

## ***Young Guns, Brian Rygielski and Tyler Wagner earn respect on the track as they are victorious in Asphalt Modifieds and TQ Midgets!***

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**White Lake, NY:** A salute to Healthcare Workers night proved to be an exciting night of racing highlighted by the Advance Auto Parts NASCAR Weekly Racing Series. The night also included a visit by the East Coast TQ Racing Club.

NASCAR Asphalt Modified feature racing found experienced newcomer Don Wagner taking the lead early on over former dirt street stock ace, Stephen Kammer. Wagner began to pull ahead as Brian Rygielski coming from fourth position began to challenge Kammer for second position. A restart on lap 7 found Rygielski moving into second over Kammer and began to set his sights on the leader, Wagner. The halfway point found Rygielski battling on the outside lane for several laps with Wagner running the inside. Lap 12 found Rygielski fully ahead in the lead as Wagner began to feel pressure from Bethel Speedway's all-time win leader John Cote. The yellow came out on lap 14 when current point leader Skip LaPolt crashed into the turn 4 wall ending his run on the tow truck. The final restart saw a shootout between the top three drivers but at the checkers, it was Rygielski taking his second feature win of the season. The close finish was a popular victory for the young gun Rygielski thus earning respect from veteran drivers Cote and Wagner who finished second and third, respectively.

East Coast Modern TQ feature action found a barnburner finish on the final lap. Most of the race found a shootout up front between former dirt late model racer Steve Nederostek and last year's rookie of the year Ozzy Carlino battling it out lap after lap for the lead. Lap 15, was a pivot point in the race as the caution was displayed for a spun Stefan Nikolof allowing for a late race restart. Tyler Wagner who started in sixth position has been the driver to beat at Bethel the past few years in the class as he found himself poised to capitalize on the restart. Wagner quickly zoomed ahead of Carlino when he got loose coming off turn two backing out of the accelerator to keep his beautiful car from hitting the wall. Wagner then closed in on the leader Nederostek and began to battle for the lead. The final lap saw Wagner dive hard into turn 1 to pull off the winning pass in his Blu Metz owned machine and was able to stay slightly ahead of Nederostek and Carlino at the finish line for a crowd-pleasing exciting finish.

Former track champion, Walt Henry pulled off a weekend sweep by leading every lap in the NASCAR Street Stock feature. Although leading every lap, it was no easy victory as he had to encounter lapped traffic while under heavy pressure from Joel Murns and JB Morris for the second half of the race. Often Murns, could mount a formidable challenge but Henry would continue to storm ahead. At the checkers, it was a photo finish as the top three cars came across together, but it was Henry collecting his first feature win of the season by a fender over Murns and current point leader Morris in third. Henry put forth a weekend sweep winning locally at both Accord and Bethel Speedways which has

not been achieved in several seasons but was often a challenge among local racers years ago.

Former dirt pro stock racer, John Velde has brought on a new challenge to his racing career by transitioning to Bethel's asphalt bullring after a long absence behind the wheel. Velde proved to be a quick study and can now say he is a proven feature winner on both racing surfaces as he led every lap in the pro stock feature. Velde had his hands full with challengers as the first 16 laps went caution free. The first half of the race he had a solid lead over rookie Aiden Demorest, but sophomore racer Brandon Decker moved into second on lap 13 getting by A. Demorest. Decker then utilized the highside to get door to door with Velde for several laps until the caution came out on lap 16 for a turn 1 skirmish between A. Demorest and Emerson Cargain Jr. The final restart proved to be fruitful for Velde as it gave him some more breathing room from Decker for the final few laps. Current point leader Dave Demorest put on a late race charge getting by Kenny Hyde for third position on lap 18 and began to challenge Decker for second. At the checkers, it was Velde by a car length collecting his first career Pro Stock feature win at Bethel over Decker and D. Demorest.

The NASCAR Sport Mod feature had two ends of the spectrum in the quickly run caution free event. Former Bandolero ace, Mike Roth took full opportunity of starting on the pole to lead every lap and perfectly hit his marks, on the other end of the spectrum experienced racer Jeff Parker started last and methodically worked his way up through the running order moving into second position on lap 11. Parker began to close the gap, but Roth had a strong lead. At the checkers, it was Roth picking up his second feature win of the season over Parker and last week's feature winner Kyle Dunham in third.

James Anderson dominated Legends feature racing coming from fourth position to claim the lead early on to collect his second feature win of the season over Gerzabek and Kuhlthau.

Jack Gerzabek outdueled Ryan Kuhlthau and Jack Polan to come home the victor in the Non-Winner's Legends race. It was Gerzabek's first career victory at Bethel.

Emerson Cargain Jr. will go down in the history book as the first feature winner of the four-cylinder trucks class. Cargain made his move at the halfway point as early leader Zack Jackson began to develop a handling problem. Mike Garaguso finished in third.

Marcus Small earned his third and final victory in the Novice division as he will graduate up into higher ranked divisions. Newcomer Nick Foley finished second.

Monica Deckelman continued her mastery of the Bandoleros division as she worked past Leland Oefelein on Lap 3 and never looked back as she cruised to an easy victory. It was Deckelman's third feature win of the season.

The Beginner Bandos feature saw Jordan Smith earning a hat-trick as he won his third feature in a row.