

South Boston Speedway News

Philip Morris snaps five-race Late Model Stock Car win streak by Drew Herring, claims \$1,500 in bounty cash

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South Boston, VA. -- Drew Herring's Late Model Stock Car dominance at South Boston Speedway is over — for one night anyway.

Philip Morris of Ruckersville, Va. drove a familiar racecar to Victory Lane Saturday night at South Boston Speedway in the 110-lap Barkhouser Late Model Stock Car Division event.

The victory was worth an additional \$1,500 in bounty money for Morris, who was piloting the #26 Clarence's Steakhouse Chevrolet that Peyton Sellers drove to the NASCAR Dodge Weekly Series national championship last season.

The NASCAR Dodge Weekly Series win by Morris snapped a five-race win streak by Herring, who resides in Benson, N.C.

"I can't thank H.C. Sellers and his guys enough," Morris said after the race. "I'm not that good of a driver, but they gave me an excellent car to drive tonight."

The win was the third of the season for Morris at America's Hometown Track. Morris, who is only running a partial season at South Boston Speedway, earned his second pole position of the campaign after reeling off a qualifying run of 15.858 seconds.

David Triplett, Jr. of Timberlake, N.C. started from the outside pole position, surged past Morris on the opening lap and led the first 27 circuits before Morris moved out front to stay on lap 28.

"David got off to a good start," Morris said. "I didn't know if I would be able to catch him and get around him or not, but the car was really good."

Triplett held on for a second-place finish in the 21-car field and was followed by Herring in the third-place position. The third-place finish enabled Herring, who rolled off at the start of the race in the eighth position, to maintain his lead in the division point standings.

In addition to winning five straight races at South Boston, Herring entered Saturday's event as the victor of seven of the past eight Late Model races.

Nick Smith of Hampton, Va. motored to his third straight top-finish when he slipped past Adam Barker of Hurt, Va. in the closing stages to secure a fourth-place run. Barker made it three top-five runs in a row as well with a fifth-place performance.

Owen Miller of Emporia, Va. finished in sixth place in the final rundown and remained third in the division point standings, while Devin Scites of Wayne, West Va. finished seventh in his first race of the season at the four-tenths mile oval.

Jonathan Cash of Oxford, N.C. roared from the back of the pack in a back-up car to finish eighth at the checkered flag. Cash, who is second in the division point standings, wrecked a car earlier in the day during practice prior to qualifying.

Eddie Johnson of Midlothian, Va. finished ninth in the field, while Rodney Cook of Reidsville, N.C. rounded out the top 10 performers.

The race was slowed by just one caution, which came out in the late stages when debris was reported in turn four.

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