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THE KING IS IN HIS CASTLE AT ACE SPEEDWAY
Brian King Notches the Win in the "Carolina 125" for ASA Southern Modifieds

ALTAMAHAW -- In the end, there was Brian King, as invincible as ever, climbing out into the waiting embrace of another victorious celebration. But to arrive at what has become such a familiar destination, he had to withstand a beating to remain unbeaten at Ace Speedway.

King conquered a series of challenges during the stretch run of Friday night's main event and emerged as the winner of the track's 125-lap feature for the Carolina Carports American Speed Association (ASA) Southern Modified Race Tour.

Burt Myers set a new Ace qualifying record for the Modifieds with a lap at 14.717 seconds edging Josh Nichols for the top starting spot. L. W. Miller, Jason Myers, King and Jay Foley made up the top three rows. Jason Trinchere, Scott Rigney, Greg Butcher, Gary Young, Jr., David Cranmer, Mike Norman, Ricky Knapp, Jr. and David Beck made up the remainder of the field

It went down as the Gibsonville driver's seventh victory in seven starts at Ace this season. Nobody else has won a race involving Modifieds here this year. "Yeah, there was a little beating and banging. It was a little rough," he said. "But I drove those guys like I felt like they'd drive me." "That's just racing. I felt like I had the best car and I wasn't going to give it up."

King finally found an appropriate angle and a passing maneuver under Burt Myers with about 50 laps remaining. That was a move some 20 laps in the making, and it created contact that sent Myers' No. 1 car sliding high in turn four. And just when it seemed the action had reached its peak, it bubbled over 25 laps later. That's when L.W. Miller's charging No. 36 car whacked -- and lifted -- the rear of King's No. 17 with several rugged and bold attempts to seize the lead. King, who ultimately led the final 49 laps, proved up the task and protected his turf at his home track. "We used it all up trying to get back up to him," Miller said, referring to his car. "Brian had a good car. I got to him and then I had used it up. I was done. "That's good, hard racing right there. Boy, I had a good time and can't wait to come back and do that again."

Mooresville's Miller finished second and Walnut Cove's Myers, who won the ASA Southern Modifieds' Labor Day stop at Ace, placed third. King was slightly irked that Myers edged him by five hundredths of a second to secure the night's top qualifying performance. Once the green flag dropped, though, it quickly became clear which car was in command. King rocketed from a starting position of fifth and blazed by Myers to

lead the 28th lap. He stayed there until lap 49, when the first caution period offered the opportunity for a tire change and adjustment. That shuffled King back to fifth, setting the scene for his second climb to the front of the 14-car field and the accompanying drama that highlighted the latter stages.

"I knew all day we had a really good car," King said. "My dad built an awesome engine. This is by far the best engine we've ever had. That makes it a lot easier on me. I can ride a little bit when I need to ride and make it up on the straightaways."

Walnut Cove's Jason Myers and Josh Nichols of Cleveland, N.C., rounded out the top five finishers. Trinchere, Butcher, Cranmer, Norman and Knapp completed the top ten with Foley, Beck, Rigney and Young rounding out the field.

Myers and King each led two times with King at the point for a race high 70 laps. King was the most improved position winner gaining five spots. Burt Myers earned the "Carolina Carports Man of Steel" award with his third place finish and Nichols cashed in on the Pro Fabrication Header award for finishing fifth.

It was the second race of the season for the ASA Southern Modifieds, and the first since early March. The next event on the Carolina Carports ASA Southern Modified Race Tour schedule is set for Sunday afternoon, June 7th at Franklin County Speedway in Rocky Mount, Virginia. The mods go for 125 green-flag laps along with the Old Dominion Shootout for Late Model Stocks and the East Coast Flathead Ford Association.

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"CAROLINA 125" Finishing Order

Finish	Start	Car #	Driver	Hometown
1	5	17	Brian King	Gibsonville, NC
2	3	36	L. W. Miller	Mooreville, NC
3	1	1	Burt Myers	Walnut Cove, NC
4	4	4	Jason Myers	Walnut Cove, NC
5	2	34	Josh Nichols	Cleveland, NC
6	7	76	Jason Trinchere	Sherrills Ford, NC
7	9	0	Greg Butcher	Mocksville, NC
8	11	59	David Cranmer	Shrewsbury, NJ
9	12	12	Mike Norman	Winston-Salem, NC
10	13	1K	Ricky Knapp, Jr.	Mooreville, NC
11	6	57	Jay Foley	Stuart, VA
12	14	63	David Beck	Lexington, NC
13	8	49	Scott Rigney	Mt. Airy, NC
14	10	45	Gary Young, Jr.	Burlington, NC