

## Triplett dominates field- 7/5/06

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ROUGEMONT— David Triplett Jr. was simply untouchable.

The Durham driver lapped all but one of 10 competitors en route to an easy win in the 200-lap Late Model Stock division race at Orange County Speedway Saturday.

The race was the featured event in the Michael Jordan Nissan 390.

Triplett won the pole, led every lap in the race, and had nine cars lapped with 80 laps remaining in the event.

“It was very, very little effort that I had to put into this car tonight. We brought the car exactly how we raced it three weeks ago (won),” Triplett said. “The car was perfect all night long. (The crew) told me to slow down several times but I was going as slow as I could go. There’s very few nights you get a car as good as this, so you better enjoy it.”

Justin Johnson stayed on the lead lap the entire way and finished in second, despite a scare late in the race. Johnson had a tire go down and brought out a caution. The Roxboro driver was able to go into the pits and get a fresh right-side tire and didn’t lose a position on the track.

Triplett held off Johnson on that restart and on another one with two laps remaining to claim the victory.

“I had a heck of a car that kept us on the lead lap,” Johnson said. “We’re not used to changing tires like that. Triplett was gone. We just didn’t have anything

for him. We're thankful for a second-place run, but we just didn't have anything for him."

Ronald Hill extended his points lead to 54 with a third-place finish, while Oxford's Terry Dease and Robert Turner of Burlington rounded out the top-five.

Three-time winner Jonathan Cash had a disappointing 11th-place finish in his first race back since a disqualification following a victory on May 6.