Sports

Patnode grabs Modifieds win

WINCHESTER, NH - Bouncing back from injury, rebounding from a wreck that destroyed his primary car, back in the championship form that has defined his more than three decades of action on the high banks of Monadnock Speedway, Todd Patnode won the Modified main event Saturday on Sept. 5 at New England's fastest quarter-mile oval.

It's been a long time since Patnode entered the month of September still winless on the year but now he is back in form. Setting fast time in practice - 12.135 seconds - and again in time trials - 12.319 this time - he led the last dozen laps of the night's main event to park his Swanzey Oil open-wheeler in victory lane.

Limited Late Model star JD Stockwell, locked in a points battle with Robert Hagar, held off his championship rival to score his ninth win of the summer, and Pure Stock ace Michael Yeaton, who got a late start on the season so won't figure in his division's title chase, won for his sixth time.

Matt Robinson became the Pro V8 Sportsman's first three-time winner of the 2026 campaign Saturday, and Young Gun Dylan Stati continued to put up numbers unseen here since four-holer star Gordon Farnum went wild on the high banks half a decade gap.

Rookie Kyle Kenny sat on the pole as the All States Material Group 604 Modifieds began their 40-lap main event. Kimmy Rivet was his row-one dancing partner.

Kenny led the first two laps, then giving way to Rivet, who set a fast pace through two restarts and ten laps before dropping out of the lead on lap 13. Tyler Leary, who'd surrendered the points lead on his wedding day a week earlier, then took over, with Andrew Brousseau glued to his bumper and the potent duo of Eddie Gomarlo and Todd Patnode close behind.

Patnode stormed into third on lap 19, second on lap 25, and then to the top spot three laps later. Once in front, he would not be denied. Leary finished two lengths back in second, and Brousseau was third. A late-race charge brought Ben Byrne up to fourth, and Ty LeClerc raced home fifth.

Erik Smith was the early leader in the Twin State Truck Services Limited Late Model feature, but the Hagar-Stockwell Express was coming fast. Hagar took charge on lap four, with Stockwell up to second the next time around.

The two raced nose-to-tail the next dozen laps until Stockwell lowlined to the front and held strong to win his ninth race of the season. With Hagar a close second, steady Hillary Renaud was third on the night, Smith raced home fourth, and Chris Lindquist rebounded from a trip to the pits for fifth.

Firing from row two, Michael Yeaton exploded into the lead on lap two of the Brattleboro Towing and Recovery Pure Stock feature and never looked back en route to his division-high sixth win of the season. Kyle Begos kept Yeaton in sight for most of the race but could never reel him in.

Hatfield, MA rookie Maya Bell ran strong all night to score her first career top three finish. Points leader Jimmy Zellman was fourth, and Markus O'Neil finished fifth. Rookie star Josh Brigham, victorious a week earlier, was driven into the backstretch wall on the final lap while running fourth, his car heavily damaged and his championship hopes taking a point hit.

Hot shoe Matt Robinson took the lead on lap ten of the Beck's Automotive Pro V8 Sportsman feature and never looked back en route to his division-high third win of the summer. Aaron Thompson came from the back to the front twice to finish second and stay atop the points parade.

Previous winner Chris Kingsley stayed in the hunt all night to race home third. Chris Emerson finished fourth, and Mikey Wolinger was fifth.

Pre-teen Dylan Stati continued his mastery of the Doug's Auto Young Guns Saturday, leading all the way as he stayed perfect on the summer with his 13th win in as many tries. Eli Elliott, in his second career race, was second, Maeve Barry earned the third-place hardware, and newcomer Colton Pond was fourth.

Owls football falls in season opener

WESTFIELD — Bridgewater State first-year QB Jayden Barber (Harwich, Mass./Dennis-Yarmouth) threw for 208 yards and three TD's and ran for 97 more yards to lead the Bears to a 34-28 win over Westfield State in the Owls home opener and the MASCAC opener for both schools at Alumni Field on Saturday afternoon.

Bridgewater improves to 2-0 on the season and 1-0 in the MASCAC, while Westfield is now 0-2 and 0-1 in the league.

Barber's big day offset a strong performance from Westfield State first-year WR Malachi Hymes (Hartford, Conn/East Hartford) who caught three passes for 72 yards and a pair of TD's, ran the ball twice for 52 yards, and returned three kickoffs for a total of 103 yards.

The two teams traded scores in the first half, with Barber throwing a pair of TD passes (36 and 20 yards) to Jay Comeau. Westfield responded with a 1-yard run from Manny Mengata (Tewksbury, Mass.) that tied the game 7-7, then Owls QB Quinn Sumner (Dayville, Conn./Killingly) lofted a 33-yard scoring strike to Hymes to tie the game 14-all after Andrew Currier's (Attleboro, Mass./Foxboro) point after kick with 1:12 left in the first half.

The Bears snatched the lead back from the Owls with a quick scoring drive, boosted by a pass interference penalty. Barber found Emanuel Pope (S. Berwick, Me./Portsmouth) with a 39-yard TD toss with 24 seconds left in the half to lead 21-14 at the break. Bridgewater doubled up on the lead with a 2-yard TD plunge from Oscar Weah (East Providence, RI) midway through the third quarter to lead 27-14 after Cooper Harvey's (Schenectady, NY/Niskayuna) PAT try was wide.

Westfield got a short field to work with late in the third quarter after a Bears fumble was recovered by Westfield LB Nick Gauger (Westfield, Mass.) at the BSU 35-yard line. Sumner capped the 5-play drive with a 5-yard TD run after a fake handoff that fooled everyone in the stadium, allowing him to scamper into the endzone on the right side.

Bridgewater boosted the lead back to 13 on their first drive of the fourth quarter, cashing in on an inside handoff to Andrew Cloutman (Hanson, Mass./Whitman Hanson) for a four-yard TD run off the left end, and led 34-21 after Harvey's kick.

The two teams traded series before Westfield answered with a nine-play, 99-yard scoring drive, with Sumner hitting Hymes over the middle with Hymes darting into the endzone at the left pylon to trim the lead back to 34-28 with 2:59 left, but the Bears were able to grind out the clock to end the game.

Sumner finished 7-18 passing for 149 yards and two TD's for the Owls. Mengata led the Owls ground game with 61 yards rushing. Andrew Lovell (Barnstable, Mass.) made 15 tackles to lead Westfield, with Aydan Verba (Albany, NY/Colonie Central) making 14 stops, and Josh Marino (Ludlow, Mass.) 11. Tedi Hunt (Littleton, Mass.) had four tackles and an interception.

Barber led the Bears rushing game, with Poe snaring five catches for 85 yards and a TD. Jorge Aquino (Bergenfield, NJ) led Bridgewater with 12 tackles, with Mathew Piper (Townsend, Mass./N. Middesex) adding eight.

Bridgewater outgained Westfield, 497-317 on the afternoon. Westfield stays home to host Dean College next Saturday, Sept. 19 with a 2 p.m. kickoff as part of Family and Champions Weekend. The Bears travel to Plymouth State the same day for a noon start.

Worcester Railers announce new signings

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers Hockey Club (@RailersHC), proud ECHL (@ECHL) affiliate of the St. Louis Blues (@StLouisBlues), and Head Coach & General Manager Nick Tuzzolino, announced today that the club has signed forwards Cole Donhauser and JC Campagna to ECHL contracts for the 2026-27 season.

Donhauser, 26, comes to Worcester for his third professional season. The Railers first signed Donhauser to his first full rookie season in 2024-25 following 21 games split between the Idaho Steelheads and Greenville Swamp Rabbits of the ECHL, and Coventry Blaze of the EIHL in 2023-24.

During the 2025-26 season with the Railers, Donhauser recorded 27 points in 68 games played, finishing tied for third in games played for the team. As a rookie during the 2024-25 campaign, the 6'0", 190lb forward played in 71 games for Worcester, which was tied for third-most on the team. He had 29 points (10G, 19A) in the 2024-25 season along with a -6 rating and 92 penalty minutes. Donhauser led all rookies in the ECHL in shorthanded points with five (2G, 3A). His three assists were first among rookies as well.

Campagna, 33, signs in Worcester for his 10th professional season. The Dallas, TX native appeared at Worcester Railers training camp ahead of the 2025-26 season before playing in three games for the Utah Grizzlies, where he recorded one assist.

The 6'4", 205lb forward played in 214 games in the ECHL across nine seasons with ten different teams, notching 147 points (77G, 70A) along with 151 penalty minutes. Campagna spent parts of the past two seasons in Europe, playing for HC Presov of Slovakia, EHC Freiburg of DEL2, and HC 19 Humenné of Slovakia2.

Brownies grab shutout in opener

AGAWAM – The Agawam High School field hockey team scored a 1-0 shutout in the season opener on the road at Westfield High School. The Brownies got the lone goal of the game in the third quarter as Bridget Loughlin took a touch from Olivia Govoni. The score held up as Stella Christopher made three saves to pick up the shutout win.

Agawam followed with a 3-0 loss at Frontier Regional High School to go to 1-1. The Brownies had one last road game earlier this week at rival Longmeadow before finally having its home opener.

Their home opener is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 17 against Southwick at 4 p.m. The Brownies also host East Longmeadow on Monday, Sept. 21 at 4 p.m.

Feline Friends holding travel raffle

AGAWAM – Thanks to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for our Summer Fun Raffle in August. We had a record number of entries which helped purchase food and litter for our cats.

We received a $150 travel certificate from First Choice Tours, Inc. of South Deerfield. Check out their site to choose from fall and holiday day trip. We will sell raffle tickets for $20 each through Sept. 20. Contact information is below.

We are incredibly grateful for the response to our appeal for help with supplies. We have received packages at the professional office at 532 Springfield St. (at the corner of Cleveland St.) in Feeding Hills and at the Agawam Public Library. Please include your name and contact information for acknowledgment. Financial donations have arrived by check at P.O. Box 174, Feeding Hills 01030 as well as PayPal and Venmo.

Thank you to those who donated in late July and the August: Teresa Barbato, John Murphy, Ida and Bob Shultz, Ken Kurowski and Irene Fisher, Mary Kirwan, Judith Clini, Joanne Lamson, Deb King, Patricia Pappathan in memory of Smokey Reynolds, Patricia Chraplak, Judith Roberts, Jeanette Landrie, Deborah Hasty, Glen Birk, Karen and Mike Dolan, Denise B, Lynn Eaton, Cheryl and Carl Kaufman, Christofer Sadowski, Susan Brandon, Dan and Sarah in memory of their kitty, Wendy Hollis, Lyle Denit, Sheila Kida in memory of Betty, Elayna Lalikos, Lydia Klimczuk, Crystal Mengele and, as always, our wonderful monthly sponsors.

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More information about our sanctuary may be found on our website at felinefriendsinc.org or our Facebook page at Feline Friends Cat Sanctuary. Contact us with questions at info@felinefriendsinc.org or by phone at 413-786-5019.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Joseph P Gendreau of Feeding Hills, MA and Bernadine L Ruell of Chicopee, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Joseph P Gendreau of Feeding Hills, MA and Bernadine L Ruell of Chicopee, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/02/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 03, 2026

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