

SUMMER NATIONALS PREVIEW

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Tony Stewart Racing Outlaw Teams Travel East for Summer Tour

Four-time and reigning champion Donny Schatz built some momentum heading into this week with a pair of solid finishes at Eldora. On Friday night, he raced the TSR No. 15 Armor All/STP/ParkerStore J&J to a second-place finish and kicked off Saturday's Kings Royal by qualifying third in the field of 49 cars. He was fast early in the 40-lap Kings Royal feature race, charging from ninth to third, before ultimately finishing fourth.

Tuesday's race at Lernerville is the Outlaws first stop at the 4/10-mile dirt oval in western Pennsylvania. Last season, the Silver Cup changed from a 40-lap A-Feature to a pair of Twin 30's. The first 30-lap A-Feature is lined up based on the regular Outlaw qualifying program, and the second 30-lap race is determined by the finishing order of the first main event. Each pays \$15,000 to the winner.

Both former WoO champions have been very successful at the historic Williams Grove Speedway in Mechanicsburg, Penn. Kinser has started almost 150 races at the half-mile oval and has 37 WoO triumphs to his credit. His most recent win came in May 2008, and earlier this season, he charged from the back of the field to finish 10th. Schatz will be making his 72nd start at Williams Grove on Friday. He has 15 career wins at the track and seven of those have come during the Summer Nationals. His most recent victory was in the 2008 Summer Nationals finale. Earlier this season, the four-time Williams Grove National Open champion was involved in an opening lap crash after starting on the pole.

The week of action concludes on Sunday night in upstate New York with the Outlaws first stop of 2010 in the Empire State. Schatz has a dozen starts at Lebanon Valley and a pair of wins at the track. On Memorial Day in 2001, he led every lap of the A-Feature and was victorious again in the summer of 2006. Last season, he finished fourth.

Kinser and Schatz continue to play key roles in the battle for the 2010 WoO championship. Kinser's five wins and series-leading 36 top-10 finishes is keeping him right on the heels of leader Saldana. Schatz is in fourth position, 190 points back, and has posted a pair of wins, 17 top-five finishes and 28 top-10s.

Tuesday at Lernerville, the pit gates will open at 4 p.m. EDT, with the grandstands opening at 5 p.m. Hot laps are scheduled to begin at 6:45 p.m. For more details and ticket information, call (704) 795-7723, or visit www.lernerville.com.

On Friday and Saturday at Williams Grove Speedway, the pit gates will open at 3:30 p.m. EDT, with the grandstands opening at 5:45 p.m. Time

trials are scheduled to begin at 7:45 p.m. More details are available by calling Williams Grove Speedway at (717) 697-5000, or visit www.williamsgrrove.com.

Sunday at Lebanon Valley Speedway, the pit gates will open at 2 p.m. EDT, with the grandstands opening at 4 p.m. Hot laps are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. For ticket information, visit www.lebanonvalley.com.

Donny Schatz, Driver of the No. 15 TSR/Armor All/Chevy/ParkerStore J&J:

“The Month of Money” is underway and you are off to a good start. Now you are headed to Lernerville, a place where you won consecutive Silver Cups in 2006 and 2007. What are your thoughts heading into Tuesday’s race?

“I have always enjoyed racing there. Mother Nature has played a role in things up there the last several years. Hopefully it’s sunny, the rain stays away, and we can have a great event. With the new format of running two features, you have to make sure you are on top of everything and make sure that everything is as fresh as fresh can be, especially the motor. You still have to go win the race, and we feel like we headed in the right direction and up for the challenge.”

Williams Grove Speedway is one of those old historic dirt tracks. The track is as tough to get around as any and the locals really look forward to the Outlaws coming town. What is that like for you as a competitor?

“It’s a level of respect that you have to learn for that track and I’ve been lucky to have learned it. When I started going there I did bad and actually hated it. It’s one of those places that now I look forward to going to. No matter how good or bad my car is, I feel like I am in a good position to win. That makes it fun for me. I have a lot of friends up there and a lot of people I enjoy seeing. We look forward to getting out there in the summertime. Rain has kind of plagued our events the last couple of times we have been there, so hopefully we can keep that away too and have a great weekend. We’d really like to win the Summer Nationals, again.”

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