

The 2017 Schaeffer's Oil Bonus Series, Spring Nationals, Southern Nationals Series Champions

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Brandon Overton captured the 2017 Schaeffer's Oil Southern Nationals Series title. The 11 race series began at Wythe Raceway on July 15 and concluded at Tazewell Speedway on July 29. Overton won the championship by 30 markers over Shannon Buckingham, Donald McIntosh, Craig Vosbergen and Kenny Collins. Farrel Skelton was named the AR Bodies Rookie of the Year. Seven drivers had perfect attendance on the tour in the final point standings. A total of 114 different drivers raced with the tour. Overton's championship goes with the Schaeffer's Oil Spring Nationals Series title he captured on Memorial Day weekend.

Brandon Overton wrapped up the Schaeffer's Oil Spring Nationals 2017 scoring the series championship at Rome Speedway. Overton was 14 points over Donald McIntosh, Ricky Weiss, Michael Chilton and Shannon Buckingham.

Donald McIntosh of Dawsonville, GA was crowned the 2017 series champion. McIntosh earned a total of \$15,106 in points money from the Bonus Series. He earned \$10,053 for the championship plus \$5,053 for the overall champion (Bonus Series, Spring Nationals, Southern Nationals overall highest points earner) while David Payne of Murphy, NC collected \$5,053 for second place in series points and Joey Standridge of Tellico Plains, TN earned \$2,553 for his third place points finish. Jeff Neuber and Brandon Overton rounded out the top five.

The 2018 schedules for the Schaeffer's Oil Spring Nationals Series, the Schaeffer's Oil Southern Nationals Series and the Schaeffer's Oil Southern Nationals Bonus Series were revealed during the 30th Annual Performance Racing Industry (PRI) trade show in Indianapolis. Total purses, points funds and nightly bonuses are nearly \$900,000 for the three tours making it the largest set of regional tours

in the country.

The Schaeffer's Oil Southern Nationals Series presented by Sunoco Race Fuels and Tennessee R.V. two-week tour will be entering its 14th season. Toccoa (GA) Speedway joins the tour for the first time on Thursday July 19th paying \$3,500-to-win. A former track returning to the schedule includes a Monday July 16th stop to Volunteer (TN) Speedway for a 35-lap and \$3,500-to-win race. Three events pay \$10,000-to-win on the 11-race tour. Tazewell Speedway is the only track to host an event every season for what will now be the 14th time. Brandon Overton of Evans, GA is the defending series champion.

The Schaeffer's Oil Spring Nationals Series presented by Sunoco Race Fuels and Tennessee R.V. will be entering the sixth season of competition in 2017. Senoia Raceway will start the series schedule for the first time in Georgia with a double-header on March 30-31. Tazewell Speedway joins the series for the first time for a \$10,000-to-win event on April 7th. 411 Motor Speedway also joins the tour for the first time on April 13th paying \$5,000-to-win. Brandon Overton of Evans, GA is the defending series champion.

On the Schaeffer's Oil Southern Nationals Bonus Series presented by Sunoco Race Fuels and Tennessee R.V., which is entering its fifth full season of competition, features 15 scheduled dates from March until November with a couple of TBA dates. The series will co-sanction five events with the Schaeffer's Oil Iron-Man Championship Series in 2018. New tracks on the tour include: Toccoa (GA) Raceway, Lake Cumberland (KY) Speedway and Volunteer (TN) Speedway. The series schedule is highlighted by five \$10,000-to-win events. Donald McIntosh of Dawsonville, GA is the defending Bonus Series points champion.

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