

2nd Annual Frostbuster 40 at 411 Motor Speedway Jason Welshan, Mike Marlar, Corey Hedgecock Winners

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CT Promotions and 411 Motor Speedway partnered for another early season special event in the form of the Second Annual Frostbuster 40. 130 drivers were on hand to race in 6 classes.

In the Super Late Models Class, Jason Welshan of Maryville, TN scored the victory and \$3,500 payday. The Open Wheel Modifieds would also be a part of the program and Mike Marlar of Winfield, TN would claim the \$1,000 victory in the Frostbuster 25 for the division. Corey Hedgecock of Loudon, TN grabbed the victory and the \$1500 payday in the Crate Class.

Jason Welshan would take the initial race lead, with Cory Hedgecock working past John Ownbey, the pole sitter, in the

early going to take the second position, with Donald McIntosh holding down the third spot by lap 5. Welshan would stretch his lead a bit until he started the process of working slower traffic on lap 11 and this would allow Hedgecock to close in on Welshan for the lead. At this point, Welshan and Hedgecock would put on a clinic as the pair would masterfully work slower traffic, but as they proceeded to work traffic and race each other, McIntosh would start to close in on the lead pair by lap 21. The first caution of the event would wave on lap 26 when Billy Ogle, Jr. would spin in turn one as the lead duo of Welshan and Hedgecock was set to attempt to put him a lap down. The restart would see McIntosh snatch the second position away from Hedgecock and McIntosh would briefly take the lead from Welshan exiting turn two on lap 28



ERNIE GINGRICH (9G) RUNNER UP OPEN WHEEL MODIFIED FEATURE FEATURE



MIKE MARLER, WINNER- OPEN WHEEL MODIFIED FEATURE

with a slidejob pass, however, Welshan would deliver a slidejob of his own in return and remain as the leader as the field completed lap 28. Welshan would pull away from McIntosh a bit with eight laps remaining, but one more caution would slow the event as debris would be on the track in turn three on lap 35 and third place running Hedgecock would pull to the infield with mechanical issues and would be finished for the event. The final five circuits would see Welshan maintain a comfortable lead and take the event win, with McIntosh finishing second, while Mike Weeks would finish in the third position. Michael Chilton and polesitter Ownbey would complete the top five. The remainder of the top ten finishers would be Carder Miller, Steve Smith, Stacy Boles, fifteenth starting Shanon Buckingham, and Ryan King.

The Open Wheel Modified main event

would be a caution free affair with Mike Marlar leading all 25 circuits to claim the victory. Ernie Gingrich and Brad Hall would battle for the second position in the last half of the race, with Gingrich able to hold off Hall to claim the runner-up spot. Jody Puckett and Jimmy Dalton would round out the top five finishers. The remainder of the top ten finishers would be Brad Dyer, Skylar Marlar, Austin Francis, A.J. Garber, and Wayne James.

Derik Duggan was the Mini-Stock Winner, Logan Dukes was the Class Xar Winner, and Eddie Stewart was the Modified Street Winner.

Consult 411motorspeedway.net for the 2017 schedule. The McCarters are operating 411 Speedway and Volunteer Speedway both this season. Check out www.CTPROMOTIONS.org for upcoming Super Late Model and Open Wheel Modifieds events.

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