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Shane Clanton wins the 19th Annual Coors Light Fall Classic

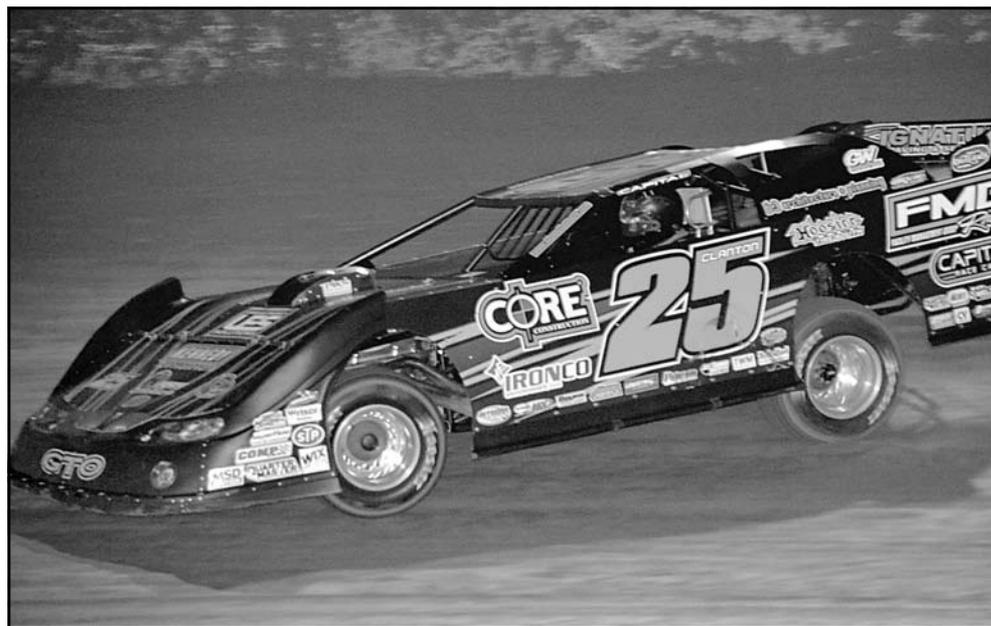
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Shane Clanton, known as the "Georgia Bulldog" of Zebulon, GA., won the 19th Annual Coors Light Fall Classic earned at Whynot Motorsports Park and earning \$15000 for the win on the 24-26 October weekend.

Clanton, who started seventh, took the lead from Don O'Neal who was last year's winner on the 11th lap. Clanton led the rest of the way in the 100 lap event at the one-third mile oval, known for its consistent racy surface just south of Meridian, Mississippi.

O'Neal, who started outside the front row, finished second while eighth-starting Steve Francis was third in Clint Bowyer Racing's Barry Wright house car. Jeremy Payne of driving the Greenbrier, Ark.-based GRT Race Cars house car, started and finished fourth while Klint Byars of Calhoun City, MS., rounded out the top five.

Neil Baggett of Shannon, MS was the pole sitter, but he was



among the early retirees and was listed 22nd in the 24-car field during a chilly weekend.

Clanton raced into the second spot after just five laps, he used the low groove to roll past the high-running O'Neal for a lead.

Clanton's Kennedy Motorsports Capital Race Car is powered by a Clements Racing Engine and sponsored by Core Construction, Keyser Mfg., Ironco and b3 Architecture + Planning. Clanton stated they

had to make numerous changes to the car following the hot laps.

O'Neal was within striking distance of Clanton late in the race, but wasn't able to make a serious challenge. Clanton cruised to the historic win.

Capt Herb Emory
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And I guess that's reason why I haven't been a lap-by-lap watcher of the NASCAR play-offs. It's been a millionaires' playground since they started letting teams have more two cars and I guess that famous 1992 Hooters 500 in Atlanta really was more historic than I realized. Alan Kulwicki's 10-point win over Bill Elliott would be the last time that a driver drove his own car to claim the championship. It was also basically the last time a small racing operation was the big winner, except for maybe the 1999 championship when Dale Jarrett drove for the two-car Robert Yates team.

The most important thing to me in these last races of the year will not be where Johnson and Kenseth are running. It will be the same as it has been since this year's Daytona 500. How is my bud and Georgia driver David Ragan doing?

I know David doesn't have a chance at the championship, but I know he has the talent and given the right circumstances, the ability to win. He proved that with his Talladega win this year and that's really my main concern on race day now.

I have to say I often wonder how I would react if Dale Jr. was one of the drivers with a chance of being champion. I'm guessing I just might be a bit more interested and so would a lot of others that will always be loyal to the Earnhardt name.

Sad News from Atlanta Motor Speedway:

The following is a statement from Atlanta Motor Speedway President Ed Clark:



"It is my sad duty to inform you that our dear friend and colleague **Marcy Scott** has lost her courageous battle with cancer. Marcy died this morning at her parent's home in Lilburn, GA.

Marcy's contributions to Atlanta Motor Speedway as our Promotion and Marketing Director were numerous. For over eight years, she guided the promotional and advertising efforts for the speedway and its events. In addition, before joining the

speedway in April of 2005, she worked for a number of teams and sponsors in the sport with the list of drivers including Matt Kenseth, Jeff Green and Ricky Craven.

We will all miss her charisma, her penchant for detail and her way of making any task fun and enjoyable. To people throughout the NASCAR and the Atlanta media communities, she was a great friend and a consummate professional.

Please keep Marcy's parents Buck and Charlotte and her brother Stewart in your thoughts and prayers during this time."

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, December 7:
Join the U.S. Marines and Capt. Herb for Newstalk WSB Toys for Tots Fest Noon till 4PM.

On display — WSB Skycoper, A Tank, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Jeff Gordon Race Cars and Simulators, G.B.I. Bomb Truck and Robot, Mayberry Patrol Car, "Walking Dead" TV Show, fire, law enforcement vehicles and More. Country Music Hall of Famer Rhubarb Jones, WSB's Mark Arum, Smilin' Mark McKay, Jason Durden, Doug "Fireball" Turnbull, Shadetree Mechanic Sam Memmolo. Fun

and Fellowship for the Entire Family

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West Cobb Dairy Queen-3721 Largent Way Marietta, GA 30064

• Hiram Dairy Queen-3485 Jimmy Lee Smith Parkway Hiram, GA 30141

• Carrollton Dairy Queen-300 South Park Street Carrollton, GA 30117

Friday, December 13:

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