

Lane goes wire to wire for Mt Lawn win

Knightstown veteran driver Jeff Lane won the Amor Roofing 50 for Street Stocks Sunday night at the Mt Lawn Speedway. Lane was scheduled to start on the inside of the second row was the beneficiary of first turn crash on the very first lap that sent Jacob McElfresh of Richmond hard into the first turn wall and out of the race. The ensuing restart let Lane pull up one row and set him the outside of pole sitter Trent Gossar of Markleville. The crafty Lane was able to pinch Gossar down in the first turn and was able to take the lead which he never relinquished. A very hotly contested race for second developed at lap 15 between Fred Hopkins of New Castle, Joe Beaver of Noblesville and Jason Atkinson of New Castle. Atkinson was forced from the race with overheating trouble at the half way point which opened the door for Brandon Mefford of Spiceland to join the battle for second. The trio of Hopkins, Beaver and Mefford battle for the second position the remainder of the race with Mefford claiming second from lap 39 to 46 but Hopkins got back around Mefford on lap 47 to finished second. Mefford was third followed by Beaver, Nathan Green of Muncie Missy Bagiensky of Pendleton, Kevin Rabinstine of Muncie, Josh Varp of Albany, Atkinson and Gossar rounding out the top ten. Colby Lane of Knightstown was eleventh followed by Alan Godfrey of New Castle, Mark Hanna of New Castle, Ryan Amonett of New Castle, Phil Jenkins of Greenfield and Frankie Oakes of Cambridge City. Fast qualifier honors went to Amonett but his was forced from the race on another accident on the second restart. That wreck also claimed Oakes, Jenkins and Hanna. The Street Stock dash went to Amonett.

Nineteen Street Stocks were on hand for the 50 event but only seventeen started the race as two cars departed before qualifications with engine problems one of which was front runner Jimmy Kirby of Indianapolis.

The Van Hoy Oil Thunder Car feature was captured by Kevin Claborn of Cambridge City. Jim Walker of Cambridge City led the first three laps of the 30 lap feature but Claborn took over the lead for good on lap 3. Week one winner Tony Stewart of Strughn moved into second place on lap 11 and staged a nip and tuck battle with Claborn the rest of the way. In the end Stewart could not complete the pass of Claborn and had to settle for second followed by Jameson Owens of Greenfield, David McConnell of Shirley, Frankie Oakes, Walker, Dylan Hoppes of Markleville, Dustin Pea of Rushville, Chris Bare of Anderson and Josh Neal of New Castle. Claborn set fast time at 18.600 and Owens won the Tom True Auto dash for cash with Owens and Oakes winning the heats.

The Sunnyside Motors Compact feature saw week one winner repeat at Andy Jennings of Richmond won the 25 lap affair. Terry Neal of New Castle grabbed the lead at the drop of the green flag and led the first three laps. Jennings took the lead on lap 6 but quickly lost it to Brian Slavey of New Castle on lap 7. Slavey lead was short lived as he dropped out of the race on the next lap after being involved in a front stretch wreck involving Adam Lee of New Castle and Donny Mathews of Indianapolis. Rodney Sutton of New Castle took over second on lap 9 but could not catch Jennings and settled for second. Third went to Nick Pollet of New Castle followed by Neal, David Lester of Greenfield, Donald VanValkenburg of Indianapolis, Randy Owen of Anderson, Slavey, Lee, Mathews and Derek Morris of New Castle. Jennings set fast time of 18.544 with Neal winning the dash and Slavey won the heat.

King of the TQ Midget feature went to Jason Goff of Fortville followed by Brandon Tweedy and Eric Dover.

FasKart feature winner was Joe Sullivan of Indy followed by Dustin Kares of Indy and Cody Rinehart of Carthage.

State Farm Street Drags went of Chris Morris of New Castle in a Ford Focus beating David Noble of New Castle in a Grand Am.

With improvements using parking lot attendants, two ticket sellers and experienced track crew the racing was complete at 9:20.

The next event at Mt Lawn will be Sunday July 10 with Street Stocks, Van Hoy Oil Thunder Cars, and Sunnyside Motors Compacts. Some special attractions are being planned for the event.

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