2019 USAC SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR SEASON REVIEW

C.J. LEARY TOPS COTTON CLASSIC AT CASA GRANDE

Casa Grande, AZ… Racing past Michael Curtis on lap 15, C.J. Leary (Greenfield, IN) led the rest of the way to claim Saturday's Cotton Classic at Central Arizona Speedway. Piloting the Reinbold / Underwood Motorsports' #19 AME Electrical / Mesilla Valley Transportation Spike, C.J's $2, 000 triumph was the first Sands Chevrolet USAC Southwest Sprint Car 410 race in series history. Isaac Chapple, Brody Roa, Jake Swanson, and Josh Hodges flowed the USAC National driver to the checkered flags. Roa was the night's hard charger with a thirteenth to third place run in the 30-lap main event.

Josh Hodges was the night's fast qualifier over the 18-car field with a lap of 16.233 at the Pinal County Fairgrounds. Brody Roa, Dennis Gile, and Davis win the 8-lap heat races.

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: March 2, 2019 – Central Arizona Speedway – Casa Grande, Arizona – Cotton Classic

QUALIFYING: 1. Josh Hodges, 74X, Hodges-16.233; 2. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-16.281; 3. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-16.304; 4. C.J. Leary, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-16.441; 5. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-16.598; 6. Matt Rossi, 02, Rossi-16.608; 7. Michael Curtis, 11C, Turner/Wheeler-16.867; 8. Isaac Chapple, 52, Chapple-16.889; 9. Charles Davis Jr., 50, Davis-16.980; 10. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-17.105; 11. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-17.562; 12. Colton Maroney, 68, Maroney-17.564; 13. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-17.759; 14. Dennis Gile, 13G, Gile-17.939; 15. Tyler Most, 3, Most-18.118; 16. Ryan Cully, 21J, Cully-18.996; 17. Matt Lundy, 98, Lundy-19.029; 18. Stephen Sanchez, 7, Sanchez-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top 4 finishers eligible for invert) 1. Brody Roa, 2. Josh Hodges, 3. Michael Curtis, 4. R.J. Johnson, 5. C.J. Leary, 6. Ryan Cully. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top 4 finishers eligible for invert) 1. Dennis Gile, 2. Isaac Chapple, 3. Jake Swanson, 4. Chris Bonneau, 5. Mike Martin, 6. Matt Lundy. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top 4 finishers eligible for invert) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Stevie Sussex, 3. Matt Rossi, 4. Tyler Most, 5. Colton Maroney, 6. Stephen Sanchez. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. C.J. Leary (8), 2. Isaac Chapple (1), 3. Brody Roa (13), 4. Jake Swanson (11), 5. Josh Hodges (6), 6. Charles Davis Jr. (9), 7. Mike Martin (7), 8. Dennis Gile (14), 9. Ryan Cully (16), 10. Michael Curtis (2), 11. Matt Lundy (17), 12. Chris Bonneau (4), 13. Stephen Sanchez (18), 14. Stevie Sussex (5), 15. R.J. Johnson (10), 16. Tyler Most (15), 17. Matt Rossi (3), 18. Colton Maroney (12). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-14 Michael Curtis, Laps 15-30 C.J. Leary.

HARD CHARGER: Brody Roa (13th to 3rd)

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-C.J. Leary-77, 2-Isaac Chapple-74, 3-Brody Roa-72, 4-Josh Hodges-71, 5-Jake Swanson-67, 6-Charles Davis Jr.-63, 7-Mike Martin-61, 8-Dennis Gile-57, 9-Ryan Cully-49, 10-Michael Curtis-49.

NEXT USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACES: March 8-9, 2019 – Canyon Speedway Park – Peoria, Arizona – 2nd Annual Spring Showcase

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JOSH HODGES SPRINTS TO VICTORY AT CANYON SPEEDWAY PARK

Peoria, Arizona… Taking the lead from Brody Roa on the second lap, Josh Hodges (Tijeras, NM) led the rest of the way to win the opening night of the Spring Showcase at Canyon Speedway Park. Driving the family owned #74X Jackson Compaction / Parts Plus Maxim, Hodges earned the $3, 000 USAC CRA and USAC Southwest Sprint Car triumph. Brody Roa, Isaac Chapple, R.J. Johnson, and Jake Swanson rounded out the top-five drivers. Before the main event, several cars were penalized for reporting late to staging and Hodges was the night's hard charger.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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HUNTER SCHUERENBERG TOPS THE SPRING SHOWCASE AT PEORIA

Peoria, Arizona… Securing the lead for good on lap 25, Hunter Schuerenberg (Sikeston, MO) claimed the Saturday night finale of the Spring Showcase at Canyon Speedway Park. Driving the Reinbold / Underwood Motorsports #19 AME Electrical / Mesilla Valley Transportation Spike, Hunter earned his first $3, 000 USAC CRA and USAC Southwest Sprint Car win over Damion Gardner, Brody Roa, R.J. Johnson, and Jason McDougal. McDougal was the night's hard charger with a thirteenth to fifth place run.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEXT USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE: April 20, 2019 – Arizona Speedway – San Tan Valley, Arizona – 4th Annual Lealand McSpadden Classic

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LOGAN SEAVEY WINS MCSPADDEN CLASSIC THRILLER AT SAN TAN VALLEY

SAN TAN VALLEY, AZ – APRIL 20, 2019… Regaining the lead from Jake Swanson on lap 29, Logan Seavey (Sutter, CA) topped the 4th Annual Lealand McSpadden Classic at Arizona Speedway. Piloting Andy Reinbold & Todd Underwood's #19 AME Electrical / Ross Equipment Rentals Spike, Seavey earned the first Sands Chevrolet USAC Southwest Sprint Car win of his career over Swanson, Austin Williams, R.J. Johnson, and Stevie Sussex.

Swanson claimed the night's Saldana Racing Products Hard Charger Award / Best Passing Job honors with seventeenth to second place run.

Seavey also earned the night's Beaver Stripes Fast Time Award over the 17-car field by posting a new track record of 14.714.

The ten-lap heat race victories went to Bruce St. James (Brown & Miller Racing Solutions First Heat) and "Chargin" Charles Davis Jr. (Competition Suspension Incorporated / Ultra Shield Race Products Second Heat).

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: April 20, 2019 – Arizona Speedway – San Tan Valley, Arizona – 4th Annual Lealand McSpadden Classic

BEAVER STRIPES DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Logan Seavey, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-14.714 (New Track Record); 2. Brody Roa, 91A, BR-14.766; 3. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-14.825; 4. R.J. Johnson, 13, Gile-15.041; 5. Charles Davis Jr., 50, Davis-15.148; 6. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-15.200; 7. Matt Rossi, 02, Rossi-15.333; 8. Michael Curtis, 11C, Turner/Wheeler-15.409; 9. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-15.471; 10. Bruce St. James, 7K, St. James-15.542; 11. Sterling Cling, 54, Cling-15.615; 12. Ryan Cully, 21J, Cully-15.979; 13. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-16.222; 14. Matt Lundy, 98, Lundy-16.383; 15. Stephen Sanchez, 7, Sanchez-16.657; 16. Jonas Reynolds, 0, Reynolds-16.747; 17. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-NT.

BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Bruce St. James, 2. R.J. Johnson, 3. Brody Roa, 4. Mike Martin, 5. Jake Swanson, 6. Michael Curtis, 7. Chris Bonneau, 8. Ryan Cully, 9. Stephen Sanchez. NT

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INC. / ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Matt Rossi, 3. Austin Williams, 4. Logan Seavey, 5. Stevie Sussex, 6. Sterling Cling, 7. Matt Lundy, 8. Jonas Reynolds. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (6), 2. Jake Swanson (17), 3. Austin Williams (4), 4. R.J. Johnson (3), 5. Stevie Sussex (8), 6. Brody Roa (5), 7. Bruce St. James (9), 8. Matt Rossi (7), 9. Mike Martin (1), 10. Chris Bonneau (13), 11. Charles Davis Jr. (2), 12. Matt Lundy (14), 13. Sterling Cling (11), 14. Ryan Cully (12), 15. Michael Curtis (10), 16. Stephen Sanchez (15), 17. Jonas Reynolds (16). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-6 Charles Davis Jr., Laps 7-17 Logan Seavey, Laps 18-28 Jake Swanson, Laps 29-30 Logan Seavey.

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS HARD CHARGER: Jake Swanson (17th to 2nd)

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Brody Roa-280, 2-R.J. Johnson-251, 3-Stevie Sussex-218, 4-Mike Martin-205, 5-Jake Swanson-205, 6-Josh Hodges-202, 7-Isaac Chapple-200, 8-Charles Davis Jr.-198, 9-Austin Williams-189, 10-Matt Rossi-181.

NEXT USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE: April 27, 2019 – Canyon Speedway Park – Peoria, Arizona – State 48 Classic

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BRODY ROA TOPS STATE 48 CLASSIC AT PEORIA

PEORIA, AZ – APRIL 27, 2019… Starting seventh, Brody Roa (Garden Grove, CA) took the lead from Stevie Sussex on lap 7 and held off all challengers to win the State 48 Classic at Canyon Speedway Park. For Roa, the $2, 000 Sands Chevrolet USAC Southwest Sprint Car victory was the first series win of the campaign and the third of his career. Stevie Sussex, “The Real American” Matt Rossi, “Chargin” Charles Davis Jr., and R.J. Johnson followed the point leader to the checkered flags.

Making his first start of 2019, Andy Reinbold claimed the night’s Saldana Racing Products Hard Charger Award / Best Passing Job honors with a sixth place run from thirteenth.

Jake Swanson took top honors in the Beaver Stripes Time Trials by posting a time of 13.804 over the 14-car roster.

The ten-lap heat race victories went to “The Magic Man” Mike Martin (Brown & Miller Racing Solutions First Heat) and Roa (Competition Suspension Incorporated / Ultra Shield Race Products Second Heat).

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: April 27, 2019 – Canyon Speedway Park – Peoria, Arizona – State 48 Classic

BEAVER STRIPES QUALIFYING: 1. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-13.804; 2. Matt Rossi, 02, Rossi-14.029; 3. R.J. Johnson, 13, Gile-14.101; 4. Charles Davis Jr., 50, Davis-14.148; 5. Michael Curtis, 11C, Turner/Wheeler-14.159; 6. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-14.192; 7. Matt Lundy, 98, Lundy-14.252; 8. Brody Roa, 91, BR-14.277; 9. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-14.423; 10. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-14.470; 11. Sterling Cling, 54C, Cling-14.484; 12. Daylin Perreira, 21, Perreira-14.688; 13. Andy Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-14.930; 14. Jonas Reynolds, 0, Reynolds-15.755.

BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Mike Martin, 2. Jake Swanson, 3. R.J. Johnson, 4. Matt Lundy, 5. Sterling Cling, 6. Michael Curtis, 7. Andy Reinbold. NT

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INC. / ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Brody Roa, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Stevie Sussex, 4. Matt Rossi, 5. Chris Bonneau, 6. Daylin Perreira, 7. Jonas Reynolds. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brody Roa (7), 2. Stevie Sussex (2), 3. Matt Rossi (5), 4. Charles Davis Jr. (3), 5. R.J. Johnson (4), 6. Andy Reinbold (13), 7. Mike Martin (8), 8. Matt Lundy (1), 9. Sterling Cling (11), 10. Daylin Perreira (12), 11. Chris Bonneau (10), 12. Jonas Reynolds (14), 13. Jake Swanson (6), 14. Michael Curtis (9). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Matt Lundy, Laps 2-6 Stevie Sussex, Laps 7-30 Brody Roa.

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS HARD CHARGER: Andy Reinbold (13th to 6th)

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Brody Roa-358, 2-R.J. Johnson-319, 3-Stevie Sussex-292, 4-Charles Davis Jr.-269, 5-Mike Martin-265, 6-Jake Swanson-255, 7-Matt Rossi-255, 8-Matt Lundy-209, 9-Josh Hodges-202, 10-Isaac Chapple-200.

NEXT USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE: May 18, 2019 – Central Arizona Speedway – Casa Grande, Arizona – Hank Arnold Memorial

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STEVIE SUSSEX BREAKS THROUGH AT CASA GRANDE

CASA GRANDE, AZ – MAY 18, 2019… After a torrid battle with Jake Swanson and Brody Roa, Stevie Sussex (Tempe, AZ) became the sixth different winner in as many races with the Sands Chevrolet USAC Southwest Sprint Car Series. Driving Robbie and Gaye Allen's #12 ABC Body Shop / PPG Automotive Finishes Maxim, Sussex reclaimed the lead for good on lap 29 to score his third Hank Arnold Memorial win at Casa Grande's Central Arizona Speedway. Fast qualifier Roa, "Chargin" Charles Davis Jr., "The Real American" Matt Rossi, and R.J. Johnson rounded out the top-five drivers.

Roa earned the night's Saldana Racing Products Hard Charger Award / Best Passing Job honors with a second place run from sixth. In addition, the point leader claimed his first career Beaver Stripes Fast Time Award by posting a new 410 track record of 15.133 over the 14-car roster.

The ten-lap heat race victories went to Charles Davis Jr. (Brown & Miller Racing Solutions First Heat) and R.J. Johnson (Competition Suspension Incorporated / Ultra Shield Race Products Second Heat).

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: May 18, 2019 – Central Arizona Speedway – Casa Grande, Arizona – Hank Arnold Memorial

BEAVER STRIPES QUALIFYING: 1. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-15.133 (New 410 Track Record); 2. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-15.267; 3. Matt Rossi, 02, Rossi-15.463; 4. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-15.529; 5. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-15.649; 6. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-15.989; 7. Charles Davis Jr., 50, Davis-16.084; 8. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-16.148; 9. Michael Curtis, 11C, Turner/Wheeler-16.202; 10. Andy Reinbold, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-16.276; 11. Tyler Most, 3, Most-16.585; 12. Matt Lundy, 98, Lundy-16.619; 13. Jonas Reynolds, 0, Reynolds-17.048; 14. Daylin Perreira, 21, Perreira-17.138.

BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Brody Roa, 3. Jake Swanson, 4. Matt Rossi, 5. Michael Curtis, 6. Tyler Most, 7. Jonas Reynolds. NT

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INC. / ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. R.J. Johnson, 2. Stevie Sussex, 3. Mike Martin, 4. Chris Bonneau, 5. Matt Lundy, 6. Andy Reinbold, 7. Daylin Perreira. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Stevie Sussex (1), 2. Brody Roa (6), 3. Charles Davis Jr. (7), 4. Matt Rossi (4), 5. R.J. Johnson (5), 6. Jake Swanson (2), 7. Mike Martin (3), 8. Chris Bonneau (8), 9. Michael Curtis (9), 10. Daylin Perreira (14), 11. Tyler Most (12), 12. Andy Reinbold (11), 13. Matt Lundy (10), 14. Jonas Reynolds (13). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1-25 Stevie Sussex, Laps 26-27 Jake Swanson, Lap 28 Brody Roa, Laps 29-30 Stevie Sussex.

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS HARD CHARGER: Brody Roa (6th to 2nd)

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Brody Roa-438, 2-R.J. Johnson-390, 3-Stevie Sussex-370, 4-Charles Davis Jr.-341, 5-Matt Rossi-328, 6-Mike Martin-326, 7-Jake Swanson-318, 8-Matt Lundy-250, 9-Michael Curtis-243, 10-Josh Hodges-202.

NEXT USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE: June 1, 2019 – Arizona Speedway – San Tan Valley, Arizona

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R.J. JOHNSON IS BACK ON TOP AT SAN TAN VALLEY

SAN TAN VALLEY, AZ – JUNE 1, 2019… Taking command from polesitter "Chargin" Charles Davis Jr. on lap six, R.J. Johnson (Laveen, AZ) sailed to his first win of the season at Arizona Speedway. Piloting the Bobby Martin Racing #51 Martin Family Auto Museum / Pro Flyer Race Engines Sherman, Johnson's $2, 000 Sands Chevrolet USAC Southwest Sprint Car triumph was the 56th win of his career. Brody Roa, Stevie Sussex, hard charger "The Magic Man" Mike Martin, and Davis rounded out the top-five drivers.

Martin claimed the night's Saldana Racing Products Hard Charger Award / Best Passing Job honors with a fourth place run from ninth. Matt Lundy earned the AAA Car Buying 360 bonus with a sixth place finish.

For the second time this season, Jake Swanson took top honors in Beaver Stripes Time Trials by posting a time of 15.679 over the 12-car roster.

The ten-lap heat race victories went to Swanson (Brown & Miller Racing Solutions First Heat) and Sussex (Competition Suspension Incorporated / Ultra Shield Race Products Second Heat).

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: June 1, 2019 – Arizona Speedway – San Tan Valley, Arizona

BEAVER STRIPES QUALIFYING: 1. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-15.679; 2. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-15.833; 3. Matt Rossi, 02, Rossi-15.985; 4. Brody Roa, 91R, BR-17.014; 5. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-17.021; 6. Charles Davis Jr., 50, Davis-17.040; 7. Michael Curtis, 11C, Turner/Wheeler-17.656; 8. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-17.902; 9. Matt Lundy, 98, Lundy-17.982; 10. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-18.022; 11. Jonas Reynolds, 0, Reynolds-18.284; 12. Logan Seavey, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-NT.

BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jake Swanson, 2. Matt Lundy, 3. Matt Rossi, 4. Chris Bonneau, 5. Michael Curtis, 6. Jonas Reynolds. NT

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INC. / ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Stevie Sussex, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Brody Roa, 4. R.J. Johnson, 5. Mike Martin, 6. Logan Seavey. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. R.J. Johnson (5), 2. Brody Roa (3), 3. Stevie Sussex (7), 4. Mike Martin (9), 5. Charles Davis Jr. (1), 6. Matt Lundy (8), 7. Michael Curtis (10), 8. Jonas Reynolds (11), 9. Matt Rossi (4), 10. Logan Seavey (12), 11. Chris Bonneau (2). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-5 Charles Davis Jr., Laps 6-30 R.J. Johnson.

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS HARD CHARGER: Mike Martin (9th to 4th)

AAA CAR BUYING 360 BONUS: Matt Lundy

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Brody Roa-514, 2-R.J. Johnson-470, 3-Stevie Sussex-442, 4-Charles Davis Jr.-407, 5-Mike Martin-391, 6-Matt Rossi-381, 7-Jake Swanson-342, 8-Matt Lundy-312, 9-Michael Curtis-299, 10-Chris Bonneau-238.

NEXT USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE: June 8, 2019 – Canyon Speedway Park – Peoria, Arizona – CSP Birthday Bash

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MIKE MARTIN'S LATE CHARGE EARNS CSP BIRTHDAY BASH VICTORY

PEORIA, AZ – JUNE 8, 2019… Starting third, "The Magic Man" Mike Martin (Yuma, AZ) worked his way past Brody Roa on lap 27 and powered to the CSP Birthday Bash win at Canyon Speedway Park. Racing his #16 Naquin Precision Earth Moving / American Flowtech Consulting Services Maxim, Martin's 30-lap triumph was his first Sands Chevrolet USAC Southwest Sprint Car win of the season. Brody Roa, fast qualifier "Chargin" Charles Davis Jr., Stevie Sussex, and hard charger R.J. Johnson rounded out the top-five drivers.

Johnson claimed the night's Saldana Racing Products Hard Charger Award / Best Passing Job honors with a fifth place run from ninth. For the second consecutive race, Matt Lundy earned the AAA Car Buying 360 bonus with an eighth place finish.

Defending champion Davis had top honors in Beaver Stripes Qualifying by posting a time of 15.373 over the 15-car roster.

The ten-lap heat race victories went to Johnson (Brown & Miller Racing Solutions First Heat) and Roa (Competition Suspension Incorporated / Ultra Shield Race Products Second Heat).

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: June 8, 2019 – Canyon Speedway Park – Peoria, Arizona – CSP Birthday Bash

BEAVER STRIPES QUALIFYING: 1. Charles Davis Jr., 50, Davis-15.373; 2. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-15.477; 3. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-15.619; 4. Kyle Shipley, 34, Grau-15.651; 5. Michael Curtis, 11C, Turner/Wheeler-15.711; 6. Matt Lundy, 98, Lundy-15.857; 7. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-15.972; 8. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-16.137; 9. Dennis Gile, 13, Gile-16.255; 10. Brody Roa, 91R, Roa-16.257; 11. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-16.265; 12. Jonas Reynolds, 0, Reynolds-16.333; 13. Daylin Perreira, 21, Perreira-17.209; 14. Justin Kierce, 43, Kierce-17.340; 15. Tyler Most, 3, Most-18.064.

BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. R.J. Johnson, 2. Dennis Gile, 3. Mike Martin, 4. Charles Davis Jr., 5. Stevie Sussex, 6. Michael Curtis, 7. Justin Kierce. NT

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INC. / ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Brody Roa, 2. Chris Bonneau, 3. Matt Lundy, 4. Kyle Shipley, 5. Daylin Perreira, 6. Tyler Most, 7. Jonas Reynolds. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Mike Martin (3), 2. Brody Roa (1), 3. Charles Davis Jr. (6), 4. Stevie Sussex (7), 5. R.J. Johnson (9), 6. Chris Bonneau (2), 7. Kyle Shipley (5), 8. Matt Lundy (4), 9. Daylin Perreira (11), 10. Michael Curtis (8), 11. Justin Kierce (12), 12. Jonas Reynolds (10), 13. Tyler Most (13). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-26 Brody Roa, Laps 27-30 Mike Martin.

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS HARD CHARGER: R.J. Johnson (9th to 5th)

AAA CAR BUYING 360 BONUS: Matt Lundy

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Brody Roa-589, 2-R.J. Johnson-536, 3-Stevie Sussex-511, 4-Charles Davis Jr.-482, 5-Mike Martin-467, 6-Matt Rossi-381, 7-Matt Lundy-368, 8-Jake Swanson-357, 9-Michael Curtis-347, 10-Chris Bonneau-300.

NEXT USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE: July 13, 2019 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California

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THE DEMON STRIKES AT PERRIS

PERRIS, CA – JULY 13, 2019… After temperatures reached triple digits, fast qualifier "The Demon" Damion Gardner (Concord, CA) raced to victory at Perris Auto Speedway. Piloting Mark Alexander's #4 Trench Shoring / All Coast Construction Spike, Gardner reclaimed the lead for good on lap 24 from "The Big Game Hunter" Austin Williams to earn the AMSOIL USAC CRA & Sands Chevrolet USAC Southwest Sprint Car triumph. For Gardner, the win marked his second triumph of the season (82nd career USAC CRA / 1st career USAC Southwest) over R.J. Johnson, hard charger Stevie Sussex, Tommy "Thunder" Malcolm, and "Chargin" Charles Davis Jr.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Trent Williams

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

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

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

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JAKE SWANSON SLICES HIS WAY TO FIRST PERRIS WIN

PERRIS, CA – AUGUST 17, 2019… After a first lap tangle sent him to the back, Jake Swanson (Anaheim, CA) sliced his way to the lead on lap twenty-four and earned his first win at Perris Auto Speedway. Racing John Grau & Mike Burkhart's #34AZ Stratis Construction / Team AZ Racing DRC, Swanson topped the California Racers Hall of Fame Night with the AMSOIL USAC CRA and Sands Chevrolet USAC Southwest Sprint Car Series. Fast qualifier Richard Vander Weerd, Brody Roa, "Hollywood" Danny Faria Jr., and "The Big Game Hunter" Austin Williams rounded out the top-five drivers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Tommy Malcolm

AAA CAR BUYING 360 BONUS: Matt Lundy

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

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

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

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

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ROA SPRINTS TO SOUTHWEST CHAMPIONSHIPS WIN AT PEORIA

PEORIA, AZ – SEPTEMBER 14, 2019… Starting on the pole position, Brody Roa (Garden Grove, CA) emerged victorious at Canyon Speedway Park's Southwest Championships. Racing Tanner Grau's #34 Westin Diversified / Western Premier Hauling Maxim, Roa claimed his second Sands Chevrolet USAC Southwest Sprint Car main event of the season over R.J. Johnson, fast qualifier Hunter Schuerenberg, "Chargin" Charles Davis Jr., and Dennis Gile.

Matt Lundy scored the night's Saldana Racing Products Hard Charger Award / Best Passing Job honors with a ninth place run from fourteenth. In addition, Lundy earned the AAA Car Buying 360 bonus at Canyon Speedway Park.

Missouri's Hunter Schuerenberg had top honors in Beaver Stripes Qualifying by posting a time of 14.38 over the 17-car roster.

The ten-lap heat race victories went to Schuerenberg (Brown & Miller Racing Solutions First Heat) and Davis (Competition Suspension Incorporated / Ultra Shield Race Products Second Heat).

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

BEAVER STRIPES QUALIFYING: 1. Hunter Schuerenberg, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-14.38; 2. Charles Davis Jr., 50, Davis-14.46; 3. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-14.53; 4. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-14.56; 5. Zachary Madrid, 15X, Johnson-14.77; 6. Brody Roa, 34, Grau-14.82, 7. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-15.01; 8. Dennis Gile, 13, Gile-15.08; 9. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-15.20; 10. Justin Kierce, 43, Kierce-15.27; 11. Bruce St. James, 7K, St. James-15.30; 12. Dustin Burkhart, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-15.33; 13. Stephen Sanchez, 7, Sanchez-15.63; 14. Matt Lundy, 98, Lundy-15.68; 15. Daylin Perreira, 21, Perreira-15.83; 16. Kyle Shipley, OG, Shipley-NT; 17. Michael Curtis, 11C, Turner/Wheeler-NT.

BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Hunter Schuerenberg, 2. Stevie Sussex, 3. R.J. Johnson, 4. Zachary Madrid, 5. Daylin Perreira, 6. Bruce St. James, 7. Stephen Sanchez, 8. Chris Bonneau. NT

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INC. / ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Mike Martin, 3. Brody Roa, 4. Dennis Gile, 5. Dustin Burkhart, 6. Matt Lundy, 7. Justin Kierce. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brody Roa (1), 2. R.J. Johnson (4), 3. Hunter Schuerenberg (6), 4. Charles Davis Jr. (5), 5. Dennis Gile (8), 6. Stevie Sussex (7), 7. Zachary Madrid (2), 8. Mike Martin (3), 9. Matt Lundy (14), 10. Bruce St. James (11), 11. Stephen Sanchez (13), 12. Daylin Perreira (15), 13. Dustin Burkhart (12), 14. Chris Bonneau (9), 15. Justin Kierce (10). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Brody Roa

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS HARD CHARGER: Matt Lundy (14th to 9th)

AAA CAR BUYING 360 BONUS: Matt Lundy

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Brody Roa-775, 2-R.J. Johnson-743, 3-Stevie Sussex-701, 4-Charles Davis Jr.-658, 5-Mike Martin-613, 6-Jake Swanson-470, 7-Matt Lundy-427, 8-Matt Rossi-413, 9-Chris Bonneau-362, 10-Michael Curtis-357.

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

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

San Tan Valley, Arizona (September 28, 2019)……Inheriting the lead with 21 laps in the books, R.J. Johnson (Laveen, AZ) raced to victory at Arizona Speedway's Hall of Fame Classic. Driving the Bobby Martin Racing #51 Martin Auto Museum / AME Electrical Sherman, Johnson topped the $4, 000 AMSOIL USAC CRA and Sands Chevrolet USAC Southwest Sprint Car main event over Stevie Sussex, fast qualifier Austin Williams, "The Demon" Damion Gardner, and "Thunder" Tommy Malcolm.

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

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

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

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

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY / BEAVER STRIPES QUALIFYING: 1. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-14.903; 2. Damion Gardner, 4, Alexander-15.179; 3. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-15.291; 4. Tommy Malcolm, 5X, Napier-15.326; 5. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-15.360; 6. Brody Roa, 42, Cheney-15.417; 7. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-15.425; 8. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-15.517; 9. Sterling Cling, 34, Cling-15.540; 10. Zachary Madrid, 15M, Johnson-15.542; 11. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-15.588; 12. Charles Davis Jr., 50, Davis-15.618; 13. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-15.620; 14. Mike Martin, 16, Martin-15.705; 15. Dennis Gile, 13, Gile-15.711; 16. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-15.925; 17. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-15.972; 18. Michael Curtis, 11C, Turner/Wheeler-16.084; 19. Jake Helsel, 44, Helsel-16.093; 20. Matt Stewart, 55, Everhart-16.328; 21. Matt Lundy, 98, Lundy-16.619; 22. Asa Kesterson, 18, Kesterson-16.704; 23. Stephen Sanchez, 7, Sanchez-17.104.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY6 13 AWARD: Mike Martin

AAA CAR BUYING 360 BONUS: Matt Lundy

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

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

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

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

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C.J. LEARY ADDS CASA GRANDE HOWL-O-WEEN BASH TO RESUME

CASA GRANDE, AZ – OCTOBER 26, 2019… Starting sixth, C.J. Leary (Greenfield, IN) charged to Saturday's 25-lap Howl-O-Ween Bash victory at Central Arizona Speedway. Driving Andy Reinbold and Todd Underwood's #19S AME Electrical / Mesilla Valley Transportation Spike, Leary earned his second $2, 000 Sands Chevrolet USAC Southwest Sprint Car win of the campaign. "Chargin" Charles Davis Jr., Jake Swanson, point leader Brody Roa, and R.J. Johnson followed C.J. to the checkered flags.

Davis scored the night's Saldana Racing Products Hard Charger Award / Best Passing Job honors with a second place run from eleventh. Matt Lundy pocketed an extra $100 for the AAA Car Buying 360 bonus at Pinal County Fairgrounds.

Earlier in the program, Logan Seavey set a new track record in Beaver Stripes Qualifying by posting a time of 14.948 over the 18-car roster.

The eight-lap heat race victories went to Zachary Madrid (Brown & Miller Racing Solutions First Heat), Eddie Tafoya Jr., (Competition Suspension Incorporated / Ultra Shield Race Products Second Heat), and "The Bull" Tye Mihocko (Butlerbuilt Seats Third Heat Race).

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

BEAVER STRIPES QUALIFYING: 1. Logan Seavey, 19, Reinbold/Underwood-14.948 (New Track Record); 2. C.J. Leary, 19S, Reinbold/Underwood-15.073; 3. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-15.207; 4. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-15.465; 5. Sterling Cling, 34X, Cling-15.572; 6. Brody Roa, Grau-15.721; 7. Zachary Madrid, 15M, Johnson-15.727; 8. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-15.794; 9. Eric Wilkins, 4AZ, Grau/Burkhart-15.835; 10. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-15.895; 11. Michael Curtis, 11C, Turner/Wheeler-16.072; 12. Matt McCarthy, 28M, McCarthy-16.092; 13. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-16.175; 14. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-16.330; 15. Tye Mihocko, 5, Mihocko-16.363; 16. Matt Lundy, 98, Lundy-16.524; 17. Kyle Shipley, 0G, Shipley-16.825; 18. Stephen Sanchez, 7, Sanchez-17.496.

BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Zachary Madrid, 2. Brody Roa, 3. Charles Davis Jr., 4. Stevie Sussex, 5. Logan Seavey, 6. Matt Lundy. NT

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INC. / ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 2. Kyle Shipley, 3. C.J. Leary, 4. Chris Bonneau, 5. Sterling Cling, 6. Michael Curtis. NT

BUTLERBUILT SEATS THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tye Mihocko, 2. Jake Swanson, 3. R.J. Johnson, 4. Matt McCarthy, 5. Stephen Sanchez, 6. Eric Wilkins. NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. C.J. Leary (6), 2. Charles Davis Jr. (11), 3. Jake Swanson (3), 4. Brody Roa (2), 5. R.J. Johnson (5), 6. Logan Seavey (7), 7. Tye Mihocko (15), 8. Eric Wilkins (10), 9. Zachary Madrid (1), 10. Stevie Sussex (4), 11. Chris Bonneau (9), 12. Matt McCarthy (13), 13. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (14), 14. Matt Lundy (16), 15. Sterling Cling (8), 16. Stephen Sanchez (18), 17. Michael Curtis (12), 18. Kyle Shipley (17). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 Zachary Madrid, Laps 11-16 Brody Roa, Laps 17-18 Jake Swanson, Laps 19-25 C.J. Leary.

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS HARD CHARGER: Charles Davis Jr. (11th to 2nd)

AAA CAR BUYING 360 BONUS: Matt Lundy

USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Brody Roa-897, 2-R.J. Johnson-887, 3-Stevie Sussex-828, 4-Charles Davis Jr.-790, 5-Mike Martin-655, 6-Jake Swanson-578, 7-Matt Lundy-500, 8-Chris Bonneau-434, 9-Michael Curtis-433, 10-Matt Rossi-413.

NEXT USAC SANDS CHEVROLET SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACES: November 7-8-9, 2019 – Perris Auto Speedway – Perris, California – 24th Budweiser Oval Nationals Presented by All Coast Construction – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval

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

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FATHEADZ EYEWEAR/WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY/BEAVER STRIPES QUALIFYING: 1. C.J. Leary, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-16.362; 2. Tyler Courtney, 7BC, Clauson Marshall Newman-16.407; 3. Damion Gardner, 4x, Alexander-16.512; 4. Richard Vander Weerd, 10, Vander Weerd-16.519; 5. Chris Windom, 5G, Parallax/Goacher-16.560; 6. Brady Bacon, 69, Dynamics-16.591; 7. Jace Vander Weerd, 88, Vander Weerd-16.602; 8. Logan Seavey, 19L, Reinbold/Underwood-16.639; 9. Kevin Thomas Jr., 19, Hayward/Thomas-16.643; 10. Bud Kaeding, 0, Williams-16.659; 11. Justin Grant, 4, TOPP-16.734; 12. Thomas Meseraull, 13m, Gile-16.740; 13. Max Adams, 73T, Ford-16.745; 14. Chase Stockon, 32, 32 TBI-16.820; 15. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.829; 16. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-16.884; 17. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-16.909; 18. Donnie Gansen, 4D, Gansen-16.949; 19. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-17.052; 20. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-17.057; 21. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-17.057; 22. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-17.060; 23. Brody Roa, 42, Cheney-17.063; 24. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-17.084; 25. Jason McDougal, 42x, Cheney-17.087; 26. Hunter Schuerenberg, 19s, Reinbold/Underwood-17.107; 27. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-17.145; 28. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-17.181; 29. Bill Rose, 6, Rose-17.252; 30. Sterling Cling, 34, Cling-17.311; 31. Dennis Gile, 13G, Gile-17.408; 32. Josh Hodges, 74x, Hodges-17.498; 33. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.610; 34. Jeremy Ellertson, 98J, Ellertson-17.654; 35. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-17.656; 36. Matt McCarthy, 28m, McCarthy-17.671; 37. Tye Mihocko, 5, Mihocko-17.794; 38. Will Perkins, 50, Perkins-18.034; 39. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-18.715; 40. Chase Johnson, 68, Thomas-NT; 41. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-NT; 42. Frank Rodgers III, 6R, Rodgers-NT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(P) represents a provisional starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Brady Bacon

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONTINGENCY AWARDS:

PROSOURCE HARD WORK AWARD: Austin Liggett

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

WILWOOD BRAKES 13TH PLACE FINISHER: Brody Roa

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS FIRST NON-TRANSFER: Chris Gansen

ROGER & BARB TAPY 13TH FASTEST QUALIFIER: Max Adams

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Brady Bacon (Jack Jory Lap 15 Leader)

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BACK-TO-BACK BACON DOES IT AGAIN AT PERRIS

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(P) represents a provisional starter

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Brady Bacon.

**Chase Johnson flipped during qualifying.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONTINGENCY AWARDS:

PROSOURCE HARD WORK AWARD: Austin Liggett

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

WILWOOD BRAKES 13TH PLACE FINISHER: Thomas Meseraull

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS FIRST NON-TRANSFER: Josh Hodges

ROGER & BARB TAPY 13th FASTEST QUALIFIER: Logan Seavey

Chris Windom (Fatheadz Eyewear/Woodland Auto Display/Beaver Stripes Fast Qualifier)

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

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

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

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

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

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

and Brady Bacon (Jack Jory Halfway Leader)

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LEARY LANDS OVAL NATIONALS VICTORY AT PERRIS

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Perris, California (November 9, 2019)……In his seven previous Oval Nationals final night starts entering Saturday, C.J. Leary had never managed a finish better than 13th, a result hardly indicative of his performances throughout the years which have been plagued by the lack of Lady Luck's presence, including a mechanical issue that sidelined him while leading with 14 laps remaining one year ago.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday and Friday Perris winner Bacon was suddenly the man on the move as he began to track down Stockon for the second position until lap 29 when, unrelatedly, Max Adams came to a stop in turn two, necessitating a yellow flag. As Stockon slowed for the yellow, the trailing Bacon ramped over Stockon's left rear wheel and slid backwards to a stop without making wall contact. However, his bid for an Oval Nationals sweep was denied. He restarted from the tail, and eventually, worked his way back to a 12th place result at the checkered.

Down the stretch, several cautions wreaked havoc on Leary's flow with a flat right rear on teammate Logan Seavey's ride on lap 31, an Austin Liggett turn four flip on the 35th lap, a Justin Grant turn four spin on lap 37 and a debris caution for

the exodus of bodywork on the nose of Damion Gardner's silver bullet. However, each time a stoppage occurred, Leary was superb on the restart, jaunting out to a three to four car length advantage each time, which no other seemed to have an answer for.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FATHEADZ EYEWEAR/WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY/BEAVER STRIPES QUALIFYING: 1. Damion Gardner, 4x, Alexander-16.362; 2. Max Adams, 73T, Ford-16.406; 3. Austin Williams, 92, Sertich-16.491; 4. Jace Vander Weerd, 88, Vander Weerd-16.527; 5. Kevin Thomas Jr., 19, Hayward/Thomas-16.543; 6. Jake Swanson, 34AZ, Grau/Burkhart-16.553; 7. Chris Windom, 5G, Parallax/Goacher-16.560; 8. Logan Seavey, 19L, Reinbold/Underwood-16.684; 9. Bud Kaeding, 0, Williams-16.720; 10. Stevie Sussex, 12, Allen-16.752; 11. Thomas Meseraull, 13m, Gile-16.777; 12. Charles Davis Jr., 47, Davis-16.782; 13. Austin

Liggett, 83, Liggett-16.827; 14. Tommy Malcolm, 5x, Napier-16.853; 15. R.J. Johnson, 51, Martin-16.908; 16. Cody Williams, 44, Williams-16.914; 17. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-16.919; 18. Bill Rose, 6, Rose-16.929; 19. Brody Roa, 42, Cheney-16.959; 20. Josh Hodges, 74x, Hodges-16.992; 21. Sterling Cling, 34, Cling-17.015; 22. Hunter Schuerenberg, 19s, Reinbold/Underwood-17.070; 23. Chris Bonneau, 15, Bonneau-17.077; 24. Dennis Gile, 13G, Gile-17.151; 25. Verne Sweeney, 98, Tracy-17.153; 26. Chris Gansen, 4G, Gansen-17.160; 27. Eddie Tafoya Jr., 51T, Tafoya-17.399; 28. Tye Mihocko, 5, Mihocko-17.643; 29. Joel Rayborne, 12B, Blair-17.818; 30. Will Perkins, 50, Perkins-18.902; 31. Frank Rodgers III, 6R, Rodgers-NT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONTINGENCY AWARDS:

PROSOURCE HARD WORK AWARD: Cody Williams

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

WILWOOD BRAKES 13TH PLACE FINISHER: Thomas Meseraull

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

ROGER & BARB TAPY 13TH FASTEST QUALIFIER: Austin Liggett

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C.J. Leary (Jack Jory Halfway Leader)

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SUNSHINE SURVIVES AND THRIVES IN WESTERN WORLD SPRINT OPENER

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The restart put Bacon up front ahead of Courtney. Bacon assumed control, setting the pace until three laps to go when 19th running Chris Gansen slowed to a stop in turn four with a flat right rear of his own. When racing resumed, 4th running

Damion Gardner and 12th place Kevin Thomas Jr. were the next to fall to the wayside with flat tires. Under caution, the cords on Bacon's right rear became readily apparent, thus placing him in the unenviable role of sitting duck on the lap 29 restart.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(P) represents a provisional starter

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONTINGENCY AWARDS:

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

WILWOOD BRAKES 13TH PLACE FINISHER: Damion Gardner

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS FIRST NON-TRANSFER: Chris Bonneau

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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COURTNEY SPRINTS TO BACK-TO-BACK WESTERN WORLD WINS

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONTINGENCY AWARDS:

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

WILWOOD BRAKES 13TH PLACE FINISHER: Austin Williams

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS FIRST NON-TRANSFER: Dennis Gile

ROGER & BARB TAPY 13TH FASTEST QUALIFIER: Jason McDougal

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

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