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## **All American Speedway Honors 9/11 Anniversary; Eric Bocksberger and Nick Lyons Grab First Victories** **Source RMG Race Media Group**

All American Speedway honored the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragic attacks on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. To honor the victims and the heroes of Nine-Eleven the track presented free general admission to first responders and put on display a portion of a twin tower I-beam, fire trucks and ladder trucks remembering 9/11. The fans of All American Speedway were in awe when a young seven-year-old girl sang the National Anthem perfectly along with the 9/11 display.

The NASCAR All American Whelen Championship series contested its 16<sup>th</sup> points race featuring the NASCAR Modifieds twin 50's, Street Stocks and Bombers 35 laps and joining the series was the USAC Ford Focus Midgets and the USAC Young Guns. A few drivers competed in multiple divisions throughout the night. Keegan Walmer drove in the Modified, Ford Focus and young guns divisions, and Erick Ray contested the Modified, Bomber and Street Stock divisions.

First up on the agenda was the Bomber division fielding 11 cars and No. 04 Dana Kelly posted fastest lap around the speedway with a fast time of 15.899 seconds grabbing her first ever fastest qualifier. Followed by No. 3 Chris Paulson, No. 50 Richard Perez, No. 23 Eric Bocksberger and No. 63 Joe Rhodes the fast five. Chris Paulson grabbed the heat race win and Eric Bocksberger took home the trophy dash victory. In the main event, an invert of four was spun setting Eric Bocksberger on pole. Bocksberger took the early lead and pulled away from the field. On lap four, No. 89 Walter Silva spun on the back stretch creating lots of smoke and continues on racing as no yellow was thrown. On lap six, No. 12 Denise Lambert spun on the front straight away causing a yellow flag. On the restart, the top four drivers Bocksberger, No. 50 Richard Perez, Paulson and Kelly pulled away from the field racing side by side putting on a drag race for positions. Side by side racing continued through lap 17 when Paulson almost lost control of the car to loop it in turn two but throttled down and saved it. On lap 19, No. 17 Raymond Stafford and Walter Silva both spun on the front stretch causing a yellow. On the restart, the top four drivers continued to drive two by two as Bocksberger and Perez continued to trade off the lead. On lap 32, Richard Perez got sideways in turn four collecting Dana Kelly causing both drivers to lose grounds. Eric Bocksberger led the remaining few laps to collect his first 2011 All American Speedway Bomber victory. Chris Paulson second, No. 22 Keith Hopkinson third, Joe Rhodes fourth and Denise Lambert fifth.

Newcomers join the Modified twin 50's for the night with Stockton's Jarred Beddow driving the No. 55 machine, Bomber driver Erick Ray driving the No. 1 modified, No. 07 Justin Wolff to grab seat time and Keegan Walmer performing several racing duties as well. No.68 Cody Thompson put's his modified

machine on top of the charts in qualifying posting a fast lap of 14.206 seconds. Followed by No. 43 Nick Lyons, No. 5 Jason Bamberg, No. 26 Mindy McCord and No. 45 Rich Lindgren the fast five. No heat races were schedule for the Modified division as they will be contesting twin 50's. The division jumped right into the trophy dash with Mindy McCord collecting her second consecutive trophy dash victory. In the first twin 50's main event, No. 26 Mindy McCord led the field to the green flag and Jason Bamberg took the early lead over McCord. The top eight cars all stacked up with the leader battling for positions. On lap five, McCord took over the top spot over Bamberg. On lap 11, No. 05 Chase Grigsby dove deep in turn four on No. 45 Rich Lindgren sent Grigsby spinning bringing out the yellow. Tough break for the leader Mindy McCord, McCord pulled into the pits under the yellow handing the lead to No. 29 Dan Jinkerson. On lap 13, Nick Lyons took the lead from point's leader Jinkerson. Jinkerson got loose in turn one and lost positions falling back to fifth. On lap 23, Cody Thompson made the pass for the lead and completed the pass. Thompson and Lyons battle for the top spot and on lap 26 Lyons regained the lead. On lap 34, Keegan Walmer and Chase Grigsby battled for the seventh position and got collected sending Grigsby to a scary head on wreck in turn three. AAS track officials quickly cleaned up the track and remove the carnage to get racing rolling again. Lyons and Thompson led the restart and raced side by side to the finish line with Nick Lyons collecting his first 2011 Modified victory. Followed by Cody Thompson, Bobby Runyan, Dan Jinkerson and No. 55 Jarred Beddow the final five.

In the second twin 50 main event, with an invert of five, put Jarred Beddow on pole to lead the 15 car field to the green. Beddow and Jinkerson side by side drag racing for position as the two swapped lead positions. On lap five, Jinkerson clears Beddow for good after the two made contact. On lap seven, Bobby Runyan and Nick Lyons made contact sending Lyons to the infield stalled which brought out the yellow. Under caution, Runyan exited the track for a flat tire. After the restart, Jinkerson runs with the lead as the rest of the field battled for position. From second to fifth Beddow, Thompson, Lindgren and Bamberg all trading rubber and bumping each other brought excitement to the fans. On lap 22, Rich Lindgren and Jarred Beddow got tangled in turn two sending Lindgren spinning causing a yellow. On the restart, Beddow challenges Jinkerson by making a pass on the inside however Jinkerson's car is was well tuned for the outside line. On the white flag lap, Cody Thompson caught up to Jinkerson to pass in turn one to complete the pass for the lead until Jarred Beddow made contact with Thompson sending Thompson spinning. Dan Jinkerson took the victory with Jarred Beddow second, Jason Bamberg third, Rich Lindgren fourth and Steve Cote the final five.

Next up was the Street Stock division fielding 14 cars and No. 08 Mickey Owens topped off qualifying with a fast time of 14.996 seconds. Followed by No. 23 Richard Poppert Jr., No. 98 Byron Gonzales, No. 2 Mel Wilson and No. 86 Dave Silva the fast five. Mickey Owens took home the first heat race win and Richard Poppert Jr. grabbed the second heat race victory. No. 52 Matt Camp collected the trophy dash victory. An invert of three was spun setting Byron Gonzales to set the pace for the green flag. Richard Poppert Jr. took the early lead as Mickey Owens tried to pass Gonzales for second. On lap seven, Matt Camp brushed against the back stretch wall ending his night with heavy damage to the side of his car. On the restart, Poppert and Owens battled for the top spot racing side by side and Owens took the lead on lap eight. Owens brought on a huge gap between him and Poppert as Gonzales battled for third with

Dave Silva. Owens brought home another victory adding it to his 2011 victory collection. Richard Poppert Jr. second, Byron Gonzales third, Dave Silva fourth and Joe Dahl fifth.

The Ford Focus Midgets brought eight cars to the speedway to battle for dual 40 main events. Australian resident Brodie Kostecki topped off qualifying with a fast time of 13.604 seconds followed by No. 31 Garrett Peterson, No. 3 Keegan Walmer, No. 8 James Eden and No. 44 Jessica Clark the fast five. The division contested an eight lap heat race and Kostecki took home the heat race victory. No trophy dash was scheduled and the division jumped right into the first main event with Keegan Walmer in charge of setting the pace for the green flag. Keegan Walmer took the early lead and walked away from field to hold off the charging kangaroo Kostecki. On lap 34, Sheldon Didinger spun which brought out the yellow flag. On the restart, Walmer lost the lead to Kostecki with six laps remaining. Brodie Kostecki took the first victory with a .592 second lead. Keegan Walmer second, Garrett Peterson third, James Eden fourth and Tanner Long fifth. A full invert set for the final 40 lap Ford Focus main event putting Jessica Clark on pole. Sheldon Didinger grabbed the early lead as Clark got hung on the outside. On lap 12, James Eden made the pass on Didinger for the lead and closed the door on Didinger. Clean racing for the Ford Focus drivers and the unstoppable Australian Brodie Kostecki flew by Eden for the lead on lap 35. Kostecki took home the Ford Focus victory with a 1.297 second lead. Followed by Garrett Peterson, Keegan Walmer, Tanner Long and James Eden the final five.

In the Junior Focus Midget division the racing kangaroo No. 40 Brodie Kostecki swept qualifying with a fast time of 13.970 seconds with No. 3 Keegan Walmer second, No. 11 Trevor Hunt third, No. 8 James Eden fourth and No. 42 Sheldon Didinger fifth. In the five lap trophy dash all five drivers contested for a trophy and Kostecki took home the win. In the Main event, Trevor Hunt led the field to the green flag and took the early lead. On lap three, Keegan Walmer grabbed the lead with the racing Kangaroo Brodie Kostecki charging hard. On lap 8 Kostecki took the lead and planned on performing a clean sweep for the night at All American Speedway. On lap 18, Sheldon Didinger spun in turn one brought the yellow flag. On the restart, unstoppable Kostecki took the lead and never looked back collecting the victory in the Jr Focus Midgets division as well as making a clean sweep in the USAC show. Followed by Trevor Hunt, James Eden, Keegan Walmer and Sheldon Didinger the top five.

Weekly NASCAR Championship Points Race No. 17 will return to All American Speedway this Saturday, September 17th featuring the finale of NASCAR Late Models 100, Modifieds 40, Street Stocks and Bombers 35. More information about All American Speedway, as well as driver interviews, can be found at [www.AllAmericanSpeedway.com](http://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.

**\*Championship Points race No. 18 on October, 1<sup>st</sup> has been cancelled due to reservation of USAC night.**

**\*October 14<sup>th</sup> will be a NON-points race for the Bill McAnally Late Models and Modifieds race.**