



# Schatz Scores Second Outlaws Victory of 2013

## *Tony Stewart Racing Teams Close California Tour with Top-10 Finishes*

<b>Dates:</b>	Friday-Saturday, April 12-13, 2013
<b>Series:</b>	World of Outlaws (WoO) STP Sprint Car Series
<b>Locations:</b>	Friday – Kings Speedway (Hanford, Calif.) Saturday – Perris Auto Speedway (Lake Perris, Calif.)
<b>Winners:</b>	<b>Friday – Donny Schatz of Tony Stewart Racing</b> Saturday – Daryn Pittman of Kasey Kahne Racing
<b>TSR Results:</b>	<b>Friday – Donny Schatz (Started 3<sup>rd</sup>, Finished 1<sup>st</sup>);</b> Steve Kinser (Started 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Finished 10 <sup>th</sup> ) Saturday – Schatz (Started 1 <sup>st</sup> , Finished 3 <sup>rd</sup> ); Kinser (Started 13 <sup>th</sup> , Finished 12 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>TSR Points:</b>	Schatz (5 <sup>th</sup> with 1,855 points, 153 out of first); Kinser (12 <sup>th</sup> 1,673 with points, 354 out of first)

Tony Stewart Racing's (TSR) Donny Schatz was looking to conclude the World of Outlaws (WoO) STP Sprint Car Series nine-race tour of California with momentum. The five-time and reigning WoO STP Sprint Car Series champion accomplished his goal by racing the No. 15 STP/Armor All/Chevrolet Performance J&J to victory Friday at Kings Speedway in Hanford, Calif., and finishing third at Perris Auto Speedway in Lake Perris, Calif., Saturday.

TSR's Steve Kinser had his best qualifying result of the 2013 WoO campaign Friday when he timed the TSR No. 11 No. 11 Bad Boy Buggies/J.D. Byrider/Chevrolet Performance Maxim fifth in the field. The 20-time WoO STP Sprint Car Series champion parlayed his qualifying effort into a 10<sup>th</sup>-place finish and followed that with a 12<sup>th</sup>-place finish Saturday.

After competing six nights on California soil over the previous four weekends, Schatz and Kinser returned to action Friday at Kings Speedway in the Central Valley region. Schatz was the 10<sup>th</sup> of 27 drivers to circle the 3/8-mile, dirt oval, and he turned the third-fastest lap. After finishing third in both heat three and the dash, Schatz started the 35-lap A-Feature inside of the second row. On the initial start, he was able to drive around Kinser, who started on the front row for the second time in 2013. Two laps later, Schatz moved past Tim Kaeding for the lead and began pulling away prior to the first of nine caution flags slowed the action on lap five. Schatz and Kaeding would swap the lead during the next six circuits before Schatz seized command on lap 10. A caution following lap 16 opened the door for Chad Kemenah, who was able to take the lead from Schatz following a double-file restart. Schatz stalked Kemenah for the next five laps and regained the top spot with the seventh and final official lead change on lap 22. He would lead the rest of the way and win at Kings for the first time in his career.

"It was fun to have a good enough car to go around the track that was in perfect condition," said Schatz, following his 126<sup>th</sup> career WoO A-Feature triumph. "We've been racing on wet, fast tracks where it's really tough to make any kind of moves on the guys in front of you. Tonight, we could race around the top and bottom all the way around the track. It was fun, but it was definitely not an easy win."

Kinser spent the early stages of the race inside the top-five, but lost positions during the numerous restarts. He would pick up spots while the green was out and ultimately finished 10<sup>th</sup> to earn his third top-10 of the season.

With Friday's win, Schatz and the STP team traveled to Perris looking to sweep the weekend. Schatz, whose best previous finish at the half-mile track was fourth, opened the evening by qualifying seventh. He led every lap of heat one and the dash to earn his second pole position of the season. Schatz got the jump at the start, but wasn't able to hold off Kaeding coming out of turn two. The Fargo, N.D., racer settled into second and followed Kaeding for the next eight laps. Daryn Pittman dove under Schatz entering turn three on lap eight, and the top three worked their way around the low groove and into traffic, but extremely fast track conditions made passing difficult during the non-stop race. Schatz followed Pittman and Kaeding to the finish. Pittman passed Kaeding on lap 17 to take the lead for good.

Kinser was the final car in the field to make a qualifying lap, and "The King of the Outlaws" ended up 13<sup>th</sup> overall. He finished fifth in the opening heat and started the A-Feature on the inside of row seven. Kinser raced in 13<sup>th</sup> position during the first half of the race before moving into 12<sup>th</sup> with 18 laps complete. He would maintain that spot during the final dozen laps of the A-Feature and finish 12<sup>th</sup>.

Following the results of last week, Schatz continues to rank fifth in the 2013 WoO STP Sprint Car Series championship standings. The reigning WoO champion has accumulated 1,855 points and trails leader Pittman by 153 markers through 14 of 85 scheduled nights of racing. Kinser ranks 12<sup>th</sup> with 1,673 points.

The TSR teams will race Tuesday at El Paso (Texas) Speedway before making their 2013 debut in the Midwest Friday at Paducah (Ky.) International Raceway and Saturday at Tri-State Speedway in Haubstadt, Ind.

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