

Tinkle, Owens, Abbott, Slavey, Witty Race to Wins at Mt Lawn

New Castle, IN (June 30, 2019) – After a frustrating start to the 2019 season due to rain, the Vore's Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman powered by JEGS came to Mt Lawn Speedway on June 30th for the 46th Marcum's Welding and Steel Processing Raintree 100 with the Stock Compacts, Pro Compacts, VanHoy Oil Thunder cars, Barlow Auto Parts Crown Vics and State Farm Street Drags.

Sixteen year old Zachary Tinkle of Speedway, Ind. took over the lead of the Marcum's Welding and Steel Processing Raintree 100 on the ninth lap and raced ahead to win over 2018 Raintree winner Jeff Marcum and third place Billy Hutson.

"Thank everybody on the team for giving me the best car here." Tinkle stated from Victory Lane. "Very happy for this result. I have been wanting to win this race forever, it means a lot to me."

Tinkle is the great-great-grandson of the late Harry McQuinn a former chief steward at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and a participant in multiple Indy 500's. McQuinn also was the winner of the first ever feature event at Mt Lawn on June 13, 1935. Tinkle said "My great-great-grandfather was one heck of a racer and I am sure he would have been proud of this place and this win".

Marcum hustled around Mt. Lawn to set fast time, and then drew a six for the invert putting Ft. Wayne driver Hutson on the pole. Hutson took off to lead the first lap of the race. Marcum brought out the first caution when he missed the short turn on the first lap causing a complete restart.

Despite his ride off the track Marcum came back to the track. Hutson again took the lead on the restart, with RJ Norton, Jr running closely behind. Tinkle worked his way back to the front quickly after getting shuffled back during a restart following a caution where he took the lead on the ninth lap.

Tinkle never looked back, he lead every lap from there including lap 46 picking up the William Mefford Lap 46 Bonus. Marcum was second, Hutson third, Norton fourth and Kent Carson took home fifth.

Brian Slavey took both the Dash and the feature of the Stock Compacts class. Donnell Boykin finished second in the feature. Slavey took the lead from Boykin on the fourth lap and never gave it up.

"This race is for Austin" Slavey said from Victory Lane. "I have to thank Abbotts, this is their car and they just let me drive it."

Alex Abbott also took both the Dash and the feature in the Pro Compacts after fast qualifier Terry Neal had to pull out due to a blown fuse in the cars electrical system. Justin Mefford took the lead at the start of the race, with Neal taking over the lead on the seventh lap following a caution on the fifth lap. Neal pulled off on the 17th lap with his car full of smoke. Abbott then took the lead and held on the end.

"I don't know what happened to his (Neal) car, hate to see that, but I am happy to win." Abbott stated.

Jameson Owens led flag to flag in the VanHoy Oil Thunder Car feature taking the lead from his second row starting position and never letting anyone get close from there in a race that did not have a caution. Jerod Henderson won the Dash.

"We worked hard on it. Thank you to everyone that made it possible." Owens stated. "All I had to do was wheel it."

Gary Branscum won the State Farm Street Drags in his Mini Cooper beating Justin King in the finals.

Matt Witty took the lead on the second lap of the Barlow Auto Parts Crown Vics and held on to beat Tyler Terry and Zachary Detches for the first race for this new division.

"This is a fun class of cars to race." Witty stated. "Thanks to the crew for getting the car ready to be here."

The next event at Mt Lawn Speedway will be July 14th with the VanHoy Oil Thunder cars, Stock Compacts, Pro Compacts, Barlow Auto Parts Crown Vics and State Farm Street Drags.