

"GLORY GOES TO GOD", HICKS' FAMILY QUOTES AFTER WINNING \$5,000 WORLD CHALLENGE PRELIMINARY AT VIRGINIA MOTOR SPEEDWAY

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JAMAICA, VA - The rock stars of the FASTRAK Racing Series powered by Chevrolet Performance made their return to the epic clay gem palace that is Bill Sawyer's Virginia Motor Speedway in Jamaica, VA for their Preliminary Friday portion of the 15th Annual edition of "Pro Late Model Racing's Richest Weekend" with a total \$80,000+ purse for the taking during the 2018 Fastrak Racing Series World Championship presented by James River Equipment . The \$5000 to win World Challenge would be held at Virginia Motor Speedway for its final time, #21 Benji Hicks from Mt. Airy, NC would claim the BIGGEST win so far in his career with the \$5000 World Challenge payday and celebrated giving all praise to God first, something a lot of sports are lacking today. The special wrap job for the event was in pink from Randy's Custom Lettering for the Hicks' Mother who is a breast cancer survivor as many cars dawn the pink color for support of breast cancer awareness month in October. In addition, the colors go back to the racing days of "The Gambler" Tony Hicks final season in the #21 machine.

Hicks however would start the 40 lap feature on the outside of the front row as the #75 Brett Hamm would bring the field to the green. The race would start off with a handful of laps being complete before the four and five wide action would pick up all throughout the field, the event would have the first yellow flag on lap 9 and the race would sustain at total of 7 cautions flags total. Hick's would hold off charges throughout the race by Hamm, #30 Tyler Bare (USA 100 \$20,000 ULTIMATE June winner), #17 Logan Roberson and #55 Matt Long all snapping at his heels or trying to catch the rear spoiler of his Longhorn chassis as it was point blank in the "wind". One restart after THE BIG ONE with a seven-car pileup would cause the 20+ lap green flag stretch run of the race where Hamm would slip off turn two while negotiating around back marker cars to have the 2nd position change with young #30 Bare in his Rocket to capitalize. The yellow would come out for the last time after #0 Troy Frazier would make contact with leader Hicks and Hamm while furiously trying to stay on the lead lap.

One more restart attempt was made for Bare to try to close in to catch Hicks but it just wouldn't happen as the checkers would fall over the pink & black retro colors of his Father "The Gambler" Tony Hick's scheme from his last season again racing. It was also Hick's 3rd win on the FASTRAK Racing Series powered by Chevrolet Performance, 6th overall FASTRAK touring win and the biggest win in his pro late Model career to date. The special moment before post-race victory interviews was the whole crew

kneeling down on the driver side of the cockpit #21 and Tony Hicks car owner, crew chief and most of all Father to Benji Hicks Racing leading them in a word of inspiration and prayer, you could hear them proudly testify before the post-race formalities', "Glory goes to God, Amen".

World Championship Presented By James River Equipment

Full Results - FASTRAK Racing Series powered by Chevrolet Performance at Virginia Motor Speedway October 5, 2018 "World Challenge"

## Feature Results

- 1 Benji Hicks
- 2 Tyler Bare
- 3 Brett Hamm
- 4 Logan Roberson
- 5 Matt Long
- 6 Travis Pennington
- 7 Matthew Nance
- 8 Carson Ferguson
- 9 Walker Arthur
- 10 Brad Rigdon
- 11 Matt Glanden
- 12 Jared Powell
- 13 Chuck Bowie
- 14 Tyler Dettor
- 15 Kerry King
- 16 Troy Frazier
- 17 Matt Tarbox
- 18 Kyle Lukon
- 19 Billy Beachler
- 20 Michael Bland
- 21 Dillon Brown
- 22 Mike Franklin
- 23 Davis Lipscombe
- 24 Hunter Stinnett
- 25 Brandon Umberger
- 26 Matt Quade
- 27 Ryan Adams
- 28 Corey Almond
- 29 Derrick Shaw
- 30 Henry Hornsby III
- DNS Ray Miller
- **DNS Kenny Peeples**
- DNS Bryan Smith
- DNS Brent Bordeaux
- DNS Cody Cubbage
- DNS Terry Cregger
- **DNS Nick Love**

DNS - James Miller DNS - Brian Hankins DNS - John McClellan

Entrants: 40

VP Racing Fuels Fast Qualifier: Brandon Umberger 19.061

Swift Springs Feature Winner: Benji Hicks

Heat 1 Winner: Brett Hamm Heat 2 Winner: Benji Hicks Heat 3 Winner: Logan Roberson Heat 4 Winner: Matt Long B-Main Winner: Corey Almond

HEAT 1 (10 Laps – Top 6 To A Main)

1) Brett Hamm; 2) Kyle Lukon; 3) Brad Rigdon; 4) Matt Glanden; 5) Matt Tarbox; 6) Mike Franklin; 7) Hunter Stinnett; 8) Davis Lipscombe; 9) Kenny Peeples; 10) Billy Beachler

HEAT 2 (10 Laps - Top 6 To A Main)

1) Benji Hicks; 2) Brandon Umberger; 3) Carson Ferguson; 4) Michael Bland; 5) Matthew Nance; 6) Matt Quade; 7) Corey Almond; 8) Nick Love; 9) James Miller; 10) Cody Cubbage

HEAT 3 (10 Laps – Top 6 To A Main)

1) Logan Roberson; 2) Tyler Bare; 3) Travis Pennington; 4) Kerry King; 5) Ryan Adams; 6) Troy Frazier; 7) Brent Bordeaux; 8) Tyler Dettor; 9) Ray Miller; 10) Bryan Smith

HEAT 4 (10 Laps – Top 6 To A Main)

- 1) Matt Long; 2) Dillon Brown; 3) Walker Arthur; 4) Henry Hornsby III; 5) Chuck Bowie; 6) Jared Powell;
- 7) Derrick Shaw; 8) Terry Cregger; 9) John McClellan; 10) Brian Hankins

B-MAIN (15 Laps – Top 6 To A Main)

1) Corey Almond; 2) Davis Lipscombe; 3) Hunter Stinnett; 4) Derrick Shaw; 5) Billy Beachler; 6) Tyler Dettor; 7) Ray Miller; 8) Kenny Peeples; 9) Bryan Smith; 10) Brent Bordeaux; 11) Cody Cubbage; 12) Terry Cregger; 13) Nick Love; 14) James Miller; 15) Brian Hankins; 16) John McClellan

VP RACING FUELS QUICKTIME QUALIFYING

Group A

1) 75 Brett Hamm 19.498; 2) 17R Logan Roberson 19.620; 3) 71 Davis Lipscombe 19.707; 4) 30 Tyler Bare 19.727; 5) 09 Brad Rigdon 19.796; 6) 08 Tyler Dettor 19.905; 7) 184 Kyle Lukon 19.954; 8) K1 Kerry King 19.966; 9) 66X Matt Tarbox 20.024; 10) 01P Travis Pennington 20.131; 11) 21B Billy Beachler 20.259; 12) 12A Ryan Adams 20.265; 13) 01 Matt Glanden 20.373; 14) 13 Ray Miller 20.496; 15) 74 Mike Franklin

20.585; 16) 40 Brent Bordeaux 20.663; 17) 3 Kenny Peeples 20.892; 18) 0F Troy Frazier 20.909; 19) 5S Hunter Stinnett 20.966; 20) 123 Bryan Smith 21.544

## Group B

1) 12U Brandon Umberger 19.061; 2) 55L Matt Long 19.200; 3) 21H Benji Hicks 19.240; 4) 6 Dillon Brown 19.263; 5) 00F Carson Ferguson 19.264; 6) 41 Terry Cregger 19.388; 7) 2B Michael Bland 19.397; 8) 39 Henry Hornsby III 19.402; 9) 4 Matthew Nance 19.446; 10) 87 Walker Arthur 19.468; 11) 38 Nick Love 19.729; 12) 14C Chuck Bowie 19.873; 13) 47 Matt Quade 20.068; 14) 2P Jared Powell 20.174; 15) 7A Corey Almond 20.271; 16) 23M John McClellan 20.512; 17) 11M James Miller 20.573; 18) 93 Derrick Shaw 20.838; 19) 12C Cody Cubbage 21.200; 20) 77 Brian Hankins 21.770

The NEXT race for the FASTRAK Racing Series powered by Chevrolet Performance 2018 touring program will be the \$20,000 to win World Championship (open to anyone to compete in). Plus remember in September 2019 the FASTRAK World Championship will celebrate the 50th Anniversary season of Virginia Motor Speedway with "The Richest PRO Late Model Race in the Universe" paying a whopping \$50,000 to winner in a purse almost \$158,000 purse and over \$2000 just to start the A-Main plus non-qualifier races so everyone leaves with decent pay. DON'T MISS IT IN 2019!

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