Short Track

SMITH SLIDES TO VICTORY AT SENOIA RACEWAY

(July 17, 2015 - Senoia, GA) After completing a perfect slide job on a pair of young hot shoes, veteran short track ace Clint 'Cat Daddy' Smith of Senoia roared on to his sixth Super Late Model feature win of the season at Senoia Raceway. Smith slid in front of Douglasville's Mason Massey to gain second before performing the same feat two laps later to gain the lead over Senoia's Joey Armistead.

"Finished second tonight, got passed on slider with a few to go. And finishing right behind someone with as much practice and experience as Clint isn't something to be upset about," said the 19-year-old Armistead. "On the bright side I learned a new move tonight."

Smith also captured the Limited Late Model feature victory while Alabama's 'Thrillin' Dylan Knowles won the main event for the Crate Late Models. Griffin's Jack Mills grabbed the checkered flag for the B Cadets and Curtis Turner of Brooks claimed the top spot for the Hobby Stocks. Dorough Bright of Newnan won for the second straight week in the Bomber division competition and Griffin's Marc Leath brought home his first win of the season besting the Mini Stock class.

Young Joey Armistead flexed his muscle early as he and Douglasville's Mason Massey battled for the lead position in the Super Late Model feature. Each time Massey tried to get a run on his fellow teenage competitor Armistead would slam the door shut.

The two battled for several laps teasing the good crowd of spectators until lap 17 when Clint Smith ran low in turn one sliding up the banking in turn two to shut off the momentum of Massey and steal away second place. It was two laps later that he performed the exact same move on Armistead to claim the lead as the field was given the five to go signal. Smith pushed his lead to a few car lengths while Armistead and Massey continued their dogfight for the runner-up spot.

On the final lap with Smith firmly in the lead and pulling away, Massey tried to gain the low groove on Armistead as the two slid sideways out of the final turn. While the two gained control, Joey Armistread's dad, Joe Armistead, Jr., tucked his car up against the wall and snuck past the unsuspecting Massey to steal away third by less than a foot at the finish line.

Clint Smith waited until the last lap to create his heroics in the Limited Late Model race. Locust Grove's 'Racin' Jason Williams had been leading since the drop of the green flag when Smith began knocking on the door with two to go. Williams ran high out of turn two on the final lap allowing Smith to shoot down low. The two races side by side into turn three with Smith gaining the advantage just before the finish line. The former Limited Late Model track champion, Williams, would settle for second place followed by Newnan's Chris Carr in third. Carr ran his best race of the season nabbing his first podium finish of 2016.

Great racing was evident all night in all of the classes as the gray gumbo clay has proven to be an equalizer with drivers searching the high side and the low side for the fastest way around. Some will choose the low groove and keep it against the interior concrete while others will run it nearly wide open on the top side. It depends upon how each driver sets up their car and it has created some of the best racing seen in the southeast region in years.



Clint Smith

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Marc Leath





Curtis Turner



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