

**Statistical Advance: Analyzing The Strutmaster.com 199**  
**presented by 104.1 WTQR At Bowman Gray Stadium**

**DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (Aug. 4, 2010)** – The sixth season of the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour continues this weekend when the tour returns to Bowman Gray Stadium for the Strutmaster.com 199 presented by 104.1 WTQR.

**At Bowman Gray Stadium:**

- Since the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour formed in 2005, there have been 66 races in the history of the series.
- This will be the sixth NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour race at the track.
- The track was built and opened on May 18, 1949 by NASCAR founder Bill France Sr. and Alvin Hawkins. Fonty Flock won the first race.

**Notebook**

- A total of three drivers who have visited Victory Lane in the NWSMT races at Bowman Gray Stadium will compete this weekend. Leading the group will be Burt Myers, who holds the record for most tour wins at the track with two.
- Burt Myers holds the record for the most Coors Light Pole Awards at the track with three.
- There has never been a back-to-back repeat winner at the track. Last season, BGS regular Luke Fleming scored the upset win driving his father's car in his first tour start.
- The NWSMT has crowned four different champions: Junior Miller (2005, 2006), L.W. Miller (2007), Brian Loftin (2008), and George Brunnhoelzl III (2009).

**Up To Speed**

- Corey LaJoie won the season opener at Atlanta Motor Speedway on March 5.
- Andy Seuss won the next race at Caraway Speedway on March 15.
- Points leader James Civali won the first NWSMT portion of the doubleheader with the K&N Pro Series East at South Boston Speedway on April 3.
- John Smith picked up his first tour win last month at Caraway Speedway on July 2.

**Bowman Gray Stadium Data**

**Race:** # 5 of 10 (8-7-10)  
**Track Layout:** .250-mile oval  
**Banking:** flat, paved oval  
**Race Length:** 199 laps/49.75 miles  
• Has been sanctioned track with NASCAR since 1949.

**Qualifying/Race Data**

**2009 pole winner:** Brian Loftin  
**2009 race winner:** Luke Fleming (39.190 mph, 1:16:10)  
**Track qualifying record:** Tim Brown (68.254 mph, 13.186 seconds, (8/4/07)  
**Track race record (150 L):** Jason Myers (45.079 mph, 1:6:13 min., (8/5/06)

**NWSMT Active Win Leaders**

1. Burt Myers ..... 2  
2. Brian Loftin ..... 1  
3. Jason Myers ..... 1  
4. Luke Fleming ..... 1

**NWSMT Active Pole Leaders**

1. Burt Myers ..... 3  
2. Tim Brown ..... 1  
3. Brian Loftin ..... 1

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

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

- Has two top fives in 21 career NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour starts.
- Has two top 10 finishes in three career starts at Bowman Gray Stadium finishing sixth on Aug. 2, 2008.
- Made six starts in 2009 with two top-10 finishes.
- Won his first career Coors Light Pole award at South Boston on April 3, 2010.

##### **Tim Brown (No. 02 Chevrolet)**

- Brown has finished second in the season-ending points standings a record three times from 2006-2008.
- Has 53 career starts on the NWSMT and is tied for the lead in career top-fives with 34 and has 45 top-10 finishes.
- Has five wins on the NWSMT with his most recent coming on Sept. 27, 2008 at Caraway Speedway.
- Has five top five finishes in five tour races at Bowman Gray Stadium highlighted by a second-place showing in the inaugural tour race on Aug. 6, 2005.

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

- Enters this weekend as the points leader with 24-point lead over L.W. Miller (670-646).
- Was the 2006 Sunoco Rookie of the Year in the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour.
- Has nine career starts on the NWSMT, with his first win coming at South Boston on April 3, 2010.
- This will be his first tour start at Bowman Gray Stadium.

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

- Lone Louisiana native who competes full time on the NWSMT.
- Finished fifth last year in his lone start at Bowman Gray Stadium.
- Made 10 starts in 2009, finishing 12th in the final points standings.
- Has two top 10s in 16 career starts.

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

- Tied for first for most career starts in the series with 65 in the NWSMT. Has only missed one race on the tour since 2005. Has 42 top-10s and 20 top fives
- Has finished second seven times with his most recent runner-up finish coming at Caraway Speedway on July 3, 2009.
- Finished a career-best seventh last year at Bowman Gray Stadium and has led a total of 194 laps at the track in five tour races.
- Finished in the top 10 in 11 of 14 starts in 2009.
- Has over 50 total wins at Bowman Gray Stadium.

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

- Has made three starts at Bowman Gray Stadium with one top-10 finish on Aug. 2, 2008.
- Has one top-five finish in four starts this season.
- Returned to the tour full-time this season after missing last season with broken leg.

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

- 2008 NWSMT Champion. Won by 30 points over Tim Brown (1,780-1,750).
- Holds records for most wins (11), consecutive races won (3).
- Has 40 top-10 finishes in 60 career starts on the NWSMT since 2005.
- Currently in second place for most Coors Light Pole awards with nine.
- Only driver to lead every lap in a tour win at Bowman Gray Stadium, 202 laps on Aug. 2, 2008.

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

- 2007 NWSMT Champion. Won by 25 points over Tim Brown (1,930-1,905).
- Sits in second place for most career wins with 10 in 49 starts.
- Also has 74 NWMT career starts.
- Has finished second in the past three NWSMT races in 2010 (South Boston on April 3, and Caraway on March 14, and July 2)
- Has four top 10s in four starts at Bowman Gray Stadium with a second-place showing on Aug. 5, 2006.

##### **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 (23), most top-10s (52), top-fives (35) and consecutive starts (49).
- Has made five starts at Bowman Gray Stadium with two wins (8/6/05, 8/4/07) and three top-five finishes.
- Holds the record for the most Coors Light Pole Awards at Bowman Gray Stadium with three.
- Has raced with his brother Jason in the NWSMT since 2005.

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

- Tied with Frank Fleming for most career starts on the NWSMT with 65.
- Picked up his lone win on the tour at Bowman Gray Stadium on Aug. 5, 2006.
- Has 46 top-10 finishes since 2005.
- Has two top-fives in four starts this season. One of four drivers on the tour to have multiple top five finishes this season.

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

- Will compete full-time this season on the tour competing for Sunoco Rookie of the Year honors.
- Won Sunoco 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 and at Caraway on July 7, 2010.

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

- Career-best finish of second at Martinsville Speedway in 2006 as second-highest finishing NWSMT competitor at combination event with the NWMT.
- Has made five starts at Bowman Gray Stadium with his best finish coming last year when he finished third on Aug. 1, 2009.
- 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.
- Has two top 10 finishes in four starts this season, highlighted by an eighth-place finish at Caraway on July 2.

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

- Has started all three races in 2010 with a pair of top-20 finishes.
- Works full-time as car chief for Earnhardt-Ganassi Racing with Jamie McMurray.
- Picked up his first top-10 finish at Caraway Speedway in the Firecracker 150 on July 2, 2010.

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

- Has three top 10s in four races this season highlighted by his win at the Spring Classic 150 on March 14, 2010.
- Hampstead, N.H., native won four times in 2009.
- Has made two starts at Bowman Gray Stadium with one top five.
- Has 26 top-10 finishes in 37 career starts and a total of seven wins.
- Has wins at Lanier, South Boston, Myrtle Beach, Music City, Caraway and Ace Speedways.
- Commutes from New Hampshire to drive in the NWSMT, and also competes in the NWMT.

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

- Picked up first tour win last month at Caraway winning the Firecracker 150 on July 2, 2010.
- Has 28 top-10 finishes in 44 career NWSMT starts.
- 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.
- Has made five starts at Bowman Gray Stadium with two top-10s highlighted by a second-place finish on Aug. 4, 2007.

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- Led 102 laps in last year's race before suffering mechanical problems.
- One of just two drivers to finish in the top 10 in all four races so far in 2010. (The other is James Civali).

#### **Upcoming Milestones/Benchmarks:**

- **L.W. Miller's** next win would place him in a tie with Brian Loftin for the all-time series wins list with 11.
- **John Smith** can become just the fifth driver in the history of the NWSMT to win back-to-back races if he wins this weekend at Bowman Gray. 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.
- **Frank Fleming** and **Jason Myers** can add to their record for most starts when they take the green flag this Saturday night.

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