

## **6/12/10 - HESSTON SPEEDWAY - OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE**

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Pennsylvania's toughest bullring was back in action Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. The Steel Block Bandits raided Hesston Speedway with 34 drivers signing in. Even though a shower moved thru the area in the afternoon and the radar showing more around, the fans packed the stands to watch the great competition. The top prize of \$1500 was on the minds of all when the three heat events took to the track. The top six finishers would transfer to the A-main. Bruce Kane (#1k), Brad Kling (#11), and Chris Harr (#w1) took top honors in the heat events with Joey Leavell (#8L) winning the B-main. The line up was set and 30 laps was the distance. The green dropped and Kane (#1k) took the lead. By lap 4, Allen Brannon (#11n) had moved from his 6<sup>th</sup> starting spot into the 2<sup>nd</sup> position. On lap 11, the caution flew as the #50 of Jake Griffith lost the handle in turn 1. Kane set the pace on the restart as the single file steed took the green off turn 4. Brannon (#11n) quickly pulled beside Kane (#1k) to battle for the lead. 11<sup>th</sup> place starter, Rance Garlock (#19g) found himself in the 3<sup>rd</sup> position waiting to make his move. Coming off turn 4 to begin the 23<sup>rd</sup> circuit, Kane (#1k) and Brannon (#11n) touched losing some of their momentum. Garlock (#19g) seen the opening and made it three-wide to take the lead. With 8 laps to go, Garlock (#19g) never looked back. He took the checkered with Allen Brannon (#11n), Bruce Kane (#1k), Brad Kling (#11), and Kyle Merkel (#117) rounding out the top five. The street stock division was made up of 17 drivers. Two heat events were on the board with the top 4 finishers of each to redraw for their starting position in the main event. Khi Swanger (#88) and Dave Brown (#110) took top honors. With the luck of the draw on their side, Mike Desch (#59) and Rich Swope (#7) set on the front row. With very few cautions, it did not take the third place starter, Bill Henney (#50) long to take command. He was able to continue a strong lead and crossed for the checkered in the top spot. Khi Swanger (#88), Harry Smith (#5), Danny Atherton (#19), and Paul Gambol (#85) rounded out the top five. An announcement was made in victory lane that owner, Dave Ericksen, put a bounty on the #50 of Henney. The prize of \$100 will be awarded to the first driver who succeeds in taking the top spot over the dominator.

In the hobby stock division, 16 cars competed. Preston Imler (#54) and Curtis Guyer (#7) were the victors in the heat events. Derek Graybill (#01) set the pace as the field took the green. Graybill (#01) never relinquished his top seat and came home with his very first victory. Brad McGinnis (#13), Curtis Guyer (#7), Lou Wannyn (#77), and Chad Gambol (#13x) rounded out the top five.

For the first time in the 2010 season, the 305 sprints were welcomed back to Hesston. Tyler Bear (#25) and Joe Zap (#33z) took top honors in the two heat events. Billy Ney (#83) and Rodney Peters (#4) were on the front row. After a few yellow flags, Peters was able to hold off the rest of the nineteen car field and become victorious. Tyler Bear (#25), Ryan Lynn (#26), Joe Zap (#33z), and Jim Kennedy (#7) rounded out the top five.

Feel free to visit us on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> as we will have a 5-division show featuring the Limited Late Models, Street Stocks, Hobby Stocks, Penn Mar Vintage cars, and the 4cyl Mini Stocks. There will also be a hard charger award of \$50 given to any driver of any class who is able to make the best advance from his starting position.