

John Hunter Nemechek Wins the 47th Snowball Derby

Bubba Pollard Wins the Snowflake 100

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17-year old John Hunter Nemechek put his name in the history books by winning the 47th Snowball Derby at Five Flags Speedway. The second generation driver, son of Joe Nemechek made a daring move by taking tires with five laps to go and powering by the front runners who stayed out during the caution for the win.

Nemechek was working on a short night's sleep, due to the Snowflake 100 finishing in the early morning hours. As he pulled the Number 8 NEMCO Motorsports into victory lane, the tears of joy would fall. He stated he was emotional as he captured the checkered flag and saw all of his family and crew waiting in victory lane. He said that he used his disappointment in coming up second in the Snowflake race to guide him to victory in the Snowball Derby.

This is the second straight year that a 17 year old has captured the victory. Nemechek stated, it's amazing to even have your name in the history books with so many great drivers that have run this race over the years.

Dalton Sargeant (5) finished second, Derek Thorn (25) finished third, Hunter Robbins (18) finished fourth and Grant Enfinger (90) finished fifth. Sixty-nine cars entered the 47th Snowball Derby for thirty-seven starting positions. Hunter Robbins claimed the pole during Friday's qualifying. Local favorite Johanna Long qualified second. Long lead the initial 59 laps before spinning late in the race and she finished 17th.

Chase Elliott who took the lead from Nemechek on lap 153, he tried to avoid hitting the spinning Erik Jones and was hit from behind causing him to hit Jones' car. Elliott's car was damaged but he shortly returned to the race, but he ultimately parked the car with heavy front end damage. On lap 220, Chad Finley and Bubba Pollard tangled and Finley's car caught fire bringing out a red flag for the extended cleanup. *(Continued on page 9)*



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