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Triplett wins again at OCS - 8/30/06

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ROUGEMONT—

David Triplett Jr.

proved yet again that if he gets out in front, he'll stay there.

The driver of the Bailey's 00 had the quickest car in qualifying, drew the pole position, and led every lap in Saturday's 150-lap Late Model Stock event at Orange County Speedway.

The Durham driver cruised around the three-eighths of a mile oval for most of the race and was only challenged once, after a caution with 38 laps remaining.

Stacy Puryear managed to get alongside Triplett on the restart and but wasn't able to make the pass.

"The old car was real, real tight," Puryear said. "I could get a run on him on cold tires, but once the tires got hot it just wouldn't go. That wasn't bad the first time out."

Triplett held off Puryear and pulled away for a comfortable victory. The win was Triplett's fourth of the season and ensures that he can start no better than sixth in the next Late Model race

"This car was just awesome all night," Triplett said. "There was little driver error on that last restart. I didn't know which one was the brake and which one was the clutch. I knew Stacy would run me clean when he got to the inside of me, but we just had an awesome car tonight. There were very few laps I had to really run hard."

The race was filled with 10-cautions including one on lap 26 involving points leader Ronald Hill. The Rougemont driver got into the back of last year's NASCAR Dodge Weekly Series national

champion Peyton Sellers, causing the No. 26 to spin out and clip the wall coming out of turn one.

The incident ended the night of Sellers and Justin Johnson, the winner of the last Late Model Stock race at Orange County Speedway. Sellers was running in third at the time, while Johnson was in fifth.

Hill was black-flagged for the incident but managed to climb his back to the top-10 later in the race.

Hillsborough's Terry Dease started the race in eight but worked his way to a third-place finish. The race began with 19 cars and ended with just 11 on the track.

NOTES—Nine races were ran on Saturday night in seven division and as of press time Tuesday night, no official results have been released.

The results printed in this story are unofficial.