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## 2015 Circle K/NOS Energy Outlaw Showdown

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The 2015 Circle K/NOS Energy Outlaw Showdown at the Dirt Track at Charlotte headlined the World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series and the South Eastern Crate Association Late Models on May 22. The 4/10 of a mile track opened in May of 2000 across the street from Charlotte Motor Speedway. Prior to this race, Donny Schatz had the most wins of any the series events at the track with seven (7) victories. This number jumped to eight (8) victories following this event.

Twenty-two (22) World of Outlaws Sprint Cars were on hand for the event. Donny Schatz of the Bad Boy Buggies team earned the pole, won the 6 Lap Dash Race and won the A-Main. Kraig Kinser starting on the outside of the front row and he jumped out to the lead. Kinser led the first 10 laps. Schatz passed Kinser on lap 13 after a brief caution. By lap 15, Schatz was running away from the field, quickly catching lap traffic. David Gravel got around Kinser on lap 16 and set his sights on Schatz.

By lap 27, Gravel was catching Schatz. On lap 28 of the 30 lap feature, Gravel was on the back bumper bar of Schatz, but Schatz blocked Gravel's move and Schatz would capture the checkered flag. David Gravel praised Schatz as being a smart racer and the best in the business. Gravel's second place finish was the best finish of the season for the Number 7 Destiny Motorsports car.

The battle for the last podium spot (third) was one of the best battles of the evening. Daryn Pittman and Kraig Kinser battled for the spot but Pittman claimed the third place finish. Rounding out the top ten were: 4th, Shane Stewart; 5th, Paul McMahan 6. Kraig Kinser ; 7th, Brad Sweet;



8th, Logan Schuchart; 9th, Dave Blaney and 10th, Kerry Madsen. Schatz earned \$12000 for his evening's work. This was Schatz's 11th World of Outlaws Sprint Car series of the season. The South Eastern Crate Association made its inaugural trip to the Dirt Track at Charlotte as part of the Friday night's

racing. 20 year old Trent Ivey of Union, SC earned the pole with a lap of 16.670 in the Heintz Brothers Performance Time Trials. 48 crate Late Models were on hand for the event.

When the green flag dropped Ivey vaulted to the lead with veterans, Dennis "Rambo" Franklin and Rickey Weeks in tow. On lap 12 of the 25 lap event, Weeks worked his way around Rambo and Ivey on the top side. With 4 laps to go, Ivey worked his way around Weeks and never looked back. Ivey charged to the checkered flag claiming his 6th victory of the 2015 season. Rambo worked his way around Weeks on the last lap. The top five were: Ivey, Franklin, Weeks, Zack Mitchell and Corey Gordon. 6-10 finishers were: Ryan Atkins, Teddy Musgrave Jr., Matt Lawson, Mark Parks and Larry Timms.

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