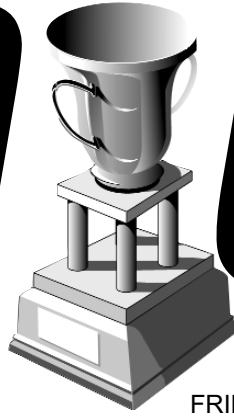


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Meyers takes Thursday night prelim #1 victory

For the second straight year, local favorite Jason Meyers of Clovis, California, took home the victory on preliminary night number one at the 56th Annual Gold Cup Race of Champions. With the win, Meyers is poised for a top starting position in Saturday's championship race worth \$50,000 to the winner.

After qualifying ninth, winning his heat and finishing third in the dash, Meyers started third in the feature event and took the top position from early Tennessee's Sammy Swindell on the ninth lap in lapped traffic. Once in front, Meyers led the field for the remaining 22 laps to drive to his second win of the season at the quarter-mile track managed by Handy Racing Promotions. In the spring, Meyers won the Mini-Gold Cup at Silver Dollar Speedway.

"This feels great," said Meyers. "Out of any track in the country, we have probably won more races here than any other track. This place has been good to me. It's neat for me to win here in front of so many sponsors and family and friends. I've been racing here for so many years and there are such great fans here that have cheered us on over the years. To come home and win in front of them is awesome."

The race began with Swindell leading the field into turns one and two. Meyers took the second spot from Peter Murphy on the low side of turn one on the opening lap. Swindell began to pull away on the third lap as the leaders closed in on lapped traffic. Meyers closed in on Swindell on the fifth lap as the latter was having trouble getting off turn four. On the sixth lap, Meyers was right on Swindell and stayed right with him for the next two laps and

went low in turns one and two on the ninth lap as Swindell was caught up behind a couple of lapped cars.

Meyers began to pull away near the halfway point of the race as he worked through traffic. The red flag flew on the 17th circuit for a Steve Kinser flip. On the restart, Danny Lasoski took the second spot from Swindell and began to track down

Meyers.

Lasoski continued to keep pace with Meyers as the pair closed in on lapped traffic, though the caution flew on the 21st lap. With six laps to go, Lasoski closed right back in on Meyers as they again approached traffic. Lasoski went low in turns one and two and shot to the lead on the 26th lap, only to have a red flag fly, negating the pass

since the lap was not completed.

"We got a gift tonight," noted the winner. "It looked like Danny (Lasoski) was really good around the bottom. I was kind of waiting on the top and waiting for someone to come around me on the top. I saw that some guys had made some moves

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Jac Haudenschild, celebrating in victory lane in 2008, will headline the roster tonight for the second preliminary event of the 56th annual Gold Cup Race of Champions -Steve Lamothe photo

Wild Child to begin back to back quest tonight

The 56th Annual Gold Cup Race of Champions will mark a number of anniversaries for various teams competing in the \$50,000 fall classic featuring the World of Outlaws' Sprint Car Series. Last year's champion Jac Haudenschild of Wooster, Ohio is one of such driver that will be looking to add another accolade to his impressive racing resume.

Last year, Haudenschild drove to his third career Gold Cup victory aboard the Carnahan Motorsports R19 Maxim Sprint Car. After assuming the lead from early leader Jason Myers of Clovis, Haudenschild led the final 15 laps of the

event and went on to win the \$50,000 payday ahead of the crowd pleaser Craig Dollansky of Elk River, Minnesota.

The 2008 victory was the richest Gold Cup win of Haudenschild's colorful career. Next week, the 51-year-old driver that is best known as, "The Wild Child" for his on the edge aggressive driving style, will return to not only seek another \$50K payday. He will look to become a back to back winner of the race on the 20th anniversary of when he did so back in 1999.

"Last year was a good year for us, we managed to win some races," said Haudenschild, who scored five feature wins

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Haud; He's just one of three drivers with back to back wins

in 2008. "One of them was the Gold Cup and that is always a good one to get."

Haudenschild is one of just three drivers that have posted back to back victories in the Gold Cup Race of Champions since it began in 1951 at Hughes Stadium in Sacramento. The only other drivers have accomplished this feat include the King of the Outlaws Steve Kinser who was the first back to back winner in 1978-79.

Kinser repeated later in his career with consecutive Gold Cup Championships in 1986-87 and once again in 2002-03. Andy Hillenburg of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma won back to back Gold Cups in 1994-95 prior to Haudenschild's first feat in 1998-99.

As he heads to California to seek another 50,000 gold coins, Haudenschild is seeking his first World of Outlaws victory of the 2009 tour. He is currently ninth in the series point standings with 12 top five finishes and 26 top tens in the season thus far.

Currently, Donny Schatz of Fargo, ND leads the World of Outlaws's Series standings. Schatz is amidst a stellar year aboard the Tony Stewart Motorsports #15 with 12 feature victories to his name. Schatz won the Gold Cup Race of Champions in 2004.

The pride of California, Jason Meyers of Clovis, is currently second in the series point standings. Meyers will continue his career-long dream of winning the Gold Cup Race of Champions before his hometown crowd. He has claimed victories in the annual Mini-Gold Cup at Silver Dollar.

Meyers; local qualified in ninth and drove to third in dash

up through the field and I thought that was where they were doing it. We set our car up loose to be good in traffic and we were good in traffic, but we only had traffic for the first half of the race. We had a good race car and hopefully that pays off on Saturday night." On the final restart with four laps to go, Lasoski looked high in turns one and two, nearly getting even with Meyers. He tried the same move the next lap to no avail and wound up having Swindell battle him for second over the last few laps. Meyers ended up pulling away and wound up taking the checked flag by nearly two seconds in the GLR Investments KPC.

Meyers began the night by turning in the ninth-fastest lap in time trials and followed that up with a win in the first heat. Couple with his win, he was one of the high point earners as total points earned in each of the two qualifying nights will determine the starting field for the 40-lap main event on Saturday night. "We'll just watch and see what the track does," explained Meyers when asked what it will take to win the finale. "We'll wait and see what they for us on Saturday and make our decisions as the night goes on."

Swindell led the first eight laps on Thursday night and put himself in a good position to win his second career Gold Cup as he ran second in the Tom Rolfe Trucking Maxim. The three-time World of Outlaws champion fell back to third down the stretch, but was able to charge back around Danny Lasoski with four laps to go for the runner-up spot.

"It's bad when you start on the pole and don't win," said

Swindell. "We just struggled a little bit with the lapped cars. Our car was as good in the open I think. Once I got to the traffic, I ran the track wrong. We had the restart after the red (flag) and I was able to run behind those guys and see what I was doing wrong and was able to make a couple of little adjustments with the car and my line. We'll look and see where we are at and make some adjustments and hopefully come out on Saturday and have the best car." Tim Kaeding started seventh and steadily worked his way to the front and wound up third in the DTR Transport KPC to earn his second consecutive podium finish with the World of Outlaws. He battled Chico native Jonathan Allard for a number of laps for third. "We just wanted to come out and get as many points as we could tonight," said Kaeding. "We're trying to get ready for Saturday and hopefully we can make the car a little bit better for Saturday. Jason (Meyers) and Sammy (Swindell) ran a hell of a race and Danny (Lasoski) was up there running good. It was just one of those things that we just needed to be a little bit better to catch those guys." Lasoski ended up fourth in the Casey's General Store JEI, with Craig Dollansky fifth in the DirecTV Maxim. Jonathan Allard began the night by setting fast time and came home sixth in the Village Gray Resort J&J. Peter Murphy was seventh in the Kiwi Transport Maxim. Bobby McMahan was eighth aboard the Racing for the Troops Maxim, with Kyle Hirst ninth in the GP Development Maxim. Kyle Larson rounded out the Top-10 in the Starr Property Management Eagle. Tonight the second night of preliminary competition is on tap at Silver Dollar Speedway.

In 2008 Meyers won a Gold Cup preliminary feature event but suffered a heart breaking collision with a lapped car while leading the championship feature event. Meyers as won six World of Outlaw's feature events so far this year. If Meyers can accomplish the feat next Saturday, he will be the first California driver to win a Gold Cup since 1989 when Darrell Hanested of Clayton claimed victory.

Indiana's Joey Saldana is third in the national standings. Saldana has 16 feature wins to his name this year aboard the Kasey Kahne Motorsports #9. Saldana won the Gold Cup Race of Champions in 2007 and won the World of Outlaw's Mini Gold Cup at Chico in spring of this year.

The King of the Outlaws, Steve Kinser, of Bloomington, Indiana is fifth in the outlaw point standings. Kinser has two feature wins to his name and is a 12-time Gold Cup Champion. Kinser's last Gold Cup victory came in 2005.

The 56th Annual Gold Cup Race of Champions opens this Wednesday night with the Civil War Sprint Car Series taking to the Silver Dollar clay for the annual "Pacific Sprint Cup Invitational" along with the wingless sprint cars. The World of Outlaws will assault the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds beginning on Thursday night for the first of two preliminary nights of competition followed by the Gold Cup finale on Saturday night.

Single day tickets are still available for this upcoming fall classic. For complete ticket information and further details of the 56th Annual Gold Cup Race of Champions visit www.handyracingpromotions.com.



Jason Meyers in victory lane Thursday night - Steve Lamothe photo



Schedule of Events 2009

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Silver Dollar Sunrise Breakfast open 6am to 11am
Gold Cup ticket office open 9am to 4pm
Hoosier Tire Novelty Booth open 9am to 11pm
Coca Cola Refreshment Center open 11am to 11pm
Coors Beer Garden open Noon to 11pm
Pit Gate opens 2pm • Front Gate opens 5pm
GOLD CUP Preliminary Night - T.T., Heat Races, Non-Qual. race, B & A Main events ñ 6:30pm
Joe Hunt Magnetos Chili Festival,
Bikini Contest after the races.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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Coca Cola Refreshment Center open 11am to 11pm
Coors Beer Garden open Noon to 11pm
Alan's Rib Roast Noon to 2pm
Pit Gate opens 2pm • Front Gate opens 5pm
GOLD CUP RACE OF CHAMPIONS
Finals Night - F, E, D, C, B & A Main events 7pm
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