

FWD One Hour Enduro and Season Championships at Mt. Lawn Speedway

New Castle, IN (September 16, 2018) – On a beautiful sunny afternoon Mt Lawn Speedway staged the last race of 2018 with the Adams Enterprises Pro Compacts, Van Hoy Oil Thunder Cars, Stock FWD One Hour Enduro, Karts, an on-track autograph session, Big Wheel races, Citizen's State Bank Nickel Scramble and Thompson Insurance Street Drags.

The features kicked off with the Stock FWD season championship deciding feature. Brad Miller jumped off to lead the first lap of the feature before Eli Haynes drove past from third place to lead the second lap. Jeff Sorrell caught Haynes and looked for a path around Haynes for few laps. Haynes and Sorrell came together on the eighth lap with Haynes spinning and Sorrell restarting on the rear with Haynes. The lead fell to #64 Nick Pollett. Pollett took off and lead the rest of the way to take the victory. Sorrell recovered to finish second, Jacob Johnson third, Chris Chesher was fourth and Haynes fifth.

"This is the first time out in the car. It was pretty fast." Pollett commented.

Alex Abbott finished seventh in the race, but that finish gave him the season championship for the Stock FWD.

Ronnie Rose set fast time for the Van Hoy Oil Thunder Cars, and started at the tail of the feature. Rose fought through the traffic to take the lead on the 13th lap and ran away to win. Frankie Oakes took the early lead, with Kevin Rabenstine moving past to take the lead on the third lap until Rose took over with Oakes in second. Jameson Owens moved to second on the 16th lap, but he could not get past Rose and finished second. David McConnell had a fast car, but could not get to the front and finished third, Oakes took fourth and Rabenstine took fifth.

"On the start the steering wheel popped off, I bounced off the wall the steering wheel went back on and from there we took off." Rose stated. "I love racing here, I love this track."

McConnell won the Van Hoy Oil Thunder Car Dash and the Heat race.

Terry Neal set fast time for the Adams Enterprises Pro Compacts and then led every lap of the feature despite almost spinning out. Josh Owens chased Neal every lap, but could not get past him to finish second. Tom Gossar, Jr finished third as he passed Brett Smith on the last lap with Smith holding onto fourth and Dustin King finishing fifth.

"I about spun out, and then almost droved off the track there at the end." Neal proclaimed from Victory Lane. "That was fun, this whole year has been fun. This engine is about done, I have very low oil pressure the last few laps."

Alex Abbott won the Dash with Owens second, and Owens took the heat with Neal second.

The featured event of the day was the Stock FWD One Hour Enduro. 21 cars started the event with the first 20 laps lead being traded between Sorrell and AJ Stewart with Nick Pollett hanging around in third. As the race moved past the 20 lap mark Pollett moved to second with Stewart in third. On the 28th lap the only red of the race was thrown due to a driver attempting to exit his car while on the track after hitting the wall coming out of the short turn.

Sorrell restarted late after the green flag flew dropping back several positions. Pollett then held the lead until he had to pull off briefly leaving Stewart and Sorrell to battle for the lead. Sorrell took off, running away with the race, lapping all the cars in the field multiple times before tragedy struck as he slowed coming out the long turn and pulled into the infield with less than 10 minutes left in the race.

The strain of the many laps began to take its toll as cars started to drop out due to tire problems with Stewart dropping out with seven minutes left, Jack Sweigart was running third when he was forced in for a tire change with five minutes remaining.

Indianapolis driver Tyler Brown led the last several minutes to come out the winner. Knightstown Brent Butler was second, Richmond's Brett Smith was third, Alex Abbott finished fourth and Sweigart rebounded to finish fifth.

"I am tired, but it was fun" Brown stated. "There were some good drivers to race, they were all very respectful and it was a fun race."

In the 3-4 year old Citizens State Bank Big Wheel races Corbin Lowsey was first, Anthony Johnson second and Desera Chew third. In the 5-6 year group Kevin Rabenstine Jr was first, Brayden Ripburger second and Kegan Andrews third. 7-8 group had Garrett Davis winning with Faith Thomas second and Madison Stevens third.

This was the final event of the 2018 season at Mt Lawn. The Mt Lawn Staff wishes to thank all the race teams and fans who supported the track this year. Plans have already started looking forward to 2019.