

## Riggins racks up third Senoia Summer Nationals title

(Senoia, GA – August 18, 2019) The highly anticipated return of the winged outlaw sprint cars to the tight confines of Senoia Raceway was welcomed with a packed house on Saturday night and two time Senoia Summer Nationals winner Eric Riggins of Charlotte, North Carolina did not disappoint the masses. Riggins held off all challenges leading all thirty laps of the main event to capture his third title. He also captured the victories in 2014 and 2015.

“It feels really good to win on this slick track,” said Riggins afterwards in victory lane. “I was trying to find moisture near the top of turn two to help keep my momentum. It worked!”

Joining Riggins as victors on this special night were Douglasville’s Mason Massey for the second straight week in the Crate Late Models, Alabama’s Dylan Knowles in the Late Model Sportsman, Jake Sanders of Camp Hill, Alabama in the Hobby, Griffin’s Larry Pierce in the Bomber and Andrew Moody of Temple in the Chargers.

“The fans saw a great show tonight,” said promoter Mayes Massey. “Great racing. Fast cars. And we had everyone headed towards home by 10:30pm. Some even wandered the pit area before hitting the highway. That’s the good night we aim for every weekend.”

Massey’s son, Mason, continued his dramatic ways of winning races. The current competitor on the NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series has been back at his home track for the past couple of weeks winning a week ago Saturday with a last lap pass after making contact with Jake Rainey.

This week Massey ran strong tracking down early race leader Colby Darda from LaGrange. Darda held the low line while Massey ran up top for several laps. Darda started to try different grooves on lap 10 allowing Massey to close in. On

lap 12, Darda charged into turn three with Massey also running the low side and the two banged doors. Massey kept his composure as the two both kept going without spinning. He took the lead away for good two laps later.

Commerce’s teenage sensation, Payton Freeman, worked past Darda with five laps remaining using the top side of the race track. Freeman closed the gap on Massey applying pressure, but was unable to get past him. Wayne Harbin of Sharpsburg moved past Darda a few laps before the end as did Bobby Mills of Griffin and Jamie Maurice of McDonough.

Griffin’s Larry Pierce survived a caution-filled Bomber race to win his first career feature at Senoia Raceway. The long time competitor was the benefactor of a late race caution for a blown engine on then leader Dustin Smith’s Chevrolet Camaro. Pierce then hold off Zebulon’s Jim Jackson in a final green, white, checkered finish.

Temple’s Andrew Moody also etched his name in the record book of winning drivers at Senoia Raceway. Moody claimed his first victory by winning the Chargers race. Moody nabbed the lead after 15-year-old Oxford driver Dawson Martin lost control of his ride on the front stretch and slammed the inside retaining wall. McDonough’s Brant Hardin was second ahead of Monroe’s thirteen-year-old Trae Kirk in third.

On the strength of his Hobby feature win Saturday night, Jake Sanders also reclaimed the divisional points lead as he moved past Barnesville’s Landon DeGraff. The two have been in a heated battle for the points championship since June with DeGraff stealing away the number one spot a week earlier. The two will go into this weekend’s race separated by only thirteen points.



**Eric Riggins**  
(USCS photo)

### Official Results Saturday, August 17, 2019

USCS Sprint Cars Senoia Summer Nationals X (Feature): 1-Eric Riggins, Charlotte, NC 2-Johnny Bridges, Cherryville, NC 3-Terry Gray, Bartlett, TN 4-Mark Ruel, Jr., Jacksonville, FL 5-Justin Barger, Cornelius, NC 6-Hayden Martin, Olive Branch, MS 7-Ronny Howard, Nesbit, MS 8-Morgan Turpen, Cordova, TN 9-Matt Kurtz, Jacksonville, FL 10-Joe Larkin, Suwanee 11-Jeff Willingham, Ripley, MS 12-Chase Howard, Nesbit, MS 13-Tim Perry, Mooresville, NC 14-Brian Thomas, Pendegrass 15-Tony Agin, Ft. Myers, FL 16-Bob Auld, Largo, FL 17-Eric Gunderson 18-Danny Oliver, Pendgrass 19-Mark Lott, Southaven, MS Dash winner: Perry Heat Race Winners: Gray; Bridges; Riggins

USCS 600cc Mini Sprints (Feature): 1-Mike Hall, Knoxville, TN 2-Mike Magic, Winder 3-Michael Miller, Winder 4-Chase Garner, Tuscaloosa, AL 5-Kyle Amerson, Matthews, AL DNS: Russell Ramsey, Lake City Dash winner: Hall

Crate Late Models (Feature): 1-Mason Massey, Douglasville 2-Payton Freeman, Commerce 3-Wayne Harbin, Sharpsburg 4-Bobby Mills, Griffin 5-Jamie Maurice, McDonough 6-Colby Darda, LaGrange 7-Blant Duke, Whitesburg 8-Landon Bagby, Winston 9-Marty Massey, Winston 10-Tanner Collins, Franklin 11-Lamar Haygood, Douglasville 12-Chase Baker, LaGrange 13-Dow Kirkland, Lake Spivey 14-Heath

Carr, Ashland, AL 15-Shane Payton, Newnan Fast Qualifier: Massey – 15.107 seconds/89.3 mph Late Model Sportsman (Feature): 1-Dylan Knowles, Lannett, AL 2-Jamie Nicholson, Jr., Locust Grove 3-McKenna Nelms, Newnan 4-Jason Williams, Locust Grove 5-Billy Stevenson, Locust Grove 6-Jack Mills, Griffin 7-Scott Shelton, Fayetteville 8-Brandon Bright, Newnan 9-Jason Turner, McDonough 10-Kole Hardy, Nicholson Fast Qualifier: Knowles – 15.501 seconds/87.1 mph

Hobby (Feature): 1-Jake Sanders, Camp Hill, AL 2-Keith West, Powder Springs 3-Ben Wells, Milner 4-Landon DeGraff, Barnesville 5-Chris Arnett, Lannett, AL 6-Mike Hillman, Villa Rica 7-TJ Joiner, Lithia Springs 8-JR Hardy, Covington 9-Michael Couch, Senoia 10-Blake Harmon, Mansfield 11-Brandon Henderson, Senoia Fast Qualifier: Harmon – 15.556 seconds/86.8 mph \*new track record\*

Bomber (Feature): 1-Larry Pierce, Griffin 2-Jim Jackson, Zebulon 3-Shannon Stephens, Franklin 4-Dustin Smith, Senoia 5-Carley Arnett, Lannett, AL 6-Curtis Turner, Brooks DQ: Derrick Matthews, Whitesburg Fast Qualifier: Turner – 16.715 seconds/80.7 mph

Chargers (Feature #1): 1-Andrew Moody, Temple 2-Brant Hardin, McDonough 3-Trae Kirk, Monroe 4-Landon Frix, Newnan 5-Lucas Pittman, Grantville 6-Jason Stevenson, Locust Grove 7-Dawson Martin, Oxford 8-Scott Amoson, Newnan 9-Jimmy Baxter, Jr., Newnan

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