

# Rookie gets win in 'Thursday Night Thunder'

THOMPSON, CT – Excitement returned to the high banks of Thompson Speedway for the second of three rounds of Thursday Night Thunder on June 27 in the quiet corner of Connecticut. In their first 50-lap, \$3,000-to-win showdown of the season, Danny Cates quickly took off to lead the start of the Thompson Sunoco Modified feature. Both the competition, and the patience, was fierce with the field running nose-to-tail, biding their time for the right space to make a move.

Two-time winner Jon Puleo was the first, launching around Cates in turn three and powering through turn four to steal the early lead. Keith Rocco began stalking Puleo, making his move to lead lap 8 but Puleo held strong, jumping under the multi-time Thompson champ

to take back the lead with the crossover. The battle continued until mechanical issues forced Puleo out of the race, giving Rocco the lead all the way to the checkered flags. Rocco's machine would be disqualified in post-race technical inspection giving rookie Isaiah Newcomb his first Thompson Sunoco Modified win followed by Cates and Josh Carey in the top-three.

The Late Model division went green to checkered with Kulwicki Driver Development Program (KDDP) finalist Derek Gluchacki leading all 25 laps ahead of the pack. Ryan Morgan continued his consistent and competitive season to finish second with fellow former Thompson champion Brian Tagg taking third. Windham, Maine's Cole Robie and Riverside, Rhode Island's Connor Souza

joined in to round out the top-five.

Sixteen strong, the Street Stocks began the evening's racing action, running clean and green until the halfway point of their 20-lap main event when Scott Sundeen and Austin Flanagan made contact in turn two with both cars being towed off for the night. One final late caution for a spinning 'Leadfoot' Larry Barnett couldn't slow the dogfight between Ryan Waterman and Corey Fanning in the final circuits. Post-race technical inspection removed Waterman, Fanning and Aaron Plemons from their top-five finishes giving Jason Chicolas the win with Brent Gleason and Tyler Cinamella rounding out the top-three.

After the AZ Roofing SK Light Modifieds were plagued by cautions early in their feature event, young point

leader Tyler Chapman worked through the field to lead the final 21 circuits with Nick Hovey and Meghan Fuller rounding out the podium. Similarly, the Mini Stocks also had a rough start with defending champion Jared Roy quickly sifting things out to take the lead and the win with Ryan Pomposelli and Richard LaFlesh joining him in victory lane.

Thursday Night Thunder is back at Thompson Speedway for the third and final time in 2024 on Thursday, July 25 headlined by the \$3,000-to-win, Twisted Tea Midsummer 50 for the Thompson Sunoco Modifieds! Along with the Thompson Sunoco Modified 50-lapper, the Late Models, AZ Roofing SK Light Modifieds, Street Stocks and Mini Stocks are back in action on Thursday, July 25 with a 6:00pm Post Time!

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inning, after starting the first four giving up four runs off six hits, Will Newell and Chris Torres stepped in and led the Blue Sox charge. Newell pitched three and Torres the final two, they gave up a combined 0 hits and 0 runs with six strikeouts each. An unbelievable display of relief pitching from the Blue Sox, when their strength was needed most in a season defining game, it showed true.

This spark was all the offense needed as well, with Michael Toth leading the charge in the top of the seventh inning, the Blue Sox scored

four straight to tie the game. In the following inning, Chase Jans hit a double to bring Kyle Hennington home, giving the Blue Sox the lead they finished with.

In a gritty win to say the least, it's one that will be looked highly upon as the season progresses. After crossing the halfway mark of the season, the Valley Blue Sox find themselves just a half game back now on the Bristol Blues for the West division crown. It will be interesting as the two teams still have 4 head-to-head matchups yet to come, but for now the Valley spirits must be high as ever, with hope pumped back into their season.

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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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APPLICANT: Michael Moriarty  
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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  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD24C0197CA  
In the matter of:  
Luis Israel Figueroa, Jr.  
CITATION ON PETITION

**TO CHANGE NAME**  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Luis Israel Figueroa, Jr. of Holyoke, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Luis Israel Reyes**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/26/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 28, 2024  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
07/12/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No. HD16P0227GD

In the interests of:  
**Carmen Pena**  
formerly of Holyoke, MA  
now of: **Chicopee, 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 **Dept of Developmental Services of Springfield, MA** in the above captioned matter requesting that the court:

Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: June 26, 2024

**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
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