

Dachenhausem Aces Mod Field, Velde Jr. and Tyler grab Pro and Street Stock Bethel Openers

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Beautiful Spring weather finally graced Bethel Motor Speedway for the points season opener, after consecutive weekends of rain. Fans and drivers couldn't wait to get the season started.

Ed Dachenhausem proved why he is always a threat in open wheeled action, taking the checkers in the caution free Nascar Asphalt Modified feature event. Dachenhausem grabbed the lead from Don Wagner on lap 3, and put it on cruise control for the duration. The final run down showed Dachenhausem, Wagner, and John Cote top 3.

The Nascar Pro Stock Feature event ended in a father/son battle to the checkers with John Velde Jr. taking down father Jon Velde Sr. for his first ever win. Frank Del Nero and Josh Wilbur paced the field for the 20 lap event. Yellow flew for the first time on lap 3 with Wilbur going around. The restart found Del Nero and Brandon Decker restarting on the front row. Hard fought side by side racing by the two found Decker besting Del Nero on lap 17. The red would come out a lap later when the two leaders came together on the backstretch, ending both drivers' nights. The restart found John Velde Jr. and John Velde Sr. on the front row to battle it in a G-W-C barn burner. Velde Jr. bested Velde Sr, with Decker scored 3rd.

Nascar Street Stock feature action found hard work all Winter paid off for Scott Tyler, taking the win for the division. Dirt Veteran Wayne Taylor and Joel Murns led the field to the green. To the stripe for lap 1, it was Murns prevailing, with Tyler coming to second the following circuit. Murns and Tyler had a spirited side by side battle until Tyler broke away 5 laps into the event. The running order remained the same for the remaining 15 laps. Final finish was Tyler, Murns, and Taylor.

Racing is a family sport, and getting the kids involved is number one priority, as they are the future of the sport. So is that saying in the Tyler household as Scott Tyler's daughter Olivia won her INEX Beginner Bandolero feature event leading wire to wire. Tyler and Allison Smith paced the field for the event. By the first circuit Easton Houghtaling had moved to 2nd and was bearing down on Tyler, but she remained focused. Despite Houghtaling's best efforts, Tyler crossed the line .186 seconds ahead of Houghtaling for the 10 lap sprint, with Smith coming home with 3rd.

In INEX Bandolero action, Jordan Smith continued his late season dominance from last year in the Beginner division, and started where he left off winning the caution filled 15 lap event.

Alex McCollum began his season as he has in years past, winning the 20 lap Pedersen's Checker Won INEX Legend event, but not without working for it. Eugene Drew and Michael Sinagra led the field to the initial green, but a failed attempt juggled the line up with cars involved. The field slowed for the first

official time on lap 8, bringing McCollum to 2nd, with Drew still on point. McCollum would take the lead the following lap. The field would slow two more times before crossing the checkers, but the top 3 would remain, McCollum, Drew, and Ryan Kuhlthaw.

Dan Curry would win the 20 lap Modified 4 cylinder event over wife Tisha, and JW Gannon. Novice 4cyls, Fawn Card would take the checkers, and in 4cyl Truck action, Kevin Cargain would get the W over cousin Emerson Cargain Jr. in a nail biter to the finish.

April 30th marks the first visit of the East Coast TQ Club of the season, with our weekly divisions on hand.