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All American Speedway 2011 Track Champions Crowned
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On Saturday the 2011 NASCAR Whelen All American Championship series came to a close crowning four division champions putting on an exciting show with lots of burnt rubber laid on the track from celebratory burnouts. Saturday, September 17th marked the finale of the weekly NASCAR racing featuring the Late Models, Modifieds, Street Stocks and Bombers. A few division championships were already claimed while others were still up for grabs. The Speedway hosted a live band to entertain the fans in between division races.

First up on the agenda were the Street Stocks with an impressive 18 car field and champion runner up No. 23 Richard Poppert Jr. placed his Coors Light machine on top of the charts in qualifying with a fast time of 15.048 seconds. Followed by No. 21 Kevin Owens, No. 08 Mickey Owens, No. 98 Byron Gonzales and No. 52 Matt Camp the fast five. No. 22x Frank Aguirre took home the first heat race win and No. 16 Gary Campora grabbed the second heat race victory. No. 2 Mel Wilson, No. 6 Spencer Emerson, Gary Campora and Frank Aguirre all competed for a trophy in the four lap trophy dash and Gary Campora took home the victory. With an invert of seven, No. 03 Casey Cavender and Matt Camp were placed on the front row to lead the 18 car field to the green. Point's Leader Mickey Owens, started third and immediately suffered motor problems forcing Mickey to lose ground on the field falling back as far back to the 16th position. Coming into the race Mickey Owens was the driver seat for the championship, however if he finished last and Richard Poppert jr got the win, Poppert could take away the championship. For the majority of the race it was looking as if Mickey didn't have a chance in saving his champion title. On lap three, Frank Aguirre was shoved into the grass in turn one but muscled it out saving his car from losing control in the slippery grass. By lap five, Casey Cavender was walking away from the field with a huge gap behind him. Gary Campora's machine stalled in turn four bringing out the first yellow for the night on lap five. On the restart the first eight cars were all stacked side by side creating some great racing bumping and grinding for positions on putting on a great show for the fans. On lap 11, No. 17 Doug Swartz lost control of his vehicle causing him to spin in turn four bringing out a caution. On the restart, Cavender and Poppert led the field and were racing hard trading rubber. Richard Poppert Jr. gained the lead on lap 12 and by lap 14 Poppert had five car lengths on the car in second. On lap 23, Poppert had his race machine out front by a straightaway until two cars No.2 and No.6 collided in turn two sending both cars in the grass, thus closing the lead gap as the caution was thrown. On the restart, an eager Poppert locked his breaks as he drove deep into turn one and still came out front to continue to lead the race. By lap 28, first thru third were spread out but all the action was the battle for fourth with Byron Gonzales, Chris Lambert, Dave Silva and Casey Cavender in the mix. On lap 33, Mel

Wilson spun into the infield and stalled the car, in the meantime no caution was thrown in which Poppert ran to a 1.349 second victory. Kevin Owens second, Matt Camp third, Byron Gonzales fourth and Dave Silva fifth. After the track cleared Mickey Owens performed a burnout smoke-fest all around the track in celebration of his second All American Speedway Street Stock division championship.

Next up on the schedule was the Modified division fielding 15 cars and No.68 Cody Thompson captured fastest time in qualifying with a time of 14.214 seconds barely holding No. 21 Bobby Runyan in second by .001 seconds. No. 4 Steve Cote, No. 5 Jason Bamberg and No. 92 Scott Heminover the fast five. No. 96 Mikey Lehman took home the first heat race win and points leader No. 29 Dan Jinkerson captured the second heat race victory. Lehman, Runyan, Cote and Jinkerson all competed in the four lap trophy dash and Jinkerson took home the win. In the main event an invert of seven was spun placing Scott Heminover and No. 50 Gary Glenn in front to lead the pack. The first lap the top six cars all battled side by side for positions. On lap two, Gary Glenn was able to break away from the pack and lead the field. Cote, Runyan, Bamberg and Thompson all battled for the third position. On lap three, Cody Thompson showed lots of sparks flying from his car and No. 22 Troy Nagosek pulled off on lap six. A stuck Nagosek on the exit ramp to the pits brought out a caution as AAS safety crew quickly removed Nagosek from any harm. On lap nine, the top ten cars all freight trained bumper to bumper. No. 07 Justin Wolff, No. 48 Jim Badaker, No. 53 Chuck Smithhart and No. 05 Chase Grigsby all collided in turn four bringing out a red flag as the ambulance was called for Grigsby and gear oil had spilled all over the track. On lap 24, Cody Thompson made the pass for the lead on Gary Glenn. Thompson collected his second Modified victory and the championship was handed to Dan Jinkerson making this his second Championship with All American Speedway.

Up next was the NASCAR Late Models and No. 35 Matt Scott qualified fastest lap with a time of 13.087 seconds barely holding No. 5 Chris Scribner in second by .091 seconds. No. 11 Juan Pitta, No. 98 Glen Cook and No. 88 Dylan Hutchison the fast five. In the trophy dash Glen Cook captured his first ever trophy dash win at All American Speedway. In the main event the invert of seven placed No. 14 Travis Milburn and No. 16 Jamie Krizysik on the front row in charge of leading the field to the green flag. Travis Milburn took the early lead hoping to pull away from the field. Dylan Hutchison issued a bump and run on Milburn in turn four on lap 11 and completed the pass for the lead. Juan Pitta crowded Matt Scott on the outside to defend position in turn two on lap 11. Matt Scott sniffed out Milburn to make a pass and dove to the inside in turn three moving up to second. Juan Pitta bumped Travis Milburn and got Milburn sideways in turn four on lap 33. By lap 36, Matt Scott in second had caught up to the leader Dylan Hutchison. Chris Scribner dove to the inside to pass Glen Cook in turn three on lap 40 to move up to fifth. On lap 45, Scott bumped Hutchison to move him out of the way for the lead. Matt Scott won the Late Model feature as well as the second consecutive Championship at All American Speedway. Dylan Hutchison was second, Juan Pitta, Travis Milburn and Chris Scribner finished the top five.

Last up was the Bomber division and Chris Paulson took fast time in qualifying with a time of 15.977 seconds. Followed by No. 63 Joe Rhodes, No. 04 Dana Kelly, No. 50 Richard Perez and No. 22 Keith Hopkinson the fast five. Only one heat race for the bombers and Richard Perez captured the win. No. 23 Eric Bocksberger won the four lap trophy dash. In the main event, Eric Bocksberger took the early lead and later was black flagged due to spilling transmission fluid which handed the lead to Richard Perez on

lap seven. On lap ten, Bocksberger fixed the transmission problem and returned to the competition. On lap 12, No. 12 Denise Lambert was black flagged due to spilling fluid on the track causing a red flag. On lap 14 Keith Hopkinson stole the lead from Perez. On lap 15, Team Kelly Racing made the pass on Hopkinson for the lead. On lap 19, No. 89 Walter Silva spun in turn two and no yellow was thrown as Silva got his machine back on track. On lap 27, tough night for points leader Chris Paulson as he spun on the straight away with very worn tires. Team Kelly Racing collected their first 2011 Bomber victory followed by Joe Rhodes, Keith Hopkinson, Richard Perez and No. 17 Raymond Stafford the final five. Chris Paulson collected the 2011 All American Speedway Bomber division championship.

Weekly NASCAR Championship Racing has come to a close and look forward to begin it's next chapter for the 2012 season. A few races remaining for the 2011 season which are the All American Vintage Classic on September 23rd and 24th, Late Models and Modifieds Money race put on by Bill McAnally Racing on October 14th as well as the NASCAR K&N West race on October 15th. The Speedway will approach the last race of the year ending it on a high note for the annual Pumpkin Smash Enduro on October 29th. More information about All American Speedway, as well as driver interviews, 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.

****No races on October 1st**

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