

L.W. MILLER HOPING TO CARRY MOMENTUM INTO SATURDAY AT CARAWAY

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (Sept. 5, 2007) – The drivers and teams of the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour will enjoy a little break before getting right back to racing with Saturday night's 150-lap event at Caraway Speedway.

The Whelen Southern Modified Tour is two races into a three-race run that spans just seven days. The journey began on Saturday at Martinsville (Va.) Speedway in a combination race with the Whelen Modified Tour and followed with Monday's 150-lapper at Ace (N.C.) Speedway.

Now the Whelen Southern Modified Tour is awaiting a return to racing action at Caraway in the Whelen Southern Modified Tour 150.

One driver that's certainly looking forward to a return trip to Caraway is current Whelen Southern Modified Tour championship leader L.W. Miller, who has won the last four races at the .455-mile short track in Asheboro, N.C.

Coming off a second-place finish Monday at Ace, Miller holds the largest driver point standing lead of his Whelen Southern Modified Tour career with a 34-point advantage over Burt Myers in what is shaping up as a four-man race for the title. Third-place Tim Brown, 50 points behind Miller, is coming off his second career NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour victory with his win at Ace. Two-time Whelen Southern Modified Tour champion Junior Miller desperately needs to gain ground after motor problems resulted in a 20th-place finish at Ace and left him 95 points behind L.W. Miller.

Despite L.W. Miller's success over the course of the first eight races of this year's Whelen Southern Modified Tour's 12-race schedule, the 34-year-old Mooresville, N.C., native isn't taking anything for granted.

"I'm a racer and not thinking about the points right now," Miller said. "I race every race just as hard as I can. We're going to go to Caraway and we're going to win. Caraway has been a good place for us this year but it goes back to last season. I'm excited about Caraway being on the schedule for three of the last four races of the season. There's not a lot of racing left so it should be pretty interesting for everybody to see how things turn out."

Miller admits that his last four straight victories as Caraway is something that will play into advantage.

Fast Facts

What: Whelen Southern Modified Tour 150

Where: Caraway Speedway, Asheboro, N.C.

When: 8:00 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 8.

Track layout: .455-mile paved oval

Distance: 150 laps, 68.25 miles

Posted Awards: \$24,272

Pre-race schedule: Saturday – Practice, 4:00-4:45 p.m. Qualifying, 6:30 p.m., Race, 8:00 p.m.
Note: All times subject to change.

NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour Top 10: 1. L.W. Miller 1,285; 2. Burt Myers 1,251; 3. Tim Brown 1,235; 4. Junior Miller 1,194; 5. Brian King 1,140; 6. Jason Myers 1,108; 7. Brian Pack 1,037; 8. Frank Fleming 1,020; 9. Gene Pack 941; 10. George Brunnhoelzl 940

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"We absolutely have a lot of confidence heading back to Caraway since we've won all three races this year, and it's been four total if you look back to the last race at Caraway last season," Miller said.

"The only part of the season that I was worried about was Bowman Gray and Martinsville and we came out of both those races in pretty good shape. We didn't set the world on fire, but we got through those two races.

"Now we know we can race hard at the remaining races because the rest of the races are all good tracks for this team. There are several drivers like Burt Myers, Tim Brown and Junior Miller that are going to be hard to beat. We can beat those guys but we're going to have to work hard to do it."

Miller also agrees that a bad performance at Caraway on Saturday night or in the remaining three races can easily cost him his first Whelen Southern Modified Tour championship.

"Absolutely," Miller said. "One little problem can happen and you'd be talking to someone else. You can't count your chickens until the eggs are hatched. That's why I race every race as hard as I possibly can. I want to win.

"I might get hit by a car tomorrow and the championship doesn't matter. Right now I'm going into every race to race as hard as I can. I'm going to race as hard as I can and when all is said and done at the end of the season the points are going to fall in place. That's all I can do."

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