

OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE

"The Toughest Short Track in the South!"



August 20, 2011

Attn: Sports Department

From: Chris Stefi
Competition & Marketing Director
(804) 640-6332
racesouthside@yahoo.com

Subject: Southside Speedway Results from August 19, 2011

Bobby Curtis Finds His Way Back To Victory Lane & Chris Johnson Takes Both Modified Twins

MIDLOTHIAN, Va. – Bobby Curtis gave fans a history lesson on “Back to School Night” at Southside Speedway. Curtis, a former track champion from the 90’s, picked up his first win in years in the Grand Stock division by holding off rookie Austin Dodge, Chris Sylvester, Donnie Newman and J.D. Eversole. The win was a popular one among the fans and competitors alike.

In the Modified division, Chris Johnson used the luck of the draw to take both 50 lap features. Johnson, who was the fastest qualifier, drew a “1” on the re-draw and got to start on the pole in race #1. Mike Rudy was the only driver in either race to keep Johnson’s #36 car in his sight, but was never able to mount a serious charge. Race #1 results were as follows: Chris Johnson, Mike Rudy, Ryan Wilbourne, Brad Davis and Kyle Wood. After the first race, Johnson’s luck continued as he drew a “4” for the second race. That put Brad Davis on the pole, but after a few laps, Johnson was back in front and cruised to his second win of the night. In race #2 Johnson was followed by Mike Rudy, Eddie Johnson, Ryan Wilbourne and Kyle Wood.

Daniel Thomas caught a break in the 25 lap U-Car feature when 1st place, Frank Silva and 2nd place, Michael Chapman got together and both were sent to the rear of the field. That put Thomas in the lead and he held on for his second win of the season. Thomas was followed by Rusty Bennett, Michael Hall, Tyler Davis and Richard Powers.

In the Legends, fastest qualifier, Cameron Patrick took home the checkered flag in a hotly contested 25 lap feature. Point leaders Brad Hancock and Brenden Queen had a few run-ins on the track during the race and a few words after the event, but calmer heads finally prevailed. Following Patrick, Hancock and Queen were Michael Edwards and Tony Epps.

Jason Higginbotham picked up his second win of the season and increased his points lead in the Champ Kart division. He finished ahead of Brad Davis, Buzz Moore, Hunter Ashworth and Stan Holmes.

Brian Smith was able to do something that not many people have been able to do in the Street Stock division. He passed Mike Ganoe and picked up his second win of the season. Only 2 points separate the two with the season heading down the final stretch. Paul Clemons finished third, Ricky Stotler fourth and James Loving rounded out the top 5.

In the other big event of the night, The Gade (Richmond Renegades) came out of retirement to win the gold in the first ever Mascot Ohh-lympics. He won the final competition against the Cavalier of Clover Hill High School. Other mascots on hand were Risky (Richmond Raiders); Kickeroo (Richmond Kickers); the Chick-fil-A Cow; Super Banks, the Village Bank Dog; and Boomer (Richmond Renegades) who also came out of retirement.

Southside returns to action on September 2, 2011 with "Coca Cola Fan Appreciation Night." The first 300 paid fans through the front gate will get a free Hot Dog and Coca Cola has numerous great door prizes to be given away. Twin 50s for the Late Models and Twin 25s for the Grand Stocks headline the show. A 25 lap U-Car race, a 20 lap Champ Kart and a 25 lap Pro-6 round out a full night of racing. Gates open at 6:00pm, Qualifying at 6:45pm and racing gets underway at 7:30. Go to www.southsidespeedway.com for more information.