

# The Racing Reporter

By Gerald Hodges  
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**Bobby Hamilton, Jr. gets first Busch win**

LOUDON, N.H.—Bobby Hamilton Jr., driver of the U. S. Marines Ford, found victory lane after 95 winless starts at New Hampshire Speedway on Saturday.

His victory made up for the previous week at Richmond when he ran out of gas with 11 laps remaining.

"Last week wasn't our week," he said. "But today was. We had a great car and when you get one like that, you can go like that!"

Todd Bodine, who started third and was near the front of the field throughout the race, came in second. Jack Sprague was third and rookie pole-sitter, Shane Hmiel was fourth.

Finishing order: 1. Bobby Hamilton Jr., 2. Todd Bodine, 3. Jack Sprague, 4. Shane Hmiel, 5. Mike

McLaughlin, 6. Randy LaJoie, 7. Scott Riggs, 8. Hank Parker Jr., 9. Jamie McMurray, 10. Kevin Grubb, 11. Scott Wimmer, 12. Tim Sauter, 13. Jeff Purvis, 14. Ron Hornaday Jr., 15. Ricky Hendrick, 16. Shane Hall, 17. Casey Mears, 18. Kerry Earnhardt, 19. Larry Foyt, 20. Ashton Lewis Jr., 21. Johnny Sauter, 22. Jimmy Kitchens, 23. Troy Cline, 24. Tony Raines, 25. Joe Bessey, 26. Kenny Wallace, 27. Stacy Compton, 28. Jason White, 29. Martin Truex Jr., 30. Jay Sauter, 31. Greg Biffle, 32. Jason Keller, 33. David Green, 34. Mike Harmon, 35. Phil Bonifield, 36. Brian Weber, 37. Mike Johnson, 38. Andy Santerre, 39. Jeff Spraker, 40. Brad Teague, 41. Jeff Burton.

Top-10 Busch Series leaders after 11 of 34 races: 1. Sprague-1613, 2. Keller-1549, 3. LaJoie-1491, 4. Riggs-1481, 5. McLaughlin-1390, 6. K. Wallace-1387, 7. Biffle-1385, 8. Compton-1350, 9. Hamilton Jr.-

1318, 10. Wimmer-1318.  
**Kimmel wins ARCA race**

Here are the results of the ARCA REMAX Series run at Sparta, Kentucky, Saturday, May 11. 1. Frank Kimmel, 2. Chad Blount, 3. Jason Rudd, 4. John Metcalfe, 5. Andy Belmont, 6. Michael Vergers, 7. Mark Gibson, 8. Shelby Howard, 9. Damon Lusk, 10. Billy Venturini, 11. Chase Montgomery, 12. Willie Green, 13. Jason Jarrett, 14. Norm Benning, 15. Mike Burg, 16. Justin Ashburn, 17. Kevin Belmont, 18. Jeep Pflum, 19. Jerry Gianville, 20. Darrell Basham, 21. Mike Buckley, 22. Chuck Weber, 23. Neil McClelland, 24. Jimmy Edlin, 25. Brent Sherman, 26. Eric

Martin, 27. Brad Smith, 28. Todd Bowsher, 29. Frank Kapfhammer, 30. Greg Staff, 31. Ron Cox, 32. AJ Hendriksen, 33. Keith Murt, 34. Vern Slagh, 35. John Hayden, 36. Randy VanZant, 37. Michael Zazula, 38.

Tim Steele, 39. Todd Antrican, 40. Jeff Caudell, 41. Christi Passmore.

Hut Stricklin talks about his Mom  
Hut Stricklin, driver of the No. 23 Hills Bros Coffee Dodge Intrepid R/T talked about his mom. Growing up in Calera, Ala., Stricklin's mother, Vivian, was known as a dare devil. She encouraged her son's love for speed and shared in it with him. She still watches her son race, mostly on TV now, and continues to give him pointers and support.

"My mom was pretty much a speed demon and dare devil herself. Her whole family had grown up around cars. They didn't race, but a lot of her family owned wrecking yards around Birmingham. My mom and dad each owned one. My mom was in Calera and my dad had one in Pelham, Ala. They were about 15 miles apart. Mom was always a hard worker. At the time, my dad worked for the railroad trying to make ends

meet, while my mom ran the wrecking yard.

Once I got up and going, where it could pay the family bills, dad quit the railroad and started working at the wrecking yard.

"I ran my first two races in 1977 (16 years old). When I was growing up, if I wanted a motorcycle, my mom was like 'yeah, get a motorcycle. That sounds like fun. I'll ride with you.' Mom was opposite of most moms. She was always behind me, encouraging me to do a lot of things.

I bought a used Honda 350 from a guy. I'd never even drove a motorcycle, just a mini-bike.

The first day I got it, mom hopped on the back of it with me and we took off down the road. She was always that way. She was a Tom-boy type mom, and she always encouraged me to keep going. It was just my older sister Diane and me.

"I went home and took the mufflers off the motorcycle. I drove it around town. She said it was killer, loud, and I said I knew that. She said 'come on, I'm going to ride it down there with you and we're going to show 'em it's not too loud. I had put the mufflers back on it. We went back

Rick Crawford-576, 4. Mike Bliss-574, 5. Robert Pressley-551, 6. Jason Leffler-543, 7. Brian Rose-541, 8. Dennis Setzer-531, 9. Jon Wood-523, 10. Lance Norick-523.

Fan Response: B.T., Cincinnati, OH: I've been a race fan since 1978. I've put up with the No. 3 driver wrecking other drivers. It seems Rusty is taking over where Dale left off. When is NASCAR going to stop Rusty from going after Rudd?

**Weekend Racing**  
The Winston Cup points event for Winston Cup teams will be held Saturday, May 18 at Lowe's Motor Speedway, Charlotte, N.C. The Busch Series is at Nazareth, Pa., while the Craftsman Trucks head west to Fountain, Colo.

Saturday, May 19, The Winston; Starting time: 9 p.m.(EST); TV: FX Channel; Purse Breakdown - \$3 million total purse; The Winston 90 laps - 135 miles \$2,200,000 posted awards Winston Open & No Bull Sprint 46 laps - 69 miles (Winston Open - 30 laps; No Bull Sprint - 16 laps) \$800,000 posted awards.

Sunday, May 19, Busch Series; Nazareth 200, 12 of 34 races; Starting time: 12 noon (EST); TV: FX Channel; Distance: 200 laps/200 miles; Defending champion: Greg Biffle, Ford.

Craftman Trucks Rocky Mountain 200, race of 25 laps; Starting time: 4 p.m.(EST); TV: ESPN; Distance: 200 laps/200 miles; Defending champion: Joe Ruttman.

**Racing Trivia Question:** Who is the defending NASCAR Busch Series champion?

Answer To Last Week's Question: Greg Zippadelli is crew chief on the No. 20 Home Depot Pontiac driven by Tony Stewart.

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**Thunder Road USA dedicated DAWSONVILLE, Geo.** - Thunder Road USA, the home of Georgia Racing Hall of Fame was opened Saturday May 11 in Dawsonville, Georgia. Eight intangular drivers were inducted in ceremonies, Friday, May 10.

The inductees were: Raymond Parks, Gober Sosebec, Red Byron, Red Voght, Roy Hall, Tim Flynn, Lloyd Seay, and Bill Elliott.

In addition to driving in a one Grand National race, Parks was a pioneer when it came to putting super-fast cars on the track. Some of his drivers were Red Voght, Roy Hall, Red Byron, Bob and Fony Flock and Bill France, Sr.

Parks learned racecar setups from his garage in Dawsonville in the late 1930s and '40s.

"There were three ways to run moonshine from Dawson County into Atlanta: down Highway 9, Highway 53, or over the mountain," said Parks. "Each route required a different car setup. So when a driver came to me, the first thing I would ask him was, which road are you taking? Then I would give him that setup."

A native of Dawsonville, Sosebec was known as "The Wild Indian."

One Saturday in 1954, during a race at Lakewood Speedway in At-

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Printed below is a facsimile of the ballot which will be used in Conway, Roundstone and Climax precincts in the Primary Election in Rockcastle County on Tuesday, May 28th.

Norma Houk, County Clerk

## SAMPLE BALLOT

PRIMARY ELECTION HELD MAY 28, 2002		PRIMARY ELECTION HELD MAY 28, 2002	
REPUBLICAN PARTY		DEMOCRATIC PARTY	
<b>UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b> <small>11th Congressional District</small> <small>Print Name For Use</small>		<b>UNITED STATES SENATOR</b> <small>11th Congressional District</small> <small>Print Name For Use</small>	
← 3	Harold "Hal" ROGERS	Tom BARLOW	35 →
← 4	Billy Roy WILSON	Lois Combs WEINBERG	36 →
<b>COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE</b> <small>(Vote For One)</small>			
← 6	E. Howard SAYLOR		
← 7	BUZZ CARLOFTIS		
<b>SHERIFF</b> <small>(Vote For One)</small>			
← 9	Billy M. HAMMONS		
← 10	Jack STALLSWORTH		
← 11	Shirley SMITH		
← 12	Wayne LEAR SR.		
← 13	John H. KEMPER JR.		
← 14	Samuel STALLSWORTH		
← 15	Darrell DOAN		
← 16	Gary V. LINVILLE		
<b>JAILER</b> <small>(Vote For One)</small>			
← 18	James E. MILLER		
← 19	Billy WIRBY		
<b>MAGISTRATE</b> <small>(Vote For One)</small>			
← 21	Ronnie LAMB		
← 22	Roger RUCKER		
← 23	Wayne D. HARDING		
← 24	Leonard MILLER		
← 25	Fred MULLINS JR.		
← 26	Gary BURDETTE		
<b>CONSTABLE</b> <small>(Vote For One)</small>			
← 28	Richard DEAN		
← 29	Craig CLARK		
← 30	Leonard D. MILLER		
← 31	Donnie COPE		
← 32	Roger G. PIGG		

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