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THE COMEBACK KID
WINS IN ONLY HIS SECOND CAREER DIRT SPRINTCAR START



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USAC Western Classic Sprint Car Series-----Alan Kaiser Construction #69

"Wayne Sue Classic" at Silver Dollar & "Mike McCreary Classic" at Placerville

Kody Swanson made a surprise visit to the USAC Western Classic Sprint series, and may have even surprised himself while driving Alan Kaiser's #69 to Victory Lane. In just his 2nd career non-wing Dirt Sprint car start, and first since 2007, Kody drove from his 9th place starting position to take the lead with 5 laps remaining and his 1st Career Dirt Sprint Car victory. The win came at Chico, CA's Silver Dollar Speedway, where Kody picked up his first career USAC Dirt Midget win in March.

After qualifying 9th, Kody failed to transfer through his preliminary heat race, and had to go through the semi-feature to make the night's main event. Starting outside the front row, Kody led all 12 laps to win the semi by over a straight-away and earn his spot in the 30-lap A-Main event. Starting 9th, Kody quickly began moving through the field, driving up to 7th by lap 4 and 5th by lap 8. After a lap 16 restart, Kody moved into 4th and was up to 3rd by lap 19. A three-wide battle for 2nd place ensued over the next few laps, with Swanson breaking free to challenge for the lead on lap 24. Going into turn 3, Swanson was able to get underneath the leader, and take over the top spot on lap 25. Less than a lap later, a flip in turn 3 brought out the red flag and a 5 lap shootout to the finish. Swanson held off an early challenge and pulled away over the final few laps to pick up the "Wayne Sue Classic" victory, in his first start in the Alan Kaiser Construction #69.

The following night, Kody and the Kaiser Construction team headed to Placerville, CA for the "Mike McCreary Classic," looking to go 2-for-2 on their weekend. Things started out promising, with Kody timing in 2nd quick of the 28 cars, despite going out late in the order on the drying racetrack. Kody then moved from 7th to 3rd to transfer through his heat race, setting himself up to start 5th in the night's Feature event. From the drop of the green flag, it was clear that Kody was in a very loose handling racecar, and would have to search the racetrack to make do. In the early laps, Kody lost a few positions, fading as

far as 8th before making a charge back toward the front. Kody found the topside of turns 3 and 4 to his liking, and used a few restarts to gain momentum on his competition. By lap 20, Kody had made it all the way back up to the 3rd position, but that's where he would stay for the duration of the event. For his 2nd and 3rd Career starts in a non-wing dirt sprint, a Win and a 3rd are not too bad at all. Thanks to Alan Kaiser, Paul Torzilli and everyone who helped make these two races possible!



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The FINAL LAP



To The Front: Kody Swanson passes Andy Forsberg for 2nd on his way to the lead, and the win at Silver Dollar Speedway. M&M Photo.



1st Timer's: Kody Swanson & Alan Kaiser ended up in Victory Lane in just their first race together. It was Kody's 1st Dirt Sprint Car Win, and came in only his 2nd Dirt Sprint Car start. M&M Photo - mmracingphotos.com

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