

## The World Crown 300 Proves to Be a Very Exciting and Action Packed Race

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Casey Roderick wins one of the best races this summer. Roderick of Lawrenceville, Georgia became the new KING OF THE SHORT TRACKS and winner of this year's World Crown 300 presented by Victory Junction! At one time during the race, Roderick was a lap down, but him and his crew overcame adversity and on a last lap pass after a bump and run of Kyle Grissom, Casey captured the checkered flag. Roderick bumped Kyle Grissom out of the lead in turn three on the final lap and drove his Graham Trucking No. 7 to the checkered flag first, earning the Southern Super Series presented by Sunoco victory in the 31st Annual World Crown 300.

Roderick overcame an early incident that caused some damage to his No. 7 Super Late Model. As the race wore on, he lost a lap, but gained it back via the series' free pass rule. He then made a late charge to get to leader Kyle Grissom's back bumper. On the final lap, a bump that moved Grissom up the track opened up just enough room for Roderick to drive to the win.

Grissom took the lead from defending Southern Super Series champion Daniel Hemric on lap 292 and showed the way until the last-lap bump-and-run from Roderick.

Augie Grill led a race-high 200 laps, only to fall out on lap 247 while leading after contact with the wall caused by engine woes in his No. 112 car.

Southern Super Series point leader Bubba Pollard led 45 laps and looked to be in the catbird's seat when Grill had his issues, but a flat tire cost him a shot at his first World Crown victory.

For all the craziness with the leaders, 13-year-old Harrison Burton showed the perseverance of a veteran. He earned a free pass late in the race and battled with the leaders to the finish before tying a career-best Southern Super Series finish of third.

Daniel Hemric hung on following some late-race contact from Kyle Grissom to finish fourth. Jeff Choquette finished fifth.

Twenty-six Late Models qualified for the event. Kyle Grissom was the last car to qualify and he captured the pole. There were 12 lead changes among seven drivers through the course of the World Crown 300.

The Southern Super Series returns to action on Saturday, September 6 in the Alabama 200 at Montgomery Motor Speedway. For more information on the event, visit [www.montgomerymotorspeedway.com](http://www.montgomerymotorspeedway.com). For more information on the Southern Super Series, visit [SouthernSuperSeries.com](http://SouthernSuperSeries.com).

Gresham Motorsports Park also had the Truck Series Race and the Outlaw Late Model Series as part of the World Crown 300. Curt Britt in the 47 captured the win in the Truck series with Matt Vassar second, Kevin Vassar third, Jami Weimer fourth and Cecil Flowe fifth. Lee Langford in the 28 won the Outlaw Late



**Casey Roderick in Victory Circle**

Model World Crown 300 30-Lap Main Event. Russell Shore was second, David Murphy was third, Shawn Simpson was fourth and Brian Hardman was fifth.

Check out Gresham Motorsports Park events at <http://www.greshammotorsportspark.com/>.



**#31 Kyle Grissom, #98 Daniel Hemric & #7 Casey Roderick**



**Augie Grill in the 112**



**#26 Bubba Pollard with tire going down**



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