

## ***LaPolt cycles to victory in Bethel's Asphalt Modified feature; Brandon Decker wins annual 'Woodstocker' race!***

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**White Lake, NY:** A rescheduled Biker Night saw a fun evening of short track racing highlighted by the biker's parade during intermission as a tribute in the memory of track supporters Greg Davis and Clorissa Hopkins who are both gone too soon and now smiling down at us from the heavens. The night also saw a dunk tank behind the grandstands as some daring drivers allowed themselves to be dunked by some skilled throwers with all proceeds going to charity.

NASCAR Asphalt Modified feature found Mac Crawson as the early leader but the yellow quickly came out for a turn two skirmish on lap 1 which involved Don Wagner, Brian Rygielski, and Ed Butler but all drivers were able to rejoin at the rear of the field. The restart saw Skip LaPolt overpowering Crawson to take the lead. Lap 3 found the yellow flag displayed as Crawson looped his car in turn 4 and headed pitside for repairs. Back under green LaPolt had to endure a side-by-side battle with track kingpin John Cote for several laps but was able to keep his nose ahead sustaining the lead. A tenacious Wagner worked his way back through the pack and snookered by Cote to take second as Cote was challenging LaPolt on the outside. Wagner then began to challenge LaPolt for the lead as Rygielski surged ahead of Cote to take over third position. The final laps found LaPolt pulling away from Wagner to collect his second feature win of the season in the PJ DeGracia owned machine over Wagner and Rygielski.

The Dirt Modified feature was a wild one with some flared tempers as leaders Phil Goetschius and Mike Roth ran out of real estate in a spirited side by side battle going into turn 3 on lap 8. The leader Goetschius was towed off into the pits with Roth being able to tag on at the rear of the field. Deckelman who also had his hands full with spirited battles with last week's feature winner Kyle Dunham and Shawn Maloney inherited the lead on lap 9. Deckelman outgunned Maloney on the final restart and pulled away as now Maloney and Dunham battled for second. At the checkers, it was Deckelman picking up his fourth win of the season over Maloney in a career best second and Dunham in third.

In Renegades racing action, the annual 'Woodstocker' race found a duel up front between Mike Travis and Richard Smith. On the hunt was Brandon Decker as he systematically worked his way up from ninth starting position to crack into the top 3 on lap 17 putting Dan Houghtaling back to fourth position. A restart saw Decker capitalizing on an unexpected Smith when he was challenging the leader, Travis. Decker snuck by to take second as Smith continued his momentum on the outside. With five laps to go, Decker overpowered Travis to take the lead and take home his first career Bethel feature win. Travis and Smith finished second and third respectively.

Kenny Hyde had the winning potion as he moved up from his fourth starting position to take the lead just prior to halfway after a multi-lap side by side duel with former track champ, Kenny Atkins. Current point leader Dave Demorest worked his way past Atkins on lap 12 to move into second and began to slowly close in on Hyde. Hyde continued to be on point and found himself taking home his second feature win of the season over Demorest and Atkins.

James Anderson survived an early race melee on the frontstretch which proved to be pivotal in the INEX Legends feature as he jolted into the lead and continued to lead wiring the field to take his third feature win of the season in a solid performance. Former track champ, Eugene Drew and rookie Ryan Kuhlthau rounded out the top three.

NASCAR Sport Mod action found Kyle Dunham being an easyrider to victory as he picked up his second Sport Mod feature win over Joe Knoth in a career best second place and Mike Roth in third.

Four Cylinder Pure Stocks feature racing saw a shootout among three drivers throughout the race. Jeffrey Tubbs was the early race leader with the caution coming out several times in the first half of the race as Mike Travis and Jerry Kingeter marched their way through the pack from deep in the field. The halfway point found Tubbs and Travis battling side by side for multiple laps with Kingeter in close proximity running the extreme lowside of the track. The three drivers continued to race hard for the win with Travis taking his fifth win of the season by a car length over Kingeter. Tubbs crossed the line in third, but a weight infraction relegated him to the rear and elevated Richard Smith to third position in the final rundown.

Emerson Cargain Jr. outdueled Kevin Cargain and Terry McNamara to nail down the win in the Compact Trucks feature.

For the second week in a row the Novice feature saw Allan Pate declared the feature winner this time over Joe Canfield and Tucker Katz in the caution plagued race

Bandolero feature action saw Isaiah Anderson putting on the afterburners as a late race rally put the young driver making an exciting last lap pass on leader Rodney Dowless Jr in turn two to pick up his first career bandolero feature win at Bethel. Dowless chased Anderson across the line for second followed by track champ Monika Deckelman.

Easton Houghtaling continues to impress as he outraced Jordan Smith to the checkers to take his third win of the season.

