

Rygielski rockets to Asphalt Modified victory at Bethel; A wild 'Spring of 69' finds upset win going to Richard Smith!

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White Lake, NY: A beautiful day of weather found an action-packed evening of racing on Armed Forces Day at the speedway. The speedway honored all armed forces members past and present offering grandstand admissions at no charge to all military members. The picture-perfect spring weather also played host to the 'Spring of 69' a special four-cylinder pure stock event. Also, the East Coast TQ club had their first visit of the season at the speedway.

Young Brian Rygielski rocketed to victory in the NASCAR Asphalt Modified feature as he made history becoming the youngest driver to win in the division at Bethel. His dominate performance found a large lead as veteran drivers Steve Conklin, John Cote, and Skip LaPolt battled for second position throught the race. LaPolt proved the strongest at race end edging out Cote for second at the checkers.

The four-cylinder pure stock 'Spring of 69' proved to be a wild event eventhough the even was checkered just after the halfway point due to rain and an impending town curfew. Most of the race found Tasha Travis and Robert Beach battling for the lead each lap as they raced door to door. In what ended up being the final lap found the yellow being thrown as second place running Beach, third place running Jerry Kingeter, and lapped car Nicole Nelson all got involved in a melee going down the backstretch and into turn three. Under caution the race was checkered at lap 35 and the top five cars headed to the scales where apparent winner Travis ended up being slightly underweight on the scales penalizing her to the rear of the field and giving the win to a surprised Richard Smith who had been running in 4th position on the track.

Bill Deckelman was handed a much easier victory for his second win of the season when the two leaders Josh Wilbur and Kyle Dunham made heavy contact going into turn 1 while battling for the lead. The melee continued until both cars broke going down the backstretch forcing both drivers out of the event and handing the lead to third place running Deckelman. Deckelman cruised to victory easily over Mike Roth and Andy Crane, respectively.

Chris Piasecki led the early laps of the Legends feature until lap 4 when James Anderson made a pass to obtain the lead. Lap 10 found Wade Oemcke moving past Piasecki to take over second place and began to close in on Anderson. The second half of the race provided a classic duel between the two young drivers, Oemcke surged ahead into the lead a few times but each time Anderson rebounded to get the lead back as he took home the popular feature win over Oemcke and Piasecki.

Former dirt late model racer Steve Nederostek shot out to the early lead in the East Coast TQ Modern feature and was running a fast pace over Tyler Wagner and Blu

Metz. Lap 6 found Wagner making the winning move of the race and never looked back as he opened a wide lead over Nederostek and Metz to take home the checkers. Wagner also took home the vintage tq midget feature as well over Mike Casario.

John Rood outpowered Aiden Demorest to take the lead in a competitive pro stock feature. Kenny Hyde quickly moved into second position and began to challenge Rood for several laps before solidly taking the lead on lap 7. Hyde then began to widen his lead as Larry O'Donnell and former dirt racer John Velde battled for third position. Lap 11, found the caution out as Velde stopped with a flat tire. The restart saw O'Donnell move into second position over Rood meanwhile Dave Demorest let his presence be known as he cracked into the top three on lap 12 and quickly put pressure on O'Donnell for second. Lap 15, Demorest solely moved into second and began to close the gap with the strong running Hyde. At the checkers, it was Hyde picking up the popular win over Demorest and O'Donnell.

In street stock feature action, Joel Murns put forth a strong performance leading th first half of the race. At the halfway flag, defending champ Kyle Welsch put the afterburners on and made the winning pass using the outside lane in turn two to take the lead. JB Morris used lap traffic to his advantage to get by Murns to take second position on lap 15. At the checkers, it was Welsch cruising to victory over Morris and Murns.

NASCAR Sport Mod feature saw rookie Mike Travis jumping out to the early lead and leading the field for several laps but at the halfway point Josh Wilbur made a bump and run pass for the lead as Travis slid up the track which allowed Kyle Dunham to sneak by and grab second position. The closing laps found Wilbur extending his lead to take his second win of the season while Travis tracked down Dunham and got back by for second place with two laps remaining.

Kaden Rogers led the first half of the Bandolero feature with Justin Teresek in hot pursuit of the leader. At the halfway point defending champion Monika Deckelman took over the lead but two laps later the caution came out as Rogers and Teresek tangle down the backstretch. The restart found Deckelman pulling away from Cody Quagliato as Rogers worked his way back up through the pack. At the finish line it was Deckelman for her first feature win of the season over Rogers and Quagliato.

Jordan Smith came so close to winning the beginner bandolero feature but a rallying Shawn Tyler made a last lap pass stick to take his second win of the season over Smith. Allison Smith finished third in her beautiful racer.

5/15/21 Results:

Asphalt Modified Feature: 1. Brian Rygielski, Wilkes-Barre, PA 2. Skip LaPolt 3. John Cote 4. Chris Young 5. Steve Conklin 6. Mac Crawson 7. Blair Culhane DNS. Ed Butler DNS. Joey LaMontagne

Dirt Modified Feature: 1. Bill Deckelman; Fremont Center, NY 2. Mike Roth 3. Andy Crane 4. Shawn Maloney 5. Mike Travis 6. Phil Goetschius 7. Kyle Dunham 8. Josh Wilbur

'Spring of 69' Four Cylinder Pure Stock: 1. Richard Smith, Neversink, NY 2. Tim Curry 3. Willie DeGraw 4. Tisha Curry 5. Cody Houghtaling 6. Ivan Guerra 7. Dan Dulin 8. Sean Lynch 9. Robert Beach 10. Jerry Kingeter 11. Nicole Nelson 12. Harold Kinner 13. Vinny DeGraw 14. Mike Travis 15. John Houghtaling 16. Cam Reichenbaugh 17. Tasha Travis DNS. Bruce Illenberg DNS. Nick Foley

Legends Feature: 1. James Anderson, Waverly, NY 2. Wade Oemcke 3. Chris Piasecki 4. Jack Gerzabek 5. Bryan Gardella 6. Joe Przybylinski 7. Mark Foster 8. Connor Holderbach 9. Jeff Stephens 10. Jack Polan 11. Lexi Przybylinski

ECTQ Modern Feature: 1. Tyler Wagner, Chester, NY 2. Steve Nederostek 3. Blu Metz 4. Steve Nikolof 5. Ozzy Carlino 6. Vince Luberich 7. Don Zrinski 8. Adam Huff

Pro Stock Feature: 1. Kenny Hyde, Yaphank, NY 2. Dave Demorest 3. Larry O'Donnell 4. John Rood 5. Emerson Cargain Jr. 6. Brandon Decker 7. John Velde 8. Aiden Demorest 9. Preston Demorest DNS. Kenny Atkins

Street Stock Feature: 1. Kyle Welsch, Monticello, NY 2. JB Morris 3. Joel Murns 4. Don Rosinski 5. Brent Shaddock 6. Scott Sepe 7. Ivan Guerra

Nascar Sport Mod Feature: 1. Josh Wilbur; Youngsville, NY 2. Mike Travis 3. Kyle Dunham 4. Andy Crane 5. Phil Goetschius 6. Mike Roth

Bandolero Feature: 1. Monika Deckelman, Fremont Center, NY 2. Kaden Rogers 3. Cody Quagliato 4. Isaiah Anderson 5. Mike Sinagra 6. Leland Oefelein 7. Justin Teresek

ECTQ Vintage Feature: 1. Tyler Wagner, Chester, NJ 2. Mike Casario 3. Bud Routzann 4. Bill DiMateo

Beg. Bandos Feature: 1. Shawn Tyler; Liberty, NY 2. Jordan Smith 3. Alison Smith 4. Easton Houghtaling 5. Sophia Travis

