

Matt Hirschman nabs in win Thompson 150

THOMPSON, CT – Defending NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Austin Beers earned the pole position last Wednesday night with the 19.154-second fast lap and quickly ran with the lead at the start of the Thompson 150. Matt Hirschman followed on the tail of Beers throughout the opening circuits while mechanical trouble took fan-favorite Jon McKennedy out of action early on.

Matt Hirschman made his way into the lead around a loose Austin Beers in turn two, slowly but surely extending that lead through the first third of the event. Andrew Krause met an early end on lap 60 as he slammed the turn one wall to call out the first caution. All but three lapped cars took the chance to jump to pit road with Hirschman winning the race to the backstretch while Eric Goodale and Matt Swanson nearly collided for the runner-up spot.

After hanging around sixth, Patrick Emerling entered the top-five picture to chase down Mike Christopher Jr., Beers and Hirschman. It was all for not as Matt Hirschman ran away in the 80+ green flag run to the checkered flags to take his first career Thompson Speedway NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour win over Austin Beers and Patrick Emerling.

Chase Dowling kept it clean all race long to finish fourth with Matt Swanson climbing back from a pit-road gamble to finish fifth.

The Crown Vics kicked off Wednesday’s racing action with their feature event. Ethan Williams looked strong enough to take his first win of the season but it was July’s winner Jack Emerson who took over at the halfway point. Emerson ran away with it to take win number two with Williams relegated to second over John Dulac.

The SK Light Modifieds got things started with a bang as Dennis Sneade and Milania Shilosky made contact coming off turn four, plowing up the infield grass and pit wall before coming to a halt on lap 4. Back under green, Austin Goff got the jump on Corey Caddick and began to run from RJ Marcotte. Marcotte made contact with Goff, spinning the 07 into the turn one wall to call up the lap 17 caution. With Marcotte sent to the rear, Caddick and point leader Kevin Davis went to war at the front for the final three circuits with Davis getting the win over Caddick with John O’Sullivan taking third.

It was a battle for the ages between top Late Model aces Jake Johnson and Matt Lowinski-Loh throughout their 25 lap feature. The two top guns

ran side-by-side, slamming doors on one another, beating and banging around the Thompson highbanks for twenty-three laps until Jared Roy’s spin in turn four. The green-white-checkers sealed the fate for Johnson, who slid sideways on the final lap to give Matt Lowinski-Loh the Wednesday night victory.

Following NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour time trial qualifying, Derek Ramstrom took the lead early in the Thompson Sunoco Modified feature with Bryan Narducci and Todd Owen in hot pursuit. Point leader Keith Rocco made his way into third and then second as Ramstrom fell back behind Narducci. Bryan Narducci never faltered in the caution-free feature to take his first win of the season over Rocco and Owen at the line.

Rookie Charles Beal lost the pole position on the initial green, falling back through the top five leaving Ryan Lineham and Al Stone III out front. Jarrod Soucy motored his way underneath Stone by the halfway point as former track champion Ryan Waterman and former Thunder Road Speedbowl champ Jason Woodard battled for fourth. In the end, no-one had any steam for Lineham who took the night-ending win over Soucy and Stone.



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Brodie Craven makes a throw.

Adam Smola swings off a tee.

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clinic. I really don’t want them standing around doing nothing.”

Brisson was aided at the clinic by his wife, Kasey.

“My wife is the backbone of the organization,” Brisson said. “She keeps

everything in order. I appreciate all the support from many different people that I’ve received running this camp.”

Brisson and his staff is already looking forward to holding the baseball clinic at Spec Pond again next summer.

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But the middle of the summer presented new challenges.

As is common throughout the NECBL season, the roster shifted constantly as players departed and newcomers arrived. Valley reached the 20-win mark, a milestone Raiola said should not be overlooked.

finish by sweeping a must-win doubleheader on the final day of the regular season to secure the seventh seed in the NECBL playoffs.

Along the way, Valley reached the 20-win mark, a milestone Raiola said should not be overlooked.

“Twenty wins is an accomplishment,” Raiola said. “It is tough to win 20 games in this league.”

The late-season push reflected the resilience the Blue Sox built over the course of the summer.

“Look at what happened [and] where we were in the middle of the year, and then [look at] how we ended it,” Raiola said. “Do you quit when times get tough, or do you stick it out and keep working?”

The postseason, however, presented another challenge.

With four games in three days just to reach the

playoffs, Valley entered its opening-round series against Sanford with a taxed pitching staff and an everyday lineup that had shouldered a heavy workload during the season’s final stretch. The Mainers capitalized, winning Games 1 and 2 to end the Blue Sox’s season.

“We just ran out of gas before we got to the finish line,” Raiola said.

Still, the finish did little to diminish what the group accomplished.

“We don’t always want to have to win 10 out of the last 13 to get in. We’d like to take care of business a little bit before that, but that’s the way it went this year,” Raiola said. “Credit to [the players] who had to go out there and show up every single day, tired, same lineup and grinding their way through it ... Overall, [We want them to] be better at the end than when they started.”

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City of Holyoke Notice of Public Hearing

The Ordinance Committee of the Holyoke City Council and the Planning Board will hold separate public hearings to hear a zone change application from IG (general industry) to DR (downtown residential) of Ryan Ripa at 12 Crescent Street (030-02-001) to expand residential and community-serving use by providing a zone consistent with the surrounding mix of industrial, residential, and commercial development. Planning Board public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. remotely via zoom.us with Meeting ID 827 4898 0463 or by call in at 1-646-558-8656 using same meeting ID. Ordinance Committee public hearing will be held on **Thursday, September 17th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.** at Holyoke City Hall 536 Dwight St and can be accessed remotely via zoom.us Meeting ID 825 0684 5908

Meeting Passcode 098318 or by call in at 1-646-558-8656 with same Meeting ID and Passcode. For a copy of the application or to provide comments to the Planning Board, please contact Brianna Tejada at tejadab@holyoke.org. For the Ordinance Committee, please contact City Council Admin Asst Jeffery Anderson-Burgos at Anderson-Burgos J@holyoke.org or by phone 413-322-5525.

Planning Board Chair,
Lauren Niles
Ordinance Chair,
Meg Magrath-Smith
08/21, 08/28/2026

**City of Holyoke
Notice of Public Hearing**
The Ordinance Committee of the Holyoke City Council and the Planning Board will hold separate public hearings to hear a zone change application from BL (limited business) to BH (highway business) of John

Borowski at 120 Pine & 0 Pine Street (006-09-018) to provide zoning that is more advantageous for selling the property. Planning Board public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.** remotely via zoom.us with Meeting ID 827 4898 0463 or by call in at 1-646-558-8656 using same meeting ID. Ordinance Committee public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 29th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at Holyoke City Hall 536 Dwight St and can be accessed remotely via zoom.us Meeting ID 834 4684 8765 Meeting Passcode 126459 or by call in at 1-646-558-8656 with same Meeting ID and Passcode. For a copy of the application or to provide comments to the Planning Board, please contact Brianna Tejada at tejadab@holyoke.org. For the Ordinance Committee, please contact City Council Admin Asst Jeffery Anderson-Burgos at Anderson-Burgos J@holyoke.org or by phone 413-322-5525.

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The Holyoke Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.** via Zoom.com; ID: 827 3536 5267; CALL IN 1 646 558 8656 to hear, pursuant to the Holyoke Zoning Ordinance, a Special Permit for a Parking Reduction (Sec 6.1.7) submitted by IHI Wave, LLC (2026-15) located at 956 Dwight Street (075-04-016).

For a complete copy of the application and site plan, contact the Planning Department at (413) 322-5575.

APPLICANT: IHI Wave LLC
PLANNING BOARD:
Lauren Niles, Chairperson
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No.
HD19P2090GD
In the interests of:
David Ferriter**

Of: West Spnngfield, MA RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/ Protected Person CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Baystate Medical Center of Springfield, MA** in the above captioned matter requesting that the court:

Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 18, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate

08/21/2026

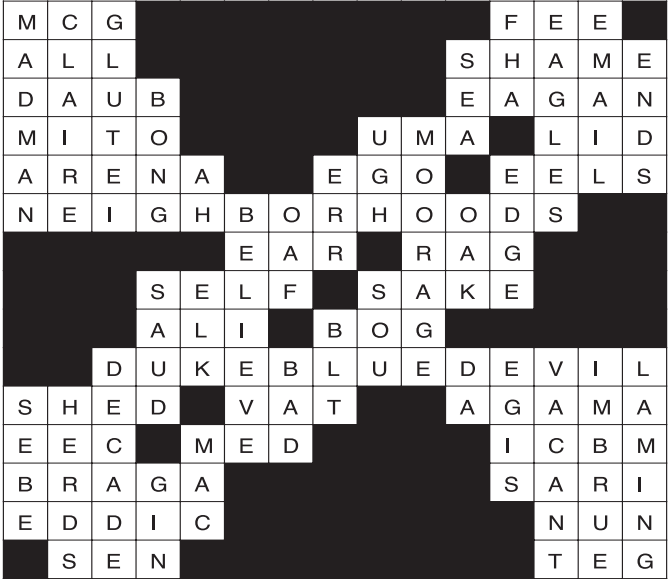
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