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Jeff Rine tops Hyper-Thunder by the Lake at Hesston for UFO Race Championship and 3 State Flyers!

Hesston, PA (July 3, 2011) Jeff Rine from Danville, PA won the thrilling 51-lap Hyper-Thunder by the Lake on Sunday night at the Hesston Speedway, earning \$5,000 in the 51-lap main event. The event was co sanctioned between the UFO Race Championship and the Three State Flyers Series.

Support classes had competed earlier in the racing program. Just prior to the start of the Late Model portion of the program, a heavy downpour hit the facility. The start was delayed but the program was completed.

A field of 34 cars were divided into four qualifying heats of 12 laps each, with the top four finishers earning feature spots. The top three finishers went into the redraw for the top 12 starting positions. Gary Beward was the winner of Heat 1 from the pole position. Steve Everhart won the second heat, starting third. Heat 3 went to fourth starting Jason Covert. Boom Briggs took Heat 4 after starting fifth. Two B-Mains rounded out the preliminary action, won by Jack Pencil and Ron Delano, Jr.

The top 12 redraw found Devin Friese and Boom Briggs getting the front row positions for the 51-lap Hyper-Thunder by the Lake. Friese took the lead at the start over Briggs, Jason Covert, Gary Beward, and Jeff Miller. Covert passed Briggs for second on lap 2 as Jim Yoder moved to fifth, as the first caution flag of the race waved on lap 3 for Doug Eck slowing on the front stretch. On the double file restart, Friese chose the low lane and continued in the lead over Briggs, Beward, Miller, and third starting Jeff Rine who had fallen back at the start. Miller passed Beward for third on lap 6, as the next caution appeared on lap 9 for Bo Feathers.

Friese again chose the inside on this restart and led the field to turn one when the green waved. Sliding up the track, he slipped up too high and lost speed, falling to third. Briggs shot by in turn two and would be the new leader at lap 10 over Rine, Friese, Miller, and Covert. Covert took fourth from Miller on lap 11. Rine and Friese locked into a side-by-side war for second at this point, swapping the position on laps 13 and 15, before Rine finally nosed ahead on lap 16. Covert raced Friese for third at lap 20, with green flag racing continuing. Covert made the pass for third on lap 21, and the top three raced close for the lead before the next caution came on lap 26 for Danny Mitchell slowing to a stop. J.T. Spence brought out another caution a lap later.

On the lap 27 restart, Briggs chose the inside groove and led the field back up to speed. Briggs crossed lanes and went to the top of the track, but Rine dove inside in turn two and was able to pass Briggs to take the lead on lap 28. Covert settled into third over Miller and Beward. Covert's engine began misfiring, but he was still able to remain within distance of the leaders. Nick Dickson and Beward swapped fifth before Dickson cleared Beward on lap 39. The next yellow came on lap 42 as Jared Miley slowed to a stop. Covert's mount finally failed him on this restart to bring out another yellow with 43 laps complete.

Rine kept choosing the outside groove for the restarts, and was able to nose ahead of Briggs. Dickson advanced to third on lap 44, with 19th starting Dylan Yoder taking fourth place with Miller in fifth. Dickson was strong on the inside, as he and Briggs raced side by side for second. Briggs was able to nose back ahead, but the yellow flag waved again with 49 laps scored for Kyle Merkel. After a three car tangle on the first attempted run to the finish, the two lap dash to the finish was set.

Rine again chose the outside, and fired to restart the race. Briggs quickly got up to speed on the inside, and the pair raced door to door through turns one and two. The two made slight contact exiting turn two, but Rine never faltered in nosing back ahead. Briggs bobbed just slightly, allowing Dickson to make a run at him. Rine would go on to take the checkered flag, with Briggs nosing 11th starting Dickson for second. 19th starting Yoder was fourth, as Friese made a late charge to net fifth place. Miller was sixth as Waylon Wagner, Beward, Steve Everhart, and Miley completed the top ten.

Devin Friese continues to lead the UFO Race Championship point standings, now by 18 points over Jared Miley. Keith Barbara remains third but lost ground after car problems in hot laps forced him from the event. Defending champion Chad McClellan is fourth over Quintin Wyandt, Danny Mitchell, Matt Dobnak, Jared Hawkins, Butch McGill, and Robbie Scott.

UFO Race Championship race results for Sunday, July 3, 2011 at Hesston Speedway, Hesston, PA

Car Count – 34.

Lap leaders:

1-9 – Devin Friese.

10-28 – Boom Briggs.

29-51 – Jeff Rine.

Finish. (Feature Start) <Original Pill Draw> Car Number / Driver / Hometown / Payoff

1. (3) <> 92 / Jeff Rine / Danville, PA / \$5,000
2. (2) <> 99B / Boom Briggs / Bear Lake, PA / \$2,000
3. (11) <> 17 / Nick Dickson / Lewistown, PA / \$1,400
4. (19) <> 32 / Dylan Yoder / Selinsgrove, PA / \$1,200
5. (1) <> 12 / Devin Friese / Chambersburg, PA / \$1,000
6. (7) <> 57 / Jeff Miller / Huntingdon, PA / \$800
7. (16) <> 5W / Waylon Wagner / Lewistown, PA / \$700
8. (5) <> 19 / Gary Beward / Thompsontown, PA / \$650
9. (10) <> 15E / Steve Everhart / Hollidaysburg, PA / \$600
10. (9) <> H1 / Jared Miley / South Park, PA / \$550
11. (22) <> 06 / Mike Lupfer / Shermansdale, PA / \$525
12. (6) <> 27 / Jim Yoder / Selinsgrove, PA / \$500
13. (17) <> 14 / Jack Pencil / Bedford, PA / \$490
14. (25) <> 42 / Matt Dobnak / West Mifflin, PA / \$475
15. (14) <> 8L / Scott LeBarron / Dover, PA / \$450
16. (8) <> 20 / Shawn Clarr / Claysburg, PA / \$440
17. (13) <> 117 / Kyle Merkel / Gilbertsville, PA / \$425
18. (4) <> 43A / Jason Covert / York Haven, PA / \$425
19. (23) <> 4 / Alex Ferree / Saxonburg, PA / \$425
20. (15) <> 16T / JT Spence / Winchester, VA / \$425
21. (26) <> 18D / Danny Mitchell / Clarksburg, WV / \$400
22. (18) <> 0 / Ron Delano Jr / Stoystown, PA / \$400
23. (12) <> 5* / Derek Byler / Alexandria, PA / \$400
24. (21) <> 34D / Bob Dunn / East Waterford, PA / \$400
25. (24) <> D1 / Bo Feathers / Winchester, VA / \$400
26. (20) <> 03 / Doug Eck / Corry, PA / \$400

Did Not Qualify/Start

- M1 / Mike Mort / Lewistown, PA / \$150
- 2S / Sammy Stile / Charleroi, PA / \$150
- 11 / Brad Kling / Mount Union, PA / \$150
- 17 / Keith Barbara / South Park, PA / \$150
- 43 / Tom Decker Jr / Bellwood, PA / \$150
- 46 / Marvin Winters / McConnellsburg, PA / \$150
- 118 / Quintin Wyandt / Hooversville, PA / \$150
- 119 / Chad McClelland / Stoystown, PA / \$150

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Heat 2 – 1, 15E, Steve Everhart. 2, 92, Jeff Rine. 3, 12, Devin Friese. 4, 8L, Scott LeBarron. 5, M1, Mike Mort. 6, 32, Dylan Yoder. 7, 46, Marvin Winters. Did not start, 17K, Keith Barbara.

Heat 3 – 1, 43A, Jason Covert. 2, 20, Shawn Claar. 3, 5*, Derek Byler. 4, 16T, J.T. Spence. 5, 0, Ron Delano Jr. 6, 03, Doug Eck. 7, 118, Quintin Wyandt. 8, 2S, Sammy Stile. 9, 11, Brad Kling.

Heat 4 – 1, 99B, Boom Briggs. 2, H1, Jared Miley. 3, 27, Jim Yoder. 4, 5W, Waylon Wagner. 5, 06, Mike Lupfer. 6, 43, Tom Decker, Jr. 7, 18D, Danny Mitchell. 8, D1, Bo Feathers.

B-Main 1 – 1, 14, Jack Pencil. 2, 32, Dylan Yoder. 3, 34D, Bob Dunn. 4, 4, Alex Ferree. 5, 42, Matt Dobnak. 6, M1, Mike Mort. Did not start - 46, Marvin Winters; 119, Chad McClellan; 17K, Keith Barbara.

B-Main 2 – 1, 0, Ron Delano, Jr. 2, 03, Doug Eck. 3, 06, Mike Lupfer. 4, D1, Bo Feathers. 5, 2S, Sammy Stile. 6, 18D, Danny Mitchell. 7, 11, Brad Kling. 8, 43, Tom Decker, Jr. 9, 118, Quintin Wyandt.

Hobby Stock

Feature

1. 31 Derek Graybill
2. 13X Brad McGinnis
3. 88 Andy los
4. 77XXL Rick Potter
5. 21 Joe DeArmitt
6. 66 Carl Snare
7. 18 Tom DeArmitt
8. 13 Chad Gambol
9. 61 Adrian McMullen
10. 73 Terry Norris
11. 7 Curtis Guyer
12. 56 Todd Goss
13. 73B Brandie Mills
14. 17 Brad Feight
15. 121 Jim DeArmitt
16. 77W Travis Waite
17. 10 Jake Gongloff
18. D16 Daren Desch - DNS

Hard Charger -

77XXL Rick Potter

Mod - 4

Feature

1. 92 Frankie Gordon
2. 17W Matt Williamson
3. 97 Shawn Moore
4. 00 Eric Seibert
5. 11 Larry Duvall
6. 29 Eric Grubb
7. 56 Travis Semple
8. 46 Tim Williamson
9. 28 Kyle Parson
10. 64 Rusty Garlock

Hard Charger -

97 Shawn Moore

Factory 4

Feature

1. 5 Justin Williamson
2. 21 Dave Lambert
3. 12 Steve Fredrick
4. 5w Garrett Watkins
5. 7 Ryan Claycomb
6. 15N Denny Norris
7. 1 Michael Jack - DNS

Hard Charger -

12 Steve Fredrick

Pro-Street

Feature

1. 96 Jim Sayler
2. 22x Jesse Snyder
3. 50 Bill Henney
4. 57 Ken Singer
5. 7 Rich Swope
6. 73c Bill Pluta Jr.
7. 110 Dave Brown
8. 22 Boyd Brode
9. 5 Harry Smith
10. 77 Lou Wannyn
11. 27 Tom Wakefield
12. 20 Emory Covert
13. 85 Paul Gambol
14. 43 Robert Williamson
15. 19 Danny Atherton
16. 16 Matt Chilcote
17. 38 Brian Duffy

Hard Charger-

57 Ken Singer

Late Model Sportsman

Heat #1

1. 01 Robbie Black
2. 71 Curtis Heath
3. 50 Jack Griffith

4. 99* Rick Singleton
5. 5H Matt Howsare
6. 80 Mike Altobelli Sr.
7. 73 Mike Duck
8. 34 Kyle Wiser
- 9.7 Kenny Yoder

Late Model Sportsman

Heat #2

1. 64 Grant Adams
2. 25s Steve Bailor
3. 811 Jeff Shoemaker
4. 87 Eric Irvin
5. 68 Nathan LaSalle
6. 76 John Welch
7. 88x Mike Altobelli Jr.
8. 1J James Andrew Sr. - DNS

Late Model Sportsman

Heat # 3

1. 19 Rance Garlock
- 2.88 Khi Swanger
3. 44 Ralph Morgan Jr.
4. 3 Daniel Cornman
5. 77 George Dixon Jr.
6. 10x Corey Weaver
7. 21 Dave Leidy
8. 373 James Andrew Jr. - DNS

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Hard Charger -

