

Morris takes Sullivan 100, Joe Smith wins Babich Memorial

With the start of the coveted Fall Series, and with a top prize of \$3k on the line, Street Stock past and present racers set pace to put it all on the line. With heat races completed, a redraw from the heats would determine the top four positions.

The Sullivan 100 is run in two segments, with drivers stopping on the front straightaway, that require only fuel to continue for the second segment. All other work, changing tires, tire pressures, setup changes, or repairs need to be done pit side.

Walt Henry and Joel Murns Jr would benefit from the redraw, making up the front row. Henry would get the advantage and lead Murns to the line for the long green flag run. The top four of Henry, Murns, JB Morris and George Van Arsdall would streamline away from the field. The first Yellow would fly on lap 43 for debris from Van Arsdall's car, after he made contact with Morris. Both would retain their positions. The restart would leave the field unchanged to the halfway break. Bob Sleight and Ray Tarantino would go pit side, while all other racers refueled on the track.

Following a ten-minute break, the field restarted with Henry and Murns battling side by side. Morris would advance to second on lap 54, with Van Arsdall advancing to third on lap 56. On lap 65 yellow would fly as Henry's dominance would end with a broken rear. The restart found Morris and Van Arsdall in the top spots, with Murns and Emerson Cargain Jr in row 2. Morris and Van Arsdall would pull away, with Morris gaining a hefty lead in the closing laps. Morris' advantage would disappear in the final two laps, as he was in heavy lap traffic, with Van Arsdall closing. Van Arsdall would try to get the advantage on the outside of Morris on the final lap, but Morris would prevail by a car length at the line for the top prize. Morris, Van Arsdall, Murns, Sleight, and Cargain are the top five.

The Open Comp 4 cylinders would pay tribute to the memory of racer Stephanie Babich, racing for 84 laps to the \$1k top prize. The division is open to front and rear wheel drive 4 cyl cars and trucks. Scott Young and 2022 4 cyl Novice Champion Tucker Katz, would make up the front row. By mid race, Joe Smith, Mike Travis and Richard Smith would be the top three, attrition was taking it's toll on the field. Shortly after halfway, contact between Travis and Richard Smith would end each driver's night. The restart found Joe Smith leading Katz, invader Mike Meltz, and Jim White. At the checkers Smith would hold off Meltz for the win.

INEX Legends would see a returning Sean McElearney take the checkers over Lexi Przybylinski, Chris Piasecki, and Joe Przybylinski Sr

Also taking the checkers, Jim Helt in Pro Stocks, Robert Beach in the Renegades, Jerry Curry in the Dirt Mods, Chevy Rommeney in INEX Bandoleros, and Easton Houghtaling in Beginner Bandoleros.