2022 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SEASON

The Demon Hangs 10 with USAC CRA Sprint Cars in 2022

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Damion Gardner, the undisputed king of AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car racing, retained his throne once again in 2022.

This year, Gardner (Concord, California) collected his 10th overall career series title and his ninth-in-a-row dating back to 2013.

"The Demon," as he's affectionately known, now possesses more career USAC championships than all but one driver, and that driver happens to be A.J. Foyt with 13.

Gardner led every statistical category with the division in 2022 on his way to a 236-point margin of victory in the final championship rundown over Austin Williams.

Meanwhile, Gardner also provided team owner Mark Alexander with his ninth consecutive entrant title and 10th overall with USAC CRA.

This year's performance for Gardner featured six main event wins, which pushed his overall series win total to 95. His total USAC feature win count in all series pushed up to 106, which ranks seventh all-time.

Four of Gardner's six feature wins on the 2022 season came in the first four events. He started the year off with a three-race sweep in January at Arizona's Cocopah Speedway, then swung by victory lane in March's return to California's Perris Auto Speedway to capture the first four events of the campaign.

The Perris victory was his 50th in USAC CRA competition at the southern California half-mile dirt oval and tied his personal-best four-race USAC CRA win streak, which he also achieved in 2005 and 2014. Throughout the course, he added to more in the win column in April at Arizona's Mohave Valley Raceway and once more for good measure in September at Perris.

Austin Williams (Yorba Linda, California) posted his fourth-straight top-three result in the final CRA standings. It was his second time finishing as the runner-up, equaling his previous best of second in 2019. The 2009 series Rookie of the Year was unable to grab a feature victory but did score three second place results at Cocopah, California's Thunderbowl Raceway and Mohave Valley.

Eddie Tafoya Jr. (Chino Hills, California), likewise, was shut out of victory lane, but put in a career-best performance in multiple categories in 2022. His third place finish in the points topped his previous best mark and his second place result in the January finale at Cocopah was the best run yet of his CRA career. He was also one of only two drivers to start all 21 feature events in 2022 along with Damion Gardner.

Matt Mitchell (Yorba Linda, California) earned his best points finish with CRA since 2014, taking fourth in the final rundown after garnering his first series feature victory in six seasons in April at Perris.

Tommy Malcolm (Corona, California) slotted into the fifth spot in the point standings for the best points finish of his career, racking up five top-fives in 19 starts with a best showing of second at both Cocopah and Santa Maria as he gets ever closer to his first career series win.

In all, 12 drivers reached victory lane with USAC CRA this past season. Brody Roa (Garden Grove, California) scored three times overall, including in back-to-back starts during a midsummer stretch at Perris and Santa Maria. He accomplished those two wins for two different teams – his own BR Motorsports No. 91R at Perris and the May Motorsports No. 8m at Santa Maria. He then traveled to Arizona in October to notch another win at Mohave Valley.

After an eight-year absence from USAC CRA victory lane, Cody Williams (Corona, California) returned with a bang when he knocked down two-straight wins in May at Bakersfield (California) Speedway, then again two weeks later in the 71st running of the Salute to Indy at Perris.

Austin Liggett (Tracy, California) put up a "w" at California's Keller Auto Speedway at Kings Fairgrounds in April. Ryan Bernal (Hollister, California) notched his first USAC CRA win in four seasons during an April meet at Thunderbowl.

Tanner Boul (Auberry, California) pulled a major upset in June at Ventura (California) Raceway when he took his 360 c.i. engine to the win against the 410 c.i. dominated field. Charles Davis Jr. (Buckeye, Arizona) showed who was in charge with a last lap pass to victory in August at Perris to post a win in back-to-back USAC CRA seasons for the first time since 2006-07.

Cocopah and Perris hosted a total of five matchups between USAC CRA and the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship during October and November. Emerson Axsom (Franklin, Indiana) and Jake Swanson (Anaheim, California) dominated each end of the 55th annual Western World Championships at Cocopah.

Days later at Perris, Brady Bacon (Broken Arrow, Okla.) collected an emotional victory on the opening night of the Oval Nationals just two days after his grandfather's death. The following evening, Robert Ballou (Rocklin, California) made his return to California for the first time in five years pay when was the victor on night two of the ovals. The final night and the $20,000 check belonged to Bacon as he became a first-time Oval Nationals champion.

Nate Schank (Santa Rosa, California) earned 2022 USAC CRA Sprint Car Rookie of the Year honors after tallying an 11th place finish in the standings as well as three top-10 results, bested by a sixth in April at Keller Auto Speedway.

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2022 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR STAT LEADERS:

Driver Champion: Damion Gardner

Entrant Champion: Mark Alexander #1

Most Wins: 6-Damion Gardner

Rookie of the Year: Nate Schank

Most Laps Led: 179-Damion Gardner

Most Top-Fives: 11-Damion Gardner

Most Top-Tens: 13-Damion Gardner & Eddie Tafoya Jr.

Most Fast Qualifying Times: 5-Damion Gardner

Most Heat Race Wins: 9-Damion Gardner

Most Feature Starts: 21-Damion Gardner & Eddie Tafoya Jr.

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2022 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR DRIVER POINT STANDINGS:

POS.	PTS.	DRIVER, HOMETOWN
1	1309	Damion Gardner, Concord, California
2	1073	Austin Williams, Yorba Linda, California
3	1048	Eddie Tafoya Jr., Chino Hills, California
4	1047	Matt Mitchell, Yorba Linda, California
5	967	Tommy Malcolm, Corona, California
6	935	Brody Roa, Garden Grove, California
7	916	Cody Williams, Corona, California
8	883	Charles Davis Jr., Buckeye, Arizona
9	868	Logan Williams, Yorba Linda, California
10	687	Matt McCarthy, Riverside, California
11	645	Nate Schank (R), Santa Rosa, California
12	632	Verne Sweeney, Lomita, California
13	607	Austin Grabowski, Riverside, California
14	564	A.J. Bender, San Diego, California
15	545	Chris Gansen, Verdemont Heights, California
16	470	Chase Johnson, Penngrove, California
17	434	Kyle Edwards, Fountain Valley, California
18	391	Trent Williams, Apple Valley, California
19	349	C.J. Leary, Greenfield, Indiana
20	340	Ricky Lewis (R), Oxnard, California
21	338	Jake Swanson, Anaheim, California
22	337	Robert Ballou, Rocklin, California
23	331	Brady Bacon, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
24	328	Emerson Axsom, Franklin, Indiana
25	304	Justin Grant, Ione, California
26	275	Kevin Thomas Jr., Cullman, Alabama
27	275	Shane Sexton, Warner Springs, California
28	265	Chris Bonneau, Peoria, Arizona
29	264	Matt Westfall, Pleasant Hill, Ohio
30	257	Logan Calderwood, Goodyear, Arizona
31	245	Max Adams, Loomis, California

32	233	Mike Martin, Somerton, Arizona
33	229	Logan Seavey, Sutter, California
34	212	Mitchel Moles, Raisin City, California
35	204	Tanner Boul, Auberry, California
36	196	Dan Taylor, Reily, Ohio
37	192	Jake Hodges, Camarillo, California
38	192	Shon Deskins, Phoenix, Arizona
39	191	Jadon Rogers, Worthington, Indiana
40	164	Sterling Cling, Tempe, Arizona
41	162	Dustin Cormany, Surprise, Arizona
42	162	Jeff Dyer, Yucca Valley, California
43	159	Joel Rayborne, West Covina, California
44	147	Brody Fuson, Bakersfield, California
45	135	Austin Liggett, Tracy, California
46	134	Daniel Whitley, Ferndale, California
47	125	Troy Rutherford, Ojai, California
48	111	Steve Hix, Ventura, California
49	109	Travis Buckley, Auckland, New Zealand
50	108	Kyle Cummins, Princeton, Indiana
51	102	Danny Parrish, Fairbanks, Alaska
52	88	Jonas Reynolds, Peoria, Arizona
53	87	Jason McDougal, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
54	74	Dustin Burkhart, Surprise, Arizona
55	66	Randy Nelson, Peoria, Arizona
56	61	Gordon Rodgers, Winton, California
57	50	Jake Neal, Omaha, Nebraska
58	45	Jake Helsel, Arlington, Washington
59	41	Grant Sexton, Lakeside, California
60	40	Troy DeGaton, Live Oak, California
61	39	James Herrera, New Cuyama, California
62	35	Stevie Sussex, Mesa, Arizona
63	34	Andrew Sweeney, Queen Creek, Arizona

64	34	Justin Zimmerman, Athens, Texas
65	30	Trent Carter, Torrance, California
66	26	Ben Worth, Coalinga, California
67	26	Tony Everhart, El Cajon, California
68	24	Ryan Timmons, Pleasant Hill, California
69	23	Brent Owens, Rancho Cucamonga, California
70	20	Camie Bell, Bakersfield, California
71	20	Jeremy Jonas, El Paso, Texas
72	10	Tuesday Calderwood, Goodyear, Arizona

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2022 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR ENTRANT POINT STANDINGS:

POS.	**PTS.**	**ENTRANT, LOCATION, CAR NUMBER**
1	1309	Mark Alexander, Torrance, California (#1)
2	1073	Rip Williams, Anaheim, California (#2)
3	1048	Eddie Tafoya Sr., Chino Hills, California (#51T)
4	1047	J.W. Mitchell Motorsports, Costa Mesa, California (#37)
5	967	Dino Napier, Corona, California (#5x)
6	916	Cody Williams, Norco, California (#44)
7	883	Charles Davis Jr., Buckeye, Arizona (#47)
8	868	John McCarthy, Riverside, California (#5w)
9	859	BR Performance, Garden Grove, California (#91R)
10	687	John McCarthy, Riverside, California (#28m)
11	632	Ken Tracy, Buena Park, California (#98)
12	607	Austin Grabowski, Riverside, California (#72)
13	545	Gansen Engineering Motorsports, San Bernardino, California (#4G)
14	434	Gordon Edwards, Fountain Valley, California (#39E)
15	349	Michael Motorsports, Chino Valley, Arizona (#77m)
16	338	Team AZ Racing, Danville, Indiana (#21AZ)
17	337	Ballou Motorsports, Tipton, Indiana (#12)
18	331	Dynamics Inc., Milford, Ohio (#69)

19	328	Clauson Marshall Newman Racing, Fishers, Indiana (#47BC)
20	304	TOPP Motorsports, Rochester, Indiana (#4)
21	275	Dutcher Motorsports, Cicero, Indiana (#17GP)
22	264	Marshall Motorsports, Forest, Ohio (#33m)
23	214	Robbie & Gaye Allen, Cottonwood, Arizona (#12A)
24	212	Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports, Gilbert, Arizona (#19AZ)
25	191	The Engler Family, Princeton, Indiana (#14)
26	164	Sterling Cling Racing, Tempe, Arizona (#34)
27	162	Cal-Sun Racing, Phelan, California (#39)
28	111	Steve Hix, Ventura, California (#57)
29	88	John Bellegante, Banning, California (#23)
30	40	Troy DeGaton, Live Oak, California (#39T)

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2022 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR FEATURE WINNERS:

Jan 27: Cocopah Speedway - Somerton, AZ

WINNER: Damion Gardner (Mark Alexander #1)

Jan 28: Cocopah Speedway - Somerton, AZ

WINNER: Damion Gardner (Mark Alexander #1)

Jan 29: Cocopah Speedway - Somerton, AZ

WINNER: Damion Gardner (Mark Alexander #1)

Mar 26: Perris Auto Speedway Perris, CA - Damion Gardner

WINNER: Damion Gardner (Mark Alexander #1)

Apr 1: Keller Auto Speedway at Kings Fairgrounds - Hanford, CA

WINNER: Austin Liggett (Tim Liggett #83)

Apr 2: Thunderbowl Raceway - Tulare, CA

WINNER: Ryan Bernal (Josh Ford Motorsports #73)

Apr 23: Mohave Valley Raceway - Mohave Valley, AZ

WINNER: Damion Gardner (Mark Alexander #1)

Apr 30: Perris Auto Speedway - Perris, CA

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

May 14: Bakersfield Speedway - Bakersfield, CA

WINNER: Cody Williams (Rip Williams #44)

May 28: Perris Auto Speedway - Perris, CA

WINNER: Cody Williams (Rip Williams #44)

Jun 11: Ventura Raceway - Ventura, CA

WINNER: Tanner Boul (Boul Racing #99T)

Jun 25: Perris Auto Speedway - Perris, CA

WINNER: Brody Roa (BR Motorsports #91R)

Aug 6: Santa Maria Raceway - Nipomo, CA

WINNER: Brody Roa (May Motorsports #8m)

Aug 20: Perris Auto Speedway - Perris, CA

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

Sep 17: Perris Auto Speedway - Perris, CA

WINNER: Damion Gardner (Mark Alexander #1)

Oct 8: Mohave Valley Raceway - Mohave Valley, AZ

WINNER: Brody Roa (BR Motorsports #91R)

Oct 28: (N) Cocopah Speedway | Somerton, AZ

WINNER: Emerson Axsom (Clauson Marshall Newman Racing #47BC)

Oct 29: (N) Cocopah Speedway | Somerton, AZ

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

Nov 3: (N) Perris Auto Speedway | Perris, CA

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

Nov 4: (N) Perris Auto Speedway | Perris, CA

WINNER: Robert Ballou (Ballou Motorsports #12)

Nov 5: (N) (F) Perris Auto Speedway | Perris, CA

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

(N) represents an event with the USA AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship

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2022 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR FEATURE WINS:

6-Damion Gardner (Jan 27 at Cocopah Speedway, Jan 28 at Cocopah Speedway, Jan 29 at Cocopah Speedway, Mar 26 at Perris Auto Speedway, Apr 23 at Mohave Valley Raceway & Sep 17 at Perris Auto Speedway)

3-Brody Roa (Jun 25 at Perris Auto Speedway, Aug 6 at Santa Maria Raceway & Oct 8 at Mohave Valley Raceway)

2-Brady Bacon (Nov 3 at Perris Auto Speedway & Nov 5 at Perris Auto Speedway)

2-Cody Williams (May 14 at Bakersfield Speedway & May 28 at Perris Auto Speedway)

1-Emerson Axsom (Oct 28 at Cocopah Speedway)

1-Robert Ballou (Nov 4 at Perris Auto Speedway)

1-Ryan Bernal (Apr 2 at Thunderbowl Raceway)

1-Tanner Boul (Jun 11 at Ventura Raceway)

1-Charles Davis Jr. (Aug 20 at Perris Auto Speedway)

1-Austin Liggett (Apr 1 at Keller Auto Speedway at Kings Fairgrounds)

1-Matt Mitchell (Apr 30 at Perris Auto Speedway)

1-Jake Swanson (Oct 29 at Cocopah Speedway)

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2022 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR FEATURE LAPS LED:

179-Damion Gardner

55-Brady Bacon

46-Tommy Malcolm & Matt Mitchell

41-Emerson Axsom & Brody Roa

35-Chase Johnson

30-Tanner Boul

27-Kevin Thomas Jr.

24-Robert Ballou

23-Cody Williams

18-Charles Davis Jr.

15-A.J. Bender

13-Jake Swanson & Austin Williams

12-Jake Helsel

7-Ryan Bernal

6-Austin Liggett

5-Kyle Edwards

3-Ricky Lewis

1-Eddie Tafoya Jr.

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2022 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR TOP-5 FEATURE FINISHES:

11-Damion Gardner

9-Matt Mitchell

8-Charles Davis Jr., Brody Roa & Austin Williams

6-Eddie Tafoya Jr.

5-Robert Ballou, Tommy Malcolm & Cody Williams

4-Brady Bacon, C.J. Leary & Jake Swanson

3-Emerson Axsom, Chase Johnson & Logan Williams

2-A.J. Bender, Justin Grant & Kevin Thomas Jr.

1-Max Adams, Ryan Bernal, Tanner Boul, Shon Deskins, Kyle Edwards, Brody Fuson, R.J. Johnson, Ricky Lewis, Austin Liggett, Mike Martin, Troy Rutherford, Matt Westfall & Daniel Whitley

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2022 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR TOP-10 FEATURE FINISHES:

13-Damion Gardner & Eddie Tafoya Jr.

12-Matt Mitchell

11-Austin Williams

10-Tommy Malcolm & Brody Roa

9-Charles Davis Jr.

8-Cody Williams & Logan Williams

6-Trent Williams

5-Emerson Axsom, Brady Bacon, Robert Ballou, A.J. Bender, Kyle Edwards, Chris Gansen, Justin Grant, Chase Johnson & C.J. Leary

4-Austin Grabowski, R.J. Johnson, Matt McCarthy & Jake Swanson

3-Max Adams, Mike Martin, Mitchel Moles, Nate Schank, Logan Seavey, Danny Sheridan, Kevin Thomas Jr. & Matt Westfall

2-Tanner Boul, Kyle Cummins, Shon Deskins, Ricky Lewis, Austin Liggett, Jadon Rogers, Troy Rutherford & Verne Sweeney

1-Ryan Bernal, Logan Calderwood, Sterling Cling, Dustin Cormany, Brody Fuson, Jason McDougal, Kaleb Montgomery, Randy Nelson & Daniel Whitley

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2022 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR FEATURE STARTS:

21-Damion Gardner & Eddie Tafoya Jr.

20-Austin Williams

19-Tommy Malcolm & Matt Mitchell

18-Cody Williams

17-Logan Williams

16-Charles Davis Jr., Brody Roa & Verne Sweeney

15-Austin Grabowski, Matt McCarthy & Nate Schank

13-Chris Gansen

12-A.J. Bender

9-Kyle Edwards, Chase Johnson & Ricky Lewis

8-R.J. Johnson, Shane Sexton & Trent Williams

6-Chris Bonneau, Jake Hodges & Dan Taylor

5-Max Adams, Emerson Axsom, Brady Bacon, Robert Ballou, Logan Calderwood, Justin Grant, C.J. Leary, Mitchel Moles, Joel Rayborne, Jadon Rogers, Logan Seavey, Jake Swanson, Kevin Thomas Jr. & Matt Westfall

4-Tanner Boul, Dustin Cormany, Jeff Dyer, Mike Martin & Danny Sheridan

3-Jess Beckett, Travis Buckley, Sterling Cling, Shon Deskins, Brody Fuson, Steve Hix, Ikaika O'Brien, Danny Parrish, Jonas Reynolds & Daniel Whitley

2-Ryan Bernal, Dustin Burkhart, Kyle Cummins, Dawson Faria, Austin Liggett, Gary Marshall Jr., Jason McDougal, Daylin Perreira, Gordon Rodgers, Troy Rutherford & J.J. Yeley

1-Charlie Butcher, Trent Carter, Austin Ervine, Tony Everhart, Jake Helsel, James Herrera, Richard McCormick, Kaleb Montgomery, Chris Muraoka, Randy Nelson, Stevie Sussex, Andrew Sweeney, Ryan Timmons, Chris Tramel, Ben Worth & Justin Zimmerman

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2022 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR FAST QUALIFYING TIMES:

5-Damion Gardner

4-Cody Williams

3-C.J. Leary

2-Matt Mitchell

1-A.J. Bender, Chris Gansen, Matt McCarthy, Mitchel Moles, Jake Swanson, Eddie Tafoya Jr. & Austin Williams

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2022 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR HEAT RACE WINS:

9-Damion Gardner

6-Charles Davis Jr. & Brody Roa

5-Matt Mitchell

4-Tommy Malcolm & Jake Swanson

3-A.J. Bender & Austin Grabowski

2-Chase Johnson, R.J. Johnson, Matt McCarthy, Verne Sweeney, Kevin Thomas Jr., Austin Williams, Cody Williams & Logan Williams

1-Max Adams, Brady Bacon, Logan Calderwood, Dustin Cormany, Kyle Cummins, Dawson Faria, Justin Grant, Steve Hix, Jake Hodges, Austin Liggett, Nate Schank, Daniel Whitley & Trent Williams

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2022 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR SEMI-FEATURE WINS:

1-Max Adams, A.J. Bender, Justin Grant, C.J. Leary, Tommy Malcolm, Matt McCarthy, Matt Mitchell, Mitchel Moles & Eddie Tafoya Jr.

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2022 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR DASH WINS:

1-Justin Grant & Matt McCarthy

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2022 USAC CRA SPRINT CAR C-MAIN WINS:

1-Verne Sweeney

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AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: January 27, 2022 – Cocopah Speedway – Somerton, Arizona

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-16.295 (New Track Record); 2. Stevie Sussex, 21AZ, Grau-16.419; 3. Austin Williams, 2, Williams-16.492; 4. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-16.589; 5. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland/Halley-16.632; 6. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.641; 7. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-16.647; 8. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.688; 9. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-16.704; 10. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-16.813; 11. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-16.828; 12. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-16.881; 13. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.009; 14. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-17.036; 15. Chase Johnson, 2Y, Yeley/Petty-17.065; 16. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-17.088; 17. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.112; 18. Sterling Cling, 34, Cling-17.119; 19. Dustin Burkhart, 22AZ, Burkhart-17.341; 20. Ikaika O'Brien, 11o, O'Brien-17.742; 21. Nate Schank, 1$, Schank-17.807; 22. Travis Buckley, 21x, Kruseman-17.905; 23. Shane Sexton, 74, Sexton/Gatlin-18.232; 24. Danny Parrish, 21K, Kruseman-18.348; 25. Jess Beckett, 10, Powers-18.752; 26. J.J. Yeley, 2J, Yeley/Petty-NT; 27. Austin Ervine, 21, AJ-NT.

FLOWDYNAMICS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. Austin Grabowski, 3. Tommy Malcolm, 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 5. Brody Roa, 6. Dustin Burkhart, 7. Matt McCarthy, 8. Travis Buckley, 9. Jess Beckett. NT

BILLSJERKY.COM SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Stevie Sussex, 3. Ricky Lewis, 4. Mike Martin, 5. Verne Sweeney, 6. Shane Sexton, 7. Ikaika O'Brien, 8. Matt Mitchell, 9. J.J. Yeley. NT

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Austin Williams, 2. Cody Williams, 3. Logan Williams, 4. Nate Schank, 5. Austin Ervine, 6. Sterling Cling, 7. Chris Gansen, 8. Danny Parrish. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Damion Gardner (6), 2. Austin Williams (4), 3. Ricky Lewis (3), 4. Brody Roa (7), 5. Charles Davis Jr. (11), 6. Logan Williams (9), 7. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (13), 8. Chris Gansen (12), 9. Mike Martin (14), 10. Verne Sweeney (16), 11. Nate Schank (19), 12. Dustin Burkhart (17), 13. Danny Parrish (22), 14. Shane Sexton (21), 15. Austin Grabowski (15), 16. Travis Buckley (20), 17. Jess Beckett (23), 18. Ikaika O'Brien (18), 19. Tommy Malcolm (1), 20. Matt Mitchell (8), 21. Cody Williams (2), 22. Matt McCarthy (10), 23. Austin Ervine (25), 24. Stevie Sussex (5), 25. J.J. Yeley (24). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 Ricky Lewis, Laps 4-6 Cody Williams, Laps 7-30 Damion Gardner.

**Sterling Cling flipped on lap 5 of the third heat. Matt McCarthy flipped on lap 15 of the feature. Matt Mitchell flipped on lap 18 of the feature. Ikaika O'Brien flipped on lap 22 of the feature. Shane Sexton flipped on lap 28 of the feature.

HARD CHARGER: Danny Parrish (22nd to 13th)

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-84, 2-Austin Williams-79, 3-Ricky Lewis-72, 4-Brody Roa-68, 5-Charles Davis Jr.-66, 6-Logan Williams-61, 7-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-57, 8-Chris Gansen-51, 9-Mike Martin-51, 10-Verne Sweeney-47.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: January 28, 2022 – Cocopah Speedway – Somerton, Arizona

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AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: January 28, 2022 – Cocopah Speedway – Somerton, Arizona

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Austin Williams, 2, Williams-16.660; 2. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-16.687; 3. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.708; 4. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland/Halley-16.726; 5. Chase Johnson, 2y, Yeley/Petty-16.773; 6. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-16.878; 7. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-16.921; 8. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-16.985; 9.

Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-17.015; 10. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-17.130; 11. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-17.195; 12. Dustin Cormany, 29, Holloway-17.273; 13. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.387; 14. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-17.421; 15. Dustin Burkhart, 22AZ, Burkhart-17.519; 16. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-17.601; 17. Jonas Reynolds, 0, Reynolds-17.606; 18. Danny Parrish, 21K, Kruseman-17.652; 19. Nate Schank, 1$, Schank-17.855; 20. Travis Buckley, 21x, Kruseman-18.217; 21. Jess Beckett, 10, Powers-22.987; 22. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-NT: 23. Austin Ervine, 21, AJ-NT; 24. J.J. Yeley, 2J, Yeley/Petty-NT; 25. Shane Sexton, 74, Sexton/Gatlin-NT.

FLOWDYNAMICS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Brody Roa, 2. Mike Martin, 3. Austin Williams, 4. Tommy Malcolm, 5. Verne Sweeney, 6. Nate Schank, 7. Ricky Lewis. NT

BILLSJERKY.COM SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Matt McCarthy, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 4. Chase Johnson, 5. Chris Gansen, 6. Jonas Reynolds, 7. Travis Buckley. 2:59.65.

LASERXMFG THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. Cody Williams, 3. Logan Williams, 4. Dustin Burkhart, 5. Dustin Cormany, 6. Danny Parrish, 7. Jess Beckett. 3:01.34

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Damion Gardner (2), 2. Tommy Malcolm (1), 3. Chase Johnson (3), 4. Charles Davis Jr. (5), 5. Cody Williams (4), 6. Brody Roa (10), 7. Logan Williams (9), 8. Austin Williams (6), 9. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (8), 10. Matt Mitchell (22), 11. Mike Martin (16), 12. Verne Sweeney (13), 13. Nate Schank (19), 14. Chris Gansen (11), 15. Matt McCarthy (14), 16. Dustin Cormany (12), 17. Travis Buckley (20), 18. Dustin Burkhart (15), 19. Danny Parrish (18), 20. Jess Beckett (21), 21.Shane Sexton (25), 22. Jonas Reynolds (17), 23. Ricky Lewis (7), 24. J.J. Yeley (24). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-14 Tommy Malcolm, Laps 15-30 Damion Gardner.

**Ricky Lewis flipped on lap 2 of the first heat.

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

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-163, 2-Austin Williams-140, 3-Charles Davis Jr.-139, 4- Brody Roa-131, 5-Logan Williams-119, 6-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-109, 7-Tommy Malcolm-103, 8-Cody Williams-100, 9-Ricky Lewis-100, 10-Mike Martin-99.

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AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: January 29, 2022 – Cocopah Speedway – Somerton, Arizona

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.213 (New Track Record); 2. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-16.284; 3. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-16.394; 4. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-16.430; 5. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.483; 6. Austin Williams, 2, Williams-16.533; 7. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-16.589; 8. Chase Johnson, 2y, Yeley/Petty-16.601; 9. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-16.615; 10. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-16.635; 11. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland/Halley-16.711; 12. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-16.922; 13. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-17.035; 14. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-17.050; 15. Dustin Cormany, 29, Holloway-17.198; 16. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.264; 17. Travis Buckley, 21x, Kruseman-17.531; 18. Nate Schank, 1$, Schank-17.668; 19. Shane Sexton, 74, Sexton/Gatlin-17.729; 20. Jonas Reynolds, 0, Reynolds-17.805; 21. Danny Parrish, 21K, Kruseman-18.092; 22. Jess Beckett, 10, Powers-18.382.

FLOWDYNAMICS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tommy Malcolm, 2. Verne Sweeney, 3. Charles Davis Jr., 4. Mike Martin, 5. Shane Sexton, 6. Jess Beckett, 7. Cody Williams, 8. Logan Williams. NT

BILLSJERKY.COM SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. Chase Johnson, 3. Matt Mitchell, 4. Matt McCarthy, 5. Jonas Reynolds, 6. Ricky Lewis, 7. Travis Buckley. NT

LASERXMFG THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Dustin Cormany, 2. Austin Williams, 3. Chris Gansen, 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 5. Nate Schank, 6. Danny Parrish, 7. Brody Roa. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Damion Gardner (6), 2. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (1), 3. Matt Mitchell (4), 4. Charles Davis Jr. (5), 5. Brody Roa (7), 6. Tommy Malcolm (9), 7. Logan Williams (8), 8. Chris Gansen (11), 9. Dustin Cormany (14), 10. Mike Martin (12), 11. Shane Sexton (18), 12. Verne Sweeney (15), 13. Nate Schank (17), 14. Matt McCarthy (13), 15. Danny Parrish (20), 16. Chase Johnson (2), 17. Jess Beckett (21), 18. Jonas Reynolds (19), 19. Austin Williams (3), 20. Ricky Lewis (10). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Chase Johnson, Laps 3-30 Damion Gardner.

**Chase Johnson flipped on lap 16 of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Shane Sexton (18th to 11th)

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-246, 2-Charles Davis Jr.-209, 3-Brody Roa-195, 4-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-181, 5-Austin Williams-173, 6-Logan Williams-172, 7-Tommy Malcolm-166, 8-Mike Martin-147, 9-Chris Gansen-145, 10. Matt Mitchell-139.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: March 4, 2022 – Thunderbowl Raceway – Tulare, California

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DAMION GARDNER GOES 4-FOR-4 AT PERRIS SO-CAL SHOWDOWN

By: Lance Jennings

PERRIS, CA – MARCH 30, 2022… Continuing his assault on the record books, “The Demon” Damion Gardner (Concord, CA) is having the best start of his career with the AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car Series.

Racing Mark Alexander’s #1 PerformanceOnline.com / Carman Trucking Spike, Gardner scored his fourth win of the campaign in as many races last Saturday night at Perris Auto Speedway. The nine-time champion topped the “So-Cal Showdown,” posted his 50th “home track” win under the USAC CRA banner and tied his 2005 and 2014 record of four consecutive victories. Fast qualifier Matt Mitchell, “The Cadillac” Cody Williams, “The Big Game Hunter” Austin Williams, and “Chargin” Charles Davis Jr. rounded out the top-five drivers.

Starting fourth, Gardner had a torrid battle with Cody Williams and Davis before taking command of the main event on the twelfth circuit. With changing track conditions and a treacherous cushion, Davis led the opening laps as drivers fought for position. “The Demon” was not to be denied at the Lake Perris Fairgrounds and claimed the 93rd series win of his career.

Earlier in the program, Gardner qualified third overall and won the night’s 10-lap Laser X Manufacturing Heat Race #3. The point leader heads to Hanford’s Keller Auto Speedway with a stout 54-point advantage over the competition.

Driving his #37 Roy Miller Freight Lines / Campbell Brothers Storage Maxim, Matt Mitchell (Yorba Linda, CA) posted his ninth career Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award over the 23-car roster. The former USAC West Coast 360 Sprint Car Champion ran second in his heat race to Verne Sweeney and charged to second in the feature after starting sixth. Matt left Perris ranked fifth in championship points.

Verne Sweeney (Lomita, CA) raced to victory in the night’s 10-lap FlowDynamics Incorporated Heat Race #1. Piloting Ken Tracy’s #98 Bill’s Jerky / Faas Cores DRC, Sweeney was sixteenth quick in qualifying and placed twelfth in the main event after starting sixteenth. The veteran Ascot driver has climbed to tenth in the point chase.

“The Big Game Hunter” Austin Williams (Yorba Linda, CA) won the night’s Bill’s Jerky Heat Race #2. Driving Rip Williams’ #2 DigAlert / Full Throttle Scissor Lift Rental DRC, Williams qualified eleventh overall and charged to fourth in the feature after starting eleventh. The former co-rookie of the year has climbed to third in the USAC CRA point standings.

“Shugah” Shane Sexton (Warner Springs, CA) earned the night’s In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Hard Charger Award with a fourteenth place run from twenty-second. Racing the Sexton/Gatlin Racing #74 GAS Chassis / Mike Pridgeon Racing Engines GAS, Sexton was twenty-second fast in qualifying and ran seventh in his heat race. The second year driver left Perris ranked seventeenth in the chase for the championship.

By qualifying sixth, Chris Gansen (Verdemont Heights, CA) was the Shawn McDonald Memorial Qualifying Award Winner. Driving the family owned #4G Trench Shoring / Cam 2 Blue Blood Oil Maxim, Gansen ran fourth in his heat race and placed eighth in the 30-lap feature. The veteran driver is currently seventh in the point standings.

“Showtime” Danny Sheridan (Santa Maria, CA) returned to USAC CRA action and claimed the night’s Shawn McDonald Memorial Feature Award with a sixth place finish. Piloting Robbie and Gaye Allen’s #12 ABC Ventures / Beaver Stripes Maxim, Sheridan was tenth quick in qualifying and placed third in his heat race. After the checkered flags, the former Bandit 360 Sprint Car Champion is twenty-fourth in the point chase.

Making his first start of the year, Jeff Dyer (Yucca Valley, CA) placed thirteenth in the feature and earned the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award. Driving the Cal-Sun Racing owned #39 Specialty Fasteners / Justice Brothers ITI, Dyer qualified eighteenth overall and ran sixth in his heat race. The California Lightning Sprint standout heads to the Kings County Fairgrounds ranked twenty-eighth in USAC CRA points.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: March 26, 2022 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – So-Cal Showdown

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.420; 2. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.434; 3. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-16.624; 4. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-16.675; 5. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-16.703; 6. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-16.832; 7. Jake Hodges, 4, Hodges-16.904; 8. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-16.910; 9. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-16.941; 10. Danny Sheridan, 12, Allen-16.993; 11. Austin Williams, 2, Williams-17.066; 12. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.079; 13. Kyle Edwards, 39E, Edwards-17.105; 14. Trent Williams, 52v, Williams-17.111; 15. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-17.160; 16. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.217; 17. Chase Johnson, 2J, Yeley/Petty-17.257; 18. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-17.684; 19. Dan Taylor, T5, Taylor-17.695; 20. Nate Schank, 1$, Schank-17.838; 21. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland/Halley-17.910; 22. Shane Sexton, 74, Sexton/Gatlin-18.428; 23. Gary Marshall Jr., 23, Bellegante-19.116.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Verne Sweeney, 2. Matt Mitchell, 3. Danny Sheridan, 4. Kyle Edwards, 5. Matt McCarthy, 6. Jake Hodges, 7. Shane Sexton, 8. Dan Taylor. NT

BILL’S JERKY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Austin Williams, 2. Logan Williams, 3. Cody Williams, 4. Trent Williams, 5. Chris Bonneau, 6. Nate Schank, 7. Gary Marshall Jr., 8. Chase Johnson. NT

LASER X MANUFACTURING THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Austin Grabowski, 4. Chris Gansen, 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 6. Jeff Dyer, 7. Ricky Lewis. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Damion Gardner (4), 2. Matt Mitchell (6), 3. Cody Williams (5), 4. Austin Williams (11), 5. Charles Davis Jr. (1), 6. Danny Sheridan (10), 7. Matt McCarthy (7), 8. Chris Gansen (2), 9. Trent Williams (14), 10. Chase Johnson (17), 11. Logan Williams (3), 12. Verne Sweeney (16), 13. Jeff Dyer (18) 14. Shane Sexton (22), 15. Dan Taylor (19), 16. Gary Marshall Jr (23). 17. Nate Schank (20), 18. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (12), 19. Kyle Edwards (13), 20. Chris Bonneau (9), 21. Austin Grabowski (15), 22. Jake Hodges (8), 23. Ricky Lewis (21). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-11 Charles Davis Jr., Laps 12-30 Damion Gardner.

**Eddie Tafoya Jr. & Nate Schank flipped on lap 16 of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Shane Sexton (22nd to 14th)

SHAWN McDONALD MEMORIAL QUALIFYING AWARD: Chris Gansen

SHAWN McDONALD MEMORIAL FEATURE AWARD: Danny Sheridan

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Jeff Dyer

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-328, 2-Charles Davis Jr.-274, 3-Austin Williams-242, 4-Logan Williams-222, 5-Matt Mitchell-219, 6-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-212, 7-Chris Gansen-200, 8-Brody Roa-195, 9-Cody Williams-193, 10-Verne Sweeney-183.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: April 1, 2022 – Keller Auto Speedway at Kings Speedway – Hanford, California

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AUSTIN LIGGETT IS KING AT HANFORD

HANFORD, CA – APRIL 5, 2022… After a daring pass on Damion Gardner, Austin Liggett (Linden, CA) led the final six laps to claim last Friday's triumph at Hanford's Keller Auto Speedway. Racing the family owned #83 Excel Environmental Services / Liggett Trucking Maxim, the tenth starting Liggett earned the third AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car win of his career. Point leader Gardner, Matt Mitchell, Brody Fuson, and "Chargin" Charles Davis Jr. rounded out the top-five at the Kings County Fairgrounds.

Starting on the pole position, A.J. Bender led the opening fifteen laps of the main event. Bender's hopes for a first series win were dashed by Damion Gardner after a restart. With changing track conditions and a treacherous cushion, Gardner had the race well in hand until Liggett mounted his late charge to victory.

Before scoring the 30-lap victory, Liggett qualified eighth overall, ran fifth in his heat race, and placed third in the 12-lap semi-main. The former USAC West Coast 360 Champion will run a limited schedule with USAC CRA.

"The Cadillac" Cody Williams (Corona, CA) opened the program by earning his seventh career Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award over the 28-car roster with a time of 15.641. Piloting his #44 W.C. Friend Company / Trench Shoring DRC, Williams scored fourth in the heat race and twenty-second in the feature after engine issues ended his night.

Logan Williams (Yorba Linda, CA) won Hanford's 10-lap FlowDynamics Incorporated Heat Race #1. Racing John McCarthy's #5W FlowDynamics Incorporated / DrinkPAK DRC, Williams was thirteenth quick in qualifying and placed thirteenth in the main event.

"T-Dub" Trent Williams (Apple Valley, CA) raced to victory in the 10-lap BillsJerky.net Heat Race #2. Driving the family owned #52V Victory Boys Performance / Sorrento Homes Maxim, Williams qualified fourteenth overall and raced the ninth in the feature after starting fourteenth.

Logan Calderwood (Goodyear, AZ) took the night's In Memory of Jim and Chet Gardner Heat Race #3. Piloting the family owned MP Environmental Maxim with 360 power, Calderwood was fifteenth fastest in qualifying and raced from fifteenth to tenth at Keller Auto Speedway.

Matt Mitchell (Yorba Linda, CA) won the 12-lap Factory Wraps Semi-Main event. Racing his #37 Roy Miller Freight Lines / Campbell Brothers Storage Maxim, Mitchell qualified fourth overall, placed sixth in his heat race, and charged from seventh to third in the feature.

Leading rookie contender, Nate Schank (Santa Rosa, CA) earned the night's hard charger / best passing job honors with a sixth place finish from twenty-second. Driving the family owned #1$ Hunt Magnetos / Industrial Machine Maxim, Shank was twenty-sixth quick in qualifying, ran seventh in his heat race, and finished eighth in the semi-main.

By virtue of this thirteenth place finish, Eddie Tafoya Jr. (Chino Hills, CA) earned Hanford's Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award. Piloting the family owned #51T Specialty Fasteners / Bell Helmets DRC, Tafoya qualified tenth in Woodland Auto Display Qualifying, placed fifth in his heat race, and finished fifth in the semi.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: April 1, 2022 – Keller Auto Speedway at Kings Speedway – Hanford, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-15.641; 2. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-15.715; 3. Austin Williams, 2, Williams-15.744; 4. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-15.810; 5. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-15.826; 6. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-15.852; 7. Ryan Bernal, 73, Ford-15.880; 8. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-15.911; 9. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland/Halley-15.925; 10. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-15.969; 11. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-15.977; 12. Brody Fuson, 51, Van Meter-15.981; 13. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-16.008; 14. Trent Williams, 52v, Williams-16.252; 15. Logan Calderwood, 6, Calderwood-16.330; 16. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-16.343; 17. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-16.347; 18. Jake Hodges, 4, Hodges-16.416; 19. Dawson Faria, 12B, Faria-16.480; 20. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-16.491; 21. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-16.496; 22. Ryan Timmons, 29T, Timmons-16.513; 23. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-16.611; 24. Tanner Boul, 99T, Boul-16.616; 25. Tuesday Calderwood, 4X, Calderwood-16.807; 26. Nate Schank, 1$, Schank-16.967; 27. Chris Muraoka, 25, Muraoka-17.778; 28. Travis Buckley, 21K, Kruseman-NT.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Logan Williams, 2. Matt McCarthy, 3. Ryan Bernal, 4. Cody Williams, 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 6. Matt Mitchell, 7. Ryan Timmons, 8. Dawson Faria, 9. Tuesday Calderwood, 10. Travis Buckley. NT

BILLSJERKY.NET SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Trent Williams, 2. Damion Gardner, 3. Tommy Malcolm, 4. A.J. Bender, 5. Austin Liggett, 6. Austin Grabowski, 7. Nate Schank, 8. Steve Hix, 9. Jeff Dyer. NT

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Logan Calderwood, 2. Ricky Lewis, 3. Austin Williams, 4. Brody Fuson, 5. Charles Davis Jr., 6. Jake Hodges, 7. Verne Sweeney, 8. Tanner Boul, 9. Chris Muraoka. NT

FACTORY WRAPS SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Matt Mitchell, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Austin Liggett, 4. Austin Grabowski, 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 6. Jake Hodges, 7. Ryan Timmons, 8. Nate Schank, 9. Jeff Dyer, 10. Tanner Boul, 11. Steve Hix, 12. Chris Muraoka, 13. Tuesday Calderwood, 14. Dawson Faria, 15. Travis Buckley, 16. Verne Sweeney. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Austin Liggett (10), 2. Damion Gardner (5), 3. Matt Mitchell (7), 4. Brody Fuson (12), 5. Charles Davis Jr. (9), 6. Nate Schank (22), 7. Tanner Boul (21), 8. Tommy Malcolm (17), 9. Trent Williams (14), 10. Logan Calderwood (15), 11. Logan Williams (13), 12. Jeff Dyer (19), 13. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (11), 14. Austin Grabowski (8), 15. Matt McCarthy (16), 16. Jake Hodges (18), 17. Austin Williams (4), 18. Ricky Lewis (2), 19. A.J. Bender (1), 20. Ryan Bernal (3), 21. Ryan Timmons (20), 22. Cody Williams (6).

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-15 A.J. Bender, Laps 16-24 Damion Gardner, Laps 25-30 Austin Liggett.

**Dawson Faria Jr. flipped on lap 11 of the semi. Austin Williams flipped on lap 22 of the feature.

HARD CHARGER: Nate Schank (22nd to 6th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Eddie Tafoya Jr.

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RYAN BERNAL WINS USAC CRA THRILLER AT TULARE

TULARE, CA – APRIL 2, 2022… After one of the most hotly contested AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car main events, Ryan Bernal (Hollister, CA) emerged with Saturday's victory at Tulare's Thunderbowl Raceway.

Driving Keith Ford's #73 Edgewater Construction / Sun Valley AG Transport Triple X, Bernal got the better of Chase Johnson to claim the "Chris and Brian Faria Memorial" victory. "The Big Game Hunter" Austin Williams, Matt Mitchell, A.J. Bender, and fast qualifier "The Demon" Damion Gardner chased Ryan to the checkered flags.

Before scoring the tenth win of his career, Bernal qualified eighth overall and ran second in his heat race to Nate Schank. The former two-time USAC Western Classic Champion is running a limited USAC CRA schedule and has climbed to twenty-second in points.

"The Demon" Damion Gardner (Concord, CA) posted his 101st career Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award with a time of 15.457 over the 24-car roster. Piloting Mark Alexander's #1 PerformanceOnline.com / Carman Trucking Spike, Gardner won the 10-lap FlowDynamics Incorporated Heat Race #1 and finished fifth in the feature. The nine-time champion and point leader heads to the Mohave Valley debut with a 99-point advantage.

Leading rookie contender Nate Shank (Santa Rosa, CA) won Tulare's 10-lap BillsJerky.net Heat Race #2. Racing the family owned #1$ Joe Hunt Magnetos / Industrial Machine Maxim, Schank was fourteenth quick in qualifying and scored seventeenth in the main event. Nate left the Tulare County Fairgrounds ranked eighth in points.

Hanford victor, Austin Liggett (Linden, CA) raced to victory in the In Memory of Jim and Chet Gardner Heat Race #3. Driving the family owned #83 Excel Environmental Services / Liggett Trucking Maxim, Liggett qualified ninth overall. The former USAC West Coast 360 Champion in running a limited schedule and sits twentieth in the point chase.

Matt Mitchell (Yorba Linda, CA) earned the night's Hard Charger Award with third place run from eighth in the feature. Piloting his #37 Roy Miller Freight Lines / Campbell Brothers Storage Maxim, Mitchell was fifth quick in qualifying and fifth in his heat race. The former USAC West Coast 360 Champion heads to Mohave Valley Raceway ranked third in the standings.

By virtue of his thirteenth place finish, "Chargin" Charles Davis Jr. (Buckeye, AZ) earned the Wilwood Disc Brakes "Lucky 13 Award." Racing his #47 MP Environmental Services / Black Magic Bead Breaker DRC, Davis qualified eighteenth and ran second to Austin Liggett in his heat race. The multi-time Arizona Sprint Car Champion is currently second in USAC CRA points.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: April 2, 2022 – Thunderbowl Raceway – Tulare, California – Chris & Brian Faria Memorial

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-15.457; 2. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-15.709; 3. Austin Williams, 2, Williams-15.709; 4. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-15.776; 5. Chase Johnson, 8m, May-15.786; 6. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-15.846; 7. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-15.881; 8. Ryan Bernal, 73, Ford-15.921; 9. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-15.930; 10. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland/Halley-15.935; 11. Tanner Boul, 99T, Boul-16.006; 12. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-16.102; 13. Trent Williams, 52v, Williams-16.109; 14. Nate Schank, 1$, Schank-16.175; 15. Dawson Faria, 12B, Faria-16.232; 16. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-16.338; 17. Chris Muraoka, 25, Muraoka-16.352; 18. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-16.560; 19. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-16.638; 20. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-16.650; 21. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-16.699; 22. Travis Buckley, 21K, Kruseman-16.853; 23. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-NT; 24. Logan Calderwood, 6, Calderwood-NT.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. Ricky Lewis, 3. A.J. Bender, 4. Trent Williams, 5. Matt Mitchell, 6. Verne Sweeney, 7. Matt McCarthy, 8. Travis Buckley. NT

BILLSJERKY.NET SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Nate Schank, 2. Ryan Bernal, 3. Chase Johnson, 4. Logan Williams, 5. Tanner Boul, 6. Austin Grabowski, 7. Chris Muraoka, 8. Jeff Dyer. NT

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Austin Liggett, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Austin Williams, 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 5. Tommy Malcolm, 6. Steve Hix, 7. Dawson Faria. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Ryan Bernal (1), 2. Austin Williams (4), 3. Matt Mitchell (8), 4. A.J. Bender (3), 5. Damion Gardner (6), 6. Austin Liggett (9), 7. Chase Johnson (2), 8. Tommy Malcolm (7), 9. Trent Williams (13), 10. Ricky Lewis (10), 11. Dawson Faria (15), 12. Logan Williams (5), 13. Charles Davis Jr. (18), 14. Tanner Boul (11), 15. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (12), 16. Steve Hix (21), 17. Nate Schank (14), 18. Matt McCarthy (19), 19. Austin Grabowski (23), 20. Christopher Muraoka (17), 21. Travis Buckley (22), 22. Verne Sweeney (16), 23. Jeff Dyer (20). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-17 Chase Johnson, Lap 18 Ryan Bernal, Laps 19-23 Chase Johnson, Lap 24 Ryan Bernal, Lap 25 Chase Johnson, Laps 26-30 Ryan Bernal.

**Logan Calderwood flipped during hot laps. Austin Grabowski flipped during qualifying.

HARD CHARGER: Matt Mitchell (8th to 3rd)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Charles Davis Jr.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-479, 2-Charles Davis Jr.-380, 3-Matt Mitchell-358, 4-Austin Williams-358, 5-Logan Williams-320, 6-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-288, 7-Tommy Malcolm-267, 8-Nate Schank-252, 9-Ricky Lewis-235, 10-Matt McCarthy-234.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: April 23, 2022 – Mohave Valley Raceway – Mohave Valley, Arizona

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DAMION GARDNER ADDS MOHAVE VALLEY TO WIN LIST

By: Lance Jennings

MOHAVE VALLEY, AZ – APRIL 27, 2022… Starting fifth, “The Demon” Damion Gardner (Concord, California) continued his assault on the record books by winning last Saturday’s debut at Mohave Valley Raceway.

Leading all 30-laps, the pilot of Mark Alexander’s #1 PerformanceOnline.com / Carman Trucking Spike powered to his fifth AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car triumph of the campaign. “The Big Game Hunter” Austin Williams, Eddie Tafoya Jr., “The Magic Man” Mike Martin, and Chase Johnson followed the Damion to the checkered flags.

Before scoring the ninety-fourth win of his career, “The Demon” qualified second overall and topped the night’s 10-lap BillsJerky.net Heat Race #2. The nine-time champion and current point leader heads to the Perris “Sokola Shootout” with a stout 136-point advantage.

“The Cadillac” Cody Williams (Corona, California) opened the program by setting a new track record and posting his eighth career Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award with a time of 13.974 over the 27-car roster. Driving his #44 Team Guertin Prime Lending / W.C. Friend Company DRC, Williams was one of thirteen drivers under the 1995 SCRA track record established by Steve Ostling. Later, “The Cadillac” ran second to “Chargin” Charles Davis Jr. in his heat race and finished twentieth in the main event. As this writing goes to press, Cody ranks tenth in championship points.

“Chargin” Charles Davis Jr. (Buckeye, Arizona) raced to victory in the 10-lap FlowDynamics Incorporated Heat Race #1. Racing his #47 MP Environmental Services / Black Magic Bead Breaker DRC, Davis was fourth quick in qualifying and placed

fourteenth in the feature. The multi-time Arizona Sprint Car Champion heads to the “Sokola Shootout” ranked second in the point standings.

Chase Johnson (Penngrove, California) took the checkered flags in the In Memory of Jim and Chet Gardner Heat Race #3. Piloting the Yeley Racing #2J Avanti Windows & Doors / Apache Scapes Twister, Johnson qualified ninth overall and scored fifth in the Mohave Valley feature. At press time, the versatile driver is seventh in the point chase.

Matt McCarthy (Riverside, California) topped the 12-lap Factory Wraps Semi-Main. Driving the family owned #28M FlowDynamics Incorporated / DrinkPAK DRC, McCarthy was third quick in qualifying, placed fifth in his heat race, and finished tenth in the main event. The 2017 Rookie of the Year left Mohave Valley tied for eighth with “Thunder” Tommy Malcolm in the standings.

Shon Deskins (Phoenix, Arizona) returned the USAC CRA action and earned the night’s Hard Charger Award at Mohave Valley with a sixth place run from eighteenth. Racing his #20 Mesilla Valley Transportation / Bell Helmets DRC, Deskins qualified nineteenth overall and scored third in his heat race. The former NMMRA Champion left Mohave Valley ranked thirty-fourth in points.

Logan Calderwood (Goodyear, Arizona) earned the Wilwood Disc Brakes “Lucky 13 Award.” Piloting the family owned #6 MP Environmental Services Maxim, Calderwood was twenty-first fastest in qualifying, placed eighth in his heat race, and ran ninth in the semi-main. In limited action, the young driver sits twenty-seventh in the chase for the championship.

Mohave Valley Raceway promoter Ron Meyer offered a $300 bonus to the highest finishing 360 powered sprint car. That award was claimed by Randy Nelson (Peoria, Arizona) who placed eighth in the 30-lap main event. Driving his #9 A.R.C. Coatings / Beaver Stripes Triple X, Nelson qualified fifth overall and finished third in his heat race. After one event, Nelson ranks thirty-seventh in USAC CRA standings.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: April 23, 2022 – Mohave Valley Raceway – Mohave Valley, Arizona

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-13.974 (New Track Record); 2. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-14.129; 3. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-14.318; 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-14.382; 5. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-14.387; 6. Randy Nelson, 9x, Nelson-14.544; 7. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-14.576; 8. Austin Williams, 2, Williams-14.587; 9. Chase Johnson, 2J, Yeley/Petty-14.723; 10. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-14.732; 11. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-14.826; 12. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-14.852; 13. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-14.866; 14. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-14.988; 15. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-14.998; 16. Trent Carter, 91, BRAT-15.001; 17. Trent Williams, 52v, Williams-15.012; 18. Andrew Sweeney, 98JR, Tracy-15.034; 19. Shon Deskins, 20, SDR-15.116; 20. Dustin Cormany, 29, Holloway-15.151; 21. Logan Calderwood, 6, Calderwood-15.386; 22. Shane Sexton, 74, Sexton/Gatlin-15.413; 23. Jim Vanzant, 3v, Vanzant-15.429; 24. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-15.464; 25. Richard McCormick, 71, Luport-15.464; 26. Camie Bell, 29c, Bell-19.413; 27. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-NT.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Cody Williams, 3. Shon Deskins, 4. Trent Carter, 5. Matt Mitchell, 6. Chris Gansen, 7. Verne Sweeney, 8. Shane Sexton, 9. Jeff Dyer. NT

BILLSJERKY.NET SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. Trent Williams, 3. Randy Nelson, 4. Chris Bonneau, 5. Dustin Cormany, 6. Austin Williams, 7. Austin Grabowski, 8. Jim Vanzant, 9. Camie Bell. NT

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Chase Johnson, 2. Logan Williams, 3. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 4. Mike Martin, 5. Matt McCarthy, 6. Andrew Sweeney, 7. Richard McCormick, 8. Logan Calderwood. NT

FACTORY WRAPS SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Matt McCarthy, 2. Matt Mitchell, 3. Dustin Cormany, 4. Chris Gansen, 5. Andrew Sweeney, 6. Richard McCormick, 7. Austin Williams, 8. Austin Grabowski, 9. Logan Calderwood, 10. Shane Sexton, 11. Jim Vanzant, 12. Camie Bell, 13. Verne Sweeney, 14. Jeff Dyer. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Damion Gardner (5), 2. Austin Williams (9), 3. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (2), 4. Mike Martin (11), 5. Chase Johnson (1), 6. Shon Deskins (18), 7. Chris Gansen (8), 8. Randy Nelson (3), 9. Trent Williams (16), 10. Matt McCarthy (7), 11. Richard McCormick (22), 12. Shane Sexton (21), 13. Logan Calderwood (20), 14. Charles Davis Jr. (4), 15. Andrew Sweeney (17), 16. Matt Mitchell (12), 17. Chris Bonneau (10), 18. Austin Grabowski (13), 19. Trent Carter (15), 20. Cody Williams (6), 21. Dustin Cormany (19), 22. Logan Williams (14). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Damion Gardner.

HARD CHARGER: Shon Deskins (18th to 6th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Logan Calderwood

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-562, 2-Austin Williams-426, 3-Charles Davis Jr.-425, 4-Matt Mitchell-392, 5-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-361, 6-Logan Williams-350, 7-Chase Johnson-289, 8-Tommy Malcolm-285, 9-Matt McCarthy-285, 10-Cody Williams-263.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: April 30, 2022 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – Sokola Shootout

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MATT MITCHELL WINS PERRIS SOKOLA SHOOTOUT!

PERRIS, CALIFORNIA – MAY 3, 2022… In one of the closest finishes in recent memory at Perris Auto Speedway, Matt Mitchell (Yorba Linda, California) won Saturday's "Sokola Shootout."

With a winning margin of 0.053 seconds over a surging "Chargin" Charles Davis Jr., Mitchell earned the eighth AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car triumph of his career. Piloting his #37 Roy Miller Freight Lines / Campbell Brothers Storage Maxim, Matt led all 30-laps to score the win over hard charger Davis, point leader "The Demon" Damion Gardner, "The Big Game Hunter" Austin Williams, and "The Cadillac" Cody Williams.

Starting on the outside of the front row, Mitchell got the jump on Austin Williams to grab the lead. Mitchell soon began to increase his lead as a torrid battle for position followed. As the laps counted down, most of the field had preferred to run the outside groove but Davis found the bottom line to his linking and moved forward. Charles broke free from the pack once in the runner-up spot and set his sights after Mitchell. Coming for the checkered flags, it was a sprint to the finish and Mitchell emerged victorious.

Before claiming his first win of the season, Matt Mitchell was seventh quick in qualifying and won the 10-lap FlowDynamics Incorporated / Laserworx Manufacturing / Factory Wraps First Heat race. The former USAC West Coast 360 Champion left the Lake Perris Fairgrounds ranked fourth in the point standings.

A.J. Bender (San Diego, California) got the action underway by earning his first career Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award with a time of 16.601 over the 24-car roster. Driving the family owned #21 Bender Pool & Spa / K&R Motorsports DRC, Bender ran second to Mitchell in his heat race and finished twelfth in the feature. At press time, the USAC Western States Midget Series point leader is twentieth in USAC CRA points.

Jake Hodges (Camarillo, California) earned the first USAC CRA heat race win of his career. Racing his #4 Laserworx Manufacturing / Race Crafters Manufacturing Maxim, Hodges qualified fourteenth overall, won the 10-lap Billsjerky.net / Laserworx Manufacturing / Factory Wraps Second Heat Race, and placed twentieth in the main event. In limited action, Jake sits thirtieth in the chase for the championship.

"The Pride of Garden Grove" Brody Roa (Garden Grove, California) returned to USAC CRA action and topped the 10-lap In Memory of Jim and Chet Gardner Third Heat Race. Piloting the BR Performance #91R HD Industries / Burris Racing Eagle,

Roa was ninth fast in qualifying and earned the Shawn McDonald Memorial Feature Award with a sixth place finish in the main event. In limited starts, the 2019 USAC Southwest Sprint Car Champion ranks fourteenth in championship points.

“Chargin” Charles Davis Jr. (Buckeye, Arizona) nearly won the “Sokola Shootout” by earning the night’s Hard Charger Award / Best Passing Job honors with a second place run from seventh. Driving his #47 MP Environmental Services / Black Magic Bead Breaker DRC, Davis qualified fourth overall and scored eighth in his heat race after being collected in a tangle. The multi-time Arizona Sprint Car Champion is currently second in the point standings.

Kyle Edwards (Fountain Valley, California) earned the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award at the “Sokola Shootout.” Racing the family owned #39E Safehouse Security / Van Dyne Engineering Triple X, Edwards was fifteenth quick in qualifying and placed fifth in his heat race. In limited action, the veteran driver is thirty-fourth in the USAC CRA point chase.

Eddie Tafoya Jr. (Chino Hills, California) took home the Shawn McDonald Memorial Qualifying Award by qualifying sixth overall. Piloting the family owned #51T Specialty Fasteners / Bell Helmets DRC, Tafoya placed sixth in his heat race and finished eighth in the main event. The former USAC CRA and USAC Southwest Rookie of the Year heads to Bakersfield ranked fifth in the championship point standings.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: April 30, 2022 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – Sokola Shootout

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-16.601; 2. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.641; 3. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-16.773; 4. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-16.779; 5. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-16.787; 6. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-16.847; 7. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.853; 8. Austin Williams, 2, Williams-16.863; 9. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-16.932; 10. Trent Williams, 52v, Williams-16.952; 11. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-17.026; 12. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-17.192; 13. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-17.230; 14. Jake Hodges, 4, Hodges-17.311; 15. Kyle Edwards, 39E, Edwards-17.515; 16. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.556; 17. Nate Schank, 1$, Schank-17.746; 18. Danny Sheridan, 12, Allen-17.968; 19. Dan Taylor, T5, Taylor-17.986; 20. Jonas Reynolds, 0, Reynolds-18.043; 21. Shane Sexton, 74, Sexton/Gatlin-18.104; 22. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-18.577; 23. Gary Marshall Jr., 23, Bellegante-19.439; 24. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-NT.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / LASERWORX MANUFACTURING / FACTORY WRAPS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Matt Mitchell, 2. A.J. Bender, 3. Verne Sweeney, 4. Trent Williams, 5. Dan Taylor, 6. Joel Rayborne, 7. Austin Grabowski, 8. Charles Davis Jr. NT

BILLSJERKY.NET / LASERWORX MANUFACTURING / FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jake Hodges, 2. Tommy Malcolm, 3. Austin Williams, 4. Cody Williams, 5. Chris Gansen, 6. Nate Schank, 7. Jonas Reynolds, 8. Gary Marshall Jr. NT

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Brody Roa, 2. Damion Gardner, 3. Danny Sheridan, 4. Logan Williams, 5. Kyle Edwards, 6. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 7. Shane Sexton, 8. Matt McCarthy. NT

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

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Matt Mitchell.

**Shane Sexton flipped on lap 2 of the feature.

HARD CHARGER: Charles Davis Jr. (7th to 2nd)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Kyle Edwards

SHAWN MCDONALD MEMORIAL QUALIFYING AWARD: Eddie Tafoya Jr.

SHAWN MCDONALD MEMORIAL FEATURE AWARD: Brody Roa

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-637, 2-Charles Davis Jr.-496, 3-Austin Williams-493, 4-Matt Mitchell-470, 5-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-414, 6-Logan Williams-396, 7-Tommy Malcolm-346, 8-Cody Williams-331, 9-Matt McCarthy-296, 10-Nate Schank-290.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: May 14, 2022 – Bakersfield Speedway – Bakersfield, California

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CODY WILLIAMS SPRINTS TO BAKERSFIELD VICTORY

By: Lance Jennings

BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA – MAY 17, 2022… In one of the wildest main events of the season, "The Cadillac" Cody Williams (Corona, California) raced to Saturday's victory at Bakersfield Speedway.

After a flat tire knocked leader Tommy "Thunder" Malcolm out of contention, Williams led the final fourteen laps to earn the second AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car triumph of his career. Driving his #44 W.C. Friend Company / Trench Shoring DRC, Williams finished ahead of thirteenth starting Matt Mitchell, Kyle Edwards, Logan Williams, and Eddie Tafoya Jr.

In a race plagued by caution flags, "The Big Game Hunter" Austin Williams grabbed the early lead from the pole position and set a torrid pace on the Bakersfield clay. Unfortunately, Austin's hopes for a win were erased when contact with a slower car sent him and third running "The Demon" Damion Gardner to the work area. Both teams made repairs and rejoined the field as Kyle Edwards held the top spot. Leading the first feature laps of his career, Edwards held the top spot until Tommy Malcolm took over on the twelfth circuit. Faced with a changing track surface, Malcolm's lead was brief as a flat tire resulted in heartbreak. From there, Cody Williams led the rest of the way to earn his first win since the July 5, 2014 "Doug Fort Memorial" at Santa Maria.

Before claiming his first win of 2022, "The Cadillac" Cody Williams earned his fourth Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award of the season. Williams posted at a time of 12.967 over the 22-car roster and placed third in his heat race. Cody heads to the May 28th "Salute to Indy" at Perris ranked seventh in championship points.

Austin Grabowski (Riverside, California) won the first heat race of his career at Bakersfield. Piloting his #72 Grabowski Speed Shop / Mustang Motel Eagle, Grabowski qualified sixteenth overall, won the FlowDynamics Incorporated / Laserworx Manufacturing / Factory Wraps 10 lap event, and finished eighth in the feature after starting sixteenth. The 2021 Rookie of the Year left Bakersfield ranked fifteenth in the point chase.

Steve Hix (Ventura, California) returned to USAC CRA action and won the 10-lap Billsjerky.net / Laserworx Manufacturing / Factory Wraps Second Heat Race. Driving his #57 No Limit Motorsports / Raney Racing Engines Triple X, Hix was seventeenth quick in qualifying and finished twenty-second in the main event. In limited appearances, Steve is thirty-fourth in the point standings.

Logan Williams (Yorba Linda, California) raced to victory in the 10-lap In Memory of Jim and Chet Gardner Third Heat Race. Racing John McCarthy's #5W FlowDynamics Incorporated / DrinkPAK DRC, Williams qualified fifteenth overall and raced to fourth in the main event after starting fifteenth. The 2014 Rookie of the Year heads to the Perris "Salute to Indy" ranked sixth in the chase for the championship.

Chris Gansen (Verdemont Heights, California) earned the night's Hard Charger Award / Best Passing Job honors with a sixth place run from twenty-first. Driving the family owned #4G Trench Shoring / Cam 2 Blue Blood Oil Maxim, Gansen qualified twenty-first overall and finished seventh in his heat race. The veteran driver left Bakersfield sitting ninth in the standings.

“T-Dub” Trent Williams (Apple Valley, California) earned the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award at the Bakersfield Speedway. Racing the family owned #52V Victory Boys Performance / Sorrento Homes Maxim, Williams was eighth quick in qualifying and placed sixth in his heat race. At press time, 2014 Perris Young Guns Sprint Car Champion is thirteenth in the USAC CRA point chase.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: May 14, 2022 – Bakersfield Speedway– Bakersfield, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-12.967; 2. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-13.143; 3. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-13.367; 4. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-13.417; 5. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-13.533; 6. Jake Hodges, 4, Hodges-13.541; 7. Logan Calderwood, 6, Calderwood-13.547; 8. Trent Williams, 52v, Williams-13.587; 9. Kyle Edwards, 39E, Edwards-13.611; 10. Austin Williams, 2, Williams-13.781; 11. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-13.804; 12. Ben Worth, 73, Ford-13.815; 13. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-13.828; 14. Nate Schank, 1$, Schank-13.858; 15. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-13.911; 16. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-14.010; 17. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-14.088; 18. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-14.113; 19. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-14.539; 20. Gordon Rodgers, 94, Dusin-15.415; 21. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-NT; 22. Ikaika O’Brien, 11o, O’Brien-NT.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / LASERWORX MANUFACTURING / FACTORY WRAPS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Austin Grabowski, 2. Matt Mitchell, 3. Austin Williams, 4. Matt McCarthy, 5. Logan Calderwood, 6. Cody Williams, 7. Jeff Dyer, 8. Ikaika O’Brien. NT

BILLSJERKY.NET / LASERWORX MANUFACTURING / FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Steve Hix, 2. Nate Schank, 3. Damion Gardner, 4. A.J. Bender, 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 6. Trent Williams, 7. Gordon Rodgers. NT

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Logan Williams, 2. Verne Sweeney, 3. Kyle Edwards, 4. Tommy Malcolm, 5. Jake Hodges, 6. Ben Worth, 7. Chris Gansen. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Cody Williams (7), 2. Matt Mitchell (13), 3. Kyle Edwards (2), 4. Logan Williams (15), 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (11), 6. Chris Gansen (21), 7. Verne Sweeney (18), 8. Austin Grabowski (16), 9. Austin Williams (1), 10. A.J. Bender (3), 11. Logan Calderwood (9), 12. Tommy Malcolm (5), 13. Trent Williams (10), 14. Jeff Dyer (19), 15. Gordon Rodgers (20), 16. Matt McCarthy (4), 17. Jake Hodges (8), 18. Nate Schank (14), 19. Damion Gardner (6), 20. Ikaika O’Brien (22), 21. Ben Worth (12), 22. Steve Hix (17). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-6 Austin Williams, Laps 7-11 Kyle Edwards, Laps 12-16 Tommy Malcolm, Laps 17-30 Cody Williams.

**Ben Worth flipped on lap 1 of the feature.

HARD CHARGER: Chris Gansen (21st to 6th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Trent Williams

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-673, 2-Austin Williams-545, 3-Matt Mitchell-544, 4-Charles Davis Jr.-535, 5-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-476, 6-Logan Williams-465, 7-Cody Williams-410, 8-Tommy Malcolm-394, 9-Chris Gansen-345, 10-Matt McCarthy-335.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: May 28, 2022 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – Salute to Indy

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CODY WILLIAMS ADDS PERRIS SALUTE TO INDY TO WIN LIST

By: Lance Jennings

PERRIS, CALIFORNIA – MAY 31, 2022… After winning at Bakersfield on May 14th, "The Cadillac" Cody Williams (Corona, California) added Saturday's "71st Running of the Salute to Indy" at Perris Auto Speedway to his resume.

Starting fifth, Williams took control from multi-time Arizona Champion R.J. Johnson on lap twenty-five and powered to the third AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car triumph of his career. Johnson, "The Pride of Garden Grove" Brody Roa, A.J. Bender, and "The Big Game Hunter" Austin Williams rounded out the top-five.

With five official lead changes, the "Salute to Indy" was one of the most intense main events of the season. While most of the drivers preferred the outside line, Johnson used the low groove to lead the opening seven laps. Austin Williams powered to the top spot using extra momentum but yielded the lead to "The Demon" Damion Gardner on the fourteenth circuit. Johnson regained the lead eight laps later and was running strong until Cody Williams chased him down and sailed to the checkered flags.

With a brand new sponsor, "The Cadillac" raced his #44 South Bay Mazda / W.C. Friend Company DRC to second overall in qualifying and second to Matt McCarthy in his heat race. Now ranked seventh in points, Cody joins his father Rip (1983) and brother Austin (2016 & 2018) as winners of the prestigious event.

"The Demon" Damion Gardner (Concord, California) debuted a new "blackout" paint scheme on Mark Alexander's #1 PerformanceOnline.com / Carman Trucking Spike and earned the 102nd Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award of his career. The nine-time champion posted at a time of 16.285 over the 24-car roster and ran second to Austin Grabowski in his heat race. Starting sixth, Gardner led laps 14 to 21 before contact with another car resulted in a spin. The point leader restarted at the back and finished tenth in the feature.

Austin Grabowski (Riverside, California) won the second heat race of his career at Perris Auto Speedway. Driving his #72 Grabowski Speed Shop / Mustang Motel Eagle, Grabowski qualified thirteenth overall, won the 10-lap FlowDynamics Incorporated / Laserworx Manufacturing / Factory Wraps First Heat Race, and placed eleventh in the main event. The 2021 Rookie of the Year left the Lake Perris Fairgrounds sitting fifteenth in the point standings.

Matt McCarthy (Riverside, California) won the 10-lap Billsjerky.net / Laserworx Manufacturing / Factory Wraps Second Heat Race. Piloting the family owned #28M FlowDynamics Incorporated / DrinkPAK DRC, McCarthy was seventeenth quick in qualifying and ran fifteenth in the main event. The 2017 Rookie of the Year heads to Ventura ranked ninth in the point chase.

"The Pride of Garden Grove" Brody Roa (Garden Grove, California) returned to USAC CRA action and won the 10-lap In Memory of Jim and Chet Gardner Third Heat Race. Racing the BR Performance #91R HD Industries / Burris Racing Eagle, Roa qualified third overall and placed third in the "Salute to Indy." In limited appearances, the 2019 USAC Southwest Sprint Car Champion has climbed to fourteenth in USAC CRA points.

"T-Dub" Trent Williams (Apple Valley, California) earned the night's In Memory of Jim and Chet Gardner Hard Charger Award / Best Passing Job honors with a ninth place run from eighteenth. Driving the family owned #52V Victory Boys Performance / Sorrento Homes Maxim, Williams was eighteenth fastest in qualifying and placed third in his heat race. The 2014 Perris Young Guns Sprint Car Champion left Perris ranked thirteenth in the standings.

Veteran driver Verne Sweeney (Lomita, California) earned the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award at Perris Auto Speedway. Piloting Ken Tracy's #98 Bill's 'Ol Fashion Jerky / Faas Cores DRC, Sweeney qualified sixteenth overall and finished fourth in his heat race. At press time, the 1991 CRA winner at Manzanita Speedway is eleventh in the point chase.

Logan Williams (Yorba Linda, California) took home the Shawn McDonald Memorial Qualifying Award by qualifying sixth and the Shawn McDonald Memorial Feature Award by finishing sixth. Racing John McCarthy's #5W FlowDynamics Incorporated / DrinkPAK DRC, the 2014 Rookie of the Year ran third in his heat race and is currently fifth in the standings.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: May 28, 2022 – Perris Auto Speedway– Perris, California – 71st Running of the Salute to Indy

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-16.285; 2. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.435; 3. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-16.477; 4. R.J. Johnson, 51A, Johnson-16.562; 5. Austin Williams, 2, Williams-16.563; 6. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-16.626; 7. Kyle Edwards, 39E, Edwards-16.631; 8. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-16.642; 9. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-16.725; 10. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.753; 11. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-16.797; 12. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-16.825; 13. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-16.849; 14. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-16.850; 15. Nate Schank, 1$, Schank-16.860; 16. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-16.878; 17. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-16.929; 18. Trent Williams, 52v, Williams-16.935; 19. Brody Fuson, 51, Van Meter-17.086; 20. Jeff Dyer, 39, Cal-Sun-17.249; 21. Grant Sexton, 3, Sexton-17.503; 22. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-17.554; 23. Dan Taylor, T5, Taylor-17.742; 24. Tony Everhart, 55, Everhart-18.181.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / LASERWORX MANUFACTURING / FACTORY WRAPS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Austin Grabowski, 2. Damion Gardner, 3. R.J. Johnson, 4. Verne Sweeney, 5. Kyle Edwards, 6. Brody Fuson, 7. Joel Rayborne, 8. Matt Mitchell. 2:53.21

BILLSJERKY.NET / LASERWORX MANUFACTURING / FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Matt McCarthy, 2. Cody Williams, 3. Austin Williams, 4. A.J. Bender, 5. Chris Bonneau, 6. Chris Gansen, 7. Dan Taylor, 8. Jeff Dyer. 2:55.83.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Brody Roa, 2. Tommy Malcolm, 3. Trent Williams, 4. Logan Williams, 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 6. Tony Everhart, 7. Nate Schank, 8. Grant Sexton. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Cody Williams (5), 2. R.J. Johnson (3), 3. Brody Roa (4), 4. A.J. Bender (8), 5. Austin Williams (2), 6. Logan Williams (1), 7. Matt Mitchell (10), 8. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (12), 9. Trent Williams (18), 10. Damion Gardner (6), 11. Austin Grabowski (13), 12. Nate Schank (15), 13. Verne Sweeney (16), 14. Chris Bonneau (14), 15. Matt McCarthy (17), 16. Brody Fuson (19), 17. Kyle Edwards (7), 18. Joel Rayborne (20), 19. Dan Taylor (21), 20. Tommy Malcolm (9), 21. Tony Everhart (22), 22. Chris Gansen (11), NT.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-7 R.J. Johnson, Laps 8-13 Austin Williams, Laps 14-21 Damion Gardner, Laps 22-24 R.J. Johnson, Laps 25-30 Cody Williams.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Trent Williams (18th to 9th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Verne Sweeney

IN MEMORY OF SHAWN MCDONALD QUALIFYING AWARD: Logan Williams

IN MEMORY OF SHAWN MCDONALD FEATURE AWARD: Logan Williams

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-729, 2-Austin Williams-611, 3-Matt Mitchell-597, 4-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-529, 5-Logan Williams-526, 6-Charles Davis Jr.-496, 7-Cody Williams-492, 8-Tommy Malcolm-424, 9-Matt McCarthy-376, 10-Chris Gansen-371.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: June 11, 2022 – Ventura Raceway – Ventura, California

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TANNER BOUL SCORES UPSET USAC CRA WIN AT VENTURA

By: Lance Jennings

VENTURA, CALIFORNIA – JUNE 14, 2022… In perhaps the biggest upset in series history, Tanner Boul (Auberry, California) raced to his first AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car win last Saturday at Ventura Raceway.

Starting on the pole position, the young driver hit his marks and led all 30-laps to become the 77th winner with the non-winged 410 series. Brody Roa, Troy Rutherford, Max Adams, and fast qualifier Eddie Tafoya Jr. followed Boul to the checkered flags.

Racing the family owned #99T King Racing Products / BR Motorsports Triple X with an iron block 360 engine, Boul qualified tenth overall and placed third in his heat race. In limited appearances, Tanner left the Ventura County Fairgrounds ranked twenty-second in the point standings. Boul's $3,000 victory marked the sixth USAC CRA triumph for a 360 sprint car since 2004.

Eddie Tafoya Jr. (Chino Hills, California) earned the first Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award of his career at Ventura. Driving the family owned #51T Specialty Fasteners / DRC Chassis entry, the 2019 Rookie of the Year posted at a time of 12.735 seconds over the 24-car roster. The second generation driver scored fifth in his heat race, finished fifth in the main event after starting seventh, and sits fourth in the point standings.

Austin Grabowski (Riverside, California) won his third consecutive heat race with the AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Cars. Piloting his #72 Grabowski Speed Shop / Mustang Motel Eagle, Grabowski was sixteenth quick in qualifying, won the 10-lap FlowDynamics Incorporated / Laserworx Manufacturing / Factory Wraps First Heat Race, and powered from sixteenth to ninth in the main event. The 2021 Rookie of the Year heads to the June 25th "Bubby Jones / Ray Scheetz Memorial" at Perris tied for fourteenth in points.

A.J. Bender (San Diego, California) topped the 10-lap Billsjerky.net / Laserworx Manufacturing / Factory Wraps Second Heat Race. Racing the family owned #21 Bender Pool & Spa / Schweitzer Racing DRC, Bender qualified eleventh overall and charged to sixth in the feature from eleventh. In limited starts, last year's Turkey Night Grand Prix 360 Sprint Car Winner left Ventura ranked sixteenth in the point chase.

Tommy "Thunder" Malcolm (Corona, California) scored the 10-lap In Memory of Jim and Chet Gardner Third Heat Race victory. Driving Dino Napier's #5X Indiana Truck Salvage / B&B Powder Coating DRC, Malcolm was eighteenth fast in qualifying and placed sixteenth in the main event. After the eleventh point race, Tommy "Thunder" is eighth in championship points.

"The Demon" Damion Gardner (Corona, California) earned the night's In Memory of Jim and Chet Gardner Hard Charger Award / Best Passing Job honors with a twelfth place run from twenty-fourth. Driving Mark Alexander's #1 PerrformanceOnline.com / Carman Trucking Spike, Gardner had early mechanical problems that resulted in qualifying twenty-fourth overall and then ran fifth in his heat race. The point leader maintains a 115-point advantage heading to Perris Auto Speedway.

"The Big Game Hunter" Austin Williams (Yorba Linda, California) earned the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award at Ventura with a thirteenth place finish after starting twenty-third. Piloting the family owned #2 DigAlert / Full Throttle Scissor Lift Rentals DRC, Williams had early mechanical problems that resulted in timing twenty-third quick in qualifying and then scoring eighth in his heat race. Austin heads to the "Bubby Jones / Ray Scheetz Memorial" ranked third in the point standings.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: June 11, 2022 – Ventura Raceway – Ventura, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-12.735; 2. Troy Rutherford, 11, Rutherford-12.837; 3. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-12.837; 4. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-12.977; 5. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-13.032; 6. Max Adams, 73, Ford-13.224; 7. Trent Williams, 52v, Williams-13.232; 8. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-13.288; 9. Ikaika O'Brien, 11o, O'Brien-13.296; 10. Tanner Boul, 99T, Boul-13.319; 11. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-13.365; 12. Kyle Edwards, 39E, Edwards-13.395; 13. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-13.459; 14. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-13.566; 15. Jake Hodges, 4, Hodges-

13.586; 16. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-13.592; 17. Nate Schank, 1$, Schank-13.623; 18. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-13.731; 19. Dan Taylor, T5, Taylor-13.898; 20. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-14.019; 21. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-14.030; 22. Gordon Rodgers, 94, Dusin-16.839; 23. Austin Williams, 2, Williams-NT; 24. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-NT.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / LASERWORX MANUFACTURING / FACTORY WRAPS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Austin Grabowski, 2. Verne Sweeney, 3. Tanner Boul, 4. Matt Mitchell, 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 6. Gordon Rodgers, 7. Dan Taylor, 8. Trent Williams. NT

BILLSJERKY.NET / LASERWORX MANUFACTURING / FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. A.J. Bender, 2. Brody Roa, 3. Troy Rutherford, 4. Logan Williams, 5. Matt McCarthy, 6. Steve Hix, 7. Nate Schank, 8. Austin Williams. NT

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tommy Malcolm, 2. Kyle Edwards, 3. Max Adams, 4. Cody Williams, 5. Damion Gardner, 6. Joel Rayborne, 7. Ikaika O'Brien, 8. Jake Hodges. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Tanner Boul (1), 2. Brody Roa (2), 3. Troy Rutherford (6), 4. Max Adams (3), 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (7), 6. A.J. Bender (11), 7. Matt Mitchell (4), 8. Kyle Edwards (12), 9. Austin Grabowski (16), 10. Logan Williams (14), 11. Trent Williams (9), 12. Damion Gardner (24), 13. Austin Williams (23), 14. Nate Schank (17), 15. Joel Rayborne (21), 16. Matt McCarthy (8), 17. Tommy Malcolm (18), 18. Jake Hodges (15), 19. Ikaika O'Brien (10), 20. Dan Taylor (19), 21. Gordon Rodgers (22), 22. Steve Hix (20), 23. Cody Williams (5), 24. Verne Sweeney (13). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Tanner Boul.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Damion Gardner (24th to 12th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Austin Williams

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-772, 2-Matt Mitchell-657, 3-Austin Williams-649, 4-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-597, 6-Cody Williams-524, 7-Charles Davis Jr.-496, 8-Tommy Malcolm-461, 9-Matt McCarthy-413, 10-Brody Roa-408.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: June 25, 2022 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – Bubby Jones & Ray Scheetz Memorial

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BRODY ROA SPRINTS TO PERRIS JONES & SCHEETZ MEMORIAL VICTORY

By: Lance Jennings

PERRIS, CALIFORNIA – JUNE 28, 2022… Taking advantage of a late restart, "The Pride of Garden Grove" Brody Roa (Garden Grove, California) powered by Matt Mitchell and earned his first victory of the year Saturday at Perris Auto Speedway.

Starting on the pole position, Roa led the opening lap and had fallen back to fourth by the halfway point of the "Bubby Jones and Ray Scheetz Memorial." Faced with changing track conditions, the second generation driver made his way forward and topped the $2,500 AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car main event. Matt Mitchell, Tommy "Thunder" Malcolm, Eddie Tafoya Jr., and Logan Williams chased Roa to the checkered flags.

Racing a brand new BR Performance #91R HD Industries / Burris Racing Eagle, Brody Roa began his night by qualifying seventh overall. The former USAC West Coast and Southwest Sprint Car Champion finished third in his heat race before claiming the eleventh USAC CRA triumph of his career.

"The Demon" Damion Gardner (Concord, California) posted his fourth Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award of the campaign. With 103 career fast time awards, the pilot of Mark Alexander's #1 PerformanceOnline.com / Carman Trucking

Spike ran a time of 16.895 seconds over the 20-car roster and ran second to Matt Mitchell in his heat race. Starting sixth, Gardner bounced back from a tangle to finish tenth in the 30-lap feature. The nine-time champion leads the point chase heading to the July 8th event at Hanford's Keller Auto Speedway.

Matt Mitchell (Yorba Linda, California) won the night's 10-lap FlowDynamics Incorporated / Laserworx Manufacturing / Factory Wraps First Heat Race. Driving his #37 Roy Miller Freight Lines / Campbell Brothers Storage Maxim, Mitchell was fourth quick in qualifying and had a hard fought battle with Tommy "Thunder" Malcolm in the feature before scoring second in the "Bubby Jones and Ray Scheetz Memorial."

Max Adams (Loomis, California) returned from the Midwest and won the 10-lap Billsjerky.net / Laserworx Manufacturing / Factory Wraps Second Heat Race. Piloting Keith Ford's #73 Walker Performance Filtration / Naturipe Triple X, Adams qualified fifth overall and scored fifteenth in the main event.

A.J. Bender (San Diego, California) won the 10-lap In Memory of Jim and Chet Gardner Third Heat Race. Racing the family owned #21 Bender Pool & Spa / K&R Motorsports DRC, Bender was fifteenth fastest in qualifying and finished sixteenth at Perris Auto Speedway after a tangle ended his night.

Nate Schank (Santa Rosa, California) earned the night's In Memory of Jim and Chet Gardner Hard Charger Award / Best Passing Job honors with a ninth place run from eighteenth. Driving the family owned #1$ Joe Hunt Magnetos / Industrial Machine entry, the leading rookie contender qualified eighteenth overall and placed sixth in his heat race.

Making his first start of the year, "The Pineapple" Daylin Perreira (Hilo, Hawaii) earned the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award at Perris Auto Speedway. Piloting his #21P Southwest Building Solutions / Mike Martin Racing Spike, Perreira was nineteenth quick in qualifying and placed sixth in his heat race.

Tommy "Thunder" Malcolm (Corona, California) took home the Shawn McDonald Memorial Qualifying Award by qualifying sixth at Perris Auto Speedway. Racing Dino Napier's #5X Indiana Truck Salvage / B&B Powder Coating DRC, Malcolm was third in his heat race. The young driver found the bottom line to his liking and led the main event twice before settling for third at the "Bubby Jones and Ray Scheetz Memorial."

Kyle Edwards (Fountain Valley, California) earned the night's Shawn McDonald Memorial Feature Award by finishing sixth. Racing the family owned #39E Safehouse Security / Van Dyne Engineering Triple X, Edwards was fourteenth fast in qualifying and placed second to Max Adams in his heat race.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: June 25, 2022 – Perris Auto Speedway– Perris, California – Bubby Jones & Ray Scheetz Memorial

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-16.895; 2. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-16.941; 3. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-16.954; 4. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-17.053; 5. Max Adams, 73, Ford-17.106; 6. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-17.137; 7. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-17.188; 8. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-17.265; 9. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-17.292; 10. Austin Williams, 2, Williams-17.309; 11. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-17.351; 12. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-17.360; 13. Jake Hodges, 4, Hodges-17.368; 14. Kyle Edwards, 39E, Edwards-17.395; 15. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-17.455; 16. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.475; 17. Chris Tramel, 77, Tramel-18.279; 18. Nate Schank, 1$, Schank-18.573; 19. Daylin Perreira, 21p, Perreira-18.627; 20. Dan Taylor, T5, Taylor-18.834.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / LASERWORX MANUFACTURING / FACTORY WRAPS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Matt Mitchell, 2. Damion Gardner, 3. Brody Roa, 4. Austin Williams, 5. Verne Sweeney, 6. Daylin Perreira, 7. Jake Hodges. 2:55.00.

BILLSJERKY.NET / LASERWORX MANUFACTURING / FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Max Adams, 2. Kyle Edwards, 3. Matt McCarthy, 4. Chris Bonneau, 5. Logan Williams, 6. Chris Tramel, 7. Dan Taylor. 2:59.53.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. A.J. Bender, 2. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 3. Tommy Malcolm, 4. Cody Williams, 5. Austin Grabowski, 6. Nate Schank. 2:57.01.

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brody Roa (1), 2. Matt Mitchell (4), 3. Tommy Malcolm (2), 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (5), 5. Logan Williams (7), 6. Kyle Edwards (14), 7. Austin Williams (10), 8. Matt McCarthy (11), 9. Nate Schank (18), 10. Damion Gardner (6), 11. Chris Tramel (17), 12. Jake Hodges (13), 13. Daylin Perreira (19), 14. Verne Sweeney (16), 15. Max Adams (3), 16. A.J. Bender (15), 17. Chris Bonneau (8), 18. Dan Taylor (20), 19. Cody Williams (12), 20. Austin Grabowski (9). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Brody Roa, Laps 2-16 Tommy Malcolm, Laps 17-18 Matt Mitchell, Laps 19-25 Tommy Malcolm, Laps 26-28 Matt Mitchell, Laps 29-30 Brody Roa.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Nate Schank (18th to 9th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Daylin Perreira

IN MEMORY OF SHAWN MCDONALD QUALIFYING AWARD: Tommy Malcolm

IN MEMORY OF SHAWN MCDONALD FEATURE AWARD: Kyle Edwards

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-828, 2-Matt Mitchell-735, 3-Austin Williams-706, 4-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-669, 5-Logan Williams-641, 6-Cody Williams-554, 7-Tommy Malcolm-532, 8-Charles Davis Jr.-496, 9-Brody Roa-484, 10-Matt McCarthy-468.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: July 8, 2022 – Keller Auto Speedway at Kings Fairgrounds – Hanford, California – Spanky Mathews Memorial

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BRODY ROA TOPS USAC CRA RETURN TO SANTA MARIA

By: Lance Jennings

NIPOMO, CALIFORNIA – AUGUST 8, 2022…History was made last Saturday night as “The Pride of Garden Grove” Brody Roa (Garden Grove, California) won the AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car return to Santa Maria Raceway.

Retaking the lead for good from Tommy “Thunder” Malcolm on lap 21, Roa went on to earn the seventh victory for an iron-block 360 powered car with the series. Tommy Malcolm, hard charger Daniel Whitley, Logan Williams, and Chase Johnson rounded out the top-five drivers.

Starting on the pole position, Roa’s May Motorsports’ #8M RDM Mechanics / Fastenal Eagle fell behind winged driver Kaleb Montgomery at the green flag. Kaleb Montgomery, who won a USAC 360 show at Santa Maria in 2019, was looking to claim his first non-winged 410 main event. Those hopes were dashed as a multi-car tangle brought out the caution. On the restart, Roa got the jump and held the top spot on the technical surface.

Brody increased his advantage and was well in control of the main event. By the halfway point, Roa, the former USAC Southwest Sprint Car champion, was being challenged by fifth starting Malcolm. Malcolm made a bold move and took command on lap sixteen with his sights on his first career victory. After a couple of laps, Roa hit his marks and reeled in the leader. From there, Brody powered to the lead and sailed to his second win in a row.

With his twelfth career USAC CRA triumph, Brody Roa moves into a tie for fifth overall on the win list with Bryan Clauson. The 2016 USAC West Coast 360 Champion began his night by qualifying seventh out of a season high 31 race cars and scored third in his heat race.

Matt Mitchell (Yorba Linda, California) began the sold out event by claiming his second Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award of the season. Piloting his #37 Roy Miller Freight Lines / Campbell Brothers Storage Maxim, Mitchell posted a time

of 14.160 on the 1/3-mile clay oval. From there, the former USAC West Coast 360 Sprint Car Champion placed fourth in his heat race and scored twenty-first in the feature after an early exit.

A.J. Bender (San Diego, California) raced to victory in the 10-lap FlowDynamics Incorporated First Heat Race. Driving the family owned #21 Bender Pool and Spa / Schweitzer Motorsports DRC, Bender was seventeenth fastest in qualifying and scored twenty-second in the main event.

Veteran driver Verne Sweeney (Lomita, California) easily won the 10-lap BillsJerky.net Second Heat Race. Racing Ken Tracy's #98 Bill's 'Ol Fashion Jerky / Faas Cores DRC, Sweeney qualified eighteenth overall and placed nineteenth after being involved in the first lap tangle.

Daniel Whitley (Ferndale, California) made his first USAC CRA start of the campaign and won the 10-lap In Memory of Jim and Chet Gardner Third Heat Race. Piloting Ted Finkenbinder's #3F Western Industrial X-Ray entry, Whitley qualified nineteenth overall and earned the night's In Memory of Jim and Chet Gardner Hard Charger Award / Best Passing Job honors with an eighteenth to third place run.

Dawson Faria (Tipton, California) claimed his first USAC CRA checkered flags at Santa Maria Raceway. Driving the family owned #12BF Hooterville Hay / Quail Farms 360 powered ART, Faria won the night's 10-lap Laserworx Manufacturing Fourth Heat Race, qualified twentieth in qualifying, and finished fifteenth in the main event.

Eddie Tafoya Jr. (Chino Hills, California) won the 12-lap Factory Wraps Semi-Main. Racing the family owned #51T Specialty Fasteners / Bell Helmets DRC, Tafoya was fifth fast in qualifying, scored fifth in his heat race, and finished eighth in the 30-lap feature.

By virtue of his thirteenth place finish, Austin Grabowski (Riverside, California) earned the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award at Santa Maria Raceway. Piloting his #72 Grabowski Speed Shop / Mustang Motel Eagle, the 2021 Rookie of the Year qualified sixteenth overall and placed fourth in the semi-main event.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: August 6, 2022 – Santa Maria Raceway – Nipomo, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-14.160; 2. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-14.223; 3. Chase Johnson, 73, Ford-14.254; 4. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-14.284; 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-14.288; 6. Kaleb Montgomery, 3, Montgomery-14.435; 7. Brody Roa, 8m, May-14.498; 8. Austin Williams, 2, Williams-14.515; 9. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-14.529; 10. Nate Schank, 1$, Schank-14.535; 11. Troy Rutherford, 11, Rutherford-14.555; 12. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-14.556; 13. Brody Fuson, 51, Van Meter-14.587; 14. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-14.624; 15. Grant Sexton, 18, Sexton-14.687; 16. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-14.699; 17. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-14.709; 18. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-14.736; 19. Daniel Whitley, 3F, Finkenbinder-14.842; 20. Dawson Faria, 12BF, Faria-14.918; 21. Tanner Boul, 99T, Boul-14.968; 22. Charlie Butcher, 96, Butcher-15.043; 23. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-15.119; 24. James Herrera, 16J, Herrera-15.258; 25. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-15.278; 26. Troy DeGaton, 39T, DeGaton-15.560; 27. Dan Taylor, T5, Taylor-15.862; 28. Joe Pontin Jr., 11O, O'Brien-16.310; 29. Bill Jones, 5J, Herrera-16.800; 30. Camie Bell, 29, Bell-17.883; 31. Vaughn Schott, 67, Schott-NT.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. A.J. Bender, 2. Cody Williams, 3. Brody Fuson, 4. Matt Mitchell, 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 6. Joel Rayborne, 7. Bill Jones, 8. Tanner Boul. NT

BILLSJERKY.NET SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Verne Sweeney, 2. Charlie Butcher, 3. Tommy Malcolm, 4. Kaleb Montgomery, 5. Nate Schank, 6. Matt McCarthy, 7. Troy DeGaton, 8. Camie Bell. NT

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Daniel Whitley, 2. Troy Rutherford, 3. Brody Roa, 4. Chase Johnson, 5. Steve Hix, 6. Grant Sexton, 7. Dan Taylor. NT

LASERWORX MANUFACTURING FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Dawson Faria, 2. Logan Williams, 3. Damion Gardner, 4. Austin Williams, 5. Austin Grabowski, 6. James Herrera, 7. Joe Pontin Jr.. NT

FACTORY WRAPS SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 2. Nate Schank, 3. Matt McCarthy, 4. Austin Grabowski, 5. Tanner Boul, 6. Joel Rayborne, 7. James Herrera, 8. Steve Hix, 9. Troy DeGaton, 10. Joe Pontin Jr., 11. Grant Sexton, 12. Camie Bell, 13. Dan Taylor, 14. Bill Jones. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brody Roa (1), 2. Tommy Malcolm (5), 3. Daniel Whitley (18), 4. Logan Williams (12), 5. Chase Johnson (4), 6. Cody Williams (9), 7. Kaleb Montgomery (2), 8. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (7), 9. Nate Schank (10), 10. Troy Rutherford (11), 11. Brody Fuson (13), 12. Damion Gardner (3), 13. Austin Grabowski (15), 14. Tanner Boul (20), 15. Dawson Faria (19), 16. Joel Rayborne (22), 17. Austin Williams (8), 18. Matt McCarthy (14), 19. Verne Sweeney (17), 20. Charlie Butcher (21), 21. Matt Mitchell (6), 22. A.J. Bender (16). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-15 Brody Roa, Laps 16-20 Tommy Malcolm, Laps 21-30 Brody Roa.

**Vaughn Schott flipped during qualifying. Austin Williams flipped on lap 9 of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Daniel Whitley (18th to 3rd)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Austin Grabowski

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-876, 2-Matt Mitchell-769, 3-Austin Williams-740, 4-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-724, 5-Logan Williams-709, 6-Cody Williams-616, 7-Tommy Malcolm-610, 8-Brody Roa-560, 9-Nate Schank-500, 10-Matt McCarthy-497.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: August 20, 2022 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – California Racers Hall of Fame Night

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CHARLES DAVIS JR. WINS THRILLER AT PERRIS!

By: Lance Jennings

PERRIS, CALIFORNIA – AUGUST 22, 2022… When the checkered flag waved last Saturday night at Perris Auto Speedway, the race fans in attendance and those watching online had witnessed something special.

“Chargin” Charles Davis Jr. (Buckeye, Arizona) had surprised “The Demon” Damion Gardner to lead the final lap and win the $2,500 “California Racers Hall of Fame Night.” The seven-time Arizona Sprint Car Champion had earned his first AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car victory of the season, but there is much more to the story.

On paper, there were seven changes for lap leaders, but the top spot changed hands at least a dozen times more. Polesitter and 2019 Rookie of the Year, Eddie Tafoya Jr. led the opening circuit with “The Big Game Hunter” Austin Williams and Gardner in close quarters. Williams had his sights on his first win of the campaign and took command from Tafoya on the next lap. USAC CRA point leader Gardner had other ideas and powered by Williams to make it three leaders in the first three laps.

Gardner looked to drive away from the field, but the fifth starting Matt Mitchell gave chase and challenged the nine-time champion. From there, the top two drivers in USAC CRA points put on a clinic in clean and hard racing. For several laps, the duo exchanged the lead on each end on the speedway. Both drivers used “slide jobs” and countered with crossover moves to regain the top spot. With a few laps remaining, Gardner had control of the feature and powered to the white flag. Up from ninth, Davis had reeled in “The Demon” and grabbed the lead heading down the back straightaway. Damion gave one last challenge, but the night belonged to Davis, who finished ahead of Gardner, Mitchell, Williams, and Tafoya.

Racing his #47 MP Environmental Services / Black Magic Bead Breaker RSS, Charles Davis Jr. qualified eighth overall and finished fifth in his heat race. The 1993 CRA Rookie of the Year earned the night’s In Memory of Jim and Chet Gardner Hard

Charger / Best Passing Job honors with a ninth place run to claim the 30-lap victory. “Chargin” Charles left the Lake Perris Fairgrounds ranked ninth in points and five career USAC CRA wins to his credit.

Matt McCarthy (Riverside, California) opened the night by earning the first Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award of his career. Driving the family owned #28M FlowDynamics Incorporated / DrinkPAK DRC, McCarthy posted a time of 16.845 seconds to become the 85th driver since 2004 to earn USAC CRA top qualifying honors. Next, the 2017 Rookie of the Year claimed $2,000 by winning the Junior Kurtz / Bill Simpson Trophy Dash over Mitchell, R.J. Johnson, and Austin Williams. The special event featured four three-lap dashes for cash with roots going back to the 1980s at the legendary Ascot Park. Matt scored sixth in his heat race, ran thirteenth in the main event, and claimed the night’s Wilwood Disc Brakes “Lucky 13 Award.” Heading to Bakersfield on September 3rd, Matt sits tenth in the point chase.

“The Demon” Damion Gardner (Concord, California) raced to victory in the night’s 10-lap FlowDynamics Incorporated / Laserworx Manufacturing / Factory Wraps First Heat Race. Piloting Mark Alexander’s #1 PerformanceOnline.com / Carman Trucking Spike, Gardner was seventh fastest in qualifying and led 16 laps of the main event before scoring second at the checkered flag. “The Demon” leads the point chase by 106 markers heading to Bakersfield Speedway.

“The Cadillac” Cody Williams (Corona, California) won his first heat race of the campaign in the 10-lap Billsjerky.net / Laserworx Manufacturing / Factory Wraps sponsored event. Racing his #44 WC Friend Company / Trench Shoring DRC, Williams qualified second overall but was unable to compete in the Kurtz / Simpson Dash due to mechanical problems. The crew made repairs and “The Cadillac” responded by winning the night’s second heat race. Cody scored seventeenth in the main event and left Perris Auto Speedway ranked seventh in points.

Matt Mitchell (Yorba Linda, California) scored the victory in the 10-lap In Memory of Jim and Chet Gardner Third Heat Race. Driving his #37 J.W. Mitchell Motorsports / Roy Miller Freight Lines Maxim, Mitchell was third quick in qualifying, tied R.J. Johnson for second in the Kurtz / Simpson Dash, led twelve laps of the feature, and finished third in the “California Racers Hall of Fame Night.” The former USAC West Coast Sprint Car Champion heads to Bakersfield ranked second in the point standings.

“The Pride of Garden Grove” Brody Roa (Garden Grove, California) took home the Shawn McDonald Memorial Qualifying Award by timing in sixth quick overall. Driving the BR Performance #91R HD Industries / Burris Racing Eagle, Roa placed fifth in his heat race and scored nineteenth in the main event after an early exit. The 2019 USAC Southwest Sprint Car Champion has run a limited schedule and ranks eighth in the point chase.

A.J. Bender (San Diego, California) claimed the night’s Shawn McDonald Memorial Feature Award with a sixth place finish in the “California Racers Hall of Fame Night.” Racing the family owned #21 Bender Pool & Spa / K&R Motorsports DRC, Bender qualified tenth overall, placed fourth in his heat race, and scored sixth in the main event after starting tenth. The USAC Western States Midget rookie contender left Perris ranked thirteenth in points.

A special thank you goes to Perris and Ascot infield announcer Chris Holt and everyone that contributed to the “California Racers Hall of Fame Night.” Holt collected over $12,000 in additional prize money for the night’s event.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: August 20, 2022 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – California Racers Hall of Fame Night

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-16.845; 2. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.849; 3. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.872; 4. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-16.881; 5. Austin Williams, 2, Williams-16.902; 6. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-16.903; 7. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-17.041; 8. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-17.107; 9. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.137; 10. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-17.149; 11. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-17.175; 12. Kyle Edwards, 39E, Edwards-17.208; 13. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-17.208; 14. Danny Sheridan, 12, Allen-17.239; 15. Nate Schank, 1$, Schank-17.319; 16. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.332; 17. Shon Deskins, 20, SDR-17.567; 18. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-17.749; 19. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-18.127; 20. James Herrera, 5J, Herrera-18.209; 21. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-NT.

JUNIOR KURTZ / BILL SIMPSON TROPHY DASH: (four 3 lap dashes) 1. Matt McCarthy (8 points), 2. Matt Mitchell (7 points), 3. R.J. Johnson (7 points), 4. Austin Williams (2 points). NT

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / LASERWORX MANUFACTURING / FACTORY WRAPS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. R.J. Johnson, 3. Chris Gansen, 4. A.J. Bender, 5. Verne Sweeney, 6. Matt McCarthy, 7. James Herrera. 2.56:31.

BILLSJERKY.NET / LASERWORX MANUFACTURING / FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Cody Williams, 2. Austin Williams, 3. Tommy Malcolm, 4. Danny Sheridan, 5. Charles Davis Jr., 6. Shon Deskins. NT

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Matt Mitchell, 2. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 3. Kyle Edwards, 4. Nate Schank, 5. Brody Roa, 6. Joel Rayborne. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Charles Davis Jr. (9), 2. Damion Gardner (2), 3. Matt Mitchell (5), 4. Austin Williams (3), 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (1), 6. A.J. Bender (10), 7. Danny Sheridan (14), 8. Tommy Malcolm (11), 9. R.J. Johnson (4), 10. Kyle Edwards (12), 11. Shon Deskins (17), 12. Chris Gansen (13), 13. Matt McCarthy (7), 14. Verne Sweeney (16), 15. Nate Schank (15), 16. Joel Rayborne (18), 17. Cody Williams (6), 18. James Herrera (19), 19. Brody Roa (8). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Eddie Tafoya Jr., Lap 2 Austin Williams, Laps 3-9 Damion Gardner, Laps 10-17 Matt Mitchell, Laps 18-21 Damion Gardner, Laps 22-24 Matt Mitchell, Laps 25-29 Damion Gardner, Lap 30 Charles Davis Jr.

**Logan Williams flipped during qualifying.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Charles Davis Jr. (9th to 1st)

SHAWN MCDONALD MEMORIAL QUALIFIER: Brody Roa

SHAWN MCDONALD MEMORIAL FEATURE AWARD: A.J. Bender

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Matt McCarthy

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-951, 2-Matt Mitchell-845, 3-Austin Williams-810, 4-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-789, 5-Logan Williams-719, 6-Tommy Malcolm-665, 7-Cody Williams-658, 8-Brody Roa-590, 9-Charles Davis Jr.-570, 10-Matt McCarthy-505.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: September 3, 2022 – Bakersfield Speedway – Bakersfield, California

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DAMION GARDNER MAKES HISTORY AT PERRIS WITH HOWARD CLASSIC WIN

By: Lance Jennings

PERRIS, CALIFORNIA – SEPTEMBER 21, 2022… After taking command from Brody Roa on the tenth lap, “The Demon” Damion Gardner (Concord, California) led the rest of the way to win Saturday’s “Glenn Howard Classic” at Perris Auto Speedway.

For Gardner, the 30-lap main event was his sixth AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car victory of the season as Matt Mitchell, Roa, hard charger Tommy “Thunder” Malcolm, and “The Big Game Hunter” Austin Williams chased the 9-time champion to the checkered flag.

Piloting Mark Alexander’s #1 PerformanceOnline.com / Carman Trucking Spike, “The Demon” began his night by earning his series leading 104th career Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award. Gardner had bested the 24-car roster, and his time of 16.202 seconds was the fastest lap of the year at the half-mile oval. Next, the point leader ran second to Malcolm in his heat race and then proceeded win his fifth “Glenn Howard Classic.” In addition, Damion captured his 108th West

Coast non-winged 410 (CRA-SCRA-USAC CRA) victory to break a tie with 3-Time CRA Champion Dean Thompson (107) as the all-time winner.

In victory circle, Gardner remarked, “It’s a true honor to beat Dean. He came down the first day I ever came down here (February 9, 2002) and told me I was something special. I didn’t know who he was and later it meant a lot to me.” Damion left the Lake Perris Fairgrounds with a 114-point advantage over the competition.

Tommy “Thunder” Malcolm (Corona, California) raced to victory in the night’s 10-lap FlowDynamics Incorporated / Laserworx Manufacturing / Factory Wraps First Heat Race. Driving Dino Napier’s #5X Indiana Truck Salvage / B&B Powder Coating DRC, Malcolm was tenth quick in qualifying and earned the In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Hard Charger Award with a tenth to sixth place run. Tommy ranks fifth in the point chase as the series will return to Perris Auto Speedway on October 1st.

“The Pride of Garden Grove” Brody Roa (Garden Grove, California) won his fourth heat race of the campaign in the 10-lap Billsjerky.net / Laserworx Manufacturing / Factory Wraps sponsored event. Racing the BR Performance #91R HD Industries / Burris Racing Eagle, Roa qualified eighth overall and ran third in the main event after leading the first nine circuits. Running a limited schedule, the 2019 USAC Southwest Champion sits eighth in points on the strength two feature wins and strong finishes.

Matt Mitchell (Yorba Linda, California) scored the victory in the 10-lap In Memory of Jim and Chet Gardner Third Heat Race. Driving his #37 J.W. Mitchell Motorsports / Roy Miller Freight Lines Maxim, Mitchell was ninth quick in qualifying and ran second to Gardner in the “Glenn Howard Classic.” The 2014 USAC West Coast Sprint Car Champion left Perris ranked second in the point standings.

By virtue of his thirteenth place finish, Chris Gansen (Verdemont Heights, California) earned the night’s Wilwood Disc Brakes “Lucky 13 Award.” Piloting the family owned #4G Trench Shoring / Cam 2 Blue Blood Oil Maxim, Gansen qualified seventeenth overall, placed fourth in his heat race, and raced to thirteenth in the “Howard Classic” after starting sixteenth.

Matt McCarthy (Riverside, California) took home the Shawn McDonald Memorial Qualifying Award by timing in sixth quick overall. Driving the family owned #28M FlowDynamics Incorporated / DrinkPAK DRC, McCarthy placed fifth in his heat race and scored twelfth in the main event. The 2017 Rookie of the Year is tenth in the point chase as the series returns to their home track on October 1st.

“Chargin” Charles Davis Jr. (Buckeye, Arizona) claimed the night’s Shawn McDonald Memorial Feature Award with a sixth place finish in the “Glenn Howard Classic.” Racing his #47 MP Environmental / Black Magic Bead Breaker DRC, Davis qualified fifth overall and ran second to Roa in his heat race. As this writing goes to press, the 7-time Arizona Sprint Car Champion is ninth in the point standings.

On Saturday, October 1st, the AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Cars will return to Perris Auto Speedway (Perris, California) for their last tune up race before November’s Oval Nationals.” For more information on the sixteenth point race, visit perrisautospeedway.com.

The AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car Series thanks Billsjerky.net, Factory Wraps, FlowDynamics Incorporated, The Gardner Family (In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner), Hoosier Racing Tires, Laserworx Manufacturing, Woodland Auto Display, BR Motorsports, Competition Suspension Incorporated, Extreme Mufflers, FloRacing, In Memory of Shawn McDonald, Rod End Supply, Saldana Racing Products, Vahlco Wheels, and Wilwood Disc Brakes for their support.

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AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: September 17, 2022 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – Glenn Howard Classic

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-16.202; 2. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.348; 3. Austin Williams, 2, Williams-16.442; 4. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-16.471; 5. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-16.511; 6. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-16.532; 7. Kyle Edwards, 39E, Edwards-16.539; 8. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-16.540; 9. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.565; 10. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-16.604; 11. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-16.681; 12. Danny Sheridan, 12, Allen-16.708; 13. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-16.779; 14. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-16.848; 15. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-16.850; 16. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.121; 17. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-17.141; 18. Brent Owens, 71, Martin-17.385; 19. Dan Taylor, T5, Taylor-17.700; 20. Logan Calderwood, 6, Calderwood-17.734; 21. Shane Sexton, 74, Sexton/Gatlin-17.871; 22. Nate Schank, 1$, Schank-17.900; 23. Gary Marshall Jr., 23, Bellegante-23.945; 24. Grant Sexton, 18, Sexton-NT.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED / LASERWORX MANUFACTURING / FACTORY WRAPS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tommy Malcolm, 2. Damion Gardner, 3. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 4. A.J. Bender, 5. Kyle Edwards, 6. Verne Sweeney, 7. Nate Schank, 8. Dan Taylor. 2:56.44

BILLSJERKY.NET / LASERWORX MANUFACTURING / FACTORY WRAPS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Brody Roa, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Chris Bonneau, 4. Chris Gansen, 5. Logan Calderwood, 6. Cody Williams, 7. Logan Williams, 8. Gary Marshall Jr. NT

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Matt Mitchell, 2. Austin Grabowski, 3. Austin Williams, 4. Danny Sheridan, 5. Matt McCarthy, 6. Brent Owens, 7. Shane Sexton. 3:17.02

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Damion Gardner (6), 2. Matt Mitchell (1), 3. Brody Roa (2), 4. Tommy Malcolm (10), 5. Austin Williams (5), 6. Charles Davis Jr. (3), 7. Danny Sheridan (11), 8. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (12), 9. Kyle Edwards (9), 10. Austin Grabowski (14), 11. Chris Bonneau (13), 12. Matt McCarthy (8), 13. Chris Gansen (16), 14. Shane Sexton (19), 15. Logan Calderwood (18), 16. Nate Schank (20), 17. Dan Taylor (17), 18. Cody Williams (7), 19. Verne Sweeney (15), 20. A.J. Bender (4), 21. Gary Marshall Jr. (21), NT.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1-9 Brody Roa, Laps 10-30 Damion Gardner.

**Grant Sexton flipped during hot laps. Logan Williams flipped during the second heat.

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

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Chris Gansen

SHAWN MCDONALD MEMORIAL QUALIFIER: Matt McCarthy

SHAWN MCDONALD MEMORIAL FEATURE AWARD: Charles Davis Jr.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-1034, 2-Matt Mitchell-920, 3-Austin Williams-878, 4-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-844, 5-Tommy Malcolm-734, 6-Logan Williams-731, 7-Cody Williams-693, 8-Brody Roa-662, 9-Charles Davis Jr.-634, 10-Matt McCarthy-587.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: October 1, 2022 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California

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BRODY ROA CHARGES TO VICTORY AT MOHAVE VALLEY

By Lance Jennings

MOHAVE VALLEY, ARIZONA – OCTOBER 12, 2022… Starting eleventh, “The Pride of Garden Grove” Brody Roa (Garden Grove, California) powered by “The Demon” Damion Gardner on lap 27 to take Saturday’s $3,000 victory at Mohave Valley Raceway.

For Roa, the win marked his third AMSOIL USAC CRA triumph of the season and the 2019 USAC Southwest Sprint Car Champion moves to fifth on the series win list with thirteen victories. Damion Gardner, Tommy “Thunder” Malcolm, hard charger Shon Deskins, and “Chargin” Charles Davis Jr. followed Roa to the checkered flags.

Outside front row starter “Chargin” Charles Davis Jr., led the opening six laps in his #50 MP Environmental J&J. As track conditions were changing, polesitter Jake Helsel slipped by the multi-time Arizona champion for the top spot. Making his first start in the Ream Industries owned #8 GF1 with a 360 cubic inch engine, Helsel maintained the lead for the next twelve circuits. Taking advantage on a restart, point leader Damion Gardner took over from Helsel as the race leader. Looking for his seventh win of the year, Gardner set a torrid pace around the 1/3-mile oval. As the laps counted down, Roa had sliced his way to the front and challenged Gardner for the top spot. Roa snatched the lead and “The Demon” briefly regained command. Brody countered, secured the lead for good, and was not to be denied at Mohave Valley.

Racing the BR Performance #91R HD Industries / Burris Racing Eagle, Roa began his night by qualifying eleventh out of a season high of 32 cars. From there, the 2016 USAC West Coast Sprint Car Champion won the 10-lap In Memory of Jim and Chet Gardner Third Heat Race. Brody left Mohave Valley ranked eighth in the point chase.

Chris Gansen (Verdemont Heights, California) earned the second Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award of his career with a time of 14.660 seconds at Mohave Valley. Driving the family owned #4G Trench Shoring / Cam 2 Blue Blood Oil Maxim, Gansen placed fifth in his heat race, scored third in the semi-main, and finished twentieth in the main event.

Making his first start in the Yeley Racing #2J Avanti Windows and Doors Twister, R.J. Johnson (Laveen, Arizona) raced to victory in the 10-lap FlowDynamics Incorporated First Heat Race. The multi-time USAC Southwest Sprint Car Champion was seventeenth quick in qualifying and raced to seventh in the main event after starting fifteenth.

Tommy “Thunder” Malcolm (Corona, California) raced to victory in the night’s 10-lap BillsJerky.net Second Heat Race. Piloting Dino Napier’s #5X Indiana Truck Salvage / B&B Powder Coating DRC, Malcolm qualified tenth overall and raced to third in the feature from tenth. Tommy left Mohave Valley ranked fifth in the USAC CRA point chase.

Racing Mark Alexander’s #1 PerformanceOnline.com / Carman Trucking Spike, “The Demon” Demon Gardner (Concord, California) took the checkered flags in the 10-lap Laserworx Manufacturing Heat Race. Gardner was fourth fastest in qualifying and led eight main event laps before finishing second to Roa. Looking for his tenth championship, the USAC CRA point leader heads to Cocopah Speedway with a 188-point advantage.

A.J. Bender (San Diego, California) won the 12-lap Factory Wraps Semi-Main Event. Driving the family owned #21 Bender Pools & Spa / Schweitzer Racing DRC, Bender qualified eighteenth overall, ran sixth in his heat race, and finished twenty-third in the feature after an early flip ended his night.

Shon Deskins (Phoenix, Arizona) claimed Mohave Valley’s hard charger / best passing job honors with a fourth place run from twentieth. Racing his #20 Mesilla Valley Transportation / Premium Coach Group DRC, Deskins was twenty-third quick in qualifying and placed third in his heat race.

By virtue of his thirteenth place finish from seventeenth, Verne Sweeney (Lomita, California) earned the night’s Wilwood Disc Brakes “Lucky 13 Award.” Piloting Ken Tracy’s #98 BillsJerky.net / Faas Cores DRC, Sweeney qualified nineteenth overall, placed fifth in his heat race, and ran fifth in the semi-main.

The AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Cars will return to action on October 28 and 29th at Cocopah Speedway in Somerton, Arizona for the “Chapman Chevrolet of Yuma 55th Annual Western World Championships Presented by Yuma Insurance and Avanti.” Co-sanctioned with the AMSOIL USAC National Sprint Car Series, the prestigious race is a must see event for race fans across the country. For more information, visit racecocopahspeedway.com.

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AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: October 8, 2022 – Mohave Valley Raceway – Mohave Valley, Arizona

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-14.660; 2. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-14.667; 3. Austin Williams, 2, Williams-14.678; 4. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-14.694; 5. Sterling Cling, 34, Cling-14.701; 6. Daylin Perreira, 21p, Perreira-14.770; 7. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-14.775; 8. Jake Helsel, 8, Ream-14.811; 9. Logan Calderwood, 6, Calderwood-14.882; 10. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-14.891; 11. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-14.907; 12. Ronald Webster, 51, Webster-14.957; 13. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-15.066; 14. Dustin Cormany, 29, Holloway-15.098; 15. Randy Nelson, 9x, Nelson-15.122; 16. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-15.145; 17. R.J. Johnson, 2J, Yeley/Petty-15.156; 18. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-15.235; 19. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-15.244; 20. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-15.265; 21. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-15.309; 22. Brent Owens, 71, Martin-15.432; 23. Shon Deskins, 20, SDR-15.470; 24. Shane Sexton, 74, Sexton/Gatlin-15.663; 25. Richard McCormick, 71x, Luport-15.902; 26. Austin Ervine, 21AJ, AJ-15.931; 27. Nate Schank, 1$, Schank-16.159; 28. Eddie Chacon, 17us, Chacon-16.704; 29. James Turnbull II, 2JT, Turnbull-17.937; 30. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-NT; 31. Grant Sexton, 22, Sexton-NT; 32. Todd Pratt, 71T, Pratt-NT.

FLOWDYNAMICS INCORPORATED FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. R.J. Johnson, 2. Matt McCarthy, 3. Logan Williams, 4. Sterling Cling, 5. Chris Gansen, 6. Logan Calderwood, 7. Richard McCormick, 8. James Turnbull II. NT

BILLSJERKY.NET SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tommy Malcolm, 2. Dustin Cormany, 3. Cody Williams, 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 5. Austin Ervine, 6. A.J. Bender, 7. Daylin Perreira, 8. Brent Owens. NT

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Brody Roa, 2. Austin Williams, 3. Shon Deskins, 4. Charles Davis Jr., 5. Verne Sweeney, 6. Randy Nelson, 7. Nate Schank, 8. Grant Sexton. NT

LASERWORX MANUFACTURING FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. Chris Bonneau, 3. Jake Helsel, 4. Austin Grabowski, 5. Shane Sexton, 6. Ronald Webster, 7. Todd Pratt. NT

FACTORY WRAPS SEMI: (12 laps) 1. A.J. Bender, 2. Logan Calderwood, 3. Chris Gansen, 4. Nate Schank, 5. Verne Sweeney, 6. Shane Sexton, 7. Daylin Perreira, 8. Richard McCormick, 9. Todd Pratt, 10. Grant Sexton, 11. Ronald Webster, 12. James Turnbull II. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brody Roa (11), 2. Damion Gardner (4), 3. Tommy Malcolm (10), 4. Shon Deskins (20), 5. Charles Davis Jr. (2), 6. Sterling Cling (3), 7. R.J. Johnson (15), 8. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (6), 9. Cody Williams (23), 10. Matt McCarthy (12), 11. Dustin Cormany (13), 12. Jake Helsel (1), 13. Verne Sweeney (17), 14. Austin Williams (5), 15. Nate Schank (22), 16. Logan Williams (19), 17. Shane Sexton (21), 18. Chris Bonneau (18), 19. Daylin Perreira (8), 20. Chris Gansen (7), 21. Logan Calderwood (9), 22. Austin Grabowski (14), 23. A.J. Bender (16). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1-6 Charles Davis Jr., Laps 7-18 Jake Helsel, Laps 19-26 Damion Gardner, Laps 27-30 Brody Roa.

**Grant Sexton & Cody Williams flipped during qualifying. Austin Grabowski flipped on lap 1 of the feature.

IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER HARD CHARGER: Shon Deskins (20th to 4th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Verne Sweeney

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-1112, 2-Austin Williams-924, 3-Matt Mitchell-920, 4-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-903, 5-Tommy Malcolm-806, 6-Logan Williams-768, 7-Cody Williams-745, 8-Brody Roa-740, 9-Charles Davis Jr.-697, 10-Matt McCarthy-637.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACES: October 28-29, 2022 – Cocopah Speedway – Somerton, Arizona – Co-Sanctioned with USAC National Series – Chapman Chevrolet of Yuma 55th Annual Western World Championships Presented by Yuma Insurance and Avanti

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"THE WAIT" IS LIFTED: AXSOM WINS FIRST USAC SPRINT RACE IN 8 MONTHS AT WESTERN WORLD NIGHT #1

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Somerton, Arizona (October 28, 2022)……More often than not, the most preferred method of ending a drought isn't one that involves heading straight into the desert.

However, Emerson Axsom found the arid surroundings of southwestern Arizona quite replenishing on Friday night during the 55th Annual Chapman Chevrolet of Yuma Western World Championships Presented by Yuma Insurance & Avanti at Somerton's Cocopah Speedway.

For Axsom (Franklin, Ind.), it had been more than eight months since he last visited victory lane with the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship, scoring wins in two of the first three rounds during February's Winter Dirt Games at Ocala, Florida's Bubba Raceway Park.

Eight months later, the leading Rookie of the Year contender found himself in an envious position within the USAC National Sprint Car ranks during the series' first ever visit to Cocopah Speedway, starting on the outside of the front row and proceeding to lead all 30 laps of the main event co-sanctioned by USAC CRA aboard his Clauson Marshall Newman Racing/Driven2SaveLives – ZMax Race Products/Spike/Kistler Chevy.

Including the two early season wins, Axsom has been consistent, reeling off 14 top-fives and 27 top-tens in 35 feature starts while routinely residing inside the top-five in series points. Axsom knew that it was only a matter of time before they could experience that winning feeling once again.

Entering Western World, the pondering of Axsom's mind as to exactly when "the wait" would be lifted off his shoulders was punctuated by the question, "Why not me?"

"I feel like we've had so much speed this season and not a lot of luck, just Rookie mistakes," Axsom explained. "We've had a shot to win a lot of these races, but I feel like I needed a little bit of luck. I felt like if anyone deserves it, maybe it's me."

Western World has treated Clauson Marshall Newman Racing beautifully in recent years. With Tyler Courtney in the driver's seat, the team captured final night victories in three consecutive seasons between 2018-2020. With Axsom stepping into the role this year, he's picked up the baton successfully to carry on the team's Western World prosperity, doing so in the driver and team's first year working together.

"We haven't had the wins, but it's not like the speed hasn't been there," Axsom noted. "We've been up front basically all year and been really consistent especially for a first year group. This is our first year working together so I feel like it's been a pretty solid year for my first full sprint car season and for all of us working together."

Axsom bolted out of the gate and into the lead as he blazed a trail around the outside of pole sitter Matt Westfall on the opening lap, firmly finding a line up top in turns one and two and on the bottom of three and four.

Brady Bacon initially closed up the gap on Axsom and found himself within a car length of the race lead on lap five when he drifted into the outside wall on exit, which promptly allowed Jake Swanson to charge underneath to rip the second spot away a single circuit later.

The feature's initial yellow flag came with seven laps completed as Logan Seavey came to a halt on the back straightaway while running 12th. After a touch up in the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area, the reigning Western World champion restarted 24th and came all the way through to finish an impressive ninth, all things considered.

Under caution, Bacon's right rear tire looked visibly wonky, to use a technical term. When racing resumed, it was only a matter of time before his rubber gave way, which it finally did on lap 12 while running third. With the tire completely flat and his ride slowing dramatically, Bacon detoured to the Work Area where he was fitted with fresh rubber.

Bacon's subsequent 10th place result severely hampered his chances at a fifth career USAC National Sprint Car title, losing 15 points in the process to eventual fifth place finisher Justin Grant who extended his lead to 93 markers with four events remaining.

Swanson was now the nearest challenger to Axsom's hold of the lead and made a run on the topside of turn two on the lap 12 restart to show his might. However, he got tight on the cushion and nearly tagged the wall, causing him to lose several car lengths in his pursuit of Axsom.

Simultaneously, Westfall slotted back into third as he slipped under Grant for the third spot entering turn three. But, up front, Axsom built his lead to a full two seconds over Swanson as he moved up a lane off the low line to put the cars of Verne Sweeney, Logan Williams and Matt Mitchell a lap down.

From there, Axsom went untouched for the remaining handful of dwindling laps to post a 1.936 second margin of victory with Jake Swanson second and Matt Westfall third. Robert Ballou picked off Justin Grant with a move underneath off turn four with four laps remaining to take over fourth at the line. Grant rounded out the top-five.

Seemingly inching closer to a first win of the 2022 USAC season is Jake Swanson (Anaheim, Calif.) who took the home state ride from fifth to second in the feature. The run marked his third runner-up result of the USAC National Sprint Car season and the second in his last three feature starts in the seat of the Team AZ Racing/Beaver Stripes – RSS Industries – USW Cat Construction/DRC/1-Way Chevy.

"I felt like I was making it work up there and I might have a shot, but it got to a point where it was so thin up there, I started smashing the wall," Swanson recalled. "I didn't want to end up like Brady with a flat right rear, but I tried as hard as I could. I don't know, maybe if I would've backed the corner up and made up a little more ground the first couple laps, I might've been able to get around him. At that point, it was track position. (Emerson) was really good in the black, but I think we know exactly what to do to be just a little bit better tomorrow."

For Matt Westfall, it was his best performance in 10 years. The Pleasant Hill, Ohio native earned his best USAC National Sprint Car finish since April of 2012 at Ohio's Eldora Speedway. That night a decade ago, he finished third. On this night, in his first trip to Cocopah, he grabbed another third at the wheel of his Ray Marshall Motorsports/Buckeye Machine – Hempy Water/DRC/Gressman Chevy.

"On the start, the tires didn't fire all that well and I got behind and fell to fifth," Westfall replayed. "When Brady had that flat tire, it helped us out as we got back to third, and we ended up having a good run."

While establishing the USAC National Sprint Car track record at Cocopah, C.J. Leary (Greenfield, Ind.) officially entered the upper crust alongside the best qualifiers in the history of the sport. His Fatheadz Fast Qualifying time was the 39th of his USAC National Sprint Car career, tying him with Levi Jones for fifth on the all-time list.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: October 28, 2022 – Cocopah Speedway – Somerton, Arizona – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track – 55th Annual Chapman Chevrolet of Yuma Western World Championships Presented by Yuma Insurance & Avanti

FATHEADZ EYEWEAR / WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. C.J. Leary, 77m, Michael-16.509 (New Track Record); 2. Jake Swanson, 21AZ, Team AZ-16.540; 3. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-16.774; 4. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.847; 5. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-16.873; 6. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-16.910; 7. Emerson Axsom, 47BC, Clauson Marshall Newman-16.990; 8. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-17.022; 9. Kyle Cummins, 2J, Yeley/Petty-17.037; 10. Jadon Rogers, 14, Engler-17.173; 11. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-17.212; 12. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-17.213; 13. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-17.285; 14. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-17.339; 15. Chase Johnson, 2i, Yeley/Petty-17.351; 16. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-17.358; 17. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-17.365; 18. Logan Seavey, 42, Cheney-17.375; 19. Austin Williams, 2, Williams-17.416; 20. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-17.426; 21. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-17.458; 22. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-17.468; 23. Kevin Thomas Jr., 17GP, Dutcher-17.522; 24. Sterling Cling, 34, Cling-17.526; 25. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-17.541; 26. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.549; 27. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-17.570; 28. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland/Halley-17.579; 29. Logan Calderwood, 6, Calderwood-17.652; 30. Justin Zimmerman, 1J, D-Up-17.764; 31. Tye Mihocko, 8, Ream-18.003; 32. Nate Schank, 1$, Schank-18.030; 33. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-18.158; 34. Jeremy Jonas, 54, Pardo-18.205; 35. Jake Neal, 214, Kracht-18.386; 36. Wayne Siddle, 007, Siddle-19.344; 37. Jim Vanzant, 3v, Vanzant-NT; 38. Kyle Edwards, 39E, Edwards-NT; 39. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-NT; 40. Shon Deskins, 20, SDR-NT (Time of 17.667 disallowed due to missing the scales)

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS / FLOWDYNAMICS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Cummins, 2. Brody Roa, 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Justin Grant, 5. Tommy Malcolm, 6. Logan Williams, 7. Austin Grabowski, 8. Mike Martin, 9. Logan Calderwood. 2:17.26

COMPETITION SUSPENSION (CSI) / BILLSJERKY.NET SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Jadon Rogers, 3. Brady Bacon, 4. Damion Gardner, 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 6. Chris Bonneau, 7. Justin Zimmerman, 8. Jeremy Jonas, 9. Verne Sweeney, 10. Logan Seavey. 2:14.24

PIT STOP USA / IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Austin Williams, 3. R.J. Johnson, 4. Emerson Axsom, 5. Mitchel Moles, 6. Chase Johnson, 7. Matt McCarthy, 8. Shon Deskins, 9. Tye Mihocko. 2:16.13

ROD END SUPPLY / LASERWORX MANUFACTURING FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Robert Ballou, 3. Matt Westfall, 4. Sterling Cling, 5. Cody Williams, 6. Ricky Lewis, 7. Nate Schank, 8. Wayne Siddle, 9. Matt Mitchell. 2:14.08 (New Track Record)

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS / FACTORY WRAPS SEMI: (12 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Mitchel Moles, 2. Chase Johnson, 3. Logan Seavey, 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 5. Tommy Malcolm, 6. Logan Williams, 7. Justin Zimmerman, 8. Chris Bonneau, 9. Austin Grabowski, 10. Logan Calderwood, 11. Mike Martin, 12. Nate Schank, 13. Verne Sweeney, 14. Matt McCarthy, 15. Jeremy Jonas, 16. Jake Neal, 17. Wayne Siddle, 18. Cody Williams, 19. Ricky Lewis. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Emerson Axsom (2), 2. Jake Swanson (5), 3. Matt Westfall (1), 4. Robert Ballou (13), 5. Justin Grant (4), 6. C.J. Leary (6), 7. Kyle Cummins (7), 8. Mitchel Moles (10), 9. Logan Seavey (18), 10. Brady Bacon (3), 11. Kevin Thomas Jr. (9), 12. R.J. Johnson (12), 13. Chase Johnson (16), 14. Charles Davis Jr. (8), 15. Brody Roa (17), 16. Tommy Malcolm (14), 17. Damion Gardner (15), 18. Sterling Cling (20), 19. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (22), 20. Matt Mitchell (23-P), 21. Logan Williams (21), 22. Verne Sweeney (24-P), 23. Austin Williams (19), 24. Jadon Rogers (11). NT

(P) represents a USAC CRA provisional starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Emerson Axsom.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-2297, 2-Brady Bacon-2204, 3-C.J. Leary-2170, 4-Robert Ballou-2100, 5-Emerson Axsom-2045, 6-Logan Seavey-1946, 7-Chase Stockon-1711, 8-Matt Westfall-1639, 9-Jadon Rogers-1575, 10-Jake Swanson-1528.

NEW AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-1146, 2-Austin Williams-954, 3-Matt Mitchell-946, 4-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-929, 5-Tommy Malcolm-838, 6-Logan Williams-792, 7-Brody Roa-780, 8-Cody Williams-755, 9-Charles Davis Jr.-740, 10-Matt McCarthy-647.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-172, 2-Thomas Meseraull-131, 3-Brady Bacon-125, 4-Robert Ballou-116, 5-Logan Seavey-107, 6-Kaylee Bryson-103, 7-Buddy Kofoid-100, 8-Kyle Cummins-94, 9-C.J. Leary-84, 10-Cannon McIntosh-81.

WESTERN WORLD PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Robert Ballou-11, 2-Logan Seavey-11, 3-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-10, 4-Jake Swanson-8, 5-Justin Zimmerman-7, 6-Verne Sweeney-7, 7-Mike Martin-5, 8-Chase Johnson-4, 9-C.J. Leary-3, 10-Kyle Cummins-3.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: October 29, 2022 – Cocopah Speedway – Somerton, Arizona – 3/8-Mile Dirt Track – 55th Annual Chapman Chevrolet of Yuma Western World Championships Presented by Yuma Insurance & Avanti

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Kevin Thomas Jr. (16.942)

Fatheadz Eyewear / Woodland Auto Display Fast Qualifier: C.J. Leary (16.509)

Simpson Race Products / FlowDynamics First Heat Winner: Kyle Cummins

Competition Suspension, Inc. / BillsJerky.net Second Heat Winner: Jake Swanson

Pit Stop USA / In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Third Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

Rod End Supply / Laserworx Manufacturing Fourth Heat Winner: Charles Davis Jr.

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts / Factory Wraps Semi Winner: Mitchel Moles

GSP Quality Driving Performance: Logan Williams

In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Feature Hard Charger: Robert Ballou (13th to 4th)

Wildwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13: Chase Johnson

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HOME SWEEP HOME: SWANSON DELIVERS WESTERN WORLD PERFECTION FOR TEAM AZ AT COCOPAH

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Somerton, Arizona (October 29, 2022)……Perhaps it was an omen. Perhaps he had a statement to make. Perhaps it was simply his moment. Perhaps it was all of the above.

But one night following a second-place qualifying run and a runner-up finish in the feature, Jake Swanson made certain that he was "the one" in all aspects during Saturday night's 55th Annual Chapman Chevrolet of Yuma Western World Championships Presented by Yuma Insurance & Avanti.

One couldn't help but wonder if it was a harbinger of things to come when the Anaheim, Calif. native kicked open the door at the forefront of Saturday's program at Arizona's Cocopah Speedway by setting a new track record during Fatheadz Eyewear Qualifying.

As it soon became abundantly clear, Swanson's evening was just getting started.

Swanson turned up the wick with a last turn, last lap pass to win his heat race after starting sixth, then followed through by once again charging from sixth to first in the feature, overtaking Robert Ballou for the lead with 13 laps remaining in the 30-lapper to score a complete sweep of the night in his Team AZ Racing/Beaver Stripes – RSS Industries – USW Cat Construction/DRC/1-Way Chevy.

The complete dominance displayed by Swanson in all phases – from qualifying to his heat race and to the feature – was the first such sweep in USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship competition since Tyler Courtney did so during the 4-Crown Nationals at Ohio's Eldora Speedway in September of 2019.

To boot, the second USAC National Sprint Car victory of Swanson's career was his most lucrative thus far with a $10,000 payday and, by doing so, he came through by delivering a dream come true for the Arizona-based Team AZ operation, which finally achieved one of its prized aspirations – winning in their home state at the Western World.

It's a long way from the sort of season that Swanson described as "chaos" at certain points this summer due to injury, bad luck and misfortune running roughshod over the team in USAC competition during 2022.

"It's just been non-stop work and there's been no time for any sort of relaxation. I've got a little cold and it turned into a weeklong thing because I couldn't ever just rest," Swanson explained. "I'm just thankful for the opportunity to be able to do this. It's been such a blessing moving to the Midwest (to race more often and for a living) and I didn't really think I'd ever get the chance. I felt like I was too old. I didn't really think it was going to happen but then COVID came, and it was one of those decisions where we jumped on it, went all-in and just hoped it would pan out."

Not only was it a winning performance for Swanson, but it was also a riveting dissection of the 24-car field which witnessed him make all the right moves at all the right times throughout the non-stop, caution-free affair which presented Swanson with his second new track record of the night, this one for the distance of 30 laps.

"My job is so easy when I have such a fast racecar; holy cow," Swanson exclaimed. "This thing has just been on rails. I was rolling out there starting six and I'm like, man, I've got some good guys up here in front of us. I still felt like, as long as I do my job, this car can win the race. I've just got to make it happen."

While Swanson had an eagle eye view of the front of the pack proceedings from his outside row three starting position of the USAC National and USAC CRA co-sanctioned event, pole sitter Ballou stepped away to the early race lead while, in between Ballou and Swanson, a bit of high speed, close-quarters jockeying was at full intensity right from the get-go.

As C.J. Leary darted down the back straightaway right up against the outside wall, the squeeze play was on as Damion Gardner refused Leary access to have free reign to the fourth spot. The ensuing moment put Leary in the pinch position as he bounced his right rear tire off the concrete and lost quite a bit of ground. Leary caught up to Gardner in turn four and the resulting bumper-to-bumper contact sent Gardner slashing sideways across traffic all while retaining his position as Leary slid back to eighth.

Ballou maintained his steady presence on the bottom line for the first third of the race while Friday night winner Emerson Axsom stepped up to the top with a resurgent Leary and Swanson right in tow. However, Swanson was quickly gaining a full head of steam and slid under Leary in turn three to grab the third spot on lap 10.

Swanson soon made a bid for second as he peeked under Axsom for second in turn three on the very next lap before falling back into line and reloading. Swanson utilized his ammo to ultimately breeze past Axsom for second, then completed the pass exiting turn four on lap 13.

Riding the rim like the hero of a paperback novel, Swanson challenged Ballou to an all-out duel just after the midway point with the pair of native Californians riding two-wide down the back straight on the 18th circuit. Digging in, Swanson put the hammer to the nail and rode the wave around the outside of Ballou to complete the pass, and his quest for the lead, off turn four.

“I was worried about the racetrack kind of getting single file and I wanted to get to the lead as soon as I could and make sure I had track position when I needed it,” Swanson noted. “I don’t think it would’ve mattered, though. We still would’ve been able to drive to the front.”

Meanwhile, moments later, Ballou became the one who got burned in a three-way script. Enter number two, which was Leary, who flew around the outside to gain second from Ballou on lap 21, then reeled in Swanson in a hurry and was now within a handful of car lengths outside the lead as the frontrunners work heavy traffic.

Just when Leary seemed poised to strike on lap 24, he tagged the turn two wall in his pursuit of Swanson to reach the head of the class. That caused Leary to lose a substantial enough amount of ground to prevent him from formulating another attack, although he reloaded and was poised to return.

Leary lured his way back into the race for the lead on the final lap and was a mere single car length behind Swanson in turn two when Leary drifted over the top of the cushion, unceremoniously ending his one last chance to take a shot at Swanson.

Though two-wide traffic loomed ahead for Swanson in turns three and four on the final go-around, he was able to navigate swiftly and decisively to clean sail his way into the books as a Western World champion with Leary .816 of a second behind in the runner-up spot. Axsom nipped Ballou at the line for third by a nose with Ballou fourth in the order and Brady Bacon fifth.

Leary (Greenfield, Ind.) overcame an adventurous first lap in which he free-fell from fourth to eighth. He then gathered it up to advance all the way back to a second place result in his Michael Motorsports/Kodiak Products – Gray Auto – Highsmith Guns – DMI/DRC/1-Way Chevy.

“On the start there, I gave up some ground and I had a run-in with the 1 car,” Leary recalled. “We were so good at the end there and I was going to race Jake really hard. I was hoping to get a run at him in lapped traffic but, overall, it was a good weekend.”

A successful first Western World is in the books for Axsom (Franklin, Ind.). A night after winning the Western World opener, he raced by Ballou on the final lap to take third by inches at the finish line. It's Axsom’s first run of back-to-back podium finishes since February of this season aboard his Clauson Marshall Newman Racing/Driven2SaveLives – ZMax Race Products/Spike/Kistler Chevy.

“Once you find a good package for something, you just stick to it and fine-tune,” Axsom said of the blueprint for CMNR’s success throughout the weekend. “I felt like, at the end, we were really coming alive to get Robert at the line. I think it was getting a little abrasive in turn one and, if there was a little bit more time, maybe we would’ve had a shot.”

Logan Seavey (Sutter, Calif.), meanwhile, pocketed up more than $1,100 in bonus bucks for his hard-charging performances during Western World weekend. Seavey passed 26 total cars across both nights to earn the Western World ProSource Passing Master Award. Furthermore, Seavey’s run from 21st to 6th in Saturday’s feature race earned him the coveted Lafond Jar of Change, which made up more than $900 of Seavey’s bonuses courtesy of fan donations.

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FATHEADZ EYEWEAR / WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Jake Swanson, 21AZ, Team AZ-16.127 (New Track Record); 2. Jadon Rogers, 14, Engler-16.291; 3. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-16.342; 4. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-

16.347; 5. C.J. Leary, 77m, Michael-16.388; 6. Emerson Axsom, 47BC, Clauson Marshall Newman-16.410; 7. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-16.413; 8. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-16.416; 9. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-16.490; 10. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-16.494; 11. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.539; 12. Justin Zimmerman, 1J, D-Up-16.655; 13. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-16.697; 14. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-16.699; 15. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-16.717; 16. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.719; 17. Kevin Thomas Jr., 17GP, Dutcher-16.730; 18. Chase Johnson, 2i, Yeley/Petty-16.738; 19. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-16.752; 20. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-16.772; 21. Kyle Cummins, 2J, Yeley/Petty-16.807; 22. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-16.840; 23. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-16.870; 24. Logan Seavey, 42, Cheney-16.898; 25. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-16.938; 26. Shon Deskins, 20, SDR-16.990; 27. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-17.004; 28. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-17.030; 29. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-17.079; 30. Logan Calderwood, 6, Calderwood-17.146; 31. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland/Halley-17.174; 32. Sterling Cling, 34, Cling-17.223; 33. Jeremy Jonas, 54, Pardo-17.371; 34. Austin Williams, 2, Williams-17.439; 35. Jake Neal, 214, Kracht-17.670; 36. Wayne Siddle, 007, Siddle-18.972; 37. Nate Schank, 1$, Schank-19.096.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS / FLOWDYNAMICS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Kyle Cummins, 5. Matt McCarthy, 6. Logan Williams, 7. Austin Grabowski, 8. Jeremy Jonas, 9. Nate Schank, 10. Mitchel Moles. 2:19.357

COMPETITION SUSPENSION (CSI) / BILLSJERKY.NET SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Brody Roa, 3. Brady Bacon, 4. Emerson Axsom, 5. Chase Johnson, 6. Jadon Rogers, 7. Shon Deskins, 8. Logan Calderwood, 9. Austin Williams. 2:20.935

PIT STOP USA / IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. R.J. Johnson, 2. Cody Williams, 3. Damion Gardner, 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 5. Chris Bonneau, 6. Verne Sweeney, 7. Ricky Lewis, 8. Jake Neal, 9. Mike Martin. 2:24.291

ROD END SUPPLY / LASERWORX MANUFACTURING FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Robert Ballou, 3. Logan Seavey, 4. Matt Westfall, 5. Matt Mitchell, 6. Justin Zimmerman, 7. Tommy Malcolm, 8. Sterling Cling, 9. Wayne Siddle. 2:23.146

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS / FACTORY WRAPS SEMI: (12 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Tommy Malcolm, 2. Mitchel Moles, 3. Matt Mitchell, 4. Justin Zimmerman, 5. Chase Johnson, 6. Jadon Rogers, 7. Chris Bonneau, 8. Shon Deskins, 9. Verne Sweeney, 10. Austin Williams, 11. Sterling Cling, 12. Logan Williams, 13. Logan Calderwood, 14. Mike Martin, 15. Nate Schank, 16. Jake Neal, 17. Wayne Siddle, 18. Jeremy Jonas, 19. Austin Grabowski, 20. Ricky Lewis, 21. Matt McCarthy. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Jake Swanson (6), 2. C.J. Leary (4), 3. Emerson Axsom (3), 4. Robert Ballou (1), 5. Brady Bacon (13), 6. Logan Seavey (21), 7. R.J. Johnson (7), 8. Mitchel Moles (12), 9. Justin Grant (8), 10. Kyle Cummins (20), 11. Matt Westfall (22), 12. Damion Gardner (5), 13. Charles Davis Jr. (9), 14. Matt Mitchell (16), 15. Brody Roa (15), 16. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (2), 17. Chase Johnson (18), 18. Kevin Thomas Jr. (17), 19. Tommy Malcolm (11), 20. Verne Sweeney (24-P), 21. Cody Williams (14), 22. Justin Zimmerman (19), 23. Logan Williams (23-P), 24. Jadon Rogers (10). 9:45.759 (New Track Record)

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FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-17 Robert Ballou, Laps 18-30 Jake Swanson.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-2351, 2-Brady Bacon-2268, 3-C.J. Leary-2245, 4-Robert Ballou-2168, 5-Emerson Axsom-2115, 6-Logan Seavey-2007, 7-Chase Stockon-1711, 8-Matt Westfall-1685, 9-Jake Swanson-1612, 10-Jadon Rogers-1604.

NEW AMSOIL USAC/CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-1195, 2-Matt Mitchell-983, 3-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-965, 4-Austin Williams-964, 5-Tommy Malcolm-870, 6-Brody Roa-820, 7-Logan Williams-815, 8-Charles Davis Jr.-785, 9-Cody Williams-785, 10-Matt McCarthy-657.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-172, 2-Brady Bacon-133, 3-Thomas Meseraull-131, 4-Logan Seavey-122, 5-Robert Ballou-116, 6-Kyle Cummins-104, 7-Kaylee Bryson-103, 8-Buddy Kofoid-100, 9-Matt Westfall-92, 10-C.J. Leary-86.

FINAL WESTERN WORLD PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Logan Seavey-26, 2-Jake Swanson-18, 3-Matt Westfall-16, 4-Robert Ballou-14, 5-Kyle Cummins-13, 6-Brady Bacon-11, 7-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-11, 8-Nate Schank-10, 9-Mitchel Moles-8, 10-Chase Johnson-9.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACES: November 3-4-5, 2022 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track – 26th Heimark Anheuser Busch Budweiser Oval Nationals

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Emerson Axsom (16.123)

Fatheadz Eyewear / Woodland Auto Display Fast Qualifier: Jake Swanson (16.127)

Simpson Race Products / FlowDynamics First Heat Winner: Jake Swanson

Competition Suspension, Inc. / BillsJerky.net Second Heat Winner: Charles Davis Jr.

Pit Stop USA / In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Third Heat Winner: R.J. Johnson

Rod End Supply / Laserworx Manufacturing Fourth Heat Winner: Justin Grant

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts / Factory Wraps Semi Winner: Tommy Malcolm

GSP Quality Driving Performance: Matt Westfall

In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Feature Hard Charger: Logan Seavey (21st to 6th)

Wildwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13: Charles Davis Jr.

Western World ProSource Passing Master Champion: Logan Seavey (26)

LaFond Jar of Change: Logan Seavey

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THIS ONE'S FOR TED: BACON'S TRIUMPH A SPECIAL ONE AT OVALS OPENER

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Perris, California (November 3, 2022)…… When Brady Bacon stands on the throttle, everybody soon takes notice.

In a similar manner, the same could be said for Brady's grandfather, Ted Bacon. When Ted spoke, everyone listened.

Sadly, the words of the Bacon family's racing patriarch fell silent on Tuesday morning when Ted passed away.

Two days later, Brady strapped into a sprint car and ultimately pulled into victory lane on the opening night of the 26th Heimark Anheuser Busch Budweiser Oval Nationals at California's Perris Auto Speedway.

It's the same drill Brady had performed 44 previous times in his USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship career, but this one carried extra significance. This one was for Grandpa Ted.

“It’s bittersweet,” Brady admitted. “You never want to lose anybody, but he wasn’t doing well with not being able to do everything he wanted to do. He was on the go all the time, and not being able to do that wasn’t ideal for him.”

When posed the question of what his grandfather would’ve said to him had he witnessed his victorious performance on Thursday night, Brady theorized that Ted would’ve remarked something short and sweet along the lines of, “Ahh, pretty good.”

Succinct and straight to the point. Just like Ted’s words of praise, Brady approached the start of the Oval Nationals in a highly familiar fashion.

Brady reached the front of the field just six laps in, then raced away to his first USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship feature victory since June 19 – a span of 24 races and roughly four-and-a-half months – in his Dynamics, Inc./Fatheadz Eyewear – Cressman Sanitation – DriveWFX – Tel-Star/Triple X/Rider Chevy.

Brady’s fourth career Perris feature victory was his 45th overall in USAC National Sprint Car competition, tying him for fifth all-time with 1968-70-75 series champion, Larry Dickson.

Grandpa Ted was a supermodified standout in his heyday during the 1970s-80 who competed against contemporaries like Emmett Hahn, Harold Leep and Mike Peters at dirt tracks from Dewey, Oklahoma to Hutchinson, Kansas. Yet his grandson Brady’s feat sure would’ve been something he’d have been proud of, and something he’d have had no reservations telling Brady what was on his mind.

“He was hardnosed, and he’d tell you what he thought regardless of whether you had a dollar or 10 million or if you were five-foot tall or seven-foot tall. He didn’t care. He always liked to have a good time, did things his way and that was the only way. That’s what we always used to say. There’s Ted’s way and the wrong way.”

Brady and the Dynamics, Inc. team unloaded with a fast piece right from the get-go, first by recording the best lap during Wednesday night’s open practice. Starting sixth in the 30-lap feature, Brady wasted little time in showing that they were up to the task.

Methodically marching up through the field one-by-one, Brady picked off one spot per lap throughout the first five circuits. On the fifth lap, Bacon used a drive to wedge a path into the lead entering turn three in front of Robert Ballou. However, Ballou defied the change of position for a moment as he turned down underneath Bacon to regain the position.

Bacon’s second try became the second verse, different from the first, as he roared past on the back straightaway on lap six to take over, retain and maintain the lead from there on out.

With the lap count dwindling to six laps remaining, Bacon controlled the remote, dialing up a 3.609 second lead over second-running Max Adams, who was in the midst of his best career USAC National Sprint Car run.

But things can change in a hurry as evidenced by fourth place Jake Swanson who tagged the outside wall with his right rear tire in turn four, which sent him into a spin-cycle, airborne 360. Swanson’s car was straightened out only due to the fifth-running car of Justin Grant who hit the front left of Swanson’s car squarely. Back on the gas, Swanson found himself as a passenger with the front end knocked out, thus sending him on a beeline to the left that stopped him in his tracks about a foot from the inside front straightaway wall. Nonetheless, the 2021 “Ovals” opening night winner’s victory defense was finished while Grant continued on.

Once more, Bacon scooted away on the lap 26 restart over Adams. Meanwhile, Ballou and Grant exchanged a bevy of sliders in a duel for third with Ballou escaping back into the spot just prior to the yellow flag for Kyle Edwards (21st) who climbed the turn four wall, knocking him out of the contest.

Adams subsequently slipped above the cushion in turn two on the lap 28 restart, handing over two pieces of real estate to Ballou and Grant who promptly zoomed past. Grant surpassed Ballou for second at the entry to turn three with the white flag being waved just ahead on the horizon. Meanwhile, Leary streamed a path past Adams along the inside berm in turns three and four to gain fifth.

Just then, Brody Roa (6th) whipped against the turn four wall and was subjected to a similar fate as Swanson just a handful of laps earlier with Roa pirouetting along the outside wall before beaching his front wheels atop the turn four concrete, forcing yet another in a barrage of restarts that Brady was forced to endure down the stretch.

“I was getting nervous with all those restarts at the end,” Brady relayed. “I just felt like something was going to happen – a tire going down or me messing up on the start and opening the door for somebody to slide me. But luckily, that didn’t happen.”

Foreshadowing, Bacon hit the “Esc” key to distance himself from the fray without another obstruction in his path during the green-white-checkered finish which sent the four-time USAC National Sprint Car driving champion to another Perris victory while closing the gap on his deficit in the championship race from 83 points to 76 behind Grant who grabbed runner-up honors 0.959 sec. behind Bacon at the line.

“Anything’s still possible with the points as well, but that would require some misfortune from some other people,” Bacon stated, regarding the final two races of the year this weekend. “I’d never wish that on anybody, but we’ll just try to do the best we can, and if something like that were to happen, we would be in a position to capitalize.”

In fact, the top-four in USAC National Sprint Car points ran first, second, third and fourth. Leary rounded out the podium in third while Ballou landed fourth. Reigning Oval Nationals champion Kevin Thomas Jr. mounted an excellent charge from 13th to fifth to round out the top-five.

Justin Grant (Ione, Calif.) made a superb late-race bolt to the forefront of the field, advancing from fifth to second over the final seven laps to finish in the runner-up spot in his TOPP Motorsports/NOS Energy Drink – MPV Express – TOPP Industries/Maxim/Kistler Chevy, and now stands on the cusp of what we hopes is a first career series championship with just two races remaining.

C.J. Leary (Greenfield, Ind.) set quick time and turned in a solid result to score a third place feature finish in his Michael Motorsports/Kodiak Products – Gray Auto – Highsmith Guns – DMI/DRC/1-Way Chevy. It’s the 2019 USAC National Sprint Car champion's fifth consecutive top-five feature result at Perris dating back to 2019.

During Fatheadz Eyewear qualifying, Leary moved into sole possession of fifth all-time in terms of career fast qualifying times with the USAC National Sprint Cars. The 40th of Leary’s career moved him into sole possession of fifth all-time ahead of five-time series titlist Levi Jones. Furthermore, his 11 quick times in 2022 are the third most in a single season, equaling his own mark in 2019 and trailing only Kevin Thomas Jr.’s 15 in 2018 and Tom Bigelow’s 14 in 1978.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: November 3, 2022 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track – 26th Heimark Anheuser Busch Budweiser Oval Nationals

FATHEADZ EYEWEAR / WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. C.J. Leary, 77m, Michael-16.347; 2. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-16.459; 3. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-16.461; 4. Jason McDougal, 22AZ, Team AZ-16.559; 5. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-16.583; 6. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-16.606; 7. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-16.646; 8. Sterling Cling, 34, Cling-16.647; 9. Max Adams, 73, Ford-16.661; 10. Kevin Thomas Jr., 17GP, Dutcher-16.717; 11. Emerson Axsom, 47BC, Clauson Marshall Newman-16.786; 12. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.786; 13. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-16.801; 14. Jadon Rogers, 14, Engler-16.830; 15. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.836; 16. Austin Williams, 2, Williams-16.877; 17. Jake Swanson, 21AZ, Team AZ-16.901; 18. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-16.965; 19. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-16.972; 20. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-16.977; 21. Logan Seavey, 42, Cheney-17.005; 22. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.010; 23. Danny Sheridan, 12A, Allen-17.071; 24. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland/Halley-17.126; 25. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-17.159; 26. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-17.168; 27. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-17.175; 28. Daniel Whitley, 3F, Finkenbinder-17.176; 29. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-17.245; 30. Logan Calderwood, 6, Calderwood-17.321; 31. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-17.358; 32. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.366; 33. Kyle Edwards, 39E, Edwards-17.407; 34. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-17.422; 35. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-17.471; 36. Jake Neal, 214, Kracht-17.489; 37. Chase Johnson, 8m, May-17.569; 38. Troy DeGaton, 39T, DeGaton-18.050; 39. Nate Schank, 1$, Schank-18.063; 40. Dan Taylor, T5, Taylor-18.243.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS / FLOWDYNAMICS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Max Adams, 3. Matt Westfall, 4. Justin Grant, 5. C.J. Leary, 6. R.J. Johnson, 7. Tommy Malcolm, 8. Logan Seavey, 9. Chase Johnson, 10. Kyle Edwards. 2:47.24

COMPETITION SUSPENSION (CSI) / BILLSJERKY.NET SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Brody Roa, 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3. Brady Bacon, 4. Robert Ballou, 5. Eddie Tafoya, 6. Chris Gansen, 7. Jadon Rogers, 8. Logan Calderwood, 9. Logan Williams, 10. Troy DeGaton. 2:50.96

PIT STOP USA / IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Emerson Axsom, 3. Mitchel Moles, 4. Cody Williams, 5. Damion Gardner, 6. A.J. Bender, 7. Danny Sheridan, 8. Austin Grabowski, 9. Nate Schank, 10. Matt McCarthy. 2:51.69

ROD END SUPPLY / LASERWORX MANUFACTURING FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Matt Mitchell, 2. Austin Williams, 3. Jason McDougal, 4. Ricky Lewis, 5. Chris Bonneau, 6. Verne Sweeney, 7. Daniel Whitley, 8. Jake Neal, 9. Dan Taylor, 10. Sterling Cling. NT

C-MAIN: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the semi-feature) 1. Verne Sweeney, 2. A.J. Bender, 3. Logan Williams, 4. Chase Johnson, 5. Nate Schank, 6. Kyle Edwards, 7. Jake Neal, 8. Troy DeGaton. NT

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS / FACTORY WRAPS SEMI: (12 laps, top-8 transfer to the feature) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. Tommy Malcolm, 3. Jadon Rogers, 4. Damion Gardner, 5. Logan Seavey, 6. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 7. R.J. Johnson, 8. Chase Johnson, 9. Chris Gansen, 10. Austin Grabowski, 11. Logan Williams, 12. A.J. Bender, 13. Logan Calderwood, 14. Matt McCarthy, 15. Danny Sheridan, 16. Daniel Whitley, 17. Verne Sweeney, 18. Chris Bonneau. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brady Bacon (6), 2. Justin Grant (3), 3. C.J. Leary (11), 4. Robert Ballou (2), 5. Kevin Thomas Jr. (13), 6. Max Adams (1), 7. Emerson Axsom (14), 8. Jadon Rogers (16), 9. Logan Seavey (19), 10. Jason McDougal (4), 11. Damion Gardner (12), 12. Matt Westfall (15), 13. Cody Williams (17), 14. Austin Williams (18), 15. Ricky Lewis (21), 16. Brody Roa (9), 17. Tommy Malcolm (22), 18. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (20), 19. R.J. Johnson (23), 20. Chris Gansen (25-P), 21. Kyle Edwards (26-P), 22. Jake Swanson (8), 23. Chase Johnson (24), 24. Mitchel Moles (5), 25. Charles Davis Jr. (10), 26. Matt Mitchell (7). NT

(P) represents a USAC CRA provisional starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-5 Robert Ballou, Laps 6-30 Brady Bacon.

**Sterling Cling flipped during the fourth heat.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-2425, 2-Brady Bacon-2349, 3-C.J. Leary-2319, 4-Robert Ballou-2235, 5-Emerson Axsom-2174, 6-Logan Seavey-2054, 7-Matt Westfall-1730, 8-Chase Stockon-1711, 9-Jadon Rogers-1655, 10-Jake Swanson-1643.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-1237, 2-Matt Mitchell-1014, 3-Austin Williams-1006, 4-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-993, 5-Tommy Malcolm-902, 6-Brody Roa-859, 7-Cody Williams-827, 8-Logan Williams-825, 9-Charles Davis Jr.-816, 10-Matt McCarthy-667.

OVERALL OVAL NATIONALS POINTS: 1-Brady Bacon-146, 2-Justin Grant-138, 3-C.J. Leary-138, 4-Robert Ballou-131, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-128, 6-Max Adams-126, 7-Emerson Axsom-121, 8-Jason McDougal-117, 9-Jadon Rogers-111, 10-Logan Seavey-106.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-173, 2-Brady Bacon-138, 3-Logan Seavey-132, 4-Thomas Meseraull-131, 5-Robert Ballou-116, 6-Kyle Cummins-104, 7-Kaylee Bryson-103, 8-Buddy Kofoid-100, 9-Matt Westfall-95, 10-C.J. Leary-94.

OVAL NATIONALS PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Chase Johnson-12, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-10, 3-Logan Seavey-10, 4-C.J. Leary-9, 5-Emerson Axsom-9, 6-Tommy Malcolm-9, 7-R.J. Johnson-9, 8-Brady Bacon-8, 9-Jadon Rogers-8, 10-A.J. Bender-7.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACES: November 4-5, 2022 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track – 26th Heimark Anheuser Busch Budweiser Oval Nationals

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Jason McDougal (16.584)

Fatheadz Eyewear / Woodland Auto Display Fast Qualifier: C.J. Leary (16.347)

Shawn McDonald Sixth Fastest Qualifier: Robert Ballou

Simpson Race Products / FlowDynamics First Heat Winner: Jake Swanson

Competition Suspension, Inc. / BillsJerky.net Second Heat Winner: Brody Roa

Pit Stop USA / In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Third Heat Winner: Charles Davis Jr.

Rod End Supply / Laserworx Manufacturing Fourth Heat Winner: Matt Mitchell

C-Main First Non-Transfer: Nate Schank

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts / Factory Wraps Semi Winner: C.J. Leary

GSP Quality Driving Performance: Cody Williams

In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Feature Hard Charger: Logan Seavey (19th to 9th)

Shawn McDonald Sixth Place Feature Finisher: Max Adams

Wildwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13: Cody Williams

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THE MADMAN COMETH: BALLOU SWIPES LATE-RACE VICTORY AT OVALS NIGHT TWO

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Perris, California (November 4, 2022)……During a red flag period 10 laps into Friday night's feature event at California's Perris Auto Speedway, Robert Ballou was feeling confident.

Sitting third at the time, the Rocklin, Calif. native felt that he had a good enough car to, at least, run second.

With that said, he wasn't quite sold on whether another Oval Nationals prelim victory was within the realm of possibility on this night.

In that particular moment, Ballou felt that then-race leader Kevin Thomas Jr. was the class of the field after checking out to a considerable lead in the early stages.

However, that's why they run the races, and the balance of the 30-lap distance from that point forward ultimately painted a completely different picture in Ballou's favor.

In fact, it was pure artistry from one of the best to ever do it on the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship tour and, despite the earlier estimation, Ballou wasn't going to go down without a fight.

“(C.J.) Leary got under me one lap (with 10 laps to go), but I was too tight to run down there then,” Ballou explained. “I tried to get my shocks a little bit better to where I could hold it down around the bottom and not get tight. It was really tough, but then Brady (Bacon) shot right by me, and I’m like, the 69 isn’t getting by me tonight and I sat up in the seat.”

Running as deep as fourth with just 10 laps remaining, Ballou found a sudden burst that put him right back into the thick of the hunt. It came just as he foretold during the earlier stoppage, that he would be a player for the win once the fuel load began to burn off.

“I feel like we’re better than (second-running Emerson) Axsom,” Ballou stated during the early-race red flag. “But as the fuel load burns off, and with me being a fat guy, my car should be a little bit faster where a guy like him might slow down a little bit. I feel that we’ve got the car to at least run second, but (Thomas) has pretty much checked out by the looks of it.”

As it turned out, Ballou was just checking in on lap 20. Ballou charged under Brady Bacon for third on the back straight with nine to go. One lap later, Ballou glided his way into second with a turn one slide past Emerson Axsom to put him within a full two seconds of Thomas who seemingly held a commanding lead with the sands in the hourglass collecting piling up.

Finding his way into his front-running position by utilizing the bottom side of the racetrack, Thomas cut a swath of land for his own use by entering turns one and three on the bottom, then letting his car sweep to the top at the exit of turns two and four.

But with two laps until the bell tolled for thee, Thomas faced a bout of traffic. Charging into turn one hot on the heels of the 24th place car of Chris Gansen, Thomas was forced to alter his line on the bottom, skating his ride up the track a tad earlier in the corner than he had all race long.

The loss of momentum for Thomas was all Ballou needed to dig his talons in on the low line and drive his way past on the back straight to rise to the top of the leaderboard once and for all and for good.

Ballou negotiated turns three and four splendidly, scraping the infield berm with his left front wheel along the way as he dipped under Gansen who cleared a courteous path for the frontrunners by swinging wide on the front straightaway just as the white flag was being presented.

Ballou, Thomas and now Leary entered the final lap separated by a single car length between each driver. Ballou gained some much obliged separation from Thomas on the backside of the half-mile dirt oval, carrying onward to a 0.632 second victory in his Ballou Motorsports/Suburban Subaru - Dragonfly Aviation - Berks Western Telecom/Triple X/Ott Chevy.

Thomas collected a second place result after leading a race-high 27 laps while Jake Swanson made a last lap, last corner surge to beat Leary to the line by a single car length for the third position. Thursday night’s Oval Nationals opening night winner Brady Bacon rounded out the top-five with a fifth-place result.

Emerson Axsom, who led the opening lap, was the sixth place finisher and scored the best finish among Oval Nationals Rookies in the field.

But Ballou was the main man on this evening as he punched his ticket for series victory number 37, which tied him with Sheldon Kinser for 11th on the all-time USAC National Sprint Car feature win list.

Ballou’s sixth series victory of the year equals him with Justin Grant as the season’s winningest driver, making it his most successful and winningest campaign since his 2015 championship year, which just so happened to be the last time in which he was victorious at Perris.

That is, until Friday night. That’s when Ballou found something even more than he knew he had, which resulted in his fifth career USAC triumph at Perris after taking advantage of the situation at hand.

“When you’re out front, you don’t know where to go, especially on a long green. I just saw him sliding out,” Ballou recalled of Thomas’ lap 29 misfortune.

Three-time and defending Oval Nationals champion Kevin Thomas Jr. (Cullman, Ala.) nearly provided Michael Dutcher Motorsports with its first USAC National Sprint Car feature win since February of 2015 at Florida's East Bay Raceway Park, which came with Thomas behind the wheel of his Lifestyle Homes – Griffin's Propane – ProSource/Maxim/Chevy.

"We just got a little bit free at the end," Thomas acknowledged. "I lost brakes with about eight or 10 laps to go. I'm kind of bummed, but we've been making a lot of gains on this thing. I've never won a prelim night feature here, but as long as we're locked in, tomorrow's what we care about. We've made some great strides on what we need to do and some different little things we need to change. It's about getting acclimated with these guys again and just getting comfortable. Once we do that, the car has speed and we've just got to work a few little bugs out. Dutch and the guys work really hard on it, he takes very good care of his equipment and takes a lot of pride in it."

Jake Swanson (Anaheim, Calif.) put together a redeeming third-place performance on Friday night at Perris. After a crash into the turn four wall the night before, Swanson zipped by Leary on the last lap to grab the final spot on the podium in his Team AZ Racing/Beaver Stripes – RSS Industries – USW Cat Construction/DRC/1-Way Chevy. It was Swanson's third stop in the top-three during his last four USAC National Sprint Car feature starts.

"I think we needed a 40-lapper there," Swanson admitted. "It was just getting faster and faster the more the track opened up and we were able to pass. I felt like we were really fast, but it was just a matter of getting the room to get by. We were on C.J.'s tail tank there at the end and we're able to make something happen. C.J. did a good job, but he just got a little bit crossed up there racing with (Thomas). I was working the middle and trying to make it work early, but it wasn't really working for me. Brady was able to do it then I think I finally figured it out by the end."

Leary set Fatheadz Eyewear Fast Qualifying time for the 41st time of his USAC National Sprint Car career Friday night at Perris. For the Greenfield, Ind. driver, it was his second fast time in as many nights and his 12th of the series season. Oddly enough, it also marked the fifth time Leary and Swanson have qualified first and second during a USAC event this year (4 Sprint & 1 Silver Crown).

Two drivers got upside down during the evening, first being Mitchel Moles who tipped over and caught a brief flame during the semi-feature.

Daniel Whitley, making his first career USAC National Sprint Car feature start, flipped into the catchfence on lap 10 and never came back down, at least for a little while. His Ted Finkenbinder-owned ride became lodged in the fence between three and four, prompting a nearly 25-minute red flag to corral the car and make fence repairs. Both Moles and Whitley walked away from their respective incidents.

Six drivers are locked into Saturday night's 40-lap Oval Nationals feature event by virtue of their accumulated point totals throughout Thursday and Friday's programs: Brady Bacon (275), C.J. Leary (274), Robert Ballou (271), Kevin Thomas Jr. (268), Justin Grant (258) and Emerson Axsom (244). The group of six will also participate in the Super Six Dash to determine the first three rows of starting spots for the main event.

Meanwhile, Justin Grant's eighth place feature finish garnered him a 66-point lead over Bacon entering the final race of the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship season. An appearance in Saturday's racing program will clinch a first career USAC National Sprint Car title for Grant and TOPP Motorsports.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: November 4, 2022 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track – 26th Heimark Anheuser Busch Budweiser Oval Nationals

FATHEADZ EYEWEAR / WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. C.J. Leary, 77m, Michael-16.477; 2. Jake Swanson, 21AZ, Team AZ-16.519; 3. Logan Seavey, 42, Cheney-16.660; 4. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-16.700; 5. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-16.716; 6. Robert Ballou, 12, Ballou-16.742; 7. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-16.771; 8. Emerson Axsom, 47BC, Clauson Marshall Newman-16.779; 9. Kevin Thomas Jr., 17GP, Dutcher-16.785; 10. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.801; 11. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-16.826; 12. Austin Williams, 2, Williams-16.842; 13. Max Adams, 73, Ford-

16.897; 14. Sterling Cling, 34, Cling-16.964; 15. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-17.009; 16. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-17.027; 17. Jadon Rogers, 14, Engler-17.031; 18. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.058; 19. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-17.065; 20. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-17.085; 21. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-17.119; 22. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-17.137; 23. Daniel Whitley, 3F, Finkenbinder-17.147; 24. Logan Calderwood, 6, Calderwood-17.193; 25. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-17.193; 26. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-17.271; 27. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-17.284; 28. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-17.333; 29. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-17.537; 30. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-17.546; 31. Nate Schank, 1$, Schank-17.628; 32. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland/Halley-17.729; 33. Troy DeGaton, 39T, DeGaton-17.742; 34. Jake Neal, 214, Kracht-17.801; 35. Gary Marshall Jr., 23, Bellegante-18.391; 36. Jason McDougal, 22AZ, Team AZ-NT; 37. Chase Johnson, 8m, May-NT; 38. Kyle Edwards, 39E, Edwards-NT.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS / FLOWDYNAMICS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Max Adams, 4. C.J. Leary, 5. R.J. Johnson, 6. Jadon Rogers, 7. Matt McCarthy, 8. Troy DeGaton, 9. Mitchel Moles. NT

COMPETITION SUSPENSION (CSI) / BILLSJERKY.NET SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Cody Williams, 2. Jake Swanson, 3. Brody Roa, 4. Robert Ballou, 5. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 6. Matt Mitchell, 7. Sterling Cling, 8. Jake Neal, 9. Chris Bonneau. 2:51.78

PIT STOP USA / IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Brady Bacon, 2. Austin Grabowski, 3. Daniel Whitley, 4. Matt Westfall, 5. A.J. Bender, 6. Logan Seavey, 7. Chris Gansen, 8. Nate Schank, 9. Gary Marshall Jr. 2:50.93

ROD END SUPPLY / LASERWORX MANUFACTURING FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. Austin Williams, 3. Logan Williams, 4. Emerson Axsom, 5. Justin Grant, 6. Ricky Lewis, 7. Logan Calderwood, 8. Tommy Malcolm, 9. Chase Johnson. 2:55.40

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS / FACTORY WRAPS SEMI: (12 laps, top-8 transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Logan Seavey, 3. A.J. Bender, 4. Tommy Malcolm, 5. Jadon Rogers, 6. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 7. R.J. Johnson, 8. Ricky Lewis, 9. Mitchel Moles, 10. Sterling Cling, 11. Chris Gansen, 12. Matt McCarthy, 13. Logan Calderwood, 14. Chase Johnson, 15. Nate Schank, 16. Jake Neal, 17. Gary Marshall Jr., 18. Troy DeGaton, 19. Matt Mitchell. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Robert Ballou (4), 2. Kevin Thomas Jr. (1), 3. Jake Swanson (5), 4. C.J. Leary (6), 5. Brady Bacon (8), 6. Emerson Axsom (2), 7. Matt Westfall (3), 8. Justin Grant (11), 9. Cody Williams (7), 10. Max Adams (13), 11. Damion Gardner (9), 12. R.J. Johnson (22), 13. Austin Williams (12), 14. Tommy Malcolm (23), 15. Logan Seavey (10), 16. Jadon Rogers (16), 17. Brody Roa (20), 18. Logan Williams (15), 19. Mitchel Moles (25-N), 20. Charles Davis Jr. (19), 21. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (17), 22. A.J. Bender (14), 23. Matt Mitchell (26-C), 24. Chris Gansen (27-C), 25. Ricky Lewis (24), 26. Daniel Whitley (21), 27. Austin Grabowski (18). NT

(N) represents a USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car provisional starter

(C) represents a USAC CRA provisional starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Emerson Axsom, Laps 2-28 Kevin Thomas Jr., Laps 29-30 Robert Ballou.

**Mitchel Moles flipped during the semi. Daniel Whitley flipped on lap 10 of the feature.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-2481, 2-Brady Bacon-2415, 3-C.J. Leary-2391, 4-Robert Ballou-2311, 5-Emerson Axsom-2234, 6-Logan Seavey-2094, 7-Matt Westfall-1787, 8-Jake Swanson-1719, 9-Chase Stockon-1711, 10-Jadon Rogers-1687.

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-1286, 2-Austin Williams-1050, 3-Matt Mitchell-1037, 4-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-1017, 5-Tommy Malcolm-938, 6-Brody Roa-894, 7-Cody Williams-881, 8-Logan Williams-858, 9-Charles Davis Jr.-846, 10-Matt McCarthy-677.

TOP-SIX IN OVAL NATIONALS POINTS: (Locked into Saturday's feature) 1-Brady Bacon-275, 2-C.J. Leary-274, 3-Robert Ballou-271, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-268, 5-Justin Grant-258, 6-Emerson Axsom-244.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-176, 2-Brady Bacon-141, 3-Logan Seavey-132, 4-Thomas Meseraull-131, 5-Robert Ballou-119, 6-Kyle Cummins-104, 7-Kaylee Bryson-103, 8-Buddy Kofoid-100, 9-C.J. Leary-96, 10-Matt Westfall-95.

ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION TONY JONES HARD CHARGER POINTS: 1-R.J. Johnson-14, 2-Tommy Malcolm-14, 3-C.J. Leary-10, 4-Logan Seavey-10, 5-Brady Bacon-8, 6-Kevin Thomas Jr.-8, 7-Jadon Rogers-8, 8-Emerson Axsom-7, 9-Ricky Lewis-4, 10-Justin Grant-4.

OVAL NATIONALS PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Tommy Malcolm-26, 2-R.J. Johnson-23, 3-Chase Johnson-16, 4-Brady Bacon-14, 5-Ricky Lewis-14, 6-Kevin Thomas Jr.-13, 7-C.J. Leary-13, 8-Emerson Axsom-10, 9-Logan Seavey-10, 10-Jadon Rogers-9.

NEXT USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: November 5, 2022 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track – 26th Heimark Anheuser Busch Budweiser Oval Nationals

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Damion Gardner (16.860)

Fatheadz Eyewear / Woodland Auto Display Fast Qualifier: C.J. Leary (16.477)

Shawn McDonald Sixth Fastest Qualifier: Robert Ballou

Simpson Race Products / FlowDynamics First Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

Competition Suspension, Inc. / BillsJerky.net Second Heat Winner: Cody Williams

Pit Stop USA / In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Third Heat Winner: Brady Bacon

Rod End Supply / Laserworx Manufacturing Fourth Heat Winner: Damion Gardner

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts / Factory Wraps Semi Winner: Justin Grant

GSP Quality Driving Performance: Daniel Whitley

In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Feature Hard Charger: R.J. Johnson (22nd to 12th)

Shawn McDonald Sixth Place Feature Finisher: Emerson Axsom

Wildwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13: Austin Williams

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BACON BANKS 20-GRAND AT OVALS, GRANT GRABS USAC SPRINT TITLE

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Perris, California (November 5, 2022)……For Brady Bacon, winning four of the six Oval Nationals preliminary night features that have been held at California's Perris Auto Speedway since 2019 was a nice feather to have in his cap.

However, the biggest prize of them all had eluded the 32-year-old driver for, quite literally, half his life.

Thirteen starts and sixteen years since his “Ovals” debut in 2006, Bacon had waited patiently for his time to finally arrive on championship night of the Heimark Anheuser Busch Budweiser Oval Nationals.

There was no more time spent in the waiting room for the Broken Arrow, Okla. native on Saturday night’s 26th running of the marquee event as Bacon had no room to wait any longer.

Starting fourth, Bacon tore around the outside of Friday night prelim winner Robert Ballou to take over third on lap four. When pole sitter Justin Grant drifted off the bottom in turn four on lap eight, again, Bacon was there to capitalize.

On the 11th circuit, Bacon took his ride to the front of the field, launching down the back straight and blowing past Axsom for the race lead, then carrying onward to score one of his largest paydays with a $20,000 score aboard his Dynamics, Inc./Fatheadz Eyewear – Cressman Sanitation – DriveWFX – Tel-Star/Triple X/Rider Chevy.

For the four-time USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National champion, it was a long time to wait for a coveted “Ovals” win, and it was a long time coming. But, when all was said and done, this one was finally his, ending years and years of oh-so-closes and almosts.

“It feels good to finally get this one,” Bacon exhaled. “It seems like we always miss it a little bit for the Saturday night feature here.”

There was no such consternation this time around for Bacon, who had previously logged five top-five finishes on the final night of the “Ovals” throughout his career, bested with a third in 2017. Bacon led the final 30 laps to record his second feature victory in a three-night span.

Bacon’s latest triumph was the 46th of his USAC National Sprint Car career, moving him past three-time champion Larry Dickson and into a tie for fourth on the all-time list alongside USAC and National Sprint Car Hall of Famer Jack Hewitt.

The evening was a lucrative one for Bacon as he not only pocketed $20,000 for his Oval Nationals main event win but also added a $10,000 bonus as the champion of the 10-race Bubby Jones Master of Going Faster series Presented by Spire Sports + Entertainment.

“This race is pretty important for our season financially,” Bacon explained. “If things faltered, or if I had a problem, it could’ve been a $20,000 loss. I was kind of nervous about that all day. Obviously, the goal was to win this race and now I’ve got a $40,000 swing the other way.”

Bacon didn’t exactly get away scot-free once he initially established himself as the race leader. Nearing the middle stages of the 40-lap feature, Axsom didn’t go away quietly as he kept pace with Bacon and, at times, was able to pull even in the fight for the lead.

On lap 17, calamity ensued in turn three when car of newly crowned 10-time AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car champion Damion Gardner (10th) slowed suddenly. In a desperate attempt to avert the scene of the wreckage, Max Adams (13th), Tommy Malcolm (14th) and Daniel Whitley (17th) all tangled and stopped.

Meanwhile, Gardner made an excursion to the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area, wounded with a flat right rear tire, which was promptly swapped out for new rubber that returned him to the race. Gardner eventually dropped out soon after and finished 22nd. Oval Nationals Rookie Daniel Whitley was pushed away as well until his right front wheel decided to go solo and rolled aimlessly on the track through turns three and four.

Thereafter, the biggest mover and shaker instantly became Jake Swanson. The seventh starting driver grazed the bottom, and when Ballou drifted up a full lane at the exit of turn four on lap 20, that left the door open for Swanson to scoot under Ballou for third at the halfway mark. Swanson then took on Axsom and shot underneath in turn three with three laps remaining to slot into second.

At that point, Bacon had race officials with Sharpies in hand preparing to endorse his name on the mega-sized victory lane check. His lead stood at four-plus seconds with little obstruction along the way, sans a singular pack of lapped cars that caused little to no hiccups on Bacon’s warpath of dominance on both ends of the half-mile dirt oval.

“We kind of had a little mixture,” Bacon noted on the team’s car setup. “We had turns three and four from Thursday night and one and two from Friday night, so we did a combination on the car. It was something that worked pretty well, and even though I was making mistakes on top, I didn’t think anyone else could do it a whole lot better than me.”

He was right. Nobody did it better than Bacon in any facet down the stretch as he went on to collect a monumental win for his team and himself after a trying week that took its emotional toll. Brady’s grandfather, Ted, passed away on Tuesday morning and the team has been competing with heavy hearts ever since. Brady soldiered on to win not once, but twice in three nights at the Oval Nationals.

“It was a sweet win we had, especially after the hard week we’ve had,” Bacon acknowledged. “We definitely had a smoother week than we normally have here so, hopefully, he was helping us out and we’ll take it. It sure is a good way to top off the season.”

Jake Swanson (Anaheim, Calif.) and his late-race effort earned him his best career Oval Nationals result. He swept by Axsom with three laps to go on his way to scoring a second place finish, besting his previous top Oval Nationals Saturday night performance of sixth one year earlier in 2021. Swanson finished the 2022 USAC National Sprint Car season on a high note with four podium finishes in his last five starts, including a 2nd, 1st, 3rd and 2nd in his Team AZ Racing/Beaver Stripes – RSS Industries – USW Cat Construction/DRC/1-Way Chevy.

“I’m glad we started seventh even though I wish we would’ve been in the Super Six and be able to start up there with those guys,” Swanson stated. “But starting seventh was the best case scenario for us tonight and we were able to methodically work the bottom and work our way up through those guys. By the time I got to second, Brady was already checked out. I didn’t even know how hard he was running it or where he was running it. I felt like I was all by myself out there. At some point, I’m going to win one of these eagle (trophies). I love this place too much and I plan on doing it. Hopefully, it will be in the near future.”

It was a highly impressive debut for Emerson Axsom (Franklin, Ind.) who led the first 10 laps of his first career Oval Nationals start en route to a third place result in his Clauson Marshall Newman Racing/Driven2SaveLives – ZMax Race Products/Spike/Kistler Chevy. Axsom ended the season as the top-Rookie finisher in the USAC National Sprint Car standings, which was part of the learning curve, among other things, that played a role in his result which rounded out the podium.

“I think a lot of it was experience and we also had a tire delaminate,” Axsom revealed. “It was a tough deal, but obviously, Brady and Jake are really good here. My guys gave me a really great car. That’s probably about the best I’ve felt all year, but it’s a little disappointing with the tire. This is the biggest race for us, and I wanted to win.”

C.J. Leary came home fourth while Robert Ballou took home fifth. Landing just outside the top-five was sixth place finisher Justin Grant (Ione, Calif.). By firing off for wheel pack/engine heat at the beginning of the evening, Grant clinched his first career USAC National Sprint Car driving championship after more than a decade-plus of close calls and heartbreaks. Grant earned a $50,000 reward as the series' newest king. It’s his second overall USAC National title after capturing the Silver Crown championship in 2020. Meanwhile, he drove Rochester, Ind.-based TOPP Motorsports to its first series entrant crown.

Jadon Rogers (Worthington, Ind.) was the man of the move throughout his debut weekend at Perris. He advanced more positions across the past three nights of feature racing than any other driver with 21 cars passed. On Saturday, he traveled 21st to 8th, which clinched him a $1,000 bonus as the All Coast Construction Tony Jones Oval Nationals Hard Charger.

No driver passed more cars throughout the entirety of Oval Nationals than Tommy Malcolm (Corona, Calif.) who advanced 26 positions during the weekend, which encompassed heat races, C-Mains, the Super Six Dash, semi-feature and feature events. The effort worked in his favor as he came out on top of the ProSource Oval Nationals Passing Master award.

During Fatheadz Eyewear Qualifying, Mitchel Moles (Raisin City, Calif.) became the most successful Rookie qualifier in USAC National Sprint Car history. Moles’ eighth quick time in his first year of series competition surpassed Tanner Thorson's

former record of seven from 2021. Wildly enough, both drivers achieved the feat while driving for the same team – the Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports #19AZ.

USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: November 5, 2022 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – 1/2-Mile Dirt Track – 26th Heimark Anheuser Busch Budweiser Oval Nationals

FATHEADZ EYEWEAR / WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: (Top-6 in Oval Nationals points did not qualify) 1. Mitchel Moles, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-16.222; 2. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-16.483; 3. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.517; 4. Max Adams, 73, Ford-16.587; 5. Daniel Whitley, 3F, Finkenbinder-16.613; 6. Jake Swanson, 21AZ, Team AZ-16.634; 7. Matt Westfall, 33m, Marshall-16.641; 8. Austin Grabowski, 72, Grabowski-16.643; 9. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-16.722; 10. Jason McDougal, 22AZ, Team AZ-16.777; 11. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-16.814; 12. Logan Calderwood, 6, Calderwood-16.824; 13. R.J. Johnson, 51, Johnson-16.825; 14. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-16.834; 15. Sterling Cling, 34, Cling-16.857; 16. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-16.971; 17. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-16.987; 18. Ricky Lewis, 41, Stensland/Halley-16.993; 19. Logan Williams, 5w, McCarthy-16.998; 20. Chase Johnson, 8m, May-17.042; 21. Jadon Rogers, 14, Engler-17.042; 22. Austin Williams, 2, Williams-17.066; 23. Logan Seavey, 42, Cheney-17.086; 24. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-17.101; 25. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-17.116; 26. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-17.118; 27. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-17.126; 28. Jake Neal, 214, Kracht-17.237; 29. Troy DeGaton, 39T, DeGaton-17.537; 30. Gary Marshall Jr., 23, Bellegante-18.108.

SIMPSON RACE PRODUCTS / FLOWDYNAMICS FIRST QUALIFIER: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. R.J. Johnson, 2. Tommy Malcolm, 3. Matt Westfall, 4. Mitchel Moles, 5. Max Adams, 6. Jason McDougal, 7. Austin Williams, 8. A.J. Bender, 9. Logan Williams, 10. Jake Neal. 2:52.22

COMPETITION SUSPENSION (CSI) / BILLSJERKY.NET SECOND QUALIFIER: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Austin Grabowski, 3. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 4. Damion Gardner, 5. Daniel Whitley, 6. Matt Mitchell, 7. Logan Seavey, 8. Chase Johnson, 9. Chris Bonneau, 10. Troy DeGaton. 2:51.40

PIT STOP USA / IN MEMORY OF JIM & CHET GARDNER THIRD QUALIFIER: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Ricky Lewis, 3. Brody Roa, 4. Sterling Cling, 5. Cody Williams, 6. Jadon Rogers, 7. Logan Calderwood, 8. Chris Gansen, 9. Matt McCarthy, 10. Gary Marshall Jr. 2:49.19

SUPER SIX DASH: (6 laps, determines the first three rows of the feature starting lineup) 1. Justin Grant (#4 TOPP), 2. Emerson Axsom (#47BC Clauson Marshall Newman), 3. Robert Ballou (#12 Ballou), 4. Brady Bacon (#69 Dynamics), 5. Kevin Thomas Jr. (#17GP Dutcher), 6. C.J. Leary (#77m Michael). 1:40.24

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS / FACTORY WRAPS SEMI: (12 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Max Adams, 2. Logan Seavey, 3. Jadon Rogers, 4. Cody Williams, 5. Daniel Whitley, 6. Jason McDougal, 7. Austin Williams, 8. A.J. Bender, 9. Matt Mitchell, 10. Chris Gansen, 11. Matt McCarthy, 12. Logan Williams, 13. Chris Bonneau, 14. Chase Johnson, 15. Gary Marshall Jr., 16. Jake Neal, 17. Logan Calderwood, 18. Troy DeGaton. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brady Bacon (4), 2. Jake Swanson (7), 3. Emerson Axsom (2), 4. C.J. Leary (6), 5. Robert Ballou (3), 6. Justin Grant (1), 7. Kevin Thomas Jr. (5), 8. Jadon Rogers (21), 9. Matt Westfall (8), 10. Mitchel Moles (16), 11. Brody Roa (10), 12. R.J. Johnson (13), 13. Charles Davis Jr. (12), 14. Cody Williams (22), 15. Logan Seavey (20), 16. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (15), 17. Tommy Malcolm (11), 18. Sterling Cling (18), 19. Jason McDougal (24), 20. Austin Williams (25-P), 21. Max Adams (19), 22. Damion Gardner (9), 23. Daniel Whitley (23), 24. Ricky Lewis (14), 25. Austin Grabowski (17). NT

(P) represents a USAC CRA provisional starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 Emerson Axsom, Laps 11-40 Brady Bacon.

FINAL USAC AMSOIL SPRINT CAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-2536, 2-Brady Bacon-2485, 3-C.J. Leary-2452, 4-Robert Ballou-2369, 5-Emerson Axsom-2298, 6-Logan Seavey-2127, 7-Matt Westfall-1833, 8-Jake Swanson-1786, 9-Jadon Rogers-1736, 10-Chase Stockon-1711.

FINAL AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Damion Gardner-1309, 2-Austin Williams-1073, 3-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-1048, 4-Matt Mitchell-1047, 5-Tommy Malcolm-967, 6-Brody Roa-935, 7-Cody Williams-916, 8-Logan Williams-868, 9-Charles Davis Jr.-883, 10-Matt McCarthy-687.

FINAL BUBBY JONES MASTER OF GOING FASTER PRESENTED BY SPIRE SPORTS + ENTERTAINMENT POINTS: 1-Brady Bacon-707, 2-Justin Grant-673, 3-C.J. Leary-630, 4-Robert Ballou-552, 5-Emerson Axsom-551, 6-Logan Seavey-533, 7-Chase Stockon-502, 8-Matt Westfall-482, 9-Jadon Rogers-452, 10-Jason McDougal-392.

USAC NATIONAL PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-176, 2-Brady Bacon-144, 3-Logan Seavey-137, 4-Thomas Meseraull-131, 5-Robert Ballou-119, 6-Kyle Cummins-104, 7-Kaylee Bryson-103, 8-Buddy Kofoid-100, 9-C.J. Leary-98, 10-Matt Westfall-95.

FINAL ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION TONY JONES HARD CHARGER POINTS: 1-Jadon Rogers-21, 2-Logan Seavey-15, 3-R.J. Johnson-15, 4-Tommy Malcolm-14, 5-C.J. Leary-12, 6-Cody Williams-12, 7-Brady Bacon-11, 8-Kevin Thomas Jr.-8, 9-Jake Swanson-7, 10-Emerson Axsom-7.

FINAL OVAL NATIONALS PROSOURCE PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Tommy Malcolm-26, 2-Jadon Rogers-25, 3-R.J. Johnson-25, 4-Brady Bacon-19, 5-Logan Seavey-17, 6-Jake Swanson-16, 7-Cody Williams-16, 8-Chase Johnson-16, 9-C.J. Leary-15, 10-Ricky Lewis-14.

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Max Adams (16.989)

Fatheadz Eyewear / Woodland Auto Display Fast Qualifier: Mitchel Moles (16.222)

Shawn McDonald Sixth Fastest Qualifier: Jake Swanson

Simpson Race Products / FlowDynamics First Heat Winner: R.J. Johnson

Competition Suspension, Inc. / BillsJerky.net Second Heat Winner: Charles Davis Jr.

Pit Stop USA / In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Third Heat Winner: Jake Swanson

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts / Factory Wraps Semi Winner: Max Adams

GSP Quality Driving Performance: Brody Roa

In Memory of Jim & Chet Gardner Feature Hard Charger: Jadon Rogers (21st to 8th)

Shawn McDonald Sixth Place Feature Finisher: Justin Grant

Wildwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13: Charles Davis Jr.

Hoosier Auto Racing Fans Governor's Bonus Third Place Feature Finisher: Emerson Axsom

All Coast Construction Tony Jones Hard Charger: Jadon Rogers

ProSource Oval Nationals Passing Master: Tommy Malcolm

Dean Thompson Oval Nationals Points Champion: Brady Bacon