

**Statistical Advance: Analyzing The Town Fair Tire 150**  
**At Stafford Motor Speedway**

**DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (Aug. 4, 2010)** – The third race for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour in 2010 at Stafford (Conn.) Motor Speedway is scheduled for this Friday, Aug. 6 with the Town Fair Tire 150.

**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 96 races at SMS since the Tour began in 1985 ... The NWMT has run there every year of its existence, except for 1988.
- The 96 all-time NWMT races at SMS rank second only to the 110 held at Thompson (Conn.) International Speedway.

*Notebook*

- There have been 30 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 first 2010 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 ... He has won there in five of the last six years.
- **Bobby Santos** earned his first career NWMT victory at SMS on May 28 ... He has captured the pole in each of the first two races there this year.
- The preliminary entry list for the Town Fair Tire 150 includes nine drivers who have won at SMS during their careers.

**Stafford Motor Speedway Data**

**Race:** #9 of 14 overall, #3 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:** 150 laps / 75 miles

**Qualifying/Race Data**

**2009 Pole Winner:** Eric Berndt (18.446 seconds, 97.582 mph)

**2009 Race Winner:** Ryan Preece (1 hr. 4 min. 49 sec., 69.427 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. Six 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**.
- Santos was back in Victory Lane in the third race of the season on May 28 at Stafford ... Prior to the race Santos also earned the Coors Light Pole Award.
- Santos earned his third win in four outings when he captured the Martinsville Speedway checkered flag on June 6 ... **Mike Stefanik** was the pole winner.
- NASCAR Sprint Cup Series driver **Ryan Newman** captured the pole and the race win in the New England 100 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on June 26.
- **Todd Szegedy** earned the pole and led all but four laps in the inaugural race at Lime Rock Park on July 3, but **Dale Quarterley** wound up with the checkered flag.
- In the NWMT's first trip to Monadnock Speedway since 1990, Christopher edged pole winner **Erick Rudolph** for the checkered flag on July 17.
- **Rowan Pennink** earned his first career NWMT win last time out at Riverhead Raceway while **George Brunnhoelzl III** also captured his first career Coors Light Pole Award.

#### Selected Driver Highlights:

##### Eric Beers (No. 76 Horwith Freightliner Chevrolet)

- Has two wins, nine poles and 59 top 10s in 148 career starts ... Two poles have come at Stafford Motor Speedway ... Best career finish at SMS was second in 2008 Spring Sizzler.
- Is 11th in the 2010 standings and has finished in the top 10 in four of the last five races.
- Has an average finish of 13th in 31 career starts at SMS.

##### Eric Berndt (No. 54 North End Auto Parts Chevrolet)

- Has a pole and five top 10s in 36 career starts ... Pole came in this race a year ago.
- Has finishes of seventh and sixth at SMS this year, and an average finish of 21st in 16 starts.
- Has 10 NASCAR Whelen All-American Series SK Modified wins at SMS.

##### Jimmy Blewett (No. 14 Atlantic Sprinkler/Ling Trucking Chevrolet)

- Has five wins, a pole and 24 top 10s in 74 career starts.
- Has competed in five of eight races this year, highlighted by a runner-up at SMS on May 28.
- Has two wins, eight top 10s and an average finish of 15th in 19 career starts at SMS.

##### Justin Bonsignore (No. 51 M3 Technology Chevrolet)

- Has five top 10s in 10 career NWMT starts ... A runner-up effort at Martinsville Speedway is his best career finish ... Is seventh in the standings with three top 10s in eight races.
- Has finishes of 10th and 11th in the first two 2010 races at SMS.

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##### **Ted Christopher (No. 36 Al-Lee Installations Chevrolet)**

- The 2008 NWMT champion ... Has 36 wins and 21 poles in 288 career starts ... His 36 wins rank third all-time and his 21 poles are ninth ... Has at least one win in 12-straight seasons.
- Is second in points after eight races with five top fives, highlighted by a wins in the Spring Sizzler and Monadnock 200.
- Has 10 wins, four poles and an average finish of 14th in 70 career NWMT starts at SMS.
- Is the defending SMS SK Modified champion, and has won the division six times overall.

##### **Doug Coby (No. 92 Chevrolet)**

- Has a win, two poles and 32 top 10s in 96 career starts ... Has a win and a pole at SMS.
- Has an average finish of 17th in 23 career starts at SMS ... Finished 22nd in the Spring Sizzler.
- Has 18 career NWAAS wins at SMS.

##### **Rowan Pennink (No. 93 Monk Mechanics Hand Cleaner Chevrolet)**

- Has a win and 22 top 10s in 51 career starts.
- Is up to 10th in points thanks to his first career win last time out at Riverhead Raceway.
- Has six top 10s and an average finish of 13th in 12 SMS starts with a best finish of fourth in this year's Spring Sizzler ... Finished 26th in the May 28 race.

##### **Woody Pitkat (No. 28 Ramar-Hall/TSI Harley-Davidson Chevrolet)**

- Has 15 top 10s in 38 career starts.
- Is ninth in 2010 points with a pair of top 10s.
- Has four top 10s in nine career NWMT starts at SMS with an average finish of 16th and a best finish of seventh.
- Has 48 career NWAAS wins at SMS.

##### **Ryan Preece (No. 3 Davidson Co./Mizzy Construction Chevrolet)**

- Has four poles, three wins and 26 top 10s in 51 career starts ... Has a win and a pole at SMS.
- Is fourth in points after eight races ... Has finished in the top five in 13 of his last 17 starts.
- The defending winner of this race ... Has six top 10s and an average finish of 16th in 13 SMS starts.

##### **Erick Rudolph (No. 98 Mohawk Northeast/Original Pizza Logs Chevrolet)**

- Has a win, a pole and 16 top 10s in 29 career starts.
- Is ninth in 2010 points with four top 10s.
- Finished ninth and eighth in the first two SMS races this year.
- Has five top 10s, an average finish of 16th and a best finish of sixth in nine career starts at SMS.

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#### Bobby Santos (No. 4 "Mystic Missile" Dodge)

- Has four wins, three poles and 19 top 10s in 37 career starts.
- Leads in points after eight races on the strength of three wins and seven top 10s ... Only result of the year outside the top 10 was a 17th place finish at Lime Rock Park.
- Became the first driver in NWMT history to win three of the first four races of a season.
- Also earned the pole for the first three races of the year ... Set track records during qualifying in the first two races of the season, including SMS during the Spring Sizzler.
- Has three top 10s in seven starts at SMS with an average finish of 18th ... Won the May 28 race.

#### Ron Silk (No. 6 T.S. Haulers Chevrolet)

- Has four wins, two poles and 35 top 10s in 75 career starts.
- Is sixth in points with top fives in each of the last four races.
- Has three top 10s and an average finish of 21st in 19 career starts at SMS.
- Has four NWAAS SK Modified wins at SMS.

#### Mike Stefanik (No. 16 Diversified Metals/R.B. Enterprises Pontiac)

- The 1989, 1991, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2002 and 2006 NWMT champion.
- Has 70 wins, 43 poles and 270 top 10s ... Holds NWMT records for most championships, wins, poles, top fives and top 10s ... Also has records with 20 wins and 15 poles at SMS.
- Is third in points after eight races ... Has finishes of third and seventh in the two SMS races.
- Has 63 top 10s and an average finish of eighth in 80 career starts at SMS.

#### Todd Szegedy (No. 2 Wisk/Snuggle Ford)

- The 2003 NWMT champion ... Has 13 wins, seven poles and 83 top 10s in 131 career starts.
- Is fifth in points after seven races with five top fives ... Best finish was second at Lime Rock.
- Has three wins, two poles, 23 top 10s and an average finish of ninth in 34 career SMS starts.

#### Jamie Tomaino (No. 99 Supreme Racing Chevrolet)

- The 1990 NWMT champion ... Has three wins, six poles and 238 top 10s in 519 career starts.
- Has missed only five of the 524 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 19th in points after six races with top 10s at Lime Rock and Riverhead.
- Has a win, a pole, 52 top 10s and an average finish of 13th in 94 career starts at SMS.

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