



**THE TOUGHEST SHORT TRACK IN THE SOUTH**  
**2009**



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### *College Night at Southside Speedway for June 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Midlothian, VA, June 8, 2009 – Racing will return to Southside Speedway this upcoming Friday night, June 12<sup>th</sup>. After last weeks disappointing weather, fans and drivers will keep there fingers crossed for dry weather to bring out the Late Model 150, U-Car 25 and Street Stock 50.*

*The Street Stock Division will be returning this week after a three week rest. Mike Gano, #82 of Louisa, is a perfect 4-0 this season and leads in points by 420 points. Brian Smith, #06 of Mineral, finds himself in second place within the division but James Groome, #31 of Gordonsville, is only 60 points behind Smith. After having some time off, the drivers had an opportunity to implement some changes to their hot rods to try and spoil Gano's run for a perfect season. Friday night will tell which teams made proper adjustments.*

*The U-Car clash will return this week after being rained out last Friday night. This class of drivers has packed the track all season long creating some of the best action around the "Toughest Short Track in the South". Mike Chapman, #18 of Richmond, holds a demanding lead over 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Charlie Simons, #3 of Powhatan. Chapman has earned 2360 points thus far. His chase for the championship is still alive and real. Jody Young, #5 of Richmond, has improved with each race this season and sits in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, only 40 points behind Simons. The rest of the field is very competitive with less than 100 points separating 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place.*

*The Late Model 150 will be a decisive factor for establishing the point's battle between Brandon Hendrick, #39 of Midlothian, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Chris Dodson, #0 of Richmond. Dodson, who has been the point's leader until the last Late Model race on May 29<sup>th</sup> when Hendrick finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and took over the lead by accomplishing back-to-back wins on May 15<sup>th</sup>'s Twin 50's. Third place, Shannon Marano, #6 of Cumberland, is still in the hunt for the championship being less than 250 points from Hendrick; however, Jeff Oakley, #15 of Prince George, scored his first victory of the season on May 29<sup>th</sup> bringing him closer to Marano for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in points. Oakley trails the leaders by 280 points and trails Marano by 40. The competition will be very tight on Friday in the Late Model Division; third place and seventh place are separated by a meager 260 points.*

*This Friday Night will be College Appreciation Night! Present your college ID at the front gates and receive a discount off the regular price adult admission. Valid for Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> to all college ID's. Gates will open at 6 PM with Qualifying at 6:30 and Racing at 7:30 PM.*

*For complete listings of points and up to date information please keep posted to [www.SouthsideSpeedway.com](http://www.SouthsideSpeedway.com).*

*Southside Speedway will continue to present exciting events throughout its historic 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season. Visit [www.SouthsideSpeedway.com](http://www.SouthsideSpeedway.com) for updates on this and other events.*

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