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Throckmorton noses past Appel in photo finish

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ROUGEMONT — On his way to what seemed like a certain victory, Late Model Select driver Kyle Appel's hopes for a firstplace finish were dashed by a caution on the next-to-last lap last Saturday night at Orange County Speedway.

Comfortably ahead with one lap left, Appel appeared to have the season's second 75-lap LMS race in his hip pocket until Ricky Jones and Terry Dease, who were battling for third at the time, got into each other on lap 74 and spun out on the back straightaway.

That incident brought out one last caution and forced a greenwhite-checkered finish. Veteran Joey Throckmorton, who had worked his way into the second position, seized the opportunity on the restart and pulled ahead of Appel, who fought back and got side-by-side with Throckmorton entering the final lap.

Appel held a slight edge through turns 3 and 4 but Throckmorton was able to nudge past him on the outside as the two crossed the finish line.

The finish was impossible to judge from the naked eye (it was that close). In fact, Appel was initially declared the winner before it was revealed that Throckmorton had no sed him out by two-thousandths of a second.

Likely frustrated with the turn of events, Appel declined to comment after the race. Throckmorton, who was the fastest qualifier in the June 18th season opener, admitted that he caught

"We were so loose for most of the race. I was just hoping to stay up front," he explained. "I decided I was going to go for the win [on the final restart]. Kyle had the better car and he should have won. But we'll take it."

Appel was the pole-sitter and led all but seven of the race's 76 circuits (counting the extra lap at the end). He stayed in front for the first 39 laps before a spinout regrouped the 20-car field.

Brian Cole scored his second podium finish of the season by coming home in third place, with Brandon Baker and Andrew Perry taking the fourth and fifth

Orange County Speedway

Coming off a runner-up performance in the season opener, Cole thought his car handled better on Saturday.

"We loosened the car up a little from last week and we were good on restarts tonight," he said. "We survived. You can't relax one lap with these larger car counts."

After a multi-car spinout caused a caution right at the start, the race went 39 consecutive laps in green-flag mode. Throckmorton took his first lead on the lap-39 restart but it took Appel just four laps to regain first place.

Mourning the passing away of his brother and crew chief, Larry Dease, early last week, Terry Dease, who won the season opener, was in his customary position challenging for a top-three finish for most of Saturday's race. He ended up in 11th place and Jones settled for ninth. The two crews got into a heated argument in the pit area after the contest.

Rounding out the top 10 were Jason White in sixth, Mason Hudson in seventh, Tracey Chambers in eighth, Jones in ninth, and Louis White in 10th.

Edwards wins Limited race

After experimenting with a different setup in the season opener, Limited Sportsman (former Grand Stock) driver Keith



Angie Meeks

The 09 of Kyle Appel is barely edged out by Joey Throckmorton at the finish of the Late Model Select Division race last Saturday night at Orange County Speedway.

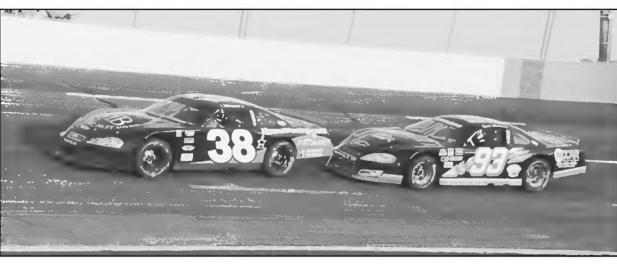
Edwards and his crew decided to go back to what had helped the 93 team to eight wins and a Grand Stock title in 2010.

Edwards made a savvy move on the inside to get by leader Daniel Schadt, who got caught up in traffic, on lap 28 of Saturday's 35-lap contest and drove on to his first win of 2011 despite having to overcome a green-whitecheckered finish.

"We came here with a different setup last week and it didn't go too well," said Edwards, who placed fourth on June 18. "We went back to our old setup and if paid off. The car was really good tonight.'

Schadt settled for his second straight runner-up finish and

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Keith Edwards (93), the 2010 Grand Stock champion, gets up on the bumper of Dennis Sargent (38) early in the Limited Sportsman race. Edwards drove to his first victory of the season. He went to victory lane eight times last year.

Orange County Speedway Race results Saturday, June 25

Late Model Select (75 laps)

- 1) Joey Throckmorton #21
- 2) Kyle Appel #09 3) Brian Cole #10
- 4) Brandon Baker #29
- 5) Andrew Perry #33 6) Jason White #25
- 7) Mason Hudson #46 8) Tracey Chambers #77
- 9) Ricky Jones #38
- 10) Thomas Burbage #9
- 11) Terry Dease #06
- 12) Quin Houff #45 13) Chris Denny #2
- 14) Mike Chambers #7
- 15) Daryl Carver #5 16) Paul Bryant #75
- 17) Andrew Perry #33
- 18) Justin Newlin #72
- 19) Taylor Doggett #49 20) Dusty Ellington #14
- **Limited Sportsman** former Grand Stock
- (35 laps) 1) Keith Edwards #93
- 2) Daniel Schadt #12
- 3) Dennis Sargent Jr. #38
- 4) Bill Barber #27
- 5) Wally Latta #44

6) Jerry Hinesley #46 7) Lee Anderson #69

- 8) Chris Carroll #17
- 9) Eric Ellington #4
- 10) Ray Ellington #15 11) Harold Summey #87
- 12) Donald Brace #66
- 13) Michael Smith #77

Pure Stock (25 laps)

- 1) Les Aliff #75
- 2) Matt Grimes #5
- 3) Mike Connor #13 4) Daniel Moss #1
- 5) Courtney Crosby #2
- 6) Jim Lacks #05
- 7) James Peery #42
- 8) Brandon Sharpe #43
- 9) Chase Sandefur #47
- Garrett Marchant (DNS)

Street Stock (25 laps)

- 1) Gary Ledbetter #12
- 2) Chris Gray #5
- 3) Larry Isenhower #23 4) Ricky Riddle #1
- 5) Richard Hayden #31

Super Mini-Trucks (25 laps)

- 1) Chris Henderson #51
- 2) Toney Henderson #25
- 3) Quain Moore #84

Post 138 Seniors take two of three in weekend action

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It turned out to be a productive weekend for the Roxboro Post 138 Senior Legion baseball team, as Roxboro banked two wins and came within a run of winning another in three non-conference home contests this past weekend at Person High School's Rocket

A 3-2 victory over Pittsboro in the first game of a doubleheader last Saturday and an 8-2 triumph over Ahoskie Post 102 on Sunday offset an 11-10 extra-inning loss to Pittsboro in game two of Saturday's twinbill.

Brandon Napier pitched a strong first game, giving up just two runs on eight hits to a Pittsboro team that routed Post 138, 14-4, earlier in the season. A single tally in the bottom of the fifth inning, brought about by four base hits in the frame, broke a 2-2 tie and gave Roxboro the winning run.

Kyle Wrenn stroked the second of his two doubles in the game, Chris Bonham and Joel Newton both singled, and Justin Brame also doubled to ignite the fifth-inning offense.

A two-bagger by Wrenn also helped plate Roxboro's second run in the third inning, and Kenneth Carver clocked a home run to tie the game at 1-1 in the

Pittsboro collected single runs in the second and fourth innings to account for its runs. Post 138 out-hit the visitors 9-8 in the game.



Roxboro first baseman Ben Solomen fields this pickoff throw but it's too late to nab an Ahoskie baserunner in Sunday's Senior Legion game at Rocket Park.

SENIOR LEGION BASEBALL SUNDAY, JUNE 26 AT ROCKET PARK **ROXBORO 8, AHOSKIE 2**

SCORE BY INNINGS:

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Pitching Lines: Roxboro: Austin Cole - 8 innings, 2 runs, 4 hits, 6 strikeouts, 3 walks; Dylan Dickens - 1 inning, 0 runs, 0 hits, 1 strikeout.

WP: Cole. LP: Hill. Hits: Ahoskie - 5. Roxboro - 15.

Leading Hitters: Ahoskie: Hill double; Smith 1-for-3. Roxboro: Brandon Napier 3-for-5; Tyler Cothran 2-for-5, double, triple; Ben Solomen 3-for-4; Justin Brame 3-for-4, double

Saturday's second tilt went eight innings with Pittsboro scoring three runs in the top of the eighth to take an 11-8 lead. Roxboro rallied for two in its half of the frame on a two-run double

American Legion baseball

by Ben Solomen but couldn't get any closer in dropping an 11-10

contest into extra frames.

hit games were: Bonham, who went 3-for-5, Brame, who had three hits, including a home run, and Solomen with two hits. Also making the hit column were Levi Pruitt, Wrenn, and Newton.

In Sunday's win over Ahoskie, Austin Cole got the start and hurled eight solid innings in lead-

Post 138 scored three times in the first inning, twice in the third, once in the fourth, and two more times in the seventh to send the

Roxboro players with multiple-

in order.



Post 138 starter Austin Cole hurled eight strong innings to notch a win on Sunday.

ing Roxboro to an 8-2 victory.

Cole allowed single runs in the third and sixth innings and surrendered just four hits. Dylan Dickens worked the final frame and retired the visitors

Tyler Cothran doubled and tripled to lead the Roxboro offense. Napier, Solomen and Brame each as Post 138 (4-7 in league play)

had three hits and Wrenn and Newton added doubles.

The 2-1 showing over the weekend improved Roxboro's overall record to 6-9 on the campaign with the final regular season game set for this Friday at North Raleigh (7 p.m. start). Friday's contest is also the final conference game,

can still make the postseason tournament.

Junior Legion drops doubleheader at Durham

In a makeup of last Thursday's postponement, the Roxboro Junior legion team had to move

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