

Rose, Neal and VanValkenburg take feature wins at Mt Lawn

In the final leg of the Van Hoy Oil Indiana/Ohio Shootout series AJ Stewart of Straughn led Frankie Oakes of Cambridge City by just three points for the championship. The evening started out poorly in warm-ups for the younger Stewart as a stuck accelerator force him to slam the short turn wall pretty much destroying his automobile. Things didn't get any better in the next practice session as he jumped into Tony's car (his dad) to try to secure the title and promptly had an engine problem sending him to the pits on the hook of the track wrecker crew. Just as team thought their chances for a championship were gone Josh Neal of New Castle offered the Stewart team his car for evening which they happily agreed to. In the fifty lap feature Earl Adams of Alexandria held the lead for the first three laps when Jamieson Owens of Indianapolis took over on lap 4. Owens kept the top spot until lap 16 when Ronnie Rose of Anderson took over and led the rest of the way. The race for the title was back in the field as Stewart who started on the outside pole quickly went toward the back and by lap 6 Oakes was second and Stewart was seventh which would give the title to Oakes. Soon the faster cars that started in the back of the field made their way through traffic and at the half way point Oakes was seventh and Stewart was eighth. As the checkered flag flew it was Rose followed by Owens, David McConnell of Shirley, Kevin Rabenstine of Muncie, Oakes, Stewart, Alan Lambert of Kennard and Adams. As a result of the final race in the series finish

Stewart was crowned the Champion with Owens and Oakes tied for second two point behind Stewart. Adams was fourth, Lambert fifth, Rabenstine sixth, Dustin Sapp of New Palestine seventh, Jason Purtee of DeGraff Ohio and Tony Stewart tied for eighth and Dylan Hoppes of Markleville tenth. McConnell won the Payne Auto Parts Dash for Cash and the heat.

In the Adams Enterprises Pro Compacts Terry Neal of New Castle kept his win streak going by winning for the fourth time this year. This one wasn't quite as easy as the first three win were. Joe Jennings of Richmond got the lead from the pole and led the first two laps. Mark Jennings of Richmond took over the lead on lap 3 and led through 11 with Neal took over and led the rest of the way. Second fast qualifier Josh Owens of New Castle and Mark Jennings kept the heat on Neal for the final eighteen laps. Owens got around Mark Jennings on the last lap to finish second and Jennings third. Joseph Jennings of Richmond finished fourth followed by Joe Jennings, Brian Slavey of New Castle, Brett Smith of Richmond, Skylar Young of Mooreland and Alex Abbott of Knightstown. Neal set fast time at 18.532 and won the Payne's Auto Parts Dash of Cash and Mark Jennings won the heat.

Sixteen cars took the green flag in the Stock Front Wheel Drive cars with Donald VanValkenburg of Indianapolis getting the win. Tyler Brown of Indy got second followed by Eli Haynes of New Castle, Alex Abbott , Jeff Marlow of New

Castle, Jacob Johnson of New Castle, Corbin Kidd of New Castle, Brad Miller of New Castle, TJ Fannin of Mooreland and Michael Yarusin of Fortville. The dash went to Johnson and the heat winners were Abbott and Marlow.

Next Saturday will be Fan Appreciation night with big wheel races and a nickel scramble for the kids starting at 6:00 followed by an on track autograph and photo session. Racing will follow and be highlighted by the CRA Street Stock running 200 laps in the Bob Fields Memorial 200. Season Championship races will be contested in the Van Hoy Oil Thunder Cars, Adams Enterprises Pro Compacts and Stock FWD. Ticket prices will be \$10 with children 12 and under free.