

## Craig Moore Wins, Extends Points Lead at OCS

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Craig Moore came into Saturday night's race at Orange County Speedway only 12 points ahead of Joey Mahanes and 16 points ahead of Terry Dease in the OCS Late Model Stock standings. By the end of the night, for various reasons, his point lead had stretched out to 20 on second place.

In the 100 lap feature event, Moore set the fast qualifying time, but would draw a sixth place starting spot. Terry Dease would draw the pole, with former Orange County Speedway track champion Stacy Puryear returning to the high banks starting second. Dease led Lap 1, but was quickly moved to second by Puryear. The first 44 laps would go caution-free with Puryear never putting more than three car lengths on Dease.

A Paul Bryant spin would bring out the first of six cautions in the evening's final race. Craig Moore would restart third behind Puryear and Dease, leaving him in position to take the lead if anything happened up front.

Moore's presence was enough for Dease to push Puryear for the lead, and on Lap 59 that pressure would cost both Puryear and Dease, as both former champions made contact and spun, allowing Moore, Zachary Marks, Sam Hunt and company all to slip by.

Puryear and Dease weren't going to let Moore just walk away to his fourth win of the season without a fight, with both surgically working their way through the field, with Puryear getting as far as second before a cut tire would slowly send the South Boston driver backwards, eventually making contact with Melvin Langley to bring out the night's final caution flag of the evening, and giving fans a green-white-checked finish to round out the night.

Moore and Dease both made great restarts, with Dease making two attempts to get by Moore. Moore couldn't keep Dease behind him, and as the drivers came off of turn four to take the checkered flag Dease had position underneath Moore, but ran out of track as Craig Moore took his fourth win of 2010. Terry Dease took second, falling four points further behind Moore in the process. Zachary Marks would finish third, with Sam Hunt and Tracey Chambers rounding out the top five.

Since his first appearance at Orange County Speedway, Jesse Little has been a factor up front in Limited Sportsman. Little, the son of NASCAR great Chad Little, had been a contender for a win in his first three attempts, but various issues with tires and handling have cost him runs late.

Little set the fast time in qualifying, and would draw a second starting spot, with Timmy Ferrell starting to his inside. Ferrell would take the early lead, with Little and Donald Brace in tow. Eight laps would click off on the OCS scoreboard before Little would make his move, taking the lead with a pass off Turn 4. Ferrell would slowly fade back, with Brace moving to second place to challenge Little. A Lap 45 caution would give Brace one good shot at Little, but Little was too strong on the restart, pulling away from the former track champion to win his first race at Orange County Speedway. Brace would finish second, fighting off a late charge from Chuck Lawson, who finished third. Mike Jones and Louis White

rounded out the night's top five. Point leader Justin Newlin would finish tenth in the 17 car field, but with Brian Cole not starting the night's race, Newlin was able to maintain a sizeable lead, now over Ricky Jones for second.

Keith Edwards has dominated the Orange County Speedway Grand Stock division in 2010, not having finished outside of the winner's circle going into the night's action. Because of OCS rules, Edwards would be relegated to starting at the rear of the 15 car field, with championship contenders Daniel Schadt and Chris Carroll starting sixth and eighth, respectively.

Fast qualifier Dennis Sargent would draw fourth, and would need some help to move to the front. Pole-sitter Tommy Chandler would have trouble early, coming to a stop in Turn 3 on Lap 5, moving Troy Dowdy to the lead. Former Limited Sportsman driver Jonathan Langley would take the lead from Dowdy, holding onto that position until Lap 13, when he would spin by himself out front, collecting Dowdy in the process, and moving Schadt to the lead and Sargent to second place.

Sargent and Schadt would battle for the lead, with Keith Edwards getting into the mix late. Sargent would make the pass for the lead on Lap 19 and not look back, winning his first race of 2010. Keith Edwards would slip by Schadt late, finishing second with Schadt finishing third. The second-place finish will allow Edwards to start wherever he draws in the coming race.

Two-track point leader Jarrett Milam qualified third behind Stuart Crews and teammate Jim Lacks, but would draw the pole. There was plenty of action behind Milam, though, with Crews, Lacks, Charles Clardy Jr. and Jack Milam all battling for second place while Jarrett Milam slowly inched away from the field. Late trouble by Crews would let Lacks, Clardy Jr., Les Aliff and Jack Milam all slip by, with Jarrett Milam winning, Lacks finishing second and Clardy Jr. third.

Gary Ledbetter was the fast qualifier in Street Stocks, but would have to start sixth due to the redraw. Chris Womack would start on the pole, leading the first handful of laps before Chet Christman and Ledbetter would both challenge for the lead. Lap after lap of a three-car battle for the lead would eventually result in Ledbetter slipping into the lead, with Christman finishing second and Womack third. Christman, however, failed to pass post-race tech and would be disqualified, giving Womack second and Clyde Johnson third.

In Orange County Speedway's newest division, Mini Trucks, Gary Ledbetter would again be a factor, coming from a fifth starting spot to challenge for the lead. Glenn Chriscoe, Anthony Bennett and Scottie York would all challenge for the lead, with everyone but Bennett holding the top spot for a few laps. In the end, it would be Scottie York holding off a late charge by Gary Ledbetter for the win, with Bennett finishing third.

In Southern Ground Pounders, Daryl Gwynn would win in the Open Modified division, with Rodney Dye winning Limited Modified and James Turner winning in the Sportsman class.

Racing returns to the high banks of Orange County Speedway August 28 with a full night of racing featuring the Orange County Speedway Late Model Stocks, going 100 laps. Also in action will be the

Limited Sportsman, Grand Stock, Street Stock, and Modified divisions, with a special appearance by the East Coast Flathead Fords. Tickets are just \$10 for adults, \$8 for students 11-17, with kids 10 and under free. All seniors 65+, Military or college faculty, staff or students are all just \$5 with a valid ID. For more information call Orange County Speedway's track office at (336) 364-1222 or check out the track's website at <http://www.ocstrack.com>.