderbowl Raceway – Tulare, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-15.453; 2. Max Adams, 73, Ford-15.528; 3. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-15.785; 4. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-15.825; 5. A.J. Bender, 21B, Bender-15.889; 6. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-15.917; 7. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-15.945; 8. Danny Faria Jr., 17V, Faria-15.959; 9. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-15.984; 10. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-16.053; 11. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-16.117; 12. Tanner Boul, 99T, Boul-16.249; 13. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-16.267; 14. Kaleb Montgomery, 8, Richardson-16.323; 15. Jake Hodges, 4, Hodges-16.509; 16. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-16.543; 17. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-16.605; 18. Ikaika O'Brien, 11o, O'Brien-16.689; 19. Austin Ervine, 21, AJ-17.008; 20. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-17.085; 21. Ryan Timmons, 29T, Timmons-NT.

FLOWDYNAMICS / FACTORY WRAPS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Matt Mitchell, 2. Damion Gardner, 3. Chris Gansen, 4. Austin Liggett, 5. Austin Ervine, 6. Matt McCarthy, 7. Eddie Tafoya Jr. NT

HUNTINGTON BEACH GLASS & MIRROR / FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Danny Faria Jr., 2. Max Adams, 3. Tommy Malcolm, 4. Kaleb Montgomery, 5. A.J. Bender, 6. Austin Grabowski, 7. Verne Sweeney. NT

ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION / FACTORY WRAPS THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Cody Williams, 2. Brody Roa, 3. Austin Williams, 4. Tanner Boul, 5. Jake Hodges, 6. Ikaika O'Brien. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Max Adams (5), 2. Damion Gardner (6), 3. Austin Liggett (10), 4. Matt Mitchell (3), 5. Cody Williams (9), 6. Tommy Malcolm (11), 7. Austin Williams (4), 8. Austin Grabowski (19), 9. Chris Gansen (1), 10. Austin Ervine (18), 11. Ikaika O'Brien (17), 12. Verne Sweeney (16), 13. Brody Roa (2), 14. A.J. Bender (7), 15. Tanner Boul (12), 16. Jake Hodges (14), 17. Danny Faria Jr. (8), 18. Kaleb Montgomery (13), 19. Ryan Timmons (20). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Chris Gansen, Laps 2-4 Matt Mitchell, Lap 5 Brody Roa, Laps 6-9 Matt Mitchell, Laps 10-22 Max Adams, Lap 23 Brody Roa, Laps 24-30 Max Adams.

**Ryan Timmons flipped during hot laps. Eddie Tafoya Jr. flipped on lap 2 of the second heat. Matt McCarthy flipped on lap 10 of the second heat. Danny Faria Jr. flipped on lap 11 of the feature. A.J. Bender flipped on lap 25 of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Austin Grabowski (19th to 8th)

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Austin Williams-207, 2-Max Adams-195, 3-Damion Gardner-193, 4-Brody Roa-184, 5-Chris Gansen-182, 6-Matt Mitchell-176, 7-Tommy Malcolm-149, 8-Austin Liggett-149, 9-Danny Faria Jr.-139, 10-Ryan Timmons ®-134.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: April 24, 2021 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – Sokola Shootout

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DAMION GARDNER SHINES AT PERRIS' SOKOLA SHOOTOUT

PERRIS, CA – APRIL 24, 2021… Using slower traffic to his advantage, "The Demon" Damion Gardner (Concord, CA) slipped by "The Big Game Hunter" Austin Williams on the nineteenth lap and sailed to victory at Perris Auto Speedway.

Driving Mark Alexander's #1 Carman Trucking Spike, Gardner earned his first AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car win of the year at the annual "Sokola Shootout." Point leader Williams, "Chargin" Charles Davis Jr., "The Cadillac" Cody Williams, and "Thunder" Tommy Malcolm followed the eight-time champion to the checkered flags.

“Speedy” Stevie Sussex (Tempe, AZ) claimed the night’s In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Hard Charger Award with fourteenth to sixth place run. The former USAC National Sprint Car Rookie of the Year also took home the Shawn McDonald Memorial Feature award.

Starting on the pole position, Cody Williams was looking for his first “home track” victory and led the first seven circuits. Facing heavy pressure from his brother Austin, Cody’s dreams were dashed as “The Big Game Hunter” took over the top spot. Once out front, Austin set a fast pace until reaching lapped traffic. With cars racing two and three wide in front of the leaders, Austin’s progress was slowed, and the sixth starting Gardner mounted a challenge. As both drivers sliced through the traffic, Gardner emerged with the lead and swept the show for his 84th series win.

For the fourth consecutive race, Gardner claimed the Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award by posting a time of 16.20 over the 24-car roster. That marked the series leading 95th fast time award for “The Demon.”

The night’s 10-lap heat race victories went to Gardner (FlowDynamics First Heat), Sussex (Huntington Beach Glass & Mirror Second Heat), and Cody Williams (All Coast Construction Third Heat).

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: April 24, 2021 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – Sokola Shootout

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-16.200; 2. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-16.330; 3. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-16.380; 4. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-16.560; 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51, Tafoya-16.590; 6. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.620; 7. Trent Williams, 52V, Williams-16.620; 8. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-16.660; 9. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-16.790; 10. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-16.810; 11. Logan Williams, 5W, McCarthy-16.830; 12. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-16.890; 13. Kyle Edwards, 39E, Edwards-16.900; 14. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-16.940; 15. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-16.960; 16. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.230; 17. Austin Grabowski, 72, Graboowski-17.230; 18. Brent Owens, 71, Martin-17.480; 19. Tom Hendricks, 14, Hendricks-17.500; 20. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-17.580; 21. Rick Hendrix, 15, Hendrix-17.720; 22. Cal Smith, 39, Cal-Sun-17.850; 23. Dan Taylor, T5, Taylor-18.030; 24. James Heling, 23, Bellegante-19.560.

FLOWDYNAMICS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. Verne Sweeney, 3. Brody Roa, 4. Tommy Malcolm, 5. Kyle Edwards, 6. Trent Williams, 7. Cal Smith, 8. Tom Hendricks. 2.57.87.

HUNTINGTON BEACH GLASS & MIRROR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Stevie Sussex, 2. Logan Williams, 3. Austin Williams, 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 5. A.J. Bender, 6. Joel Rayborne, 7. Dan Taylor, 8. Austin Grabowski. NT

ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Cody Williams, 2. Chris Gansen, 3. Charles Davis Jr., 4. Matt McCarthy, 5. Steve Hix, 6. Rick Hendrix, 7. James Heling, 8. Brent Owens. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Damion Gardner (6), 2. Austin Williams (5), 3. Charles Davis Jr. (4), 4. Cody Williams (1), 5. Tommy Malcolm (10), 6. Stevie Sussex (14), 7. Logan Williams (11), 8. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (2), 9. Chris Gansen (9), 10. Kyle Edwards (13), 11. Trent Williams (7), 12. Steve Hix (15), 13. Matt McCarthy (12), 14. Joel Rayborne (19), 15. Brent Owens (17), 16. Cal Smith (21), 17. James Heling (23), 18. Tom Hendricks (18), 19. Dan Taylor (22), 20. Brody Roa (3), 21. A.J. Bender (8), 22. Verne Sweeney (16), 23. Rick Hendrix (20). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-7 Cody Williams, Laps 8-18 Austin Williams, Laps 19-30 Damion Gardner.

**Rick Hendrix flipped on lap 1 of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Stevie Sussex (14th to 6th)

SHAWN McDONALD MEMORIAL QUALIFYING AWARD: Cody Williams

SHAWN McDONALD MEMORIAL FEATURE AWARD: Stevie Sussex

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Austin Williams-285, 2-Damion Gardner-277, 3-Chris Gansen-235, 4-Brody Roa-216, 5-Tommy Malcolm-212, 6-Max Adams-195, 7-Cody Williams-192, 8-Charles Davis Jr.-192, 9-Matt Mitchell-176, 10-Austin Liggett-149.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: May 8, 2021 – Bakersfield Speedway – Bakersfield, California

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CHASE JOHNSON TRIUMPHS AT BAKERSFIELD

BAKERSFIELD, CA – MAY 8, 2021… Taking the lead in the last corner, Chase Johnson (Penngrove, CA) scored his first AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car win of the year at Bakersfield Speedway.

Making his first start in the May Motorsports' #8M Fastenal / Coopers Propane Maxim, Johnson became the fourth driver to win using a 360 cubic-inch iron block engine. "The Demon" Damion Gardner, fast qualifier Brody Roa, Chris Gansen, and "The Cadillac" Cody Williams followed Chase to the checkered flags.

Johnson and "Hollywood" Danny Faria Jr. (Tipton, CA) tied for the night's In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Hard Charger Award. Chase ran from sixteenth to victory, while Faria powered from twenty-second to seventh. Point leader "The Big Game Hunter" Austin Williams took home the Shawn McDonald Memorial Feature award with a sixth place finish..

Starting on the pole position, former Ascot racer Verne Sweeney led the opening four circuits. Troy Rutherford took over the top spot and led until contact with a slower car knocked both drivers out of the race. With nine laps down, Gardner inherited the lead and looked for his second win in a row. Charging from sixteenth, Johnson had other ideas and scored his third career feature win with USAC CRA.

Roa topped the night's Woodland Auto Display Qualifying by posting a time of 13.223 over the 23-car roster. That marked the sixth quick time of his career.

The night's 10-lap heat race victories went to Johnson (FlowDynamics First Heat), Austin Williams (Huntington Beach Glass & Mirror Second Heat), and Tommy "Thunder" Malcolm (All Coast Construction Third Heat).

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: May 8, 2021 – Bakersfield Speedway – Bakersfield, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-13.223; 2. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-13.236; 3. Troy Rutherford, 11, Rutherford-13.438; 4. A.J. Bender, 21B, Bender-13.450; 5. Jake Hodges, 4, Hodges-13.563; 6. Ikaika O'Brien, 11o, O'Brien-13.610; 7. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-13.714; 8. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-13.832; 9. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-13.837; 10. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-13.862; 11. Ryan Timmons, 29T, Timmons-13.864; 12. James Herrera, 5J, Herrera-13.918; 13. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-13.919; 14. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-13.965; 15. Logan Williams, 5W, McCarthy-14.106; 16. Chase Johnson, 8M, May-14.196; 17. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-14.283; 18. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-14.487; 19. Austin Ervine, 21, AJ-14.700; 20. Travis Buckley, 21K, Kruseman-14.845; 21. Brent Owens, 71, Martin-15.218; 22. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-NT; 23. Danny Faria Jr., 17V, Faria-NT.

FLOWDYNAMICS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Chase Johnson, 2. Damion Gardner, 3. Chris Gansen, 4. Brody Roa, 5. A.J. Bender, 6. Cody Williams, 7. Austin Ervine. NT

HUNTINGTON BEACH GLASS & MIRROR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Austin Williams, 2. Steve Hix, 3. Matt McCarthy, 4. Ryan Timmons, 5. Austin Grabowski, 6. Travis Buckley, 7. Jake Hodges. NT

ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tommy Malcolm, 2. Logan Williams, 3. Troy Rutherford, 4. Verne Sweeney, 5. Danny Faria Jr., 6. Brent Owens, 7. Ikaika O'Brien, 8. James Herrera. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Chase Johnson (16), 2. Damion Gardner (3), 3. Brody Roa (6), 4. Chris Gansen (13), 5. Cody Williams (10), 6. Austin Williams (5), 7. Danny Faria Jr. (22), 8. Jake Hodges (8), 9. Steve Hix (14), 10. A.J. Bender (7), 11. Tommy Malcolm (18), 12. Austin Ervine (19), 13. Austin Grabowski (17), 14. Brent Owens (21), 15. Travis Buckley (20), 16. Matt McCarthy (2), 17. Ikaika O'Brien (9), 18. Ryan Timmons (11), 19. Logan Williams (15), 20. Troy Rutherford (4), 21. Verne Sweeney (1), 22. James Herrera (12). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-4 Verne Sweeney, Laps 5-9 Troy Rutherford, Laps 10-29 Damion Gardner, Lap 30 Chase Johnson.

**Joel Rayborne flipped during qualifying. Ikaika O'Brien flipped during the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGERS: Chase Johnson (16th to 1st) & Danny Faria Jr. (22nd to 7th)

SHAWN McDONALD MEMORIAL FEATURE AWARD: Austin Williams

BILLSJERKY.COM HARD LUCK AWARD: James Herrera

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Austin Williams-353, 2-Damion Gardner-351, 3-Chris Gansen-302, 4-Brody Roa-291, 5-Tommy Malcolm-261, 6-Cody Williams-7-Max Adams-195, 8-Danny Faria Jr.-195, 9-Charles Davis Jr.-192, 10-Austin Grabowski-179.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: May 22, 2021 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – Salute to Indy

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BRODY ROA WINS 70TH RUNNING OF SALUTE TO INDY AT PERRIS

PERRIS, CA – MAY 22, 2021… Leading the final eight laps, Brody Roa (Garden Grove, CA) emerged victorious at the "70th Running of the Salute to Indy" at Perris Auto Speedway.

Driving the BR Performance #91R HD Industries / Burris Racing Eagle, Roa's win marked his first $2,500 AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car win of the campaign. Hard charger R.J. Johnson, fast qualifier Matt Mitchell, new point leader "The Demon" Damion Gardner, and "Chargin" Charles Davis Jr. followed Brody to his ninth career triumph.

Making his first start of the season, R.J. Johnson (Laveen, AZ) claimed the night's In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Hard Charger Award with a twenty-first to second place run. The five-time USAC Southwest Sprint Car Champion qualified 23rd overall and finished second to Gardner in his heat race.

Matt Mitchell (Yorba Linda, CA) opened the program by earning the night's Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award by posting a time of 16.363 over the 26-car roster. With his eighth fast time, Mitchell moves into a tie with "The Cowboy" Tony Jones, Richard Vander Weerd, and "The Ripper' Rip Williams for eighth overall in series qualifying. The 2014 USAC West Coast 360 Sprint Car Champion placed third in his heat race before rebounding from a seven car tangle to score third in the main event.

The night's 10-lap heat race victories went to Roa (FlowDynamics First Heat), Gardner (Huntington Beach Glass & Mirror Second Heat), and "The Big Game Hunter" Austin Williams (All Coast Construction Third Heat). Eddie Tafoya Jr. took the checkered flags in the 12-lap semi-main event.

"The Cadillac" Cody Williams (Corona, CA) took home the Shawn McDonald Memorial Qualifying Award by timing in sixth quick overall. The eldest son of Hall of Fame Driver "The Ripper" Rip Williams placed third in his heat race and led the opening 10 laps from the pole position. Unfortunately, a seven car tangle on lap twenty-two knocked him out of contention for the 30-lap feature win. Williams recovered to finish eleventh in the feature.

“Speedy” Stevie Sussex (Tempe, AZ) claimed the night’s Shawn McDonald Memorial Feature Award with a sixth place finish in the “Salute to Indy.” The 2017 USAC National Sprint Car Rookie of the Year was thirteenth fastest in time trials and ran second to Roa in his heat race.

By virtue of his thirteenth place finish, Verne Sweeney (Lomita, CA) scored the night’s Wilwood Disc Brakes “Lucky 13 Award.” The former Ascot Park racer qualified seventeenth overall, finished seventh in his heat race, and transferred to the feature by taking seventh in the semi-main event.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: May 22, 2021 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – 70th Running of the Salute to Indy

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.363; 2. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-16.417; 3. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-16.517; 4. Logan Williams, 5W, McCarthy-16.538; 5. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-16.713; 6. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.737; 7. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-16.759; 8. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-16.788; 9. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-16.812; 10. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-16.875; 11. Kyle Edwards, 39E, Edwards-16.895; 12. Trent Williams, 52V, Williams-16.972; 13. Stevie Sussex, 12AZ, Allen-16.990; 14. Charles Davis Jr., 11C, Turner/Wheeler-17.119; 15. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-17.135; 16, Jake Hodges, 4, Hodges-17.258; 17. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.277; 18. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-17.379; 19. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-17.399; 20. Daylin Perreira, 21P, Perreira-17.586; 21. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-17.663; 22. Jonas Reynolds, 0, Reynolds-17.740; 23. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-17.940; 24. Shane Sexton, 74, Sexton/Gatlin-18.097; 25. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-18.114; 26. James Heling, 23, Bellegante-19.037

FLOWDYNAMICS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Brody Roa, 2. Stevie Sussex, 3. Matt Mitchell, 4. Logan Williams, 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 6. Jake Hodges, 7. Austin Grabowski, 8. Jonas Reynolds, 9. Jeff Dyer. NT

HUNTINGTON BEACH GLASS & MIRROR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. R.J. Johnson, 3. Chris Gansen, 4. A.J. Bender, 5. Charles Davis Jr., 6. Kyle Edwards, 7. Verne Sweeney, 8. Daylin Perreira, 9. James Heling. NT

ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Austin Williams, 2. Tommy Malcolm, 3. Cody Williams, 4. Trent Williams, 5. Steve Hix, 6. Joel Rayborne, 7. Shane Sexton. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Steve Hix, 4. Kyle Edwards, 5. Austin Grabowski, 6. Jeff Dyer, 7. Verne Sweeney, 8. Joel Rayborne, 9. Jonas Reynolds, 10. Jake Hodges, 11. Daylin Perreira, 12. James Heling. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brody Roa (7), 2. R.J. Johnson (21), 3. Matt Mitchell (6), 4. Damion Gardner (5), 5. Charles Davis Jr. (14), 6. Stevie Sussex (13), 7. Chris Gansen (8), 8. A.J. Bender (2), 9. Tommy Malcolm (9), 10. Jake Hodges (15), 11. Cody Williams (1), 12. Kyle Edwards (11), 13. Verne Sweeney (16), 14. Austin Grabowski (18), 15. Jonas Reynolds (20), 16. Trent Williams (12), 17. Jeff Dyer (22), 18. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (10), 19. Logan Williams (3), 20. Austin Williams (4), 21. Joel Rayborne (19), 22. Steve Hix (17). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 Cody Williams, Laps 11-22 Damion Gardner, Laps 23-30 Brody Roa.

**Steve Hix flipped on lap 16 of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: R.J. Johnson (21st to 2nd)

SHAWN McDONALD MEMORIAL QUALIFYING AWARD: Cody Williams

SHAWN McDONALD MEMORIAL FEATURE AWARD: Stevie Sussex

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Verne Sweeney

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-425, 2-Austin Williams-388, 3-Brody Roa-369, 4-Chris Gansen-360, 5-Tommy Malcolm-314, 6-Cody Williams-301, 7-Charles Davis Jr.-253, 8-Matt Mitchell-252, 9-A.J. Bender-223, 10-Austin Grabowski-215.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: June 19, 2021 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California

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DAMION GARDNER TOPS PERRIS THRILLER

PERRIS, CA – JUNE 19, 2021… Taking advantage of a lap 24 restart, "The Demon" Damion Gardner (Concord, CA) powered by Matt Mitchell and led the rest of the way to claim his second win of the year at Perris Auto Speedway.

Racing Mark Alexander's #1 PerformanceOnline.com / Carman Trucking Spike, Gardner earned his 85th career AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car triumph and the 80th series win for Alexander. Matt Mitchell, Brody Roa, Eddie Tafoya Jr., and A.J. Bender chased the eight-time champion to the finish line.

Matt McCarthy (Riverside, CA) scored the night's In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Hard Charger Award with thirteenth to eighth place run. The 2017 Rookie of the Year qualified thirteenth overall, won the 10-lap FlowDynamics Incorporated Heat Race and left his "home track" ranked twelfth in the point chase.

Starting on the outside of the front row, Matt Mitchell (Yorba Linda, CA) was looking for his first Perris victory since July 30, 2016. The 2014 USAC West Coast 360 Sprint Car Champion got a great start and grabbed the top spot. Setting a torrid pace, Mitchell soon carved his way through traffic and nearly had a straightway lead over the competition. On lap 24, second running "The Big Game Hunter" Austin Williams bicycled his mount in the south turns. Williams tagged the wall and brought out the caution flag. After inspection, Austin's night was over, and Gardner was now on Mitchell's back bumper. On the restart, "The Demon" completed the pass for the lead and raced to the 30-lap feature win.

At the start of the night, "The Big Game Hunter" Austin Williams (Yorba Linda, CA) posted his seventh career Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award. The pilot of the Moose Racing #92 DRC recorded a time of 16.501 over the 20-car roster, ran second in his heat race, placed seventeenth in the feature after an early exit, and currently sits third in the standings.

The night's 10-lap heat race victories went to McCarthy (FlowDynamics First Heat), Gardner (Huntington Beach Glass & Mirror Second Heat), and Roa (All Coast Construction Third Heat).

Logan Williams (Yorba Linda, CA) took home the night's Shawn McDonald Memorial Qualifying and Feature award. The youngest son of Hall of Famer "The Ripper" Rip Williams was sixth quick in time trials, finished sixth in the main event, and has climbed to sixteenth in points.

By virtue of his thirteenth place finish, Brent Owens (Rancho Cucamonga, CA) claimed the night's Wilwood Disc Brakes' Lucky 13 Award. The rookie contender qualified fourteenth overall and placed fourth in his heat race.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: June 19, 2021 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-16.501; 2. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-16.525; 3. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-16.705; 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-16.770; 5. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.825; 6. Logan Williams, 5W, McCarthy-16.945; 7. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-16.999; 8. Danny Faria Jr., 17V, Faria-17.045; 9. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-17.085; 10. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-17.197; 11. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-17.205; 12. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.213; 13. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-17.378; 14. Brent Owens, 71, Martin-17.467; 15. Randy Nelson, 9X, Nelson-17.710; 16. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-17.782; 17. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-18.144; 18. Shane Sexton, 74, Sexton/Gatlin-18.407; 19. Dan Taylor, T5, Taylor-18.498; 20. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-NT.

FLOWDYNAMICS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Matt McCarthy, 2. Austin Williams, 3. A.J. Bender, 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 5. Chris Gansen, 6. Dan Taylor, 7. Austin Grabowski. NT

HUNTINGTON BEACH GLASS & MIRROR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. Matt Mitchell, 3. Cody Williams, 4. Brent Owens, 5. Joel Rayborne, 6. Danny Faria Jr. NT

ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Brody Roa, 2. Tommy Malcolm, 3. Logan Williams, 4. Verne Sweeney, 5. Randy Nelson, 6. Shane Sexton. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Damion Gardner (5), 2. Matt Mitchell (2), 3. Brody Roa (4), 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (3), 5. A.J. Bender (7), 6. Logan Williams (1), 7. Danny Faria Jr. (8), 8. Matt McCarthy (13), 9. Chris Gansen (10), 10. Verne Sweeney (12), 11. Randy Nelson (15), 12. Joel Rayborne (16), 13. Brent Owens (14), 14. Shane Sexton (17), 15. Tommy Malcolm (9), 16. Dan Taylor (18), 17. Austin Williams (6), 18. Cody Williams (11). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-24 Matt Mitchell, Laps 25-30 Damion Gardner.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Matt McCarthy (13th to 8th)

SHAWN McDONALD MEMORIAL QUALIFYING AWARD: Logan Williams

SHAWN McDONALD MEMORIAL FEATURE AWARD: Logan Williams

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Brent Owens

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-508, 2-Brody Roa-445, 3-Austin Williams-430, 4-Chris Gansen-410, 5-Tommy Malcolm-354, 6-Cody Williams-334, 7-Matt Mitchell-328, 8-A.J. Bender-287, 9-Verne Sweeney-254, 10-Charles Davis Jr.-253.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: July 3, 2021 – Santa Maria Raceway – Nipomo, California

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DAMION GARDNER ADDS SANTA MARIA'S DOUG FORT MEMORIAL TO RESUME

SANTA MARIA, CA – JULY 3, 2021… Continuing his assault on the record books, "The Demon" Damion Gardner (Concord, CA) raced to his third AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car victory of the campaign.

Driving Mark Alexander's #1 PerformanceOnline.com / Carman Trucking Spike, Gardner powered by Verne Sweeney on the fourteenth lap, withstood multiple caution flags, and shook free from all challengers to win the $3,000 "12th Annual Doug Fort Memorial" at Santa Maria Raceway. Fast qualifier "The Pride of Garden Grove" Brody Roa, "Hollywood" Danny Faria Jr., "The Big Game Hunter" Austin Williams, and Sweeney rounded out the top-five drivers.

Before winning the 86th USAC CRA main event of his career, "The Demon" was second quick in time trials, placed fourth in his heat race, and now heads to Perris Auto Speedway on July 17th with a 62-point advantage.

Rookie driver, Ikaika O'Brien (Oahu, HI) scored the night's In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Hard Charger Award with a twelfth place run from eighteenth. Racing his #11o Marshall's Automotive DRC, O'Brien qualified eighteenth overall, ran third in his heat race, earned the BillsJerky.com Long Tow Award, and now ranks twenty-third in the standings.

Starting on the pole position, Verne Sweeney (Lomita, CA) was looking for the first USAC CRA triumph of his career. After getting a great start, the veteran driver had held off challenges for the first thirteenth circuits. Up from fifth, Gardner navigated the technical track and found an outside line to his liking. After taking command from Sweeney, Gardner faced constant pressure from Faria throughout the main event and a late surge from Roa.

"The Pride of Garden Grove" Brody Roa (Garden Grove, CA) earned the seventh Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award of his career at Santa Maria. The pilot of the BR Performance owned #91R HD Industries Eagle had recorded a time of

14.003 over the 22-car roster, won the FlowDynamics First Heat Race, ran second to Gardner in the feature after charging from the back twice. At press time, the former USAC West Coast 360 Sprint Car Champion is second in the point chase.

A.J. Bender (San Diego, CA) took the checkered flag in the 10-lap Huntington Beach Glass and Mirror Second Heat Race. Racing the family owned #21 K&R Motorsports DRC, Bender qualified fourteenth overall, finished twentieth in the feature after an early exit, and sits ninth in the point standings.

Rookie contender, Shane Sexton (Warner Springs, CA) took his #74 Sexton / Gatlin Racing owned Triple X backed by Piston Pete's Brewery to his first career USAC CRA heat race victory. Before topping the 10-lap All Coast Construction Third Heat Race, Sexton was fifteenth fastest in qualifying, finished eleventh at Santa Maria, and sits forty-first in points.

By virtue of his thirteenth place finish, Jeff Dyer (Yucca Valley, CA) claimed the night's Wilwood Disc Brakes' Lucky 13 Award. One of the few drivers to also race with the companion California Lightning Sprints, the driver of the Cal-Sun Racing #39 Justice Brothers Stinger qualified sixteenth, ran second to Roa in his heat race, and now ranks twenty-eighth in points while running a limited schedule.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: July 3, 2021 – Santa Maria Raceway – Nipomo, California – 12th Annual Doug Fort Memorial

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-14.003; 2. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-14.536; 3. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-14.541; 4. Danny Faria Jr., 17V, Faria-14.641; 5. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-14.645; 6. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-14.739; 7. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-14.789; 8. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-14.795; 9. Brent Owens, 71, Martin-14.799; 10. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-14.801; 11. Logan Williams, 5W, McCarthy-14.846; 12. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-14.864; 13. Ryan Timmons, 29T, Timmons-15.019; 14. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-15.088; 15. Shane Sexton, 74, Sexton/Gatlin-15.326; 16. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-15.394; 17. James Herrera, 5J, Herrera-15.448; 18. Ikaika O'Brien, 11o, O'Brien-15.608; 19. Chris Muraoka, 25, Muraoka-15.690; 20. Travis Buckley, 21K, Kruseman-15.772; 21. Frank Herman, 2K, Kruseman-16.812; 22. Danny Sheridan, 73, Ford-NT.

FLOWDYNAMICS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Brody Roa, 2. Jeff Dyer, 3. Chris Gansen, 4. Verne Sweeney, 5. Chris Muraoka, 6. Ryan Timmons, 7. Danny Faria Jr., 8. Danny Sheridan. NT

HUNTINGTON BEACH GLASS & MIRROR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. A.J. Bender, 2. Logan Williams, 3. Tommy Malcolm, 4. Damion Gardner, 5. Travis Buckley, 6. Austin Williams, 7. James Herrera. NT

ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Shane Sexton, 2. Cody Williams, 3. Ikaika O'Brien, 4. Matt McCarthy, 5. Brent Owens, 6. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 7. Frank Herman. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Damion Gardner (5), 2. Brody Roa (6), 3. Danny Faria Jr. (7), 4. Austin Williams (8), 5. Verne Sweeney (1), 6. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (9), 7. Chris Gansen (3), 8. Logan Williams (11), 9. Matt McCarthy (12), 10. Tommy Malcolm (2), 11. Shane Sexton (15), 12. Ikaika O'Brien (18), 13. Jeff Dyer (16), 14. Travis Buckley (20), 15. Frank Herman (21), 16. James Herrera (17), 17. Brent Owens (10), 18. Chris Muraoka (19), 19. Danny Sheridan (22), 20. A.J. Bender (14), 21. Cody Williams (4), 22. Ryan Timmons (13). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-13 Verne Sweeney, Laps 14-30 Damion Gardner.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Ikaika O'Brien (18th to 12th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Jeff Dyer

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-588, 2-Brody Roa-526, 3-Austin Williams-496, 4-Chris Gansen-468, 5-Tommy Malcolm-403, 6-Cody Williams-368, 7-Matt Mitchell-328. 8-Danny Faria Jr.-319, 9-A.J. Bender-318, 10-Verne Sweeney-317.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: July 17, 2021 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California

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AUSTIN WILLIAMS MAKES MOST OF PERRIS RETURN

PERRIS, CA – JULY 17, 2021… After reclaiming the lead on lap 27 with a dramatic "slide job" on lapped traffic and "The Demon" Damion Gardner, "The Big Game Hunter" Austin Williams (Yorba Linda, CA) raced to victory at Perris Auto Speedway.

Piloting the Tom and Laurie Sertich owned #92 Huntington Beach Glass and Mirror / CSI Construction DRC, Williams scored his first AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car triumph of the campaign. With ten career victories to his credit, Austin is now tied with Nic Faas, Mike Kirby, and his father "The Ripper" Rip Williams for sixth overall on the USAC CRA win list. "The Pride of Garden Grove" Brody Roa, hard charger Eddie Tafoya Jr., "The Cadillac" Cody Williams, and "Speedy" Stevie Sussex rounded out the top-five drivers.

Starting on the pole position, "Thunder" Tommy Malcolm had his sights on his first career win and led the first two circuits. Austin Williams, who sliced his way from fifth, took command from Malcolm on the half-mile oval and set a torrid pace. The sixth starting Damion Gardner was moving forward and grabbed the lead from Williams with a "turn three slider" on lap twenty. Gardner began to extend his lead, but Williams rallied and powered to the lead seven laps later.

Action was soon halted for a hard hit between Malcolm and Matt Mitchell that brought out a red flag. Both drivers were ok. Before the restart, the second running Gardner had to retire with mechanical issues and Roa was now on Williams' bumper. From there, the night belonged to "The Big Game Hunter."

Before winning the 30-lap feature, Austin Williams was second fastest in time trials and won the night's Huntington Beach Glass and Mirror Second Heat Race. The former co-rookie of the year heads to Santa Maria ranked third in the chase for the championship.

Eddie Tafoya Jr. (Chino Hills, CA) earned the night's In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Hard Charger Award with a third place run from twelfth. Racing the family owned #51T Specialty Fasteners / DRC Chassis entry, Tafoya qualified twelfth overall, ran third in his heat race, and left the Lake Perris Fairgrounds sitting thirteenth in points.

"The Demon" Damion Gardner (Concord, CA) claimed the fifth Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award (96th career) of the season. Driving Mark Alexander's #1 PerformanceOnline.com / Carman Trucking Spike, Gardner finished second in his heat race to A.J. Bender and earned the night's Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award after mechanical issues sidelined the point leader, placing Damion thirteenth in the main event.

A.J. Bender (San Diego, CA) took the checkered flag in the 10-lap FlowDynamics Inc. First Heat Race. Piloting the family owned #21 K&R Motorsports / Schweitzer Racing DRC, Bender qualified thirteenth overall and scored eighteenth in the main event. The former California Lightning Sprint Rookie of the Year heads to Santa Maria ranked ninth in the point chase.

Veteran driver, Verne Sweeney (Lomita, CA) took Ken Tracy's #98 Bill's Ol Fashion Jerky / Faas Cores DRC to victory in the 10-lap All Coast Construction Third Heat Race. Verne was fifteenth quick in time trials and placed tenth in the main event after starting fifteenth. At press time, Sweeney has climbed to eighth in the championship standings.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: July 17, 2021 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-16.377; 2. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-16.403; 3. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.553; 4. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-16.600; 5. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-16.735; 6. Logan Williams, 5W, McCarthy-16.803; 7. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-16.814; 8. Troy Rutherford, 11, Rutherford-16.818; 9. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-16.825; 10. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-16.847; 11. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.956; 12. Eddie Tafoya

Jr., 51T, Tafoya-16.958; 13. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-16.960; 14. Charles Davis Jr., 11C, Turner/Wheeler-16.990; 15. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.099; 16. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-17.195; 17. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-17.417; 18. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-17.561; 19. Jonas Reynolds, 0, Reynolds-17.605; 20. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-17.654; 21. Dan Taylor, T5, Taylor-17.933; 22. Brent Owens, 71, Martin-17.948.

FLOWDYNAMICS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. A.J. Bender, 2. Damion Gardner, 3. Brody Roa, 4. Tommy Malcolm, 5. Chris Bonneau, 6. Matt McCarthy, 7. Brent Owens, 8. Jonas Reynolds. NT

HUNTINGTON BEACH GLASS & MIRROR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Austin Williams, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Troy Rutherford, 4. Cody Williams, 5. Stevie Sussex, 6. Austin Grabowski, 7. Jeff Dyer. NT

ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Verne Sweeney, 2. Matt Mitchell, 3. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 4. Logan Williams, 5. Chris Gansen, 6. Joel Rayborne, 7. Dan Taylor. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Austin Williams (5), 2. Brody Roa (3), 3. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (12), 4. Cody Williams (11), 5. Stevie Sussex (7), 6. Matt McCarthy (10), 7. Chris Gansen (9), 8. Chris Bonneau (16), 9. Charles Davis Jr. (14), 10. Verne Sweeney (15), 11. Austin Grabowski (17), 12. Jeff Dyer (20), 13. Damion Gardner (6), 14. Matt Mitchell (4), 15. Tommy Malcolm (1), 16. Jonas Reynolds (19), 17. Logan Williams (2), 18. A.J. Bender (13), 19. Joel Rayborne (18), 20. Dan Taylor (21), 21. Troy Rutherford (8), 22. Brent Owens (22). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Tommy Malcolm, Laps 3-19 Austin Williams, Laps 20-26 Damion Gardner, Laps 27-30 Austin Williams.

**Matt Mitchell & Tommy Malcolm flipped on lap 27 of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Eddie Tafoya Jr. (12th to 3rd)

SHAWN McDONALD MEMORIAL QUALIFYING AWARD: Logan Williams

SHAWN McDONALD MEMORIAL FEATURE AWARD: Matt McCarthy

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Damion Gardner

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-638, 2-Brody Roa-602, 3-Austin Williams-579, 4-Chris Gansen-524, 5-Tommy Malcolm-441, 6-Cody Williams-434, 7-Matt Mitchell-374, 8-Verne Sweeney-368, 9-A.J. Bender-353, 10-Matt McCarthy-340.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: August 14, 2021 – Santa Maria Raceway – Nipomo, California – Bud Stanfield Memorial

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BRODY ROA WINS CALIFORNIA RACERS HALL OF FAME NIGHT AT PERRIS

PERRIS, CA – AUGUST 21, 2021… Starting seventh, Brody Roa (Garden Grove, CA) raced past “Speedy” Stevie Sussex on lap 28 and captured the $2,500 “California Racers Hall of Fame Night” victory at Perris Auto Speedway.

Driving the BR Performance owned #91R HD Industries / Burris Racing Eagle, Roa scored his second AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car win of the season and the tenth triumph of his career. Stevie Sussex, “The Cadillac” Cody Williams, Chris Gansen, and point leader “The Demon” Damion Gardner followed Roa to the checkered flags.

A special thanks goes to Chris Holt and everyone that contributed to the “California” Racers Hall of Fame Night.” The Perris and former Ascot infield announcer raised over $13,000 in additional prize money and bonuses for the night’s events.

Before winning the 30-lap feature, Roa earned the night's $2,100 "Woodland Auto Display / Billy Wilkerson Fast Time Award" over the 27-car roster with a time of 16.440. The 2019 USAC Southwest Sprint Car champion tied for second with Gardner in the Junior Kurtz / Bill Simpson Trophy Dash points, placed fifth in his heat race, and won the 12-lap billsjerky.com semi-main. Brody left the Lake Perris Fairgrounds ranked second in the standings, just 24 points behind Gardner.

With a one point margin of victory over Roa and Gardner, Matt Mitchell (Yorba Linda, CA) won the $2,000 Junior Kurtz / Bill Simpson Trophy Dash. Driving his #37 Roy Miller Freight Lines / Pit Boss Jacks Maxim, Mitchell topped the four segment, 3-lap dashes special event. The former USAC West Coast Sprint Car Champion qualified second overall, scored third in his heat race, and finished twentieth in the feature after an early tangle ended his night. Heading to the "Louie Vermeil Classic" at Chico, Matt sits eighth in the point standings.

"The Cadillac" Cody Williams (Corona, CA) raced to victory in the 10-lap FlowDynamics Incorporated First Heat Race. Piloting his #44 Trench Shoring / CRW Design & Machine DRC, Williams was thirteenth fast in time trials and charged to third in the main event after starting twelfth. The former Victorville Sprint Car Champion has climbed to fifth in the chase for the championship.

Austin Liggett (Linden, CA) returned to USAC CRA action and won the 10-lap Huntington Beach Glass and Mirror Second Heat Race. Racing the family owned #83 Excel Environmental Services / Liggett Trucking Maxim, Liggett qualified fourteenth overall and finished twentieth in the main event after an early wreck ended his night. At press time, the former USAC West Coast Sprint Car Champion has climbed to twenty-fourth in points.

"Thunder" Tommy Malcolm (Corona, CA) topped the 10-lap All Coast Construction Third Heat Race. Driving Dino Napier's #5X Indiana Truck Salvage / B&B Powder Coating Maxim, Malcolm was fifteenth fast in time trials and charged from fourteenth to eighth in the main event. The young driver left Perris Auto Speedway ranked fifth in the championship point chase.

Jeff Dyer (Yucca Valley, CA) earned the night's In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Hard Charger Award with a twelfth place run from twenty-second. Debuting the Cal-Sun Racing #39 Glenn Sels Engineering / John Springstead Racing ITI, Dyer was twenty-third fastest in time trials, ran seventh in his heat race, and placed ninth in the semi-main. In limited starts, the veteran California Lightning Sprint driver sits twenty-second in the point chase.

"Speedy" Stevie Sussex (Tempe, AZ) earned the Shawn McDonald Memorial Qualifying Award, while "Hollywood" Danny Faria Jr. (Tipton, CA) was the Shawn McDonald Memorial Feature Award winner. Joel Rayborne (West Covina, CA) scored the Wilwood Disc Brakes Luck 13 Award in the main event.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: August 21, 2021 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – California Racers Hall of Fame Night

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-16.440; 2. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.598; 3. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-16.610; 4. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-16.692; 5. Troy Rutherford, 11, Rutherford-16.720; 6. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-16.726; 7. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-16.737; 8. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-16.742; 9. A.J. Bender, 21B, Bender-16.808; 10. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-16.810; 11. Logan Williams, 5W, McCarthy-16.876; 12. Danny Faria Jr., 17V, Faria-16.885; 13. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.962; 14. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-17.078; 15. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-17.178; 16. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.191; 17. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-17.268; 18. Jake Hodges, 4, Hodges-17.517; 19. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-17.635; 20. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-17.640; 21. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-17.723; 22. Brent Owens, 71, Martin-17.814; 23. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-17.867; 24. Austin Ervine, 21, AJ-18.219; 25. Shane Sexton, 74, Sexton/Gatlin-18.383; 26. Gary Marshall Jr., 23, Bellegante-19.445; 27. Dan Taylor, T5, Taylor-20.407.

JUNIOR KURTZ / BILL SIMPSON TROPHY DASH: (four 3-lap dashes) 1. Matt Mitchell (7 points), 2. Damion Gardner (6 points), 3. Brody Roa (6 points), 4. Austin Williams (5 points). NT

FLOWDYNAMICS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Cody Williams, 2. Damion Gardner, 3. Charles Davis Jr., 4. Chris Gansen, 5. Brody Roa, 6. Verne Sweeney, 7. Brent Owens, 8. Joel Rayborne, 9. Shane Sexton. NT

HUNTINGTON BEACH GLASS & MIRROR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Austin Liggett, 2. R.J. Johnson, 3. Matt Mitchell, 4. Troy Rutherford, 5. Logan Williams, 6. Austin Grabowski, 7. Jeff Dyer, 8. Steve Hix, 9. Gary Marshall Jr. NT

ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tommy Malcolm, 2. A.J. Bender, 3. Danny Faria Jr., 4. Stevie Sussex, 5. Matt McCarthy, 6. Jake Hodges, 7. Austin Ervine, 8. Dan Taylor, 9. Austin Williams. NT

BILLSJERKY.COM SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Brody Roa, 2. Verne Sweeney, 3. Logan Williams, 4. Austin Grabowski, 5. Steve Hix, 6. Jake Hodges, 7. Matt McCarthy, 8. Brent Owens, 9. Jeff Dyer, 10. Joel Rayborne, 11. Austin Ervine, 12. Shane Sexton, 13. Gary Marshall Jr., 14. Dan Taylor, 15. Austin Williams. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brody Roa (7), 2. Stevie Sussex (3), 3. Cody Williams (12), 4. Chris Gansen (9), 5. Damion Gardner (5), 6. Danny Faria Jr. (11), 7. R.J. Johnson (1), 8. Tommy Malcolm (14), 9. Logan Williams (10), 10. Austin Grabowski (16), 11. Verne Sweeney (15), 12. Jeff Dyer (22), 13. Joel Rayborne (18), 14. Jake Hodges (17), 15. Brent Owens (21), 16. Steve Hix (19), 17. A.J. Bender (8), 18. Troy Rutherford (4), 19. Austin Liggett (13), 20. Matt Mitchell (6), 21. Matt McCarthy (20), 22. Charles Davis Jr. (2), 23. Austin Williams (23). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 R.J. Johnson, Laps 2-27 Stevie Sussex, Laps 28-30 Brody Roa.

**Matt McCarthy flipped on lap 2 of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Jeff Dyer (22nd to 12th)

SHAWN McDONALD MEMORIAL QUALIFYING AWARD: Stevie Sussex

SHAWN McDONALD MEMORIAL FEATURE AWARD: Danny Faria Jr.

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Joel Rayborne

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-706, 2-Brody Roa-682, 3-Austin Williams-606, 4-Chris Gansen-590, 5-Cody Williams-506, 6-Tommy Malcolm-498, 7-Verne Sweeney-412, 8-Matt Mitchell-408, 9-A.J. Bender-389, 10-Danny Faria Jr.-380.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACES: September 4-5, 2021 – Silver Dollar Speedway – Chico, California – Louie Vermeil Classic

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CARSON SHORT WINS NIGHT #1 OF THE LOUIE VERMEIL CLASSIC

CHICO, CA – SEPTEMBER 4, 2021… In his first start with the AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car Series, Carson Short (Marion, IL) led all 30-laps to win the opening night of the 13th Annual Louie Vermeil Classic at Silver Dollar Speedway.

Driving Clayton Snow's #17 United Mold Inc. / Gary Silva Ranches Triple X, Short started on the pole position and sliced his way through traffic to claim the $5,000 prize. Series point leader, "The Demon' Damion Gardner, "The Big Game Hunter" Austin Williams, and Ryan Bernal rounded out the top-five drivers.

Before claiming the main event, Short qualified seventh out of the thirty-five cars in attendance and won the night's 10-lap All Coast Construction Third Heat Race. The Illinois driver enters the Sunday night finale tied with Gardner in the Vermeil Classic event points.

In Woodland Auto Display Qualifying, eight drivers topped the five year old track record held by Jake Swanson. Tony Gomes (Modesto, CA) set the new standard of 12.972 in Keith Ford's #73 CAM 2 Blue Blood Racing Oil / Sun Valley AG Transport Triple X.. Gomes flipped in the first 10-lap heat race, scoring eighth, rebounded to win the 12-lap BillsJerky.com Semi-Main and take fifth in the feature.

Matt McCarthy (Riverside, CA) raced to victory in the 10-lap FlowDynamics Incorporated First Heat Race. Piloting the family owned #28M FlowDynamics Incorporated / Drinkpak DRC, McCarthy was twenty-first quick in time trials and placed sixteenth in the main event. The former USAC CRA Rookie of the Year has climbed to tenth in the championship point chase.

Nate Schank (Santa Rosa, CA) returned to USAC CRA action and won the 10-lap Huntington Beach Glass and Mirror Second Heat Race. Racing the family owned #1$ Joe Hunt Magnetos / Industrial Machine Maxim, Schank qualified twenty-second overall and finished fourteenth in the main event. In limited starts, the second generation driver ranks thirty-fourth in series points.

"The Pride of Garden Grove" Brody Roa (Garden Grove, CA) topped the 10-lap Component Repair Company Fourth Heat Race. Driving the BR Performance #91R HD Industries / Burris Racing Eagle, Roa was twelfth fast in time trials and charged from eleventh to sixth in the main event. The 2019 USAC Southwest Sprint Car Champion ranks second in USAC CRA standings and sixth in Louie Vermeil points.

'Thunder" Tommy Malcolm (Corona, CA) earned the night's In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Hard Charger Award with a twelfth place run from twenty-second. Before earning a $650 bonus, the pilot of Dino Napier's #5X Indiana Truck Salvage / B&B Powder Coating Maxim was thirty-second fast in time trials, ran fifth in his heat race, and placed sixth in the semi-main. The young driver is sixth in the point standings.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: September 4, 2021 – Silver Dollar Speedway – Chico, California – 13th Annual Louie Vermeil Classic

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Tony Gomes, 73, Ford-12.972 (New Track Record); 2. Kalib Henry, 33, Case-13.120; 3. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-13.159; 4. Ryan Bernal, 17W, Wood-13.197; 5. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-13.200; 6. Chase Johnson, 8M, May-13.221; 7. Carson Short, 17, Snow-13.242; 8. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-13.326; 9. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-13.370; 10. Logan Williams, 5W, McCarthy-13.464; 11. Jarrett Soares, 12, Soares-13.482; 12. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-13.482; 13. Shane Hopkins, 51, Sperry-13.552; 14. Kaleb Montgomery, 8, Richardson-13.570; 15. Danny Faria Jr., 17V, Faria-13.611; 16. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-13.665; 17. Trevor Schmid, 2, Schmid-13.666; 18. Daniel Whitley, 3F, Finkenbinder-13.679; 19. Jake Morgan, 2SB, Miller-13.729; 20. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-13.730; 21. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-13.847; 22. Nate Schank, 1$, Schank-13.867; 23. Ryan Timmons, 29T, Timmons-13.892; 24. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-14.007; 25. Bradley Terrell, 3T, Finkenbinder-14.046; 26. Ron LaPlant, 69, Laplant-14.061; 27. Gary Paulson, 51X, Paulson-14.180; 28. Cody Smith, 5, Smith-14.220; 29. Tony Richards, 4, Richards-14.298; 30. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-14.321; 31. Sheldon Moniz, 1S, Moniz-14.396; 32. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-14.409; 33. Denny McNary, 77, McNary-14.927; 34. Chris Muraoka, 25, Muraoka-14.954; 35. Clint Motta, 92Z, Schmid-15.642.

FLOWDYNAMICS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Matt McCarthy, 2. Cody Williams, 3. Trevor Schmid, 4. Austin Williams, 5. Shane Hopkins, 6. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 7. Ron LaPlant, 8. Tony Gomes. NT

HUNTINGTON BEACH GLASS & MIRROR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Nate Schank, 2. Kalib Henry, 3. Chase Johnson, 4. Kaleb Montgomery, 5. Daniel Whitley, 6. Sheldon Moniz, 7. Clint Motta, 8. Logan Williams, 9. Gary Paulson. NT

ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Carson Short, 2. Damion Gardner, 3. Ryan Timmons, 4. Jarrett Soares, 5. Tommy Malcolm, 6. Cal Smith, 7. Jake Morgan, 8. Danny Faria Jr. NT

COMPONENT REPAIR COMPANY FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Brody Roa, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Chris Gansen, 4. Ryan Bernal, 5. Verne Sweeney, 6. Austin Grabowski, 7. Tony Richards, 8. Denny McNary. NT

BILLSJERKY.COM SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Tony Gomes, 2. Shane Hopkins, 3. Jake Morgan, 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 5. Danny Faria Jr., 6. Tommy Malcolm, 7. Logan Williams, 8. Austin Grabowski, 9. Gary Paulson, 10. Sheldon Moniz, 11. Denny McNary, 12. Daniel Whitley, 13. Verne Sweeney, 14. Cal Smith, 15. Tony Richards. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Carson Short (1), 2. Damion Gardner (5), 3. Austin Williams (30, 4. Ryan Bernal (4), 5. Tony Gomes (7), 6. Brody Roa (11), 7. Cody Williams (9), 8. Chase Johnson (2), 9. Chris Gansen (8), 10. Charles Davis Jr. (15), 11. Kaleb Montgomery (13), 12. Tommy Malcolm (22), 13. Jarrett Soares (10), 14. Nate Schank (19), 15. Danny Faria Jr. (14), 16. Matt McCarthy (18), 17. Logan Williams (23), 18. Ryan Timmons (20), 19. Shane Hopkins (12), 20. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (21), 21. Trevor Schmid (16), 22. Kalib Henry (6), 23. Jake Morgan (17). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Carson Short.

**Bradley Terrell, Chris Muraoka & Verne Sweeney flipped during qualifying. Tony Gomes flipped on lap 1 of the first heat.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Tommy Malcolm (22nd to 12th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Jarrett Soares

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-784, 2-Brody Roa-745, 3-Austin Williams-677, 4-Chris Gansen-642, 5-Cody Williams-565, 6-Tommy Malcolm-538, 7-Verne Sweeney-422, 8-Danny Faria Jr.-414, 9-Matt Mitchell-408, 10-Matt McCarthy-403.

LOUIE VERMEIL CLASSIC POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-78, 2-Carson Short-78, 3-Austin Williams-71, 4-Ryan Bernal-69, 5-Tony Gomes-68, 6-Brody Roa-63, 7-Cody Williams-59, 8-Chase Johnson-56, 9-Chris Gansen-52, 10-Charles Davis Jr.-43.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: September 5, 2021 – Silver Dollar Speedway – Chico, California – 13th Annual Louie Vermeil Classic

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: September 5, 2021 – Silver Dollar Speedway – Chico, California – 13th Annual Louie Vermeil Classic

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Chase Johnson, 8M, May-13.500; 2. Kaleb Montgomery, 8, Richardson-13.501; 3. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-13.750; 4. Ryan Bernal, 17W, Wood-13.752; 5. Daniel Whitley, 3F, Finkenbinder-13.775; 6. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-13.803; 7. Carson Short, 17, Snow-13.838; 8. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-13.846; 9. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-13.861; 10. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-13.915; 11. Jake Morgan, 2SB, Miller-13.990; 12. Trevor Schmid, 2, Schmid-14.031; 13. Danny Faria Jr., 17V, Faria-14.070; 14. Shane Hopkins, 51, Sperry-14.125; 15. Logan Williams, 5W, McCarthy-14.220; 16. Jarrett Soares, 12, Soares-14.220; 17. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-14,318; 18. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-14.327; 19. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-14.342; 20. Ron LaPlant, 69, SixNine-14.353; 21. Gary Paulson, 51X, Paulson-14.380; 22. Nate Schank, 1$, Schank-14.391; 23. Ryan Timmons, 29T, Timmons-14.585; 24. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-14.593; 25. Cody Smith, 5, Smith-14.775; 26. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-14.916; 27. Tony Gomes, 73, Ford-15.188; 28. Chris Muraoka, 25, Muraoka-15.403; 29. Nathan Johnson, 85, Johnson-16.020; 30. Ryan Owens, 26R. Owens-16.615; 31. Boy Moniz, 1S, Moniz-NT; 32, Denny McNary, 77, McNary-NT.

FLOWDYNAMICS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Danny Faria Jr., 3. Chase Johnson, 4. Daniel Whitley, 5. Chris Gansen, 6. Gary Paulson, 7. Cal Smith, 8. Nathan Johnson. NT

HUNTINGTON BEACH GLASS & MIRROR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tommy Malcolm, 2. Cody Williams, 3. Austin Williams, 4. Shane Hopkins, 5. Kaleb Montgomery, 6. Austin Grabowski, 7. Nate Schank, 8. Brent Owens. NT

ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Carson Short, 2. Brody Roa, 3. Tony Gomes, 4. Ryan Timmons, 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 6. Matt McCarthy, 7. Jake Morgan, 8. Logan Williams. NT

COMPONENT REPAIR COMPANY FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. Ryan Bernal, 3. Trevor Schmid, 4. Ron LaPlant, 5. Verne Sweeney, 6. Jarrett Soares, 7. Chris Muraoka. NT

BILLSJERKY.COM SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Kaleb Montgomery, 2. Logan Williams, 3. Gary Paulson, 4. Jarrett Soares, 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 6. Nate Schank, 7. Verne Sweeney, 8. Jake Morgan, 9. Chris Gansen, 10. Cal Smith, 11. Brent Owens, 12. Chris Muraoka, 13. Nathan Johnson, 14. Austin Grabowski, 15. Matt McCarthy. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Damion Gardner (8), 2. Charles Davis Jr. (9), 3. Brody Roa (5), 4. Chase Johnson (6), 5. Cody Williams (10), 6. Tony Gomes (21), 7. Danny Faria Jr. (12), 8. Daniel Whitley (3), 9. Shane Hopkins (13), 10. Ryan Bernal (4), 11. Tommy Malcolm (16), 12. Nate Schank (19), 13. Chris Gansen (23), 14. Ron LaPlant (17), 15. Trevor Schmid (11), 16. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (22), 17. Jarrett Soares (15), 18. Gary Paulson (18), 19. Carson Short (1), 20. Austin Williams (2), 21. Logan Williams (14), 22. Ryan Timmons (20), 23. Kaleb Montgomery (7). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 Austin Williams, Laps 11-28 Damion Gardner, Lap 29 Brody Roa, Lap 30 Damion Gardner.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Tony Gomes (21st to 6th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Chris Gansen

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-862, 2-Brody Roa-820, 3-Austin Williams-707, 4-Chris Gansen-679, 5-Cody Williams-630, 6-Tommy Malcolm-587, 7-Danny Faria Jr.-473, 8-Charles Davis Jr.-460, 9-Verne Sweeney-432, 10-Matt McCarthy-413.

FINAL LOUIE VERMEIL CLASSIC POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-156, 2-Brody Roa-138, 3-Tony Gomes-129, 4-Chase Johnson, 5-Charles Davis Jr.-125, 6-Cody Williams-124, 7-Ryan Bernal-122, 8-Carson Short-111, 9-Austin Williams-101, 10-Danny Faria Jr.-93.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: September 6, 2021 – Petaluma Speedway – Petaluma, California

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AUSTIN WILLIAMS GOES WIRE-TO-WIRE AT PETALUMA

PETALUMA, CA – SEPTEMBER 6, 2021… Leading all 30-laps, “The Big Game Hunter” Austin Williams (Yorba, CA) earned his second AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car victory of the year at Petaluma Speedway. Driving the Tom and Laurie Sertich owned #92 Huntington Beach Glass and Mirror DRC, Williams scored the rare Monday night victory ahead of hard charger Chase Johnson, “The Pride of Garden Grove” Brody Roa, “The Demon” Damion Gardner, and “The Cadillac” Cody Williams.

Williams opened the night at the Sonoma-Maria Fairgrounds by qualifying seventh overall out of the fifteen cars in attendance. “The Big Game Hunter” finished third in his heat race and would start on the outside of the front row in the main event. After scoring his eleventh career victory, Austin moved up to sixth on the winner’s list and heads to Perris Auto Speedway ranked third in points.

After fifteen cars took to the track in Woodland Auto Display Qualifying, young Daniel Whitley (Ferndale, CA) took top honors by posting a time of 14.148. Racing Ted Finkenbinder’s #3F Western Industrial X-Ray Eagle with a 360 engine, Whitley placed seventh in his heat race and ran fifth in the main event. In limited starts, the Spec Sprint regular sits thirty-first in the point standings.

“The Pride of Garden Grove” Brody Roa (Riverside, CA) drive to victory in the 10-lap FlowDynamics Incorporated First Heat Race. Piloting the BR Performance / HD Industries Eagle, Roa was ninth fast in time trials and charged to third in the feature after starting ninth. The 2019 USAC Southwest Sprint Car Champion is second in the point chase, just 44 points behind Damion Gardner.

After winning the finale of the “Louie Vermeil Classic” at Chico the previous night, “The Demon” Damion Gardner (Concord, CA) won the 10-lap Huntington Beach Glass and Mirror Second Heat Race. Driving Mark Alexander’s #1

PerformanceOnline.com / Carman Trucking Spike, Gardner qualified second overall and placed fourth in the main event at Petaluma.

Chase Johnson (Penngrove, CA) earned the night's In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Hard Charger Award with a second place run from eighth. Racing the May Motorsports' #8M Fastenal / Coopers Propane Maxim with a 360 engine, Johnson was fourth fastest in qualifying and ran fifth in his heat race. In limited starts, the versatile driver has climbed to seventeenth in championship points.

By virtue of his thirteenth place finish, Logan Williams (Yorba Linda, CA) earned the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award. Driving John McCarthy's #5W FlowDynamics Incorporated / Drinkpak DRC, Williams qualified sixth overall and finished thirteenth in the main event. Logan left the Petaluma Speedway ranked eleventh in the point standings.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: September 6, 2021 – Petaluma Speedway – Petaluma, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Daniel Whitley, 3F, Finkenbinder-14.148; 2. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-14.191; 3. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-14.277; 4. Chase Johnson, 8M, May-14.321; 5. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-14,415; 6. Logan Williams, 5W, McCarthy-14.420; 7. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-14.446; 8. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-14.503; 9. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-14.574; 10. Ryan Timmons, 29T, Timmons-14.635; 11. Verne Sweeney, 98, Sweeney-14.722; 12. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-14.923; 13. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-14.963; 14. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-15.070; 15. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-15.190.

FLOWDYNAMICS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Brody Roa, 2. Cody Williams, 3. Austin Williams, 4. Charles Davis Jr., 5. Tommy Malcolm, 6. Chris Gansen, 7. Daniel Whitley, 8. Verne Sweeney. NT

HUNTINGTON BEACH GLASS & MIRROR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 3. Logan Williams, 4. Matt McCarthy, 5. Chase Johnson, 6. Austin Grabowski, 7. Ryan Timmons. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Austin Williams (2), 2. Chase Johnson (8), 3. Brody Roa (9), 4. Damion Gardner (6), 5. Daniel Whitley (7), 6. Cody Williams (5), 7. Charles Davis Jr. (4), 8. Tommy Malcolm (13), 9. Matt McCarthy (1), 10. Chris Gansen (15), 11. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (12), 12. Austin Grabowski (14), 13. Logan Williams (3), 14. Ryan Timmons (10). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Austin Williams.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Chase Johnson (8th to 2nd)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Logan Williams

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-936, 2-Brody Roa-892, 3-Austin Williams-783, 4-Chris Gansen-725, 5-Cody Williams-696, 6-Tommy Malcolm-640, 7-Charles Davis Jr.-519, 8-Danny Faria Jr.-473, 9-Matt McCarthy-464, 10-Verne Sweeney-443.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: September 25, 2021 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – Glenn Howard Classic

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CHARLES DAVIS JR. TOPS GLENN HOWARD CLASSIC AT THE PAS!

PERRIS, CA – SEPTEMBER 25, 2021… Starting on the pole position, "Chargin" Charles Davis Jr. (Buckeye, AZ) led all 30-laps to score the "Glenn Howard Memorial" victory at Perris Auto Speedway.

Racing his #47 RSS Industries / MP Environmental Services RSS, Davis earned his first AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car win of the season over “The Big Game Hunter” Austin Williams, fast qualifier “The Demon” Damion Gardner, Eddie Tafoya Jr., and “The Pride of Garden Grove” Brody Roa.

Before holding off Logan and Austin Williams for the victory, Davis began his night at the Lake Perris Fairgrounds by qualifying eighth out of the nineteen-car roster. The multi-time Arizona Sprint Car Champion would finish second in his heat race to Matt McCarthy and is currently ranked seventh in the point standings.

“The Demon” Damion Gardner (Concord, CA) posted his sixth Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award of the season with a time of 16.312. Piloting Mark Alexander’s #1 PerformanceOnline.com / Carman Trucking Spike, Gardner finished seventh in his heat race after having mechanical issues and finished third in the main event. “The Demon” leads the point chase by 49 markers heading to Arizona Speedway.

Verne Sweeney (Lomita, CA) was triumphant in the 10-lap FlowDynamics Incorporated First Heat Race. Driving the Ken Tracy owned #98 Bill’s Ol Fashion Jerky / Faas Cores DRC, Sweeney was sixteenth fast in time trials and the night’s In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Hard Charger with a tenth place run from sixteenth. The veteran driver has climbed to ninth in the championship standings.

Matt McCarthy (Riverside, CA) won the night’s 10-lap Huntington Beach Glass and Mirror Second Heat Race. Racing the family owned #28M FlowDynamics Incorporated / JFK Design Build DRC, McCarthy qualified fourteenth overall and ran thirteenth in the main event, taking the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 honors. To date, the 2017 Rookie of the Year sits eighth in the chase for the championship.

“Speedy” Stevie Sussex (Tempe, AZ) claimed the 10-lap All Coast Construction Third Heat Race. Piloting Robbie and Gaye Allen’s #12 ABC Ventures / Beaver Stripes Maxim, Sussex was twelfth quick in time trials and raced from twelfth to eighth in the feature. At press time, the former USAC National Sprint Car Rookie of the Year is sixteenth in the point chase.

“The Big Game Hunter” Austin Williams (Yorba Linda, CA) took home the Shawn McDonald Memorial Qualifying Award by timing in sixth quick overall. Driving Tom and Laurie Sertich’s #92 Huntington Beach Glass and Mirror / Phil and Eileen King DRC, Williams finished third in his heat race and had to settle for second in the “Glenn Howard Classic.” The former co-rookie of the year ranks third in the point standings.

Chris Gansen (Verdemont Heights, CA) claimed the night’s Shawn McDonald Memorial Feature Award with a sixth place finish in the “Glenn Howard Memorial.” Racing the family owned #4G Trench Shoring / Cam 2 Blue Blood Oil Maxim, Gansen qualified ninth overall and ran second to Stevie Sussex in his heat race. The veteran driver maintains a fourth place ranking in championship points.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: September 25, 2021 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – Glenn Howard Classic

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-16.312; 2. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.340; 3. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-16.369; 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-16.456; 5. Trent Williams, 52V, Williams-16.541; 6. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-16.560; 7. Logan Williams, 5W, McCarthy-16.570; 8. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-16.617; 9. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-16.732; 10. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-16.772; 11. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-16.822; 12. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-16.871; 13. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-17.047; 14. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-17.121; 15. Brent Owens, 71, Martin-17.211; 16. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.285; 17. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-17.431; 18. Shane Sexton, 74, Sexton/Gatlin-17.955; 19. Dan Taylor, T5, Taylor-17.956.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Verne Sweeney, 2. Logan Williams, 3. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 4. A.J. Bender, 5. Dan Taylor, 6. Austin Grabowski, 7. Damion Gardner. NT

HUNTINGTON BEACH GLASS & MIRROR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Matt McCarthy, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Cody Williams, 4. Tommy Malcolm, 5. Trent Williams, 6. Jeff Dyer. NT

ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Stevie Sussex, 2. Chris Gansen, 3. Austin Williams, 4. Brody Roa, 5. Brent Owens, 6. Shane Sexton. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Charles Davis Jr. (1), 2. Austin Williams (3), 3. Damion Gardner (7), 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (4), 5. Brody Roa (5), 6. Chris Gansen (9), 7. Tommy Malcolm (11), 8. Stevie Sussex (12), 9. Trent Williams (8), 10. Verne Sweeney (16), 11. Brent Owens (15), 12. Shane Sexton (18), 13. Matt McCarthy (14), 14. Jeff Dyer (17), 15. Logan Williams (2), 16. Cody Williams (6), 17. A.J. Bender (10), 18. Austin Grabowski (13), 19. Dan Taylor (19). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Charles Davis Jr.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Verne Sweeney (16th to 10th)

SHAWN McDONALD MEMORIAL QUALIFYING AWARD: Austin Williams

SHAWN McDONALD MEMORIAL FEATURE AWARD: Chris Gansen

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Matt McCarthy

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-1,008, 2-Brody Roa-959, 3-Austin Williams-857, 4-Chris Gansen-787, 5-Cody Williams-738, 6-Tommy Malcolm-697, 7-Charles Davis Jr.-596, 8-Matt McCarthy-509, 9-Verne Sweeney-494, 10-Danny Faria Jr.-473.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: October 2, 2021 – Arizona Speedway – San Tan Valley, Arizona – Hall of Fame Classic

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DAMION GARDNER WINS $4,000 HALL OF FAME CLASSIC AT SAN TAN VALLEY

SAN TAN VALLEY, AZ – OCTOBER 2, 2021… Leading the last 17 laps, “The Demon” Damion Gardner (Concord, CA) claimed the $4,000 “Hall of Fame Classic” triumph at Arizona Speedway. Driving Mark Alexander’s #1 PerformanceOnline.com / Carman Trucking Spike, Gardner earned his fifth AMSOIL Sprint Car win of the season ahead of “The Big Game Hunter” Austin Williams, “The Pride of Garden Grove” Brody Roa, “Thunder” Tommy Malcolm, and fast qualifier “Chargin” Charles Davis Jr.

Gardner began his night at the San Tan Valley oval by qualifying fourth overall out of the eighteen car roster. In dramatic fashion, “The Demon” won the night’s 10-lap Huntington Beach Glass and Mirror / Component Repair Company Second Heat race over Chris Gansen with last corner pass. Starting fourth in the main event, Gardner quickly moved to second and set after early leader Chase Johnson.

Johnson was running strong but crashed after a lap 13 restart due to a mechanical issue. From there, the eight-time champion sailed to his 88th career series win and holds a 62-point lead heading to Perris Auto Speedway on October 23rd. The non-winged 410 sprints will return to Arizona Speedway on November 12th and 13th for the “Western World Championships.

“Chargin” Charles Davis Jr. (Buckeye, AZ) took top honors in Woodland Auto Display Qualifying by posting a time of 15.205. Racing his #47 MP Environmental Service / Black Magic Bead Breaker RSS, the September 25th “Glenn Howard Classic” winner ran fourth in his heat race and scored fifth in the “Hall of Fame Classic.” The multi-time Arizona Sprint Car Champion ranks seventh in the USAC CRA point chase.

“Thunder” Tommy Malcolm (Corona, CA) drove to victory in the 10-lap FlowDynamics Incorporated / All Coast Construction First Heat Race. Piloting Dino Napier’s #5X Indiana Truck Salvage / B&B Powder Coating Maxim, Malcolm was ninth quick

in time trials and finished fourth in the main event. The young driver left Arizona Speedway ranked sixth in championship points.

Chris Bonneau (Phoenix, AZ) earned the night's In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Hard Charger Award with a sixth place run from thirteenth. Driving his #15 Priced Right Auto Sales / Competition Suspension Incorporated Triple X, Bonneau qualified thirteenth overall and ran seventh in his heat race. In limited starts, Chris is now tied with Kaleb Montgomery for thirty-ninth in the point standings.

By virtue of his thirteenth place finish, Chase Johnson (Penngrove, CA) earned the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award. Driving Jack Yeley's #2 Avanti / Apache Scapes entry, Johnson qualified sixth overall and led the first thirteen laps of the main event before a crash ended his night. Johnson left the Arizona Speedway ranked seventeenth in the chase for the championship.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: October 2, 2021 – Arizona Speedway – San Tan Valley, Arizona – Hall of Fame Classic

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-15.205; 2. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-15.213; 3. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-15.252; 4. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-15.367; 5. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-15.401; 6. Chase Johnson, 2, Yeley-15.478; 7. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-15.505; 8. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-15.538; 9. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-15.540; 10. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-15.549; 11. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-15.629; 12. Randy Nelson, 9X, Nelson-15.681; 13. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-15.994; 14. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-15.999; 15. Logan Calderwood, 6, Calderwood-16.202; 16. Daylin Perreira, 21P, Perreira-16.397; 17. Jake Helsel, 44H, Helsel-16.588; 18. Troy DeGaton, 39T, DeGaton-NT.

FLOWDYNAMICS / ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tommy Malcolm, 2. Cody Williams, 3. Stevie Sussex, 4. Charles Davis Jr., 5. R.J. Johnson, 6. Austin Williams, 7. Chris Bonneau, 8. Logan Calderwood, 9. Jake Helsel. NT

HUNTINGTON BEACH GLASS & MIRROR / COMPONENT REPAIR COMPANY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. Chris Gansen, 3. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 4. Chase Johnson, 5. Brody Roa, 6. Randy Nelson, 7. Verne Sweeney, 8. Daylin Perreira. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Damion Gardner (4), 2. Austin Williams (7), 3. Brody Roa (9), 4. Tommy Malcolm (1), 5. Charles Davis Jr. (6), 6. Chris Bonneau (13), 7. Stevie Sussex (11), 8. R.J. Johnson (8), 9. Chris Gansen (10), 10. Verne Sweeney (14), 11. Jake Helsel (17), 12. Randy Nelson (12), 13. Chase Johnson (2), 14. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (5), 15. Logan Calderwood (15), 16. Cody Williams (3). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-13 Chase Johnson, Laps 14-30 Damion Gardner.

**Cody Williams flipped on lap 7 of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Chris Bonneau (13th to 6th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Chase Johnson

BILLSJERKY.COM HARD LUCK: Cody Williams

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-1089. 2-Brody Roa-1027, 3-Austin Williams-931, 4-Chris Gansen-840, 5-Cody Williams-778, 6-Tommy Malcolm-766, 7-Charles Davis Jr.-665, 8-Verne Sweeney-539, 9-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-517, 10-Matt McCarthy-509.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: October 23, 2021 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California

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DAMION GARDNER STRIKES AGAIN AT PERRIS

PERRIS, CA – OCTOBER 23, 2021… Starting sixth, "The Demon" Damion Gardner (Concord, CA) powered by "Chargin" Charles Davis Jr. on the sixteenth lap and led the rest of the way to score the victory at Perris Auto Speedway.

Racing Mark Alexander's #1 PerformanceOnline.com / Carman Trucking Spike, Gardner's 30-lap triumph was his sixth AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car win of the campaign. "The Cadillac" Cody Williams, Chris Gansen, "The Pride of Garden Grove" Brody Roa, and hard charger Eddie Tafoya Jr. rounded out the top-five drivers.

Starting on the pole position, Chris Gansen set a torrid pace and led the first eight circuits on the half-mile clay oval. September 25th Perris winner "Chargin" Charles Davis Jr. had sliced his way from third and took over the top spot. Davis was running strong until mid-race when a rear tire began to lose air pressure. Gardner was now in striking distance and slipped past the multi-time Arizona Sprint Car Champion. From there, the night belonged to "The Demon."

Before claiming the 89th series win of his career, Gardner earned the Woodland Auto Display Fast Time honors in qualifying by posting a time of 16.149 over the 24-car roster. The eight-time champion ran second in his heat race to Tommy "Thunder" Malcolm and would leave the Lake Perris Fairgrounds with a 75-point lead heading to the 25th Heimark / Anheuser Busch Oval Nationals Presented by All Coast Construction on November 4-6th.

Driving Dino Napier's #5X Indiana Truck Salvage / B&B Powder Coating Maxim, Tommy "Thunder" Malcolm (Corona, CA) held off Gardner to win the FlowDynamics Incorporated First Heat Race. Malcolm had qualified thirteenth overall and finished seventh in the main event. The versatile driver ranks sixth in championship points.

Chris Gansen (Verdemont Heights, CA) raced to victory in the night's 10-lap Huntington Beach Glass and Mirror Second Heat Race. Piloting the family owned #4G Trench Shoring / Cam 2 Blue Blood Oil Maxim, Gansen was eighth fast in time trials and finished third in the feature after leading the opening laps. At press time, Chris is fourth in the USAC CRA point chase.

Eddie Tafoya Jr. (Chino Hills, CA) won the program's All Coast Construction Third Heat Race. Racing the family owned #51T Specialty Fasteners / DRC Chassis entry, Tafoya qualified fifteenth overall and was the In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Hard Charger Award winner with a fifth place run from fifteenth. The 2019 Rookie of the Year sits eighth in the point standings.

By qualifying sixth, "The Cadillac" Cody Williams (Norco, CA) was the Shawn McDonald Memorial Qualifying Award Winer. Driving his #44 Trench Shoring / CRW Design and Machine DRC, Williams ran fifth in his heat race and had one of his best nights of the season with a second place run. "The Cadillac" is currently fifth in the point standings.

A.J. Bender (San Diego, CA) claimed the night's Shawn McDonald Memorial Feature Award with a sixth place finish. Piloting the family owned #21B K&R Motorsports / Schweitzer Racing DRC, Bender was tenth quick in time trials and placed sixth in his heat race. In limited starts, the California Lightning Sprint Car veteran is twelfth in USAC CRA points.

Making his first start of the year, Jace Vander Weerd (Visalia, CA) placed thirteenth in the feature and earned the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award. Driving the family owned #88 Vander Weerd Construction / Stone Gate Development KPC, Jace was sixteenth fastest in time trials and was fifth in his heat race. The 2010 Rookie of the Year is tied for 56th in points.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: October 23, 2021 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-16.149; 2. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-16.184; 3. Sterling Cling, 34, Cling-16.348; 4. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-16.508; 5. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-16.598; 6. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.605; 7. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-16.605; 8. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-16.637; 9. Logan Williams, 5W, McCarthy-16.653; 10. A.J. Bender, 21B, Bender-16.679; 11. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.741; 12. Tye Mihocko, 38, Crossno-16.777; 13. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-16.786; 14. Trent Williams, 52V, Williams-16.887; 15. Eddie Tafoya Jr.,

51T, Tafoya-16.920; 16. Jace Vander Weerd, 88, Vander Weerd-17.006; 17. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.181; 18. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-17.283; 19. Jake Hodges, 4, Hodges-17.312; 20. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-17.565; 21. Brent Owens, 71, Martin-17.749; 22. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-17.583; 23. Ikaika O'Brien, 11o, O'Brien-17.618; 24. Dan Taylor, T5, Taylor-18.297.

FLOWDYNAMICS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tommy Malcolm, 2. Damion Gardner, 3. Brody Roa, 4. Stevie Sussex, 5. Jace Vander Weerd, 6. A.J. Bender, 7. Jake Hodges, 8. Ikaika O'Brien. 2:48.95

HUNTINGTON BEACH GLASS & MIRROR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Chris Gansen, 2. Matt Mitchell, 3. Verne Sweeney, 4. Charles Davis Jr., 5. Matt McCarthy, 6. Trent Williams, 7. Brent Owens, 8. Austin Williams. 2:49.60.

ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 2. Logan Williams, 3. Sterling Cling, 4. Tye Mihocko, 5. Cody Williams, 6. Austin Grabowski, 7. Jeff Dyer, 8. Dan Taylor. 2:49.63.

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Damion Gardner (6), 2. Cody Williams (8), 3. Chris Gansen (1), 4. Brody Roa (4), 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (15), 6. A.J. Bender (10), 7. Tommy Malcolm (13), 8. Logan Williams (9), 9. Trent Williams (14), 10. Charles Davis Jr. (3), 11. Matt McCarthy (20), 12. Jake Hodges (19), 13. Jace Vander Weerd (16), 14. Verne Sweeney (17), 15. Ikaika O'Brien (22), 16. Dan Taylor (24), 17. Sterling Cling (5), 18. Brent Owens (23), 19. Austin Grabowski (18), 20. Tye Mihocko (12), 21. Matt Mitchell (11), 22. Austin Williams (7), 23. Stevie Sussex (2), 24. Jeff Dyer (21). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-8 Chris Gansen, Laps 9-15 Charles Davis Jr., Laps 16-30 Damion Gardner.

**Austin Williams flipped on lap 15 of the feature. Matt Mitchell flipped on lap 16 of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Eddie Tafoya Jr. (15th to 5th)

SHAWN McDONALD MEMORIAL QUALIFYING AWARD: Cody Williams

SHAWN McDONALD MEMORIAL FEATURE AWARD: A.J. Bender

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Jace Vander Weerd

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-1172, 2-Brody Roa-1097, 3-Austin Williams-960, 4-Chris Gansen-912, 5-Cody Williams-850, 6-Tommy Malcolm-826, 7-Charles Davis Jr.-715, 8-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-583, 9-Verne Sweeney-580. 10-Matt McCarthy-554.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACES: November 4-5-6, 2026 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – 25th Heimark / Anheuser Busch Oval Nationals Presented by All Coast Construction – Co-Sanctioned by the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship

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HAIL MARY! SWANSON'S LAST LAP NETS FIRST USAC NATIONAL SPRINT WIN AT OVAL NATIONALS OPENER

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Perris, California (November 4, 2021)……With four runner-up finishes throughout his first full USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car season, Jake Swanson wasn't about to settle for yet another in his ongoing pursuit of a first career series victory during Thursday night's opener for the 25th Heimark Anheuser Busch Budweiser Oval Nationals Presented by All Coast Construction at southern California's Perris Auto Speedway.

In fact, running second entering the final set of turns on the last lap wasn't sufficient enough to satisfy the Anaheim, Calif. native who was making his first trip back to his home track since becoming a permanent resident of Indiana about a year ago.

Swanson threw a “Hail Mary” through the marbles on the final circuit, removing himself from the bottom to take one last shot at the top of turn four. Swanson ignited the sky with a shower of sparks as his right-side wheels glanced off the outside front straightaway wall, then promptly brushed Thomas’ left side wheels in a drag race to the finish line with Swanson ahead at the stripe by a mere 0.010 of a second for the closest finish of the year, and one of the closest in series history.

Not only was it dramatic, it was downright historic for Swanson who earned his first victory in what was his 84th career USAC National Sprint Car feature start. A long time coming and a long time to wait patiently, but his turn arrived Thursday night. A dream fully realized. A dream come true.

“I’m speechless. I’m absolutely speechless. I could cry I’m so happy,” Swanson exclaimed after bringing his Team AZ Racing/Beaver Stripes – USW Cat Construction – RSS Industries – CSI/DRC/1-Way Chevy to USAC victory lane for the first time ever.

“I cannot say enough about this race team,” Swanson continued. “This racecar was so dynamite. My race team is absolutely incredible, and I know it sounds cliché, but these guys are the best and I’m so glad to finally get this done for them. I can’t thank everybody on the side of this racecar enough who has helped us and helped me get to the level I want to be at, and we finally accomplished that tonight.”

Equipped with a new powerplant under the hood, Swanson started third on the grid, but for the majority of the distance, was resigned to chasing Thomas around the bottom of the 1/2-mile dirt oval all while simultaneously negotiating copious amounts of lapped traffic.

With six laps remaining, the cards fell in Swanson’s favor after spying an opportunity on the back straightaway when Thomas split high to maneuver around the lapped car of Chris Gansen. With a big drive, Swanson cut under Gansen, making it three-wide as the trio hit turn three.

Thomas swung across both Gansen and Swanson, and back to the bottom with his left front tire teetering over the edge of the infield berm, but couldn’t quite stick to the bottom, opening up the low line for Swanson to eke by for the lead exiting the fourth corner.

The moment was fleeting, as it turned out, when he became entrapped behind Logan Williams at the tail end of the lead lap entering low in turn one just a straightaway later. Thomas took to the top in one and two and gleefully reestablished his position at the head of the field on lap 26.

At that precise moment, now back in second and chasing Thomas once again, Swanson readily admitted to nearly feeling resigned to the fact that a first win just might be out of reach.

“I was worried; I didn’t really think I could do it,” Swanson said. “He’s so good on the bottom and it was just a chess match dealing with lapped traffic. I tried to split the lapped car there off turn two and it almost worked, then I tried to do it again, but the next few lappers were running too tight down there.”

Swanson shadowed Thomas for four-straight laps until reaching the white flag, sitting just a single car length back, and even saw Bacon briefly edge ahead of him by a bumper for the second spot off turn two on the last lap. Swanson got back into the groove and carried his momentum back by Bacon and deeper into turn three than he had all evening, at any cost, and the ultimate result wound up as the proudest achievement of his racing career.

“I wasn’t lifting,” Swanson flatly stated. “It didn’t matter if we hit the fence. It didn’t matter if I flipped the length of the front straightaway. I was not going to lift. I was buried in it. I bounced off the fence, I bounced off him, and he gave me just enough room. I really appreciate that, so I didn’t go for a ride. I didn’t think I was going to get it, but all of a sudden, I found some grip either on the wall or right next to the wall and I think I got him by an inch or two. It was unreal.”

Swanson dedicated the victory to his grandfather, who passed away recently while Kevin Thomas Jr. finished second and series point leader Brady Bacon took third, just a single car length behind the front two. Defending Oval Nationals winner C.J. Leary grabbed fourth while Justin Grant rounded out the top-five.

Pole sitter Kevin Thomas Jr. (Cullman, Ala.) came out on the short end of the photo finish in his KT Motorsports/Dr. Pepper Presents the Ronald McDonald House Charities/DRC/Speedway Chevy, finishing second by the smallest of margins.

“It was wild,” Thomas said. “It was a good race, though, and congrats to Jake. They’ve been working so hard and have been very, very close. We did all that and ran that close and that hard and we never touched each other. I’ve got a lot of respect for Jake and what he’s done. Everybody on our crew did a great job and our car was good. I just got passed. It’s not what we wanted, obviously, but we had a good solid run, and we’ll try to duplicate it tomorrow and try to win a race.”

Brady Bacon (Broken Arrow, Okla.) collected yet another top-five – his 32nd in 39 series starts this year – while finishing third, 0.129 sec. behind the winner, aboard his Dynamics, Inc./Fatheadz Eyewear – Elliott’s Custom Trailers & Carts – TelStar/Triple X/Rider Chevy. Bacon started on the outside of the front row but lost the spot to Swanson on lap two yet still had a shot to win despite engine issues hampering the team throughout their night.

Tanner Thorson (Minden, Nev.) became the second driver this season (Logan Seavey) to record Fatheadz Eyewear Fast Qualifier awards after previously doing so in early October at the Terre Haute (Ind.) Action Track and Lawrenceburg (Ind.) Speedway.

Three drivers got upside down throughout the night: Dan Taylor and Chris Gansen did so during qualifying, while Chris Muraoka flipped during the fourth heat. All drivers walked away without injury and, in fact, Gansen returned to action with the same car, transferring through his heat race finish 18th in the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: November 4, 2021 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – 25th Heimark Anheuser Busch Budweiser Oval Nationals Presented by All Coast Construction

FATHEADZ EYEWEAR/WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Tanner Thorson, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-16.487; 2. C.J. Leary, 77m, Michael-16.511; 3. Max Adams, 73 Ford-16.529; 4. Jake Swanson, 21AZ, Team AZ-16.532; 5. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-16.562; 6. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-16.613; 7. Kevin Thomas Jr., 9K, KT-16.675; 8. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-16.696; 9. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-16.736; 10. Shane Cottle, 74x, Hodges-16.748; 11. Logan Seavey, 5, Baldwin/Fox-16.753; 12. Chase Johnson, 2, Yeley-16.754; 13. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-16.770; 14. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-16.772; 15. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.810; 16. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-16.819; 17. Chris Windom, 19, Hayward-16.862; 18. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-17.000; 19. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-17.024; 20. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-17.052; 21. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-17.084; 22. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.092; 23. Carson Short, 17, Snow-17.115; 24. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-17.125; 25. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-17.146; 26. Sterling Cling, 34, Cling-17.162; 27. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.167; 28. Kyle Edwards, 39E, Edwards-17.206; 29. Dennis Gile, 13G, Gile-17.280; 30. Danny Faria Jr., 17v, Hollywood-17.322; 31. Tye Mihocko, 38, Crossno-17.342; 32. Alex Banales, 5A, Baldwin/Fox-17.507; 33. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-17.517; 34. Shane Sexton, 74, Sexton/Gatlin-17.880; 35. Dan Taylor, T5, Taylor-18.006; 36. Chris Muraoka, 25, Sure Can-18.199.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS/FLOWDYNAMICS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Brody Roa, 3. Tanner Thorson, 4. Logan Williams, 5. Austin Williams, 6. Dennis Gile, 7. Austin Grabowski, 8. Tommy Malcolm, 9. Chris Windom. NT

COMPETITION SUSPENSION (CSI)/HUNTINGTON BEACH GLASS & MIRROR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Brady Bacon, 2. Chris Gansen, 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Shane Cottle, 5. Verne Sweeney, 6. Danny Faria Jr., 7. Sterling Cling, 8. Shane Sexton, 9. Cody Williams. 2:53.53

INDY METAL FINISHING/ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Carson Short, 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3. Logan Seavey, 4. Max Adams, 5. Matt Mitchell, 6. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 7. Tye Mihocko, 8. Matt McCarthy, 9. Dan Taylor. 2:53.80

INDY RACE PARTS/COMPONENT REPAIR COMPANY FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. A.J. Bender, 3. R.J. Johnson, 4. Damion Gardner, 5. Charles Davis Jr., 6. Kyle Edwards, 7. Alex Banales, 8. Chris Muraoka, 9. Chase Johnson. NT

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-8 transfer to the feature) 1. Chris Windom, 2. Austin Williams, 3. Cody Williams, 4. Matt Mitchell, 5. Charles Davis Jr., 6. Verne Sweeney, 7. Austin Grabowski, 8. Matt McCarthy, 9. Danny Faria Jr., 10. Tye Mihocko, 11. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 12. Sterling Cling, 13. Tommy Malcolm, 14. Dennis Gile, 15. Kyle Edwards, 16. Shane Sexton, 17. Chase Johnson, 18. Dan Taylor. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Jake Swanson (3), 2. Kevin Thomas Jr. (1), 3. Brady Bacon (2), 4. C.J. Leary (5), 5. Justin Grant (7), 6. Tanner Thorson (6), 7. Austin Williams (9), 8. Chris Windom (18), 9. R.J. Johnson (10), 10. Max Adams (4), 11. Carson Short (8), 12. Shane Cottle (12), 13. Brody Roa (14), 14. Damion Gardner (17), 15. Charles Davis Jr. (23), 16. A.J. Bender (21), 17. Logan Williams (11), 18. Chris Gansen (15), 19. Matt Mitchell (16), 20. Logan Seavey (13), 21. Matt McCarthy (20), 22. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (25-P), 23. Verne Sweeney (22), 24. Cody Williams (19), 25. Austin Grabowski (24). NT

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FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-24 Kevin Thomas Jr., Lap 25 Jake Swanson, Laps 26-29 Kevin Thomas Jr., Lap 30 Jake Swanson.

**Dan Taylor & Chris Gansen flipped during qualifying. Chris Muraoka flipped during the fourth heat.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Brady Bacon-2663, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2600, 3-Justin Grant-2515, 4-Tanner Thorson-2378, 5-C.J. Leary-2367, 6-Chris Windom-2315, 7-Jake Swanson-2210, 8-Robert Ballou-1987, 9-Chase Stockon-1709, 10-Logan Seavey-1406.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-1212, 2-Brody Roa-1141, 3-Austin Williams-1017, 4-Chris Gansen-946, 5-Cody Williams-875, 6-Tommy Malcolm-836, 7-Charles Davis Jr.-749, 8-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-606, 9-Verne Sweeney-604, 10-Logan Williams-554.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Chris Windom-186, 2-Justin Grant-167, 3-Tanner Thorson-160, 4-Brady Bacon-158, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-135, 6-Logan Seavey-134, 7-Thomas Meseraull-133, 8-Robert Ballou-131, 9-Buddy Kofoid- 91, 10-Shane Cottle-91.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & AMSOIL USAC CRA RACES: November 5-6, 2021 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – 25th Heimark Anheuser Busch Budweiser Oval Nationals Presented by All Coast Construction

CONTINGENCY AWARDS:

GSP Driving Performance of the Night: Chris Gansen

Fatheadz Eyewear/Woodland Auto Display Fast Qualifier: Tanner Thorson

Simpson Race Products/Flowdynamics First Heat Winner: Justin Grant

Competition Suspension, Inc./Huntington Beach Glass & Mirror Second Heat Winner: Brady Bacon

Indy Metal Finishing/All Coast Construction Third Heat Winner: Carson Short

Indy Race Parts/Component Repair Company Fourth Heat Winner: Jake Swanson

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi-Feature Winner: Chris Windom

KSE Racing Products/In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Hard Charger: Chris Windom (18th to 8th)

Wilwood Brakes 13th Place Finisher: Brody Roa

Saldana Racing Products First Non-Transfer: Danny Faria Jr.

Schoenfeld Hard Work Award: Austin Grabowski

Shawn McDonald Memorial Qualifying Award: Brady Bacon

Shawn McDonald Memorial Feature Award: Tanner Thorson

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BACON FINDS LAST LAP OVALS FORTUNE AMID GRANT'S MISFORTUNE

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Perris, California (November 5, 2021)……In a season that has been earmarked by a consistency matched by no other individual, feature wins have been, rather surprisingly, relatively few and far between for USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship point leader, Brady Bacon.

As it turned out, all the Broken Arrow, Okla. native needed for that to occur was a little bit of good fortune to fall his way, somehow, someway.

Bacon became the leader for the third and final occasion while Justin Grant's car faltered with a broken nozzle line in Friday's night two of the Heimark Anheuser Busch Budweiser Oval Nationals Presented by All Coast Construction at southern California's Perris Auto Speedway.

Bacon cruised past the rapidly slowing Grant on the last of the 30th circuits to prevail with his fourth win of the year and marked his first time standing in victory lane since July's USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK round at Bloomington Speedway.

The three-time series champion's 39th career USAC National Sprint Car feature win moved him to within one of Gary Bettenhausen for 8th on the all-time win list. Bacon's third career Perris win also went toward cementing his bid for a fourth career title as he incrementally elevated his lead from 63 to 64 with just three races left on the championship trail.

"We've had a good enough car to win a bunch of races this year and it just never went our way," Bacon explained. "Tonight, we probably didn't deserve to win but we did, so we'll take it after all the races we've lost throughout the year."

After experiencing a rare downward descent when starting from the front row during Thursday night's opener at The PAS, Bacon was bound and determined not to let history repeat itself on consecutive nights. Bacon led the opening three circuits before being overtaken by Thorson, then regained the top spot from him just past halfway, then saw his lead slip into the abyss with Grant getting by just three laps from the end.

"I made a mistake there by letting him by," Bacon recalled of Grant's late-race pass. "We just had a little luck on our side tonight and I was able to capitalize on that and get the win. I thought we had a pretty good car, but we just got a little tight there after those couple cautions, probably because of low air pressure, which caused it to push really bad off four. After he got me, I just tried not to make any mistakes and, if he did, I was going to be able to capitalize. Unfortunately for him, something happened, but we'll definitely take it after the year we've had."

Bacon initially lost the lead to Thorson on the fourth lap when Thorson went third to first within a half lap, first charging by Grant for second midway down the back straightaway, then dove to the bottom of turns three and four to swipe the lead from Bacon.

Following a front straightaway flip performed by Sterling Cling (24th), which also ensnarled Danny Faria Jr. (25th) on lap five, Grant relegated Bacon back to third on the sixth lap as Grant muscled his way under at the exit of turn four to put himself in the runner-up spot. Bacon ultimately regained the second position from Grant a mere three laps later.

Out front, Thorson continued to pull away on top, with everyone else following suit on the high line in their pursuit of the 2015 Turkey Night Grand Prix Midget winner when it was held at Perris.

Thorson, meanwhile, had lost his brakes about halfway through, and the issue came into focus as he attempted to put Tommy Malcolm a lap down in the running order with a turn one slider on the 17th lap that initially worked in his favor. However, as Thorson drifted past and glided up the racetrack, all momentum was lost, and opportunity was gained by both Malcolm to get his lap back momentarily as well as Bacon to race past and become the new leader.

As Bacon caressed a 2.089 second advantage with 10 laps remaining, Carson Short and Logan Williams were waging their own battle for the 17th position, which resulted in Williams enduring a rapid tumble after contact with both Short and the wall sent him on a wild ride of which he walked away from.

While Thorson went on the attack in turn two for second with Grant on lap 22, Grant had his sights set on ripping away Bacon's lead entering turn three. Grant ably pulled even with Bacon through the corners but was unable to make a successful go of it as of yet.

Grant tailed Bacon around the entire circumference of the half-mile dirt oval from his view a half-car length back as the two crossed underneath the flag stand with three laps to go. That's precisely where Grant made a swift maneuver to the bottom of turn one and stole the lead away with the race's distance waning in the balance.

Taken by utter complete surprise just two laps later, Bacon pounced as Grant slowed to a crawl on the top side of the racetrack, clearing him between turns one and two as he cut underneath Grant with Thorson in tow to second. Thorson nearly climbed Grant's left rear tire coming off turn two, which stifled him momentarily, and allowed Bacon free reign to put the clamp and his stamp on the victory over Thorson, Kevin Thomas Jr., C.J. Leary and Thursday's winner Jake Swanson.

Tanner Thorson (Minden, Nev.) finished a fine second after leading 13 laps in his Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports/AME Electrical – Mesilla Valley Transportation/Spike/Stanton Chevy.

Kevin Thomas Jr. (Cullman, Ala.) followed up Thursday's runner-up finish with a solid third on Friday in his KT Motorsports/Dr. Pepper Presents the Ronald McDonald House Charities/DRC/Speedway Chevy. The 2017-18 Oval Nationals winner feels like he's got a good game plan if the track conditions are similar to Thursday's and acknowledges having to find a little bit something more for conditions akin to those he faced on Friday night.

Six drivers – Jake Swanson, Kevin Thomas Jr., Brady Bacon, Tanner Thorson, C.J. Leary and Justin Grant ranked as the top-six overall points-getters throughout the first two evenings of the Oval Nationals. All six are locked into the first three rows of Saturday night's 40-lap main event. The starting order of those first three rows will be determined via a Super 6 Dash which pits six cars against each for a six-lap race with high stakes.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: November 5, 2021 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – 25th Heimark Anheuser Busch Budweiser Oval Nationals Presented by All Coast Construction

FATHEADZ EYEWEAR/WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Jake Swanson, 21AZ, Team AZ-16.434; 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 9K, KT-16.486; 3. Tanner Thorson, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-16.508; 4. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-16.576; 5. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-16.593; 6. C.J. Leary, 77m, Michael-16.634; 7. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-16.653; 8. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-16.763; 9. Chase Johnson, 2, Yeley-16.781; 10. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-16.798; 11. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-16.803; 12. Shane Cottle, 74x, Hodges-16.830; 13. Dennis Gile, 13G, Gile-16.862; 14. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-16.865; 15. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.885; 16. Max Adams, 73 Ford-16.916; 17. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-16.932; 18. Sterling Cling, 34, Cling-17.004; 19. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-17.045; 20. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.058; 21. Chris

Windom, 19, Hayward-17.065; 22. Alex Banales, 5A, Baldwin/Fox-17.136; 23. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-17.148; 24. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-17.157; 25. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-17.173; 26. Logan Seavey, 5, Baldwin/Fox-17.175; 27. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-17.181; 28. Danny Faria Jr., 17v, Hollywood-17.230; 29. Carson Short, 17, Snow-17.255; 30. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.295; 31. Tye Mihocko, 38, Crossno-17.388; 32. Kyle Edwards, 39E, Edwards-17.489; 33. Brent Owens, 71, RMR-17.516; 34. Shane Sexton, 74, Sexton/Gatlin-17.552; 35. Dan Taylor, T5, Taylor-18.025; 36. Chris Muraoka, 73x, Ford-NT.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS/FLOWDYNAMICS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Chris Windom, 2. Jake Swanson, 3. A.J. Bender, 4. Carson Short, 5. Chase Johnson, 6. Dennis Gile, 7. Chris Gansen, 8. Matt McCarthy, 9. Brent Owens. 2:53.58

COMPETITION SUSPENSION (CSI)/HUNTINGTON BEACH GLASS & MIRROR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Damion Gardner, 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Logan Williams, 5. Logan Seavey, 6. Alex Banales, 7. Shane Sexton, 8. Verne Sweeney, 9. Sterling Cling. 2:55.97

INDY METAL FINISHING/ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. R.J. Johnson, 2. Tanner Thorson, 3. Justin Grant, 4. Austin Williams, 5. Tommy Malcolm, 6. Cody Williams, 7. Brody Roa, 8. Tye Mihocko, 9. Dan Taylor. 2:57.41

INDY RACE PARTS/COMPONENT REPAIR COMPANY FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Brady Bacon, 2. Matt Mitchell, 3. Shane Cottle, 4. Danny Faria Jr., 5. Kyle Edwards, 6. Charles Davis Jr., 7. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 8. Max Adams, 9. Chris Muraoka. NT

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-8 transfer to the feature) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Cody Williams, 3. Chase Johnson, 4. Dennis Gile, 5. Logan Seavey, 6. Tommy Malcolm, 7. Max Adams, 8. Sterling Cling, 9. Kyle Edwards, 10. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 11. Brody Roa, 12. Alex Banales, 13. Shane Sexton, 14. Brent Owens, 15. Dan Taylor, 16. Matt McCarthy, 17. Tye Mihocko, 18. Chris Gansen, 19. Verne Sweeney. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brady Bacon (1), 2. Tanner Thorson (4), 3. Kevin Thomas Jr. (5), 4. C.J. Leary (3), 5. Jake Swanson (6), 6. Shane Cottle (13), 7. Justin Grant (2), 8. Chris Windom (7), 9. Austin Williams (12), 10. Brody Roa (25-P), 11. Chase Johnson (10), 12. Charles Davis Jr. (9), 13. Damion Gardner (15), 14. Max Adams (17), 15. Carson Short (24), 16. Logan Seavey (22), 17. Dennis Gile (14), 18. Cody Williams (16), 19. Matt Mitchell (21), 20. Chris Gansen (26-P), 21. Tommy Malcolm (20), 22. R.J. Johnson (8), 23. A.J. Bender (18), 24. Logan Williams (11), 25. Sterling Cling (19), 26. Danny Faria Jr. (23). NT

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FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 Brady Bacon, Laps 4-16 Tanner Thorson, Laps 17-27 Brady Bacon, Laps 28-29 Justin Grant, Lap 30 Brady Bacon.

**Matt McCarthy flipped during the semi. Sterling Cling flipped on lap 5 of the feature. Logan Williams flipped on lap 20 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Brady Bacon-2741, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2677, 3-Justin Grant-2573, 4-Tanner Thorson-2456, 5-C.J. Leary-2435, 6-Chris Windom-2372, 7-Jake Swanson-2281, 8-Robert Ballou-1987, 9-Chase Stockon-1709, 10-Logan Seavey-1438.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-1256, 2-Brody Roa-1184, 3-Austin Williams-1068, 4-Chris Gansen-969, 5-Cody Williams-905, 6-Tommy Malcolm-860, 7-Charles Davis Jr.-795, 8-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-616, 9-Verne Sweeney-614, 10-Matt McCarthy-590.

OVAL NATIONALS POINTS: (TOP-6 LOCKED INTO SATURDAY'S FEATURE) 1-Jake Swanson-285, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-284, 3-Brady Bacon-284, 4-Tanner Thorson-276, 5-C.J. Leary-270, 6-Justin Grant-252, 7-Chris Windom-233, 8-Austin Williams-232, 9-Shane Cottle-227, 10-Carson Short-212.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Chris Windom-186, 2-Justin Grant-167, 3-Tanner Thorson-162, 4-Brady Bacon-158, 5-Logan Seavey-140, 6-Kevin Thomas Jr.-137, 7-Thomas Meseraull-133, 8-Robert Ballou-131, 9-Shane Cottle- 98, 10-Buddy Kofoid-91.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & AMSOIL USAC CRA RACE: November 6, 2021 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – 25th Heimark Anheuser Busch Budweiser Oval Nationals Presented by All Coast Construction

CONTINGENCY AWARDS:

GSP Driving Performance of the Night: Carson Short

Fatheadz Eyewear/Woodland Auto Display Fast Qualifier: Jake Swanson

Simpson Race Products/Flowdynamics First Heat Winner: Chris Windom

Competition Suspension, Inc./Huntington Beach Glass & Mirror Second Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

Indy Metal Finishing/All Coast Construction Third Heat Winner: R.J. Johnson

Indy Race Parts/Component Repair Company Fourth Heat Winner: Brady Bacon

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi-Feature Winner: Charles Davis Jr.

KSE Racing Products/In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Hard Charger: Carson Short (24th to 15th)

Wilwood Brakes 13th Place Finisher: Damion Gardner

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Schoenfeld Hard Work Award: Carson Short

Shawn McDonald Memorial 6th Place Qualifying Award: C.J. Leary

Shawn McDonald Memorial 6th Place Feature Award: Shane Cottle

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OVALMEISTER: KTJ EQUALS RECORD WITH 3rd OVAL NATIONALS WIN AT PERRIS

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Perris, California (November 6, 2021)……Like any young person raised on the sport of auto racing, having racing heroes of your own is a natural consequence.

Kevin Thomas Jr. is among those individuals.

One of the Cullman, Alabama native's racing heroes just so happens to be among the select gifted who, themselves, have won the Oval Nationals on three occasions.

Following his performance on Saturday night at southern California's Perris Auto Speedway, a new name, a new face was added to the books as one of four drivers to capture glory in the traditional November event three different times. Kevin Thomas Jr. is now among those individuals.

Thomas joined Bud Kaeding (2001-02-07), Damion Gardner (2009-11-16) and Dave Darland (2005-06-13) to become the latest driver to earn three eagle trophies, accomplishing the feat in Saturday's finale for the 25th running of the Heimark Anheuser Busch Budweiser Oval Nationals Presented by All Coast Construction.

Thomas Jr. tracked down Justin Grant just four laps from the finish, then blazed a trail straight to racing immortality, straight to the land of legends, and straight to the realm of where several of the biggest sprint car racing names have cemented themselves as a hero of the Oval Nationals.

"This is a race I love to win," a choked-up Thomas stated. "I love taking home those eagles. It's emotional. It's our third one. Not many people have done that. I know Dave Darland has and he's one of my heroes. It's pretty cool to tie him."

Thomas' USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car leading ninth win of the season in his KT Motorsports/Dr. Pepper Presents the Ronald McDonald House Charities/DRC/Speedway Chevy was especially pertinent based on how his weekend in Perris began – on the wrong side of a historic photo finish in Thursday's opener with winner Jake Swanson.

Following his runner up result, Swanson finished third on Friday and seemed to be on the cusp of breaking through. However, 40 laps annually present a test of wills, fortune (good and bad), and fortitude of position oneself in the right place at exactly the right time.

Starting fifth in the 25-car field, Thomas remained in constant pursuit of the leaders throughout the first three-quarters of the race. Meanwhile, at the head of the field, Grant had established a foothold in the lead from the outset as he powered around pole sitter and Super Six Dash winner C.J. Leary on lap one while all others continuously strategized how to reel him back in to their grasp.

A melee put a stoppage to the event just two laps in when 13th running Logan Williams spun sideways in turn four. He was then T-boned by the oncoming 20th place car of Matt Mitchell. Both came to a rest near the outside wall with damage. At the same time, 18th running Eddie Tafoya Jr. was collected in the incident and walloped the inside front straightaway wall. All drivers were uninjured but the same could not be said for their cars as all had their races come to a premature conclusion.

During the yellow, 7th running and fast qualifier Damion Gardner bowed out with brake issues that ended his bid for a record fourth Oval Nationals score, relegating him to a 22nd place result.

Coming up on the halfway mark, Grant found a close encounter of the traffic kind in turn four when he and 19th place Dennis Gile met wheel-to-wheel, but Grant continued on safely, no harm-no foul, while the encroaching machines of Leary in 2nd, Tanner Thorson in 3rd and Thomas in 4th became stifled in the quagmire of lapped cars, which allowed Grant to build up his lead to 2.5 seconds.

However, the gridlock did help Thomas a bit further back as he picked and grinned his way around the outside of Thorson for 3rd at the stripe on lap 19, then struck once more in much cleaner air on lap 23 as he bolted past Leary around the outside on the front straightaway to move to 2nd.

In short order, Thomas downsized Grant's lead a full two seconds in the ensuing laps, turning the quickest lap amongst anybody in the entire race on the 25th circuit, ultimately charging around the outside of Grant to nip him by a wheel at the line on lap 31. Grant surged back ahead of Thomas on the bottom of turn one mere moments later but now inherited a Noah's Ark of traffic within his view, two by two, marching high and low.

Grant and Thomas played the game with Grant drifting high and Thomas sticking low as they split Gile midway down the back straightaway with eight laps remaining. Grant staved off Thomas' charge for the time being with the topside cleared away and the bottom clamped down by the lappers.

"I knew that the 4 car was going to give it everything he had," Thomas recalled. "Whenever we got to lapped traffic, it was just about who was going to make the right move at the right time. We had a couple different opportunities to take advantage and I didn't do that at the right time, but everything happens for a reason."

That reason soon became clear when Thomas' shining moment rose with four laps remaining as he stuck the bottom in turns three and four while Grant negotiated the long road home up top on the cushion. A major run by Thomas shot him past Grant to a car length advantage at the line on the 37th lap and, from there on, Thomas took the stage front and center, all for his own as he began his countdown to victory.

A quick dismissal of the now-lapped car of Charles Davis Jr. by Thomas in turn one with two go put a mountainous, insurmountable half-straightaway separation between Thomas and Grant that completed the final chapter of the silver edition of the event which began 25 years earlier in 1996.

Thomas ran away to a final winning margin of 3.129 seconds at the finish line with Grant second, Leary third, Thorson fourth and point leader Brady Bacon rounding out the top-five.

"We got the win and I'm just so proud of these guys and everybody that's behind us," Thomas said in praise after corralling the $10,000 winning prize. "A lot of those people believed in me when a lot of people didn't. I'm fortunate to have all those people behind me doing good things for us. They gave me one heck of a racecar and they read that track perfectly. They did their job 100 percent. That was a good one to drive."

Thomas' 36th career USAC National Sprint Car feature win moved him past Jon Stanbrough and Rich Vogler for sole possession of 11th on the all-time list. He now stands just one victory behind Sheldon Kinser for 10th all-time.

Justin Grant (Ione, Calif.) led a race-high 35 laps of the 40-lap distance in his TOPP Motorsports/NOS Energy Drink – MPV Express – TOPP Industries/Maxim/Kistler Chevy, equaling his best career Oval Nationals final night result of 2nd place, which he also earned back in 2017.

"The bottom started getting narrow and the top stayed so dirty," Grant explained. "I had to slow down so much to try and get stuck on the bottom. I don't do a whole lot other than go pound the fence, so we usually leave that thing set on 'cushion kill.' When the bottom gets that narrow, it's hard on us. We figured if we were going to win this race, it was going to be on the boards, but when the bottom got that thin, I had to get so slow. KTJ was just better than we were at the end, and we really started fading with about 10 to go and got real bad with about five to go."

C.J. Leary (Greenfield, Ind.) had a successful 2021 Oval Nationals, following up 4th place finishes in both prelims with a 3rd place result in Saturday night's finale aboard the Michael Motorsports/Kodiak Products – Gray Auto – Valvoline/DRC/Cressman Ford.

"This car was really consistent all weekend, which is something we haven't had a lot of the year," Leary admitted. "We've struggled and we've been really good, then we've been not so good. This weekend was not bad at all."

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FATHEADZ EYEWEAR/WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: (Top-6 in Oval Nationals points did not qualify) 1. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-16.613; 2. Max Adams, 73 Ford-16.700; 3. Shane Cottle, 74x, Hodges-16.790; 4. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-16.831; 5. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-16.867; 6. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-16.904; 7. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.912; 8. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-16.912; 9. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-16.923; 10. Chris Windom, 19, Hayward-16.969; 11. Dennis Gile, 13G, Gile-16.982; 12. Alex Banales, 5A, Baldwin/Fox-17.018; 13. Logan Seavey, 5, Baldwin/Fox-17.021; 14. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.030; 15. Chase Johnson, 2, Yeley-17.030; 16. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-17.086; 17. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-17.129; 18. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-17.140; 19. Sterling Cling, 34, Cling-17.226; 20. Carson Short, 17, Snow-17.244; 21. Tye Mihocko, 38, Crossno-17.257; 22. Danny Faria Jr., 17v, Hollywood-17.337; 23. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.424; 24. Kyle Edwards, 39E, Edwards-17.549; 25. Brent Owens, 71, RMR-17.697; 26. Shane Sexton, 74, Sexton/Gatlin-18.120; 27. Dan Taylor, T5, Taylor-18.276; 28. Chris Muraoka, 73x, Ford-19.085.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS/FLOWDYNAMICS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Seavey, 2. Damion Gardner, 3. Logan Williams, 4. Brody Roa, 5. Chris Windom, 6. Matt Mitchell, 7. Danny Faria Jr., 8. Sterling Cling, 9. Brent Owens, 10. Chris Muraoka. 2:55.10

COMPETITION SUSPENSION (CSI)/HUNTINGTON BEACH GLASS & MIRROR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. A.J. Bender, 2. Cody Williams, 3. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 4. Max Adams, 5. Dennis Gile, 6. Verne Sweeney, 7. Carson Short, 8. Shane Sexton, 9. Austin Williams. 2:54.62

INDY METAL FINISHING/ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION/INDY RACE PARTS/COMPONENT REPAIR COMPANY THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Shane Cottle, 3. Chase Johnson, 4. R.J. Johnson, 5. Chris Gansen, 6. Tye Mihocko, 7. Kyle Edwards, 8. Alex Banales, 9. Dan Taylor. NT

FAST ARMED SUPER SIX DASH: (6 laps, finishing order set the first 3 rows of the feature) 1. C.J. Leary (#77m Michael), 2. Justin Grant (#4 TOPP), 3. Tanner Thorson (#19AZ Reinbold-Underwood), 4. Brady Bacon (#69 Dynamics), 5. Kevin Thomas Jr. (#9K KT), 6. Jake Swanson (#21AZ Team AZ). 1:42.75

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Chris Windom, 2. Matt Mitchell, 3. Carson Short, 4. Chris Gansen, 5. Tye Mihocko, 6. Dennis Gile, 7. Austin Williams, 8. Verne Sweeney, 9. Danny Faria Jr., 10. Alex Banales, 11. Kyle Edwards, 12. Shane Sexton, 13. Brent Owens, 14. Dan Taylor, 15. Chris Muraoka, 16. Sterling Cling. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr. (5), 2. Justin Grant (2), 3. C.J. Leary (1), 4. Tanner Thorson (3), 5. Brady Bacon (4), 6. Jake Swanson (6), 7. Shane Cottle (7), 8. Chris Windom (19), 9. Charles Davis Jr. (11), 10. R.J. Johnson (10), 11. A.J. Bender (12), 12. Brody Roa (16), 13. Logan Seavey (13), 14. Cody Williams (15), 15. Max Adams (9), 16. Carson Short (21), 17. Chase Johnson (17), 18. Dennis Gile (24), 19. Verne Sweeney (25-P), 20. Chris Gansen (22), 21. Tye Mihocko (23), 22. Damion Gardner (8), 23. Logan Williams (14), 24. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (18), 25. Matt Mitchell (20). NT

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FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Justin Grant, Lap 31 Kevin Thomas Jr., Laps 32-36 Justin Grant, Laps 37-40 Kevin Thomas Jr.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Brady Bacon-2799, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2747, 3-Justin Grant-2640, 4-Tanner Thorson-2517, 5-C.J. Leary-2499, 6-Chris Windom-2421, 7-Jake Swanson-2336, 8-Robert Ballou-1987, 9-Chase Stockon-1709, 10-Logan Seavey-1475.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-1279, 2-Brody Roa-1223, 3-Austin Williams-1078, 4-Chris Gansen-992, 5-Cody Williams-940, 6-Tommy Malcolm-860, 7-Charles Davis Jr.-841, 8-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-639, 9-Verne Sweeney-639, 10-Matt McCarthy-590.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Chris Windom-197, 2-Justin Grant-167, 3-Tanner Thorson-162, 4-Brady Bacon-158, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-141, 6-Logan Seavey-140, 7-Thomas Meseraull-133, 8-Robert Ballou-131, 9-Shane Cottle- 98, 10-Buddy Kofoid-91.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & AMSOIL USAC CRA RACES: November 12-13, 2021 – Arizona Speedway – San Tan Valley, Arizona – 3/8-Mile Dirt Oval – 54th Western World Championships Presented by San Tan Ford

CONTINGENCY AWARDS:

GSP Driving Performance of the Night: Chris Windom

Fatheadz Eyewear/Woodland Auto Display Fast Qualifier: Damion Gardner

Simpson Race Products/Flowdynamics First Heat Winner: Logan Seavey

Competition Suspension, Inc./Huntington Beach Glass & Mirror Second Heat Winner: A.J. Bender

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KSE Racing Products/In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner/All Coast Construction Tony Jones Hard Charger: Chris Windom (19th to 8th)

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CLINCHED: BACON CEMENTS USAC SPRINT TITLE WITH WESTERN WORLD NIGHT #1 WIN

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

San Tan Valley, Arizona (November 12, 2021)……There's just something magical in the symbiosis between Brady Bacon and Western World.

The Broken Arrow, Okla. driver collected his 10th career victory in the event Friday night at Arizona Speedway as he tracked down racelong leader Logan Seavey with five laps remaining, then thwarted Seavey's comeback slider in the final corner on the final lap, driving back by to capture the victory in the 54th annual Western World Championships Presented by San Tan Ford opener for the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship.

With his winning performance and Kevin Thomas Jr.'s subsequent misfortune, Bacon clinched the 2021 USAC National Sprint Car driving championship with one race remaining Saturday night.

Bacon's fourth career series title makes him just the third driver to capture at least four championships in his career, joining five-timer Levi Jones (2005-07-09-10-11) and fellow four-time titlist Steve Butler (1986-87-88-90) while also garnering Dynamics, Inc. a record-extending 13th series entrant championship.

The milestones were racked up in droves throughout the night with Bacon also becoming just the ninth driver to win at least 40 career USAC National Sprint Car feature events. His 40th ties him with Gary Bettenhausen for eighth on the all-time series win list.

Bacon's Western World record continues to be remarkable and impeccable ever since winning his first race in the esteemed event in 2009. He won two 360 c.i. non-wing sprint car races at Tucson, Arizona's USA Raceway in 2009 and repeated in the same division there once more in 2010 with the ASCS Canyon Region series.

Furthermore, at Peoria, Arizona's Canyon Speedway Park in 2012, Bacon was an ASCS Winged 360 Sprint Car feature winner. He returned to USA Raceway in 2015 to add a USAC National Sprint Car triumph.

When Western World migrated to Arizona Speedway in San Tan Valley, Ariz., Bacon's winning ways continued with USAC Southwest 360 Sprint Car scores in 2016-17-18, followed by a USAC NOS Energy Drink National Midget win in 2019 and, finally, his USAC National Sprint Car tally Friday night, displaying a knack for success in the event unlike any other.

“This race has been great to me over the years, and I’ve got another win tonight,” Bacon exclaimed. “I’ve won at three different tracks that the Western World has been at. I don’t know what it is about the race; we just seem to find our way to victory lane. It doesn’t matter if it’s wing, non-wing, 360, 410 or midget, there’s just something about this race. There’s great fans in Arizona and a lot of history here, and I’m glad to be a part of it.”

Bacon started third in the 30-lap feature event aboard his Dynamics, Inc./Fatheadz Eyewear – Elliott’s Custom Trailers & Carts – TelStar/Triple X/Rider Chevy while Arizona native and USAC National Sprint Car Rookie Sterling Cling led the charge to the green flag. However, it was outside front row starter Logan Seavey who established the pace up front from the get-go.

Drifting from third back to sixth on the opening lap, Bacon was forced to steadily work his way back into contention, to fifth on lap five, to fourth on lap seven and to third just past the midway point as he slid past his nearest championship foe, Kevin Thomas Jr., with a turn three slide job on lap 17.

Two laps later, Bacon surged past Jake Swanson for the second position, utilizing the bottom of turns one and two, then set his sights on tracking down the leader, Seavey, who, at that point in time, was mired knee deep in a tussle with a myriad of cars on the tail end of the lead lap, thus shrinking the 1.5 second interval in half between himself and Seavey.

That margin was scrunched up even more on the 22nd lap when the lapped cars of Jake Helsel and Caleb Stelzig tangled in turn two, sending Helsel spinning backwards to a stop. Second running Thomas Jr. was already committed and affixed to the bottom groove, and with nowhere to roam, connected right rear to right rear with Hessel, ending Hessel’s evening and also putting a wrap on Thomas Jr.’s slim title chances for good when he came to a stop. Thomas Jr. did, however, restart and finish 13th.

With Bacon now right on the back bumper of Seavey with eight laps remaining, both drivers stayed attached to their comfort zones, Seavey striding on the cushion and Bacon rolling the bottom, which proved to be equal with both drivers side-by-side lap-after-lap, with nary a car length separating the two on laps 22-23-24-25.

It was the 26th lap that turned the tide in Bacon’s favor after Seavey got tight on the cushion in turns one and two, sending him skating up the 3/8-mile dirt oval which allowed Bacon to break free with six car lengths of daylight between the two on the back straightaway.

Seavey regained his footing and began rapidly reeling in Bacon, who had occupied the low line in turns one and two and the top in three and four during the late stages. Seavey took the high road in turns one and two to close within a car length of Bacon midway down the back straight.

“Three and four was kind of the question, I didn’t know where I should be and whether I should stay on the bottom or go back to the top,” Bacon quizzed. “I felt like it was going to have to be harder for someone else to pass me on the bottom that it would be for them to rip around me on the top if I made a mistake.”

It was right there, at that moment, Seavey fired a deep shot at Bacon on the bottom of three, sliding three lengths ahead of Bacon before plowing his right rear into and over the edge of the turn four cushion. Bacon was prepared and had his front wheels pointed straight to the bottom of four to charge back by and cross the stripe 0.495 of a second ahead of Seavey with Tanner Thorson third, C.J. Leary fourth and Charles Davis Jr. fifth.

“It was easier to make a mistake on the top, I felt like, and the bottom is kind of my bread and butter and the top is probably his,” Bacon noted. “It was just going to be whoever messed up. On the last lap, I messed up on the bottom of one and two and gave him a shot at me. Luckily, I had enough drive off the bottom of four to get back by him.”

Despite coming up just short after leading a race-high 25 laps, Logan Seavey (Sutter, Calif.) displayed his reemergence after a rough go last weekend during three nights of racing in Perris, Calif. which saw all three finishes outside the top- ten. Seavey’s second place performance was his best result with the series since a runner-up finish during the 4-Crown Nationals at Ohio’s Eldora Speedway in his Baldwin-Fox Racing/Fox Paving – Claxton Engines/DRC/Claxton Chevy.

Tanner Thorson (Minden, Nev.) obliterated the one-lap USAC National Sprint Car track record at Arizona Speedway in Fatheadz Qualifying with a lap of 14.390 seconds, erasing the five-year-old record of 13.625, set by Chad Boespflug in 2016. Thorson was briefly in contention for the win with seven laps remaining before ultimately finishing third in his Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports/AME Electrical – Mesilla Valley Transportation/Spike/Stanton Chevy, his 14th finish of sixth or better in his last 15 starts.

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FATHEADZ EYEWEAR/WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING FLIGHT ONE: 1. Tanner Thorson, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-14.390 (New Track Record); 2. C.J. Leary, 77m, Michael-14.549; 3. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-14.609; 4. Logan Seavey, 5, Baldwin/Fox-15.005; 5. Stevie Sussex, 34AZ, Grau-15.231; 6. Thomas Meseraull, 2, Yeley-15.267; 7. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-15.269; 8. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-15.290; 9. Jake Helsel, 44H, Helsel-15.415; 10. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-15.416; 11. Logan Calderwood, 6, Calderwood-15.548; 12. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-15.590; 13. Kyle Shipley, 57, Stone-15.610; 14. Tye Mihocko, 38, Crossno-15.677; 15. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-15.706; 16. Bruce St. James, 7K, St. James-15.771; 17. Spencer Hill, 7D7, West-16.061; 18. Jimmy Pontin, 24, Pontin-16.670; 19. Shane Cottle, 74x, Hodges-19.960.

FATHEADZ EYEWEAR/WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING FLIGHT TWO: 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 9K, KT-14.700; 2. Jake Swanson, 21AZ, Team AZ-14.723; 3. Chris Windom, 19, Hayward-14.873; 4. Sterling Cling, 34, Cling-15.003; 5. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-15.046; 6. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-15.099; 7. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-15.157; 8. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-15.170; 9. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-15.237; 10. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-15.269; 11. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-15.292; 12. Caleb Stelzig, 21x, Stelzig-15.465; 13. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-15.473; 14. Alex Banales, 5A, Baldwin/Fox-15.664; 15. Colt Treharn, 77, Treharn-15.844; 16. Daylin Perreira, 21p, Perreira-16.090; 17. Danny Mathus, 42, Mathus-16.213; 18. Ikaika O'Brien, 11o, O'Brien-16.314; 19. Tuesday Calderwood, 4c, Calderwood-16.355.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS / FLOWDYNAMICS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Jake Helsel, 2. Brady Bacon, 3. Stevie Sussex, 4. Brody Roa, 5. Tanner Thorson, 6. Logan Calderwood, 7. Austin Grabowski, 8. Kyle Shipley, 9. Spencer Hill, 10. Shane Cottle. NT

COMPETITION SUSPENSION (CSI) / HUNTINGTON BEACH GLASS & MIRROR SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. C.J. Leary, 3. Logan Seavey, 4. Thomas Meseraull, 5. Tommy Malcolm, 6. Tye Mihocko, 7. Verne Sweeney, 8. Bruce St. James, 9. Jimmy Pontin. NT

INDY METAL FINISHING / ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. R.J. Johnson, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Cody Williams, 5. Damion Gardner, 6. Chris Bonneau, 7. Colt Treharn, 8. Tuesday Calderwood, 9. Chris Windom, 10. Danny Mathus. NT

INDY RACE PARTS / COMPONENT REPAIR COMPANY FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Caleb Stelzig, 2. Jake Swanson, 3. Sterling Cling, 4. Chris Gansen, 5. Austin Williams, 6. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 7. Alex Banales, 8. Daylin Perreira, 9. Ikaika O'Brien. NT

C-MAIN: (6 laps, top-4 transfer to the semi) 1. Shane Cottle, 2. Spencer Hill, 3. Daylin Perreira, 4. Jimmy Pontin, 5. Ikaika O'Brien, 6. Tuesday Calderwood, 7. Bruce St. James. NT

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Tanner Thorson, 2. Damion Gardner, 3. Austin Williams, 4. Tommy Malcolm, 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 6. Shane Cottle, 7. Logan Calderwood, 8. Tye Mihocko, 9. Chris Windom, 10. Chris Bonneau, 11. Alex Banales, 12. Austin Grabowski, 13. Kyle Shipley, 14. Daylin Perreira, 15. Verne Sweeney, 16. Colt Treharn, 17. Spencer Hill, 18. Jimmy Pontin. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brady Bacon (3), 2. Logan Seavey (2), 3. Tanner Thorson (11), 4. C.J. Leary (5), 5. Charles Davis Jr. (8), 6. Chris Windom (23-P), 7. Austin Williams (15), 8. Justin Grant (17), 9. Brody Roa (16), 10. Tommy Malcolm (18), 11. Jake Swanson (4), 12. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (19), 13. Kevin Thomas Jr. (6), 14. Shane Cottle (22), 15. Damion Gardner (13), 16. R.J. Johnson (9), 17. Chris Gansen (21), 18. Verne Sweeney (24-P), 19. Caleb Stelzig (10), 20. Jake Helsel (7), 21. Sterling Cling (1), 22. Stevie Sussex (12), 23. Thomas Meseraull (14), 24. Cody Williams (20). NT

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FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Logan Seavey, Laps 26-30 Brady Bacon.

**Bruce St. James flipped during the C-Main. Tuesday Calderwood flipped during the C-Main.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Brady Bacon-2880, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-2793, 3-Justin Grant-2696, 4-Tanner Thorson-2591, 5-C.J. Leary-2572, 6-Chris Windom-2477, 7-Jake Swanson-2386, 8-Robert Ballou-1987, 9-Chase Stockon-1709, 10-Logan Seavey-1548.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-1315, 2-Brody Roa-1274, 3-Austin Williams-1132, 4-Chris Gansen-1026, 5-Cody Williams-968, 6-Charles Davis Jr.-907, 7-Tommy Malcolm-904, 8-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-679, 9-Verne Sweeney-666, 10-Logan Williams-605.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Chris Windom-197, 2-Tanner Thorson-177, 2-Justin Grant-176, 4-Brady Bacon-160, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-147, 6-Logan Seavey-140, 7-Thomas Meseraull-140, 8-Robert Ballou-131, 9-Shane Cottle-106, 10-Buddy Kofoid-94.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & AMSOIL USAC CRA RACE: November 13, 2021 – Arizona Speedway – San Tan Valley, Arizona – 3/8-Mile Dirt Oval – 54th Western World Championships Presented by San Tan Ford

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THE CLOSER: SEAVEY FINISHES USAC SPRINT SEASON AS WESTERN WORLD VICTOR

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

San Tan Valley, Arizona (November 13, 2021)……If at first you don't succeed, then dust yourself off and try again.

Logan Seavey lived and breathed this particular proverb through and through during both nights of the 54th annual Western World Championships presented by San Tan Ford at Arizona Speedway.

On Friday night, the Sutter, Calif. native led 25 of 30 laps before one tiny mistake cost him the victory. The following evening, Seavey vowed not to repeat his misfortune nor his ultimate fate, and instead, fully intending to capitalize on the opportunity at hand with an outside front row starting spot and a winning race car in his grasp.

Seavey led all 30 circuits of Saturday's feature, only briefly relenting the top spot to C.J. Leary just past the halfway mark. Without a rattle, without a hesitation, Seavey calmly raced back by to capture the season finale for the USAC AMSOIL National and USAC CRA Sprint Cars.

It was Seavey's first USAC National Sprint Car victory since running off three-straight in succession during USAC INDIANA SPRINT WEEK in July, a Western World triumph worth $7,500 after piloting the Baldwin-Fox Racing/Fox Paving – Claxton Engines/DRC/Claxton Chevy to victory lane in the last ever USAC event to be held at the 3/8-mile dirt oval before its permanent closure later this month.

"It's awesome," Seavey exclaimed following his sixth career USAC National Sprint Car win, which equaled him for 75th place all-time alongside Chad Boespflug, Kevin Briscoe, Jac Haudenschild, Jason McCord, Jan Opperman, Tom Sneva, George Snider and Dick Tobias. "We led so many laps last night. I really, really love this place and I hate that it's our last time coming here."

The main crux of finding redemption is slaying those small landmines that are constantly thrown in the direction of team and driver and are bound to trip up individuals on occasion. Seavey attempted to thwart those aspects but ultimately resigned to be patient and wait for the track to come to him, as opposed to the reverse, as the surface changed throughout the duration.

"Last night, I got myself too tight with the shocks under yellow, trying to over-adjust, and I almost did the same thing tonight going the wrong way, getting myself freer," Seavey explained. "The rubber just wasn't quite as much as I thought it was there with a few to go. Then, it finally latched up and my car got really good.

It was maybe just a little overthinking on my end, but you've got to do everything you can to win these races," Seavey continued. "Everybody's so good and you've got to be perfect. It showed last night. We had a good car, good enough to win, and I messed up and gave it away. I knew I had I had a good car, and I could win tonight. I just had to do everything I could not to give this one away."

From the drop of the green, it was all Seavey as he sprinted to the lead from the outside of the front row, then surpassed pole sitter Austin Williams around the outside at the exit of turn four and promptly led the charge throughout the first half with C.J. Leary in tow on the high line, likewise, shooting around Williams on the top for the second position in turn four on lap two.

Seavey's 1.1 second lead over Leary began to dwindle in traffic and was carved in half by lap 18 when fifth running Kevin Thomas Jr.'s end-of-year misfortune continued with a flat right rear tire, which brought out the caution. Thomas returned to action but wound up a disappointing 22nd.

The stoppage put the traffic situation on the shelf and delivered Leary a golden opportunity that he nearly made work. With the top line paved in rubber, making a clean pass became a challenging proposition, but Leary was game.

On the first lap of the lap 18 restart, Leary stuck right to Seavey's rear bumper through turns one and two, and midway down the back straightaway, before diving to the bottom of turn three. However, Leary's momentum took him up the racetrack, to the very top off turn four, freeing the lane for Seavey to cross over back underneath and reclaim the lead.

“I knew my car was good up top,” Seavey claimed. “Racing here in the past and knowing how clean the top got, I knew the rubber was coming. I got to lapped traffic and felt it coming, then a yellow came out and I freed myself way up for the rubber and I did it too early and about gave it away. C.J. got a huge run and about went by us. Luckily, I was able to hold on just long enough for the rubber to come.”

With Leary’s shot fired, Seavey was safe and sound for the final 13 laps as he contested the high line unchallenged the rest of the way, raising the interval to a whopping 3.127 seconds as he raced under the checkered flag with C.J. Leary second, Jake Swanson third, Thomas Meseraull fourth and newly crowned 2021 USAC National Sprint Car champion Brady Bacon rounding out the top-five.

Leary (Greenfield, Ind.) completed his season with a flurry of successful outings, finishing inside the top-five in each of his last five starts aboard his Michael Motorsports/Kodiak Products – Gray Auto – Valvoline/DRC/Cressman Ford.

Swanson’s daring turn one pass of Meseraull for the third position with 10 laps remaining put the Anaheim, California driver on the podium for the seventh time with the USAC National Sprint Cars this year in his Team AZ Racing/Beaver Stripes – USW Cat Construction – RSS Industries – CSI/DRC/1-Way Chevy.

Bacon (Broken Arrow, Okla.) clinched his fourth career USAC National Sprint Car driving championship on Friday night at Western World, but was officially crowned following Saturday night’s finale, placing him as the third member of an exclusive club of drivers who’ve won at least four titles with the series: Levi Jones (2005-07-09-10-11) and Steve Butler (1986-87-88-90).

Furthermore, Bacon became the first back-to-back USAC National Sprint Car driving champion since Bryan Clauson in 2012-13. Meanwhile, the Dynamics, Inc. No. 69 for Bacon earned its unprecedented 13th series entrant title after previously being crowned in 1989, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2004, 2008, 2014, 2016 and 2020.

Damion Gardner (Concord, Calif.) racked up an awe-inspiring eighth consecutive AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car driving championship, and ninth overall, this year while also providing entrant Mark Alexander and car No. 1 its eighth-straight series entrant title, and ninth overall. The Gardner and Alexander partnership has garnered previous series titles in 2013-14-15-16-17-18-19. No 2020 champion was crowned. Gardner first earned a USAC CRA driving championship in 2005 while Alexander first did so in the entrant category during the 2007 campaign.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: November 13, 2021 – Arizona Speedway – San Tan Valley, Arizona – 3/8-Mile Dirt Oval – 54th Western World Championships Presented by San Tan Ford

FATHEADZ EYEWEAR/WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAYQUALIFYING FLIGHT ONE: 1. Tanner Thorson, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-14.497; 2. C.J. Leary, 77m, Michael-14.601; 3. Logan Seavey, 5, Baldwin/Fox-14.631; 4. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-14.780; 5. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-14.829; 6. Tye Mihocko, 38, Crossno-14.852; 7. Jake Helsel, 44H, Helsel-14.882; 8. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-14.888; 9. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-14.924; 10. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-14.933; 11. Stevie Sussex, 34AZ, Grau-14.972; 12. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-15.175; 13. Kyle Shipley, 57, Stone-15.489; 14. Logan Calderwood, 6, Calderwood-15.539; 15. Caleb Stelzig, 21x, Stelzig-15.543; 16. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-15.820; 17. Ikaika O'Brien, 11o, O'Brien-15.896; 18. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-16.172; 19. Jimmy Pontin, 24, Pontin-16.397.

FATHEADZ EYEWEAR/WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING FLIGHT TWO: 1. Jake Swanson, 21AZ, Team AZ-14.847; 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 9K, KT-14.904; 3. Shane Cottle, 74x, Hodges-14.940; 4. Sterling Cling, 34, Cling-15.026; 5. Chris Windom, 19, Hayward-15.030; 6. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-15.049; 7. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-15.073; 8. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-15.115; 9. Thomas Meseraull, 2, Yeley-15.225; 10. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-15.303; 11. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-15.310; 12. Alex Banales, 5A, Baldwin/Fox-15.319; 13. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-15.330; 14. Colt Treharn, 77, Treharn-15.468; 15. Spencer Hill, 7D7, West-15.472; 16. Danny Mathus, 42, Mathus-15.775; 17. Daylin Perreira, 21p, Perreira-15.975; 18. Brent Yarnal, 29, Yarnal-16.159.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS / FLOWDYNAMICS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Tanner Thorson, 3. R.J. Johnson, 4. Logan Seavey, 5. Stevie Sussex, 6. Caleb Stelzig, 7. Jake Helsel, 8. Kyle Shipley, 9. Ikaika O'Brien, 10. Jimmy Pontin. 2:05.70

COMPETITION SUSPENSION (CSI) / HUNTINGTON BEACH GLASS & MIRROR SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. Tye Mihocko, 3. Damion Gardner, 4. Austin Williams, 5. Tommy Malcolm, 6. Austin Grabowski, 7. Verne Sweeney, 8. Logan Calderwood, 9. Brody Roa. NT

INDY METAL FINISHING / ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Thomas Meseraull, 2. Chris Windom, 3. Brady Bacon, 4. Jake Swanson, 5. Cody Williams, 6. Shane Cottle, 7. Chris Gansen, 8. Spencer Hill, 9. Daylin Perreira. 2:01.52 (New Track Record)

INDY RACE PARTS / COMPONENT REPAIR COMPANY FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 4. Alex Banales, 5. Colt Treharn, 6. Danny Mathus, 7. Chris Bonneau, 8. Sterling Cling, 9. Brent Yarnal. NT

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Shane Cottle, 2. Stevie Sussex, 3. Tommy Malcolm, 4. Brody Roa, 5. Jake Helsel, 6. Sterling Cling, 7. Chris Gansen, 8. Cody Williams, 9. Caleb Stelzig, 10. Chris Bonneau, 11. Spencer Hill, 12. Colt Treharn, 13. Austin Grabowski, 14. Kyle Shipley, 15. Logan Calderwood, 16. Verne Sweeney , 17. Daylin Perreira, 18. Ikaika O'Brien, 19. Jimmy Pontin, 20. Danny Mathus, 21. Brent Yarnal. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (2), 2. C.J. Leary (4), 3. Jake Swanson (5), 4. Thomas Meseraull (8), 5. Brady Bacon (15), 6. Justin Grant (7), 7. Tanner Thorson (6), 8. Chris Windom (11), 9. Shane Cottle (9), 10. Austin Williams (1), 11. Jake Helsel (14), 12. Brody Roa (16), 13. Stevie Sussex (20), 14. Tye Mihocko (12), 15. Sterling Cling (10), 16. Damion Gardner (18), 17. R.J. Johnson (17), 18. Charles Davis Jr. (19), 19. Cody Williams (23-P), 20. Alex Banales (22), 21. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (13), 22. Kevin Thomas Jr. (3), 23. Austin Grabowski (24-P), 24. Tommy Malcolm (21). NT

(P) represents a provisional starter

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USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Chris Windom-201, 2-Justin Grant-187, 3-Tanner Thorson-183, 4-Brady Bacon-170, 5-Thomas Meseraull-148, 6-Kevin Thomas Jr.-147, 7-Logan Seavey-141, 8-Robert Ballou-131, 9-Shane Cottle-106, 10-Buddy Kofoid-100.

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