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## **A Wet Weekend at Newport Speedway**

*Alex Yontz earns top-15 finish*

**Lexington, NC** — After rain interfered with the last UARA-STARS race in Kingsport, TN the series hoped for a break at Newport Speedway this weekend. Unfortunately, Mother Nature did not cooperate.

The weekend started on Friday with two practice sessions from noon until 6 PM. Alex Yontz of the #77 C&J Energy Services car was in the top-5 in first practice and in the top-10 during the second practice. The race was set for Saturday evening at 8 PM, but UARA officials made the call early Saturday to postpone the event until Sunday due to the 100 percent rain forecast.

The track opened at noon on Sunday and the schedule for the day was tight. Drivers were only given one practice in addition to two qualifying laps. Yontz earned a 13<sup>th</sup> place starting position for the event.

At 3 PM, the green flag waved and the 150-lap event began with Scott Turlington leading the first two laps before turning it over to Garrett Campbell, the eventual race winner.

There were seven cautions during the race, mostly due to the drivers making contact with one another. Yontz fell victim to a flat tire when Brandon Knupp in the 15-car made contact with him damaging a valve stem. The team made their best effort to get Yontz back on the track after pitting under a green flag. He was able to make into the top-15 before the checkered flag.



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Yontz won the race at Newport Speedway last year and hoped for a repeat ending to Sunday's race. The team will return to the shop to prepare for the next UARA event at Rockingham Speedway on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

“Today was a long day, there were several cautions for cars making contact with one another. Unfortunately, we had to deal with a flat tire under green flag racing. Yontz and the team did a good job today. We’ll be ready for Rockingham next month,” said Ed Berrier, crew chief for the #77 team.

**Race Results - Newport Speedway**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Car #</b>	<b>Driver</b>
1	72	Garrett Campbell
2	7	Brennan Poole
3	54	Kaleb Pressley
4	04	Ronnie Bassett, Jr.
5	48	Scott Turlington
6	31	Kyle Grissom
7	18	David Roberts
8	19	Chad Finchum
9	21	Wayne Webb
10	3	Adam Long
11	2	Dennis Queen
12	15	Brandon Knupp
13	5	Austin Leitner
14	80	Blake Jones
15	77	Alex Yontz
16	1	Julia Dawson
17	01	Andy Mercer
18	9	George Miedeke
19	82	James Holton
20	92	Candace Muzny
21	8	Ed Surret
22	26	Joey Herques
23	22	Tim Tipton

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