(07-28-2012 Dacono, CO) Greg Pursley in the #26 Ford was the class of the K&N Pro Series West field as he won the NAPA Toyota 150 at Colorado National Speedway. With the win Pursley took over the K&N west Series points lead from last years CNS winner #03 Dylan Kwasniewski.

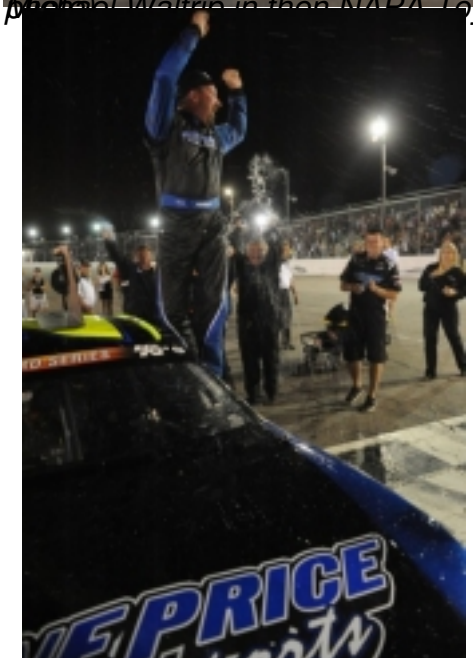
NAPA Toyota 150

A record number of 26 K&N Pro Series West cars rolled into Colorado National Speedway for the NAPA Toyota 150 but this years event had a special feel to it as 2 time Daytona 500 champion Michael Waltrip made the trip from Owensboro Kentucky to raise funds to help the American Red Cross deliver disaster relief for the tragic Colorado wildfires. Not only was Waltrip on hand to present a $72,000 check to the American Red Cross he also brought along his NAPA driver's suit and was ready to compete in this years NAPA Toyota 150 at CNS. Waltrip

qualified 7th quick, yet it was last years winner young Dylan Kwasniewski in the #03 Royal Purple Ford who grabbed the pole position with a blistering 16.580. Lining up outside Kwasniewski was #26 Greg Pursley with a time of 16.635. The CNS stands were packed with rabid NASCAR fans who were then treated to one of the better races that the paved 3/8ths mile had seen in a long time.

At the drop of the green flag Pursley jumped out in front of Kwasniewski and began to build a several car length lead over the rest of the field. It was obvious early on that Pursley was the car to beat as he led lap after lap and masterfully navigated lapped traffic. #20 Eric Holmes who was running 4th used a slower lapped car to perfection and made the pass on #21 Michael Self to move in to 3rd position. Kwasniewski who had been running in 2nd position for the first stage of the race began to fall back a bit and that gave 2nd place to the advancing Holmes. There were several caution flags during the race yet time after time Pursley in the blue and yellow #26 Ford proved he was the car to beat as he skillfully pulled back out front each and every time. Young gun from Alberta Canada Cameron Hayley in the #24 Toyota who was running strong in the top 5 spun coming out of turn 4 and brought out the caution sending Hayley to the rear of the lead lap cars. Hayley's misfortune moved crowd favorite Michael Waltrip in the #55 NAPA Toyota into the top 5 which caused the crowd to roar in excitement.

Michael Waltrip in then NAPA Toyota #55 ran strong in the top group of cars all race long (Starr photo)



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