

Swainsboro Raceway: Turkey 100, Madden Captures the \$20,000

Story/Photos by Phillip Prichard, MSA Swainsboro Raceway hosted the Turkey 100 on Thanksgiving weekend. This is the 50 year Swainsboro Raceway has operated as a race track. The Turkey 100 drew sixty-two (62) Crate Late Models with prominent names such as Madden, Davenport, Lannigan, Johnson, Gibbons, plus many more from surrounding states.

Thursday night kicked off with a practice for all classes. Friday's schedule consisted of practice for the six classes, qualifying for the Zaxby's Crate Late Models, heat races for the support classes and six (6) heat races for the Zaxby's Crate Late Models.

Chris Madden posted the fastest overall time in the qualifying of the 62 Zaxby's Crate Late Models. The Gray Court, SC driver clocked in with a lap time of 14.508 seconds around the 3/10 mile clay oval. Madden secured the pole for the 100 lap feature by winning the first heat race. The pole award earned Madden an additional \$400 from GRW Competition Engines. Kyle Bronson and Ches Chester were second and third.

Ross Bailes earned the outside of the front row by winning the second heat race. Jeff Smith

and Brian Connor rounded out the top three.

Gib Gibbons won the third heat, Trent Ivey was second and Joshua Bishop was third.

National Dirt Late Model Hall of Fame Inductee Ronnie Johnson of Chattanooga, TN dominated the fourth heat race. Johnson is the 2013 and 2014 NeSmith Chevrolet Dirt Late Model Series National Champion. Michael Page of Douglasville, GA and Cla Knight rounded out the top three.

Jonathan Davenport captured the fifth heat over Matt Henderson and Carter Stokes. Matt Henderson will start the H2Duayne Hommel tribute car from the 11th position. World of Outlaws Late Model Champion Darrel Lannigan was sandwiched in a three wide battle that resulted in extensive damage to his #1 Crate Late Model. The damage caused Lannigan to withdraw from Saturday's competition.

Michael Brown won the sixth heat over Jason Welsh and Dennis "Rambo" Franklin.

Saturday's action began with three "B" Mains for the Zaxby's Crate Late Models. In the first "B" Main, Ben Faircloth and Josh Adkins advanced to the "A" Main. Jordy Nipper and



Joey Coulter advanced in the second "B" Main and John Gill, known as the modern day cowboy is a 2013 National Dirt Late Model Hall of Fame Inductee and Dustin Mitchell advanced in the third "B" Main.

The field of twenty-seven (27) Zaxby's Crate Late Models was set for the Turkey 100. Chris Madden (44) had the dominate car for the entire race. Third place finisher Ross Bailes (75) was Madden's competition in the first few laps. Jonathan "Superman" Davenport (49) tried a slide job in the final laps that resulted in damage to both the 44 and the 49, that resulted in Madden having crawl to out the right side in victory lane. On the 100th green flag lap, it was Madden taking the checkered flag and the \$20,000 prize money.

"Rambo" Franklin brought

out the first caution on lap 12 when he lost a rear wheel that would retire him from the evening. Matt Henderson and Jason Welshan brought out cautions in the first half of the race. The last caution was on lap 81 for Cla Knight. Twelve drivers completed the 100 laps.

The top ten were: Madden, Davenport, Bailes, Kyle Bronson, Jordy Nipper, Ronnie Johnson, Michael Page, Michael Brown, Joshua Bishop, and Josh Adkins.

A Non-Qualifier's race was held after the Turkey 100 with Brandon Overton taking the checkered flag and the \$750.

The historic Swainsboro Raceway not only has the dirt track, it has a kart track and a Mud Bogg. Information on Swainsboro Raceway can be accessed at www.swainsbororaceway.com.

Georgia State Outlaw Championships - Screven Motor Sports Complex

Story/Photos by Phillip Prichard, MSA South Beach Tow's stars Bernice and J-Money were the Co-Grand Marshalls of the Fourteenth Annual Georgia State Outlaw championships at Screven Motor Sports Complex. The headliner race of the weekend was the Renegade Fours 100 lap event paying \$10000 to the winner. Other classes at the Screven Motor Speedway were Super Street, Super 7 Crate Late Models, Pure Street V-8 and Road Warriors. Events at the Savannah River Dragway and the Gamecock Kart Speedway were in action on both days, also. Seventy-eight (78) Renegade Fours Cylinders were signed in on Friday from 14 states to seek the \$10000 purse to the winner. Friday's events included heat races, qualifying and feature races for all of the classes. 136 cars total were on hand for all of the classes.

Saturday's Speedway events began with hot laps, heat races, qualifying for the Super 7 Late models, and the feature races. The first feature race was the Super Street with Wally Fowler (4) winning the race with Luke Scott (49) second and Lance Beck (19) third. The Pure Stock V-8 were up next with Jason Potts (04) taking the win, Robbie Disher (411) second and Tommy Hadon (57T) third. The Renegade Four Feature was next with forty-two (42) cars taking the green for 100 exciting, action packed laps. Andrew Smith (62) of Pooler, GA started on the pole and dominated most of the race. Smith was challenged throughout the race by Bradley Williams (212) who lead a few laps and would finish second. During the first 85 laps, caution laps were counted but only green flag laps were counted on the last 15 laps. At

times, there were three and four wide battles of 4 cylinders. Andrew Smith took the checkered flag securing the \$10000 prize money, but in the final tally he earned \$11000 total for being the winner, pole winner and leading the most laps. Smith was, also, the 2013 winner of the event. The top ten finishing order was: Justin Smith (23), third; Luke Wilson (44) fourth; Greg Garrison (2G) fifth; JJ Williams (912) sixth; Brian Bacon ((7B) seventh; Bubba Johnson (87) eighth; Timmy Dasher Jr (7X) ninth; and Jackie Holden (67) tenth. Brian Ligon (4L) won the Super 7 Late Model 40-Lap feature with Bob Robertson (21x) finishing second. The remainder of the top five were: Mark McLead (24) third; Jim Manka (60) fourth; and Dillon Brown (00B) fifth. Brian Turner (24) won the Mini-



WALLY FOWLER WON THE STREET STOCK RACE

Stock feature. The 3/8 mile clay oval Screven Motor Speedway will host the "Beast of the East" on February 4-7 for four nights of modified action. This will be the first visit to the "Peach State" for the Renegades of Dirt. On February 6 & 7, the World Outlaws Late Models will kick off their 2015 season paying \$10000 to the winner each night. Visit <http://www.screvenmotorsports.com/> for information on the unique facility that contains the speedway, dragway, kart track and a mud bogg.



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