

Leah Pritchett Raced to Factory Stock Showdown Victory at the NHRA U.S. Nationals

BROWNSBURG, Indiana (September 3, 2018) – Leah Pritchett raced to Factory Stock Showdown victory behind the wheel of her Mopar Dodge Challenger Drag Pak at the 64th annual NHRA U.S. Nationals on Monday afternoon.

The win, Don Schumacher Racing's (DSR) 16th at the famed Indianapolis venue, and 330th overall, came as DSR celebrated a milestone 20th anniversary at the team's hometown event.

Complete domination best describes the performance by Pritchett and her Mopar Dodge Challenger Drag Pak team. Pritchett, once again pulling double duty in Top Fuel and Factory Stock Showdown (FSXX), ran low E.T. of every single qualifying and elimination round during the race weekend, including resetting the FSXX E.T. and speed records with an 8.002 second at 172.56 mph run to claim her second career pole in the class.

Pritchett kept the hammer down, posting an 8.111 second at 170.04 mph pass in the opening round of eliminations to defeat Aaron Stanfield, a run of 8.077 at 170.73 to take out Kevin Skinner and an 8.119 at 169.74 mark in the semifinals to



chase down Stephen Bell. In the all-DSR Mopar Dodge Challenger Drag Pak final,

Pritchett powered past teammate Mark Pawuk on an 8.108 at 170.26 mph pass to claim her first Factory Stock win in her first final-round appearance in the class.

“That’s what we call a picture-perfect weekend over here on the left side of the racetrack,” said Pritchett, a resident of nearby Avon, Indiana.

“Absolutely overwhelmed and impressed. The developmental work by Mopar and Dodge to not only be fast, but to make more power than anybody else, to stick it to the ground and do it time and time again, reliably, is so impressive. For one, I love having fun when I race and this is the epitome of having fun and racing. Tuning to the track and constantly always working on being faster, and to be low of every single session of the U.S. Nationals, that’s eight rounds. When I say that, I mean legally and officially, not to be contested. It is a testament to this team – Kevin Helms, Terry Snyder and all of DSR and the people back in Detroit.

“The expectations are high. Don Schumacher wants us to be No. 1 qualifier, low of every round and win the race, and there’s no better time to do that than the U.S. Nationals. We know how to do it now, we’re not going to let that get too far ahead of us. The season is coming to a close, and we are going to make a run at this as hard and as fast as possible just like these Drag Paks do.”

Qualified: No. 1 (8.002 E.T. at 172.56 MPH)

The Results:

E1: 8.111 E.T. at 170.04 MPH defeated Aaron Stanfield 8.171 E.T. at 167.38 MPH

E2: 8.077 E.T. at 170.73 MPH defeated Kevin Skinner 9.409 E.T. at 107.61 MPH

E3: 8.119 E.T. at 169.74 MPH defeated Stephen Bell 8.593 E.T. at 166.23 MPH

E4: 8.108 E.T. at 170.26 MPH defeated Mark Pawuk 8.191 E.T. at 167.51 MPH



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