The Racing Reporter

Ricky Craven battles Dale Jarrett for Martinsville win By Gerald Hodges The Racing Reporter Ricky Craven battled Dale Jarrett in a door-to-door shootout on the fi-nal lap to score his first career Win-ston Cup victory in the Old Domin-ion 500 at Martinsville Speedway. It was the Newburgh, Maine native's first win in 175 Winston Cup starts.

had the least on a reason.

Craven pulled his No. 32 Tide Figld to a four car-length lead as Dale Jarrett and Ward Burton battled for second on the restart. Cravers second on the restart. Cravers loop, but Jarrett pulled away from Burton and began to close in.

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"There are so many people that I need to thank, but I am grateful to Cal Wells and all our sponsors who have helped and encouraged this

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After the race, Ward Burton, the third-place winners said.

"Called a Winston Cup car owner over the winter and told him if he wanted to win a race this year to hire kiely Craven. It wasn't the Cowner) he wen for today, but nonetheless. I expend the was goma start a Busch item awhile back and have him in the car. I'm so happy for him because he's such a gappy for him because he's such a bappy for him he car. I'm so honny Benson, "Mark Martin, 8. Mike Wallace, 9. Jeff Gordon, 10. Dale Jarrett, 3. Ward Burton, 4. Bobby Labonte, 5. Jeff Burton, 6. Johnny Benson, "Mark Martin, 8. Mike Wallace, 9. Jeff Gordon, 10. Sterling Martin, 11. Ken Schnder, 12. Todd Bodine, 13. Bobby Hamilton, 14. Jimmy Spence, 12. Kevin LePage, 22. Kevin Harvick, 23. Johe Nemache, 24. Jerny Nadeau, 25. Casey Arte, 27. Dale Learnhard Ir., 28. Hermie Sadler, 29. Dave Blaney, 30. Buckshot Jones, 31. Rich Bickle, 22. Dave Marcia, 31. John Andretti, 34. Terry Labonte, 53. Kewart, 42. Bill Elliott, 43. Robby Gordon, 39. Ricky Rodd, 40. Brett Bodine, 41. Tony Stewart, 42. Bill Elliott, 43. Robby Gordon, 39. Ricky Rodd, 40. Brett Bodine, 41. Tony Stewart, 42. Bill Elliott, 43. Robby Gordon, 39. Ricky Rodd, 40. Brett Bodine, 41. Tony Stewart, 42. Bill Elliott, 43. Robby Gordon, 39. Ricky Rodd, 40. Brett Bodine, 41. Tony Stewart, 42. Bill Elliott, 43. Robby Gordon, 39. Ricky Rodd, 40. Brett Bodine, 41. Tony Stewart, 42. Bill Elliott, 43. Robby Gordon, 39. Ricky Rodd, 40. Brett Bodine, 41. Tony Stewart, 42. Bill Elliott, 43. Robby Gordon, 39. Ricky Rodd, 40. Brett Bodine, 41. Tony Stewart, 42. Bill Elliott, 43. Robby Gordon, 39. Robert Pressign.

Randy LaJoie gets Memphis Busch race

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The results of the Busch Series
Sam's Town 250, run Sunday, Oct.
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2. Jeff Green, 3. Kevin Harvick, 4.
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Fedewa, 7. Jason Keller, 8. Scott
Wimmer, 9. Ashton Lewis, 10, Mike
McLaughlin, 11. Jamie McMurray,
12. Clay Rogers, 13. Johnny Sauter,
14. Jimmie Johnson, 15. Bobby
Hamilton Jr., 16. Chad Little, 17.
Larry Foyt, 18. Randy Tolsma, 19.

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nton Barrett, 39. Drew White, 40. ke-Harmon, 41. Andy Kirby, 42. adman Marlin, 43. Brad Teague

Stewarts feet is usually sticking in his mouth.

In an effort to avoid talking with he media, Stewart waited until the last minute to leave his hauler for Old Dominion qualifying on Friday. As television crews waited by his No. 20 Höhne Depot Pontiac for a live interview, Stewart brushed by them and crawled into the driver's seat without acknowledging them.

After qualifying, Stewart told Mike Mulhem of the Winston Salem Journal, and other reporters, that

Arter quantysing, stewart total Mike Mulner of the Winston Salem Journal, and other reporters, that "MASCAR is the the Malkar." "MASCAR is the the Malkar of the Winston of and competes in those events as many times as his Winston Cup schedule

allows.

"NASCAR's role is very much like the government's role," said Bill France, hr. "By and large no one likes the government. But, somebody has to do what we do.

"If you're speeding down the highway late at night with no one around and an officer teickets you, you think the officer is picking on you. When we ticket not our competitors, they think we're picking on them. But, let someone else do something wrong, and then what we do is the right thing."

Mark Martin doesn't

know what's wrong
Mark Martin, who has been having a terrible year, says he doesn't
know the answer to his team's prob-

lems.
"There are things out there that you can say and report that are not on the positive side, but it doesn't have anything to do with the team, sponsors, relationships, commitment, or anything like that," said Martin.

"Volleyball" (Cont. from A8)

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were down 1412 when Courtrey Parsons scored four straight service winners, the last an ace, to give her [cam]
the 16-14 win and the match.
Anderkin also served four winners in
the game. Hayes and Bismarck got
three each and Mallinsswo.

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defects.
Jeff Burton is not leaving. Matt
Kenseth is not leaving. A lot of things
have been said have been based on
us not being able to give answers, but
they're not always there. Had we all
been winning races, we wouldn't be
answering these kind of questions.
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of a head and neck restraint would have saved the life of Blaise

have awed, the life of Blaise Alexander, Adam Petty, Kemp Union, Tony Roper, or Dale Earnhardt, but wouldn't it have been worth it fone of those lives could have been sweed? Some sources say, NASCAR refuses, to order changes or the use of a specific safety device because of law-suits. If a driver was seriously injured or died while wearing one, of the devices, and it was proven that it did not work as required, both the manufacturer and NASCAR would be held liable.

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Drivers are like most of us, are creatures of habit, and not all of them do not cotton to the idea of wearing any type mandated safety device. And based on their lack of enthusin is one reason NASCAR is not

asm; is one reason NASCAR is not in a hurry to act.

No matter what NASCAR does next season, this has been a heart-breaking time. With five deaths in the past one and a half years, both driv-

ers and fans need a rest. Racing may never be the same, but hopefully all us can be revived and enjoy the sport,

us can be revived and enjoy the sport, again.
Weekend Racing: The NASCAR Winston Cup Series will be doing some fast racing on the high banks of Talladega Superspeedway. The Busch and Craftsman Trucks have the week off.
Sunday, Oct. 21; Winston Cup EA, Sports 500, events 31 of 36 events; Starting time: 12 noon (EST); TV. MBC; Distance: 188 laps/300 miles; Defending champion: Dale Earnhardt Sr.
Talladega track information: Size: 266 miles; Banking in turns: 33 de-

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Answer To Last Week's Question:
Jason Keller drives the No. 57 ppc
Ford in the NASCAR Busch Series.
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McClure and Bussell capture horseshoe title

Mt. Vernon residents, Barry McClure and Tommy Bussell, re-cently won their respective classes after 14 weeks of competition in the Madison County Horseshoe Pitching League held in Richmond this summer. According to League Director Jim Scott, Bussell was the overall winner of League play and the top pitcher in "B" Class, while McClure was the winner of the "A" Class pitch-

In addition to the league play, Bussell took first place in his class at the Kentucky State Tournament held September 1st in Elizabethtown. McClure placed second in his class in

McCurre practices
the state tournament.
Scott would like to inform anyone
interested in pitching in a fall league
in Richmond at Lake Reba Park
should show up at the horseshoe
courts located behind the soccer fields

Operation Enduring Freedom

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well those who harbor them. I want to express my strong support for President Bush in this endeavor. He has shown great leadership in the campaign against Gerorista, and I am proud to have him as Commander in Chief of our military.

Those individuals responsible for the homfic attacks of September 11th must be brought to justice. Terrorism cannot and will not be tolerated. The Taliban regime was given a choice - to side with guistice or to side with the terrorism. They chope to side with the terrorists and now house fixed with the terrorists and now house fixed with the terrorists and now house face the consequences.

Congress remains united in its efforts to combat terrorism. Last week, the Senate passed the 2002 Defrants Authorization Bill, which includes vital counterterrorism funding, a military pay raise and improved housing for our troops, and resources to continue to develop and deploy a missile defense initiative. The bill has also been passed by the House of Representatives.

Now House and Senate leaders must meet in conference to work out, an agreement on the bill, so that it can be sent to the President for his signature. I hope that this can hap-

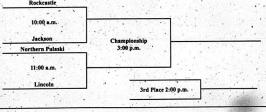
can be sent to the President for his signature. I hope that this can hap-pen very soon. It is extremely im-portant, now more than ever, that our military be provided with every re-source and every weapon necessary

source and every weapon necessary to do their job.

Like the President has said, this is going to be a different kind of war. The campaign against terrorism is going to be a long, trying struggle and the American people could be called upon for many sacrifices along the way, but we must remain calm and resolute.

Our war on terrorism proceeds on many fronts — abroad and here at home. On all these fronts, our efforts will be aggressive, sustained, and relentless. Our enemies will see

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