

DACHENHAUSEN SWEEPS OPEN WHEEL CARS, DECKER AND KATZ BREAK THROUGH

SWAN LAKE, NY

Mother Nature was a major player in Saturday night plans across much of the Northeast racing scene this week. With much of the racing community sitting idle for the weekend, Bethel Motor Speedway's management team said, let's go for it! While it was a bit chilly, the cooler temps provided for some great racing action, and a couple of first-time winners.

Ed Dachenhausen was about the only thing at the speedway that was hot on Saturday night, with his back to back open wheel wins.

First with the Dirt Modified division mount and race a 20 lap feature Dachenhausen and Joe Knoth would put on a spirited battle, until Dachenhausen cleared him just past half way in the event. Dachenhausen would lead the rest of the way taking the checkers over Knoth.

Dachenhausen didn't cool off after the win, starting from the third position in the Nascar Asphalt Modified a few short minutes later, behind polesitter Mac Crawson, and son Tyler Dachenhausen on the outside. By the third lap, Ed Dachenhausen had disposed of son Tyler and Mac Crawson to take command, with John Cote towing along in the runner up position. The field would remain the same for the duration of the feature with Ed Dachenhausen taking home the win over Jon Cote, Tyler Dachenhausen, Mac Crawson, and Kyle Welsch, debuting his Asphalt Modified entry.

Brandon Decker spent the late morning into afternoon on Saturday, contemplating if he should come with his Nascar Pro Stock, due to the incomplete weather forecasts, he was seeing. It definitely paid off for him. Decker and John Velde Jr. paced the field with Decker getting the advantage to turn one. John Velde Sr cleared son Jr on the initial lap. Despite many attempts by Velde Sr to rattle Decker's cage, he hit his marks, and drove to career victory number one, over Velde Sr, and Velde Jr.

Tucker Katz would be the next recipient of the first-time winners club of the evening, in Bethel's 4 cylinder Novice division. Katz has had numerous bride's maid finishes, and was always just shy of victory. Bruce Illenberg and Katz would make up the front row. A three car battle would ensue for the top spot, (Illenberg, Katz, and Sean Lynch) After many attempts to clear Illenberg, Katz made the pass for the lead stick on the high side of the tenth lap of the fifteen lap night cap, driving home to the victory. Following post-race inspection, the top five would be Katz, Fawn Card, Nick Foley, Stratelli, Aiden Fabien.

For some racers, the need to fill that itch for the week is a desire needed to be filled no matter what or where they go to get it. Jeff Ferruggia and family made the decision to make the trip to Bethel at 1:30PM on Saturday afternoon, after their local track rained out, and endured a three hour trip from Long Island to race, but it was well worth it in the end. Nick Divone and Justin Terasek led the field to green for the 20 lap event. The field was slowed on lap three for contact with Ferruggia and Jack Polan. By lap 9, Ferruggia was back to the runner up position, clearing Terasek on lap 13 to drive off into the sunset with the win. Ferruggia, Terasek, Polan, Divone, and Joe Pryzbylinski Sr, top five.

Dan Curry would prevail in the Modified Four Cylinder division for his second win of the season.

Leland Oefelein would make it back to back in INEX Bandoleros, with Allison Smith taking the Beginner class honors.