

## **Triplett takes sixth victory of the season at OCS- 9/27/06**

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ROUGEMONT—The ending is becoming almost too routine.

David Triplett Jr. picked up his sixth win of the season and third in a row in the Late Model Stock division at Orange County Speedway.

The Durham driver has finished in the top-five in each of his last seven starts and used a car that according to Triplett had been sitting on jacks in the shop for three months.

“This car wasn’t perfect tonight was it was pretty darn close,” Triplett said. “It’s just fun to run up here and we’ve had great cars.”

Triplett qualified well but was forced to start in the sixth position after winning the previous race. It didn’t take long for the Durham driver to move to the front.

Triplett raced to the lead in four laps around the three-eighths of a mile oval and cruised to an easy victory in the 150-lap event.

Justin Johnson of Durham started in fifth, but came home in second. He passed Rougemont’s Ronald Hill for second on lap 74 but couldn’t get by Triplett on two restarts late in the race.

“We were pretty good about midway through and I don’t know we got a little more free and I was thinking we might have a little something for him but ever caution we got more free and I couldn’t push the car like I wanted,” Johnson said.

Hill battled a bout of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and a scary incident early in the race to come home in third.

The veteran driver was nudged by Johnson coming out of turn four on lap 62 and nearly spun out in front of the field. Hill got extremely loose but kept his car off the wall and in front of Johnson.

Hill stretched his lead in the points standing to 50 over Burlington’s Robert Turner. Turner came home in fourth and was the last car on the lead lap.

Mike Chambers of Timberlake rounded out the top five.

The race was slowed by three cautions, including two competition yellows. Many of the competitors in the Late Model Division from OCS, including Triplett and Johnson will be traveling to Martinsville Speedway next week for the running of the Bailey’s 300. Triplett hopes his strong stretch at Orange County will carry over to Sunday’s race.

“We’re really looking forward to going up to the Bailey’s 300 in a Bailey’s car. We always seem to have a lot of luck up there and hopefully it will be able to continue.”