



THE TOUGHEST SHORT TRACK IN THE SOUTH 2009



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Full Racing Action on the Toughest Short Track in the South

Midlothian, VA, May 29, 2009 – Racing action kept the brave central Virginia race fans entertained and Mother Nature blessed Southside Speedway drivers and fans with a beautiful night and only a threat of stormy weather. The featured Grand Stock Division ran a double header with twin 30's. Opening and closing the evening of racing. Tommy Tatum, #62 out of Highland Springs, for the first time this season took the checkered during the opening Grand Stock 30 lap race to move him closer to first position in the division. Tatum battled lap traffic and fought off Keith Mackta, #00 of Richmond, who pressed Tatum till the end. Tatum earned the Pole position by tearing through the first heat race.

The second Grand Stock shootout lined up with a top 3 inversion placing Tatum in 3rd. Donnie Newman, #69 from Moseley, drove to the front and held off Tatum, finishing 2nd, and the rest of the field for the win. Mackta drove his hot rod hard through the final laps and finished 3rd behind Newman and Tatum. Mark Simpson, #36 of Moseley, rallied to protect his top place in points by competing strong in both of the Twin 30's finishing fourth and third, respectively.

The Hendrick family continues to make marks on the history board at Southside Speedway. Brandon Hendrick, a 3rd generation driver, continues to be a contender for the 2009 Championship. Brandon, #39 of Midlothian, attempts to join father and grandfather, Roy and Ray Hendrick respectively, as Southside Speedway Champions. Brandon won both of the Late Model Division Twin 50's on May 15th and finished third on May 29th. His performance creates a tie for first place in points with Chris Dodson, #0 of Richmond. The tie-breaker goes to Brandon, placing him on top of the leader board due to his two overall wins this season.

Jeff Oakley, #15 of Prince George, won the Late Model 100 on May 29th giving him his first trip to Victory Lane in 2009. Jeff made it to the front of the pack and the clean air driving was all he needed to secure the victory. Billy Morris, #5 of Midlothian, could only watch from behind and hope to follow Oakley's line through the finish. Lap traffic did not hinder Oakley and couldn't help the rest of the field in order to catch up. Brandon and Dodson increased the points lead to 240 points over third place Shannon Marano, #6 of Cumberland.

The U-Car 25 lap sprint was a fury of hot rods. 23 took the green flag and Charlie Simons, #3 of Powhatan, earned the win. The win brought him closer to the leader, Mike Chapman (#18 of Richmond), who finished third in Friday Nights action. Chapman expanded his commanding lead over Jody Young (#5 of Richmond), currently third in points, and the rest of the field. Austin Dodge, #87 of Richmond, put on a great display of driving and continued his control of a solid fifth place in the standings. Marty Whitlock, #40, became the driver to watch as he finished fourth in the showdown.

The night at Southside Speedway was full of honors as the U.S. Marine Corp came out to support the Vocelli Pizza Family Night and the Salute to Graduating High School Seniors. Staff Sergeant Plott and his sergeants came out to Southside Speedway giving participating fans USMC hats, shirts and other exciting prizes. Chick-Fil-A joined the entertainment with their Cows throwing hot and delicious chicken sandwiches, with a pickle, into all of the grandstands. Along with the free sandwiches to hyped up fans, Vocelli Pizza held a drawing for a one year supply of free pizza with breadsticks. Mike Morris of Midlothian received word from Victory Lane as the winner when his ticket was drawn from the pizza box.



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Southside Speedway will host their weekly bicycle rally tomorrow night, Monday, June 1st at the track. Cyclist will be turning laps starting around 7 pm. Friday Night racing is full effect featuring the Modified Division with a Triple 30 event, being supported by a 100 Lap Grand Stock contest and a 25 Lap U-Car dash. There will also be plenty of opportunities for the crowd to find themselves as lucky winners. Racing action will start at 7:30 PM with Qualifying at 6:30 PM and Gates opening at 6 PM.

Southside Speedway will continue to present exciting events throughout its historic 50th Anniversary Season. Visit www.SouthsideSpeedway.com for updates on this and other events.

About Southside Speedway- Southside Speedway, "The Toughest Short Track in the South," was established in 1959 by J.M. Wilkinson and currently owned by his daughters, Sue Clements and Mrs. Patsy Stargardt. The track is proud to remain Chesterfield County's favorite family-friendly entertainment venue. The .33 mile oval track features races from 6 different divisions. During the historic 2009 season, April 10th through September 4th, the speedway will host Thursday and Friday Night races, featuring the Late Model and Modified divisions. Southside Speedway will also present the Grand Stock, U-Car, Street Stock and Champ Kart's (soon to be renamed) divisions. The track is available for corporate functions, birthday parties, and other private events. Please see SouthsideSpeedway.com for schedule and additional information.

Thank you for your attendance and participation. If you have any questions please contact Rand Cournow at (804) 339-2693 or marketing@southsidespeedway.com