



WHELEN SOUTHERN MODIFIED TOUR News & Notes

RACE 4 | CARAWAY SPEEDWAY

FAST FACTS

Next Race: The Firecracker 150

The Place: Caraway Speedway,
Asheboro, N.C.

The Date: Friday, July 2

The Time: 8 p.m. EDT

Track Layout: .455-mile paved

Race Purse: \$28,090

2009 Winner:
George Brunnhoelzl III

2009 Pole: Andy Seuss

Schedule: Friday, July 2
Practice 4:30-5:15 p.m.; Time
Trials: 6:30 p.m.

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2010 Driver Standings

Rk	Driver	Points
1	James Civali	505
2	Andy Seuss	487
3	Tim Brown	476
4	L.W. Miller	466
5	Zach Brewer	452
6	Frank Fleming	427
7	John Smith	426
8	Brian Loftin	409
9	Burt Myers	404
10	Brandon Hire	384

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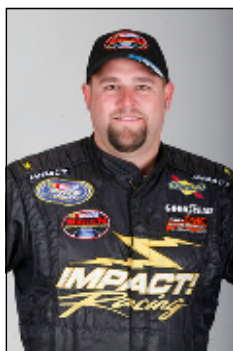


The Whelen Southern Modified Tour returns to the home track at Caraway Speedway this Friday for the Firecracker 150. Zach Brewer (11) and L.W. Miller (36) are two drivers expected to race this weekend.

Brewer Ready To Pick Up First Win On Tour After Solid 2010 Start

After a 12-week layoff for spring break, the best modified drivers in the Southeast are ready to go back into action at Caraway Speedway this Friday night for the running of the Firecracker 150.

James Civali (No. 79 Hill Enterprises/Coors Light Pontiac) broke through for his first career win in the NWSMT, holding off a hard-charging L.W.



Zach Brewer

Miller (No. 36 John Baker Plumbing & Utilities) to get the win at South Boston and also climb atop the points standings.

Another driver who enters this week's race in the top five of the points standings is NASCAR veteran **Zach Brewer (No. 11 Phoenix Pre-owned/Triad Auto Sales Chevrolet)**. Brewer, who has competed in NASCAR Touring events for over a decade, finished fifth at South Boston and also at Caraway back in March.

Brewer switched rides during the off season and now drives for well-known modified car owner Eddie Harvey after driving his family-owned car part-time for several seasons. The move has al-

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The Race ... The Firecracker 150 will be the fourth of 10 races on the 2010 NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour Schedule. This will also be the second of three races for the series at Caraway Speedway this season.

The Procedure ... Starting positions 1-23 will be set from time trials. The remaining three will be filled through the provisional process. The race is 150 laps (68.25 miles).

The Redraw ... Fastest qualifier will draw to determine redraw of top 6, 8, or 10 cars.

The Track ... The .455-mile track at Caraway Speedway is a semi-banked oval located in the heart of modified country in the Southeast. Caraway features long straightaways and tight turns, which highlight the speed and power of the modified cars.

The Schedule ... The 150-lap NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour race will be held on Friday evening. Drivers will practice and qualify in the afternoon from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. Qualifying for the Coors Light Pole is slated for 6:30 p.m. The race is scheduled to take the green flag at 8 p.m. with a driver's autograph session scheduled for 7:15 p.m. on the track. Andy Seuss won the first race of the year at Caraway in March and won the pole for this race last year.



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Trio Of Drivers At Bristol Hoosier Tire Test In May

Although the southern modified drivers have not had a scheduled tour race since the first weekend of April, many have stayed busy competing at various tracks as part of the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series or participated in NASCAR-sanctioned events.

A pair of southern drivers paired up with a veteran from the northern tour to complete a Hoosier Tire test in May at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Both Whelen tours competed in a combination event at the "World's Most Famous Short Track" last season and the track will host the tours again this August in a doubleheader with the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series.

Burt Myers, current NWSMT points leader James Civali and veteran Mike Stefanik participated in a tire test on May 13 at BMS.

Myers thought it was a beneficial day for everyone to be at the track.

"I thought we put on a great show last year and NASCAR and Hoosier are committed to making this year's race even better for the fans," Myers said. "We were asked to go up there and test several different tire compounds that might be used for our race to make the racing even better than it was last year."

Civali thought the test was definitely beneficial for everyone.

"I like the new tire Hoosier brought there to test and we learned a lot about what the setup will need to be so it was a good day," Civali said. "If we can figure out a way to keep the tire under us, we should have a very fast car for the race."

Civali had the fastest unofficial time of the day with a lap of 14.700 seconds.



Burt Myers speaks with local media during tire test at Bristol Motor Speedway in May.

Stefanik unofficially ran a lap at 15.000 seconds for his fast lap of the day and added he thought the test was a good thing Hoosier and NASCAR decided to organize.

"I think we still have a little work to do on our end, but I appreciate NASCAR and Hoosier putting this on so we can provide data for them," Stefanik said.

Myers finished his day with an unofficial fast lap time of 14.900 seconds.

"I think we learned a lot (back in May) and I think it will only help us come back better prepared as a team and put on a great show for the fans who come out to our race in August," Myers said.

"I can't wait to get back up there in August."

The UNOH Perfect Storm 150 will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 18 at BMS.

Fishel, Hire Enjoy Finishing And Driving Street Legal Modified Car In N.C.

While many teams enjoyed the spring break, not everyone was taking it easy. Bryan Fishel, owner of the No. 44 Crane & Rigging Chevrolet driven by Brandon Hire, finished and got approval from the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles to driving his specially-built modified on the highway.

"We have worked on this car for several months and have a lot of fun getting looks as we drive by on the highway," Fishel said.

Hire, who enters this week's race in 10th place in the standings, also enjoys driving the car.

"Surprisingly, it can be a handful to drive on the highway because of the power it has," Hire said. "It has regulation headlights, turn signals and even a horn. Those things were required along with several other items to make it street legal. It is a lot of fun."



Brandon Hire (third from right) stands with his crew, showing off their new toy that was built recently.



Up Next: BGS

One of the most anticipated races on the 2010 schedule for the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour will be the next stop for the tour when Bowman Gray Stadium will host the modified machines the first weekend of August.

The weekend will begin with practice and qualifying for the Coors Light Pole Award on Friday, Aug. 6, with the running of the Strutmasters.com 150 to be held on Saturday, Aug., 6 at 8 p.m.

Last year was an historic night for the tour after Chris Fleming was the surprise winner of the race in his only start on the tour. Fleming, the nephew of tour veteran Frank Fleming, held off eventual tour champion George Brunnhoelzl III to win the wild event that featured plenty of contact and gave the capacity crowd a night they will never forget.

It will also be a homecoming for many of the tour regulars as many of them race at the stadium on a weekly basis during their off weekends from the tour. The Myers brothers, Frank Fleming, Gene Pack (who finished third in the tour race last season) and Tim Brown are just a handful of the drivers who call the longest running sanctioned track in NASCAR home.

The track has hosted a touring race since NASCAR began sanctioning it in 2005. Burt Myers won the inaugural event in 2005 and also again in 2007 to become the only repeat race winner at the track.

Myers' brother Jason won his only tour event at the track in 2006, and 2008 champion Brian Loftin won the remaining race in 2008 during his championship season.

Myers is also the only repeat Coors Light Pole Award winner as well with three poles.

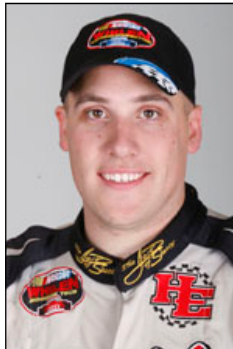
Race Recap: Civali Picks Up Win At SoBo

James Civali and L.W. Miller once again showed the fans at South Boston Speedway why modified racing is some of the best NASCAR has to offer.

Civali and Miller were out front for most of the race as the pair swapped the lead six times, with Miller getting past Civali for the final time on Lap 144. Civali was able to get back by on Lap 147 and hold on for the win.

Miller, who finished in the runner-up position for the second consecutive race, challenged Civali for the win as the 2007 NWSMT champion tried to get his first one since 2008.

Andy Seuss recovered from an early-race accident that took him out of the lead to finish third. Thomas Stinson was fourth. Zach Brewer finished fifth.



James Civali

It appeared early in the race that Seuss and Tim Brown had good cars as Seuss passed Brown, who started on the front row after the redraw. Seuss, Brown and Civali were all in a tight pack when Civali and Brown made contact, which sent Brown into Seuss to bring out the first of seven yellow flags in the event.

Brown also recovered from the early-race accident to finish sixth. John Smith, Burt Myers, Brian



James Civali celebrates his win with his crew at South Boston Speedway in April.

King and Brian Loftin completed the top 10.

Miller advanced eight positions in the race to win the Coca-Cola Move of the Race Award and Jason Myers rebounded from a tough race at Caraway to finish 12th, giving him the Featherlite Most Improved Driver honors.

David Brigati was the highest finisher of the four rookies in the field to become the third different driver to win the Sunoco Rookie of the Race Award this year. Brewer won his first Coors Light Pole Award with a track record of 14.765 seconds (97.528 mph).

Brewer Leads Drivers Back Into Competition

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ready paid dividends for Brewer. He is one of just four drivers to finish in the top 10 in all three races so far this season.

"We had a good car at South Boston and we suffered some clutch problems or I think we could have finished higher than where we did in fifth," Brewer said. "We still accomplished a lot at South Boston and we really hated having our break come up when it did because I think we really had things going in the right direction."

Brewer's weekend included a record-setting performance during qualifying for the Coors Light Pole Award to give him his first pole in the modified division.

Brewer is ready for the Firecracker 150 and thinks he and his team can get right back to where they were in April.

"I like Caraway Speedway and we just went there and had a good test," Brewer said. "Caraway is one

those tracks that usually sees a driver go on a streak of good finishes. Junior (Miller), Brian (Loftin) and George (Brunnhoelzl III) all had several good finishes in a row. Right now it seems like it's Andy's turn right now. Maybe we can get our turn of having good runs there."

Andy Seuss (No. 47 Q Racing Oil/Rockingham Boats Dodge) led every lap to win the Spring Classic 150 at Caraway Speedway in March and sits just 18 points behind Civali for the points lead (505-487).

The Hampstead, N.H., native rebounded from an early incident at South Boston to finish third in the race. Brown is third and Miller is fourth in the standings entering this weekend.

"We want to stay in the hunt for the points title, but we are also ready for our first win and it would great to celebrate that this Friday night," Brewer said.

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NASCAR WHELEN SOUTHERN MODIFIED SPECIAL AWARD STANDINGS

COCA-COLA MOVE OF THE RACE AWARD

James Civali	1
Corey LaJoie	1
L.W. Miller	1

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD

Zach Brewer	1
James Civali	1
Burt Myers	1

FEATHERLITE MOST IMPROVED DRIVER AWARD

Frank Fleming	1
L.W. Miller	1
Jason Myers	1

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE AWARD

David Brigati	1
Greg Butcher	1
Mike Norman	1



2010 SCHEDULE, POLESITTERS, RACE WINNERS

DATE	RACE	FACILITY	2010 POLE WINNER	2010 RACE WINNER
March 15	Atlanta 150	Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, GA	James Civali	Corey LaJoie
March 14	Spring Classic 150	Caraway Speedway, Asheboro, NC	Burt Myers	Andy Seuss
April 3	South Boston 150	South Boston Speedway, South Boston, VA	Zach Brewer	James Civali
DATE	RACE	FACILITY	2009 POLE WINNER	2009 RACE WINNER
July 2	The Firecracker 150	Caraway Speedway, Asheboro, NC	Andy Seuss	George Brunnhoelzl
Aug. 7	Strutmasters.com 150	Bowman-Gray Stadium, Winston-Salem, NC	Brian Loftin	Luke Fleming
Aug. 18*	UNOH Perfect Storm 150	Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, TN	None/Rain	George Brunnhoelzl
Aug. 28	NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified 150	Caraway Speedway, Asheboro, NC	George Brunnhoelzl	Brian Loftin
Sept. 4	NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified 150	Langley Speedway, Hampton, VA	Inaugural Event	Inaugural Event
Sept. 25	NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified 150	Tri-County Motor Speedway, Hudson, NC	Inaugural Event	Inaugural Event
Oct. 14	NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified 150	Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, NC	Inaugural Event	Inaugural Event

* - NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour and NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour combination race