

Donald McIntosh Dominates Schaeffer's Oil Southern Nationals Series at 411 Speedway

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The Schaeffer's Oil Southern Nationals Series presented by Sunoco Race Fuels and Tennessee RV would present its third event of the 2017 points chase at 411 Motor Speedway in Seymour, TN and Donald McIntosh turned in a dominate performance as he would lead all thirty-five circuits of the event and score a \$3,500 payday.

The victory by McIntosh would make him the third different winner with the series in three events and would come aboard the Blount Motorsports owned Massey Electric/Ole Ben Franklin Store/Stowers CAT/Blount Excavating/Cherokee Millwright/Arnold's Trucking/DR Investments sponsored #7m Rocket Chassis, Vic Hill Race Engines powered mount.

McIntosh took the lead at the start of the thirty-five-lap main event, but a four-car tangle ensued as the field was set to complete the opening lap that involved defending race winner David Crabtree, Vic Hill, Steve Casebolt, and Riley Hickman, with all but Crabtree able to continue. The restart would see McIntosh again jump to the lead, with David Doherty, Chicky Barton, Vic Hill, and Jason Cardwell giving chase. Hill would get by Barton on lap five as McIntosh would start the process of working slower traffic on lap eight. Meanwhile, 12th place starting Jake Knowles would race his way into the top five and would grab the fourth position on lap nine. The only other caution of the event would wave on lap ten as Chicky Barton spun in turn four and Craig Vosbergen would also be involved.

This restart would again see McIntosh motor away from the field, while Doherty and Hill would settle into a battle for the runner-up position. McIntosh would begin working slower traffic again on lap fourteen and would continue to pull away from the field. While Hill continued to pressure Doherty for second, McIntosh would stretch his lead to almost a full-straightaway advantage, while Knowles would begin to reel in the second and third place machines before Hill would finally snatch second position away from Doherty on lap twenty-five. Meanwhile, McIntosh would have his mount set on cruise-control out front, Knowles began to pressure Doherty for third. As McIntosh would take the white flag to begin the final lap, Knowles would dive under Doherty in turn one and grab the third position. McIntosh would see the checkered flag first, with Hill take second, and Knowles finishing third. Doherty and Cardwell would complete the top five. The remainder of the top ten finishers would be Brandon Overton, Riley Hickman, Shanon Buckingham, Steve Casebolt (who pitted for a flat right-rear tire after the opening lap incident and returned to start at the rear of the field), and Kenny Collins.

Check out the Schaeffer's Oil Southern Nationals Series website at www.SouthernNationalsSeries.com.

Corey Hedgecock took the top spot in the Crate Late Series ahead of Jason Welshan, Ross White, Greg Martin and Jesse Lowe. John Stevens won the Classic Car Series. Brad Seagle picked up the win in the Sportsman feature. Check out <http://411motorspeedway.net/> for more 411 Speedway information.



McINTOSH ON HOT LAP



McINTOSH COLLECTS AGAIN

Overton Dominant in Schaeffer's Oil Southern Nationals Stop at Tri-County Race Track

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The Schaeffer's Oil Southern Nationals Series presented by Sunoco Race Fuel and Tennessee RV visited Tri-County Race Track in Brasstown, NC for event number two of the 2017 series points chase and Brandon Overton of Evans, GA would turn in a dominant performance as he would all thirty-five laps of the event on his way to a \$3,500 payday.

Brandon Overton would jump to the lead at the start of the 35 lap Schaeffer Oil A-Main contest, with Donald McIntosh and Steve Casebolt giving chase, while Craig Vosbergen and Shanon Buckingham would battle for the fourth position. Overton would stretch his lead in the early going and would start working slower traffic by lap six. Buckingham would finally win the battle for fourth with Vosbergen and claim the position on lap seven. As Overton continued to motor away from the field and work traffic with a magic touch, the first of three caution flags waved on lap eleven when a multi-car tangle on the front chute would eliminate Jason Welshan from competition. The restart would see Overton and McIntosh pull away from the field, while Buckingham would challenge Casebolt for the third spot and take it on lap thirteen. Overton would start working traffic again by lap fifteen as Casey Roberts would make his way into the top five and grab fourth from

Casebolt on lap sixteen.

As Overton continued to sit a torrid pace at the point, Roberts begin to mount a charge toward the front as Roberts would snag the third position from Buckingham on lap twenty-three and immediately challenge McIntosh for second and grab the runner-up position on lap twenty-seven. Roberts charge to the front would be aided by a caution flag on lap thirty when Levi Hicks would stop in turn one with mechanical issues, while third place running McIntosh would enter the work area to replace a flat left-rear tire and return. Overton would pull away from Roberts on the restart and it looked to be smooth sailing, but a final caution on lap thirty-three for a spin by Jason Walker would close the field up one final time. The final restart would see Overton not be denied on this night and he would see the checkered flag first, with Roberts and Buckingham claiming the final two podium positions as they would finish second and third respectively. Vosbergen and Casebolt would complete the top five. The remainder of the top ten finishers would be Jake Knowles, Kenny Collins, Donald McIntosh, Robby Moses, and Ivedent Lloyd, Jr.

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