

“Millington Makes his Presence Known for Nitro Lubricants Bonus Program”

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A familiar sound rang out through the Catawba Valley on Saturday as engines roared to life at Hickory Motor Speedway to start off their 70th season of exciting racing action. The offseason would bring an exciting announcement as Nitro Lubricants would come on board and offer a \$25,000 bonus to any regular NASCAR Whelen All American Series Hickory Motor Speedway Late Model driver who would go on to win the NASCAR National Championship. The season opening Twin 40 lap features would begin the quest with Round 1 for the Nitro Lubricants bonus.



Leading off the evening’s racing activities would be the first of the twin 40 lap features for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late

Models. Charlie Watson in the #9 would set fast time and start from the top spot with 2019 Hickory Motor Speedway Track Champion Thomas Beane in the #31 lining up on the outside of the front row. Matt Piercy, 2015 Hickory Motor Speedway Track Champion in the #25, and 2017 Hickory Motor Speedway Track Champion, Ryan Millington in the #15 would make up row two for the green flag. As the green flag would fly, the front row would be side by side for the first couple laps as Watson would eventually use the preferred inside line to pull ahead to the lead. Piercy would follow Watson and move under Beane to take the second spot. Beane would settle in on Piercy’s bumper with Matt Leicht in the #2 moving up to fourth. Lap twenty would see Piercy pull alongside Watson in his pursuit for the top spot. The front duo would battle for several laps until the caution would fly on lap 25 with the cars of Mitch Walker in the #29, Annabeth Barnes-Crum in the #12, and Dexter Canipe Jr in the #5 all receiving damage. Canipe would be the only car to retire from the event. Watson and Piercy would pace the field to the green flag. The lead pair would go right back where they left off with a furious door to door battle for the top spot. Watson and Piercy would battle for the top spot over the next five laps until the caution would once again fly on lap 30 when Sam Butler in the #81 would come to a stop in turn three. Butler’s night would come to an early and sideline him for the rest of the evening. Watson and Piercy would bring the field back to the green flag with ten laps to go for the win. Battles would rage throughout the field but all eyes would be glued to the front duo as they would battle furiously for the win. Piercy would lead his first lap on the 39th revolution and pull ahead of Watson down the backstretch on the final lap. As the lead duo would come off the final corner Watson would make contact with Piercy and resulting in both cars spinning in front of the field. Fortunately, no other cars would be collected as the field would go to caution instead of checkers. Beane and Millington would lead the field to the restart for a green-white-checker finish. The lead duo would not disappoint and battle door to door for the win in another epic photo finish. Millington would take the win in a great race by two feet. Beane would finish 2nd with Chris Hudspeth in the #28 working his way up to finish 3rd. Taylor Satterfield in the #40 would finish 4th and Leicht would come home in 5th.

The Street Stocks would be the next to hit the track for their 30 lap feature. Jesse Clark in the #5 would qualify first and start from the point with Mark Whitten in the #77 to his outside. Ethan Johnson in the #2 and Kevin Eby in the #03 would make up the second row. Clark would move to the early lead with Whitten close behind. Eby would move to third but face a constant battle with Johnson pressuring him for the position. Derek Fowler in the #31 would move up to Johnson’s bumper to make it a three way battle for third. Clark would hang on and be the first to take the checkered flag. Whitten would finish 2nd with Kevin Eby in the #03 in 3rd. Fowler would finish 4th and Johnson would finish 5th.

Next up would see the Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models rolling off for their 35 lap battle royal. The front row would see fast timers Josh Kossek in the #44 and Chase Janes in the #47 starting up front. Row two would be made up of Todd Midas in the #50 and Zachary Dabbs in the #23 for the green flag. Kossek would move to the early lead with Janes close in tow. Midas and Dabbs would go nose to tail and face a charge by the #00 of Kyle Barnes. Contact would send Dabbs spinning and bring out the caution on lap 4. All cars would be able to continue with minimal or no damage. Kossek and Janes would bring the field back to the green on the restart. Kossek would drive back to the lead as the battle for third would rage between Midas and Barnes. Barnes would take the spot and start looking for more. Lap 11 would see Barnes move around Janes for second position on the track. The battle for third would be a four way affair between Janes, Dabbs, Midas, and the #88 of Joshua Gobble. The caution would fly on lap 17 with debris on the track as a fender came off of Gobble's hot rod and landed in turn one. Kossek and Barnes would bring the field to the green flag on the restart. After several laps of side by side battle Kossek would move back to the point. The caution would fly with a spin in turn one. Everyone would be able to continue. Kossek and Barnes would pace the field once again to the green flag. Kossek would move to the top spot as a three wide battle rage behind him for third between Gobble, Janes, and Midas. Contact would send Gobble spinning and bring out the caution on lap 20. The front row would see Kossek and Barnes for the green flag. Kossek and Barnes would battle side by side when contact between the two would send Kossek up the track. Kossek would maintain control of his car and the lead. Kossek would drive on to the win. Barnes would finish 2nd and Midas would take 3rd. Skyler Chaney in the #17 would finish 4th and Andy Holt in the #00 would come home in 5th.

The Carolina Custom Golf Carts Super Trucks would be the next to roar to life with their 35 lap slugfest. The front row would be made up of Charlie Watson in the #9 with Robert Tyler in the #88 to his outside. Joey Shuryan in the #30 and Zach Hale in the #97 would make up row two for the start. Tyler would take the high side and drive to the lead. Shuryan would face a challenge for third by the #28 of Dennis Trivette. Contact on lap 5 would send Shuryan spinning. Tyler and Watson would lead the field to the green flag. Watson would use the high side to take the lead but get pressure constantly from Tyler. The caution would fly on lap 11 as Hale would spin after contact with Shuryan. All competitors would be able to continue and Watson and Tyler would lead the field to the green flag once again. Watson would drive back to the lead with Tyler close behind. Watson would hold on and drive to the win. Tyler would finish 2nd with Trivette finishing 3rd. Shuryan would finish 4th and Hale would finish 5th.

Closing out the night's racing action would be the second of the twin 40 lap features for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Models. After the eight car invert from the finishing order of race one David Roberts in the #18 and Vince Midas in the #14 would make up row one. Row two would see Mason Ludwig in the #12 and Matt Leicht in the #2 side by side for the start. Midas would move to the early lead and bring Leicht with him. Taylor Satterfield in the #40 would work his way up to third and give battle for second. The battle for second would rage for ten laps until Leicht would nose back ahead for the position. Ryan Millington in the #15 would move around Satterfield for third position on lap 28 and around Leicht for second on lap 30. Midas would have the lead but Millington would be the man on a mission. Lap 35 would see Millington get to the leader's bumper and make his move to the inside. Millington would move to the lead on lap 38 and take the checkered flag on lap 40. Midas would finish 2nd and Leicht would finish 3rd. Beane would finish 4th and Satterfield would finish 5th.

Next week Hickory Motor Speedway will be back in action with full slate of racing scheduled including another exciting Twin 40 lappers for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series In two weeks the CARS Tour comes back to America's Most Famous Short Track for the Tel-Med Race Face 300 presented by Cloer Construction.

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Late Model – Twin Feature 1

1 #15- Ryan Millington

2 #31 – Thomas Beane

3 #28H – Chris Hudspeth

4 #40 – Taylor Satterfield

5 #2 – Matt Leicht

6 #12 – Mason Ludwig

7 #14 – Vince Midas

8 #18R – David Roberts

9 #29 – Mitch Walker

10 #9H – Ashton Higgins

11 #8 – Bob Saville

12 #25 – Matt Piercy

13 #9 – Charlie Watson

14 #19 – Jessie Cann

15 #12B – Annabeth Barnes Crum

16 #81 – Sam Butler 17 #5 – Dexter Canipe Jr.

Late Model – Twin Feature 2

1 #15 – Ryan Millington

2 #14 – Vince Midas

3 #2 – Matt Leicht

4 #31 – Thomas Beane

5 #40 – Taylor Satterfield

6 #28H – Chris Hudspeth

7 #25 – Matt Piercy

8 #12 – Mason Ludwig

9 #9H – Ashton Higgins

10 #8 – Bob Saville

11 #12B – Annabeth Barnes Crum

12 #9 – Charlie Waston

13 #19 – Jessie Cann

14 #18R – David Roberts

15 #29 – Mitch Walker

16 #81 – Sam Butler - DNS

17 #5 – Dexter Canipe Jr. - DNS

Limited Late Model

1 #44K – Josh Kossek

2 #OO – Kyle Barnes

3 #50 – Todd Midas

4 #17 – Skyler Chaney

5 #OOH – Andy Holt

6 #23 – Zachary Dabbs

7 #47 – Chase Janes

8 #88 – Joshua Gobble

Street Stocks

1 #5 – Jesse

2 #77 – Mark Whitten

3#O3 – Kevin Eby

4 #31 – Derek Fowler

5 #2 – Ethan Johnson

6 #48 – Trey Buff

7 #64 – Marshall Sutton

8 #134 – Frank Curtis

9 #3 – Kayla Eby

10 #9 – Jon Austin

Super Trucks

1 #9 – Charlie Watson

2 #88T – Robert Tyler

3 #28T – Dennis Trivette

4 #30 - Joey Shuryan

5 #97H - Zach Hale

6 #86 - Joe Simpson

