



Local driver Bubba Pollard had an electrical problem



Daniel Hemeric held on for a 2nd place win

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Sauter and Elliott fighting for 1st place



18-year-old Chase showed them how it was done



Winners of the SpeedFest Weekend at Watermelon Speedway



The end of a great weekend of racing

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Elliott stated Sauter was already free getting in, we both ran in hard, we got loose, hit each other. Unfortunately he spun out and we kept going. But whether he tells you or not, he knows we didn't wreck him on purpose.

Still, it was a disappointing loss for Sauter because he dominated Speedfest for a second straight year and was dramatically denied the top trophy. The NASCAR veteran built his car from scratch, enjoyed success with it, but has yet to post a win behind the wheel.

Sauter had scored the pole, setting a new track record in the process on Saturday, adding to the source of his frustrations. Johnny Sauter set a new track record on Saturday with a qualifying time of 15.562 seconds

or 02.533 mph. His time eclipsed the old record by .047 second, earning him the \$500 qualifying bonus. David Regan had the previous track record at 15.609 which was set in the 2012 Speedfest qualifying.

With Elliott left unchallenged in Sauter's defeat, the battle for second became the final task with Southern Super Series rivals Hemric and Bubba Pollard fighting for the spot. Hemric won when Pollard suffered bad luck with electrical problems, leaving Hemric to settle in behind Elliott. Elliott had a margin of victory of 1.968 seconds over Hemric.

23 year old Daniel Hemric, the 2013 Southern Super Series Champion finished second in his #98 Jack Link's Beef Jerky /Ford. Hemric and his Carswell Motorsports team hadn't

even planned to race this weekend until Thursday night, softening the blow of finishing second yet again to the 18-year-old from Dawsonville. Hemric started in the 5th position.

Finishing in third was Austin Theriault of Fort Kent, Maine in the #57 Mulkern Excavation /Toyota. Theriault who started 11th had a career high finish in 10 all-time ARCA/CRA Super Series starts.

David Ragan (77) finished fourth, and Jeff Cannon (33) was fifth, Scotty Ellis (83) was sixth, John Wes Townley (5T) was seventh, Lee Tissot (71) was eight, Kyle Grisson (31) was ninth and rounding out the top ten was Garrett Campbell (12).

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