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SMART SCORES AT STARLITE

The Sportsman portion of the racing program was a hotly contested event in spite of the almost freezing temperatures which prevailed at the Starlite Speedway last Friday night. Carl Smart proved to the crowd that he was definitely the man to beat on this chilly evening.

In the first heat Smart managed to edge out Dale Earnhardt for the win. Finishing behind Smart and Earnhardt was Kirby Allen and South Carolinian Charlie Blanton, who was making his first racing appearance of the year at the Starlite facility. Local favorite Doug Aldridge finished fifth in the qualifier.

The second heat was won by Billy Scott of Union, S. C. Scott paced the field thru the entire event. Stick Elliott took second with reigning FASCAR Champion Hayward Plyler placing third in the heat. It was Plyler's first appearance in competition here in quite some time. Jack Wallace finished fourth ahead of Norris Brotherton.

In the feature event, Carl Smart put the yellow and white #6 into the lead on the first lap as they came across the line to take the green from starter Coy Furr. During the feature the yellow caution flag came out on five different occasions. None of these were of very serious consequence.

Hayward Plyler fell out on the eighth lap. Bryant Wallace retired on the 15th to-round. Noted asphalt driver Gray Brookshire, who was driving the Russell #87 blew his engine on the 40th circuit. Jack Wallace succumbed to a broken axle



BROWNELL WINS STARLITE

Last Friday at the Starlite Speedway, the weather was quite a bit on the cold side, but the fans that were there were kept warm by some pretty hot action on the track. The field of cars had increased from the previous week and everyone there was ready to do their best to get the show over with in a hurry. The cars which were clocked on the speedway had man-

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BIG TROY WINS

Contrary to popular belief, David Graham did not win the Semi-Modified feature at Concord on Saturday night. David was able however to pull off a convincing win in the first heat of the evening over the 7 of Gary Galloway. When the green came down on the first heat veteran performer Ralph Eury grabbed the lead going into the first turn. The Little Man from Kannapolis hung on to the

SMART BEATS EARNHARDT

Concord Speedway was the scene Saturday night for some terrific racing in the Late Model Sportsman division. Defending track Champion Hayward Plyler won the first heat of the evening over Chuck Piazza. Stick Elliott was third with Dale Earnhardt hot on his heels. Bill Johnson took fifth after causing the only caution of the race when he spun in the fourth turn on the fourth lap.

The second heat saw Billy Scott lead all the way from the green to the checkered. Carl Smart had to settle for second behind the Flying Scott. Smiling Jack Wallace placed third ahead of the 87 of Bryant Wallace. Kirby Allen came back to take fifth after spinning on the third lap and working his way back up through the pack.

In the main event, South Carolinian Billy Scott snatched the lead on the first lap. He seemed to have control of the show until lap fifteen when Carl Smart put his mount into the lead.

Bryant Wallace had some problems in the early going and spun in the first turn, hitting the concrete wall with such violence that it caused his racer to burst into flames. Bryant was able to escape uninjured. The only other notable occurrence happened on the 29th lap when Ernest Eury tangled with another car and spun in the fourth turn, proving that he really is going fast enough to spin out.

When the race was restarted Smart and Earnhardt fought tooth and nail for the win. They both ran so hard

SPORTSMAN RACE RESULTS

STARLITE SPEEDWAY

1.	6	Carl Smart
2.	47	Jack Wallace
3.	00	Freddy Smith
4.	87B	Buck Baker
5.	17	Dale Earnhardt
6.	84	Larry Williams
7.	27	Wayne Fitzpatrick
8.	11	Ernest Eury
9.	87	Gray Brookshire
10.	16	Stick Elliott
11.	63	Doug Aldridge
12.	14	Hayward Plyler
13.	54	Kirby Allen
14.	42	
15.	23	Tony Therrell
16.	71	
17.	50	Billy Scott

CONCORD SPEEDWAY

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3.	77	Bill Johnson
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6.	6	Carl Smart
7.	14	Hayward Plyler
8.	84	Larry Williams
9.	27	Wayne Fitzpatrick
10.	11	Ernest Eury
11.	55	Norris Brotherton
12.	20	Bud Moose
13.	23	Tony Therrell
14.	51	J. C. Eaves
15.	75	Ray Allen
16.	41	James Stowe
17.	71	
18.	87	Buck Baker

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thru the race. Dale Earnhardt grabbed the lead on the first lap and held it till Carl Smart passed him on the seventh lap. At this point Earnhardt tried to take back the lead while battling with Billy Scott, who was trying to take second from Earnhardt.

Back in the pack Freddy Smith, Larry Williams, Jack Wallace, Kirby Allen, Buck Baker, Doug Aldridge and Hayward Plyler were engaged in a fender to fender battle for positions. Throughout the entire field there was some fierce competition with a lot of fender scrubbing duels. This was the reason behind the numerous cautions.

On the last lap of the race, Billy Scott got by Earnhardt in the first turn and looked like he was going to be able to nail down second place. But here is where yet another problem developed. Dale got back next to Billy in the third turn and by the time they reached the fourth turn, both Scott and Earnhardt were spinning out of control. Dale managed to regain control of the 17 first and kept going to nail down fifth. Scott then came across the finish line but decided to guide his mount into the pits before the five minute protest

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period was over. This move by Scott automatically dropped him to last place in the event.

Behind winner Smart at the checkered were Jack Wallace in second and Freddy Smith, who took third. Buck Baker put out his best performance yet since returning to short track racing with a solid fourth place finish.

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