

Lucas Oil Super Car Finale - Rome Showdown, October 10, 2010

Driving with determination, Shane Clanton captured the lead on the 26th lap and cruised on to grab the win for the 2010 Rome Showdown! It was truly a flawless drive by the 35-year-old



Locust Grove, Georgia native as he survived two cautions in the later stages of the race while he charged towards the trophy and the \$10,000 first-place prize!

Shane said in victory lane, "I went with a little softer left rear tire than anybody else, O'Neal was



strong early on, but once we were able to get some heat in the tire we were able to catch him and get by him. I have to give a big thanks to Marshall Green for this win; he came over before the feature and changed some things on the car. He has a lot of laps here, and the changes he made are why we are here in victory lane. I want to thank Rocket Chassis, Brad Malcuit at Malcuit Race Engines, RSD Enterprises, SAE Parts, VP, and Allstar Performance for their support. It's good to get a win



here in front of the home-state crowd."

And race fans, Clanton's win was very popular here at Rome. Many of the older race fans like me remember watching his father, the legendary Billy Clanton, race, and win, at this super-fast 1/2-mile



clay oval. Matter of fact ... records from www.dirtanddirt.com show that Billy won an NDRA (National Dirt Racing Association) event here at "Rome Superspeedway" back on June 1, 1984.

Following Shane's #25 to the finish for this year's Lucas Oil Super Car finale: Chris Madden #44m (Gaffney, SC), Steve Francis #15 (Ashland, KY), Brady Smith #2 (Solon Springs, WI), and Don O'Neal #71 (Martinsville, IN).

On the previous night, Scott Bloomquist picked up his fifth Dixie Shootout victory and collected his second-consecutive Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series National Title!

Bloomer, from Mooresburg, TN, after his championship winning drive, "This is what we worked for all year long, to win this Lucas Oil



Championship again. I have to thank my crew and my sponsors for their help all year. My family has been great through all of this, and the championships and such are something to look back on someday when you're retired. I have to thank Miller Brothers Construction, Hawkeye Trucking,

VP Fuels, Hoosier Tires, and Allstar Performance, and of course, I'd also like to thank Roush-Yates Engines, the motor was super once again."

It was reported that Bloomquist, in his famous #0, had to hold off a late-race dash from Clanton to earn his win on this night. Chris Madden, Shannon Babb #18 (Mowequa, IL), and Jimmy Owens #20 (Newport, TN) rounded out the top five.

Friends, as I have typed these words concerning this Lucas Oil Super Car weekend and Rome Superspeedway ... I have found myself recalling a moment in time ... back in October 2008 ... Billy Moyer eased his Super Car out onto Rome Superspeedway for a qualifying run ... he apparently floored his throttle! Race fans, he turned two laps on a heavy track, and if he lifted, I never noticed! He posted a new track record with a lap at 12.789 seconds! As I stood there in those pits with appreciation ... the first thought that popped in my brain ... "That's why girls don't do this!" (Please forgive me ladies ... but it's true.)

Race fans ... if you have not been to one ... make sure that you check out a Lucas Oil Super Car event next year. You will not be disappointed!

-Rocky Sinyard



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