

Winter Freeze V

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The Winter Freeze V began on February 5 with three exciting nights of racing with the World of Late Models Late Models, the Renegades of Dirt Modifieds and the Screven Late Models. This was the first visit for the Renegades of Dirt Modifieds to Georgia, 36 modifieds from nine states were on hand for the three nights.

On Thursday, Dale Mathison in the 9M won the Renegades of Dirt Modifieds feature, David Streme was second and Chris Parker was third.

Josh Richards won the World of Late Models race. Josh Richards kicked off the new late model season with a dominant victory during the opener of Winter Freeze V at Screven Motorsports Complex. Richards was sidelined in the 2014 season with a medical condition. Richards broke a track record during qualifying and outran a 37-car field to bank a \$5,000 victory, beating Frank Heckenast Jr. to the checkered flag. Casey Roberts, Morgan Bagley and Brandon Overton rounded out the top five.

On Friday, KC Burdette won the Renegades of Dirt Modifieds, David Stemme was second and Shon Flanery was third.

Steve Casebolt added another major accomplishment to his resume Friday night at Screven Motor Speedway in earning his first-career World of Outlaws Late Model Series victory during the opening races on the national tour's 2015 season.

Casebolt, 36, of Richmond, IN, overtook Brandon Overton of Evans, GA., on lap 44 of Friday's 50-lap Winter Freeze A-Main at Screven's 3/8-mile oval and turned back Overton's last-ditched effort to retake the lead in the closing laps. The former Eldora Dream winner earned \$10,600 in just his second start behind the wheel of a Club 29 Race Car for new car owner Tye Twarog.

Overton settled for the runner-up spot, falling just shy of claiming his own breakthrough WoO LMS victory after leading the race's first 43 laps. He was followed by a pair of three-time WoO LMS champions in third-finishing Billy Moyer of Batesville, Ark., and fourth-place Josh Richards of Shinnston, W.Va. Shane Clanton of Zebulon, GA, rounded out the top five finishers in a race slowed by five cautions.

Ben Faircloth won the Screven Late model feature.

On Saturday, Huntersville, NC Derrick Ramey won the Renegades of Dirt Modifieds feature leading flag to flag. Shon Flanery was second and Rich Michael Jr. was third.

Shane Clanton snapped a 66-race WoO



LMS winless streak that stretched back to June 1, 2013, Clanton overtook Steve Casebolt of Richmond, IN, on the final lap of Saturday's 50-lap A-Main to earn \$10,550 for the 21st WoO LMS victory of his career.

Casebolt settled for second in wrapping up an impressive weekend that saw the Hoosier State driver claim his first-career WoO LMS victory during the tour's season-opening race Friday night. Brandon Overton, the Evans, GA driver who finished second to Casebolt in Friday's A-Main, was third in Saturday's feature. Billy Moyer of Batesville, Ark., followed his third-place finish on Friday with a fourth-place effort Saturday evening, while Casey Roberts of Toccoa, GA, gave home-state drivers three top-five.

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