



#29 Bud Kaeding (eighth): “If you aren’t sitting where Cole is right now (in victory lane), you’re definitely going to be disappointed with your run. I thought that we had a decent car at the beginning of the race. We got low a little bit there towards the middle. The last 30 laps we just really fell off (the pace) and backed up quite a bit there. We were running sixth, then seventh and then eighth. Like Cole said, it’s a good thing that I got over when I did. I think we could have done a little bit worse. There was no pressure on us tonight as far as points went. The last couple of races with Eldora and stuff like that, we just have been points racing, trying to pad our championship. Get that third championship. We have succeeded with one goal this year, but we didn’t win as many races as we wanted to. I kinda wish this place were Manzanita; that place is a little better to me as far as wins go. I’ve been coming to this race for a long time and grew up out here in the motor homes area. Throwing rocks with Jason Leffler; hoping that we could get into the pits to watch the race let alone race in any of the events. We have two races left and then we’re going to go to Australia for a couple weeks, in December and January. I’m excited to get building for next year. We aren’t going to go for consistency, but race wins.”

#30 Cole Whitt (winner): (News Conference) “It was a pretty big deal, this being our first race. I can’t say enough about everybody. The car was on rails all night. Winning our first pavement race was huge, and I feel real good about it. Hopefully, there will be plenty more to come. And being our first Silver Crown pavement race, it was a big deal, too. Hopefully it just means things are going to get better from here. I’ve got to thank (car owner) Johnny Vance for putting this deal together pretty last minute. It’s been an awesome deal from the very start. I think the phone call was made about a month-and-a-half ago, and we started actually making it happen about a month ago. It came together pretty late. We got out here just in time to throw a few laps down in testing, and we tested pretty good. It just kind of made things that much better for us. Coming into the race, we felt pretty good. Sitting sixth after qualifying was a good run, and we were just hoping for a good top ten after it being our first run and hopefully just make it to the finish. Everything just worked out just right. All I had was Keith telling me on the radio, telling me how much of a position I had behind me. I knew it wasn’t much there at the end. We were just trying pretty hard there at the end. We went pretty early to try to get out front and lead some laps. Our main goal was to stay up front tonight, and once we got out front, things went good. We just had to hold onto (Jacob) Wilson, and Kody (Swanson) started coming on late. It seemed like he saved his stuff a lot for the end. We just made it there at the end, and he was coming. Thank God it was over when it was. Me and Jacob (Wilson) are pretty good friends, so it was pretty cool to fight it out with him. I was hoping for a one-two with him, for sure. Our main thing was that the track seemed like it tightened up a little bit for me (between the Midget and Silver Crown races). It might have been different for a few different guys. I think the track tightened up a little bit, and we were pretty free all day. We were kind of afraid to touch it because we were decent, and I would rather have a free racecar all day over a tight one. We left it alone and just put a fuel load in it, hoping it would tighten up a little bit. It seemed to be just perfect once we got the fuel load in it. I think the Midget race made me a little more calm going into the race because I knew that the track tightened up a little bit, so it made me feel a little bit easier about it.”

This concludes Pit Notes for Thursday. See you tomorrow for Camping World Truck Series Qualifying at 2:30 p.m., Sprint Cup Series Qualifying at 3:45 p.m., and our feature event of the day, the Lucas Oil 150 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race at 6 p.m. Good night and drive home safely.