

**Shane Clanton Wins IceBowl XX at Talladega Short Track—Sunday, January 9, 2011**



Shane Clanton qualified his Super Late Model on the pole and led every lap to capture the victory for the 20th annual IceBowl at Talladega Short Track! With this victory, he became the first three-time

winner of this prestigious race. He was a little thin as a lot of teams pulled out early Sunday morning due to the approaching winter storm that hit the Southeast recently. The bleachers had plenty of empty seats as well.



winner of this prestigious race. He also won in 2003 and 2005.

"It feels good to get the first win of the year, so hopefully this year will turn out to be a good one," said Clanton after the race.

The pits at this year's IceBowl

For all of you that were not there, you missed a great race! I cannot find any records, but all in attendance that I spoke to; believe that it was the first time that the 50-lap affair has ever ran caution-free!

The 17-year-old Dillion Crim, on an impressive drive to his second-place finish, managed to pressure Clanton a couple of times during the race.

When Shane was asked if he knew Dillion was there, he responded, "I heard him one time about halfway during the race and thought that I got to pick the pace up a little bit". Clanton went on to say, "I think I had a better race car—I was running about 3/4 [of what I had]".

Neil Baggett, Ray Cook, and Ronnie Johnson brought their chariots home third through fifth respectively.

As most local race fans know, Shane is currently a regular in the World of Outlaws touring series. He began racing in 1994 at local tracks around his home, Locust Grove, Georgia. He won more than 50 Sportsman features around the



Southeast before advancing to Late Models full time in 2002.

Since that move, Clanton has won many big races across the country—including The Magnolia 100, a 100-lap event at Ohio's K-C Raceway, and The World 100 at Eldora in 2008!

-Rocky Sinyard



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