

## Mt Lawn reopens with a bang

The largest crowd in several years jammed the grandstand for the reopening of Mt Lawn Speedway last Sunday night. With the parking lot overflowing fans were forced to park their cars in the newly planted bean field adjacent to the track parking lot. Track owner Rick Sweigart said "We anticipated a large crowd but nothing like this. Most everyone was very patient even after finally getting to park their car they were faced with a long line at the ticket window. We delayed the start of the race about 20 minutes to allow fans to reach their seats."

The Late Model Sportsman feature presented by Scott Neal Racing saw Jason Thompson of Shirley recover from a lost oil drain plug in the rear end of his mount on lap 22 to take the win. Pole sitter Colby Lane of Knightstown took the lead at the drop of the green flag to lead the first three laps. On lap four long time Mt Lawn veteran Terry Cater of New Castle took over the top spot and led the next fifteen laps. On lap nineteen Thompson took the lead until losing his rear end drain plug on lap 21. Heavy rear end grease all the way around the track caused Greg Van Alst of Anderson to lose control of his can and make contact with the first turn wall bringing the yellow. The yellow is just what Thompson needed to make it to the pits where fast work by his crew made repairs and allowed him to return to the race still on the lead lap. Thompson regained lead from Van Alst on lap 24 and led the rest of the way. Eddie Van Meter of Indianapolis finished second followed by Van Alst, Cater, and Brandon Mefford of Spiceland. The rest of the top ten went to Kent Carson of Richmond, Lane, Jason Neal of Anderson, Pam Neal of Middletown and Kevin Claborn of Cambridge City. Thompson set fast time at 16.456 and Van Alst won the Dash for Cash sponsored by Lane Motorsports of Knightstown and Happy Home Reality of New Castle. Pam Neal made hard contact with the short turn wall on lap 18. Neal was able to climb out of the car under her own power but was transported to Henry County Memorial by ambulance for observation. At last report was x-rays were scheduled.

Tony Stewart of Straughn finally got the best of his old nemesis Kevin Claborn to win the 50 lap Thunder car feature. Stewart who was fast qualifier at 18.494 started on the inside of row six and moved up to second behind Claborn on lap 11 followed by Jameson Owens of Greenfield. Claborn took the lead of the race on lap 3 from Alan Lambert of Kennard who led the first two laps. The trio of Claborn, Stewart and Owens put on a classic Mt Lawn battle over the next 18 laps until Stewart took the lead for good on lap 29. Owens got around Claborn on lap 31 and finished second. Frankie Oakes of Cambridge City finished third followed by Trent Gossar of Markleville, Jim Walker of Cambridge City, Arthur Fields of Cambridge City, Chris Baer of Anderson, Claborn, David McConnell of Shirley, and Lambert to round out the top ten. Gossar won the Dash for Cash and the first heat with Lambert taking the second heat.

Vores Compact Touring series results are available on their website. King of the TQ Midget results are available on their website. Champ Kart feature went to Brock Anderson of Albany.

The next event at Mt Lawn will be on Sunday June 12 with Street Stocks, Van Hoy Oil Thunder Cars, FWD Compacts and King of the TQ Midgets.