



SPORTS

Bill Hahn: Motorsports News Johnson earns seventh title

Reserve a spot alongside NASCAR icons Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt Sr. for Jimmie Johnson, who has joined racing's most exclusive club.



In winning Sunday's Ford EcoBoost 400 race at Homestead-Miami Speedway, Johnson claimed his seventh NASCAR Sprint Cup championship behind the wheel of the No. 48 Chevrolet SS for Hendrick Motorsports. It was his first victory at the South Florida speedway and his fifth win of the season, but it was not without some excitement.

Up until the final 10 laps, Johnson seemed the least likely of the four contenders to drive away with the title, as he was running behind Carl Edwards, Joey Logano and Kyle Busch, the other finalists.

However, following a restart with 10 laps remaining, Edwards tried to block Logano on the apron going into turn No. 1, which resulted in a nine-car wreck that left Edwards' No. 19 Toyota in bad shape along the outside fence. Logano, meanwhile, had to pit because of damage to his front and rear fenders, leaving Johnson and Busch to battle it out for the crown. The two restarted side-by-side in the

second row and the next eight laps were, well, history as the No. 48 sped to yet another title.

I have seen a couple questionable moves the last two weeks, the first at Phoenix on Nov. 13 with Matt Kenseth and Sunday with Edwards, who had a great shot at the championship. Why would you risk everything on a blocking move with 10 laps left in the race? That is a long time to make up the difference. I was always taught "don't block until after five laps; let your car do the work and let them go and chase after and draft." Edwards gained nothing from the move and took out a lot of cars, and, hey, he opened the door for Johnson. Just my opinion.

The final 2016 NASCAR Sprint Cup standings go like this: Johnson (5,040 points), Logano (5,037), Busch (5,035) and Edwards (5,007). It should be interesting in 2017.

Well, that's it for the season. Thank you to all the readers who have gotten in touch with me to voice your opinions. Thanks to Bridget and Dave and the entire staff at the Bucks County Herald for helping me do what I love to do, write about racing. They are true professionals. And thanks to all the media reps from all the motorsports venues. I couldn't do it without you.

See you next season.

Remember to thank a veteran.

Golfing to benefit those in need



Ed Faunce, center (in suit and tie), Worth & Company's director of procurement, and company staff present donations from Worth & Company's second annual Charity Golf Outing to representatives from Operation Homefront, Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County, the Bucks County SPCA and Special Olympics of Bucks County at the company's Pipersville headquarters on Nov. 2. The golf outing, held at the Jeffersonville Golf Club in Norristown on Oct. 15, raised more than \$46,000 and hosted 162 golfers and 80 vendors and sponsors. Proceeds were split evenly to benefit the four local charities. "I am thrilled with the amount of interest and support the event received from our employees, vendors and sponsors this year," Worth & Company President and CEO Stephen Worth said. "We are always looking for opportunities to make a positive impact on the local community, and the golf outing is a perfect way to support nonprofits that are working on behalf of such worthy causes." Worth & Company, Inc. is a full-service mechanical systems provider for the Mid-Atlantic region.

Aggies hunt down Mules

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football games involving the top two teams from each conference that were not selected to the NCAA Division III championship.

DeVal had 220 of its 277 yards from its ground attack. Running back Robert Cleveland, a senior, ended his career with 12 carries for 86 yards and a touchdown. Wide receiver Tyler Bing added 35 yards and a score on four rushes. Quarterback Dashawn Darden rushed for 66 yards and threw for 57 yards and two touchdowns.

Defensively, in addition to DiGati, linebacker T.J. Waters and defensive back Shawn Miller had seven tackles apiece with

Waters adding a sack and an interception. Linebacker Michael Ockimey and defensive lineman Devante Ford combined for seven tackles and two sacks.

Joining DiGati on the all-MAC first team for the Aggies were: offensive lineman Luke Boonstra, running back Devauntay Ellis, wide receiver Eric Shorter and Miller. The second team featured: returner Mike Anusky, defensive lineman Eric Boyes, special teams player Abdul Crowther, defensive back Jarren McBryde, defensive back Sammy Mohr, offensive lineman Tyler Sylvester, Cleveland, Ford and Waters. Offensive lineman John Walsh, linebacker Nick Wright, Bing and Darden were honorable mention selections.

Rams alum years for more

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that's not only unusual for a woman, but unusual for anyone."

The Bristol-based nonprofit organization has been awarding scholarships to Bucks County Community College students with a disability or pursuing a career working with individuals with disabilities for about 10 years. The center awards five \$500 scholarships each year, including the Mirca Liberti Scholarship and the Louis C. Catalanoff Scholarship. Dec. 1 is the deadline for the next round of scholarship applications.

Jennifer Osinski, Bucks County Community College accessibility office director, said

approximately 3 to 5 percent of the college's 10,000 to 15,000 students are registered with the accessibility office as having a disability and therefore eligible to apply.

For Haldeman, the scholarship paid for her statistics class. She got a B in the class and maintains a 3.0 GPA.

Her next goal is to transfer to DeSales University to major in communications and minor in sports management.

"I'd like to get a good job and live a nice life, kind of be on my own and conquer the world," Haldeman said. "I don't want to be one of those people who gets their associate's and gives up. I want to go the distance."

Jacobs sinks hole-in-one

Andrew Jacobs aced the 347-yard 17th hole at The Bucks Club in Jamison on Nov. 13. He hit a driver from the blue tee.

Jacobs was playing with his brother, Ryan (for his birthday); brother-in-law Max Nichols; and father Bob Jacobs. The twosome ahead of the group came back from the 17th green to alert him his drive went in the hole. It was Jacobs' first hole-in-one. He is a scratch golfer from Shamong, N.J.



Golf notes

The Suburban One League (SOL) Continental Conference has announced its all-league boys' team. Central Bucks East's Patrick Sheehan, Central Bucks South's Kevin Anthony and Central Bucks West's Luca Jezzeny made first team. Sheehan and Jezzeny are both sophomores; Anthony is a junior. The Patriots' Hayden Rouselle, Matt Davis and Matt Becker garnered second-team recognition, while Titans Evan Casey and Jack Lawlor, Patriot Brandon Cassidy and Buck Nick Hanno were selected to the third team. Honorable mention nods went to: CB South's Jack Cenci, Colin Johnston and David Shaffer, CB East's Brian McCartan and QB West's Chas Nestory. Quakertown's Calvin Suk secured a spot on the SOL American third team. The SOL shared its all-league girls' team, as well. CB East's Sophia Mancuso cracked the first team. Mancuso is a junior and was only one of four named to the first team. CB South's Sarah Scarpilli and CB West's Grace Enright were chosen for the second team, while Quakertown's Madilyn Shuta was picked for the third team. Patriot Mel Wetzel and Panther Mackenzie Mulkiewicz landed on the honorable mention list.

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