

## **Matt Hagan Wins Second 2023 NHRA Funny Car Title in TSR Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat at Winternationals**

- Matt Hagan, winner of the 2023 season-opening NHRA Gatornationals Funny Car title last month, continued his victory run in the Tony Stewart Racing (TSR) Haas Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat machine Sunday when the Virginia driver scored his second 2023 win in the Lucas Oil Winternationals, the third event of the 21-race campaign
- Hagan's Pomona Dragstrip win Sunday was his fourth NHRA Winternationals crown after victories in 2015, 2017 and 2018 and 45th career Wally trophy
- Led by the Dickie Venables-led crew, Hagan's Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat was the most consistent Funny Car on Sunday during eliminations with runs of 3.929, 3.950, 3.955 and 3.967 in defeating reigning World Champion Ron Capps, who recorded a 4.303
- Hagan started the 16-car field in an unfamiliar 10th position Sunday, but defeated Blake Alexander, Alexis DeJoria and Terry Haddock in earlier rounds before facing Capps, a former teammate in the final
- Hagan's TSR teammate, Leah Pruett, drove her Rinnai/Direct Connection Top Fuel dragster to a first round loss when her mount smoked the tires against final round driver Austin Prock
- Pruett had strong qualifying runs on Saturday when she placed runner-up in the Mission Foods 2Fast2Tasty qualifying elimination and started third in Sunday's finals at her home track
- Cruz Pedregon, in his Snap-On Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat, was the fastest qualifier in the Funny Car division at the NHRA Winternationals this weekend with a 3.862
- Hagan now leads the NHRA Camping World Drag Racing Series Funny Car point standings with 277 to Capps 251

April 3, 2023, Pomona, Calif. - Matt Hagan proved to be the most consistent Funny Car driver Sunday at the In-N-Out Pomona Dragstrip when he drove the Tony Stewart Racing (TSR) Haas Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat to victory in the NHRA Lucas Oil Winternationals, the third race of the 21-event NHRA Camping World Drag Racing Series.

Hagan, winner of the season opener at Gainesville, Florida, came from his 10th starting position to clock runs of 3.929, 3.950, 3.955 and 3.967 in defeating defending Funny Car World Champion Ron Capps in the final round.

The victory was Hagan's fourth Winternationals title and 45th NHRA career triumph, currently ranking fourth all-time Funny Car wins behind John Force, Capps and Robert Hight.

Hagan's win moved the Dodge//SRT Mopar racer to the top of the current NHRA Funny Car point standings with 277 to Capps' 251 as the NHRA Camping World tour heads to the Four-Wide Nationals on April 14-16 in Las Vegas, NV.

"Matt Hagan and his Tony Stewart Racing (TSR) team continues to show the winning ways in the very tough NHRA Funny Car class with his second 2023 victory this weekend at the prestigious Winternationals," said Tim Kuniskis, Dodge brand CEO – Stellantis. "We congratulate Matt and his crew for another stellar performance with his potent Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat machine. It just shows the commitment from the team that continues to exhibit the examples of our Dodge lineup of vehicles and Direct Connection performance parts."

Hagan gave the credit for the win to his TSR crew after struggling a bit in qualifying, but he knew the car could be a factor in eliminations.

"It's been a wonderful weekend," said Hagan. "The right lane was giving us a tough time all weekend and it was a

handful. For (crew chief) Dickie Venable, (co-crew chief) Mike Knudsen, (car chief) Alex Conaway and all of the guys wrenching on my car, I'm so thankful for them. They always find a way to put a great race car underneath me. I try to rise to the occasion when I can and turn on the win lights. It's a great day when you can move up from being the No. 10 qualifier and win the race. I'm always glad to have Dickie in our corner. At the end of the day, I'm really proud of our guys."

Leah Pruett, Hagan's TSR teammate in the Top Fuel category, qualified third in the Rinnai dragster Saturday, but lost in the first round of eliminations Sunday at the Pomona Dragstrip.

In qualifying, Cruz Pedregon, recent Pomona Dragstrip winner in November at the NHRA World Finals, continued his strong performance by capturing the Top Qualifier Award in the Snap-On Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat with a 3.865 run. Pedregon advanced to the second round in eliminations, as did young Alex Laughlin with the Jim Dunn "Moon Eyes" Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat.

The Dodge//SRT Mopar competitors move to Las Vegas for the next round of the NHRA Camping World Drag Racing Series on April 14-16 in the NHRA Four-Wide Nationals.

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Dodge also keeps its foot on the gas as a pure performance brand with the 710-horsepower Dodge Durango SRT Hellcat, the most powerful SUV ever, and best-in-class standard performance in the compact utility vehicle segment with the Dodge Hornet.

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