

Brothers carve their way to the front of Hornets Division

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Two teenagers in a family with a long history in racing are carving their way to the front among the competitors in South Boston Speedway's Virginia State Police HEAT Hornets Division.

Brothers Kendall Milam and Landon Milam of Keeling, Virginia are early in their respective racing careers, with 18-year-old Kendall Milam, a Dan River High School graduate,

now in his third season and 17-year-old Landon Milam, a senior at Dan River High School, in his second season of competition in stock cars.

Kendall Milam leads the Virginia State Police HEAT Hornets Division points chase with two wins, five Top-5 finishes, and seven Top-10 finishes in his eight starts. The older of the two Milam brothers has led a total of 20 laps thus far this season. Last season he finished fourth in the final division point

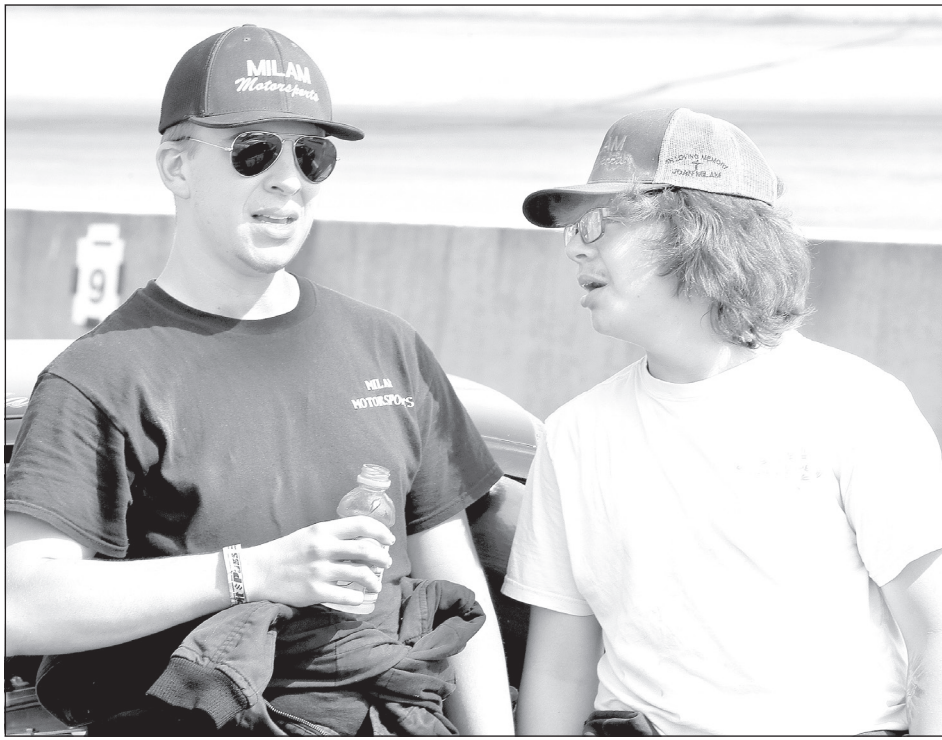


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Brothers Kendall Milam, left, and Landon Milam, right, compare notes as they await the start of a practice session during one of this season's NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series events at South Boston Speedway.

standings. Landon Milam, last year's Rookie of the

Year in the division, sits in fourth place in the division point standings, just 10 points out of third place. He has tallied three Top-5 finishes and seven Top-10 finishes. He has led a total of 17 laps thus far this season. Milam finished fifth in the division point standings a year ago.

"It's been fantastic," Kendall Milam replied when asked about his season thus far. "I won two races last year, and I'm trying to improve upon that this season. After being suspended for a race last year and being wrecked out of one race it threw us off in trying to win the championship. This year I've been staying strong and keeping my head on my shoulders and not getting too aggressive."

Landon Milam pointed out that he, too, is having a good season.

"This is a whole lot better season than I had last year," the younger of the two brothers said. "My goal this season was to improve, be consistent in points and get a couple of wins. A couple of third-place finishes and three Top-5 finishes is all we have gotten so far. We have run well, though. I think I've got a win coming."

The two brothers started out racing go-karts and transitioned to stock cars. That transition proved to be more of an adventure for Landon Milam.

"When Kendall got his first car my dad was always asking me if I wanted to race," Landon Milam explained.

"I said 'I'll give it a try.' The first time I hit the track I spun out. I parked the car at the end of pit road and told him I wasn't getting back in it. Look at me

now, I finished in the top five in points my first year and won Rookie of the Year. Now, my second year, I'm sitting fourth in points. It couldn't have gone any better."

The Milam brothers are not new to racing and being around South Boston Speedway and other tracks. Their father, Jarrett Milam, has raced for 24 years, won the 2010 South Boston Speedway Pure Stock Division title with six wins, and won two Pure Stock Division championships at nearby Orange County Speedway in Rougemont, North Carolina.

Their grandfather, Jack Milam, won races at South Boston Speedway and Orange County Speedway competing in the Cadet and Grand Stock divisions. Their uncle, Michael Milam, has won races and championships at Orange County Speedway.

Cousins Austin Milam and D.J. Moser have raced in the Pure Stock Division at South Boston Speedway with Austin Milam finishing third in the division standings in 2013 and Moser finishing third in the division standings in 2015. Austin Milam won a division title at Orange County Speedway and Moser is currently competing in the Hornets Division at South Boston Speedway. An aunt, Sabrina Moser, raced in the Pure Stock division at South Boston Speedway and Orange County Speedway one season.

Now, it is the two brothers that are looking to add their respective marks on the track. Both want to win a division championship to add to the family's racing legacy.

Landon Milam is mathematically in the championship chase 18 points behind his brother, but with only three races remaining in South Boston Speedway's points season

winning the division championship will be a difficult task.

"The plan was to run for the championship this year," Landon Milam pointed out.

"After having had a couple of bad races it threw us off a little bit for this season, but next year we're going to be coming hard and strong."

Kendall Milam holds a slim four-point lead over Dillon Davis of Nathalie, Virginia entering the August 5 Davenport Energy Night Race at South Boston Speedway and is battling hard to stay at the top of the division standings.

"Since my granny (Joan Milam) passed away last year, I won those races for her," he explained. "This year I'm trying to win the championship for her. We're going to keep pushing through until the end of it."

Kendall Milam pointed out that winning the division championship would be a huge accomplishment that would be treasured by the entire family.

"My dad won the Pure Stock Division championship here at South Boston Speedway in 2010, and to be the second Milam to win a championship at South Boston Speedway would mean a whole lot to me and my family," he remarked.

NASCAR racing returns to South Boston Speedway on Saturday night, Aug. 5 with the Davenport Energy Night Race. Twin 75-lap races for the Sentara Health Late Model Stock Car Division will headline the six-race card. Also scheduled are a 50-lap race for the Budweiser Limited Sportsman Division, twin 15-lap races for the Southside Disposal Pure Stock Division and a 20-lap race for the Virginia State Police HEAT Hornets Division.

The Aug. 5 Davenport Energy Night Race event schedule has registration and pit gates opening at 2 p.m. Frontstretch spectator gates will open at 3:20 p.m. and practice starts at 3:30 p.m.

Backstretch spectator and tailgate section gates will open at 5:30 p.m. Qualifying starts at 6 p.m. and the first race will get the green flag at 7 p.m.

Advance adult general admission tickets are priced at \$12 each and may be purchased online on South Boston Speedway's website, www.southbostonspeedway.com or by calling the speedway office at 434-572-4947 or toll free at 1-877-440-1540 during regular business hours.

Tickets at the gate on race day will be \$15 each. Seniors ages 65 and older, military, healthcare workers, and students (with ID) can purchase tickets for \$12 each at the gate on race day.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS FOR POULTRY FACILITIES

The Charlotte County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as possible, on Thursday, August 17, 2023, in the boardroom of the Charlotte County Administration Office, 250 LeGrande Avenue, Suite A, Charlotte Court House, VA. The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment regarding the proposed amendments to the Charlotte County Zoning Ordinance associated with Section 3-7, Use Regulations for Poultry Operations, and Article 12, Definitions.

Proposed amendments will reduce animal units associated with Poultry Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO's) to 200 animal units (11,000 turkeys or 20,000 chickens); reduce required acreage to the larger of either the number of acres required by the CAFO's waste management plan or a minimum of 15 acres for the first 200 animal units, plus 10 acres for each additional 200 animal units or portion thereof; remove the one mile setback from the Residential Zoning District since poultry CAFO setbacks from towns provide a one and three-quarter mile setback for the Residential District; and require the installation of at least one poultry house within 36 months of approval.

Persons affected may present their views at the hearing or may provide comments in writing. Written comments can be delivered to the Administration Office; mailed to PO Box 608, Charlotte Court House, VA, 23923; or emailed to publiccomments@charlottescountyva.gov and should identify the subject and their name & address. The Planning Commission may make recommendations on the amendments at their meeting following the hearing, or at a subsequent public meeting. The Board of Supervisors will then advertise and conduct a public hearing prior to taking action.

A copy of the full text of the proposed ordinance can be obtained at www.charlottescountyva.gov, at the Charlotte County Administration Office at the address above, or by contacting 434-542-5117 Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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