

Racing heats up Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT – With Stafford Motor Speedway approaching its final races of the 2026 season, drivers are quickly running out of time to either establish themselves as a championship contender, or make a move up in the standings before the season ends. Here is a division by division breakdown of how each of Stafford’s five weekly divisions has played out thus far in 2026:

SK Modified® Division
Stafford’s premier weekly division sees Keith Rocco on track to claim a fifth career track championship. A fifth SK track title would tie Rocco with Bob Potter for the second most in Stafford history, trailing only the late great Ted Christopher with 9 SK titles.
Todd Owen kicked off the 2026 season with what was his first SK Modified® feature win since Sept. 2024. Owen, defending SK track champion Jon Puleo, and Tyler Chapman all took turns holding the SK point lead in the early stages of the sea-

son, but Rocco’s consistency sees him currently holding a 66-point advantage over Puleo with Marcello Rufrano and Owen tied for third, 86 points behind. Rocco took the point lead for the first time following the July 10 feature event and he has not relinquished the lead since. Rocco heads into the Sept. 4 Paradiso Insurance LM 50 program riding a streak of 10 consecutive top-8 finishes, but all it would take is one bad night for Rocco for his comfortable 66 point margin to disappear.

Late Model Division
Stafford’s Late Model division is the tightest championship fight going at Stafford with the top-8 drivers spread less than 50 points, or one race win, apart. Five different drivers have each held the Late Model point lead at some point during the 2026 season. Chris Buffone opened the season with a victory in the NAPA Spring Sizzler and after losing the point lead to Kevin Gambacorta and then Chris Meyer, Buffone was

back on top before Adam Gray took over the lead following the June 12 feature event. Gambacorta would swap the lead with both Gray and Meyer once more before Gray went back into the lead following the July 10 feature event and he has held the lead ever since. Much like Keith Rocco in Stafford’s SK Modified® division, Gray is racing for what would be a fifth career Late Model track title at Stafford. Meyer goes into the final 4 races trailing Gray by 10 points, Gambacorta is third 24 points behind, Wayne Coury, Jr. is fourth, 34 points behind, Michael Bennett is fifth, 40 points behind, Darrell Keane and Buffone are tied for sixth 42 points behind and defending track champion Paul Varricchio, Jr. is eighth, 46 points behind.

SK Light Division
Stafford’s SK Light division has seen its 2026 season evolve into a story of two dominant seasons. Chris Matthews opened the season with a victory in the NAPA Spring Sizzler and

looked like he would have things on cruise control as he posted podium finishes in the first 7 races with 1 win, 5 second place, and 1 third place finish among those 7 races. Although Matthews has added 3 more wins to his season total since that streak, he has also finished outside the top-15 five times since then and he has fallen to 4th in the standings, 66 points behind Nick Anglace.

Anglace has been the other hot SK Light driver during the 2026 season, racking up 7 wins over the first 17 races. Anglace’s win total trails only Ryan Waterman, who has 10 wins in the Street Stock division, for the most feature wins at Stafford this season. Former SK Light champion Tyler Barry has quietly kept himself in contention for a second track title, holding the point lead himself for several weeks before Anglace took over the top spot in the standings. Barry has yet to win a race in 2026, but he is the co-division leader with 11 top-5 and 14 top-10

finishes this season. Barry goes into the Sept. 4 race 20 points behind Anglace with Daltin McCarthy, who scored his first career SK Light victory earlier this season, sitting third, 42 points behind.

Limited Late Model Division
Jason Lafayette opened the Limited Late Model season with victory in the NAPA Spring Sizzler, which vaulted him into the early season point lead. Lafayette would hold the point lead until the middle of June when Jeremy Lavoie took over the top spot. Lavoie and Lafayette traded the point lead several times with former track champion Rich Hammann also taking the lead for a week before Lavoie went back to the front, where he remains going into the Sept. 4 feature event. Lavoie is seeking what would be his fourth career track championship in the Limited Late Model division and he leads Norm Root, III, who is still looking for his first win of the 2026 season, by 10 points.

Lafayette and Hamman are currently tied for third in the standings, 28 points behind Lavoie.

Street Stock Division
The Street Stock division has been a one-man wrecking crew in 2026 as Ryan Waterman has absolutely dominated the competition. Waterman has amassed 10 wins over the first 16 races this season to see himself 48 points clear of Brent Gleason in second place. Waterman has been so dominant this season that he has finished 15 of the 16 races this season in the top-4 with the lone blemish on his record a 17th place finish in the July 31 feature event. Gleason has yet to win this season but he is the only driver to have recorded a top-10 finish in each of the first 16 races. Jason Raymond is currently third in the standings with 3 victories and he is 58 points behind Waterman. The only other driver within 100 points of Waterman is PJ Evans who is fourth in the standings, 96 points behind.

Thunderbirds announces series of promotional themes

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds are excited to unveil a stacked promotional and theme schedule for the 2026-27 AHL season, marking the 100th anniversary of professional hockey in the City of Firsts. This year’s promo calendar blends fan-favorite traditions with new giveaways and never-before-seen surprises sure to delight T-Birds fans of all ages.

“As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of professional hockey here in Springfield, we take immense pride in knowing this game has been a staple of our community for a century—and in the atmosphere we’ve cultivated for fans of

all ages,” said Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa. “Our mission has always been to create traditions and marquee nights that people look forward to year after year—blending pop culture, meaningful community initiatives, and inventive, spirited experiences that make every game memorable. Thanks to our incredible fans, the Thunderdome has grown into one of the most electric environments in the league, and that passion and deep connection to our fanbase continues to fuel everything we do.”

Once again this season, fans should note that all Saturday home games will kick off with 6:05 p.m. puck drops, along with one

Wednesday night matchup on March 10. Paid parking will continue to be available throughout the season at the nearby Convention Center CarPark, and The Landing—the outdoor plaza next to the CarPark—will be open and activated for select nights during the season. Fans seeking free parking can still take advantage of the MGM Springfield garage.

The puck drops on Saturday, Oct. 10, with Opening Night presented by MGM Springfield as the T-Birds welcome the Laval Rocket to town as head coach Steve Ott and captain Chris Wagner leads their squad into an exciting new season. Ahead of puck

drop, fans can stop by The Landing for the Community Bank N.A. season-opening Block Party, presented with support from the Springfield BID, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., featuring live music by Fever, food & drink, and plenty of energy to launch another unforgettable season. The T-Birds are poised to celebrate an 11th consecutive Opening Night sellout inside the Thunderdome.

In addition to the appearances and themes below, fans can expect to see specialty jerseys corresponding to the following themes: Teddy Bear Toss, Heritage Night, Ice-O-Topes Night, Pink in the Rink, and St. Patrick’s Day.

Railers announce matchup

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers Hockey Club (@RailersHC), proud ECHL (@ECHL) affiliate of the St. Louis Blues (@StLouisBlues), announced a home preseason game, presented by Bando Performance, to be played on October 10th at the Fidelity Bank Worcester Ice Center. at 7:05 p.m.

New this season, this year’s preseason game in Worcester on Oct. 10 will be a ticketed event. All proceeds from the game will be donated towards the Captain’s Fund, which provides financial assistance and support for youth hockey families. Fans can purchase \$5 tickets for the opener.

Promotional Schedule
The Worcester Railers have announced the themes for all 36 home games for the 2026-27 season. This season’s promotional schedule includes 13 different giveaway nights, eight nights with specialty jerseys, and nine nights where the Railers will be donning their brand new Heart of the Commonwealth Jerseys. Fans can click here to view the full 2026-27 Worcester Railers Promotional Schedule.

The Worcester Railers HC 2026-27 Opening Weekend at the DCU Center is Sat., Oct. 17th and Sun. Oct. 18 vs. the Maine Mariners and Trois-Rivières Lions. The 508 Club is now on sale for the 2026-27 season.

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. HD25P0999EA
Estate of:
Lawrence Emil Jodoin
Also known as:
Larence E Jodoin
Date of Death: 11/17/2024
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**
To all interested persons:
A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **John J Ferriter of Holyoke, 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 **John J Ferriter of Holyoke, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Corporate 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 09/29/2026. 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 01, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate
09/11/2026

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No. HD26P1886EA
Estate of: Wayne P Kroll
Date of Death:
July 24, 2026
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Jessica L Provost of Chicopee, MA**
Jessica L Provost of Chicopee, 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 by 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.
09/11/2026

**City of Holyoke
Office of Purchasing
536 Dwight Street, Room 3
Holyoke, MA 01040
INVITATION TO BID
IMPROVEMENTS AT
SCOTT TOWER
Bid #2027-4P**

The City of Holyoke invites sealed bids for IMPROVEMENTS AT SCOTT TOWER, Bid#2027-4P, Holyoke, MA in accordance with documents prepared by GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.

The work under this contract shall include the redevelopment of the landscape at the base of Scott Tower. Site work shall include demolition, cast-in-place cement concrete stairs and ramps; repairs to existing concrete slab; stone masonry, re-pointing of existing stone masonry; integral colored and stamped concrete pavement; bituminous concrete pavement; furnishment and installation of hand railings and guard rails; landscaping; removal and replacement of spiral staircase; graffiti removal and anti-graffiti coating application; and all ancillary work as depicted in the drawings and specifications.

Beginning at 10:00 AM on September 9, 2026, all Project documents will be distributed by the City of Holyoke in electronic format only. Submit requests for documents to Jaime Morrow,

Chief Procurement Officer, at morrowj@holyoke.org between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM. Requests shall include firm name and address, contact name and title, email address, and telephone number. This project may be funded in whole or part with federal funds. Bidding procedures shall be in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 149, §§44A through 44J, as amended.
A non-mandatory Pre-Bid briefing will begin on September 16, 2026 at 10:00 AM beginning in the parking lot at Community Field near the playground. From there, bidders may drive up the Scott Tower access road to Scott Tower.

Attention is called to the minimum wage rates required to be paid for all labor on this project. Wage rates are established in schedules issued by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 149, §§26 through 27H., as amended, and the U.S. Department of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts. Said schedule(s) are included in the bid package and the contractor will be responsible for paying the higher of the two rates. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before Bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed Work under this Contract.

Materials, equipment and supplies to be used on this project are exempt from sales tax to the extent provided by M.G.L. Chapter 64H, Section 6 (f). All Filed-Sub-Bid questions or requests for information shall be submitted in writing via email to morrowj@holyoke.org by September 23, 2026 at 4:00 PM. The answers will be issued via addenda to all bid holders no later than September 28, 2026.

Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received

until October 1, 2026 at 2:00 PM. Filed subbidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder’s Update Statement. Trades: MA-SONRY MISCELLANEOUS AND ORNAMENTAL IRON.
All General Bid questions or requests for information shall be submitted in writing via email to morrowj@holyoke.org by October 6, 2026 at 4:00 PM. The answers will be issued via addenda to all bid holders no later than October 9, 2026. General Bids will be received until October 15, 2026 at 2:00 PM. The work is estimated to cost \$673,975.00.

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the category of work “GENERAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION” and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update Statement. Only eligible and responsible sealed bids on this project shall be received by the Awarding Authority from qualified Bidders submitted on forms furnished by the Awarding Authority and clearly identified on the outside of the bid with the name and address of the bidder, and the name and Bid Number of the project, and submitted to:

City of Holyoke
Purchasing Department
City Hall, Room 3
536 Dwight Street
Holyoke, MA 01040

And received no later than the times set forth below, when they will forthwith be publicly opened and read aloud at this location. General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid amount, in the form of a Bid Bond; cash; or a certified check; or a treasurer’s check; or by cashier’s check

issued by a responsible bank or trust company, made payable to the City of Holyoke.

If you are submitting a bid with a mail service we advise allowing extra time for your documents to arrive and for you to check tracking labels (if applicable). Bids will not be accepted via email and late bids will not be accepted. Bids delivered in person may be delivered on the applicable Filed Sub-Bid or General Bid due date between 10:30 AM and 2:00 PM and must be received before the applicable deadline. Do not place Bid packages in any exterior drop box.

The successful General Bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price, from a surety company authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and satisfactory to the Awarding Authority. The Awarding Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and/or waive any informality, if it is deemed to be in the public interest so to do.

09/11/2026

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.