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## Motorsport america....

## Rome Speedway

## Jonathan Davenport wins the Old Man's Garage Spring Nationals Series Finale at Rome Speedway

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In front of the largest crowd in the history of Rome Speedway, Jonathan Davenport won the Old Man's Garage Spring Nationals Series finale.

The Blairsville, GA driver made the eleven-hour trek from Wheatland, MO where he finished fourth in Saturday's Show-Me 100 to drive the # 116 normally driven by Crossville, TN driver Randy Weaver. Davenport picked up the \$6,000 payday while driving the Outlaw Racing Southeast, Stone Land Clearing and Excavating, Mission Transport, A.F. Stone Professional Medical Service and The Bailey Company-sponsored Cornett Racing Engines-powered Longhorn Chassis. Weaver is still sidelined from a concussion that he suffered earlier in the year crash at East Alabama Speedway. This was Davenport's second win of the season on the tour.

Davenport led all 50 laps for the win over Casey Roberts, Jason Croft, Dale McDowell, Jason Hiett. Clint Smith, Jake Knowles, Austin Horton, Donald McIntosh and Ashton Winger rounded out the top-10.

Dash Finish: Jonathan Davenport, Casey Roberts, Jason Croft, Ashton Winger

Heat-One Finish (Top-8 transfered): Dale Thurman, David Payne, Jake Knowles, Billy Ogle Jr., Vic Hill, T.J. Reaid, Jason Hiett, Austin Horton, John Ownbey, Stacy Boles, Buster Goss.

Heat-Two Finish (Top-8 transfered): Dale McDowell, Clint Smith, Chris Madden, Mike Marlar, Derek Ellis, Donald McIntosh, Tyler Millwood, Ivedent Lloyd Jr., Cody King, T.J. Brittain, Zach Leonhardi.

In post-race activities, Donald McIntosh of Dawsonville, GA was crowned the 2016 series champion for the second-straight season. Rome Speedway also set an attendance record on Sunday Night during the series points finale. The tour, along with promoter Ray Cook would like to thank all of the tracks, promoters, teams and fans for another incredible Spring Nationals Season.

The top five in the Steelhead Late Model Series were: Aaron Wilson, Chris Fennell, Austin Smith, Jason Smith and Matt Dooley.

The top five in the Crate Late Model Series were: Jeff Smith, Andy Picklesimer, Will Roland, Hunter Jones and Bubba Pollard.

Petey Cochran won the Super Bomber



Jonathan Davenport in Randy Weaver's 116 led flag to flag in the Old Man's Garage Spring Nationals Series finale at Rome Speedway

race; Landon Bagby won the Economy Bomber race; and Brian Dempsey won the Street stinger race.

Rome Speedway will have the Independence Day Celebration on 3 July with a gigantic fireworks show. Visit http://www.dixiespeedway.com/ for more information.

The 2016 Southern National Series will begin on 16 July at Wythe Speedway with eleven (11) races in two weeks in Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina. Visit http://southernnationalsseries.com/southern\_schedule.html for details.



Langdon Bagby in Victory Circle after winning the Economy Bomber Race



Jonathan Davenport being congratulated by Rome Speedway owner, Mickey Swims and Chase Swims for winning the Old Man's Garage Spring Nationals Series finale.



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