

Track Talk



July 25, 2010

Ross Wins Caron 100

It was almost a race you were jinxed to lead. Six different leaders and 16 lead changes, including a sea-saw battle between Alex Leschenko and Tony Mikulcik through the middle of the race that saw the lead go back and forth seven times.

It had been a caution free night up to this race. Three Cooper Tire thunder stock races, three Budget Car and Truck Rental street stock races and two SKL Trailer pro truck races without a single caution.

There was a planned competition caution at lap 40 of this race for fuel. That seemed to change the tone of the race. It seems once the drivers saw the caution flag they wanted to see it again and again.

After driver introductions that included the drivers emerging from a stretch limo, Ben Busch got off to a quick three lap lead before being overtaken by Scott Williams. By lap 16 Scott Lucas worked his way up to the front for a ten lap run before Alex Leschenko took over the lead driving Wade Wohlford's second truck.

Leschenko took the lead into the competition caution and through the first caution of the night in lap 44 for debris. Around the half way point of the race, in lap 49 Tony Mikulcik started challenging for the lead, a battle that continued for 20 laps with the lead going back and forth seven times.

Leschenko got away with the lead in lap 64 and was cruising away when Wade Wohlford lost control on the back straight and spun sideways on the track. The caution flew but it was already too late as Leschenko and Mikulcik found themselves going full speed and staring at the left side of Wohlford's truck.

In an effort to avoid, Mikulcik went low and Leschenko went high. Leschenko couldn't get high enough and connected with Wohlford's truck behind the driver's side rear wheel, twisting the frame around the right rear wheel.

Wohlford and Leschenko were quickly released by the ambulance personnel and were seen walking together back to their pits. The mirror image trucks had to be untangled and dollyed off the track.

When the green flag finally flew, it was only a three lap run when Mikulcik's truck started making an awful banging/grinding/clanking noise. Obviously he had torn up his differential. Caution flew again to check for oil on the track surface.

Ken Ross now inherited the lead but was only able to hang on for four laps when Lucas once again fought his way in front. Seven laps later Rylan Utigard just lost it through corners one and two, just about tagging the outside wall at the top of the hill. The trucks would be bunched up one more time for the final run to the finish.

Lucas got a good run off and was cruising to victory. Ross was running pretty consistent though at one or two tenths faster than Lucas. The battle was back on.

They came across Utigard, who was running a good second off the pace since his spin. Something was obviously off with his truck. Ross went high, Lucas low. Utigard went low as well, shutting Lucas's door and giving Ross the chance to clear both and drive the final five laps to the checked flag. Scott Lucas hung on for second and Scott Williams crossed the line in third. Cory Kallis rounded out the four trucks still on the lead lap.



Stan Caron presents first place trophy and prize to Ken Ross, owner/driver of the #67 Grace Beyer RE/Max Toyota Tundra

Two Up, Two Down

Oh man, I had the stories all written in my head. What a difference a week makes. Everyone has settled down. No full moon. Caution free night. Etc., etc. Then the SKL Trailer pro trucks have to go and wreck two more of their trucks and, both belonging to the same owner.

It was only a week ago, last Saturday that the #33 and #1 trucks were involved in a wreck that many thought would send them to the junk yard. Few took into account the passion for racing Stan Caron has. As owner of the #33 truck, there was little doubt it would be back and back in only a week.

The #1 truck was a different story. The damage was much more extensive and it was known Deb didn't have access to the same resources Stan does. That's where team work comes in.

Members from several other SKL Trailer pro truck teams stepped forward to lend a helping hand or much needed parts. Ken Ross made a body available. MAACO Collision Repair & Auto Painting had it on their frame machine for several hours.

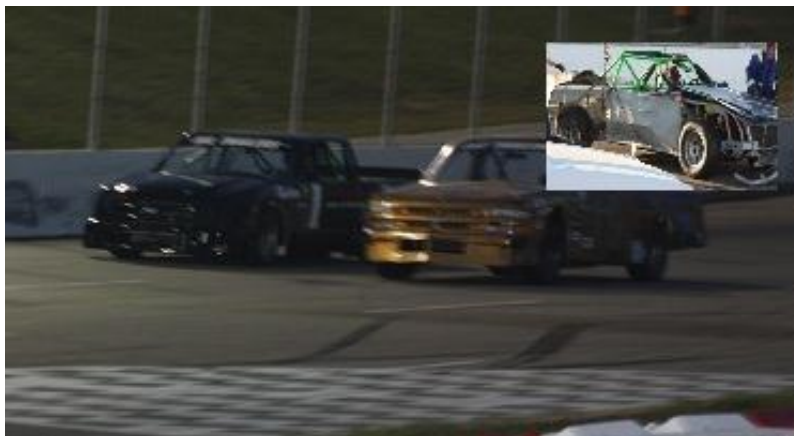
The cage and hoops had to be rebuilt. Changing from a Chevy to a Toyota body meant many of the body hangers had to be changed. Many, if not most were surprised, even shocked to see the truck roll off the trailer like nothing ever happened.

Fast forward to Friday night and two more trucks suffer severe damage in what was simply a racing incident. Wade Wohlford lost it on the back straight and was hit by Alex Leschenko. The unfortunate part is that both trucks are owned by Wohlford.

It could have been a lot worse though as Wohlford's driver's door was exposed to a direct hit by Leschenko. Fortunately Leschenko hit further back, which was probably better for both trucks and driver Wohlford.



A look at the back of Wohlford's truck



#1 Rock Ridge Paintball Laser Tag truck of Deb Newnham was back Friday night after last week's devastating crash.



#33 Newage Stucco Chevy of Scott Williams was also back Friday night sporting a large "Dora" bandage on the hood since he couldn't get it to the body shop

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Street Surprise

Two cars in the Tiger Automotive street stocks have become ones to watch. Mike Schroeder was picked as the car to beat for the championship early in the year, but Jordan Hill and Aaron Anderson have both been coming on strong and could prove to be a spoiler.

Schroeder took the heat race with Hill coming in a close second. Todd Pluhator was third.

In the street stock qualifier, Aaron Anderson picked up the win. Trevor Freemantle, driving Colin Olfert's car was second, leaving Mike Schroeder to pick up third. Hill was there as well, picking up fourth.

Aaron Anderson had a clear win again in the 30 lap Budget Car and Truck Rental street stock feature with his #19 Kel-Cor Racing Dodge Demon. Mike Schroeder was there for second, while Jordan Hill rounded out the top three with his Investors Group Camaro by Mike Schuler.

The Saskatoon Stock Car Racing Association welcomed a couple of extra cars into the street stock races in the first race under the open door policy, where cars from other clubs may race without the two race restriction. Besides Trevor Freemantle, Shane James brought his car from Tisdale for a Friday night of racing.

Them Wild Thunders

Mike, Mickey, Barry. Lather, rinse, repeat. That's what the Cooper Tire thunder stock division has become this year as Mike Rea, Barry Stefaniuk and Mickey Pagoda have clearly become the cars to beat. The odd variation might get thrown in such as Barry's son or Mickey's son taking over the driving duties, but it's still those cars usually at the front.

Curtis Huben took over the driving duties of Stefaniuk's car Friday night, while Barry tackled the track with his spare car. Bill and Doug Rea had their #22x Monte Carlo out and Dallas Andrew from Eston tried his hand at racing for the first time ever. Dallas did pretty good with 10th, 9th and 8th place finishes.

Mike Rea picked up the first heat race win, which Curtis Huben taking the qualifier.

Mike Rea was on top again for the Cooper Tire thunder stock feature in the Rea Bros Racing Monte Carlo. Curtis Huben was second in the Led Sled Impala and Tristan Ransom was third in his Ranco Manufacturing Caprice.

The night propels Barry Stefaniuk into the points lead and Mickey Pagoda drops to third, with Mike Rea taking up the middle position.

It looks like Pagoda's fifth place finish in the feature, after she and Ryan Lange tangled on the last lap, is what really cost Mickey real estate in the points chase.

The Luck of the Trucks

Luck, good and bad, is starting to show in the SKL Trailers pro truck points race. Ken Ross has been pulling horse shoes from somewhere as he continues to lead the points chase. Mainly, the bad luck of Alex Leschenko has allowed Ross to widen his lead in the points.

Coming into the night driving a rental truck for the second week in a row after blowing his motor during practice last week, Leschenko upped that ante as he

picked up a win in the first heat race. Scott Lucas was second and Scott Williams was third in the first race since his crash last week.

Tony Mikulcik took the checkered flag in the qualifier, with Ben Busch piloting to second.

Scott Lucas showed his truck is coming around as he picked up third.

Hmmm.. Ken Ross shut out of the top three for two races in a row.

As covered earlier, Ken Ross made up for it in the SKL Trailer pro truck feature, winning the Caron Motorsports 100.

Scott Lucas has slowly worked his way up the points ladder, now sitting in second place behind Ross and ahead of Leschenko.

The battle is still tight though between those top three with only 22 points separating them.

Rookie Rylan Utigard is sitting in fourth, though a long ways back.

July 31, 2010 Results



Heat Race

1. #01 Alex Leschenko
2. #27 Scott Lucas
3. #33 Scott Williams
4. #9 Tony Mikulcik
5. #67 Ken Ross
6. #14 Wade Wohlford
7. #99 Cory Kallis
8. #18 Bill Zubrecki
9. #19 Rylan Utigard
10. #49 Shantel Firth
11. #1 Debra Newnham
12. #8 Andrew Clewes
13. #38 Rick Kucher

Qualifier Race

1. #9 Tony Mikulcik
2. #49 Shantel Firth
3. #27 Scott Lucas
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6. #67 Ken Ross
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Feature Race

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12. #8 Andrew Clewes
13. #38 Rick Kucher (DNS)



Heat Race

1. #34 Mike Schroeder
2. #13 Jordan Hill
3. #15 Todd Pluhator
4. #36 Darryl Potts
5. #17 Adam Yelland
6. #3 Mike Eby
7. #19 Aaron Anderson
8. #12 Colin Olfert
9. #77 Shane James
10. #88 Brad Wrennich
11. #87 Tristan Saunders
12. #44 Craig Katelnikoff

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Heat Race

1. #18 Mike Rea
2. #49 Mickey Pogoda
3. #81 Barry Stefaniuk
4. #7 Tristan Ransom
5. #22x Bill & Doug Rea
6. #12 Ryan Lange
7. #83 Karmen Parks
8. #3 Curtis Huben
9. #22 Ryan Fredrickson
10. #71 Dallas Andrew

Qualifier Race

1. #81 Barry Stefaniuk
2. #18 Mike Rea
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SKL Trailer Pro Truck Drivers are brought out in a stretch limo



Scott Williams does a little dance as he gets out of the limo



Scott Lucas receives second place trophy from Stan Caron



Leschenko's truck hauled into the pits

Complete Results and Points \standings:
http://speednetdirect.com/results.php?track_id=8311

Auto Clearing Motor Speedway Points Standings as of July 31, 2010



1. #4 Todd Jalbert	467
2. #62 Kenny Heintz	430
3. #41 Jim Barnsley	427
4. #7 Darnell Schick	419
5. #77 Frank Vangool	390
6. #1 Scott Barrand	377
7. #2 Colin Puttick	308
8. #82 Jonathan Neufeld	280
9. #69 Kim Regier	222
10. #11 Alex Heintz	219
11. #65 Brett Ross	159
12. #00 Curtis Regush	148
13. #88 Allison Nagorski	103
14. #43 Cody Roders	49
15. #8 Scott Hartshorn	3
16. #17 Dustin Lalott	2
17. #9 Kale Thiessen	1



1. #77 Greg Vangool	179
2. #14 Glen Hertzke	174
3. #55 Jim Gaunt	168
4. #70 Trent Seidel	165
5. #44 Trevor Hannay	124
6. #38 Dave Bone	121
7. #39 Christoph Ludlage	120
8. #88 Jason Gervais	108
9. #20 Ken Campbell	105
10. #56 Howard Crossman	68
11. #09 Doug Bienia	65



1. #34 Mike Schroeder	422
2. #19 Aaron Anderson	406
3. #15 Todd Pluhator	377
4. #17 Adam Yelland	367
5. #36 Darryl Potts	360
6. #13 Jordan Hill	347
7. #88 Brad Wrennich	335
8. #3 Mike Eby	226
9. #44 Craig Katelnikoff	196
10. #87 Tristan Saunders	183
11. #8 Kyle Roy	74
12. #12 Colin Olfert	6
13. #71 Trevor Freemantle	4
14. #90 Brett Clampitt	3
15. #53 Lloyd Joyes	3
16. #98 Bryan Johnson	3
17. #99 Cory Kallis	3
18. #432 Eric McIntosh	3
19. #22 Barry Ratts	3
20. #66 Wayne Osborne	3
21. #43 Kevin McGlaggin	3
22. #77 Shane James	3
23. #28 Brennen Forseille	2



1. #94 Jason Hankewich	227
2. #48 Nathan Weenk	216
3. #53 Scott Kessler	194
4. #41 Travis Deforest	180
5. #04 Tim Kammer	146
6. #51 Nicholas Jewel	124
7. #46 Dan Shirley	116
8. #26 John Rees	71
9. #77 Cal Vance	66
10. #13 Shawn Hill	14



1. #67 Ken Ross	519
2. #27 Scott Lucas	501
3. #01 Alex Leschenko	497
4. #19 Rylan Utigard	410
5. #33 Scott Williams	391
6. #18 Bill Zubrecki	381
7. #49 Shantel Firth	364
8. #14 Wade Wohlford	356
9. #38 Rick Kucher	332
10. #9 Tony Mikulcik	327
11. #8 Andrew Clewes	323
12. #1 Debra Newnham	291
13. #93 Neil Schneider	188
14. #99 Cory Kallis	3



1. #81 Barry Stefaniuk	465
2. #18 Mike Rea	462
3. #49 Mickey Pogoda	461
4. #7 Tristan Ransom	390
5. #12 Ryan Lange	318
6. #83 Carmen Parks	300
7. #99 Jason Doell	260
8. #22 Ryan Fredrickson	227
9. #24 Gary Ejack	7
10. #31 Cliff Yelland	3
10. #9 Ben Bogoda	3
10. #71 Dallas Andrew	3
10. #22x Bill & Doug Rea	3
10. #3 Curtis Huben	3



1. #24 Larry Cramer	472
2. #33 Jamie McClennon	468
3. #20 Neil Fitzgerald	466
4. #74 Darin Guillet	452
5. #48 Dan Saunders	442
6. #57 Stan Skinner	422

7. #41 Len Zimmer	420
8. #99 Doug Fischer	414
9. #79 Gary Miller	410
10. #2 Brian Sparks	410
11. #13 Gary Sarnecki	394
12. #44 Dean Braham	382

13. #07 Dean Cunningham	342
14. #88 Conner Mills	254
15. #43 Terry Kovacs	214
16. #00 Kevin McLean	194
17. #18 Ron Elder Jr.	80

Black Sun 150 Adjustments Made

Dakota Dunes WCSLM Series Race Director Cliff Pompu released the following statement Friday:

Subsequent to the leader finishing the Black Sun 150 on July 24 an incident occurred that warranted the track being brought under caution. As cars slowed at different rates, it is clear some passing occurred after the caution was brought out.

The finishing order of the race has been reviewed and adjusted accordingly, using the crossing order at lap 149 as the finishing results. Specifically, the top ten is declared as 77, 17, 14, 55, 38, 39, 5, 70, 56 and 79. The changes from the previous posted results are a swap of the 55 and 38 and a swap of the 70 and 56.

These results will be posted with the next upload of the Speednet database.



Points Standings

1. #17 Trevor Emond	171	13. #39 Christoph Ludlage	114
2. #77 Greg Vangool	164	14. #47 Chris Campbell	112
3. #70 Trent Seidel	158	15. #20 Ken Campbell	109
4. #14 Glen Hertzke	153	16. #88 Jason Gervais	103
5. #55 Jim Gaunt	149	17. #09 Doug Bienia	84
6. #6 Chris Skelton	148	18. #00 Tony Lambert	79
7. #5 Jeff Reimer	146	19. #38x Jon Teppin	55
8. #38 Dave Bone	143	20. #55x Gary Lister	54
9. #56 Howard Crossman	135	21. #07 Greg Moir	51
10. #44 Trevor Hannay	121	22. #23 Craig Melnyk	50
11. #69 PJ Kondra	121	23. #28 Devin Kopeck	42
12. #79 Darrel Vallie	118		

Thanks!

SKL Trailers Pro Truck Driver Deb Newnham fought back tears as she thanked everyone who stepped forward to help get her #1 Rock Ridge Paintball Laser Tag Pro Truck back on the track in only six days. Deb was involved in a crash that would have ended the season for many teams, but thanks to everyone who came forward, even the well-wishers, the truck "is better than new".

Next Week



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