

9th Place Finished Salvaged at Tri-City Speedway

PONTOON BEACH, Illinois (August 27, 2010) – These are the type of nights that can challenge a team's confidence or build their momentum when they realize they made something out of nothing. The latter was true for the JJR team. Jason Johnson and the JJR #41 team bounced back from getting caught up in an opening lap incident and brought their Haynes Mechanical/Pope Transportation Maxim home in the ninth spot in the ASCS National main event at Tri-City Speedway in Pontoon Beach, IL.



After racing to a third place finish in the second heat of the evening, Jason paced his sprint car around Tri-City Speedway's 3/8-mile dirt oval preparing for the start of the 30-lap main event from the 11th starting position. As the flagman waved the green flag over the field, front row starters Danny Wood and Matt Covington had their mounts come together sending both flipping entering turn one. With no place to go, Jason along with Shane Stewart, Tim Crawley, Gary Wright, Justyn Cox, Dustin Barks, Ricky Logan, and more were collected in the melee. The JJR crew quickly went to work making repairs to the #41, so their championship contender could get back on the speedway to compete. When the race resumed, Brian Brown jumped out and seized the lead while the field behind him was scattered as they searched for an open line around Tri-City's oval. After tagging the rear of the field, Jason along with the other competitors involved in the accident, restarted and each was in the process of finding their fast lane for their charge forward. Brown held the point position on the field over the first 20 laps, until Jarrod Hull made his way under the race leader on the 21st lap. The yellow flag was displayed on lap 22 for

the spinning car of Darren Long and then was again brought out three laps later after early race leader Brian Brown rolled to a stop on the speedway. On the restart, Jason moved the #41 around the dirt oval bringing the evening to an end as he crossed the start/finish line, recovering with a well earned 9th place finish. The 9th place finish was Jason's 47th top ten finish in 2010 after 55 events he has competed in to date (a 85.45% success rate).

After the main event, Jason and the team reflected on the evening as they turned their attention to Saturday night's ASCS National tussle at I-30 Speedway in Little Rock, AR. Jason commented, "You know you have nights like this in racing. It is all part of racing. We had a really good car and made the best of it and we will bounce back tomorrow." He continued, "We have a great team and our sponsorship partners are super. I appreciate everyone's support. We will continue to work hard to deliver quality results."

Lucas Oil ASCS National Sprint Car Results – Tri-City Speedway, Pontoon Beach, IL (30 Laps):

"A" Feature: 1. 12-Jerrold Hull, 2. 6-Kyle Hirst, 3. 50z-Zach Chappell, 4. 88-Tim Crawley, 5. 99-Brady Bacon, 6. 28-Jonathan Cornell, 7. 57-Shane Stewart, 8. 93-Dustin Morgan, **9. 41-Jason Johnson**, 10. 9x-Gary Wright, 11. 3-Mark Shirshekan, 12. 89g-David Gravel, 13. 5h-Justyn Cox, 14. 18-Tony Bruce, Jr., 15. 10a-Ricky Logan, 16. 88k-J. Kinder, 17. 1a-Adam Jones, 18. 72-Curtis Boyer, 19. 21-Brian Brown, 20. 44-Jon Corbin, 21. 3g-Darren Long, 22. 53-Jack Dover, 23. 94-Danny Wood, 24. 95-Matt Covington, 25. 22-Dustin Barks.

As the JJR team departed Tri-City Speedway and travelled back across the Mississippi River en route to I-30 Speedway in Little Rock for Saturday night's action, Jason (the 2008 ASCS National Champion) and the team continue to lead the season long Lucas Oil ASCS National points with 2,146 points. The second position is held down by defending series champion Shane Stewart with 2,085 points (61 points back). Brady Bacon holds down the third position with 2,067 points (79 points back), followed by Jack Dover in fourth with 1,970 points (176 points back), and Zach Chappell in fifth with 1,930 points (216 points back).



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