

"Superman" Davenport: 2015 Lucas Oil LM Dirt Series National Champion

Story/Photos: Phillip Prichard, MSA

Jonathan "Superman" Davenport, a Blairsville, Georgia native, clinched the 2015 Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series National Championship. Davenport had a fantastic year winning a total of 21 of 58 races. He, also had 35 top 5 finishes and 40 top 10 finishes. Davenport, who was the 2012 Rookie of the Year, finished 55-points ahead of Scott Bloomquist in the 2015 championship standings.

Davenport reached victory lane on eleven (11) different occasions and finished in the top five in nineteen (19) of the 2015 Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series. Piloting the TS Crane Service, Sundance Services, Sundance Flowback Well Testing, Mega Plumbing of the Carolinas, JRi Shocks, Bryson Motorsports, Longhorn Chassis - powered by a Rumley Racing Engine, Davenport becomes the fifth different champion since the national tour began in 2005.

Jonathan Davenport collected over \$75,000 in cash and other prizes at the series year-end Championship Gala. In the final championship point standings, Scott Bloomquist (TN) finished second, followed by Jimmy Owens (TN), Don O'Neal (IN), and Earl Pearson Jr. (FL), rounding out the top five in series standings.

In addition to his championship, he, also, won the TV Race Challenge sponsored by Bad Boy Mowers and E3 Spark Plugs. The TV Race Challenge is awarded to drivers in the twelve televised events of the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series. The TV Race Challenge netted him a bonus of \$10,000.

Davenport stated, "What an incredible year! It's been awesome to battle Scott [Bloomquist] for the champion-



ship. I feel like he [Bloomquist] is as good now as he has ever been, and we beat him at his best. It sure means a lot to me to accomplish what we have. His crew of Kevin, LeRoy, and Brian of Rumley Enterprises work so hard week after week, I can't thank them enough for everything they have done."

Other highlights of the year for Davenport are: Winning the 45th World 100 at Eldora Speedway. He became just the fourth driver to sweep the major dirt late model races at Eldora; He won the Dirt Late Model Dream and the \$100,000 in June at Eldora; and winning the 33rd North/South 100 at Florence Speedway.

Congratulations to the 2015 Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series National Champion, Jonathan Davenport.

The 2016 Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series will begin at Golden Isles Speedway in Waynesville (Brunswick), GA on 4-6 February. Check out <http://lucasdirt.com/> or <http://www.goldenislesspeedway.com/> for more details.

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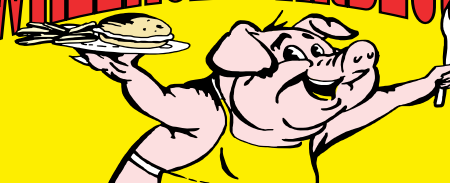
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LaMance Wins Fastrak, McCoy Wins in SE Sportsman LM at Lavonia

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Steve "Hot Rod" LaMance won the battle over Zack Mitchell for \$2000 payday in a phenomenal Georgia State Championship Race, as Ron Parker secures his 1st career FASTRAK Southeast Touring Series Championship at Lavonia Speedway.

The Lavonia Speedway & Entertainment Complex in Lavonia, Georgia unleashed the 2015 fall spectacular edition entitled the "Georgia "TOPLESS" State Championships. The venue's headlined "main event" card decided the 2015 championship finale for the FASTRAK Racing Series Southeast Touring Division with a \$2,000 to win \$250 to start feature. The bigger picture is what's at the end of the rainbow, \$10,000 was awarded to the competitor after this event concludes who can survive Lavonia to become the 2015 FASTRAK Racing Series Southeast Touring Division Champion. When the race concluded that was so exciting the lights even went out in Georgia (well at least at the speedway) as HotRod Steve Lamance in the TNT chassis was able to hold



off #57 Zack Mitchell that had the fans to their feet. LaMance would prevail as the winner in front of the home town fans as Ron Parker would take the \$10,000 championship.

The race was slowed by five caution flags but nothing serious with a few solo spins. However when the green came back out there was racing all over the greatly prepared 3/8th mile clay oval for daytime racing and was the highlight race of the entire GA State Championships. Drivers involved in the yellows included #15 Cody Pritchett, #05 Grant Jordan, #21 Nathan Bray and others for debris, but the race was up front. However in addition to the race it there was a \$10,000 title to decide the champion of the season. The drivers that we're in the final 4 we're Ron Parker, #11 David Smith, #2 Colby Cannon and #42 Clay Knight only separated by 32 points. They rallied through the field with times having Parker and Smith side by side on the track for position.

The final lap had #85 Steve LaMance take the victory, 2nd would go to #57 Zack Mitchell with #8 Ron Parker blowing a tire ending up 3rd with #21 Kenny Collins 4th and #11 David Smith rounding out the Top 5 at the finish to round out the 2015 FASTRAK Racing Series season for the 12th consecutive year of motorsports action.

The other big race of the day was the Southeastern LM Sportsman Series with David McCoy in the #187 earning the checkered flag and the \$2000 check. Bubba Russell in the #32 was second; Brant Carey in the #1A was third; Stephen Segars in the #45 was fourth; and Daniel Wilson in the #12W was fifth. Twenty-five Sportsman Late Models were on hand for the event.