

Jackson Wins Season Finale; Pierce 2015 King of the Wing
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Bakersfield, CA – Nov 22, 2015 - The final King of the Wing Sprint Car Series on Sunday Night at Kern County Raceway Park has more twists and turns than the Glennville-Woody Road.

When it was all sorted out — after 40 furious laps on the paved half-mile oval — Sierra Jackson of Middleton, Idaho was the winner of the second annual George Snider Classic.

“We’ve been waiting for this win all year,” and excited Jackson said after climbing from her car. We traveled from Florida to Indiana to Washington to here and this is our first win of the year,” an excited Jackson said.

An improbable one at that as she was the fifth different leader in a race full of surprises.

A six-car invert put last year’s winner, JoJo Helberg, on the pole but it was Bobby Santos thundering into the lead with Helberg on his heels.

Santos lost his chance for victory on the fifth lap when he spun in turn four while working through slower traffic.

Helberg took the point on the restart but an engine failure sent him to the pits on the 10th lap.

Bryan Warf inherited the lead and held it until fast qualifier Aaron Pierce got by in traffic.

But Pierce’s night came to an end after 21 laps, a victim of another engine failure.

That put Warf back up front but as the laps wound down Jackson edged closer and closer.

Jackson took the lead on the 32nd lap when she went low in turn 1 while Warf went high to get by a slower car.

“You just pick a spot and go for it,” Jackson, 22, said of working through traffic.

Warf finished second followed by Troy DeCaire, Davey Hamilton Jr. and Robert Stout.

Pierce, Santos and Helberg won the heat races.

Three championships were determined at this race.

Pierce won the King of the Wings National title; Santos won the three-race West Coast swing and Hamilton won the season-long Western Sprint Car Series title.