

Burton Wins At Charlotte

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CONCORD, N.C. – Jeff Burton won Saturday night's Bank of America 500 at Lowe's Motor Speedway ahead of Kasey Kahne. The victory was his second of the season and the 21st of his career. It moved him into second place in the standings, 69 points behind Jimmie Johnson with five races left in the Chase.

"We're halfway (to the end of the Chase)," said Burton. "It's way too early to be handing anyone the trophy. It's our job to put ourselves in position to go to Homestead (the season's final race) with a chance to win."

Burton kept the lead with a gas-and-go on his final pit stop on lap 298. "That's what won the race for us," said Burton, who led the final 57 laps of the 334-lap race, after passing Biffle for the top spot on lap 278.

The top-10 finishers were: 1. Burton, 2. Kahne, 3. Kurt Busch, 4. Kyle Busch, 5. Jamie McMurray, 6. Jimmie Johnson, 7. Greg Biffle, 8. Jeff Gordon, 9. Mark Martin, 10. David Ragan.

Greg Biffle's seventh-place finish allowed him to remain third in the points.

Carl Edwards dropped from second to fourth in the standings.

For Edwards, it was a bad week. On Thursday, he scuffled with Kevin Harvick in the garage. During the race, tire and electrical problems forced him to lose 15 laps.

"There's only one thing to do, and that's to learn from everything this week," Edwards said. "That's for sure. I can guarantee you that if I had the week to do over again, the last seven days would be a lot different. But you just have to do what you think is right at the time and move on after that."

"Today's race didn't help at all. That car right there is a great racer. I don't know if we've ever had the problem that we had there. It was something with the ignition system, so it's very frustrating, but nobody got hurt at least, I guess."

Dale Earnhardt Jr. cut a tire and slammed into the turn 2 wall on lap 103. He finished 36th, 45 laps down.

"No warning – it just popped," Earnhardt said. "I was running about 90 percent really, not running hard at all. The car was handling pretty good, just popped a tire up there ... might have run over something."

Top-12 Chase contenders with 5 to go: 1. Johnson-5878, 2. Burton-5809, 3. Biffle-5792, 4. Edwards-5710, 5. Bowyer-5693, 6. Harvick-5671, 7. Stewart-5650, 8. J. Gordon-5633, 9. Kyle Busch-5552, 10. Earnhardt-5524, 11. Kenseth-5518, 12. Hamlin-5498

It would appear that only the top-five drivers: Johnson, Burton, Biffle, Edwards, and Bowyer have a realistic shot at this year's title.

Top-10 Nationwide Series leaders after 31 of 35: 1. Bowyer-4552, 2. Edwards-4356, 3. Keselowski-4266, 4. Bliss-4017, 5. Ragan-4013, 6. Kyle Busch-3931, 7. Reutimann-3882, 8. M. Wallace-3633, 9. Leffler-3599, 10. Ambrose-3574

Photographer T. Taylor Warren passes away

Lifelong NASCAR photographer, Thomas Taylor Warren died Wednesday. He was 83. Known as T. Taylor in the NASCAR community, he began photographing racing before NASCAR itself was born.

Warren started shooting Sprint and Midget racing at the Milwaukee Fairgrounds in 1947 when he lived in Wisconsin. Over the next 60 years, Warren saw, and shot, it all. From his photo of the three-wide finish of the first Daytona 500 in 1959...to images from this year's 50th anniversary Daytona 500 that he shot with a digital camera, Warren rolled with the changes in NASCAR and kept on going.

Does NASCAR really listen to fans?

NASCAR recently announced it would award a second race date to the Kansas Speedway, which is owned by International Speedway Corp. and controlled by the France family.

In order to do so, one of the current ISC tracks will lose a race. The track that will lose a race hasn't been announced, but speculation is that Martinsville, New Hampshire, California and Michigan are being looked at.

The decision to award a second date was based on the Kansas track

getting a state license to open a Hard Rock Casino on the property. Business wise, it makes sense. The France family will rake in mega-bucks.

Based on the e-mails I have received, the majority of the fans don't like the idea of a race being taken from an existing track.

At the beginning of the season, Brian France, NASCAR's CEO said the organization wanted to get back to the grass-root fans. This is hardly the way. While the second date would be welcome news to Kansas fans, it will be sad news to Martinsville Speedway fans, if that track loses one of its two races.

In 2004, Darlington Raceway, one of the most historic tracks on the circuit had the Southern 500 Labor Day race taken away and given to California. Rockingham (North Carolina) was removed from the schedule, leaving those fans to attend races in Charlotte.

Kansas is a relatively new track, having been built in 2001. It and the Chicago track both opened the same year.

Forget the fans. NASCAR is going where the money is. Taking a race away from another track and moving it to Kansas in order to own part of a multi-million dollar casino, was a no-brainer for the France family.

The casino will operate 24/7, and generate profits each day. There will be no off-season.

Throw in the new Chase system, Car of Tomorrow, major commercialization of the sport, and you've got more reasons fans are getting fed up.

It's getting more and more expensive. A few tracks have tickets for \$50, but they are way down low in the far corners. Expect to pay upwards of \$125 for a good ticket. Add in drinks, eats, parking and miscellaneous, and it becomes apparent NASCAR and the tracks are more interested in the fan's dollars than they are the fans themselves.

The TV coverage is more focused on commercials than about the race.

And finally, there is the lack of NASCAR's consistency. There are fines for some, but not for others, for the same infraction.

NASCAR racing used to be fun and exciting. But racing is becoming more and more boring. Racing at some tracks like Kansas does nothing to excite the fans. Take away the last 10-15 laps of the race and you could sleep through it and not miss any excitement.

According to feedback that I receive, if NASCAR continues down its present path, more and more fans will fade out of the picture. Maybe there are new fans that will move the sport forward. We'll just have to wait and see how it plays out.

Not everything NASCAR does is bad, but it's become apparent it needs to make some serious changes, and soon, for the overall health of all three top series. Next week: What's the Scoop on Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Weekend racing: The Craftsman Trucks and Sprint Cup teams are at the .52-mile Martinsville Speedway. The Nationwide teams have an off week.

Sat., Oct. 18, Craftsman Truck

Series Kroger 200; starting time: 2:30 p.m. (EST); TV: Speed Channel.

Sun., Oct. 19, Sprint Cup Tums QuikPak 500; starting time: 1 p.m. (EST); TV: ABC.

Racing trivia qQuestion: Where is Jeff Burton's hometown?

Last week's question: Travis Kvapil and David Gilliland are the current Yates Racing drivers. Who will be the third Yates driver in 2009? Answer: Paul Menard will join Kvapil and Gilliland in 2009.

You may contact the Racing Reporter at: hodgesnews@earthlink.net.

Burgoyne Wins Delaware And Maryland State Championships



Cody Burgoyne

Local motocross racer Cody Burgoyne age 14 recently competed in the Delaware State Championship. The race was held the weekend of September 27 and 28 at Blue Diamond Motocross Park in New Castle, Del.

Burgoyne raced in three classes in the Schoolboy 12-16-year-old, he chose to race his KTM 105cc bike. Racing against other 125cc bikes was tough but he managed to ride hard and would come home with third place.

In the 85cc 12-15-year-old class, Burgoyne struggled with the start in the first moto. He worked hard and would end up finishing fourth in the first moto. The second round of moto's gate picks are based on finishes from the first moto so Burgoyne would get a better gate pick for the second moto. He and another racer took an early lead and would run side by side for several laps. Burgoyne rode smooth and would finish on top, taking the checkered flag for a second overall.

Racing in the Super Mini 12-15-year-old class, Burgoyne grabbed the holeshot in the second moto but would have some tough competition from two other racers. For three laps they were running fairly close. Rounding the corner of the third lap, one of the racers would make a desperate attempt to pass and would end up going down right in front of Burgoyne. He lost several important seconds and would have only one lap to regain the lead.

At each section of the track, Burgoyne's gap would shorten but it was the "whoop" section that would help him the most – he shot across that section to take back the lead and would gap second place to take the overall win of the day.

This past weekend Burgoyne competed in the Maryland State Championship at Budds Creek in LaPlata, Md. Two motos were held on Saturday and one was held on Sunday. Instead of the usual four-lap

motos all races were five laps.

Burgoyne got the holeshot in five out of six motos in the 85cc 12-15/Super Mini 12-15 classes. In one of the motos his gate stuck at the start, and he would end up last around the first corner. By the end of the first lap, he was in second place and would make the pass for the lead during the second lap. He won all six motos and took home two first-place state championships.

In addition to the 85cc classes, Burgoyne also raced in the Schoolboy 12-16-stroke class and placed second in all three moto's.

Burgoyne is sponsored by SCOTT USA, Motul Inc., Championship Powersports, Ridersville Cycle and Pey-Bry Distributors. He is currently in ninth grade and attends Southern Fulton High School where he is a member of the junior high soccer team, senior high chorus and the Environmental Science Club.

Bridge Under Construction

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Cowans Gap State Park, announces that the highway bridge at the upper end of the lake is being replaced.

Hikers and hunters should be aware that the lakeside trail will be open in its entirety except for that portion that crosses Aughwick Creek. Hunters and hikers should account for this in their plans.

Contractors are expected to finish the job before the 2009 trout season opening.

Celebrates Sixth



Riley Tucker Black celebrated his sixth birthday on October 10, 2008. He is the son of Maynard and Rhonda Black of Three Springs.

Grandparents are Gloria Black and Chalmers and Patsy Mellott. Great-grandmother is Evelyn Mort. Riley has an older sister, Caitlin, and an older brother, Trent.

Riley celebrated with friends and family on Sunday, October 12, at his home. He wishes to thank everyone for his cards and gifts.

CNB Financial Services Announces Results For The Quarter

Thomas F. Rokisky, president/CEO of CNB Financial Services Inc. (CNB), the parent company of CNB Bank Inc. has announced for the three months ended September 30, 2008, CNB has consolidated net income of \$767,000, or \$1.70 per share as compared to \$662,000, or \$1.44 per share for the three months ended September 30, 2007. For the nine months ended September 30, 2008, CNB has consolidated net income of \$2.3 million, or \$5.12 per share compared to \$1.9 million, or \$4.24 per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2007.

CNB, with total assets at September 30, 2008, of \$285.3 million, has two full-service offices and ATMs in Berkeley Springs, W.Va. The Bank has three full-service branch offices and ATMs in Berkeley County, W.Va.

Marriage Licenses

The following couples applied for marriage licenses at the local courthouse during the past week:

Andrew Craigen Houck, 25, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., and Kara Michelle Bowman, 37, Berkeley

Spring, W.Va. Timothy Roland Boetker, 41, Clearville, and Sandra Lynn Sands, 36, Warfordsburg.

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Fulton Fall Folk Festival Parade Information

There are a few changes to the annual parade and lineup this year. Due to the relocation of the Fulton County Medical Center, a portion of Lincoln Way will remain open before, during and after the parade for emergency vehicles. The first block of the parade from First Street to the traffic signal at Rt. 522 will have one lane open for emergency vehicles during the parade. People wishing to watch the parade in this section will have to sit on the south side of Lincoln Way, or the same side as The First National Bank. (See map.) There will also be an area roped off in front of the Fulton House for the long-term care residents from the Medical Center.

The parade lineup will be a little different also. All tractors will be lined up on North First Street. The bands, marching units, antique cars and floats will be lined up on South First Street. There will be a lot of congestion between First Street and Second Street. Residents are urged to stay away from this area, if possible. Local traffic only will be allowed, and local residents are asked to utilize off-street parking on parade morning.

Thank you for cooperating and assisting the Fulton County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism and the Grease, Steam and Rust Association with the parade. We are looking forward to another wonderful festival.

Palmer / Albert Crab & Corn Feed A Huge Success!

We would like to thank everyone who made this year's crab feed a huge success. Cancer is something that has touched many people's lives, and it is a great feeling when everyone can come together and help towards this cause. I am sure Jim would be very happy with the results of this year's feed. We would have never suspected that Jim would have been a victim of cancer, but his wishes were definitely kept alive. The total proceeds donated to the American Cancer Society were \$8540 (over \$3100 more than last year). Everyone was very generous at the event. They dug deep into their pockets and their hearts and donated \$2425 during the event which was matched by Bill & Jewel Palmer. Special thank you to Dave and Jane's Seafood of Fairfield, PA for steaming and delivery of the delicious crabs and also a special thank you to the following people for extra generous donations: Johnny Corle (Corle Building Systems); Betty Palmer (Palmer Realty); Abram Horst (Horst & Sons Trucking); Kelly & Cindy Adams (CWP); Ed Lininger (Lininger Plumbing, Heating, A/C); Kevin Wilson; Bill Abeles Jr. and Don Smith Jr. (Conewago Enterprises). There were many individuals and/or businesses that played a huge part in the success of this year's event that we would also like to take the time to thank (apologies to anyone missed):

Jewel and Bill Palmer presenting a check for \$8540 to Connie Woodruff, (Representative for the American Cancer Society).

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