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Warf Takes Royal Purple King of the Wing Northwest Championship Three Nights, Two Tracks, Two Track Records, Three Different Winners, and Three Championships

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September 17, 2017 - Meridian, Idaho – Thirty-two drivers competed in the Northwest tour of the Royal Purple King of the Wing National Sprintcar Series over the weekend. The series kicked off Thursday night at Magic Valley Speedway in Twin Falls, Idaho. Despite Mother Nature's attempts to ruin the night no scheduled races were cancelled. The three races are not only points races for the Royal Purple King of the Wing Series but the Orchestral Western Sprintcar Series and the Royal Purple NSRA Series.

In the 40-lap feature event Bryan Warf would take the lead from his outside front row starting position on the drop of the green flag. The Meridian chauffeur would keep the Pat Russell owned entry in front of the rest of the field for the entire distance. It would be the second victory of the current campaign against the Royal Purple NSRA Winged Sprintcars and is his first career King of The Wing triumph.

Johnny Giesler, also from Meridian, was second while grabbing third would be Matt Hein, out of Roseburg, Oregon. The balance of the top five consisted of fourth finishing Eric Humphries, from Chowchilla, California, and Langley, British Columbia's Aaron Willison, making an appearance in the Rod and Gord Rendle machine, in fifth.

Jason Conn, making the extremely long tow from Prince George, British Columbia, was quickest in time trials setting a new track record for the 3/8th mile track. Heat race winners were Quesnel, British Columbia veteran Ron Larson, Meridian native Colton Nelson, Salt Lake City, Utah's Kyle Bergener, and Bryan Warf. Kyle Alberding, from Winston, Oregon and racing for car owner Art Holte, won the consolation feature.

The series moved about 120 miles Northwest to Meridian Speedway for a double header at the famed quarter mile oval in Downtown Meridian, Idaho.

Chowchilla, California driver Eric Humphries would start on the front row and was the leader on the opening lap. He would remain in the position the entire way as he went on to win his first race of the season with both the Royal Purple NSRA Winged Sprintcars and King Of The Wings. It also is the first career King Of The Wing for the Central Valley native.

Meridian's Bryan Warf was a respectable second followed by fellow Meridian pilot Johnny Geisler, in third. The rest of the top five would be made up of fourth finishing Matt Hein, out of Roseburg, Oregon, and Tristen Spiers, out of Adrian, Oregon and racing for Joey and Sarah Moore, in fifth.

Matt Hein was the quickest in qualifying in the early stages of the night. Heat race winners were Austin Carter of Clovis, California, Johnny Giesler, Hein, and Carmichael, California's Tom Baker. Ryan Orchard, from Sidney, British Columbia, was the victor in the consolation feature.

Three championships were decided going into the weekend. By the start of Saturday night action both Royal Purple NSRA Champion were decided. Brian Orchard collected Sportsman Sprintcar champion honors, while Surry, British Columbia, Canada's Aaron Willison claimed the overall NSRA tour championship.

After Thursday and Friday's races the Royal Purple King of the Wing Northwest Championship had three driver separated by just 2 points. Bryan Warf lead Johnny Giesler by 1 and Matt Hein by 2.

A blistering fast track greeted the Royal Purple King of the Wing National Sprintcar Series competitors Saturday. During qualifying a whopping five drivers turned times faster than Andy Alberding's seven-year-old track record. When the thunder of race engines faded Meridian, Idaho native Johnny Giesler stood atop the Pepsi-Cola scoreboard with a lap time of 11.034 seconds.

The Pink Lady Classic concluded with a fifty lap Saturday night slugfest. With Royal Purple King of the Wing National Sprintcar Series championship points on the line, and titles to be determined in the Orchex Western Sprintcar Series and the Royal Purple Northwest Sprintcar Racing Association, all 24 drivers brought a razor focus to the green flag.

On the break, pole sitter Ryan Burdett roared to the top spot in his FRB Welding machine. On the move early was Roseburg, Oregon's Matt Hein, who sliced from his sixth-place starting spot to third on the first lap. It took Hein only four more laps to take over second place and work to close on Burdett.

Lapped traffic was heavy early, but Burdett navigated it easily to maintain a one second advantage over Hein on lap ten. But Hein's rapid pace took its toll, and his attention soon turned to third place runner Johnny Giesler, who worked the high line in his Bardahl, Spiers Construction entry. Lapped traffic helped Hein hold Meridian, Idaho native Giesler at bay, and allowed the pair to catch Burdett at the race's halfway mark.

As soon as Giesler caught sight of the leader and he rocketed past Hein to second. With Burdett in his sights Giesler laid down lightning fast laps as he closed on the leader. But Giesler wasn't the only driver on the move, as suddenly Meridian, Idaho's Bryan Warf, tore free of the pack and started searching for a way past the runner up. Giesler picked Warf off on lapped traffic for eight laps, but Warf's Allan Marsh Travel Center, Rex Hutchinson Race Engines sprinter was too strong and he dove low to secure the second spot.

But Warf wasn't done, and with a dozen laps remaining he latched onto Burdett's tail tank. Warf tested low first, but West Jordan, Utah's Burdett held. Next Warf tried high, but Burdett shut the door as the battle wound its way through traffic. With nine circuits remaining the leaders hit open race track and Warf mounted his most furious challenge yet. Lap after lap Warf pushed his machine hard, and with five to go Warf drew even with Burdett. But lapped traffic stymied Warf's run, and he had to settle for second behind Burdett.

All fifty blistering laps flew by in just over 10 heart-pounding minutes.

Heat races were won by Ryan Orchard, Tom Baker, Kyle Bergener, and Colton Nelson. The 12-lap B-main win went to Casey Tillman.

With his 2nd place finish in Saturday night's feature Bryan Warf was crowned the Royal Purple King of the Wing National Sprintcar Series North West Championship.

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Results - Thursday September 14th - Magic Valley Speedway

Qualifying

1	88	Jason Conn	11.852
2	15	Eric Humphries	11.961
3	98	Matt Hein	12.005
4	14	Aaron Willison	12.026
5	91	Bryan Warf	12.031
6	25	Johnny Giesler	12.116
7	76	Andy Alberding	12.153
8	36	Ryan Burdett	12.196
9	8	Tristen Spiers	12.262
10	71	Cory Lockwood	12.291
11	68	Mike Anderson	12.318
12	32	Ryan orchard	12.421
13	7	AJ Russell	12.427
14	43	Kyle Bergener	12.453
15	2	Austin Carter	12.517
16	12	Ron Larson	12.585
17	26	Justin Segura	12.621
18	24	Jimmy Waters	12.653
19	28	Colton Nelson	12.697
20	4	Aiden Spiers	12.731
21	12b	Jeff Bergener	12.905
22	68l	Stacy Jensen	13.048
23	27	Jaron Mott	13.07
24	9	Duane Zeinstra	13.121
25	77	Matt Elliott	13.144
26	9	Kenny Hamilton	13.319
27	26	Anthony Quintana	13.7
28	12m	Aaron McPeak	14.012
29	33	Kyle Alberding	14.352
30	3t	Tom Baker	NT

Beast Chassis Heat 1

1	12	Larson
2	4	Aiden
3	36	Burdett
4	14	Willison
5	32	Orchard
6	12b	J. Bergener
7	77	Elliott
8	33	K. Alberding
9	3t	Baker

B-Main

1	9	Zeinstra
2	3t	Baker
3	26	Quintana
4	77	Elliott
5	27	Mott
6	9	Hamilton
7	12m	McPeak

Wilwood Brakes Heat 2

1	28	Nelson
2	68	Anderson
3	98	Hein
4	76	A. Alberding
5	2	Carter
6	68l	Jensen
7	9	Hamilton

**Royal Purple
40 lap Feature**

1	91	Warf
2	25	Giesler
3	98	Hein
4	15	Humphries
5	14	Willison
6	88	Conn
7	76	A. Alberding
8	68	Anderson
9	43	K. Bergener
10	12b	J. Bergner
11	12	Larson
12	28	Nelson
13	8	T. Spiers
14	3t	Baker
15	4	A. Spiers
16	24	Waters
17	32	Orchard
18	68L	Jensen
19	9	Zeinstra
20	77	Elliott
21	26	Quintana
22	36	Burdett
23	2	Carter
24	7	Russell

CSI Suspension Heat 3

1	43	K. Bergener
2	25j	Giesler
3	24	Waters
4	15	Humphries
5	27	Mott
6	26	Quintana
7	71	Lockwood

Impact Heat 4

1	91	Warf
2	8	T. Spiers
3	88	Conn
4	9	Zeinstra
5	7	Russell
6	12m	McPeak
7	26	Segura

Results - Friday September 15th - Meridian Speedway

Qualifying

1	98h	Matt Hein	11.318
2	25j	Johnny Giesler	11.359
3	36	Ryan Burdett	11.359
4	76	Andy Alberding	11.494
5	12	Ron Larson	11.532
6	91	Bryan Warf	11.543
7	14	Aaron Willison	11.627
8	24	Jimmy Waters	11.652
9	8	Tristen Spiers	11.673
10	15	Eric Humphries	11.675
11	43	Kyle Bergener	11.71
12	28	Colton Nelson	11.728
13	77	Matt Elliott	11.752
14	33	Kyle Bergener	11.774
15	4	Aiden Spiers	11.822
16	3t	Tom Baker	11.859
17	7	AJ Russell	11.949
18	68	Mike Anderson	11.966
19	98	Kenny Hamilton	11.969
20	88	Jason Conn	12.031
21	32	Ryan Orchard	12.133
22	12b	Jeff Bergener	12.164
23	9j	Stacy Jensen	12.255
24	2	Austin Carter	12.266
25	26q	Anthony Quintana	12.584
26	7v	Riley Rogers	12.613
27	9	Duane Zeinstra	12.753
28	68l	Tiom Paterson	13.115
29	12m	Aaron McPeak	13.182
30	26s	Justin Segura	NT

Beast Chassis Heat 1

1	2	Carter
2	98	Hamilton
3	4	A. Spiers
4	14	Willison
5	43	K. Bergener
6	36	Burdett
7	7v	Rogers

Wilwood Brakes Heat 2

1	25j	Giesler
2	91	Warf
3	68	Anderson
4	15	Humphries
5	33	K.Alberding
6	9j	Jensen

CSI Suspension Heat 3

1	98h	Hein
2	7	Russell
3	8	T. Spiers
4	77	Elliott
5	12	Larson
6	32	Orchard
7	68l	Paterson

Impact Heat 4

1	3t	Baker
2	88	Conn
3	28	Nelson
4	76	A. Alberding
5	24	Waters
6	26q	Quintana
7	12m	McPeak

B-Main

1	32	Orchard
2	9j	Jensen
3	26q	Quintana
4	2	Carter
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6	9	Zeinstra
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18	3t	Baker
19	77	Elliott
20	7	Russell
21	12	Larson
22	36	Burdett
23	33	K. Alberding
24	9j	Jensen

Results - Saturday September 16th - Meridian Speedway

Qualifying

1	25j	Johnny Giesler	11.034
2	15	Eric Humphries	11.089
3	98h	Matt Hein	11.095
4	91	Bryan Warf	11.122
5	12	Ron Larson	11.3
6	8	Tristen Spiers	11.36
7	24w	Jimmy Waters	11.429
8	36	Ryan Burdett	11.44
9	41	Aaron Willison	11.494
10	76	Andy Alberding	11.525
11	77	Matt Elliott	11.528
12	33	Kyle Alberding	11.537
13	88	Jason Conn	11.551
14	9j	Stacy Jensen	11.581
15	7	AJ Russell	11.604
16	68	Mike Anderson	11.614
17	28	Colton Nelson	11.648
18	43	Kyle Bergener	11.668
19	3t	Tom Baker	11.684
20	32	Ryan Orchard	11.683
21	26t	Casey Tillman	11.693
22	4	Aiden Spiers	11.855
23	2	Austin Carter	11.898
24	98	Kenny Hamilton	11.963
25	7v	Justin Segura	12.183
26	9	Duane Zeinstra	12.394
27	12m	Aaron McPeak	12.459
28	68l	Tom Paterson	12.786
29	26	Cory Lockwood	13.895

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5	36	Burdett
6	68	Anderson
7	7v	Segura

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5	24w	Waters
6	7	Russell
7	9	Zeinstra

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5	9j	Jensen
6	8	T. Spiers
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Impact Heat 4

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2	41	Willison
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4	12	Larson
5	26t	Tillman
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24	7	Russell