

Davie Franek gets USCS Winter Heat Round #3 Win at Bubba Raceway on Friday

Ocala, FL – February 8, 2019 – Sussex, New Jersey sprint car star “No Panic” Davie Franek raced to a career-first United Sprint Car Series (USCS) Outlaw Thunder Tour presented by K&N Filters in the USCS Winter Heat Series Round #3 25-lap main event at Bubba Raceway Park on Friday night. Franek had to best an international field of 44 drivers from 14 United States, Canada and England for his first victory of the 2019 season. The win placed him in the lead in the USCS Outlaw Thunder Tour National and USCS Deep South regional series point standings as well after a runner-up finish in the season opener at Hendry County Motorsports Park on January 25th.

Franek who started 4th in the FireAde 25-lap contest chased K&N Filters Pole Position starter and 2018 Sprint Car Hall of Fame 360 Sprint Car driver of the Year, Sam Hafertepe, Jr. from Rockwall, Texas for the first eleven-laps of the race before making the lead pass. He then held off Indiana’s Tony Stewart, who started in the fifth spot, over the final five laps to cross under the checkered flag in first place with Stewart in the runner-up spot and Hafertepe, Jr. followed in the K&N Filters Podium Award third place.

Fulton, New York’s Larry Wight followed the trio with a fourth-place finish. Sprint car racing veteran Wayne Johnson from Liberal, Kansas, who won the Schoenfeld Headers Second B-Main charged from the 16th starting position into fifth place at the finish.

New York transplant Justin Barger, who now resides in Cornelius, North Carolina, led the next group in sixth place. Ypung gun Dylan Westbrook from Scotland, Ontario, Canada, who was the 2018 Ohsweken Speedway Champion was seventh. Seth Bergman from Owasso, Oklahoma followed in eighth place to garner the Wilwood Disc Brakes “Hard Charger Award for the night after starting 20th in the A-Main. Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada sprint car racer, Thomas Kennedy was ninth. 2018 USCS Florida State Championship race winner, Danny Martin, Jr. from Sarasota, Florida rounded out the top ten drivers.

Danny Martin, Jr. kicked off the evening’s action by winning the USCS Hoosier Tire 6-lap Speed Dash. As mentioned, Justin Barger won the Engler Machine and Tool First Heat. Davie Franek won the Brown and Miller Racing Solutions Second Heat and three-time NASCAR Cup Serie Champion, Tony Stewart won the Butlerbuilt Third Heat. 2015 USCS Rookie of the Year, Nick Snyder from Marco Island, Florida won the FireAde 2000 Fourth Heat. Sunbury, Pennsylvania’s Mark Smith captured the flag in the Hero Graphics Fifth Heat and Larry Wight concluded the preliminary heats by winning the DHR Suspensions Sixth Heat.

Sam Hafertepe, Jr. was the passing points leader after qualifying heat

race action. Hafertepe was award the K&N Filters Pole Position after Engler Machine and Tool First Heat winner Justin Barger drew a zero inversion in the pole award drawing. Seth Bergman was the evening's Wilwood Disc Brakes & Hard Charger; after passing twelve cars in the main event. Conner Leoffler from Myrtle Beach, South Carolina was the Radical Racewear Rookie of the Race.

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USCS presented by K&N Filters Outlaw Thunder Tour Sprint Cars at Bubba Raceway Park on Friday, February 8, 2019

Preliminary event results:

Hoosier Speed DASH -
Hoosier Racing Tire (6 Laps)

1. 24-Danny Martin Jr[1] ; 2. 14-Tony Stewart[4] ; 3. 5-Justin Barger[2] ; 4. 10-Terry Gray[3] ; 5. 4-Danny Smith[6] ; 6. 28f-Dave Franek[5]

Heat 1 - Engler
Machine & Tool (8 Laps)

1. 5-Justin Barger[1] ; 2. 3-Todd Gracey[2] ; 3. 21-Carson Short[5] ; 4. 22-Shawn Murray[7] ; 5. 13-Cory Turner[4] ; 6. 20-Brandon Grubaugh[8] ; 7. 11-Jim Shuster[6] ; 8. 22L-Connor Leoffler[3]

Heat 2 – Brown and
Miller Racing Solutions (8 Laps)

1. 28f-Dave Franek[2] ; 2. 47x-Dylan Westbrook[3] ; 3. 22G-Johnny Gilbertson[1] ; 4. 92-Matt Kurtz[7] ; 5. 82-Garrett Green[8] ; 6. 49-Mallie Shuster[4] ; 7. 15-Dan Nanticoke[6] ; 8. 43-Terry Witherspoon[5]

Heat 3 - ButlerBuilt (8 Laps)

1. 14-Tony Stewart[2] ; 2. 8-Adam Pierson[1] ; 3. 91-Ryan Turner[4] ; 4. 51 s-Max Stambaugh[6] ; 5. 197-Ryan Harrison[3] ; 6. 77x-Alex Hill[7] ; 7. 17b-Shelby Brown[5]

Heat 4 – FireAde 2000
(8 Laps)

1. 116-Nick Snyder[3]
; 2. 15h-Sam Hafertepe[7] ; 3. 07-Johnny Bridges[4] ; 4. 18j-RJ Jacobs[5] ; 5.
b4-Bronzie Lawson IV[6] ; 6. 28-Jeff Willingham[2] ; 7. 99-Tanner
Witherspoon[1]

Heat 5 - Hero Graphics
(8 Laps)

1. m1-Mark Smith[2] ;
2. 24-Danny Martin Jr[3] ; 3. 21k-Thomas Kennedy[1] ; 4. 23-Seth Bergman[5] ;
5. 2c-Wayne Johnson[7] ; 6. 4-Danny Smith[6] ; 7. 51-Bobby Tersillo[4]

Heat 6 - DHR
Suspension (8 Laps)

1. 99L-Larry Wight[3]
; 2. 14b-Brett Wright[2] ; 3. 16 B-Ricky Peterson[6] ; 4. 83-Mark Ruel Jr[5] ;
5. 10-Terry Gray[4] ; 6. 38-Tony Agin[7] ; 7. 61-Parker Evans[1]

KSE Racing Products B-Main
1 - (15 Laps)

1. 21k-Thomas
Kennedy[6] ; 2. 83-Mark Ruel Jr[5] ; 3. 14b-Brett Wright[1] ; 4. 51 s-Max
Stambaugh[3] ; 5. 91-Ryan Turner[2] ; 6. 13-Cory Turner[7] ; 7. 77x-Alex
Hill[8] ; 8. 197-Ryan Harrison[9] ; 9. 49-Mallie Shuster[10] ; 10. 99-Tanner
Witherspoon[13] ; 11. 17b-Shelby Brown[12] ; 12. 18j-RJ Jacobs[4] ; 13.
43-Terry Witherspoon[14] ; 14. 11-Jim Shuster[11]

Schoenfeld Headers B-Main
2 - (15 Laps)

1. 2c-Wayne Johnson[6] ; 2. 07-Johnny Bridges[2] ; 3. 23-Seth Bergman[4]
; 4. 8-Adam Pierson[1] ; 5. 10-Terry Gray[8] ; 6. 22G-Johnny Gilbertson[5] ; 7.
4-Danny Smith[10] ; 8. 38-Tony Agin[9] ; 9. 82-Garrett Green[3] ; 10.
22L-Connor Leoffler[15] ; 11. 15-Dan Nanticok[12] ; 12. 61-Parker Evans[14] ;
13. 51-Bobby Tersillo[13] ; 14. 28-Jeff Willingham[11] ; 15. 20-Brandon
Grubaugh[7]

FireAde A-Main results - (25 Laps)

1. 28f-Davie Franek[4] ; Sussex, NJ

2. 14-Tony Stewart[5] ; Brownsburg, IN

3. 15h-Sam Hafertepe, Jr.[1] ; Rock Wall, TX

4. 99L-Larry Wight[3] ; Fulton, NY
5. 2c-Wayne Johnson[16] ; Liberal, KS
6. 5-Justin Barger[8] ; Cornelius, NC
7. 47x-Dylan Westbrook[9] ; Scotland, Ontario, CAN
8. 23-Seth Bergman[20] ; Owasso, OK
9. 21k-Thomas Kennedy[15] ; Winnipeg, Manitoba, CAN
10. 24-Danny Martin Jr[10] ; Sarsota, FL
11. 4-Danny Smith[24] ; Chillicothe, OH
12. m1-Mark Smith[6] ; Sunbury, PA
13. 83-Mark Ruel Jr[17] ; Jacksonville, FL
14. 16 B-Ricky Peterson[7] ; Rawson, OH
15. 116-Nick Snyder[2] ; Marco Island, FL
16. 8-Adam Pierson[22] ; East Corinth, VT
17. 10-Terry Gray[23] ; Bartlett, TN
18. 14b-Brett Wright[19] ; Old Chatham, NY
19. 92-Matt Kurtz[13] ; Jacksonville, FL
20. 07-Johnny Bridges[18] ; Cherryville, NC
21. 22-Shawn Murray[12] ; Jacksonville, FL
22. 21-Carson Short[11] ; Marion, IL
23. 51 s-Max Stambaugh[21] ; Lima, OH
24. 3-Todd Gracey[14]; Glenville, PA

Did Not Start A-Main

91-Ryan Turner, Caistor Centre, Ontario, CAN

22G-Johnny
Gilbertson, Dover, FL

13-Cory Turner Caistor
Centre, Ontario, CAN

38-Tony Agin,
Fort Myers, FL

77x-Alex Hill, Six
Nations, Ontario, CAN

82-Garrett Green,
Valrico, FL

197-Ryan Harrison,
Hamptonshire, England

22L-Connor
Leoffler, Myrtle Beach, SC

49-Mallie Shuster,
Newville, PA

15-Dan Nanticoke,
Ohsweken, Ontario, CAN

99-Tanner Witherspoon,
Jacksonville, FL

61-Parker Evans,
Owego, NY

17b-Shelby Brown,
Marks, MS

51-Bobby
Tersillo, Campbell Hall, NY

18j-RJ Jacobs, Dover,
OH

28-Jeff Willingham,
Ripley, MS

43-Terry Witherspoon,
Jacksonville, FL

20-Brandon Grubaugh,
Ocala, FL,

11-Jim Shuster,
Newville, PA

b4- Bronzie
Lawson IV, Raeford, NC

USCS Sprint Car Series
Race Awards on Friday 2/9/18:

Hoosier Tire Speed Dash: 24 Danny Martin, Jr.

Engler Machine and
Tool First Heat: 7j Joe Swanson

Brown and Miller Racing Solutions Second Heat: 28F Davie Franek

K&N Filters Pole
Award: 15 Sam Hafertepe, Jr.

JE Pistons Top Guns Award: (2nd Place) 14 Tony Stewart

PRO Shocks Champion
Choice Award: (3rdd Place) 15 Sam Hafertepe, Jr.

K&N Filters Podium (3rd place) Award: (3rd Place) 15 Sam Hafertepe, Jr.

Wilwood Disc Brakes Hard Charger Award: 2c Wayne Johnson (started 16th and finished 5th)

DHR Suspension Eighth
Place Award: 23 Seth Bergman

DMI/Bulldog Rear Ends Top Ten Award: 24 Danny Martin, Jr.

Photo/Caption: Car #28F – Davie franek won the USCS Winter
Heat Round #3 presented by FireAde at bubba Raceway Park on Friday night
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