

Darrell Lanigan Powers to Win at Lavonia Speedway

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Darrell Lanigan made a power move on Tim McCreadie with ten laps to go to get his second-straight World of Outlaws Late Model Series win of the week at Lavonia (GA) Speedway on Saturday Night, May 3. Lanigan won on Friday night at Fayetteville Motor Speedway. This was Lanigan's third victory of the season as well as his 56th career series victory in the Club 29 Race Car to the \$10,000 payday. Lanigan is the current World of Outlaws Late Model Series Point Leader.

Twenty World of Outlaws converged on Lavonia Speedway for the only WOO visit to Georgia in 2014. Brent Dixon (1d) and Tim McCreadie (39) would bring the field to green for the start of the main event. A false start for Dixon, who fired before the starting point, would move him back to the second row and new polesitter Clint Smith (44) would now bring himself and McCreadie to the green on the next try. Smith would hug the middle and hold down the top spot and lead the opening circuit. McCreadie would finally take the spot from Smith on the third lap with Smith, Lanigan, Dixon and Rick Eckert in tow.

By the eighth lap, Tim Elrod would be the first car that McCreadie would lap. Meanwhile, Lanigan would work his way up behind Smith for second and finally grab the spot on the 21st lap.

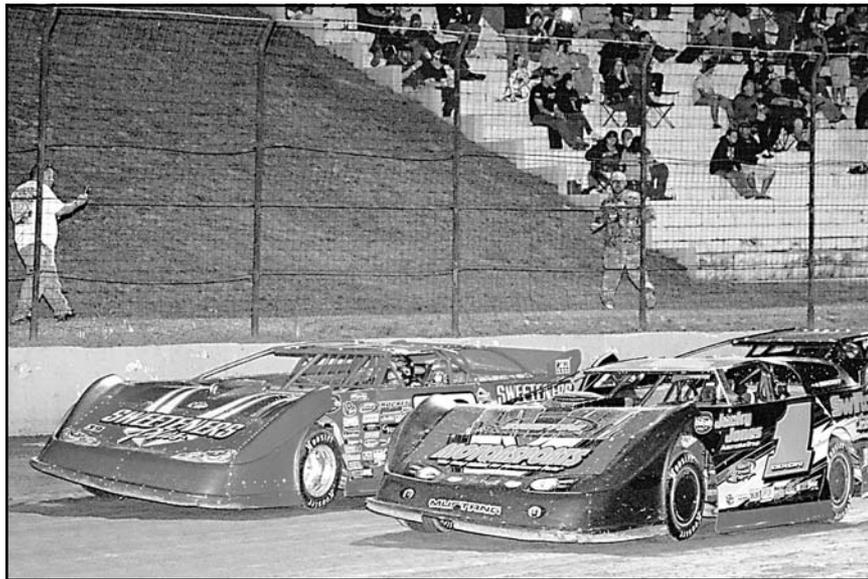
The yellow flag would wave on lap 28 as emergency personnel had to attend to a spectator who needed medical attention and come from the infield to the grandstand side.

McCreadie would bring the field down for the restart and just ten laps later, Lanigan would be on his back bumper to challenge for the lead. Coming off the second turn, Lanigan would power to the inside and grab the spot away from McCreadie and hold him off for the remaining ten laps.

Lanigan would cross the line ahead of McCreadie, Eckert, Clint Smith, who grabbed his second-straight top ten and local favorite Brent Dixon who finished fifth. This was a very fast race that took only 18 minutes and 55 seconds to complete the 50 laps at the 3/8 mile semi-banked clay oval.

Completing the top ten were Rookie-of-the-Year contender Rick "Boom" Briggs, Morgan Bagley, Shane Clanton, Chase Junghans and Kyle Bronson.

McCreadie, who was runner-up, led the majority of the race, says he blames himself for losing the lead to Lanigan behind lapped traffic. Lanigan liked the track, which brought the WoO LMS to the Lavonia Speedway for the very first time. The top



drivers stated you could maneuver all over this place on a very racy track surface.

Rick Eckert in the Rocket Chassis, normally piloted by Josh Richards, of York, PA turned the fastest overall lap of Ohlins Shocks Time Trials, circling the oval at 15.940 second. Heat Race Winners were Brent Dixon and Tim McCreadie.

For more information on the WoO LMS, visit www.worldofoutlaws.com.

Results of World of Outlaws Late Model Series at Lavonia Speedway

(Finishing Position/Start/Driver/Laps Completed/Money Won):

1. (4) Darrell Lanigan/50 \$10,650
2. (2) Tim McCreadie/50 \$5,725
3. (5) Rick Eckert/50 \$3,650
4. (3) Clint Smith/50 \$3,050
5. (1) Brent Dixon/50 \$2,600
6. (6) Rick "Boom" Briggs/50 \$2,550
7. (8) Morgan Bagley/50 \$1,950
8. (7) Shane Clanton/50 \$1,850
9. (10) Chase Junghans/50 \$1,800
10. (16) Kyle Bronson/50 \$1,150
11. (13) Chub Frank/50 \$1,600
12. (12) Casey Roberts/50 \$1,100
13. (14) Frank Heckenast Jr./49 \$1,500
14. (11) Eric Wells/49 \$1,450
15. (15) Tyler Millwood/48 \$850
16. (17) Clayton Turner/48 \$900
17. (9) Ivedent Lloyd Jr./9 \$770
18. (18) Tim Elrod/8 \$750
19. (20) G.R. Smith/7 \$730
20. (19) Benji Cole/5 \$700

Lavonia Speedway normally runs on Friday nights. Check out <http://www.lavoniaspeedway.net/> for the track schedule and track details. The Lavonia Speedway is to be commended on provide an excellent racing surface. Also, four support classes – Hobby (Daniel Fowler – 97 Winner), Fastrak Pro Late Models (Frankie Beard - 21b Winner), Stock 4 (Mitchell Godfrey – 14 Winner) and Rookie (AJ Babb – 10 Winner).



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