



**Bobby Cottrell Leaves Tucson Dragway With
Good Vibrations Motorsports UNFC Championship Points Lead!**

United Nitro Funny Cars April 2018 Newsletter

Taking advantage of a near perfect race track and good weather conditions, Bobby Cottrell was able to completely dominate a strong field of nitro funny cars to win the opening event of the inaugural 2018 Good Vibrations Motorsports United Nitro Funny Cars Championship Series at Tucson Dragway over the April 13-14 weekend.

Behind the wheel of the sleek, green Bucky Austin-Mike O'Brien Bardahl-backed '69 Victory Camaro, Cottrell broke the Tucson Dragway track record with his Semi-Final run of 5.657 elapsed time then backing it up in the Finals with a 5.665 ET, defeating Canadian Tim Boychuk. The old record was 5.68 held by Mike McIntire Jr. - dating back to the IHRA Nitro Jams.



**Points standings after the Tucson
Event in the five-event Good
Vibrations UNFC series:**

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| 1. Bobby Cottrell | 98 |
| 2. Tim Boychuk | 77 |
| 3. Matt Bynum | 56 |
| 4. Jason Rupert | 55 |
| 5. Stephen Densham | 34 |
| 6. Mark Sanders | 33 |
| 7. Geoff Monise | 32 |
| 8. Bill Windham | 31 |
| 9. Wally Giavia | 10 |
| 10. Billy Morris | 10 |

In order, Cottrell defeated Bill Windham (5.720 to 7.038), Jason Rupert (5.657 to a tire shaking 20.422) before taking down Boychuk, who was forced to shut off early and ran only 8.352 in the final. Cottrell's 250.09 MPH also set Top Speed of the meet.

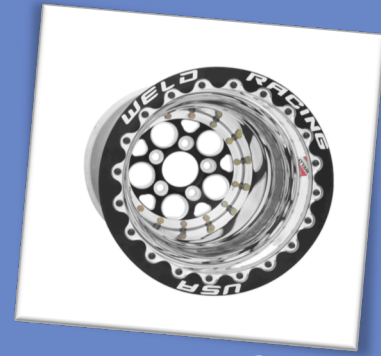
There was a lot of drama surrounding the final as Boychuk originally declared himself "out" after an explosion in his semifinal win over Matt Bynum (5.871 to 5.923) that tore the top of his funny car nearly in half. With the help of several other competitors, led by Mark Sanders and son Jake, Boychuk's Happy Hour machine was somehow put back together with rivets and 260 mile an hour tape. Tech inspector Ken Gentry was right on top of the whole project and made certain the car was safely able to compete.

Further, Gentry impounded the fuel pumps from both the Austin-O'Brien machine and Boychuk's car at the conclusion of the finale and sent both in for certification, something planned for all UNFC events.

Now the series moves to the Northwest beginning with a one-day Fourth of July Spectacular at Spokane County Raceway (Spokane, WA) followed two days later with a July 6-7 race at Pacific Raceway in Kent, WA.

For complete coverage of the Tucson race including Video of the finale, qualifying order, round sheet, etc. go to:

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WELD Wheels Sponsors The UNFC Perfect Light!

When the United Nitro Funny Car Championship races at Tucson Dragway on April 13-14 there's an added incentive for drivers to sharpen their starting line prowess.

WELD Wheels is proud to announce competition for the UNFC Perfect Light during United Nitro Funny Car Championship races. WELD Wheels will award a pair of Perfect 16 x 16 Beadlock Wheels to the first UNFC driver to leave the starting line with a perfect .000 reaction time.

If no UNFC driver leaves the starting line with a .000 reaction time during eliminations, the closest to a Perfect Light will be awarded two Perfect Wheels from WELD at completion of the 2018 United Nitro Funny Car Championship. To be eligible for the WELD Wheels Perfect Light prize, a driver must prominently display a WELD Wheels decal on the side of their nitro funny car in both qualifying and eliminations during United Nitro Funny Car Championship races.

With a .080 reaction time in the Semi-Final round of eliminations, Jason Rupert is the current front-runner for the UNFC Perfect Light award with four events left.

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