

## **SANTOS III AVOIDS DISASTER TO WIN KERN KING OF THE WING EVENT**

November 9, 2019 – Bakersfield, California - Bobby Santos III avoided a near disaster and captured his seventh consecutive King of the Wing feature Saturday night at Kern County Raceway Park in Bakersfield, California in front of a healthy crowd. The seven race streak dates back to 2018.

Santos III started in the sixth position and remained patient in the early laps of the race. After taking the third position away from Audra Sasselli, Santos III then set his sights on early race leader Justin Kawahata. Santos III took command of the event on lap 13.

On lap 15 near disaster struck for Santos III. While entering turn one, he made contact with a lapped car. Santos III got sideways, and in the process, lost momentum and rhythm as well. Kawahata took advantage of the situation and regained the lead. Santos III quickly recovered and regained the lead on lap 20. Santos III went on to capture his second consecutive George "Ziggy" Snider Classic. Following Santos III across the stripe were Eric Humphries and Audra Sasselli rounding out the top three.

In victory lane, Santos III indicated the early race incident could have potentially cost him the race. "The lapped cars were a little tricky this year" explained Santos III. "The track seemed a little narrow this year. I was being extra patient and struggled with a lapped car. We were still on the lead lap. I had to regroup and go after it. We had a great car and I just gotta thank the team for it. Another win tomorrow will make this trip all worth it" concluded Santos III.

Santos III was the evenings quick qualifier with a lap of 15.537 seconds around the high-banked half-mile asphalt oval. Heat wins went to Santos III and Austin Carter.

With his second-place finish, Eric Humphries is all but assured a second consecutive King of the Wing title.

The series will close out the 2019 season with a Sunday afternoon visit to Irwindale Speedway in the Las Angeles area tomorrow afternoon.

### **GEORGE "ZIGGY" SNIDER CLASSIC 40-LAP FEATURE RESULTS**

1. Bobby Santos III (22a)
2. Eric Humphries (15)
3. Audra Sasselli (77)
4. Ron Larson (12a)
5. Cameron Neisinger (12)
6. Anthony Quintana (02)
7. Monty Bergener (12b)
8. Mike Anderson (68)
9. Austin Carter (2)
10. Richard Larson (22)
11. Alan Beck (4)
12. Justin Kawahata (45)
13. Mike Straub (11)
14. Justin Segura (46)
15. AJ Russell (7)

DNS Hunter Stanley  
DNS Kyle Bergener (43)

*About the King of the Wing Series:*

The “King of the Wing” National Sprintcar Series is designed to work with all teams, promoters, fans and sponsors, to strengthen pavement Winged Sprintcar racing from coast to coast. Working directly with all existing pavement Sprintcar Series. The Series provides a competitive rules package that can apply to all Sprintcars and create race events that truly allows the promoters and racers to build bigger venues, show the sponsors and fans the world's fastest short track cars, and to promote some of the best short track drivers competing head-to-head no matter what part of the country they are from or what Series they run on a regular basis. This is the only pavement Sprintcar Series that features competitors from across the United States and Canada. Since its inception in 2014 the series has run 44 races at 17 different tracks. A total of 173 different drivers have competed with an average of 23 cars at every race. Total purse money over the 4 years is over \$858,000. Our King of the Wing Series Champions are: Jojo Helberg - 2014, Aaron Pierce - 2015, Davey Hamilton Jr. - 2016, Johnny Giesler - 2017, and Eric Humphries – 2018