

The “Magician” Sweeps Open Wheel Classes

On a weekend where our country pays tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, Bethel Motor Speedway also paid tribute to our Military for Armed Forces Night. Various Veteran service groups attended, and the speedway hosted a chicken BBQ for the event.

A full racing card was on hand, including the Nascar Asphalt Modifieds, and Dirt Sportsman.

One driver competes in both divisions, and has numerous victories in both. Ed “The Magician” Dachenhausen, as he has been dubbed by fans, would once again, as he’s done on many occasions, try to sweep the evening in the open wheel classes.

Qualifying and redrawing the pole for the Nascar Asphalt Modified main, Dachenhausen would line up alongside Connecticut rival John Cote. Locals Mac Crawson, and Skip LaPolt would make up the second row. Dachenhausen would get away on the drop of the green, but Cote and LaPolt were in tow. Closing on the halfway point of the twenty lap main, the field would remain unchanged, but the top three would begin to pull away, before the race was slowed for the only yellow of the event on lap twelve.

With the field bunched back up for the double file restart, Dachenhausen got away first, once again, but the field was nipping at his back bumper. As the laps clicked down, Dachenhausen began to stretch his lead over Cote, while LaPolt was challenging. At the checkers, it was Dachenhausen triumphant over Cote, LaPolt, Crawson, and Mike Dutka.

In Dirt Sportsman “Dick Crumley Memorial”, it was Ed Butler on the pole, with Ed Dachenhausen swapping out of his Asphalt Modified mount to his Simoncini Racing 4NY Dirt Sportsman, to take outside pole. Butler got away first, but Dachenhausen paced himself, slowly drawing Butler back in, to make the winning pass on lap eleven, in the caution free twenty-lap event. Dachenhausen prevailed over Butler, and the defending champion Joe Knoth rounded out the top three.

2022 Fall Series Street Stock Champ JB Morris would make his second appearance of the season in the Nascar Street Stock division. Via redraw Morris would grab the top starting spot, with veteran Emerson Cargain Jr, to his outside. Morris would gain the advantage on the initial start, with Cargain falling to fourth by lap three with Scott Tyler and Joel Murns advancing. Caution on lap three would rereck the field.

The restart found Murns overtaking Tyler for second, while Morris defended. Tyler and Murns would trade positions back and forth in the two laps following the restart, with Murns finally claiming the runner up spot on lap nine. Yellow again on lap seventeen, would set up the single file restart.

The three lap dash would find the running order unchanged as Morris took the checkers over Murns, Tyler, Cargain, and rookie Tucker Katz.

Vinny Stanton would make his return to the Nascar Pro Stock ranks, redrawing pole for the twenty lap main. 2022 Nascar Pro Stock Champ Brandon Decker would line up to his outside, with a hungry second row in Josh Wilbur, and Kyle Welsch. Stanton seemed poised for victory, but a failed pass by Wilbur on the seventh circuit, marred the effort, sending Wilbur to tail of the field, and Stanton to the pit area, with terminal damage, slowing the field for the only caution of the event.

Decker and veteran Tom Katz, would bring the field back to green. Two laps later, Wilbur was back to second challenging for the lead. After many attempts, Wilbur would complete the pass for the top spot with five to go, to go on to victory. Wilbur, Decker, and Katz made up the top three finishers. Welsch would remain at the ready during an intense post-race technical inspection of the top three cars. All cars passed the inspection.

Glenn Cargain picked up his second win of the season over guest drivers Larry ODonnell, and Kyle Welsch driving Terry McNamara owned trucks.

Modified Four Cylinders saw Tisha Curry take her second win, in as many weeks. Four Cylinder Advance action saw Scott Young go back to back, after claiming his first ever win last week.

In Bandolero action, Olivia Tyler would take her first victory of the season in the INEX, while James Bauernfeind would remain undefeated in Beginners, making it four-in-a-row, since the season began.

Jerry Kingeter would take the checkers following post-race inspection in the Open Comp Enduro.

The speedway will host an Open Practice next Saturday June 3rd, Gates open at 12PM, with practice from 2pm-8pm. FREE Grandstand admission. Pit admission is \$30, with no car entry fee.