Adam Deines wins Challenge Cup XXXVIII (Starr photo)

(09-29-2012 Dacono, CO) A full moon lit up the night sky at Colorado National Speedway for the final race of the season but it was the action on the track that had fans on the edge of their seats. Drama in every division made it a memorable final race and a young Adam Deines shocked the Late Model division with a hard earned Challenge Cup XXXVIII win capping off a thrilling season.

Gillett Vet Late Models

The final race of the season would be a 100 lap Gillett Vet Late Model main event with a massive field of 26 cars. When the green flag dropped #22 Chris Eggleston took the lead but #78 Darren Crocker wasn't letting Eggleston out of his sights close behind in 2nd place. After 20 laps Eggleston maintained the lead but was now navigation lapped traffic. The 2012 points race had already been determined with #12 Bruce "the Moose" winning yet another season championship. Yackey wouldn't be able to add an exclamation point to his championship at Challenge Cup due to an ankle injury in an off-track go karting incident. With Yackey out of contention Challenge Cup was up for grabs and the young Eggleston appeared determined to make it his night. Halfway through the main event and #31 Rick Smith was moving up through the field and was beginning to pressure Crocker and Eggleston for the lead. After a great battle Smith settled into the top spot and appeared to be the car to beat. Behind the top 3 cars #74 Dan Savage, #26 Blake Harris, and #66 Darren Bucklan were taking turns occupying 4th position. After a late race caution and restart Eggleston made a last gasp effort to take the lead but Smith took it right back and at that point Eggleston began to fade back through the field losing several positions. With Smith leading and Crocker in 2nd the young Blake Harris who had won a 100 lapper earlier in the season joined the hunt for the lead. Less than 20 laps remained and #7 Adam Deines was quietly moving up through the field maintaining a steady pace and had now took his turn at the 3rd place spot. A late race caution brought out a double-file restart and Rick Smith chose the inside placing Deines on the outside. Deines who masterfully reserved his best for late in the race took the lead on the restart and cruised to a VERY impressive Challenge Cup victory proving that in a hundred lap race patience can pay off in a big way. Smith hung on for 2nd place, Harris finished an impressive 3rd, Crcoker who ran strong all night crossed the line 4th, and crafty veteran #54 Joe James Jr. rounded out the top 5.

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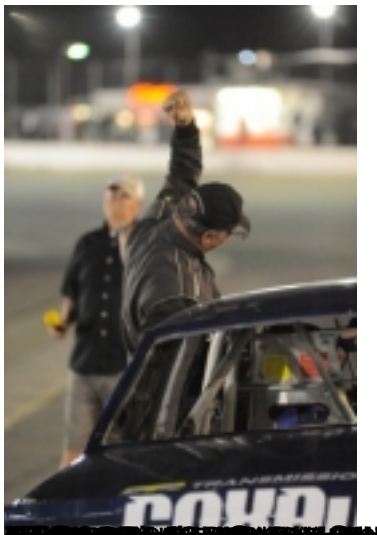

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