



Towns County Herald's Sporting News



NASCAR 2009 By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

Logano gets first cup win
LOUDON, N.H. — Nineteen year-old Joey Logano won Sunday's rain-shortened Sprint Cup race at New Hampshire Speedway to become the youngest driver to ever win a Cup race.

With skies threatening, Logano's crew chief, Greg Zippadelli decided to keep his driver on the track as long as possible, even during green-flag stops. He conserved fuel and was in the lead as the rains came, ending the race after 273 of the scheduled 301 laps.

"We didn't have anything to lose," said Logano. "It was our opportunity and we took advantage of it. It was a great call by 'Zippy.' We saved just enough fuel to make it here."

"This is my home track so it makes it all that more special."

Logano is from nearby Middletown, CT.

During a restart on lap 176, Kyle Busch got into the back of Martin Truex causing a 14-car pileup that sent eight cars to the garage for repairs. The cars that had to go to the garage included, Truex, Kevin Harvick, Jeff Burton, Brian Vickers, Jamie McMurray, David Reutimann, and David Ragan.

NASCAR red flagged the race immediately after the big wreck so speedway workers could clean up the mess of debris and metal on the front straightaway.

"I guess Kyle just didn't want to wait," said Truex, who was not able to return to the race.

Jeff Burton was another one of the cars knocked out of the race.

"We didn't do anything wrong today," he said. "We didn't cause the wreck. We had about as fast a car as anyone out here. When you have aggressive racing, you're going to have wrecks and that's what we had today."

Stewart remains the series points leader, holding a 69-point edge over Gordon.

Top-10 finishers: 1. Joey Logano, 2. Jeff Gordon, 3. Kurt Busch, 4. David Reutimann, 5. Tony Stewart, 6. Brad Keselowski, 7. Kyle Busch, 8. Sam Hornish, 9. Jimmie Johnson, 10. Kasey Kahne

Top-12 Chase Contenders after 17 of 26 races before the Chase begins: 1. Stewart-2524, 2. J. Gordon-2455, 3. Johnson-2355, 4. Kurt Busch-2254, 5. Edwards-2157, 6. Hamlin-2132, 7. Newman-2127, 8. Kyle Busch-2108, 9. Biffle-2106, 10. Kenseth-2054, 11. Martin-2052, 12. Montoya-2049

KYLE BUSCH GETS FIFTH NATIONWIDE WIN

After back-to-back second-place finishes in the past two Nationwide Series races, Kyle Busch got back into vic-

tory lane by winning Saturday's Camping World RV Sales 200 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon.

Busch earned the win by beating his teammate, Joey Logano, to the stripe by .617 of a second. It was Busch's fifth Nationwide Series win of the season and his first since taking the checkered flag three weeks ago at Nashville.

Top-10 leaders after 16 of 35: 1. Kyle Busch-2581, 2. Edwards-2419, 3. Keselowski-2338, 4. Leffler-2261, 5. Logano-2040, 6. Bliss-1910, 7. Allgaier-1864, 8. Gaughan-1844, 9. S. Wallace-1823, 10. Keller-1810

HORNADAY DOMINATES MEMPHIS TRUCK RACE

MEMPHIS, Tenn. -- Ron Hornaday Jr. took home his second straight Elvis trophy with an overpowering victory Saturday in the Camping World Truck Series race at Memphis Motorsports Park.

Hornaday led 175 of 201 laps on the .75-mile track. The driver of the Kevin Harvick Inc. Chevrolet had a commanding lead over Brian Scott's Toyota before a late-race caution forced a green-white-checkered finish. Hornaday pulled away on the final restart and won by .653 seconds over Scott.

It was the second straight week Hornaday has led almost from start to finish. He led 180 of 200 laps at Milwaukee, where he took the points lead. Hornaday expanded it to 76 over Matt Crafton at Memphis with his third victory of the season and 42nd of his career, tops in the history of the series.

Top-10 leaders after 11 of 25: 1. Hornaday-1713, 2. Crafton-1637, 3. Skinner-1579, 4. Bodine-1564, 5. Starr-1482, 6. Scott-1468, 7. Malsam-1418, 8. Cook-1415, 9. Crawford-1397, 10. Braun-1381

BATTLE FOR CHASE HEATS UP

With nine races left before the Chase begins, several drivers currently among the top-12 points leaders are not locked in, while several others still have a shot at making this year's Chase.

Tony Stewart finished second for the fourth time this season at Infineon and increased his lead over Jeff Gordon. Stewart can roll the dice as many times as he wants to secure more victories and the 10-point Chase bonus that comes with each win.

Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson, Kurt Busch, Carl Edwards, and Ryan Newman also seem secure, but from seventh spot on back, it's iffy.

Denny Hamlin has had a roller-coast season, and if it continues, he could find himself out.

Kyle Busch has had lots of successes, but his perfor-

mance has been spotty.

Greg Biffle has shown that he has good stuff, but like Hamlin, he has come up short several times.

Matt Kenseth started the season off with two wins, but since then has mostly flopped.

Mark Martin also has two wins, but needs more consistent finishes.

A rough outing at Infineon Raceway in California pushed Richard Childress Racing's Jeff Burton from the 12th and final spot to 15th. Meanwhile, strong showings by sixth-place finisher Juan Pablo Montoya and winner Kasey Kahne put them back in contention, with Montoya taking over the 12th spot and Kahne just three points behind him. Michael Waltrip Racing's David Reutimann has been in and out of the Chase in recent weeks and is currently 40 points outside of the top 12.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. fans are going to have to wait until next year for a championship. Team owner Rick Hendrick switched crew chiefs on Earnhardt's team three weeks ago in hope that he could turn the season around, but it hasn't happened.

Weekend Racing: Racing returns to Daytona International Speedway this weekend as the Cup and Nationwide cars take on the 2.5-mile track.

The Camping World Trucks have an off weekend.

Fri., July 3, Nationwide Series Winn-Dixie 250, race 17 of 35; Starting time: 7:30 p.m. (EDT); TV: ESPN2.

Sat., July 4, Sprint Cup Coke Zero 400, race 18 of 36; Starting time: 6:30 p.m. (EDT); TV: TNT.

Racing Trivia Question: How many Cup championships does Tony Stewart have?

Last Week's Question: Who is the driver of the Sprint Cup No. 5 Kellogg's Chevrolet? Answer: Mark Martin.

You may contact the Racing Reporter at: hodgesnews@earthlink.net.



Joey Logano, winner of Sunday's Cup race at New Hampshire

Youth Football Registration

Registration for Towns County Youth Football will be held on June 27 and July 11 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Field House located at the Towns County High School Football Field. The cost of registration is \$60.00. Each player will need to present the registration fee and a copy of the player's birth certificate upon registration. If the player played last year no birth certificate is required.

Towns County Youth Football along with the assistance of the Head and Assistant Football Coaches for the Towns County High School will also hold a mini camp on July 13 and July 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Towns County Soccer Field. There is no cost for this camp.

If you have any questions, you may contact Jimmy Smith at 706-896-2622 or 706-835-6176.

Towns County Recreation Dept. 10 & Under plays Dizzy Dean

The Towns County Recreation 10 & Under Indians Baseball team traveled to Blairsville on Saturday June 20 to compete in the 2009 District 6 Dizzy Dean Baseball Tournament which consisted of 12 teams from the district.

The Indians started play on Saturday at 10 a.m. against a very strong Hall County Heat team. It was a very close ballgame for the first four innings before the Indians gained a 12 to 5 lead that they would never relinquish. The Indians closed out the game with a 12 to 9 victory over a very talented Hall County team, so the Indians had got the tournament off to a great start with a round one victory.

After a very strong first round performance the Indians were set to play again later that same day against last year's District 6 champions, The Jefferson All-Stars. The Indians came out on fire in that game jumping out to a 13 to 7 lead going into the last inning. However, the Indians came up a little short in a heartbreaking loss, 14 to 13 to the defending champs from Jefferson.

This put the Indians in the loser's bracket of the tournament where they were to play Dawson on Monday. The Indians got out to a slow start against Dawson and fell behind to the Tigers. The Indians never gave up and behind strong pitching, defense and some timely hitting the Indians stormed back to a 12 to 9 victory. With this win the Indians advanced to play Commerce on Tuesday with a ticket to the Georgia

Dizzy Dean State Tournament on the line.

Once again the Indians had to play comeback against a very talented Commerce team, which they were trailing at the end of 3 1/2 innings by 4 runs. It was not looking good for the Indians with Commerce's ace pitcher on the mound, but the Indians were up to the challenge scoring 7 huge runs in the bottom of the 4th inning to take an 11 to 9 lead and never looked back. Winning this game the Indians punched their ticket to the state tournament.

After the huge victory the Indians had to turn around and play another game that night against Hall County. The Indians did not fare so well against Hall County. They were beat by a score of 14 to 4.

The 2009 Towns County Recreation 10 & Under All-Star Team will be playing in the 2009 Georgia Dizzy Dean Tournament, which starts on July 2 in Canton GA. We are very proud of the Indians baseball team on their accomplishments to this point in their season.

The 2009 Towns County 10 & Under Recreation All-Stars team players are:

Willem deVries, Jackson Taylor, Russel Cox, Jacob Parker, Nicholas McConnell, Trey Chastain, Major Moss, Cole Ledford, Brody Graper, Zachary Davenport, Kobe Denton, Owen Bouchard and the team was coached by Kevin Parker, Brett Davenport and Russel Cox.

Chatuge Shores golf scores

06-11-09 After a three team tie and going to the number 4 handicap hole the winners are: Bill Kiser, Frontz Goring, John Chambers, Chuck Woodworth with -5 under, score 67

06-18-09 Robert Lyle, Jim Taylor, Oleta Taylor, Tom Moyher, -5 Under, score 67

06-25-09 Bill Kiser, George Darden, Jan Still, J.C. Berrong -6 Under, score 66

Herald's sports quote of the week

"I went to play golf and tried to shoot my age, but I shot my weight instead."

- Bob Hope, comedian

Local Racing Action

by Carl Vanzura



Main event goes down to last lap spash

The fast paced action filled 25-lap Sportsman feature at Tri-County Race Track came to an end with a last lap move by Copperhill, TN racer Jason Payne over Blairsville's Robby Roxbury who had led from the pole on Saturday night. Points leader Bobby Panter was moving through the pack and was running in second place when he tangled with Roxbury and had to go to the rear of the pack. Panter managed to work his way back to fourth, right behind third place Jamie Lunsford. Tracy Dockery rounded out the top five.

Murphy driver Jacob Anderson jumped to the lead in the Nesmith Crate Late Model feature and held it all the way to the checkers. Jason Deal, Kevin Bradshaw, Kevin Sutton and Seth Wimpy filled the top five.

Morganton driver Brad Thomas won the Thompson Gas Mid-Season Modified Street Championship and took home the increased prize money and a big trophy. Greg Sudderth, Junior Whitener and Nick Sellers battled inches apart and finished in that order. Charles Devine took fifth place.

It took seven points races for somebody to beat Hiwassee's Steven Sofield in the Street Stock division, but Hayesville driver Kurt Kelly managed that feat when he held off Jeremy Woody, Sofield, Josh Roberts and Charles Tommey.

Andrews driver Marty Clark and Sylva racer Justin Woodard battled side-by-side for 15-laps as they darted through the field in the Mini Stock feature. As they crossed the finish line, it was Clark, Woodard, Travis Robinson, Ricky Dyer and Jamie Cross.

In a special event, Junior Dillinger from Blue Ridge took the win in Modified Mini 4 Cylinder race over Jeremy Cross and Mitch Cooper.

Racing returns to Tri-County this Saturday night with the Circuit World sponsored Southern All Stars Series \$4,000 to win 40-lap Super Late Model race. In a night that features late models only, the Sportsman and Crate will be running for extra money. Also featured will be another of Tri-County's famous fire works shows.

In Other local racing action, Randy Weaver won the Tennessee Thunder race at Boyds Speedway. David Payne managed a solid eighth place finish in the strong field. Benji Cole won the Southern All Star race at Screven Speedway Saturday night. Johnny Chastain finished fourth at Cleveland Speedway where Riley Hickman took the win. Toccoa was off and Dixie Speedway was rained out.

Tri-County has a big money run for go karts, with \$500 going to the Raptor 370 class and the Flathead Limited class. Seven year old Blairsville driver Hunter Young backed up last weeks win with a solid runner up finish Friday. If you are looking for a fun night of entertainment give the karts a try.



The Southern All Stars will return to Tri-County after a nine year absence.

Towns County Recreation Dept. 12 & Under plays Dizzy Dean

The Towns County Recreation 12 & Under Boys Baseball Team Traveled to Lumpkin County on Friday, June 19 for the 2009 District 6 Dizzy Dean Baseball Tournament.

The Indians were set to play the host Lumpkin County All-Star team. The Indians came and played tough against the very talented Lumpkin County team, but come up short in an 11 to 1 loss.

The Indians next played Jackson County. The game was tight until the 6th inning where the Indians came out on fire hitting and took a 10 to 3 lead that they would never relinquish.

Behind strong pitching and timely hitting the Indians were set to play Union County later that day.

In the Indians second game

on Saturday they did not fare as well as they did in their first game. The Indians fell behind early and could never catch up falling to Union County 22 to 0.

We are very proud of the 2009 Towns County Recreation 12 & Under Baseball team on their accomplishment this year.

The 2009 Towns County 12 & Under Recreation All-Star team players are:

Vonja Baldwin, Boone Moss, Gavin Langlier, Dillion Ingram, Curtis Swanson, Deven Nelson, Cole Bradshaw, Slade Davenport, Joey Mitchell, Cruz Shook, Kyle Davis, Dale Forrester and the team was coached by Charlie Lindemuth, Scott Davis and Dale Forrester.

2009 Rec Dept Summer Day Camp

Summer is just around the corner and that means hot weather and Summer Day Camp for boys and girls ages 6 thru 12. This summer The Recreation Department will offer day camp for 4 sessions, each session being two weeks, running Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sessions will be as follows: Session III July 6 - July 17 Session IV July 20 - July 31

The fee for the two week session is \$120, payable to the Towns County Recreation Department the first Monday of each session.

Day Camp offers children

sports game activities, social game activities, field trips, nature hikes and much more. Give your child a lot to do this summer and sign them up for Day Camp. You may send your child to any or all of the sessions.

Children need to bring a swimsuit, towel, sprayable sunscreen and sack lunch. The Recreation department will furnish the drinks for the campers.

Registration will be the first Monday of each session at the Recreation Department located on Hwy. 76 west of Hiwassee. For more info, call 706-896-2600.

Recreation Department's July 4 Activity Day

The Towns County Recreation Department's annual July 4 Activity Day will be on Friday, July 3 at the Recreation Department Ball fields. The Recreation Department invites everyone to come out and have fun in the sun! The Schedule of the events during the day and locations are as follows:

- Youth Singles Horseshoes 16 & Under Boys/Girls: ball field, 9:30 am
- Mens Singles Horseshoes 17 & Older: ball field, 10 am
- Womens Singles Horseshoes 16 & Older: ball field, 10:30 am
- Mens Partner Horseshoes 17 & Older: ball field, 11 am
- Mens Homerun Derby 15 & Older: ball field, 10:30 am
- Youth Home Run Derby 14 & Under Boys/Girls: ball field, 10:45 am
- Youth Home Run Derby 11 & Under Boys/Girls: ball field, 11 am
- Womens Home Run Derby 15 & Older: ball field, 11:15 am
- 3-Legged Race 10 & Under Boys & Girls: ball field, 11:30 am
- 3-Legged Race 13 & Under Boys & Girls: ball field, 11:40 am

Little Miss Recreation Girls 2 thru 6: Outdoor stage at Fairground next to ball field, 1pm

In each of the Recreation Department events, Plaques and Trophies will be given to all winners in each event. There is no charge for any of the activities. All events will begin at the times listed. To pre-register just be on time for the events you wish to participate. See all of you on July 3. For more information call the Recreation Department at 896-2600.

Miss Ga Mtn Fair Beauty Pageant

The Georgia Mountain Fair is taking applications for girls ages 17-24 to represent the fair in community events during 2009-10.

The Miss GMF Pageant, to be held Monday, July 20, will consist of evening gown, one-piece swimsuit, personal interview, stage question and overall presentation. After judging of regular pageant, an optional talent contest will be held.

There is no entry fee. There will be cash & merchan-

dise prizes.

To qualify, contestants must be residents or full-time high school/college students in the counties of Towns, Union, Rabun, White, Habersham, Lumpkin, Fannin, and Stephens in Georgia or Clay and Cherokee counties in North Carolina; they must be single, never married, nor have children, and all applications should be received in office by Sunday, July 12.

For more info & application: call 706-896-4191 or go to georgiamountainfairgrounds.com