2020 USAC SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR SEASON REVIEW

JAKE SWANSON MAKES STATEMENT AT CANYON SPEEDWAY PARK

PEORIA, AZ – FEBRUARY 14, 2020… Starting third, Jake Swanson (Anaheim, CA) took command from R.J. Johnson on the nineteenth circuit and led the rest of the way to claim the opening night of the 4th Annual Steve Stroud Memorial. Piloting the John Grau / Mike Burkhart owned #34AZ Stratis Construction / Team AZ Racing DRC, Swanson's $2, 000 victory was the third Sands Chevrolet USAC Southwest Sprint Car win of his career. "Chargin" Charles Davis Jr., Johnson, Stevie Sussex, and "The Big Game Hunter" Austin Williams rounded out the top-five drivers.

Swanson opened the new season with top honors in Beaver Stripes Qualifying by posting a time of 13.616 over the 8-car roster. The 2017 USAC West Coast Sprint Car Champion also earned the night's Hard Charger Award / Best Passing Job honors with a third to first place run.

The eight-lap heat race victories went to Johnson and Sussex.

The USAC Southwest Sprint Cars will return to action tomorrow, February 15, at Canyon Speedway Park for the $2, 500-to-win finale of the Steve Stroud Memorial.

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BEAVER STRIPES QUALIFYING: 1. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Team AZ-13.616; 2. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-13.762; 3. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-13.948; 4. Austin Williams, 77M, Michael-14.357; 5. Kyle Shipley, 0G, Shipley-14.617; 6. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-14.869; 7. Michael Curtis, 11C, Turner/Wheeler-14.960, 8. Stephen Sanchez, 7, Sanchez-15.445.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. R.J. Johnson, 2. Jake Swanson, 3. Michael Curtis, 4. Kyle Shipley. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Stevie Sussex, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Austin Williams, 4. Stephen Sanchez. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Jake Swanson (3), 2, Charles Davis Jr. (4), 3. R.J. Johnson (1), 4. Stevie Sussex (2), 5. Austin Williams (6), 6. Kyle Shipley (7), 7. Michael Curtis (5), 8. Stephen Sanchez (8). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-18 R.J. Johnson, Laps 19-30 Jake Swanson.

HARD CHARGER: Jake Swanson (3rd to 1st)

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Jake Swanson-83, 2-Charles Davis Jr.-79, 3-R.J. Johnson-76, 4-Stevie Sussex-70, 5-Austin Williams-67, 6-Kyle Shipley-62, 7-Michael Curtis-58, 8-Stephen Sanchez-54.

NEXT USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE: February 15, 2020 – Canyon Speedway Park – Peoria, Arizona – 4th Annual Steve Stroud Memorial

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JAKE SWANSON GOES 2-FOR-2 AT CANYON SPEEDWAY PARK

PEORIA, AZ – FEBRUARY 15, 2020… After winning on Friday, Jake Swanson (Anaheim, CA) returned to victory circle at Canyon Speedway Park. Starting third, the pilot of the John Grau / Mike Burkhart owned #34AZ Stratis Construction / Team AZ Racing DRC powered by "The Big Game Hunter" Austin Williams on lap thirteen and sailed to the Steve Stroud Memorial win. For Swanson, Saturday's $2, 500 USAC Southwest Sprint Car triumph was the fourth series win of his career. "Chargin" Charles Davis Jr., R.J. Johnson, Stevie Sussex, and Williams followed Jake to the checkered flags.

For the second consecutive night, Swanson took top honors in Beaver Stripes Qualifying by posting a time of 14.054 over the 8-car roster. Also earning the Hard Charger Award / Best Passing Job honors with a third to first place run, the point leader left the 1/3-mile oval with a 9-point advantage.

The eight-lap heat race victories went to Sussex and Davis.

The USAC Southwest Sprint Cars will return to Canyon Speedway Park on March 6th and 7th with the USAC CRA Sprints for the 3rd Annual Spring Showcase.

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BEAVER STRIPES QUALIFYING: 1. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Team AZ-14.054; 2. Austin Williams, 77M, Michael-14.347; 3. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-14.361; 4. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-14.601; 5. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-14.642; 6. Kyle Shipley, 0G, Shipley-14.940; 7. Michael Curtis, 11C, Turner/Wheeler-14.953, 8. Dustin Burkhart, 34, Grau-14.973.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Stevie Sussex, 2. Jake Swanson, 3. R.J. Johnson, 4. Michael Curtis. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Austin Williams, 3. Kyle Shipley, 4. Dustin Burkhart. NT.

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Jake Swanson (3), 2. Charles Davis Jr. (2), 3. R.J. Johnson (5), 4. Stevie Sussex (1), 5. Austin Williams (4), 6. Michael Curtis (7), 7. Kyle Shipley (6), 8. Dustin Burkhart (8). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Stevie Sussex, Laps 3-12 Austin Williams, Laps 13-30 Jake Swanson.

HARD CHARGER: Jake Swanson (3rd to 1st)

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Jake Swanson-166, 2-Charles Davis Jr.-157, 3-R.J. Johnson-150, 4-Stevie Sussex-141, 5-Austin Williams-137, 6-Kyle Shipley-121, 7-Michael Curtis-118, 8-Stephen Sanchez-54, 9-Dustin Burkhart-54.

NEXT USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACES: March 6-7, 2020 – Canyon Speedway Park – Peoria, Arizona – 3rd Annual Spring Showcase

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C.J. LEARY SCORES SOUTHWEST SPRINT VICTORY AT CANYON

PEORIA, AZ – MARCH 6, 2020… Powering past "Chargin" Charles Davis Jr. on the second lap, C.J. Leary (Greenfield, IN) earned the Friday night AMSOIL USAC CRA & Sands Chevrolet USAC Southwest Sprint Car win at Canyon Speedway Park. Driving Bill Michael's #77M Kodiak Products / Beal's Auto Body Sherman, the defending USAC National Sprint Car Champion took the $3, 000 Spring Showcase opener over Davis, "The Demon" Damion Gardner, Brody Roa, and hard charger J.J. Yeley.

Yeley earned the FlowDynamics Hard Charger Award with an eleventh to fifth place run.

Swanson also scored the night's Woodland Auto Display / Beaver Stripes Fast Time Award by posting a time of 13.738 over the 19-car roster.

The night's 10-lap heat race victories went to Yeley (Component Repair Company / Sway-A-Way Torsion Bars First Heat) and Gardner (All Coast Construction / Competition Suspension Inc. / Rod End Supply Second Heat).

The AMSOIL USAC CRA and Sands Chevrolet USAC Southwest Sprint Cars are back in action at Canyon Speedway Park for Saturday's (March 7) finale of the 3rd Annual Spring Showcase.

The AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car Series thanks All Coast Construction, Component Repair Company, FlowDynamics, Hoosier Racing Tires, Woodland Auto Display, Competition Suspension Incorporated, Extreme Mufflers, Five Star Grafix, Loudpedal Productions, Rod End Supply, Sway-A-Way Torsion Bars, surfnsprint.com, and Ultra Shield Race Products for their support.

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AMSOIL USAC CRA & USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: March 6, 2020 – Canyon Speedway Park – Peoria, Arizona – 3rd Annual Spring Showcase

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY / BEAVER STRIPES QUALIFYING: 1. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Team AZ-13.738; 2. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-13.869; 3. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-13.890; 4. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-13.967; 5. Dennis Gile, 13G, Gile-14.157; 6. C.J. C.J. Leary, 77M, Michael-14.165; 7. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-14.204; 8. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-14.256; 9. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-14.342; 10. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-14.349; 11. J.J. Yeley, 02, Rossi-14.352; 12. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-14.370; 13. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-14.379; 14. Jeremy Ellertson, 22, Ellertson-14.444; 15. Michael Curtis, 11C, Turner/Wheeler-14.539; 16. Kyle Shipley, 0G, Shipley-14.647; 17. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-14.796; 18. Ryan Oerter, 43, Oerter-15.060; 19. Ikaika O'Brien, 11O, O'Brien-15.484.

COMPONENT REPAIR COMPANY / SWAY-A-WAY TORSION BARS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. J.J. Yeley, 2. Tommy Malcolm, 3. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 4. Dennis Gile, 5. Jake Swanson, 6. Brody Roa, 7. Chris Gansen, 8. Matt McCarthy, 9. Michael Curtis, 10. Ikaika O'Brien. NT

ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION / COMPETITION SUSPENSION INC. / ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. Austin Williams, 3. Charles Davis Jr., 4. C.J. Leary, 5. Stevie Sussex, 6. Kyle Shipley, 7. Jeremy Ellertson, 8. Ryan Oerter, 9. R.J. Johnson. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. C.J. Leary (4), 2. Charles Davis Jr. (2), 3. Damion Gardner (6), 4. Brody Roa (9), 5. J.J. Yeley (11), 6. R.J. Johnson (12), 7. Stevie Sussex (8), 8. Dennis Gile (5), 9. Jeremy Ellertson (14), 10.

Eddie Tafoya Jr. (1), 11. Michael Curtis (15), 12. Matt McCarthy (13), 13. Chris Gansen (17), 14. Kyle Shipley (16), 15. Ryan Oerter (18), 16. Ikaika O'Brien (19), 17. Jake Swanson (7), 18. Tommy Malcolm (3), 18. Austin Williams (10). NT

**Austin Williams flipped on lap 1 of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Charles Davis Jr., Laps 2-30 C.J. Leary

FLOWDYNAMICS HARD CHARGER: J.J. Yeley (11th to 5th)

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-76, 2-Damion Gardner-75, 3-Charles Davis Jr.-67, 4-Brody Roa-68, 5-J.J. Yeley-66, 6-Stevie Sussex-61, 7-Dennis Gile-56, -R.J. Johnson-56, 9-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-49, 10-Jeremy Ellertson-48.

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Charles Davis Jr.-230, 2-R.J. Johnson-206, 3-Jake Swanson-205, 4-Stevie Sussex-202, 5-Austin Williams-169, 6-Michael Curtis-160, 7-Kyle Shipley-159, 8-C.J. Leary-76, 9-Damion Gardner-75, 10-Brody Roa-68.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA & USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE: March 7, 2020 – Canyon Speedway Park – Peoria, Arizona – 3rd Annual Spring Showcase

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C.J. LEARY DOUBLES UP AT CANYON'S SPRING SHOWCASE

PEORIA, AZ – MARCH 7 2020… After battling "The Big Game Hunter" Austin Williams, C.J. Leary (Greenfield, IN) topped Saturday's finale of the Spring Showcase at Canyon Speedway Park. Piloting Bill Michael's #77M Kodiak Products / Beal's Auto Body Sherman, Leary backed up yesterday's win and took the $3, 000 AMSOIL USAC CRA & Sands Chevrolet USAC Southwest Sprint Car victory ahead of Williams, Brody Roa, R.J. Johnson, and hard charger "Speedy" Stevie Sussex.

Sussex earned the program's All Coast Construction Hard Charger Award with a seventeenth to fifth place run.

Gardner also posted the night's Woodland Auto Display / Beaver Stripes Fast Time Award with a time of 13.643 over the 20-car roster.

The night's 10-lap heat race victories went to Leary (Component Repair Company / Sway-A-Way Torsion Bars First Heat) and Williams (FlowDynamics / Competition Suspension Inc. / Rod End Supply Second Heat).

The AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Cars will head to Perris Auto Speedway (Perris, CA) for the So-Cal Showdown on March 28th with the World of Outlaws Sprint Cars.

The Sands Chevrolet USAC Southwest Sprint Cars are back in action at Arizona Speedway (San Tan Valley, AZ) on April 4th.

The AMSOIL USAC CRA Sprint Car Series thanks All Coast Construction, Component Repair Company, FlowDynamics, Hoosier Racing Tires, Woodland Auto Display, Competition Suspension Incorporated, Extreme Mufflers, Five Star Grafix, Loudpedal Productions, Rod End Supply, Sway-A-Way Torsion Bars, surfnsprint.com, and Ultra Shield Race Products for their support.

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AMSOIL USAC CRA & USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: March 7, 2020 – Canyon Speedway Park – Peoria, Arizona – 3rd Annual Spring Showcase

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY / BEAVER STRIPES QUALIFYING: 1. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-13.643; 2. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Team AZ-13.897; 3. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-13.954; 4. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-13.962; 5. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-14.071; 6. Kyle Shipley, 0G, Shipley-14.095; 7. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-14.125; 8. Dennis Gile, 13G, Gile-14.135; 9. C.J. C.J. Leary, 77M, Michael-14.198; 10. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-14.225; 11. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, , Napier-14.238; 12. J.J. Yeley, 02, Rossi-14.317; 13. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-14.398; 14. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-14.489; 15. Michael Curtis, 11C, Turner/Wheeler-14.581; 16. Ikaika O'Brien, 11O, O'Brien-14.850; 17. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-15.051; 18. John Romero, 65X, Romero-15.436; 19. Rocky Silva, 50S, Silva-15.694; 20. Jeremy Ellertson, 22, Ellertson-NT.

COMPONENT REPAIR COMPANY / SWAY-A-WAY TORSION BARS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. C.J. Leary, 2. R.J. Johnson, 3. Tommy Malcolm, 4. Charles Davis Jr., 5. Damion Gardner, 6. Brody Roa, 7. Matt McCarthy, 8. Michael Curtis, 9. Stevie Sussex, 10. Rocky Silva. NT

FLOWDYNAMICS / COMPETITION SUSPENSION INC. / ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Austin Williams, 2. Jake Swanson, 3. Kyle Shipley, 4. J.J. Yeley, 5. Dennis Gile, 6. Chris Gansen, 7. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 8. Jeremy Ellertson, 9. Ikaika O'Brien, 10. John Romero. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. C.J. Leary (2), 2. Austin Williams (1), 3. Brody Roa (8), 4. R.J. Johnson (3), 5. Stevie Sussex (17), 6. J.J. Yeley (12), 7. Damion Gardner (7), 8. Matt McCarthy (13), 9. Chris Gansen (14), 10. Tommy Malcolm (11), 11. Jeremy Ellertson (20), 12. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (9), 13. Kyle Shipley (4), 14. Dennis Gile (10), 15. Charles Davis Jr. (5), 16. Michael Curtis (15), 17. Jake Swanson (6), 18. Ikaika O'Brien (16), 19. John Romero (18), 20. Rocky Silva (19). NT

**Kyle Shipley flipped on lap 10 of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1-6 Austin Williams, Laps 7-12 C.J. Leary, Lap 13 Austin Williams, Laps 14-30 C.J. Leary.

ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION HARD CHARGER: Stevie Sussex (17th to 5th)

AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-154, 2-Brody Roa-139, 3-Damion Gardner-137, 4-J.J. Yeley-126, 5-R.J. Johnson-124, 6-Stevie Sussex-120, 7-Charles Davis Jr.-113, 8-Austin Williams-107, 9-Dennis Gile-95, 10-Eddie Tafoya Jr.-93

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-R.J. Johnson-274, 2-Charles Davis Jr.-270, 3-Stevie Sussex-261, 4-Jake Swanson-246, 5-Austin Williams-244, 6-Kyle Shipley-203, 7-Michael Curtis-192, 8-C.J. Leary-154, 9-Brody Roa-139, 10-Damion Gardner-137.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA SPRINT CAR RACE: March 28, 2020 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – So-Cal Showdown

NEXT USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE: April 4, 2020 – Arizona Speedway – San Tan Valley, Arizona

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GRANT GRABS WESTERN WORLD SPRINT PRELIM

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

San Tan Valley, Arizona (November 13, 2020)……Between Justin Grant and Tyler Courtney, each driver entered Friday night's AMSOIL USAC CRA / USAC Southwest Sprint Car opener as the victor of the last four 410 c.i. sprint car races held during the Western World Championships at Arizona Speedway.

Perhaps it was no surprise that the race for the win on this night would come down to these same two once again as Grant slipped under Courtney, who jumped over the turn one cushion nine laps from the finish. Grant led the final nine from there to score the win piloting the Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports/AME Electrical – Mesilla Valley Trans./Spike/Fisher Chevy.

Brody Roa led the first 12 laps with a flurry of activity from drivers Chris Windom, Courtney and Grant each taking their shots at Roa, the reigning USAC Southwest Sprint champ who held strong for much of the first half, interrupted only by a Logan Seavey turn two flip on the fourth lap.

On the 13th circuit, Windom utilized a run underneath Roa to snare the top spot. On the following lap, Roa clung to second as Courtney took a shot at him between turns one and two with a slide job. Courtney pulled ahead briefly, but Roa had the momentum riding with him at the top of turn two. At the exit, the two came together, Courtney's right rear to Roa's left rear, causing Roa to ramp over and slam into the turn two outside wall. Roa was uninjured.

Under the ensuing stoppage, race leader Windom had a flat right rear tire which necessitated a stop in the work area. He'd return to finish fifth.

Courtney, who had won the past three Western World Sprint Car features dating to 2018, inherited the lead at that point and held the position until lap 21 when a turn one stumble opened the door for Grant to pounce, and though Courtney mounted a charge, he was unable to reel in Grant, who had previously won Western World Sprint Car prelims in both 2015 and 2018.

Grant's margin of victory was 1.524 sec. over Courtney, Charles Davis Jr., Austin Williams and Windom.

AMSOIL USAC CRA & USAC SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: November 13, 2020 – Arizona Speedway – San Tan Valley, Arizona – 53rd Western World Championships Presented by San Tan Ford – Non-Points Special Event

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Ryan Bernal, 13, Gile-14.716; 2. Justin Grant, 19s, Reinbold/Underwood-14.954; 3. Tyler Courtney, 7BC, Clauson/Marshall/Newman-14.960; 4. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-15.185; 5. Logan Seavey, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-15.218; 6. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-15.262; 7. Max Adams, 73T, Ford-15.311; 8. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-15.325; 9. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-15.335; 10. Noah Gass, 20G, Gass-15.363; 11. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-15.374; 12. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-15.421; 13. Chris Windom, 77m, Michael-15.447; 14. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-15.509; 15. Sterling Cling, 34c, Cling-15.510; 16. Jake Swanson, 34, Grau-15.556; 17. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-15.625; 18. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-15.631; 19. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-15.634; 20. Tye Mihocko, 5, Ream-15.639; 21. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-15.652; 22. Kyle Edwards, 39E, Edwards-15.679; 23. Josh Castro, 4T, Terzich/Gile-15.801; 24. Thomas Meseraull, 2, Yeley-15.822; 25. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-15.823; 26. Trent Williams, 52v, Williams-15.863; 27. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-15.930; 28. Jeremy Ellertson, 22, Ellertson-16.073; 29. Ikaika O'Brien, 11o, O'Brien-16.627; 30. Jonas Reynolds, 0, Reynolds-16.690; 31. Lonnie Cox, 45, Cox-16.865; 32. Chris Muraoka, 25, Muraoka-17.645; 33. Eugene Thomas, 10, Thomas-17.658; 34. Ryan Oerter, 43, Oerter-18.521.

FLOWDYNAMICS/SWAY-A-WAY TORSION BARS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Chris Windom, 2. Brody Roa, 3. Cody Williams, 4. Ryan Bernal, 5. Logan Seavey, 6. Stevie Sussex, 7. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 8. Ikaika O'Brien, 9. Eugene Thomas. NT

ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION/COMPETITION SUSPENSION INC. (CSI) SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Noah Gass, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Matt Mitchell, 4. Chris Bonneau, 5. Matt McCarthy, 6. Kyle Edwards, 7. Trent Williams, 8. Jonas Reynolds, 9. Ryan Oerter. NT

COMPONENT REPAIR COMPANY/ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Tyler Courtney, 2. Chris Gansen, 3. Damion Gardner, 4. Tommy Malcolm, 5. Sterling Cling, 6. Max Adams, 7. Josh Castro, 8. Lonnie Cox. 2:09.384

ORANGE COUNTY TANK TESTING/ROD END SUPPLY FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Tye Mihocko, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. R.J. Johnson, 4. Jake Swanson, 5. Austin Williams, 6. Thomas Meseraull, 7. Jeremy Ellertson, 8. Chris Muraoka. 2:12.046

MULTIQUIP INDUSTRIES/ROD END SUPPLY SEMI: (12 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Austin Williams, 2. Logan Seavey, 3. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 4. Matt McCarthy, 5. Stevie Sussex, 6. Max Adams, 7. Sterling Cling, 8. Kyle Edwards, 9. Trent Williams, 10. Jeremy Ellertson, 11. Josh Castro, 12. Ikaika O'Brien, 13. Jonas Reynolds, 14. Eugene Thomas, 15. Lonnie Cox, 16. Chris Muraoka, 17. Ryan Oerter. 3:17.600

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (5), 2. Tyler Courtney (4), 3. Charles Davis Jr. (3), 4. Austin Williams (12), 5. Chris Windom (8), 6. Ryan Bernal (6), 7. Jake Swanson (16), 8. R.J. Johnson (14), 9. Tye Mihocko (9), 10. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (20), 11. Max Adams (11), 12. Noah Gass (7), 13. Tommy Malcolm (22), 14. Chris Bonneau (18), 15. Cody Williams (17), 16. Chris Gansen (19), 17. Matt McCarthy (15), 18. Stevie Sussex (21), 19. Matt Mitchell (2), 20. Damion Gardner (13), 21. Brody Roa (1), 22. Logan Seavey (10). NT

**Logan Seavey flipped on lap 4 of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-12 Brody Roa, Lap 13 Chris Windom, Laps 14-21 Tyler Courtney, Laps 22-30 Justin Grant.

NEXT AMSOIL USAC CRA & SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR SPECIAL EVENT RACE: November 14, 2020 – Arizona Speedway – San Tan Valley, Arizona – 53rd Western World Championships Presented by San Tan Ford

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Woodland Auto Display / Beaver Stripes Fast Qualifier: Ryan Bernal

FlowDynamics/Sway-A-Way Torsion Bars First Heat Winner: Chris Windom

All Coast Construction/Competition Suspension Inc. (CSI) Second Heat Winner: Noah Gass

Component Repair Company/Ultra Shield Race Products Third Heat Winner: Tyler Courtney

Orange County Tank Testing/Rod End Supply Fourth Heat Winner: Tye Mihocko

Indy Metal Finishing Semi Winner: Austin Williams

Sway-A-Way Torsion Bars/Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Eddie Tafoya Jr. (20th to 10th)

Multiquip Industries First Non-Transfer: Sterling Cling

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COURTNEY COLLECTS 3RD STRAIGHT WESTERN WORLD SPRINT CROWN

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

San Tan Valley, Arizona (November 14, 2020)……Tyler Courtney picked up where he left off in both 2018 and 2019 to become the first driver to win the final night of the Western World Championships in a 410 c.i. sprint car in three

consecutive years, pulling off the trifecta Saturday night in the AMSOIL USAC CRA / Southwest Sprint Car portion of the 53rd annual event presented by San Tan Ford.

Jeremy Sherman and Cory Kruseman had previously been the only other drivers to win a Western World finale in three-straight years. Sherman took 410 c.i. top honors in 2001, followed by back-to-back 360 Sprint wins in 2002 and 2003. Kruseman won 360 c.i. Sprint Car final night features in 2005-06-07, all of which came at the now-defunct Manzanita Speedway in Phoenix, Ariz.

“Western World is long historied event and to win three in a row is pretty amazing, ” Courtney said. “Thanks to my guys for busting their tails. I know they’re bummed about the midget deal, but this does make it a little sweeter. It’s a tough night, but a good night at the same time.”

The Indianapolis, Ind. native was referring to the mechanical issues that befell him and the team during the USAC NOS Energy Drink National Midget feature earlier in the night that dropped him out of the points lead.

Courtney responded to the adversity with a much-needed pick-me-up by bouncing back in dominating fashion, leading all 30 laps around the 1/3-mile dirt oval, which happened to be a milestone 50th win for Courtney as a driver with Clauson-Marshall Racing’s sprint car and midget team since the 2016 season.

“It’s how racing goes, ” Courtney gathered. “Unfortunately, you’re going to have your ups and downs. Obviously, you don’t want your downs to come at this time of the year, but that’s just how it goes.”

Courtney set forth on his journey to triumph from his outside front row position to take the early lead in his Clauson-Marshall-Newman Racing/NOS Turbo - CSI - ZMax - Schoenfeld/Spike/Rider Chevy.

Courtney’s main challenger for the USAC Midget crown this year, Chris Windom, was his most prominent adversary in the early stages of the sprint feature with Windom taking a mighty swing on the fifth lap, sliding past Courtney in turn one while Courtney responded with a crossover back underneath Windom off turn two to resume his position at the front of the field.

In the second half of the 30-lap main, Courtney served as the locomotive, leading the tightly knit crew of Courtney, Windom and Friday night winner Justin Grant, who could’ve all been covered by a blanket as they trekked the high side.

Traffic became the question mark with six laps remaining but did not stand to be as much of an obstacle with the lapped cars lining the bottom of the track while the top-three remained in formation at the top. Only a mistake in traffic or on the cushion could’ve derailed Courtney at this point.

Instead, Courtney only strengthened his stranglehold up front to lengthen his lead during the final stretch, ultimately prevailing by a 0.791 second margin over Windom, Grant, Damion Gardner and Austin Williams.

“This place has treated me pretty well the last few years, ” Courtney mentioned. “Last night was the first night I hadn’t won in three races or something like that, and to still run second, was pretty amazing. This place fits my kind of style.”

Meanwhile, R.J. Johnson’s move from his 22nd starting position to an 8th place feature finish netted him a whopping $1, 860.95 courtesy of the Steve LaFond / Wagtimes Jar of Change going to the USAC CRA series regular who made the biggest advancement through the field.

AMSOIL USAC CRA & USAC SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: November 14, 2020 – Arizona Speedway – San Tan Valley, Arizona – 53rd Western World Championships Presented by San Tan Ford – Non-Points Special Event

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Justin Grant, 19s, Reinbold/Underwood-15.234; 2. Damion Gardner, 1, Alexander-15.276; 3. Ryan Bernal, 13, Gile-15.288; 4. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-15.388; 5. Chris Windom, 77m, Michael-15.471; 6. Matt Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-15.499; 7. Tyler Courtney, 7BC, Clauson/Marshall/Newman-15.550; 8. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-15.580; 9. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-15.719; 10. Thomas Meseraull, 2, Yeley-15.720; 11. Stevie Sussex, 12,

Allen-15.790; 12. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-15.815; 13. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-15.817; 14. Jake Swanson, 34, Grau-15.878; 15. Max Adams, 73T, Ford-15.904; 16. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-16.006; 17. Trent Williams, 52v, Williams-16.013; 18. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-16.062; 19. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-16.088; 20. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-16.098; 21. Tye Mihocko, 5, Ream-16.109; 22. Sterling Cling, 34c, Cling-16.197; 23. Kyle Edwards, 39E, Edwards-16.254; 24. Ikaika O'Brien, 11o, O'Brien-16.376; 25. Josh Castro, 4T, Terzich/Gile-16.395; 26. Jeremy Ellertson, 22, Ellertson-16.516; 27. A.J. Bender, 21, Bender-16.610; 28. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-16.675; 29. Eugene Thomas, 10, Thomas-16.681; 30. Chris Muraoka, 25, Muraoka-17.070; 31. Ryan Oerter, 43, Oerter-17.404.

FLOWDYNAMICS/SWAY-A-WAY TORSION BARS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Cody Williams, 2. Chris Windom, 3. Justin Grant, 4. Austin Williams, 5. Tye Mihocko, 6. Trent Williams, 7. Josh Castro, 8. Eugene Thomas. 2:10.915

ALL COAST CONSTRUCTION/COMPETITION SUSPENSION INC. (CSI) SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Damion Gardner, 2. Sterling Cling, 3. Thomas Meseraull, 4. Jake Swanson, 5. Matt Mitchell, 6. Chris Bonneau, 7. Jeremy Ellertson, 8. Chris Muraoka. 2:10.134

COMPONENT REPAIR COMPANY/ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Tyler Courtney, 2. Stevie Sussex, 3. Chris Gansen, 4. Kyle Edwards, 5. Ryan Oerter, 6. Max Adams, 7. Ryan Bernal, 8. A.J. Bender. NT

ORANGE COUNTY TANK TESTING/ROD END SUPPLY FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. R.J. Johnson, 4. Tommy Malcolm, 5. Matt McCarthy, 6. Brody Roa, 7. Ikaika O'Brien. 2:12.654

MULTIQUIP INDUSTRIES/ROD END SUPPLY SEMI: (12 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Ryan Bernal, 2. Matt Mitchell, 3. Brody Roa, 4. Max Adams, 5. Chris Bonneau, 6. Tye Mihocko, 7. Trent Williams, 8. Matt McCarthy, 9. A.J. Bender, 10. Josh Castro, 11. Ikaika O'Brien, 12. Jeremy Ellertson, 13. Chris Muraoka, 14. Ryan Oerter, 15. Eugene Thomas. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Tyler Courtney (2), 2. Chris Windom (3), 3. Justin Grant (6), 4. Damion Gardner (5), 5. Austin Williams (11), 6. Matt Mitchell (10), 7. Ryan Bernal (9), 8. R.J. Johnson (22), 9. Max Adams (16), 10. Cody Williams (7), 11. Brody Roa (14), 12. Charles Davis Jr. (1), 13. Tommy Malcolm (4), 14. Tye Mihocko (19), 15. Stevie Sussex (13), 16. Sterling Cling (20), 17. Chris Gansen (18), 18. Kyle Edwards (21), 19. Chris Bonneau (17), 20. Jake Swanson (15), 21. Thomas Meseraull (12), 22. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (8). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Tyler Courtney.

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Woodland Auto Display / Beaver Stripes Fast Qualifier: Justin Grant

FlowDynamics/Sway-A-Way Torsion Bars First Heat Winner: Cody Williams

All Coast Construction/Competition Suspension Inc. (CSI) Second Heat Winner: Damion Gardner

Component Repair Company/Ultra Shield Race Products Third Heat Winner: Tyler Courtney

Orange County Tank Testing/Rod End Supply Fourth Heat Winner: Eddie Tafoya Jr.

Indy Metal Finishing Semi Winner: Ryan Bernal

Sway-A-Way Torsion Bars/Rod End Supply Hard Charger: R.J. Johnson (22nd to 8th)

Multiquip Industries First Non-Transfer: Trent Williams

Steve LaFond / Wagtimes Jar of Change: R.J. Johnson