

Ray Cook Victorious at Talladega Short Track for Third Ice Bowl!

(January 8, 2023) Ray Cook, of Brasstown, North Carolina, recorded his third career 'Ice Bowl' title in dramatic fashion over the January 6-7 weekend at Talladega Short Track in Eastaboga, Alabama!

On Friday during preliminary action for the 32nd Annual 'Ice Bowl,' Ray stopped the clock sixth quickest in Group B during Valvoline Iron-Man Late Model Series qualifying before grabbing the third transfer spot through his heat race.

After starting Saturday's 50-lap Super Late Model headliner from the outside of the sixth row, Ray was involved in two separate incidents early in the contest and was forced to the tail end of the feature field.

The popular driver known as the "Tarheel Tiger" was then able to stay out of trouble throughout the remainder of the caution-plagued race and kept air in all four tires as he marched back towards the front of the pack. Ray ultimately inherited the top spot on lap 42 when race-long leader Sam Seawright suffered a flat tire.

Ray was able to keep his #53



RAY COOK TAKING THE CHECKERS AT THE 32ND ICE BOWL (Photo: MSA Staff)

mount out front from there to pick up the \$7,500 paycheck. At the checkers, Ray celebrated the 'Ice Bowl' triumph over a top five that

included runner-up Chris Jones, Will Roland, Todd Morrow, and Scott Crigler!

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