

Silk takes open modified race at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, NH - Ron Silk thought it was Independence Day all over again Aug. 1 at Monadnock Speedway. The July 4 winner of \$7,600 for topping that night's Open Modified main event, took home another \$10,000 Saturday by winning the night's 100-lap Dash For Cash headline race.

The Nutmeg State star, a two-time NASCAR Whelen Modified series champion, is no stranger to victory lane at the high-banked oval. A summer ago, he won a Whelen 200-lapper at Monadnock, while this summer he was victorious in two of the three Open Modified 100s at the fast quarter-mile.

But Silk's two Open Modified victories weren't enough to place him at the top for the overall series championship. That honor went to Bennington, NH second-generation star Matt Kimball, who cut his racing teeth here on the high banks in the oval's

youth division Young Guns. Kimball's spot atop the three-race points parade netted him \$5,000, which, when added to his Saturday fourth-place purse money and event bonuses, sent him home with close to \$10,000, not quite as much as Silk, but a still hefty pay day.

In other action Saturday on the high banks, Daniel Petrowicz scored his first career victory in the Limited Late Models, Jon Fultz made it two on the year in the Mini Stocks, and Jimmy Zellman won a thriller in the Pure Stocks. Young Gun Dylan Stati won his track-high eleventh 2026 feature race Saturday, while New England Dwarf Car ace Ryan Carman had to twice take the lead en route to his second win in six days, his Saturday win following a Sabbath Day score at Hudson.

A top-12 redraw put Silk on the pole for the night's

Country 93.5 FM Open Modified Dash For Cash 100-lap main event. Blasting off at the green, Silk led the first two go-rounds before twice trading the early lead with Kyle Bonsignore en route to holding the top spot for 83 laps as he dashed off to win with ease. The big defining moment in this one happened on a lap 56 restart.

Repeating his July 4 strategy, Silk led nine other cars to the pits for fresh rubber, handing the top spot to Brad Zahensky. Back under green, a wild mess unfolded as the tight pack charged out of turn two.

Kimball and Brian Robie entered Saturday's 100-lapper tied for the top spot atop the three-race series. When the dust had settled along the backstretch on lap 55, Bosignore and Robie were amongst the casualties. Kimball, then at mid-pack, started counting, all the way up to \$5,000.

With Silk sailing off into the night to win with ease, steady Joey Cipriano came home second. Anthony Nocella, with Kimball at his bumper, took home the bronze metal hardware. Zahensky's choice to stay on the track under caution netted him seventh, while Robie's promising start fizzled to a 14th place finish.

Daniel Petrowicz started up front in the nightcap Twin State Truck Services Limited Late Model main event and never looked back as he sped off to his first career win in front of the night's huge Dash For Cash speedway crowd.

Robert Hagar had the fastest car in the field, closing a third-lap deficit to finish four lengths behind Petrowicz for his second runner-up showing of the weekend. Top points man JD Stockwell, a seven-time 2026 winner, had a rare quiet night, getting up for third,

just ahead of Hillary Renaud. Popular Pat Houle led the first dozen laps of the Keene Towing and Recovery Mini Stock feature, then giving way to rocketman Jon Fultz. Once in front, the Bay State ace was unstoppable, winning with ease ahead of number two point man Craig Chaffee.

Houle held strong to finish a season best third, with former track champ Louie Mahar fourth, and Tim Paquette fifth. Paquette's top-five run kept him atop the 2026 points parade.

Maya Bell was the early leader in the Brattleboro Towing and Recovery Pure Stock 25-lapper, then giving way to Dylan Zullo, who, in turn, surrendered the top spot to four-time winner Michael Yeaton, zooming off in quest of win number five. But this one wasn't over yet.

A lap-24 restart sat Yeaton and Jimmy Zellman side-by-side as the event's defining

moment unfolded. The top two banged and clanged out of turn four at the drop of the green, sending Yeaton to the pits and Zellman to the lead. The Bay State blaster held strong to edge top points man rookie Josh Brigham for the win. Kyle Begos, from way back in row nine, charged up for third, with Markus O'Neil and Zullo completing the top five.

Ryan Carman led twice in the New England Dwarf Car feature, taking the top spot the second time with a lap-21 pass of Tom Harwood as they blasted out of turn two. Harwood held strong for second, and Cody Hodgdon was solid in third.

Dylan Stati continued his dominance of the Doug's Auto Body Young Guns Saturday, romping to his eleventh win of the summer. Maeve Barry was second, and Mason Bezio earned the third-place trophy.

Hall of Famers signing autographs during Enshrinement Weekend

≈SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced a new autograph and memorabilia event in partnership with Hall of Fame Signings and Panini America. On Saturday, Aug. 15, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., returning Hall of Famers and basketball celebrities will appear at the Hall of Fame for in-person autograph and photo sessions. Specific times of signers will be posted next week.

“We're thrilled to offer fans a new way to connect with the game's greatest players and personalities during En-

shrinement Weekend,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. “This partnership with Hall of Fame Signings and Panini America gives our visitors a rare, in-person opportunity to meet Hall of Famers and take home a piece of basketball history.”

This inaugural event is open to the public, and all autograph and photo op tickets can be purchased online in advance at halloffamesignings.com or in person at the Hall of Fame on Aug. 14 and 15.



Community members gathered to learn more about Henry Knox's contributions to The American Revolution.

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never seen people and don't know what they're doing and turn them into these guys who can, you know, listen and can work and can stand there when a cannon goes off. I really like the sort of the getting to talk to people aspect of it. I get to show my animals off, in what I've done with them. I like getting to teach.”

President of Agawam Historical Association David Cecchi said the association received a grant to help with the event.

“This was our way of commemorating Knox's trail of artillery coming

through. We thought it would be a nice summer event. So, we were fortunate that we were able to get a grant from the cultural council to help fund this,” said Cecchi.

Cecchi then shared that the Agawam Historical Association has never worked with the reenactors from Fort Ticonderoga until now.

“They've been great,” he said. “They're super knowledgeable and easy to work with. We showed them the Smith house, and they were really impressed with the house and so it was nice to hear that from another historical group.”



Reenactor Chris Laurenzo with two oxen, Aries and Zeus.

Public Notices

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Docket No.
HD26P1651EA
Estate of:
Michael Gramolini
Date of Death:
August 13, 2025
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **LouAnn Gramolini of Waterford, NY.** **LouAnn Gramolini of Waterford, NY** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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‘Great Reads from Great Places’ event set for Sept. 29

AGAWAM – The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce its selection as a partnering library with the Massachusetts Center for the Book for the “Great Reads from Great Places” initiative. Each year the Massachusetts Center for the Book selects a title to represent the Commonwealth at the annual Library of Congress National Book Festival and provides free copies of the book to area libraries for use in discussion

groups and community programming. This year's title is Nothing More of This Land: Community, Power and the Search for Indigenous Identity by Joseph Lee. The Agawam Public Library will host a book discussion and virtual Q & A watch party with the author on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 6 p.m. in the Cline Community Room. Anyone interested in registering for this book discussion and event is encouraged to stop by the library information

desk to pick up a free copy of the book and discussion guide (while supplies last).

Before Martha's Vineyard became one of the most iconic vacation destinations in the country, it was home to the Wampanoag people. Today, as tourists flock to the idyllic beaches, the island has become increasingly unaffordable for tribal members, with nearly three-quarters now living off-island. Growing up Aquinnah Wampanoag,

journalist Joseph Lee grappled with what this situation meant for his tribe, how the community can continue to grow, and more broadly, what it means to be Indigenous.

Registered participants will be invited to participate in an exclusive Q&A with Joseph Lee on September 29th at 6pm. This discussion series is part of the 2026 Great Reads MA program, sponsored by the Massachusetts Center for the Book.

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