

**Statistical Advance: Analyzing The TSI Harley-Davidson 125
At Stafford Motor Speedway**

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (May 26, 2010) – The third race for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour in 2010 is scheduled for this Friday, May 28 with the TSI Harley-Davidson 125 at Stafford (Conn.) Motor Speedway.

At Stafford Motor Speedway:

History

- The Stafford Springs Agricultural Park opened in 1870 ... The current race track was originally used for horse racing, which gave way to automobiles after World War II.
- Stafford Motor Speedway became a NASCAR track in 1959 and was paved in 1967.
- The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour has held 95 races at SMS since the Tour began in 1985 ... The NWMT has run there every year of its existence, except for 1988.
- The 95 all-time NWMT races at SMS rank second only to the 110 held at Thompson (Conn.) International Speedway.
- May 28 will be the 20th edition of this race, which has been run under different names and lap lengths through the years.

Notebook

- There have been 29 different race winners at SMS, led by **Mike Stefanik's** 20 victories.
- There have been 36 different pole winners at SMS, led by Stefanik's 15.
- **Ted Christopher** won the last NWMT race at SMS on May 1 ... It marked his 10th career NWMT win at the track, and a record fifth in the Spring Sizzler.
- Christopher had the longest win streak in the history of the NWMT at SMS with four-straight victories from Sept. 30, 2001 to Aug. 23, 2002 ... He has won there in five of the last six years.
- The preliminary entry list for the TSI Harley-Davidson 125 features nine drivers who have won at SMS during their careers: Stefanik (20), Christopher (10), **Ed Flemke Jr.** (3), **Todd Szegedy** (3), **Jimmy Blewett** (2), **James Civali** (1), **Chuck Hossfeld** (1), **Ryan Preece** (1) and **Jamie Tomaino** (1) ... Blewett is the defending winner of this race.

Stafford Motor Speedway Data

Race: #3 of 14 overall, #2 of 4 at SMS

Track Layout: .5-mile asphalt oval

Banking: 9 degrees in Turns 1 & 2, 7.5 degrees in Turns 3 & 4

Race Length: 125 laps / 62.5 miles

Qualifying/Race Data

2009 Pole Winner: Ted Christopher (18.085 seconds, 99.530 mph)

2009 Race Winner: Jimmy Blewett (48 min. 33 sec., 62.410 mph)

Qualifying Record: Bobby Santos (17.965 seconds, 100.195 mph, 5/1/10)

NWMT Active Win Leaders at SMS

1. Mike Stefanik 20
2. Ted Christopher 10
3. Ed Flemke Jr. 3
Todd Szegedy 3
5. Jimmy Blewett 2

NWMT Active Pole Leaders at SMS

1. Mike Stefanik 15
2. Ted Christopher 4
Rob Summers 4
4. Five drivers with 2

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Up to Speed:

- **Bobby Santos** opened the 2010 season with a win in the Icebreaker at Thompson International Speedway on April 11 ... He established a track record in qualifying as he earned the pole.
- Santos also set the track-record in qualifying at Stafford Motor Speedway for the Spring Sizzler on April 24 ... The race was postponed to May 1, and was won by **Ted Christopher** for the third year in a row.
- Following the TSI Harley-Davidson 125, the next race will be at Martinsville Speedway on June 6 ... After five years as a combination event, the Made In America Whelen 200 will go back to a stand-alone race for the 2010 edition.
- Ten of the 14 races on the 2010 schedule will be televised between SPEED and VERSUS ... The broadcasts will begin at Martinsville.
- New to the schedule in 2010 will be the road course at Lime Rock Park and the Monadnock Speedway bullring ... It will be the inaugural appearance at Lime Rock, and the first race at Monadnock since 1990.

Selected Driver Highlights:

Eric Beers (No. 76 Chevrolet)

- Has two wins and nine poles in 142 career starts ... Has two poles at Stafford Motor Speedway.
- Is 18th in points after two races ... Finished 27th last time out in the Spring Sizzler at SMS.

Eric Berndt (No. 54 Chevrolet)

- Has three top 10s in 34 career starts ... Earned first career pole at SMS in 2009.
- Is sixth in points after two races ... Finished seventh last time out at SMS to tie his career-best finish.

Jimmy Blewett (No. 14 Chevrolet)

- Has five wins, one pole and 23 top 10s in 72 career starts.
- Has two wins at SMS and is the defending winner of this race.
- Earned at least one win in four straight seasons entering 2010.
- Is 11th in points after two races ... Finished 15th in the Spring Sizzler.

George Brunnhoelzl III (No. 46 Chevrolet)

- The 2009 NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour champion.
- Has earned six wins, seven poles and 27 top 10s in 40 career NWSMT starts.
- Is 26th in NWMT points after two races ... Finished 29th in the Spring Sizzler.
- A third-generation racer, his father won at SMS in 1986.

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Ted Christopher (No. 36 Chevrolet)

- The 2008 NWMT champion ... Has 35 wins and 21 poles in 281 career starts ... His 35 wins are tied for third all-time and his 21 poles rank ninth ... Has 10 NWMT wins and four poles at SMS.
- With the Spring Sizzler victory last time out, he has at least one win in 12 consecutive seasons.
- Is second in points, 15 behind leader Bobby Santos ... Finished fourth in the season opener.
- Has more than 100 wins in his career at SMS across all divisions and series ... Is the defending SK Modified champion, and has won the division six times during his career.

James Civali (No. 79 Pontiac)

- Has four wins and 26 top 10s in 49 career NWMT starts ... Won the August, 2006 race at SMS.
- Is 16th in points after two races ... Finished eighth in the Spring Sizzler.
- Is the NWSMT points leader after three races ... Won at South Boston Speedway on April 3.

Ed Flemke Jr. (No. 10 Chevrolet)

- Has 17 wins and 16 poles in 383 career starts ... Has made a record 326 consecutive starts ... The last time he did not start a race was on July 22, 1992 at Riverside Park Speedway.
- Has three career wins at SMS, the last in 2000 ... Also has two poles at SMS.
- Is 20th in points after two races ... Finished 11th in the Spring Sizzler.

Chuck Hossfeld (No. 59 Chevrolet)

- Has seven wins, eight poles and 67 top 10s in 115 career starts.
- Has one win and two poles at SMS ... The win was in the 2008 May race.
- Is 22nd in points after two races ... Finished sixth in the Spring Sizzler.

Chris Pasteryak (No. 52 Chevrolet)

- Has 11 top 10s in 29 career starts.
- Both times he recorded a best career finish of third was at SMS.
- Is eighth in points after two races ... Finished 16th in the Spring Sizzler.

Rowan Pennink (No. 93 Chevrolet)

- Has 21 top 10s in 45 career starts, including 12 of the last 13 races dating back to 2009.
- Is fourth in points after two races, and finished fourth in the Spring Sizzler.
- The second-fastest qualifier for the Spring Sizzler, he tied the previous track record lap time.

Woody Pitkat (No. 28 Chevrolet)

- Has 13 top 10s in 32 career starts.
- Is 17th in points after two races ... Finished 24th in the Spring Sizzler.
- Was the 2006 Late Model champion at SMS ... Has 43 career wins at SMS between the SK Modified, Late Model and DARE Stock divisions.

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Ryan Preece (No. 3 Chevrolet)

- Has four poles, three wins and 22 top 10s in 45 career starts with one win and one pole at SMS.
- Is seventh in points after two races ... Finished 23rd in the Spring Sizzler to break a streak of five-consecutive podium finishes ... Has finished in the top five in nine of the last 11 races.

Bobby Santos (No. 4 Dodge)

- Has two wins, two poles and 14 top 10s in 31 career NWMT starts ... Both wins came at TIS.
- Leads in points after two races ... Won the opener and finished second the last time out at SMS.
- Has set track records during qualifying for the first two races of the season.

Ron Silk (No. 6 Chevrolet)

- Has four wins and 31 top 10s in 69 career NWMT starts.
- Is 15th in points after two races ... Finished 30th in the Spring Sizzler.
- Made NWMT debut at SMS in 2003 ... Has just three top 10s in 18 career SMS starts.

Mike Stefanik (No. 16 Pontiac)

- The 1989, 1991, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2002 and 2006 NWMT champion.
- Has 70 wins, 42 poles and 266 top 10s in 394 career starts ... Holds NWMT records for most championships, wins, poles, top fives and top 10s.
- Has records with 20 wins and 15 poles at SMS.
- Is third in points and has finished third in both of the season's first two races.

Todd Szegedy (No. 2 Ford)

- The 2003 NWMT champion ... Has 13 wins, six poles and 80 top 10s in 125 career starts ... Three wins and two poles have come at SMS.
- Is fifth in points after two races and was fifth in the Spring Sizzler.

Jamie Tomaino (No. 99 Chevrolet)

- The 1990 NWMT champion ... Has three wins, six poles and 236 top 10s in 513 career starts.
- Has missed only five of the 518 races in the history of the NWMT (1985-present) and is currently the only driver to record starts in each of the 26 years of the NWMT.
- Is 30th in points after two races ... Finished 28th in the Spring Sizzler.

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