

Donald McIntosh Wins Second Straight Schaeffer's Southern Nationals Event at Senoia Raceway

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The Schaeffer's Oil Southern Nationals Series presented by Sunoco Race Fuel and Tennessee RV made its fourth tour stop of 2017 at the "Gray Gumbo" of Senoia Raceway in Senoia, GA and Donald McIntosh of Dawsonville, GA would become the first repeat winner with the tour in 2017 and scored his second-straight series victory and picked up another \$3,500 top prize payout.

Donald McIntosh took the lead at the drop of the green flag on the event and by lap two would hold the advantage over Riley Hickman, Brandon Overton, Shane Clanton, and Shanon Buckingham. Hickman and Overton would immediately begin to battle for the second position as the pair would race several laps side-by-side for the position. As race leader McIntosh began working traffic on lap nine, Overton turned up the wick on Hickman in the battle for second and the pair would trade slide job passes on lap ten before Hickman would reclaim the spot. McIntosh would open almost a full straightaway

lead over the second-place battle before Overton finally disposed of Hickman for the runner-up slot on lap sixteen.

As the field saw the halfway signal on lap eighteen, Overton would set his sights on McIntosh as the leader would start working heavy lapped traffic on lap twenty. McIntosh would clear the slower traffic on lap twenty-four and would be able to pull away again a bit from Overton as the field would see the five to go signal. However, the pace would be slowed to set up a five-lap shootout as Farrel Skelton would draw the only caution of the event with a spin in turn four as the field worked lap thirty-one. The restart would see McIntosh pull away a bit from Overton, while Buckingham would challenge Hickman for third and take the final podium spot on lap thirty-two. As the leader saw the white flag, fifth-place Clanton would challenge Hickman for the fourth and would get the spot headed into turn three, but McIntosh would see the checkered flag first, with Overton finishing second, and Buckingham third, while Clanton and Hickman completed the top five. The remainder of the top ten finishers would be Craig



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