

Sports

Chaffee and Patnode get victories

WINCHESTER, NH - Todd Patnode won't win his seventh track championship this season at Monadnock Speedway, but the Swanze star is going all out to leave his mark on the 2026 campaign.

Slowed by a sluggish start this summer and then sidelined by an injury, he has exploded back into his championship form, winning his second Modified feature in a row Saturday, Sept. 12, and setting himself up for a threepeat bid in next week's season finale.

Patnode wasn't the only big winner Saturday, as the speedway crowned 2026 Triple Crown champions in all divisions with the third and final leg of its three-race summer series. Ty LeClerc, a close second to Patnode in the Modified main event, celebrated his triple crown championship.

Other feature winners Saturday included Limited Late Model ace JD Stockwell,, Craig Chaffee, who won a thriller in the Mini Stocks, and Dylan Zullo, who scored his first win of the season aboard the CJ Johnson ride. Young Gun whiz Dylan Stati stayed undefeated on the season in events he entered.

Following an elaborate pre-race ceremony honoring the victims of the September 11 tragedy 25 years ago, a ceremony in which all of Saturday night's drivers participated, it was Dylan Stati time again, as the Palmer, MA pre-teen rocketed to victory atop a six-car field in the Doug's Auto Body youth division. Quinton Perkins raced to a career best in second, and Eli Elliott trophied in third.

Rookie Kyle Kenny and Ty LeClerc sat up front as the

50-lap All States Materials Group 604 Modified main event went green. LeClerc, a two-time winner a summer ago, was hungry for his first 2026 victory, and with Triple Crown points leader Eddie Gomarlo sidelined with engine issues, was in great position for that score too.

Andrew Brousseau and Todd Patnode had big plans of their own, leaning all over LeClerc in their bids for the top spot. Patnode charged into second on lap 16, but LeClerc held strong. They swapped the lead back and forth on laps 24-26, with Patnode then taking the top spot for good.

A Brousseau spin on lap 48 set up a classic in next week's Modified season finale. With Tyler Leary third on the night, just ahead of Brian Chapin and Kenny, Leary and Brousseau - sixth under the checkers Saturday, will enter the Championship Night final event only 2 points ahead in the 2026 points parade.

JD Stockwell has been the man at the front for much of the Twin State Truck Services Limited Late Model 2026 season, and Saturday was no exception, as the youthful Bernardston, MA star blasted to his tenth win of the summer and, with it, won his division's Triple Crown Series too.

Hillary Renaud took charge on lap two and held the top spot until Stockwell lowlined to the top spot on lap 20. Renaud kept it close the rest of the way, but Stockwell prevailed. A lap-34 pass brought Daniel Petrowicz home third, just ahead of Hagar, and Zach Zilinski completed the top five.

Tim O'Shea and Kevin Clayton were front row danc-

ing partners as Saturday's Keene Towing and Recovery Mini Stock feature went green. Clayton led the first trip around the high banks but then Craig Chaffee - from row two - took the lead.

Chaffee, gunning for his second win of the summer, had lots of company at the front, with past champions Jon Fultz and Louie Maher glued to his bumper every inch of the way. Fultz, the 2025 Mini Stock king, blasted to the top spot on lap 21, but Chaffee wasn't done yet.

Charging back to the front to lead lap 26 by a wheel, the second generation hot shoe then held strong to score the big Triple Crown Night win with Fultz at his bumper. Former Pure Stock champ Andrea St. Amour came on strong in the closing laps to earn her first Mini Stock trophy of the season in third, just ahead of Tim Paquette, who had a big night of his own.

Paquette didn't have the fastest car on this night, but ran a smart race to come home fourth, just enough to win the Triple Crown championship. One-man gang Pat Houle was fifth under the checkers in Saturday's 30-lapper.

Dylan Zullo led a star-stacked field of 25 to the green for Saturday's Brattleboro Towing and Recovery Pure Stock feature. The speedway's 2025 Limited Late Model champ, Zullo had struggled through an uneven season in the Pure Stocks.

Saturday, though, the second-generation Claremont ace put it all together, leading all the way to score an easy win. Behind him, the battle was fast and furious, with both the Triple Crown

and Weekly Racing Series points very much up for grabs.

Rookie rocketman Josh Brigham, heavily wrecked a week earlier, got up for second early but had nothing for the speedy Zullo. His strong runner-up finish, though, put him back solidly into the hunt for the 2026 track championship. Coupled with top points man Jimmy Zellman's sixth-place finish Saturday, Brigham will enter the season finale only five markers shy of Zellman in their airtight battle for the Pure Stock title.

Kyle Begos, strong every week, finished third Saturday, just ahead of Maya Bell, who is surging in the final weeks of the season. Previous winner Linsey Wenzel impressed in fifth, holding off Zellman, who finished still atop the 2026 points parade but one spot shy of the Triple Crown championship.

Amherst, NH hot shoe Michael Yeaton - a six-time 2026 Pure Stock feature winner - entered Saturday's Triple Crown 30-lapper five points atop Zellman. Firing from way back in row eight, Yeaton's seventh place finish was all he needed to earn his first career Triple Crown title on the high banks.

In Saturday's Senior Tour Auto Racers Modified feature, John Jalbert of Gardner, MA drove his 1973 Pinto-bodied entry to first place. Gary Moore was second, and Chris Jarrett, aboard a 1940 Buick Coupe open-wheeler was third.

In the STAR Sportsman feature, Anthony Mendoza of Taunton, MA guided his 1936 Chevy Coupe to victory. John Mulcahy was second, and Ken Archambault raced home third.

Obituary

Richard Lavalette, Sr.

Richard Lavalette Sr., 77 of Mooresville, North Carolina, died Sept. 16, 2026, after a prolonged illness.



Known as Buddy to his family and friends, he was born Nov. 15, 1948, in Springfield, Massachusetts, and grew up in neighboring Agawam, where he graduated from high school in 1966. Following graduation, he enlisted and served in the U.S. Army. He then embarked on a three-decade career with the phone company, first as a technician for New England Telephone and then for AT&T before joining the "Baby Bells" as a telephone lineman. His aptitude for fixing things extended to home, where he was as capable of repairing a car or plumbing problem as he was doing woodworking or gardening. He spent years playing high-level competitive softball and then coached youth baseball, enjoying both the competition and teaching while passing down his love of the game to young players.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Charlotte (Cool-ey); three sons: Richard Jr. (Lindsay), of Mooresville,

North Carolina; Christopher (Melissa), of Denver, Colorado; and Cory (Barbara), of Raleigh, North Carolina; grandchildren Izzy, Brodie, Ryder and Trey; and two sisters, Genie Milillo (Nick), of Feed-ing Hills, Massachusetts, and Valerie Armitage, of West Springfield, Massachusetts. He was predeceased by his parents, Eugene and Josephine.

There will be a celebration of life at a future date in Agawam, MA.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House, 1325 Mecklenburg Hwy, Mooresville, NC 28115.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Lavalette family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

DEATH NOTICE

Lavalette, Richard Sr.
Born: Nov. 15, 1948
Died: Sept. 16, 2026
Cavin Cook Funeral Home & Crematory

Hibernians holding food drive

HOLYOKE – The Hibernians of Hampden/Hampshire Counties, in partnership with the Polish National Credit Union, are conducting a food drive September-December 1for Providence Ministries.

The drop-off location is Rush Insurance [previously PNCU Insurance] at 270 West-field Rd. in Holyoke.

The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts estimated that approximately 61,000 people are food insecure in Western

Massachusetts. Suggested drop-off items include Chef Boyardee, pasta, mac and cheese, tuna, soup, rice baked beans, and cereal.

In addition to the food drive efforts, every six weeks the Ladies Order of Hibernians and the Holy Cross Cursillo Group of Springfield make sandwiches for Kate's Kitchen.

Anyone interested in supporting the sandwich program, may call Rosalie Pratt at 413-532-1677.

Public Notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No.
HD26P2005EA
Estate of:
Elizabeth Ann Hammett
Date of Death: 06/17/2026
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 A Bonfitto of Palmer, 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 A Bonfitto of Palmer, 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 10/19/2026. 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.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Claudine T. Stoudemire, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 18, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
09/24/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No.
HD26P1980EA
Estate of:
Paul Anthony McDonough
Also known as:
Paul A McDonough
Date of Death: 06/23/2026
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Daniel McDonough of Longmeadow, 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 Daniel McDonough of Longmeadow, 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 10/14/2026. 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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Date: September 16, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
09/24/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No.
HD26P1981EA
Estate of:
Robert H. Yon
Also Known As:
Robert Henry Yon
Date of Death:
February 16, 2026
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Daniel R.

Yon of Belchertown, MA
a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Daniel R. Yon of Belchertown, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure 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.
09/24/2026

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