

# Bergener and Humphries Win, Humphries Crowned King of the Wing at CNS

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A near full-house witnessed Salt Lake Cities' Kyle Bergener run the perfect race during the Galitz Transportation King of the Wing Finale on Saturday night at Colorado National Speedway leading almost all 40 laps to take the huge win. But it was California's Eric Humphries who would secure the overall series victory by grabbing second place on Saturday and winning Friday Night's High Country Harley Davidson Special.

## NIGHT ONE 07-06-2018 High Country Harley Davidson Special

### King of the Wing Sprint Cars

A blazing fast field of 19 Methanol breathing King of the Wing Sprint Cars took the green flag for a 30 lap feature event. One car that couldn't take the green was last year's winner Jason Conn from British Columbia Canada who was struggling with a valve issue. Driver's from California, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Indiana and British Columbia Canada were on hand to battle for the win on the 2-day visit to Colorado National Speedway and unfortunately for Conn he would not get a chance to repeat.

Through the first portion of Friday Night's race local driver Darren Crocker was running a strong 2nd place until a flat left rear tire caused him to pit.

A fearless Jeff Bergener from Salt Lake City Utah in the #21 car took over the lead from Tristen Spiers from Adrian Oregon and began to devour lapped traffic on route to what looked like a sure win.

However #15 Eric Humphries from California was slowly closing in on the leader and eventually used a restart to takeover the position



as Bergener's car seemed to become ill handling late in the race. Humphries who also won his dash race wasted no time building a lead on the field and cruised to the checkered flag as well as a nice pay day. Ryan Burdett in the #36 sprinter would get by Bergener on the final lap for 2nd while the 21 car settled for 3rd.

Clearly the most impressive run of the night was Colorado driver Chris Muhler in the #95 car. Muhler didn't hot-lap, qualify or run a dash race. He showed up just in time to run the feature in a car he had just finished building and started 4 car lengths behind the last place car presumably just

to be safe since he had no time to determine if the car was prepared properly. Every time Muhler entered turn one his car emitted a shower of sparks but that wasn't slowing him down as he began to move up through the field. Incredibly by the time the checkered flag had flown Muhler had an impressive 4th place finish. However his failure to report to post race tech resulted in a last place finish.



Eric Humphries in the #15 passes #21 Jeff Bergener for the lead (Starr photo)

The King of the Wing Sprint Cars would race again at CNS the following night Saturday July 7th.



The top 3 celebrate in winner's circle at CNS (Starr photo)

FEATURE: #15 Eric Humphries  
DASH 1: #25 Tristen Spiers  
DASH 2: #15 Eric Humphries  
DASH 3: #21 Jeff Bergener  
QUICK TIME: #36 Ryan Burdett 14.398

## NIGHT TWO 07-07-2018 Galitz Transportation Sprint Car Finale

### King of the Wing Sprint Cars

It was the second and final night of the two-day King of the Wing Sprint Car race at CNS and #26 Justin Segura from Caldwell Idaho and Colorado's own Bryan Gossel in the #78 occupied the front row. Neither Gossel nor Segura would be able to take advantage of their front row starting positions as both drivers struggled early with mechanical issues.



From that point on it was the Kyle Bergener show leading the rest of the way and taking home the huge victory. Kyle reigning out of Salt Lake City Utah ran a smooth line that was both fast and steady conserving his tires for the entire 40 lap run.



Behind Bergener it was Chris Muhler in the #95 car which he had just finished building on Friday afternoon the day before. Muhler demonstrated his ability to get the most out of his car as he pulled up just behind the leader late in the race. Catching Bergener was one thing but passing him proved to be much more difficult.

While Muhler was catching the leader California's Eric Humphries was catching Muhler. Humphries coming off Friday night's win showed the packed house at CNS that you can still broadside at the 3/8ths mile oval even on the pavement. Humphries was

literally giving it everything he had and the crowd could see his right rear tire burning up coming out of turn 4.

Humphries overtakes Muhler late in the race for 2nd place (Starr photo)

A late restart would give Humphries and Muhler a final shot at the leader, but Bergener was just too fast and secured the win. Humphries was able to get under Muhler for 2nd but Muhler powered right back by him on the outside to the cheer of the fans.



Ultimately Humphries would take second place and Muhler would settle for third.

While Bergener was the winner it was Humphries who would take the overall series win with his 1st and 2nd place finishes on Friday and Saturday.

FEATURE: #43 Kyle Bergener  
 DASH 1: #23 Aiden Spiers  
 DASH 2: #43 Kyle Bergener  
 DASH 3: #25j Tristen Spiers  
 QUICK TIME: #15 Eric Humphries

