



King of the Wing National Sprintcar Series, LLC, P.O. Box 1538 Mountain Home, Idaho 83647

## For Immediate Release

### **Santo's Wins 6 Straight King of the Wing Events**

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**July 7, 2019 – Dacono, CO** - Last November Santos traveled to California with his crew and car owner Richard Fielder to Irwindale California on Saturday and Kern County on Sunday to sweep the West Coast series of the KOTW.

Move forward to April of 2019, Santos travels to Pensacola Florida's 5 Flags Speedway and Montgomery Speedway In Alabama to sweep his second weekend. Giving him the perfect start to both the KOTW and AVBBSS opening winged Sprint car season.

This past weekend Santos and company goes to the second of 4 shows on the national tour and sweeps the weekend at Colorado National Speedway.

The KOTW opening night Colorado National Speedway, July 5th was a late one but well worth the wait of the showers that snuck over the Rocky Mountains.

Before the rain Eric Humphries picked up his second quick time of the year running a 13.763 on the new asphalt 3/8-mile track in the MPI Qualifying. He was closely followed by Bobby Santos III with a 13.807 and Chris Muhler brining in a 14.135

The Beast first heat had Jaren Mott on the pole, but it was Tristan Spiers who started P2 that lead throughout the 8-lap race, beating out Austin Carter, and Chris Muhler.

The second heat had Bryan Gossel on the pole, and he never looked back from the green to checker flag winning the CSI heat 2 race followed by Kyle Bergener and Bobby Santos III.

After a 2-hour rain delay and a further delay after a 14 car Legend Car accident on the track, the Sprints took the field for the Hoosier Tires main event at Colorado National Speedway Midsummer Meltdown!!

Brian Gossel started on the pole and maintained that lead through lap 5 caution where Bobby Santos III came from a third place to the lead of lap 6 on the restart. Santos never looked back as he rocketed to the 30-lap feature win, his third of the year in as many races in the 2019 season.

Santos was followed by Eric Humphries, Bryan Gossel, Austin Carter, and Chris Muhler rounding out the top 5

The defending 2018 KOTW series champion Eric Humphries of California has been trading fast qualifier positions with Santos on each of the weekends, but just hasn't had the right combination on the track to reel Santos in for the 2019 season.

The second night of the Colorado National Speedway show had a crowd of 10,000 fans watching as Humphries earned the fast qualifier for the second night in a row with a 13.542, 2 tenths of a second faster than his Friday night fast qualifier. Second qualifier was Santos at 13.869 and Tristen Spiers at 14.074 rounding up the top three.

In the CSI heat 1 Bryan Gossel had the pole position and kept that led through an 8 lap, 2 minute and 3 second race that had the fans on their feet wanting more action. Humphries and Kyle Bergener complete the top three.

The MPI heat 2 had Chris Muhler on the pole who also kept his pole position and maintained that lead in the 2 minute 4 second race. Austin Carter and Santos followed Muhler across the line.

The Hoosier Main event had Mike Anderson of Idaho on the pole after two disappointing trips to California and Florida/Alabama where he was plagued with engine problems after long travel to these events. Anderson was unable to finish in the Friday night show and was hungry to have a good showing for this show.

Santos was starting ninth and Humphries tenth after a 10 was drawn for the invert placing a lot of fast cars between them and a trip to victory lane in the 40-lap feature.

A third lap caution after the 43 of Kyle Bergener lost a left rear and hit the turn 3 wall after Santos and Humphries had worked up to 5th and 6th respectfully.

But the 8th lap caution would change the lineup drastically as Humphries tangled with the 24 of Hunter Stanley placing both on the tail of the restart.

The restart had Bryan Gossel leading followed by Muhler, Santos, and Austin Carter. In lap 9 Santos maneuvered around Muhler and Gossel taking the lead for the rest of the race.

Gossel maintained his 2nd place position through the last few yards to the checkered flag when Carter was able to slide in front of Gossel by 8/1000th of a second to claim the second-place position.

Humphries made a valiant attempt to get back to the front of the field moving from 14th to 5th position but just simply ran out of laps to get him to victory lane finishing just behind Muhler.

The next weekend for the KOTW will be Meridian Speedway in Idaho September 20-21. Will Santos continue his winning streak in the 2019 season, or will Humphries get his first win as defending champion or will there be a completely different driver that emerges in the field to claim the Northwest King of the Wing Champion.

## Results

### Friday July 5, 2019

**MPI Fast Qualifying:** 1. 15 Eric Humphries 13.763; 2. 22 Bobby Santos 13.807; 3. 95 Chris Muhler 14.135 4. 68 Mike Anderson 14.262; 5. 2 Austin Carter 14.315 6. 43 Kyle Bergener 14.466; 7. 2T Tristian Spiers 14.531; 8. 6G Bryan Gossel 14.543; 9. 72 Jaren Mott 14,765; 10. 12B Monty Bergener 15.154; 11. 16 Austyn Gossel 15.499; 12. 4. Aiden Spiers 15.561 13. 71 Aaron McPeak 15.829; 14. 02 Anthony Quintana 16.014; 15. 24

Hunter Stanley 14.951;

**CSI Heat 1:** 1. 2T T. Spiers; 2. 2 Carter; 3. 95 Muhler; 4. 72 Mott; 5. 4 A. Spiers; 6. 15 Humphries; 7. 12B M. Bergener; 8. 02 Quintana.

**Beast HeAat 2:** 1. 6G B. Gossel; 2. 43 K. Bergener 3. 22 Santos; 4. 68 Anderson; 5. 71 McPeak; 6. 16 A. Gossel; DQ 24 Stanley.

**Hoosier 30 Lap Feature:** 1. 22 Santos; 2. 15 Eric Humphries; 3. 6G B. Gossel; 4. 2 Carter; 5. 95 Muhler; 6. 24 Stanley; 7. 43 K. Bergener; 8. 4 A. Spiers; 9. 72 Mott; 10. 12B M. Bergener; 11. 2T T. Spiers; 12. 68 Anderson; 13. 71 McPeak; 14. 02 Quintana; 15. 16 A. Gossel.

#### **Saturday, July 6, 2019**

**Beast Fast Qualifying:** 1.15 Eric Humphries 13.542; 2. 22 Bobby Santos 13.869; 3. 2T Tristian Spiers 14.074; 4. 2 Austin Carter 14.122; 5. 43 Kyle Bergener 14.333; 6. 95 Chris Muhler 14.341; 7. 6G Bryan Gossel 14.385; 8. 72 Jaren Mott 14.607; 9. 24 Hunter Stanley 14.759; 10. 68 Mike Anderson 14.895; 11. 12B Monty Bergener 14.933; 12. 4 Aiden Spiers 15.134 13. 71 Aaron McPeak 15.367; 14. 02 Anthony Quintana 15.466; 15.16 Austyn Gossel 16.392.

**MPI Heat 1:** 1. 16 B. Gossel; 2. 15 Humphries; 3. 43 K. Bergener; 4. 2T T. Spiers; 5. 24 Stanley; 6. 12B. M. Bergener; 7. 71 McPeak; 8. 16 A. Gossel.

**CSI Heat 2:** 1. 95 Muhler; 2. 2 Carter; 3. 22 Santos; 4. 73 Mott; 5. 4 A. Spiers; 6. 68 Anderson; 7. 02 Quintana.

**Hoosier 40 Lap Feature:** 1. 22 Santos; 2. 2 Carter; 3. 6G B. Gossel; 4. 95 Muhler; 5. 15 Eric Humphries; 6. 72 Mott; 7. 24 Stanley; 8. 68 Anderson; 9. 12B M. Bergener; 10. 4A Spiers; 11. 02 Quintana; 12. 16 A. Gossel; 13. 71 McPeak; 14. 2T T. Spiers; 15. 43 K. Bergener.

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