

**RACIN JASON WILLIAMS
DOUBLES UP THE VICTORIES
AT NEW SENOIA RACEWAY**

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May 29, 2011 (Senoia, GA) Racin' Jason Williams accepted the laurels after winning the Mike Wheeler's Automotive & Transmission Late Model feature race Saturday night at New Senoia Raceway. But, Williams was more excited about winning his first feature as a car owner after Doug Stevens piloted a Williams owned car to the feature victory in the Crown Security Crate Late Models. It was the first win for Stevens in the crate engine powered dirt late model while Williams claimed his second straight victory.

Other Saturday night winners at the 3/8ths mile clay oval included Billy Bright, Sr., in the Newnan Bonding B Cadets, Clifton Moran in the Summit Racing Equipment Hobby Stocks, Eric Hogsed in the Mini Stock and Drew Roberts in the Bombers. Michael Mills also picked up accolades by besting the field of Spectator Drag racers.

Racin Jason Williams of Locust Grove snatched the pole position with the night's fast time in the Mike Wheeler's Automotive & Transmission Late Model division. His position helped him launch to the lead at the drop of the green while Thomaston's Shane Fulcher slid down in front of Bowden's Shane Criswell for second place. Current late model points leader Lavon Sparks ran fourth with Fayetteville's Glen Morris fifth.

While Williams and Fulcher pulled away by a few car lengths, Criswell and Sparks battled side by side for the number three spot. The third place battle went back and forth twice with Sparks finally getting a handle on the outside to secure the position before Criswell would spin out on lap six.

Williams never relinquished his number one position while the same was true for Fulcher in second. Sparks came home third followed by Glenn Morris and Criswell.

"I am more excited tonight about being a winning car owner," said Williams during the front stretch interview. "It was good to see Doug (Stevens) get his first win for this team."

Griffin's Doug Stevens took the lead at the drop of the green in the Crown Security Crate Late Model feature race. Stevens

bested three-time feature winner Russ Ogletree of Phenix City, AL to the first turn while Columbus' Randy Hester ran third and Hamilton's Thomas Lewis fourth.

The race to watch was for the fifth place position. Waco's Tim Bright, Jr., battled wheel to wheel with Grantville's Doug Ludwig as Jenkinsburg pilot Trey White faded from the top five. Bright and Ludwig would run side by side on the eighth circuit until Ludwig was able to work past on lap nine.

Stevens reached the lapped traffic of Newnan's Parrish Duncan and Fayetteville's Troy Tyson on lap 15. Duncan and Tyson were racing for position when the faster cars closed in. Stevens was forced into slowing down which allowed Ogletree to close the gap. Stevens was able to work past the fight for position and then coasted to his first win in the crate late model division and the first win for car owner Jason Williams. Ogletree ran second with Thomas Lewis, Doug Ludwig and Tim Bright, Jr. rounding out the first five.

A wild and scary finish to the Newnan Bonding B Cadet feature had the crowded grandstand in silence for five minutes after the checkered flag flew over the field. Union City racing teammates Billy Bright, Sr. and son Billy Bright, Jr. raced one two for the majority of the 20-lap feature race while a three car tussle for third developed between Stockbridge's Jeff Carter, Hamilton's Brand Lewis and Grantville's Blake Griffin.

While the Brights paced the field at the half way point, Brand Lewis shot past Jeff Carter for third. Carter would dive low and scoot back past Lewis on lap 14 with Blake Griffin joining the train on the low side pushing Lewis back to fifth. Carter, Griffin and Lewis continued in a classic New Senoia Raceway battle until the final lap of the race.

With the white flag flying, Bright Sr. held the point. Billy Bright, Jr. gave it his all and when rolling through the final two turns of the race, Bright, Jr., spun in front of the field leaving the driver's side door exposed to a hard charging Blake Griffin. The heavy impact hushed the crowd as Billy Bright, Sr. drove under the checkered flag.

After several minutes, both Billy Bright, Jr. and Blake Griffin climbed from their race cars dazed, but uninjured.

Carrollton's Clifton 'Hog Head' Moran dominated the Summit Racing Equipment Hobby Stock feature. Moran won his fifth of the season after sneaking past Barnesville's Eddie Albitron for the lead. Last week's feature victor, Newnan's Rusty Johnson, finished in second ahead of Albitron, Brooks' Kerry Carden and Locust Grove's Wilson Boozer.

Eric Hogsed of Douglasville finished first in the Mini Stocks for the second straight week and this win he got to keep. Hogsed was found illegal in post race inspection last week and was disqualified from the win. Last week, Whitesburg's Dorough Bright was awarded the win after Hogsed's nullification.

This week Bright's luck was bad as the Mini Stock point's leader blew an engine on lap eight while running second to Hogsed again. The unfortunate turn of events allowed newly graduated Douglasville driver Matt Black to move back in front of the point's race for the four cylinder stock car division.

Hogsed won the Mini Stock feature ahead of Black. Newnan's Joe Spencer ran an excellent race and finished in third. Douglasville's Rocky Johnson and Hogansville's Matt Swancey rounded out the top five.

In the Bomber feature race, fans were entertained by some great racing, some fender crunching crashes and a second straight win for Roberta's Drew Roberts.

Russell Frost of Jackson was the first driver to taste the concrete walls surrounding New Senoia Raceway. This allowed Griffin's David Johnson to shoot past Newnan's Michael Nelms for the lead position. Drew Roberts moved Nelms back one more spot within the next circuit.

Johnson and Roberts ran side by side for three straight laps as they battled for the race lead. Roberts was finally able to use a lapped car to create a pick forcing Johnson to slide back to second behind Roberts.

The 'Grantville Grenade', Austin Horton, was methodically working his way through the field while Roberts and Johnson worked lapped traffic. Horton bumped Johnson when he caught him on lap 13 in turn three. Johnson slid high in turn four allowing Horton to slide past. Johnson's car continued to climb up the track with the end result a hard slam into the front stretch wall. The crash forced Johnson to retire early without taking the final checkered

flag of the night.

Roberts would win the feature race by holding off Horton. Michael Nelms ended up coming home third ahead of Grantville's Jonathan Hemmings and Newnan's Randy





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