

= 2013 Mudsummer Classic =

The 2013 Mudsummer Classic ( formally the CarCash Mudsummer Classic presented by CNBC Prime 's The Profit ) was a NASCAR Camping World Truck Series stock car race held on July 24 , 2013 at Eldora Speedway in New Weston , Ohio . The race was the first dirt track race held by a NASCAR national touring series ( Cup , Xfinity , Trucks ) since 1970 . Contested over 150 laps , the race was the tenth of the 2013 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series season . Ken Schrader of self @-@ owned Ken Schrader Racing won the pole position , and became the oldest pole sitter in NASCAR history at 58 years of age . Austin Dillon of Richard Childress Racing won the race , while Kyle Larson and Ryan Newman finished second and third , respectively .

The qualifying procedure was unique for the race ; drivers ' qualifying times set the starting grids for five heat races to determine the feature race 's starting lineup , while the top five of a last chance qualifier ( LCQ ) advance to the feature . Schrader , Jared Landers , Timothy Peters , Kenny Wallace and Jeb Burton won the heat races , while Brennan Newberry won the LCQ . The feature 's format was also distinctive compared to other NASCAR events , as it was divided into three segments , lasting 60 , 50 and 40 laps . In the feature , Larson took the lead from Peters on lap 39 , and later battled with Dillon for the win , and Dillon claimed the victory after he retained the lead on the green ? white ? checker finish for his fifth career Truck Series win .

= = Background = =

The last race run on dirt in a NASCAR national touring series occurred on September 30 , 1970 at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds in Raleigh in a Grand National ( now Sprint Cup Series ) race , which was won by Richard Petty . Afterwards , NASCAR sanctioned the Busch All @-@ Star Tour , a dirt late model series , which lasted from 1985 to 2002 .

Eldora Speedway , which opened in 1954 , is considered to be one of 14 intermediate tracks on the Truck Series schedule , the others being Charlotte , Chicagoland , Dover , Homestead @-@ Miami , Iowa , Kansas , Kentucky , Las Vegas , Michigan , Phoenix , Pocono , Rockingham and Texas . The track is a 0 @.@ 5 mile ( 0 @.@ 80 km ) oval with turns at a 24 degree banking , while the straightaways are 8 degrees . The track 's grandstands can fit 17 @,@ 782 spectators , and the hillside seating can fit an unlimited number of fans .

On October 15 , track owner Tony Stewart and Austin Dillon held a private test at the track , driving trucks . On November 28 , 2012 , NASCAR announced that Eldora Speedway would be on the schedule as the first of two Wednesday Truck races , along with the UNOH 200 at Bristol Motor Speedway for 2013 . Although the track does not have any SAFER barriers , Tom Gideon , NASCAR Director of Safety , stated the track meets NASCAR regulations . By January 29 , 2013 , the 17 @,@ 782 grandstand seats had been sold out , with purchasers from 48 states and six countries .

" We 've been looking at getting the trucks back to short tracks ? to the roots of racing including the dirt ? and we ? re excited to announce our 2013 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series will race at Eldora Speedway in July . The door @-@ to @-@ door racing that our truck series is known for plus Eldora 's popularity and [ Tony Stewart ] ' s dedication to putting on great shows for the fans is a perfect fit . We 'll have a maximum starting field of 30 trucks at Eldora . More details on the race format are still being developed . "

Various non @-@ Truck regulars entered the race for reasons such as to help a team in the owners ' championship , with teams hiring drivers who are familiar with dirt racing to assist them in the championship . Examples include dirt track specialists Scott Bloomquist , who won The Dream and the World 100 at the track six times and three times , respectively ; Tracy Hines , who had 85 career wins , including six at Eldora , and 52 starts in the Truck Series ; Jared Landers , who won 100 features in his career ; J. R. Heffner , who won the big @-@ block modified championship at Lebanon Valley Speedway twice ; Jeff Babcock , who won an American Late Model Series race at the track during 2013 ; and Joe Cobb , a dirt modified racer and the father of Truck Series regular Jennifer Jo Cobb . Cup Series drivers Dave Blaney , Ken Schrader and Ryan Newman , along with

Nationwide Series drivers Austin Dillon , Kenny Wallace and Kyle Larson also ran in the event . Babcock , Blaney , Bloomquist , Hines , Schrader and Wallace had all won races at Eldora in various disciplines . Jason Bowles was later announced as the driver of the No. 5 for Wauters Motorsports , while Chris Jones was originally listed as the driver of the No. 93 for RSS Racing , but eventually withdrew .

In preparation for the race , tire provider Goodyear created new tires , branded " Wrangler " , based on a previous dirt tire that the company made . To give the trucks more grip , the tires were widened by one inch to eleven . The bias @-@ ply tires ( instead of radial tires ) also had treads to remove dirt quicker , in a block pattern , along with being softer . The left @-@ side tires were staggered three inches shorter to 85 @.@ 5 inches than the right tires ( 88 @.@ 5 ) to assist in handling . Meanwhile , the trucks had mesh shields and hood deflector screens attached to prevent debris from the dirt from entering the radiators and damaging the vehicles . The trucks also had the front spoilers and splitters removed , the grille closed , and the rear spoilers raised and enlarged by 40 square inches to generate more downforce . The trucks ' windshields remained , meaning the track crew had to keep the track dry , to prevent mud from making them unable to be cleared . On the hoods , bug deflectors , which were 8 by 12 inches , were installed to prevent stones from hitting the windshield . Teams added under panels to the trucks ' chassis to prevent dirt from increasing the trucks ' weight .

Entering the race , Matt Crafton led the points standings with 357 points , followed by Jeb Burton and James Buescher , both with 319 and 317 points , respectively . Ty Dillon and Johnny Sauter finished the top five with 309 and 305 points , respectively . Ryan Blaney had 290 points , and behind him were Miguel Paludo ( 285 ) , Timothy Peters ( 281 ) , Brendan Gaughan ( 280 ) and Darrell Wallace Jr . ( 272 ) .

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Two @-@ hour practice sessions were held on July 23 from 4 : 30 to 6 : 30 P.M. EST , followed by another from 7 : 00 to 9 : 00 P.M , the latter being televised on Speed . Another practice was held the following day from 11 : 30 A.M. to 1 : 30 P.M.

Kyle Larson held the fastest lap time in the first practice session with a time of 19 @.@ 645 seconds and speed of 91 @.@ 626 mph ( 147 @.@ 458 km / h ) , followed by father / son pair Dave ( 19 @.@ 856 seconds , 91 @.@ 653 mph ( 147 @.@ 501 km / h ) ) and Ryan Blaney ( 19 @.@ 918 seconds , 90 @.@ 371 mph ( 145 @.@ 438 km / h ) ) and brothers Austin ( 19 @.@ 982 seconds , 90 @.@ 081 mph ( 144 @.@ 971 km / h ) ) and Ty Dillon ( 20 @.@ 205 seconds , 89 @.@ 087 mph ( 143 @.@ 372 km / h ) ) . The top five featured three Chevrolets and two Fords ; the fastest Toyota driver was John Wes Townley ( 20 @.@ 483 seconds , 87 @.@ 878 mph ( 141 @.@ 426 km / h ) ) , who was seventh @-@ fastest .

In the second session , the top five consisted of three Chevrolets in the top three positions and Toyotas in fourth and fifth : Austin ( 21 @.@ 644 seconds , 83 @.@ 164 mph ( 133 @.@ 839 km / h ) ) and Ty Dillon ( 21 @.@ 703 seconds , 82 @.@ 938 mph ( 133 @.@ 476 km / h ) ) , Larson ( 21 @.@ 719 seconds , 82 @.@ 877 mph ( 133 @.@ 378 km / h ) ) , Ken Schrader ( 21 @.@ 748 seconds , 82 @.@ 766 mph ( 133 @.@ 199 km / h ) ) and Tracy Hines ( 21 @.@ 753 seconds , 82 @.@ 747 mph ( 133 @.@ 168 km / h ) ) . The fastest Ford truck was Dave Blaney , with a lap time and speed of 21 @.@ 872 seconds and 82 @.@ 297 mph ( 132 @.@ 444 km / h ) , respectively .

In the final practice , Toyotas dominated the top five , with Darrell Wallace Jr. leading the session with a time of 20 @.@ 040 seconds and speed of 89 @.@ 820 mph ( 144 @.@ 551 km / h ) , followed by Hines ( 20 @.@ 182 seconds , 89 @.@ 188 mph ( 143 @.@ 534 km / h ) ) , Townley ( 20 @.@ 303 seconds , 88 @.@ 657 mph ( 142 @.@ 680 km / h ) ) and Germán Quiroga ( 20 @.@ 307 seconds , 88 @.@ 639 mph ( 142 @.@ 651 km / h ) ) comprising the top four ; Chevy driver James Buescher ( 20 @.@ 528 seconds , 87 @.@ 685 mph ( 141 @.@ 115 km / h ) ) was fifth .

== Qualifying ==

The field for the main event consisted only of 30 trucks instead of the usual 36 , with the top 20 trucks in the owner 's points standings guaranteed a spot . To determine the field , two @-@ lap qualifying runs were held , which determined the starting grids for five heat races of eight laps each . The top five fastest qualifiers started on the pole for the heats , and the highest non @-@ locked @-@ in truck were transferred in to the main event until there were 25 trucks in the field . For drivers that did not qualify via the heats , the top four in a last @-@ chance qualifier advance , with the final spot reserved for the most recent series champion , and if that spot is vacant , the fifth @-@ place finisher in the LCQ would qualify for the main event .

Qualifying was held at 5 : 05 P.M. Ken Schrader won the pole with a lap time of 19 @.@ 709 seconds and a speed of 91 @.@ 329 mph ( 146 @.@ 980 km / h ) for his first Truck Series pole since 2004 , and became the oldest pole @-@ sitter in NASCAR history at 58 years of age , passing Dick Trickle , who won the pole at Dover International Speedway in the Busch Series ' MBNA Platinum 200 in 1999 .

The heat races began at 7 : 00 P.M. , with each heat race occurring after 15 minutes of the previous heat 's start . The last chance qualifier was held at 8 : 45 P.M. Schrader eventually won his heat race after leading all 8 laps . In Heat 2 , the first caution flag of the day was flown for Darrell Wallace Jr . ' s spin with three laps remaining , and Jared Landers prevented a comeback by Matt Crafton to win . The next heat was dominated by Timothy Peters , who led all eight laps ; Heats 4 and 5 were won by Kenny Wallace and Jeb Burton , respectively , the two drivers leading every lap . In the last chance qualifier , J. R. Heffner , who started first in the race , failed to finish the race after completing one lap . Ultimately , Brennan Newberry led all fifteen laps to win , followed by Jeff Babcock , Jason Bowles and Justin Jennings . Norm Benning clinched the fifth and final transfer spot after holding off Clay Greenfield , who nearly wrecked him three times ; in response , Benning gave Greenfield the finger after the race concluded . Because they did not finish in the top five , Greenfield , Jimmy Weller , Bryan Silas , Joe Cobb and Heffner did not qualify for the event . When asked about the duel with Greenfield , Benning stated Tony Stewart had him that he " singlehandedly made the show a success " .

=== Qualifying results ===

==== Heat races =====

===== Heat Race # 1 =====

===== Heat Race # 2 =====

===== Heat Race # 3 =====

===== Heat Race # 4 =====

===== Heat Race # 5 =====

===== Last Chance Qualifier =====

== Race ==

The race started at 9 : 35 P.M. EST and televised live on Speed , while being broadcast on radio by Motor Racing Network . Krista Voda hosted Speed 's prerace show , while Rick Allen , Phil Parsons and Michael Waltrip called the race from the booth ; the network 's pit reporters for the event were Ray Dunlap , Hermie Sadler and Bob Dillner . 1 @. @ 4 million people viewed the race on television , the tenth @-@ most viewed Truck race in series history , and the highest @-@ watched event of the day ; the race also had a Nielsen rating of 1 @. @ 20 . The weather for the race was mostly clear with a temperature of 68 ° F ( 20 ° C ) . The St. Henry High School band performed the national anthem , while the parade lap featured a four @-@ wide salute by the trucks to the fans .

Due to the lack of a pit road , the race was split into three segments of 60 , 50 and 40 laps so teams can make pit stops and adjustments between each segment , and there would be no positions gained nor lost during stops . In segment 1 , Timothy Peters took the lead from pole @-@ sitter Ken Schrader on lap 15 , and led for 23 laps until Kyle Larson took the lead on lap 39 , who led for the remainder of the segment . In the final five laps of the segment , the first caution of the race flew for debris , and the beneficiary was Max Gresham , who was the first driver at least a lap down , which allowed him to regain a lap . In the second segment , Larson continued to lead for a total of 50 laps until Austin Dillon passed him on lap 89 after the former collided with Germán Quiroga . One lap later , another caution was flown for debris , and Gresham was again the beneficiary . On lap 116 , Jared Landers ' truck became loose in turn 2 , collected Ty Dillon and made contact with Johnny Sauter . Quiroga was the beneficiary on the resulting caution . Larson and Austin Dillon dueled for the remainder of the race , with Dillon allowing Larson to pass on lap 122 , but Dillon managed to get past Larson on the following lap . Two more cautions for debris ( first on the front stretch , the second in turn 4 ) were eventually flown , and a green ? white ? checker finish was initiated due to debris in turn 4 on lap 149 . Dillon retained the lead on the GWC to win , beating Larson by 1 @. @ 197 seconds . Behind Dillon and Larson , Ryan Newman finished third , followed by Joey Coulter , Brendan Gaughan , Timothy Peters , Darrell Wallace Jr . , Matt Crafton , Dave Blaney and Max Gresham . Sauter ( accident ) and Jeff Babcock ( engine ) failed to finish the race .

The race concluded with four different leaders , eight lead changes , and six cautions . Dillon led the most laps with 64 , followed by Larson ( 51 ) , Peters ( 23 ) and Schrader ( 15 ) . Despite winning the race , Dillon , along with six other drivers , did not receive Truck Series points due to a rule that allowed drivers to compete in only one series ' drivers championship . The win was Dillon 's first of 2013 and fifth Truck Series victory in 53 starts . It was also the 29th Truck Series win for owner Richard Childress and Richard Childress Racing 's second Truck win of 2013 .

In August , Dillon 's truck , his winner 's trophy and a jar of dirt he shoveled at the start / finish line were placed on display in the NASCAR Hall of Fame .

== Results ==

== Standings after the race ==