

**Statistical Advance:**  
**Analyzing The South Boston 150 At South Boston Speedway**

**DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (March 31, 2010)** – The sixth season of the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour continues this weekend when the tour heads to the Commonwealth of Virginia for the South Boston 150 at South Boston Speedway.

**At South Boston Speedway:**

- Andy Seuss is the defending race winner at South Boston Speedway.
- This will be the 65th NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour race since the tour started in 2005.
- The track was built in 1957 initially as a quarter-mile dirt track and was later paved in 1962 and reconfigured to its current size of .400-mile in length in 1994.
- The track has been owned by the Mattioli family since 2000.
- The first NASCAR-sanctioned race was a 50-lap modified race on April 16, 1960.
- A total of three champions will be in the field this weekend: 2007 champion L.W. Miller, 2008 champ Brian Loftin and the defending NWSMT champion George Brunnhoelzl III.
- Brunnhoelzl won the Coors Light Pole Award in last year's inaugural event for the southern tour.
- This will be the only time this season the NWSMT will run a doubleheader with the NASCAR K&N Pro Series East division.

**Up To Speed**

- This will be the first of two NWSMT races to be held in the state of Virginia this year. Langley Speedway will host the southern division for the first time later this year during Labor Day weekend. The Commonwealth will also host the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour later this spring when Martinsville Speedway will host its annual race for the division in June.
- The NWSMT has crowned four different drivers as champion. Those are: Junior Miller (2005, 2006); L.W. Miller (2007); Brian Loftin (2008) and George Brunnhoelzl III (2009).

**South Boston Speedway Data**

**Race:** # 3 of 10 (4/3/10)  
**Track Layout:** .400-mile oval  
**Banking:** semi-banked paved oval  
**Race Length:** 150 laps/60 miles

- Is the first of two races to be held in the state of Virginia
- Track is owned by the Mattioli family, which also own Pocono Raceway

**Qualifying/Race Data**

**2009 pole winner:** George Brunnhoelzl III  
**2009 race winner:** Andy Seuss (72.801 mph, 49:27)  
**Track qualifying record:** George Brunnhoelzl III (97.442 mph, 14.778 seconds, 4/4/09)  
**Track race record (150 L):** Andy Seuss (72.801 mph, 49:327 min., 4-4-10)

**NWSMT Active Win Leaders**

1. Andy Seuss ..... 1

**NWSMT Active Pole Leaders**

1. George Brunnhoelzl III ..... 1

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#### **Selected Driver Highlights:**

##### **Zach Brewer (No. 11 Chevrolet)**

- North Carolina driver is no stranger to competing in the NASCAR Touring program. Won races at Atlanta and Bristol Motor Speedways driving former Goody's Series cars. Also competed at South Boston Speedway in a Dash car.
- Has one career start at South Boston Speedway finishing 16th.
- Is one of just four drivers to finish in the top-10 in both races this season (8th – Atlanta & 5th – Caraway).
- Father, Doug Brewer, will serve as car chief this season.

##### **Tim Brown (No. 83 Chevrolet)**

- Enters the South Boston 150 as the points leader by nine points over Andy Seuss (326-317).
- Has finished in the top-10 in both events this season on the tour (2nd – Atlanta & 7th – Caraway).
- Brown has finished second in the season-ending points standings a record three times from 2006-2008.
- Has 54 career starts on the NWSMT and is tied for the lead in career top-fives with 34 and has 46 top-10 finishes.
- Has five wins on the NWSMT with his most recent coming in 2008 at Caraway Speedway.
- Brown works full time for Michael Waltrip Racing.
- Drives for his brother Ben, who is car owner of his modified car.
- Won the track championship last season at Bowman Gray Stadium.

##### **George Brunnhoelzl III (No. 28 Ford)**

- Defending NWSMT champion.
- Won the Coors Light Pole Award for the South Boston 150 last season. Led 32 laps and finished second to Seuss in the event.
- Won five races in 2009 en route to his first NASCAR title.
- Will compete full-time this season in the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour.
- Has 27 top-10 finishes in 39 career starts on the tour.
- Father is George Brunnhoelzl Jr., who is noted for developing the one-pump car jack used in racing throughout the world.

##### **Greg Butcher (No. 0 Chevrolet)**

- One of four rookies competing full-time this season on the tour.
- Won Sunoco Rookie of the Race honors two weeks ago at Caraway Speedway.
- Has eight career starts on the tour with one top-10 finish at Myrtle Beach Speedway in 2009.

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##### **James Civali (No. 79 Pontiac)**

- Plans on competing full time on the NWSMT this season.
- Was the 2006 Sunoco Rookie of the Year in the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour.
- Has 4 career starts on the NWSMT with his best finish coming last time out at Caraway Speedway when he came home third.
- Won the Coors Light Pole Award at the season-opening race at Atlanta Motor Speedway.
- Is one of four drivers to finish in the top-10 in both races this season (6th – Atlanta & 3rd – Caraway).
- Will also compete in the NWMT this season when schedule permits.

##### **Bryan Dauzat (No. 97 Chevrolet)**

- Lone Louisiana native who competes full time in the NWSMT.
- Finished 13th last season at South Boston Speedway.
- Made 10 starts in 2009 finishing 12th in the final point standings and collected his first top-five finish on the tour at Bowman Gray Stadium last August.

##### **Buddy Emory (No. 02 Chevrolet)**

- 2008 Sunoco Rookie of the Year in the NWSMT.
- Started 12 races in 2009 highlighted by his first podium finish of third at Myrtle Beach Speedway last September.
- Finished 15th last season at South Boston Speedway after suffering heavy damage to his car in an accident on Lap 124. Emory led 29 laps in last year's South Boston 150 before his accident.
- Has 11 career top-10 finishes in 28 starts since 2007.

##### **Frank Fleming (No. 40 Pontiac)**

- Tied for first for most career starts in the series with 63 in the NWSMT. Has only missed one race on the tour since 2005.
- Finished 11th last season at South Boston Speedway.
- Has finished second seven times, with his most recent runner-up finish coming at Caraway Speedway last July.
- Finished third in the season-opening race at Atlanta Motor Speedway.
- Has over 50 wins at his home track of Bowman Gray Stadium.

##### **Brandon Hire (No. 44 Chevrolet)**

- Returning to the NWSMT full time this season after missing last year with a broken leg.
- Finished fifth in the season-opening race at Atlanta Motor Speedway.
- Has 19 career starts on the tour with a career-best fifth place at Atlanta this year and also at Caraway Speedway in 2007.

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#### Brian Loftin (No. 23 Chevrolet)

- 2008 NWSMT Champion. Won by 30 points over Tim Brown (1,780-1,750).
- Finished fifth in the South Boston 150 last season.
- Holds records for most wins (11), consecutive races won (3) and shares the record for winning a race wire-to-wire (Bowman Gray, 2008).
- Has 39 top-10 finishes in 58 career starts on the NWSMT since 2005.
- Currently in second place for most career Coors Light Pole awards with nine.

#### L.W. Miller (No. 36 Pontiac)

- 2007 NWSMT Champion. Won by 25 points over Tim Brown (1,930-1,905).
- Finished seventh in last season's South Boston 150.
- Finished second in the most recent NWSMT race two weeks ago at Caraway Speedway.
- Sits in second place for most career wins with 10 in 46 starts.
- Also has 73 NWMT career starts.

#### Burt Myers (No. 1 Ford)

- Most decorated driver in the history of the NWSMT to have not won a championship. Holds NWSMT records for most Coors Light Pole Awards (22), most top-10s (50), top-fives (34), and most consecutive starts (46).
- Finished third in the South Boston 150 last season.
- Rebounded from a 17th-place finish in the season-opening race at Atlanta Motor Speedway to finish sixth two weeks ago at Caraway Speedway.
- Has raced with his brother Jason in the NWSMT since 2005.
- Shares record for leading every lap in a race win (Ace Speedway, 2005)

#### Jason Myers (No. 4 Ford)

- Tied with Frank Fleming for most career starts on the NWSMT with 63.
- Picked up his lone win on the tour at Bowman Gray Stadium in 2006.
- Has 45 top-10 finishes since 2005.
- Finished seventh at Atlanta Motor Speedway in the season opener.

#### Mike Norman (No. 12 Ford)

- Will compete full-time this season on the tour competing for Sunoco Rookie of the Year honors.
- Won rookie of the race award in the season opener at Atlanta Motor Speedway.
- Drives a car owned by the legendary Myers family.
- Finished 18th in the season-opening race at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

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#### Gene Pack (No. 31 Chevrolet)

- Career-best finish of second at Martinsville Speedway in 2006 as second-highest finishing full-time NWSMT competitor at combination event.
- Finished eighth in the South Boston 150 last season.
- Enjoyed most successful season to date in 2009 with seven top-10 finishes and two top-five showings in 13 starts.
- Holds two track championships at Bowman Gray Stadium in the Sportsman Division.

#### Gary Putnam (No. 77 Chevrolet)

- Has started both races in 2010 with a pair of top-20 finishes.
- Works full-time as car chief for Earnhardt-Ganassi Racing with Jamie McMurray.

#### Andy Seuss (No. 47 Dodge)

- Hampstead, New Hampshire native won four times in 2009.
- Defending race winner of the South Boston 150. Leading 64 laps for first win of the year in 2009.
- Also won Spring Classic 150 two weeks ago at Caraway Speedway. He became just the sixth driver in the history of the tour to lead every lap of a race in the win.
- Has 24 top-10 finishes in 34 career starts and a total of seven wins.
- Has picked up wins at Lanier, South Boston, Myrtle Beach, Music City (Nashville), Caraway (2) and Ace Speedways.
- Commutes regularly from New Hampshire to drive in the NWSMT and also competes in the NWMT when his schedule permits.

#### John Smith (No. 25 Chevrolet)

- Has 26 top-10 finishes in 42 career NWSMT starts.
- Finished 10th last season in the South Boston 150.
- One of four drivers to finish in the top-10 in both races this season (9th – Atlanta & 8th – Caraway)
- Made 13 starts in 2009 with nine top-10 finishes highlighted by a second-place showing at the season-ending Fall Classic 150 at Caraway.

#### Upcoming Milestones/Benchmarks:

- **L.W. Miller's** next win places him in a tie with Brian Loftin for the all-time series wins list with 11.
- **Andy Seuss** can become just the fifth driver in the history of the NWSMT to win back-to-back races in he wins this weekend at South Boston. L.W. Miller, Brian Loftin, George Brunnhoelzl III and Junior Miller are the only other drivers in the history of the tour win consecutive events.

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