

STEPHEN NASSE DOMINATES SHORT TRACK U.S. NATIONALS AT BRISTOL

Saturday, June 1, 2019: Stephen Nasse conquered The Last Great Colosseum at the 3rd Annual Short Track U.S. Nationals at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Nasse the 24-year-old Super Late Model driver from Florida was the fast qualifier and led the first 30 laps from his pole starting position. Then an early pit stop for a loose wheel sent the young driver to the rear of the pack for a restart.

"I was definitely upset sitting on pit road," Nasse said. "Once I got back out on the track, I was able to see the forward drive I had, I was killing everybody. It gave me a lot of peace of mind. Time wasn't my concern, just keeping my nose clean."

Nasse went into attack mode and stormed through the field. He caught the leader Casey Roderick and was able to retake the lead with four laps to go as a lapped car spoiled Casey's momentum.

Roderick — disappointed after coming so close to a Bristol win — expressed his respect for Nasse in a post-race interview.

Steve Wallace, Josh Brock, and Anthony Sergi rounded out the top five. I was hoping that my driver — Bubba Pollard from Senoia, Georgia — would be in attendance — however, he did not make the trip.

Just so you know these Super Late Models are fast! Stephen Nasse's pole qualifying speed broke Ryan Blaney's track record set back in the spring by a couple of ticks.

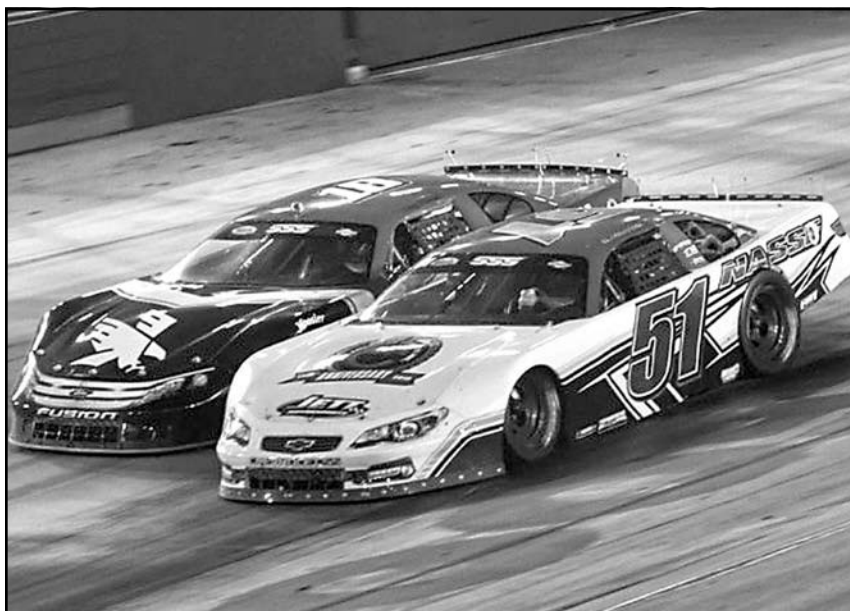
Nasse 14.526 at 132.094 mph Blaney 14.528 at 132.076 mph.

This was my first trip to Bristol in almost 20 years. I am so very glad that I was able to attend this event. It's all about real racers and real racing! I will be here next year if at all possible.

I also plan to visit Five Flags Speedway in Pensacola this December and watch many of these same great drivers compete in the Snowball Derby a 300 lap affair on another terrific half-mile track.

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NASSE RACIN RODERICK HARD FOR THE LEAD
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