

## QSAC / WCM NCS #3 Newton Park-Bob Newton Memorial

The sun rises on Lakeville, Indiana as Newton Park hosted the first annual " Bob Newton memorial race" hosted by Hoosier Tire as the top quarter scale RC racers from around the country converged on northern Indiana to put on this one of a kind show. Racers from Florida to California and all places in between showed up to race in the 3rd leg of the QSAC " Quarter Scale Auto Club " NCS " National Championship Series" presented by WCM. Race #1 of the series was held earlier this year in Tucson, Arizona followed by Race #2 in Dallas, Texas. The NCS is a six (6) race series to crown a National Champion. The second half of the season kicks off on July 19th and 20th in Rockford, IL followed by a stop in Ingalls, IN and it all wraps up at the final showdown in Montgomery, AL. Dates and info can be found at [www.qsac.org](http://www.qsac.org). QSAC was established back in 1992 and now has tracks all over the country. It is said they are " The best kept secret in auto racing".

For those of you that are not aware, there are many manufacturers of quarter scale chassis. WCM, TNT, Predator Giant RC, Bobs Motorsports, Gramcracker, Pro 1, Ringer and JR Quarterscale. All of these can be found with a simple Google search. There are two (2) chassis types. The stock car that can be fitted to run a stock car like what you see on Sunday in NASCAR, a Super Truck that resemble a Camping World Truck or a Super Late Model like what you see at your local short track on Saturday Nights. All weigh roughly 35 LBS and run a G230 Zenoah engine that resembles the engine on your weed eater in your garage. The other type of chassis is a Sprint Car Chassis just like The World Of Outlaws. These cars weigh roughly 25 LBS.

This race drew 46 entries throughout the four (4) classes. The racing over this two day event was fast paced and exciting. A QSAC event consists of Single car/truck qualifying and then two (2) rounds of heats that set the fields for the mains. Top 6 finishers in the heats are locked in to the A Main with the rest having to race it out for the final four (4) spots. This is how it is in all classes.

Limited Sportsman aka the rookies. This class is designed to give guys track time to learn and gain experience.

The B Main. Summetville, Indiana's Keith Barnes wins the race to keep on racing and comes home 2nd in the A Main. Very impressive considering Barnes had very limited track time leading into the mains. James Wolfe out of Rockford, IL comes home 2nd, Dave Hamstra from Demotte, IN finishes 3rd with Indy native Derek Belcher grabbing the final transfer spot.

A Main. This race was dominated by Rich Green of Akron, Ohio. Green not only swept his heat races he also led all 100 laps of the feature. Unfortunately Green failed post race inspection due to his 49 car having more than the legal limit of fuel line according to QSAC rules. Gregg Grahn from Indianapolis, In his #28 WCM takes home the National win. Barnes 2nd followed by Fort Wayne's Mike Little, Belcher and Robert Belonga from Fulton, IL (who also swept his heat races) rounds out the top 5. Earl Clement from Maple Park, IL 6th followed by Hamstra and Bret Ketner from Comstock Park, MI rounds out the top 8. Nine (9) of the ten (10) cars finish on the lead lap.

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Sportsman. These cars are just like the limited cars. The drivers are more experienced and let me tell you this field was full of talented hard nose racers.

B Main. Randy Brown from Lansing, MI wins the B and gets himself into the big show. Brown also took home a heat win in round one. Akron, Ohio native Nick Ellis finishes 2nd followed by John Pipchock from Bolingbrook, IL and Dave Scott from Yucca Valley, CA grabs the final transfer spot. Just missing the show was Butch Smith from Rockford, IL. Smith ran his tail off all day and was pressuring Scott all the way to the checkers.

A Main. As the green flew on this 200 lap race all ten (10) cars and drivers had a legitimate shot of bringing home the hardware. Ellis found trouble early and pulls out of the race at lap 13. The B main winner Brown drops out just 3 laps later. Matt Hilber from Mukwonago, WI leads the first 74 laps until he tangles with Shoreview, MN's own Scott Schramske. This sends both to the tail. Schramske battled for the next 125 laps to bring his #18 back to 2nd when the checkers waved. Scott also grabbed a heat win in round one. Hilber comes home 3rd. Roger Newell from Winona, WI gets handed the lead at lap 74 and never looked back. Newell was flawless on restarts and hit his marks lap after lap making it impossible to get around his WCM. Congratulations to Roger as he wins the first ever " Bob Newton Memorial" Sportsman A Main. Dave Raber from Goshen, IN was strong all weekend as he gets a heat win in round two and comes home 4th followed by Muncie, Indiana's own Frank Boling 5th and Ed Ellis who was also very strong all weekend as he grab a heat win away from power house Hilber comes home 6th. All were on the lead lap.

Super Late Model aka SLM. These cars have more horsepower and down force and the drivers are very experienced.

Brett Gottfried from Toledo OH sweeps the heat action and leads the field to the green. Gottfried leads the first 22 laps until Todd Holloway from Yorktown, IN grabs the lead and goes on to lead the next 116 laps. Holloway was on a rail and looked to be the class of the field but it isn't over until it's over. Lap 138 Lansing Michigan's Randy Brown takes 2nd away from Gottfried this would be the pass of the race as Holloway one (1) lap later breaks a suspension part and Todd's TNT is sent to the trailer. Brown holds off Gottfried in the closing laps to give Gramcracker a huge win. Joel Hughes from Yucca Valley, CA rounds out the top 3.

The Wild and Crazy Sprint Car Class. These cars are super fast and put on some edge of your seat action.

B Main. Curt Verschuure out of Cumming, IA was very strong all weekend as he grabbed a heat win in round two, starts from the pole in the B Main, leads every lap to get his #10 car into the show and goes on to finish 2nd in the feature. 2nd in the B Main was Randy Baker from Toledo, OH followed by Waddell, Arizona's Tony Evans and Joel Hughes out of Yucca Valley, CA races his way into the show and comes home 3rd in the feature. Corey Bedwell from Bluffton, IN gave it all he had but came up just short.

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A Main. Todd "Hollywood" Holloway from Yorktown, IN sweeps his heats and dominates all 100 laps in his #2 predator to continue his reign over the nation's best sprint car drivers. Verschuure 2nd, Hughes 3rd, Kevin Verschuure of Orange City IA sweeps both his heats and comes home 4th with Danville, Indiana's J.R. Parsley who also swept his heats and rounds out the top 5. All five on the lead lap. This was amazing race full of talented racers, fast cars and tons of action.

This event was a excellent way to promote their sport. Would like to thank the company's who came out and set up displays to better inform the public of what quarter scale racing is all about. Hoosier Tire, WCM, Predator, TNT, QSC and Holloway Signs and Graphics.

The entire quarter scale community would like to thank QSAC, WCM, Bishop Racing Products, Bobs Motorsports and Holloway Vinyl Signs and Graphics for stepping up and sponsoring the National Championship Series presented by WCM. Last but not least, Hoosier Tire proved they love motorsports of all types and sizes. Thank you for that "Hoosier" hospitality. See you at the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Annual Bob Newton Memorial.

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