HORTON DUSTS SUPER LATE MODEL FIELD AT WEST GEORGIA SPEEDWAY

(Whitesburg, GA – July 23, 2021) In the first-ever sanctioned Super Late Model event in the history of West Georgia Speedway, it was nearby racer Austin Horton, of Newnan, that stole the show and etched his name into the record books for winning on Thursday night, July 22. Austin earned Fast Time honors overall during the Schaeffer's Oil Southern Nationals Series qualifying session and later rolled off from the pole position in the 40-lap headliner. With a large crowd on hand at the Whitesburg, Georgia facility, Austin controlled the field from green to checkers and survived a restart with only three circuits remaining to lay claim to the \$4,053 winner's check.

Outside polesitter Brent Dixon, who paced Group B during time trials, chased Horton throughout the contest, but never managed a serious bid for the top spot. The Elberton, Georgia ace finished 1.775 seconds behind in the runner-up position. Pearson Lee Williams improved one spot during the course of the race to grab the final position on the podium in third. Dirt Draft Rookie of the Year contender Garrett Smith brought his #10 machine home in fourth while Kenny Collins moved up to fifth to complete an all-Georgia top five.

"It feels great to win here at West Georgia," exclaimed Horton in Schaeffer's Oil victory lane. "I made my first laps here. I cut my teeth here in a street stock. We've came a long way in a short time. Man, I don't even know what to say ... just glad to do it at the hometown track and get us another win. After a rough hot laps, it couldn't have went any better after that!"

Austin's third career Schaeffer's Oil Southern Nationals Series victory moved him into a tie for eleventh all-time on the miniseries win list with Mike Marlar and Clint Smith. His triumph came aboard a #16 XR1 Rocket Chassis by Clint Smith Racing with sponsorship from Super K Express, Orr's Towing, GW Performance, Franklin Enterprises, Top Notch Graphics, and Horton's Inc.

Round five of the Schaeffer's Oil Southern Nationals Series drew a 27 car field for the firstever visit to West Georgia Speedway. Eventual winner Austin Horton stopped the clock quickest in FK Rod Ends qualifying with his fast time of 14.090 seconds. Michael Page secured the win in GoSunoco Racing B-Main #1, while Jordy Nipper was victorious in American Racer South B-Main #2. Ahnna Parkhurst and Jeff Neubert utilized series provisionals to gain access into the A-Main, while Benjamin Cranford and Chuck Southard both took use of their emergency provisional.For additional information, rules, point standings and more, visit the track website at www.wgsracing.com

Official Results – Thursday, July 22, 2021

Schaeffer's Oil Southern National Super Late Models (Feature): 1-Austin Horton, Whitesburg 2-Brent Dixon, Elberton 3-Pearson Lee Williams, Dublin 4-Garrett Smith, Eatonton 5-Kenny Collins, Colbert 6-Mark Whitener, Middleburg, FL 7-Dalton Cook, Columbus 8-Donald McIntosh, Dawsonville 9-Cody Overton, Evans 10-Wil Herrington, Cochran 11-Jensen Ford, Johnson City, TN 12-Benjamin Cranford, Lousiville 13-Stacy Boles, Clinton, TN 14-Jeff Neubert, Knoxville, TN 15-Michael Brown, Pageland, SC 16-Chuck Southard, Franklin, NC 17-Ahnna Parkhurst, Evans 18-Dale McDowell, Chickamauga 19-Tyler Millwood, Kingston 20-Michael Page, Winston 21-Joey Armistead, Senoia 22-Todd Morrow, Chattanooga, TN 23-Will Harris, Pendergrass 24-Jordy Nipper, Gray Non-Qualifiers: Billy Franklin, Calera, AL; Sam Seawright, Rainsville, AL; Joe Denby Fast Qualifier: Horton - 14.090 seconds / 95.81 mph

Summit Racing Equipment Late Model Sportsman (Feature): 1-Richie Stephens, Phenix City, AL 2-Bubba Gorman, Columbus 3-Tim Lenz, Columbus 4-Shane Payton, Newnan 5-Noah Cornman, Mt. Dora, FL 6-Mitchell Keaton, Temple 7-Jamie Godbee, Carrollton 8-Chris



Lafever, Winchester, TN 9-Randy Hester, Columbus 10-Andrew Moody, Villa Rica 11-Shaun Heath, Acworth 12-James Swanger, Whitesburg 13-Morgan Alexander, Locust Grove 14-Payton Stevenson, Locust Grove 15-Cole Ingram, Anniston, AL Fast Qualifier: Stephens – 15.971 seconds / 84.53 mph

Gerber Collision & Glass Chargers (Feature): 1-Cole Barrett, Villa Rica 2-Landon Frix, Newnan 3-David Jackson, Whitesburg 4-Richard Scott, Jackson Fast Qualifier: Jackson – 17.886 seconds / 75.46 mph

West Georgia Tire Bomber (Feature): 1- Derick Matthews, Whitesburg 2-Dustin Smith, Senoia 3-Jordan Wallace, Ranburne, AL 4-John Holcomb,

Griffin 5-Bobby Mills, Griffin 6-William Blair, Whitesburg Fast Qualifier: Matthews – 18.756 seconds / 71.96 mph

Massey Towing Mini Stock (Feature): 1-David Brackett, Temple 2-Joey Payne, Fairmount 3-Stephen Smith, Carrollton Fast Qualifier: Brackett – 21.001 seconds / 64.29 mph

Hot Shots (Feature): 1-Doug McClain, Kennesaw 2-Alex Treadwell, Newnan 3-Jonathan Nelson, Marietta 4-Paul Heitsenrether, Marietta DQ: Rick Ricks, Marietta (locked differential) Fast Qualifier: disallowed due to DQ

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