



Weekend Outlaws Sweep Propels Schatz

Tony Stewart Racing Tandem Beats Rain in Midwest Doubleheader

Dates:	Friday-Saturday, June 14-15, 2013
Series:	World of Outlaws (WoO) STP Sprint Car Series
Locations:	Friday – Jackson (Minn.) Speedway Saturday – Knoxville (Iowa) Raceway
Winners:	Friday – Donny Schatz of Tony Stewart Racing Saturday – Schatz of Tony Stewart Racing
TSR Results:	Friday – Schatz (Started 5th, Finished 1st) Steve Kinser (Started 22 nd , Finished 19 th) Saturday – Schatz (Started 2nd, Finished 1st) Kinser (Started 8 th , Finished 14 th)
TSR Points:	Schatz (2 nd with 4,525 points, 137 out of first) Kinser (10 th with 4,072 points, 590 out of first)

Tony Stewart Racing (TSR) driver Donny Schatz made it clear to his counterparts in the World of Outlaws (WoO) STP Sprint Car Series that he and his STP team are finding their groove with some of the biggest races of the year on the horizon. The five-time and reigning series champion swept both WoO A-Feature events this past weekend, winning Friday at Jackson (Minn.) Speedway and Saturday at Knoxville (Iowa) Raceway. The wins were his sixth and seventh WoO A-Feature triumphs this season in the TSR No. 15 STP/Armor All/Chevrolet Performance J&J and they increased his career win total to 131.

“We’re just doing our job right now,” said Schatz, who has earned seven consecutive top-10 finishes. “Winning never gets old. We’re having fun and that’s important. My hat goes off to these STP guys. This is the same car we struggled with last weekend. They took it all apart and found a few things and put new pieces on it and it’s pretty good.”

TSR’s Steve Kinser drove the No. 11 Bad Boy Buggies/J.D. Byrider/Chevrolet Performance Maxim to 19th- and 14th-place finishes, respectively, in the Midwest doubleheader.

The weekend began with Friday’s Big Game Shootout presented by Eyecon Trail Cameras at Jackson Speedway and, after posting the quickest time during hot laps, Schatz knew he had a car capable of winning. The native of Fargo, N.D., who earned a WoO A-Feature win at Jackson in September 2006, raced to victory in the third heat and advanced from eighth to fifth in the dash. In the 30-lap main event, he found the low groove to his liking and raced his way past Paul McMahan, Sammy Swindell and Craig Dollansky through the first dozen laps. He took the lead on lap 13 from Daryn Pittman, but Pittman returned the favor the following lap as Schatz negotiated lapped traffic. A yellow slowed the action and Schatz took advantage of the double-file restart and raced back around Pittman. The race would stay green the rest of the way and Schatz cruised to his sixth victory of 2013.

Kinser, the series’ only three-time winner at Jackson, was hoping to make it four wins on the half-mile, dirt oval. He qualified 24th in the field of 34 cars, but was able to race from sixth to third in heat four to secure his spot in the A-Feature. The 20-time champion started on the outside of row 11 and was forced into the pit area during the lap-14 caution. He rejoined the field at the rear and worked his way back up to 19th at the finish.

Following Friday’s win, Schatz was looking to make it back-to-back wins on the weekend and four straight at historic Knoxville Raceway. Schatz, winner of six of the last seven Knoxville Nationals, won consecutive races on the half-mile, dirt oval last August, including the 50-lap A-Main, and picked up his third straight Knoxville win in May. He turned the 10th-best lap in the Mediacom Shootout field of 42 cars and finished second in both his heat and the dash. After leading the opening circuit, Schatz settled into second and searched the track for the best way around. Polesitter Brian Brown, who finished second to Schatz in last year’s Nationals A-Main and in the May Outlaws event at Knoxville, set the pace until he made contact with a lapped car. Schatz took advantage and surged into the lead. He would build a solid lead on a couple of occasions en route to his 17th career triumph at Knoxville.

Kinser, who has 58 career wins at Knoxville, had a consistent night by timing in 14th and winning the second heat. He finished eighth in the dash and came home 14th in the 25-lap A-Feature.

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Winning both A-Features allowed Schatz to climb past McMahan in the standings. He ranks second with 4,525 points and trails leader Pittman by 137 markers. Kinser holds the 10th position with 4,072 points.

The WoO STP Sprint Car Series will continue a busy month of June with two races in the Upper Midwest this weekend. Schatz will lead the competition back to his home state of North Dakota Friday with an event at River Cities Speedway in Grand Forks. The series will make its debut at I-94 Speedway in Fergus Falls, Minn., Saturday.

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