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## **Rob Blair makes history by winning UFO thriller!**

Indiana, PA - (April 27, 2008) Rob Blair from Centerville made history at the Challenger Raceway on Sunday night, by winning the inaugural event for the Unified Force Race Championship Tour presented by Comcast. Blair and Josh Richards were in an absolute war for the lead over the final seven of the "Area 51" lap event, but Blair led the last two thrilling laps on his way to a \$5,000 payday.

A field of 43 cars assembled for the history making event, in the new Super Late Model tour promoting cooperation between area racing facilities. Four heat races were run. After pulling the number 1 pill, Dave Hess, Jr. raced home the winner in Heat 1. In Heat 2, Josh Richards started 11<sup>th</sup> and raced home the winner, in a race that included a breathtaking move in passing several cars in turn two. Alan Dellinger took Heat 3 from starting position 4, as Lynn Geisler took Heat 4 in his spec-engine car from outside row 1.

With 16 drivers qualified for the feature race, two B-Mains were held. Davey Johnson and Bobby Stokes won those two events, and the 24 drivers in the feature race were set. The top 12 drivers from the heat races drew for their starting positions, with David Scott and Rob Blair getting the two front row positions.

The "Area 51-lap" main event for the Unified Force Race Championship Tour presented by Comcast was now set, and at the drop of the green flag it was Scott leading the first lap of UFO feature history over Blair, Wayne Chinn, Ron Davies, and John Mason. Seventh starting Dave Hess, Jr. passed Mason for fifth on lap 3, as the order would stay that way until the event's first yellow flag on lap 5 for Jacob Hawkins. With all UFO feature restarts being double file, the field stacked up to resume racing with Scott choosing the outside lane. Back to green, Scott was using the extreme outside groove of the Challenger surface, but Blair got a better run below him to pick up the lead on lap 6 over Scott, Davies, Hess, and Chinn. Hess moved in to challenge Scott for second by taking third a lap later, as Billy Drake took fifth from Chinn. Hess passed Scott for second on lap 10, with the next caution period coming at lap 11 as Michael Altobelli, Jr. rolled to a stop in turn one. Racing resumed for just another lap, as the event's third slowdown came at lap 12.

On the lap 12 restart, the battle was on for the lead. Hess pulled ahead of Blair to take the lead on lap 13 ahead of Scott, Chinn, and Drake as positions shuffled throughout the entire event. Ninth starting Josh Richards entered the top five on lap 14, as the yellow flag waved on lap 16 for fourth running Chinn slowing with a flat tire. After a quick visit to the pits, the western Ohio driver resumed at the tail of the field. Back to racing, Hess resumed in the top spot over Blair, Richards, Scott, and Alan Dellinger. Richards was also using the extreme outside lane, and he moved past Blair for second on lap 18 to set up a war for the lead with Hess. Blair and Scott were waging their own battle for third, with Scott taking the spot on lap 21. Richards finally nosed by Hess on lap 23, with Dellinger still fifth in the car normally driven by Mike Blose.

The race for the lead between Richards and Hess continued to thrill the crowd as the halfway mark passed. Blair regained third from Scott on lap 27 as their battle continued. A spin by Lynn Geisler on lap 31 brought out the fifth caution of the race, reshuffling the deck again. Back to racing, the complexion of the race would change again. Blair now reentered the picture as racing resumed. The next lap scored had Richards leading, but Blair took second from Hess, with Scott and Drake trailing. Blair was now all over Richards for the lead. Coming to lap 33, Blair made the pass of Richards to regain the lead. Richards and Hess once again resumed their battle for position, though this time it was for second. Drake took fourth from Scott at this point, as Alex Ferree passed Scott for fifth on lap 35. Blair was now pulling away in the lead, but what would be the final caution period of the race appeared at lap 44, setting the stage for an exciting finish.

Blair chose the inside lane for the restart, as Richards was still working the extreme outside lane. Back to green, the two drivers would exchange the lead several times each lap. Blair would nose ahead entering turn one, but Richards high lane would give him a great run off of turn two. Both would get through turns three and four competitively, with Richards leading at the line. Blair worked the low/middle lane, with Richards high, and their side-by-side war for the lead saw the lead change hands at every turn. Separated by inches at the scoring line, it was still Richards ahead as the two to go sign was

given. With the white flag waving, Blair got a better run and he would be scored the leader as the final lap began. With Blair ahead down the backstretch, Richards again pounded the high side through the final turns. At the checkered flag, it was Blair winning the race to the flag over Richards, ending their classic battle. Hess raced home third, with Scott fourth. Drake came home fifth. Filling the top ten were Ferree, Dellinger, Davies, Chinn, and Steve Francis.

UFo Contingency Connection winners of this event included Bob Close, the Pass-Maximum Award winner who advanced the most positions in the feature. He advanced 13 positions in the main event, starting 24<sup>th</sup> and finishing 11<sup>th</sup>. Mike Johnson and Jared Miley were the highest finishers from the consolation races that didn't qualify for the feature, and also earned awards. Each winner will receive product certificate awards depending on the number of products for which a driver is registered and eligible out of the 75+ product sponsors. A driver eligible for 20 products will receive \$500 in awards.

The next event in the UFO Race Championship Tour presented by Comcast will be on Sunday, May 18 at Pittsburgh's Pennsylvania Motor Speedway in Imperial, PA. The Pizza Hut F-2 Shockwave event will feature Twin 30 lap feature races. This event will be taped by Comcast, and will be shown at a later date. For the most complete source of information on the Ufo Tour, please visit <http://www.uforacechampionship.com> . Information on PPMS is available at [www.ppms.com](http://www.ppms.com) . The week following, on Sunday, May 25, the UFO Series makes their first visit to Central PA Speedway in Clearfield, PA for the running of "The Grizzly." One week later, the UFO Series returns to Challenger on Sunday, June 1.

Sponsors for the UFO Race Championship Tour include Townsend Gas & Oil, Hoosier Tire Mid-Atlantic, Lias Tire & American Racer, Simon Racing, Comcast, Bryan De-Signs & Decals and the Contingency Connection. Information on these sponsors may be found at <http://townsendgasoil.com> <http://comcast.com> <http://www.hoosiermidatlantic.com> <http://liastire.com> <http://bryandecals.com> and <http://contingencyconnection.com> .

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#### 2008 Unified Force Race Championship Tour presented by Comcast

- April 27 / Challenger Raceway / PA State Short Track Championships / 51 laps / \$5,000 – winner Rob Blair
- May 25 / Central PA Speedway / The Grizzly / 51 laps / \$5,000
- June 1\* / Pittsburgh's PA Motor Speedway / F-2 Shockwave / 2 x 30 laps / \$5,100 Total
- July 3 / Central PA Speedway / Yankee Doodle / 51 laps / \$7,000
- July 13 / Pittsburgh's PA Motor Speedway / Red Miley 53 / 53 laps / \$5,300
- Aug 3 / Tyler County / Earl Hill Championship / 51 laps / \$4,000
- Sep 6 / Roaring Knob Motorsports Complex / King of the Knob / 51 laps / \$5,500
- Sep 18-19-20 / Pittsburgh's PA Motor Speedway / Pittsburgher 100 / 100 laps \$12,000
- Oct 9 / Challenger Raceway / Mega-Blitz 2008 / 41 laps / \$3,000
- Oct 10-11\* / Challenger Raceway / The Ultimate / 91 laps / \$22,000

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#### **Unified Force Championship Tour presented by Comcast Super Late Model results for the Challenger Raceway for Sunday, April 27, 2008.**

Car count – 43.

- Lead Changes: 6
- Scott 1-5
- Blair 6-12
- Hess 13-22
- Richards 23-32
- Blair 33-44
- Richards 45-49
- Blair 50-51

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- 1, (2) W11, Rob Blair, Centerville
- 2, (9) 25, Josh Richards, Shinnston, WV
- 3, (7) 44, Dave Hess, Jr., Waterford
- 4, (1) 3, David Scott, Garland
- 5, (6) 9, Billy Drake, Bloomington, IL
- 6, (8) 4, Alex Ferree, Saxonburg
- 7, (11) 5, Alan Dellinger, Hermitage
- 8, (5) 71D, Ron Davies, Warren
- 9, (4) 1, Wayne Chinn, Bradford, OH
- 10, (19) 19, Steve Francis, Ashland, KY
- 11, (24) 04, Bob Close, Eldred
- 12, (21) 47, Matt Gaston, Rochester Mills
- 13, (23) 2S, Sam Stile, Charleroi
- 14, (3) 72, John Mason, Millersburg, OH
- 15, (10) 8H, Shawn McGarvey, Coalport
- 16, (13) 0D, Ron Delano Jr. , Stoystown
- 17, (15) 17, Keith Barbara, South Park
- 18, (20) 0, Steve Baker, Fairmont, WV
- 19, (14) 37, Jacob Hawkins, Fairmont, WV
- 20, (12) 1C, Lynn Geisler, Cranberry Twp.
- 21, (17) 1J, Davey Johnson, Latrobe
- 22, (16) 79A, Michael Altobelli, Jr., Saxton
- 23, (22) 9K, Mike Knight, Ripley, NY
- 24, (18) 27, Bobby Stokes, Milton

Heat 1 – 1, Dave Hess, Jr.; 2, Rob Blair; 3, David Scott; 4, Ron Delano Jr.; 5, Davey Johnson; 6, Matt Gaston; 7, Steve Francis; 8, Doug Eck; 9, Greg Oakes; 10, Clate Copeman; 11, Gary Lyle.

Heat 2 – 1, Josh Richards; 2, Ron Davies; 3, John Mason; 4, Jacob Hawkins; 5, Sam Stile; 6, Mike Johnson; 7, Dutch Davies; 8, Gregg Satterlee; 9, Matt Dobnak; 10, Herman Bertolini; 11, Darrin "D.J." Miller.

Heat 3 – 1, Alan Dellinger; 2, Billy Drake; 3, Alex Ferree; 4, Keith Barbara; 5, Steve Baker; 6, Rodney Sweitzer; 7, Jared Miley; 8, Tommy Shaffer; 9, Bob Close; 10, Matt Lux; 11, Chris Farrell.

Heat 4 – 1, Lynn Geisler; 2, Wayne Chinn; 3, Shawn McGarvey; 4, Michael Altobelli, Jr.; 5, Bobby Stokes; 6, Mel Minnick, Jr.; 7, Mike Knight; 8, Shane Beegle; 9, John Mollick; 10, Dave Satterlee.

B-Main 1 – 1, Davey Johnson; 2, Steve Francis; 3, Matt Gaston; 4, Sam Stile; 5, Mike Johnson; 6, Greg Oakes; 7, Gregg Satterlee; 8, Clate Copeman; 9, Doug Eck; 10, Darrin "D.J." Miller; 11, Herman Bertolini; 12, Matt Dobnak; 13, Dutch Davies; 14, Gary Lyle.

B-Main 2 – 1, Bobby Stokes; 2, Steve Baker; 3, Mike Knight; 4, Bob Close; 5, Jared Miley; 6, Shane Beegle; 7, Matt Lux; 8, Mel Minnick, Jr.; 9, Tommy Shaffer; 10, Rodney Sweitzer. Did not start, John Mollick; Dave Satterlee; Chris Farrell.

Did not qualify - H1, Jared Miley, South Park; SR1, Tommy Shaffer, Punxsutawney; 2J, Mike Johnson, Imperial; 03, Doug Eck, Corry; 4J, John Mollick, Toronto, OH; 7X, Herman Bertolini, Creighton; 15, Shane Beegle, Bedford; 21, Matt Lux, Franklin; 22, Gregg Satterlee, Rochester Mills; 22X, Greg Oakes, Franklinville, NY; 28C, Clate Copeman, Greensburg; 40, Dutch Davies, Warren; D42, Matt Dobnak, West Mifflin; 53, Chris Farrell, Clearfield; 67, Gary Lyle, Hyde Park; 75, Mel Minnick, Jr., Uniontown; 79, Dave Satterlee, Rochester Mills; 81M, Darrin "D.J." Miller, Hookstown; 84, Rodney Sweitzer, Stoystown.

Updated UFO Series point standings

- 1, 100, W11, Rob Blair, Centerville
- 2, 96, 25, Josh Richards, Shinnston, WV
- 3, 93, 44, Dave Hess, Jr., Waterford

4, 91, 3, David Scott, Garland  
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