



WHELEN SOUTHERN MODIFIED TOUR News & Notes

RACE 5 | BOWMAN GRAY STADIUM

FAST FACTS

Next Race: Strutmaster.com 199 presented by 104.1 WTQR

The Place: Bowman Gray Stadium, Winston-Salem, N.C.

The Date: Saturday, Aug. 7

The Time: 8:50 p.m. EDT (Approx.)

Track Layout: .250-mile paved

Race Purse: \$28,090

2009 Winner: Luke Fleming

2009 Pole: Brian Loftin

Schedule: Friday, Aug. 6
Practice 4-4:40 p.m.; Time Trials: 8:40; Saturday, Aug. 7 Practice 6:05-6:25 p.m., Race 8:50 p.m.

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2010 Driver Standings

Rk	Driver	Points
1	James Civali	670
2	L.W. Miller	646
3	Andy Seuss	637
4	John Smith	611
5	Zach Brewer	563
6	Burt Myers	559
7	Jason Myers	542
8	Frank Fleming	527
9	Brian Loftin	524
10	Brandon Hire	508

- Parity Is The Rule This Season For Southern Division
- VERSUS Set To Begin Southern Tour Broadcasts
- John Smith Still Happy After First Tour Victory



The Whelen Southern Modified Tour hasn't had a repeat winner yet this season. Points leader James Civali (left) has been to Victory Lane, as has Andy Seuss (center) and, most recently, John Smith (right).

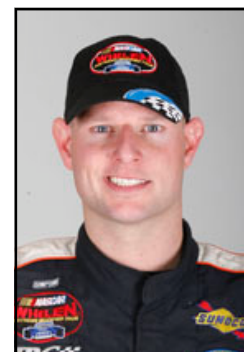
Race Is Wide Open As Tour Visits Bowman Gray

One of the most anticipated events of the season is next up for the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour. Bowman Gray Stadium will host the Strutmaster.com 199 presented by 104.1 WTQR this weekend in Winston-Salem, N.C.

James Civali (No. 79 Hill Enterprises/Coors Light Pontiac) enters this weekend with a slight 24-point lead (670-646) over **L.W. Miller (No. 36 John Baker Plumbing & Utilities Pontiac)**. While Miller has yet to win this year, he has finished second in three consecutive races to help get him in position to challenge for his second championship.

One driver who is very excited to be at Bowman Gray is **Burt Myers (No. 1 Capital Bank/Patterson's Brand Chili Ford)**, who competes at the track on a weekly basis and currently leads the points standings in the NASCAR Whelen All-American Weekly Racing Series.

"I can't wait to get to Bowman Gray Stadium this weekend," Myers said. "You need to qualify up front but, last year showed you have to avoid any problems and have a little luck."



Burt Myers

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Raceday Notes

The Race ... The Strutmaster.com 199 presented by 104.1 WTQR will be the fifth of 10 races on the 2010 NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour Schedule. This will also be the third of six races for the series in the state of North Carolina 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 199 laps (49.75 miles).

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

The Track ... The .25-mile track at Bowman Gray Stadium is a paved oval located in the heart of modified country in the southeast. The facility enjoys one of the longest partnerships as a sanctioned track in the NASCAR Whelen All-American Weekly Racing Series in the United States.

The Schedule ... The 199-lap NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour race will be a two-day show. Practice and qualifying will be held on Friday. Drivers will practice from 4-4:40 p.m. and qualifying for the Coors Light Pole is slated for 8:40 p.m. The race is scheduled to take the green flag on Saturday at approximately 8:50 p.m. Luke Fleming was the surprise winner last season.

VERSUS To Begin First Of Four Tour Broadcasts

Some of the most exciting news announced this season by NASCAR has been the new schedule of televised events for the Southern tour.

The NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour will have four of its final six races broadcast on VERSUS. The first broadcast will be this weekend's race from historic Bowman Gray Stadium in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Each broadcast will premiere on Wednesday evening prime time at 7 p.m. EDT.

With this new agreement with VERSUS, the Southern tour will have the most television exposure in the six-year history of the tour under NASCAR sanction.

"I know as competitors we are very excited to have our races televised," said

Andy Seuss, who drives the **No. 47 Q Racing Oil/Rockingham Boats Dodge** on the southern tour.

"I think modified racing is awesome and I know we have many fans that keep up with both tours who will be happy to be able to see our great events."

In addition to Bowman Gray Stadium, the Whelen Southern Modified Tour will also have events from Caraway Speedway (Asheboro, N.C.), Langley (Va.) Speedway and Tri-County Motor Speedway in Hudson, N.C., televised on the network.

The Whelen Modified Tour in the northern United States has already had one event televised on VERSUS and have four more scheduled for airing on the network.



VERSUS viewers will see a capacity crowd attend the Strutmaster 199 presented by 104.1 WTQR at Bowman Gray Stadium. The unique facility hosts the Whelen Southern Modifieds this weekend.

The Whelen Modified Tour broadcast schedule will also include a pair of broadcasts from Stafford (Conn.) Motor Speedway and Thompson (Conn.) International Speedway.

With VERSUS and SPEED airing events, the Whelen Southern Tour will have a total of seven of the 10 races on its 2010 schedule televised.

"We appreciate NASCAR working so hard to get our series on television as much as possible," said southern tour veteran Burt Myers. "Being able to tell our sponsors we have an opportunity to get them a better value with television coverage only helps the drivers, sponsors and tracks that host our races."

The Strutmaster.com 199 presented by 104.1 WTQR will be broadcast on Wednesday, Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. and will be re-aired on Saturday, Aug. 22 at 11 p.m. (EDT).

2010 Sunoco Rookie Of The Year Up For Grabs

While there have been four different winners in as many races so far this season. The battle for the 2010 Sunoco Rookie Of The Year title is just as competitive.

Gary Putnam drove his **No. 77 Stock Car Steel Chevrolet** to a top-10 finish at Caraway to record his best finish of the season and win the Sunoco Rookie of the Race honor.

David Brigati picked up the honor at South Boston in April, while Mike Norman took the award at the season opener in Atlanta and Greg Butcher captured the prize at the first race at Caraway Speedway in March.

Putnam is currently the highest rookie driver in the overall points standings sitting in 13th place, just three points behind Tim Brown (476-473).



David Brigati (98) and Gary Putnam (77) racing for position earlier this year at South Boston Speedway. Each driver has already won a Sunoco Rookie of The Race award this season. Putnam won the most recent honor at Caraway.



Up Next: Bristol

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 Bristol Motor Speedway will host the combination event — bringing together the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour and Whelen Southern Modified Tour in one race — as part of a doubleheader with the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series on Wednesday, Aug. 18.

The race day will begin with practice and qualifying for the Coors Light Pole Award at 2:45 p.m. that afternoon with running of the UNOH Perfect Storm 150 to start at 6 p.m. for the combination race.

Last season was the inaugural event for the Whelen Modifieds at Bristol as Donny Lia was able to get past Ted Christopher and hold on for the win.

Defending Whelen Southern Tour champion George Brunnhoelzl III was credited with the win as the highest-finishing Whelen Southern Modified driver. He used the finish to help propel him to his first NASCAR championship.

Burt Myers was second with Andy Seuss, third among southern drivers.

L.W. Miller was fourth and veteran Bobby Hutchens completed the top five in the Whelen Southern Modified division.

The race will be televised on SPEED as part of their doubleheader coverage from the track that night.

Bristol Motor Speedway has often been voted one of most popular tracks in the country according to NASCAR fans and this will be the second consecutive season fans will be able to watch the modifieds compete on the high-banked, ultra-fast half-mile race track located in the mountains of east Tennessee.

Race Recap: Smith Picks Up First Win At Caraway

Last year at the season finale at Caraway Speedway, it was all George Brunnhoelzl III could do to hold off John Smith and get the win. This time Smith wasn't going to be denied.

Smith made a daring pass by L.W. Miller on a final restart and held on for his first win on the Tour on July 2 at Caraway.

Smith, who has finished in the top 10 in all four starts this year, provided yet another exciting finish for the tour at Caraway.

It appeared early on that L.W. Miller was going to finally break through and get his first win since 2008 as he led a race-high 149 laps in the event.



John Smith

Miller and Zach Brewer swapped the lead twice throughout the first half of the race before Brewer drifted back and was involved in an accident that collected several other cars after he suffered mechanical issues while running in the top five.

James Civali started and finished third with Jason Myers continuing his resurgence with a solid fourth-place showing, and his brother, Burt Myers, completing the top five.

Burt Myers won his second Coors Light Pole



LW Miller (front, left) led a race-high 149 laps before getting passed by John Smith on a late-race restart.

Award of the season in qualifying with a time of 15.821 seconds (103.533 mph) and started ninth after the redraw.

Smith advanced 12 positions in the race to win the Coca-Cola Move of the Race Award. Brandon Hire rebounded from a tough race at South Boston to finish 11th, giving him the Featherlite Most Improved Driver honors.

Gary Putnam was the highest finisher of the three rookies in the field to become the fourth different driver to win the Sunoco Rookie of the Race Award this year.

Plenty Of Drivers Looking For A Win At The Stadium

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Myers was making reference to last year's event which featured rookie Luke Fleming picking up the win after making his first career start.

"When we had several incidents that took out a lot of cars, it put the race up for grabs," Myers said. "We have had some luck this year and are running pretty well in the weekly shows. Hopefully we can bring that over to our Tour car."

John Smith (No. 25 Tutterow Surveying/Rick's Home Improvement Chevrolet) is one of the hottest drivers on the Tour. He is coming off of his first career win at Caraway Speedway. Smith led a race-high 105 laps last year at Bowman Gray before mechanical problems ended his night early.

Civali has won this season and Andy Seuss has also collected a win, while rookie Corey Lajoie won the season opener in Atlanta.

Having so many different winners is good for the Tour, according to Myers.

"I think the Whelen Southern Modified Tour is as

competitive as it has ever been," said Myers. "I think last year's results at Bowman Gray show that when you have a good car and a little luck, anything can happen."

The drivers arrive at Bowman Gray for practice and qualifying on Friday, with a final practice and the Strutmaster.com 199 presented by 104.1 WTQR to be held Saturday evening.



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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
John Smith	1

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD

Burt Myers	2
Zach Brewer	1
James Civali	1

FEATHERLITE MOST IMPROVED DRIVER AWARD

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

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE AWARD

David Brigati	1
Greg Butcher	1
Mike Norman	1
Gary Putnam	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
July 2	The Firecracker 150	Caraway Speedway	Burt Myers	John Smith
DATE	RACE	FACILITY	2009 POLE WINNER	2009 RACE WINNER
Aug. 7	Strutmasters.com 150 presented by 104.1 WTQR	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	Triad Commercial Services 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	UNOH Southern Slam 150	Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, NC	Inaugural Event	Inaugural Event

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