



Statistical Advance:

Analyzing The Chemung 120 At Chemung Speedrome

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (Sept. 29, 2008) – For just the second time in series history the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour will visit Chemung (N.Y.) Speedrome for the Chemung 120 on Saturday, Oct. 4.

At Chemung Speedrome:

- The only previous appearance for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour at Chemung took place on Aug. 10, 2001.
- **Jerry Marquis** was the winner of the Chemung 150 with **Reggie Ruggiero** the runner-up ... The late **John Blewett III**, **Rob Summers** and **Dave Berghman** rounded out the top five.
- Current full-time competitors that participated in that 2001 race include: **Jimmy Blewett**, **Wade Cole**, **Ed Flemke Jr.**, **Rick Fuller**, **Mike Stefanik** and **Jamie Tomaino**.
- The race marked the NWMT debut for Jimmy Blewett.

Schedule Update

- The CARQUEST Fall Final at Stafford (Conn.) Motor Speedway, originally scheduled to take place Sept. 27-28, was rescheduled to Oct. 11-12.

Last Time Out – Martinsville, Sept. 20:

- **Ryan Preece** was credited with his first career NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour victory in his 27th series start ... He is the youngest driver in series history to earn a victory at 17 years, 330 days ... Preece has since been named the combination race's overall winner as the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour's Burt Myers, who was the first across the line, has been disqualified.
- **Matt Hirschman** gained 10 points on **Ted Christopher** in the season points tally and now trails by 89.
- **Reggie Ruggiero** recorded his best finish of the season, third overall and second among NWMT drivers.
- The race was the 500th in the history of the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour.

Chemung Speedrome Data

Race # 14 of 16 (10-4-08)

Track Layout: .375-mile banked oval

- Was originally built as a .25-mile dirt track in 1951 by the Bodine family.
- Closed in 1978 ... Purchased by current owner Bob Stapleton in 1985.
- Re-opened in October, 2000.
- Has held one previous NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour race in 2001.
- Is one of three New York tracks the NWMT will race at in 2008 along with Riverhead Raceway and Spencer Speedway.

Qualifying/Race Data

2001 pole winner: Tony Hirschman
(93.691 mph, 14.406 seconds)

2001 race winner: Jerry Marquis
(51.072 mph, 1:19.10)

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Season Recap:

- **Ted Christopher** assumed the season points lead for the first time at Mansfield (Ohio) Motorsports Park when he captured the Whelen 150 ... He also won the Tech-Net Spring Sizzler at Stafford (Conn.) Motor Speedway and the New Hampshire 100.
- **Ryan Preece** was credited with his first career NWMT victory in the most-recent race at Martinsville (Va.) Speedway.
- **Matt Hirschman** earned his first career NWMT victory at Spencer Speedway on July 12 ... He is second in points, 89 behind Christopher.
- **Chuck Hossfeld**, who led in points for eight straight races, is now 167 points behind Christopher... He has victories at SMS (5/23) and NHMS (6/28).
- **Todd Szegedy** won at Thompson (Conn.) International Speedway on Sept. 7 ... It was his first win of 2008, and 13th of his career.
- **Ronnie Silk** has two wins this year, both at TIS.
- **Jimmy Blewett** won back-to-back races at Riverhead Raceway (8/2) and SMS (8/8).
- **Ed Flemke Jr.** captured the season-opener at TIS (4/6), his first victory since 2004.
- **James Civali, Bobby Grigas III and Ryan Preece** have earned their first career poles in 2008.

Selected Driver Highlights:

Eric Beers (No. 46 Chevrolet)

- Has two wins and eight poles in 125 career starts.
- Has five top-five finishes in 13 starts this year.
- Won a non-NASCAR event at Chemung on Aug. 17.

Jimmy Blewett (No. 19 Chevrolet)

- Has four wins and one pole in 59 career starts.
- Earned his first NWMT wins at Riverhead on Aug. 2, and at SMS on Aug. 8.

2008 Statistical Leaders

Driver Points

1. Ted Christopher	1965
2. Matt Hirschman.....	1876
3. Todd Szegedy.....	1788
4. Chuck Hossfeld.....	1756
5. Ronnie Silk.....	1720

Wins

1. Ted Christopher	3
2. Jimmy Blewett.....	2
Chuck Hossfeld.....	2
Ronnie Silk.....	2
5. Ed Flemke Jr.....	1
Matt Hirschman.....	1
Ryan Preece	1
Todd Szegedy.....	1

Top-Five Finishes

1. Ted Christopher	9
2. Chuck Hossfeld.....	6
Ronnie Silk.....	6
4. Eric Beers	5
Jimmy Blewett.....	5
Mike Stefanik	5

Top-10 Finishes

1. Ted Christopher	10
2. Matt Hirschman.....	9
3. Eric Beers	8
Mike Stefanik	8
Todd Szegedy.....	8

Laps Led

1. Ted Christopher	572
2. Ryan Preece	401
3. Todd Szegedy.....	164
4. Chuck Hossfeld.....	130
5. Jimmy Blewett.....	119

Laps Completed

1. Matt Hirschman.....	1881 (all)
2. Todd Szegedy.....	1848
3. Rowan Pennink.....	1830
4. Ted Christopher	1775
5. Eric Beers	1775

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Jimmy Blewett (cont.)

- Is currently ninth in NWMT points with five top fives.
- Finished 11th in the final 2008 NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Top 500 standings.
- Made his NWMT debut at Chemung on Aug. 10, 2001 ... Finished ninth in that race.

Ted Christopher (No. 36 Chevrolet)

- Has 30 wins and 13 poles in 258 career starts.
- Has an 89-point lead in the season standings over Matt Hirschman.
- Has 2008 wins at SMS (April 27), Mansfield Motorsports Park (Aug. 23) and New Hampshire Motor Speedway (Sept. 13).
- Has at least one victory in 10 consecutive seasons.
- Has led 572 of 1881 (30%) total laps this year, more than any other driver.
- Won in his only previous race at Chemung in a non-NASCAR event.

Ed Flemke Jr. (No. 10 Chevrolet)

- Won the season-opener at TIS.
- Has 17 wins and 16 poles in 366 career starts.
- Has made a record 307 consecutive starts ... The last time he did not start an NWMT race was on July 22, 1992 at Riverside Park Speedway.
- Finished 18th in the 2001 NWMT race at Chemung.

Rick Fuller (No. 77)

- 1993 NWMT Champion ... Was honored on Sept. 7 at TIS.
- Has 20 wins and 11 poles in 437 career starts ... Last won at Waterford in May, 2003.
- Finished 18th in the 2001 NWMT race at Chemung.

Matt Hirschman (No. 59 Chevrolet)

- Has a win and 27 top 10s in 52 career starts ... Earned his first NWMT win at Spencer on July 12.
- Has finished on the lead lap in 30 consecutive races, the most among all drivers ... Is the only driver to complete all 1881 laps this year.
- Has top-10s in nine of the last 11 races, including the last six in a row.
- Won a heat race and finished 17th in a non-NASCAR race at Chemung earlier this year.

Chuck Hossfeld (No. 4 Dodge)

- Is now fourth in the season standings, 209 behind leader Ted Christopher ... Maintained the points lead for eight weeks before Christopher passed him at MMP.
- Has wins this year at SMS (May 23) and NHMS (June 28) ... Won the pole and the race at SMS.
- Has seven wins, 42 top fives and 61 top 10s in 108 career starts.

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Rowan Pennink (No. 93 Chevrolet)

- Is 10th in the season standings.
- Has four top 10s in 13 starts in 2008 and five total in 27 career starts.

Woody Pitkat (No. 28 Chevrolet)

- Shares the ride with Doug Coby ... Has two top 10s in five starts.
- Had six top 10s in 14 career NWMT starts.
- Finished 12th in the final NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Top 500 with six wins.

Ryan Preece (No. 3 Chevrolet)

- Has two poles, a win and nine top 10s in 27 career starts.
- Currently ranks eighth in the season standings with seven top 10s in 13 starts.
- Was credited with first career NWMT win last time out at Martinsville.
- Has led 401 laps this year, second among all drivers.

Glen Reen (No. 17 Chevrolet)

- Top-ranking rookie ... Is 18th in the season standings and first in rookie points.
- Has three top 10s in 13 starts with best finishes of sixth at Spencer and TIS.

Ronnie Silk (No. 79 Pontiac)

- Has won two races in 2008, both at TIS.
- Is fifth in the standings ... Has top-10 finishes in seven of the last 10 races, including two wins.
- Has three wins and 20 top-10s in 52 career NWMT starts ... All three wins have come at TIS.

Mike Stefanik (No. 16 Pontiac)

- Seven-time NWMT Champion ... Was honored at SMS on May 23.
- Has a NWMT record 68 victories in 378 career starts ... Last win was the 2007 Fall Final.
- Has eight top 10s in 2008 and is seventh in the season standings.
- Finished sixth in the 2001 NWMT race at Chemung.

Todd Szegedy (No. 2 Ford)

- The 2003 NWMT Champion ... Was honored at NHMS on Sept. 13.
- Has 13 wins in 107 career starts, the best start-to-victory ratio (8:1) of any active driver.
- Has a win and eight top 10s in 2008 and is third in season points.

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Jamie Tomaino (No. 99 Chevrolet)

- The 1990 NWMT Champion ... Was honored at Spencer on July 12.
- Has missed only four of the 500 races in the history of the NWMT (1985-pr.).
- Has two top 10s in a row, four on the year and 233 in his career.
- Is one of three drivers (Rick Fuller, Carl Pasteryak) to make a start in all 24 years of the NWMT.
- Finished 16th in the 2001 NWMT race at Chemung.

Upcoming Milestones/Benchmarks:

- **Jamie Tomaino** will extend his own series record by making his 497th career start.
- **Ed Flemke Jr.** is expected to extend his record consecutive starts streak to 309.
- **Ted Christopher's** next win would place him in a tie with **Jeff Fuller** for fourth on the NWMT all-time wins list at 31.

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