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26 Modifieds Battle for Twin 50's At All American Speedway; Bobby Runyan Collects First Modified Victory

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All American Speedway hosted the NASCAR Whelen All American Weekly Series Rain Date this past weekend giving the fans fierce competition from some of the best racing talent on the west coast. On tap for the night was the Modifieds twin 50's, Street Stocks and Bombers 35 laps with Modifieds holding the first B main for 2011 contesting 26 cars. Minimal yellows and one red flag brought on nail biting racing excitement for the fans in the stands at All American Speedway.



First up on the night was the Bomber division fielding six cars. Both No. 52 Matt Camp and No. 24 Cody Rickard shared a practice session posting fast times. Cody Rickard posted fastest lap in qualifying with a time of 15.905 seconds nearly holding onto the top spot. Matt Camp missed pole position by .039 seconds landing the second spot followed by No. 3 Chris Paulson, No. 77 Erick Ray, No. 63 Joe Rhodes the fast five. In the six lap heat race Joe Rhodes grabbed the early lead holding Erick Ray in second. On lap four Erick Ray took over the top spot for the remainder of the race and won the heat race with a drag race to the finish line. Joe Rhodes, Erick Ray, Matt Camp and Chris Paulson all made it into the four lap trophy dash and on the start Ray stole the lead. Joe Rhodes wanted the trophy dash victory and fought for the top spot. By lap three Rhodes took over the lead for the trophy dash victory. Start of the 35 lap main event Joe Rhodes led the field for four laps until Chris Paulson made the move for the top spot leading the remainder of the race. On lap 15, both Erick Ray and Matt Camp made contact in turn one sending Ray spinning. On lap 18, Camp and Rickard battled for the second position as Rickard tried to keep Camp in third. By lap 20, Camp made it by Rickard for the second spot. Chris Paulson led majority of the race to capture his sixth 2011 All American Speedway Bomber victory.

Next up was the Street Stock division and No. 08 Mickey Owens was the driver to beat as Owens started off the day by sweeping all three practice sessions and qualifying. Mickey posted fastest lap around the track with a time of 15.052 seconds with No. 23 Richard Poppert Jr in second with a time of 15.058 just .006 seconds from pole. No. 98 Byron Gonzales third, No. 21 Kevin Owens fourth, No. 86 Dave Silva fifth. In the eight lap heat race, No. 6 Spencer Emerson took the early lead while Dave Silva and Byron Gonzales battle for the second spot. Emerson captured the heat race victory followed by Byron Gonzales, Dave Silva, Richard Poppert Jr and Kevin Owens the top five. Dave Silva led the way on the start of the trophy dash and held onto

the inside gaining the lead. Silva won the trophy dash with Richard Poppert Jr., Byron Gonzales and Spencer Emerson in tow. On the start of the 35 lap main event, No. 50 Chris Lambert stepped up his game and led for 15 laps. On lap 16, Mickey Owens stole the lead from Lambert and ran from the field leaving Lambert and Poppert to battle for the second spot. Mickey Owens checked out for a 2.372 second lead to capture his fourth 2011 All American Speedway Street Stock Victory.

Last up for the night was the stacked field of an impressive 26 NASCAR Modifieds featuring twin 50's and the first B main for 2011. The AAS officials gave the modifieds three practice sessions and No. 8 Andy Field controlled two of the practice sessions leaving No. 24 Scott Winters with one session. Scott Winters tops it off in qualifying with a fast time of 14.134 seconds as the only driver in the 14.1's. Followed by Andy Field, No. 4 Steve Cote, No. 15 Jason Philpot, and No. 45 Rich Lindgren the fast five. Making the return to All American Speedway was Jason Philpot as he controlled the four lap trophy dash for his first 2011 All American Speedway trophy dash victory. No heat races took place for the Modifieds however seven drivers competed in the B main for a spot in the A mains. Only four drivers would be able to transfer into the A main as the remaining three would watch the race from the sidelines.

No. 1 Rick Anable led the field for a lap until No. 88 Billy Bowerman took over on lap two. On lap nine, No. 17 Tyler Wentworth and No. 02 Sal Lopez battled for the third position as the two made contact sending Lopez spinning on the back stretch. On the white flag lap Bowerman received company from Anable as he snuck by putting Bowerman back two positions. Rick Anable, Tyler Wentworth, Billy Bowerman and No. 26 Mindy McCord were the final four to transfer.

An invert of seven was spun making No. 21 Bobby Runyan and No. 29 Dan Jinkerson to start the 20 car field for the first 50 lap feature. Jinkerson took the lead on the start until Rookie driver Runyan took his chance for the pass and stuck with it to lead the stacked field. On lap 10, No. 43 Nick Lyons and No. 28 Jim Miller made contact sending both cars spinning in turn four causing a yellow. On lap 16, Mindy McCord and Jim Miller made contact sending both cars spinning causing the second yellow. Halfway Runyan created a gap on the field. On lap 35, Runyan caught up to lapped traffic allowing second and third to catch up to Runyan. On lap 40, Runyan working through lap traffic No. 5 Jason Bamberg got loose and spun causing another yellow. As the race came down to the wire Winters caught up to Runyan and the two drivers swap rubber creating a drag race to the finish line as Bobby Runyan captured his first ever 2011 All American Speedway modified Victory. Followed by Scott Winters, Andy Field, Jason Philpot and Steve Cote the final five. An invert of five was spun for the second Modified feature putting Steve Cote and Jason Philpot on the front row leading the field on the start. Philpot took the early lead as the division experienced a red flag on lap three. Tyler Wentworth and Jim Miller both wrecked into the turn one wall creating a red flag as Wentworth was hurt. AAS safety crew quickly cleaned up the carnage and got the track back to green in no time. On lap seven, Winters jumped in and took the lead from Philpot creating a large gap from the field. Racing went smooth here on out with Winters leading the rest of the race. Winters captured his sixth 2011 All American Speedway victory but to only be removed in post tech handing the victory to Jason Philpot followed by Steve Cote, Andy Field, Dan Jinkerson and Bobby Runyan the top five.

The Championship Points Race Series will be back on the original schedule this weekend Saturday, August 6th at All American Speedway featuring NASCAR Late Model 100, Modifieds 40, Street Stock and Bombers 35 and joining the championship series will be the Legends of The Pacific. More information about All American Speedway can be found at www.AllAmericanSpeedway.com. The Placer County Fairgrounds administration office is open for advance ticket sales Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm at 800 All America City Blvd. Roseville, CA. 95678, or contact the office at (916) 786-2025.