

## **Mt Lawn opens 2022 season with four feature winners**

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For the first time in the year 2022, Mt. Lawn Speedway in New Castle, Indiana would open the gates, turn on the lights, and welcome back many loyal fans and new faces to the 3/10 mile short track with the Inaugural "Welcome Back Door Opener." Over the off-season, new sponsorship would take hold, as Wooten Automotive and Towing out of St. Paris, Ohio, Redbones Pizza & Chicken in Knightstown, Accelerator Race Cars in Mooreland, and JW Photography of New Castle all come on board as presenting sponsors for the Modified, Crown Vic, Pro Compact, and Stock Compact divisions at Mt. Lawn Speedway in 2022. And on this night, those exact four divisions would all be in racing action.

In the Wooten Automotive and Towing Modifieds, 25 cars would record a time in practice and qualifying with Ryan Amonett of New Castle setting fast time in class with a time of 16.649 seconds around the 3/10 mile oval with J.J. Schafer of Ft. Wayne qualified second. In the feature event, Robbie Wyman of Alexandria would start on the pole alongside Austin Coe of Ft. Wayne would spend the early going battling one another for the lead only on restarts, as a number of cautions would slow the field. Wyman would lead the first 1/3rd of the 30 lap event before Jeff Lane would take the lead from Wyman with Coe also securing the second spot. On the very next lap, Wyman and Colby Lane of Knightstown would make contact on the backstretch, sending Wyman hard into the backstretch wall. The race would come under red flag conditions during the clean-up from the Lane/Wyman incident when modified driver Adam Lee of New Castle would experience a heat episode in the pits, requiring attention from Henry County EMS and the Cadiz/Harrison Twp. Fire Department. Lee would be treated at the track and was eventually released by the medical personnel. Following the restart, Jeff Lane would lead to the finish, taking the first modified feature of 2022. Amonett would finish second with Colby Lane finishing 3rd. Jeff Lane won the trophy dash held earlier in the evening.

In the evening's other racing action, Zachary Morris of New Castle would record his first ever racing victory in any class by winning the 20 lap Accelerator Race Cars Pro Compact feature. Morris, starting in the 5th position, would use patience and well timed passes to get to the lead, then held off a hard charging Shane Reed of Muncie to secure the win. Reed would finish second with Darek Morris of New Castle finishing third. In Redbone's Chicken and Pizza Crown Vics action, Austin Evans of Greenfield would win his first Crown Vic feature in his first ever start in the class at Mt. Lawn, coming from fourteenth in the nineteen car field to win the

20 lap feature. Randy Hoppes of Markleville would finish second with Frank Hardcastle of Indianapolis finishing third. Kyle Evans would win the Race Track Connection Crown Vic Trophy Dash with Hoppes and Rickie Tharp of Anderson winning the heat races. In the JW Photography Stock Compacts, Robert Bryan of Indianapolis would win the 20 lap feature coming from last place in the seventeen car field. Mark Dulworth would finish second with Christopher Gray of Indianapolis finishing third. Dulworth and Brad Miller of New Castle won the heat races held earlier in the evening.

The next race at Mt. Lawn Speedway will be June 12th and will feature the CRA Street Stocks in their lone 2022 visit to Mt. Lawn, along with the Wooten Automotive and Towing Modifieds, Accelerator Race Cars Pro Compacts JW Photography Stock Compacts, and the Redbone's Chicken and Pizza Crown Vics in the Millie Brown Memorial. Mt. Lawn Speedway is located at 1494 S. County Road 400 West in New Castle. Additional information can be found at [www.mtlawn.com](http://www.mtlawn.com) or the Mt. Lawn Speedway 2020 Facebook page.