

LaPolt thunders to third victory in Bethel's Asphalt Modified feature; Nederostek wins exciting East Coast TQ Thriller!

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White Lake, NY: It was a dog day summer afternoon of racing at the speedway as a large concert on the other side of the lake was being held later in the day which would be creating gridlock traffic on the local roads. Although the earlier start prevented racers and fans from not getting caught up in traffic headed home, but it also did not bring forth as much racer support and the earlier start kept some fans from attending as well.

Fred Nees Jr. took the early lead over Mac Crawson in the NASCAR Asphalt Modified feature. Nees continued to lead while Skip LaPolt coming from fourth position made a bold move going three wide down the backstretch to move into second position as he worked past Brian Rygielski and Crawson on lap 4. Nees was experiencing a push condition out of turn four which opened the door for LaPolt to take the lead down the front chute on lap 6. Lap 8 found the yellow coming out for a skirmish in turn two between Nees, Crawson, and Ed Dachenhausen. LaPolt then survived several restarts and continued to lead while Rygielski and John Cote battled for second and third. At the checkers it LaPolt by a car length to take his third feature win of the season over Rygielski and Cote as the point championship battle remains very close among those same three drivers.

The East Coast TQ wingless modern feature proved to be a barnburner with a close finish among the top three on the final lap. Tyler Wagner started on the pole and was fast out of the pocket as second place running Dave Gorbaturk spun on lap 3 bringing the yellow out. The restart saw challenges for the lead from former dirt late model racer Steve Nederostek and Connecticut hotshoe Chris Hirt. The three drivers continued to jostle for the lead but Wagner held steady at the point despite the pressure. Lapped traffic proved to be the catalyst in the race as Nederostek pounced on an inside drive to take the lead from Wagner on lap 14. The checkered flag finish was a close one, but Nederostek was fruitful winning his first career Bethel feature win in the Blu Metz owned Silver Bullet machine. Wagner and Hirt finished a strong second and third position in the exciting finish.

The Pro Stock feature was run in the memory of the late Sherri Barnes who was a long-time supporter of the speedway and was the track videographer for many years. Her love of the speedway was integral for its success but sadly she lost her battle with multiple sclerosis several years ago. Former track champion Kenny Atkins jumped out into the lead over polesitter Preston Demorest. Atkins continued the lead as veteran racer John Rood moved into second and began an inside charge on the leader. Lap 4 found the yellow coming out for a spun Larry O'Donnell which saw him retiring to the pits. The restart found Kenny Hyde marching from ninth position to take third position from Brandon Decker on lap 4. One lap later Hyde moved around Rood taking second as Decker followed dropping Rood to fourth. Hyde then worked by Atkins to take the

lead on lap 7. Hyde began to open some distance between himself and Atkins. The halfway point saw current point leader Dave Demorest moving into third getting by Decker. Demorest then battled door to door for several laps with Atkins as they maneuvered past lapped traffic. Lap 15 saw D. Demorest completing his pass on Atkins for second. Misfortune struck Atkins in the closing laps as he looped it in turn two drawing the final caution of the race. The restart found Hyde flawless as D. Demorest couldn't mount a challenge as Decker moved back into third position as they crossed the finish line in that order. Post race technical inspection saw a disqualification being handed to apparent winner Hyde for illegal fuel cell location. D. Demorest inherited his third win of the season and solidified himself in the championship with Decker elevated to second and Kyle Welsch moving into third position.

INEX Legends feature racing saw Mike Benton taking the early lead over Tanner Jones. As Jones chased Benton for the lead, top gun Alex McCollum worked his way up through the pack from eighth starting position. McCollum worked by last week's feature winner Jack Gerzabek to take claim of third position on lap 5. One lap later McCollum made an inside move stick on Jones to take over second as he began to hunt down the leader. Lap 7 saw Benton unable to hold off the surging McCollum and yielded the lead. At the checkers, it was McCollum taking his fifth feature win of the season over the strong running Benton who authored a career best second with Gerzabek driving smartly to finish third in the final rundown.

Ed Dachenhausen took a cruise down easy street in the Dirt Modified feature. Dachenhausen started on the pole and led every lap in the potent Scot Sanford owned machine. It was most likely the easiest feature Dachenhausen has won at the speedway. Dachenhausen won his third feature win of the season by a large margin over current point leader Bill Deckelman. Kyle Dunham finished third in the caution free feature.

NASCAR Street Stock action saw John Brush taking the early lead but soon found himself under pressure from current point leader JB Morris. Morris worked by Brush to take the lead on lap 4 while Kyle Welsch followed suit. Welsch was in quick pursuit of Morris for several laps often playing ricochet as his front bumper was pinging the rear bumper of Morris. The caution came out on lap 13 for a spinning Don Rosinski in turn two. Welsch seized opportunity on the double file restart and used his familiar outside charge to make a pass for the lead with five laps to go. Welsch continued his red-hot August by taking his fifth win of the season over Morris and a rebounding Rosinski who got back into third by race end.

NASCAR Sport Modified racing saw Andy Crane taking the early lead but lap 3 found a quick Jeff Parker make an inside pass on the leader in turn 4. Parker then extended a large lead in the caution free feature as Kyle Dunham battled Crane for second position. Dunham took full control of second on lap 6 but was unable to challenge Parker for the lead. Parker then cruised home to his first win of the season over Dunham and Crane.

The Vintage TQ feature was a classic duel between Rick Casario and Tyler Wagner. The two drivers ran side by side for the majority of the race with Casario keeping his nose ahead at the line each lap but Wagner continued to hit his stride on the outside lane and with the checkers flying he surged ahead to take the victory by half a car length over Casario in exciting fashion.

Emerson Cargain Jr. was on a Sunday drive in the Compact Truck feature as he easily won over Kevin Cargain and Terry McNamara.

Long Island native Mike Benton wired the field in the Legends Non-Winner's race, by leading all fifteen laps of the feature in a dominating performance. Joe Przybylinski and Jack Polan rounded out the top three.

Justin Teresak put forth a strong performance by leading every lap of the Bandolero feature and had the field covered enroute to his second triumph of the season. Current point leader Leland Oefelien finished second with Isaiah Anderson coming home in third.

Beginner Bandos feature saw Jordan Smith cruising to his sixth feature win of the season over Sophia Travis and Madison White.