Bruce Yackey takes the checkered flag in the Coca-Cola 100 at CNS (Starr photo)

(09-02-2012 Dacono, CO) A great crowd turned out for the second night of the Labor Day Spectacular at CNS and the fans were treated to a 100 lap late model main event. Bruce Yackey outshined his competitors and took the checkered although a great run from Matt Zwingleberg made it a close race at the end.

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#91 Chris Atkinson and #39 Jack Nugent lined up on the front row of the Coca-Cola 100 but it was the #84 of young Matt Zwingelberg who bolted out front soon after the green flag dropped

from his 2nd row starting spot. With 15 laps in the books last week's winner #31 Rick Smith pulled up on Zwingleberg's bumper and began to pressure for the lead. Smith went to the outside of Zwingleberg and after an exciting battle, Nebraska's Rick Smith grabbed the lead. Behind the leaders #39 Jack Nugent was all alone in 3rd but a great battle for 4th place was heating up between #7 Adam Deines, #95m Cris Muhler, and #12 Bruce Yackey. The "moose" eventually worked his way past the group and also past Nugent for 3rd. At the halfway point in the race Smith was leading but both Yackey and Muhler were on his tail hoping to take their shot at leading the race. A crash in turn one involving Nugent #6 Dominic Ursetta and Arizona's #9n Ron Norman brought out a lengthy cleanup. On the double-file restart Smith elected the inside spot placing Yackey on the outside.

Unfortunately for Smith he didn't get the jump he was looking for on the restart and dropped back several positions allowing Yackey, Muhler, and Zwingleberg to pass. Cris Muhler gave "the moose" a short battle for the lead but then Yackey found his groove and began to build a sizable lead.

As the race neared completion several of the cars began to fade while others began to surge. Zwingleberg, #26 Blake Harris, #91 Chris Atkinson, #4 Brad Tilton, #51 Eric Meisner, #11 Darren RObertson all had strong late race runs. With just 3 laps to go and with Yackey leading by several car lengths Zwingleberg gave it one final push and closed the gap on Yackey. With lapped cars complicating Zwingleberg's efforts he still managed to give Yackey a great run for his money and just barely came up short. Yackey took the checkered flag with Zwingleberg directly behind. Atkinson took the 3rd spot, Harris came in 4th, and rounding out the top 5 was Cris Muhler.

FAST DASH WINNER: #12 Bruce Yackey
DASH WINNER: #37 Derek Murphy
QUICK TIME: #7 Adam Deines 16.305

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