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"The Toughest Short Track in the South!"



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Late Models Put on a Show at Southside Speedway

Midlothian, VA - The Late Model division made the most of their 75-lap feature and put on a great show for the big crowd on hand Friday night at Southside Speedway.

Nick Smith made the most of some early drafting to overtake two cars on the 22nd lap. With momentum on his side, he slid easily into first on the next lap and grabbed a sizeable lead.

A six-car battle for sixth in lap 40 created a crash in turn four and bunched up the field. Chris Dodson got a good jump on the restart.

Dodson and Smith raced door-handle to door-handle, swapping leads until lap 53 when Dodson took the lead for good. He grabbed a considerable lead and never looked back.

Meanwhile, Smith held off Brad Davis for second.

Top-5 finishers were Dodson, Smith, Davis, Adam Resnick and A.J. Winstead.

The Grand Stock division got racing underway in style with an exciting finish. The contest started with five laps to go in the 25-lap race. Battling for second Donnie Newman and J.D. Eversole got hung up between turns 3 and 4. The incident sent both drivers to the back, but a double line restart put both cars back in the hunt on the restart.

Eversole jumped the restart bringing the yellow flag back out.

When the group finally got green again, Newman got a good start. By lap 23, he was again in the hunt. Battling Austin Dodge for the lead, Newman attempted to take the high line in turn 1. The strategy went awry and Newman lost two positions. Dodge picked up the win followed by Daniel Shelton, Newman, Tony Ingram and Steve Taylor. Eversole ended up with a flat tire at the back of the pack.

In the second race for the Grand Stock division, Eversole had considerably better luck. He took second behind Newman. Behind the top two were Dodge, Shelton and Bobby Curtis.

Stanley Holmes survived a melee in the Champ Kart division. Racers saw three spin outs in the first two laps before getting down to business. Holmes got the win followed by Jason Higginbotham, Chris Williams, Buzz Moore and Brad Davis.

It must have been the full moon interfering with the start of the U-Car division race as well. A big crash in the first lap took out three of the top five starters and left a fourth with major damage. Jesse Jones started second and finished fourth after surviving the crash.

Looking for the lead with five left in the 25-lap event, 2010 U-Car champion Jamie Hite nudged leader Frank Silva and got just a little too much of the No. 91 car. Silva spun out in the fourth turn and finished fifth. Hite would work his way back through the field to finish third.

Top-five in the division were Michael Hall, Mike Chapman, Hite, Jones and Silva.

In the Street Stock division Mike Gano took first in the 30-lap race. He was followed by Brian Smith, Danny Ayers, Gary Turner and Robbie Groomes.