

## 7/17/10 Press Release - HESSTON SPEEDWAY

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Another day of gorgeous weather brought another event filled evening at Pennsylvania's Toughest Bullring on Saturday, 7/17. As seventy-seven teams signed in to battle for the top spot, track owner Dave Eriksen felt that the racing surface was going to be perfect.

First on the grid was the Fastrak Late Models. Each regular Fastrak event earns the drivers "National Series Points". Twelve drivers were excited to compete in the 30-lap feature event with \$1k up for grabs. Heat winners were Roger Laughlin (53x) and Mike Pegher, Jr. (1c). The top three in both heat events redrew for their feature starting positions. Laughlin and Dan Angelicchio (4) set the pace to the green flag. Brian Force (31) jumped out to the early lead. Laughlin and Dan Karalagas (G1) trailed consecutively. The first yellow came on lap 3 as Angelicchio lost the grip in turn 2. Force led the field to the green for the restart, however Tim Snare (99) clipped the cone on the front stretch which brought out yellow #2. Force again restarted the field with the strong competitor of Pegher, Jr. up to 3<sup>rd</sup> on lap 4. Yellow #3 came as John Eckerd (7) lost a battle with the front stretch wall on lap 5. The red flag was displayed as the track was blocked. On the restart, Force was trailed by Pegher, Jr., Karalagas, Laughlin, and Snare. Force would lead lap 6 but would relinquish the top spot to Pegher on lap 7. Karalagas was beginning to feel the pressure from Laughlin and Snare for the 3<sup>rd</sup> spot. Karalagas and Snare made contact in turns 3 & 4 on lap 8. Snare spun bringing out yellow #4. Pegher, Jr. restarted the field as Force and Laughlin battled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> spot. This allowed Pegher, Jr. to pull away by 5 car lengths. Joe Moyer (53) brought out yellow #5 as he spun in turn 4. After the restart, Pegher, Jr. had pulled out to a ½ straightaway lead as Snare had made his way back up to the 6<sup>th</sup> position. Karalagas, running 4<sup>th</sup>, went pitside on lap 13. Force began to feel the heat from Laughlin for the 2<sup>nd</sup> spot but was able to pull away. Pegher, Jr. was coming up on lap traffic on the 14<sup>th</sup> circuit. Transton Stoner (m14) was shown the layover flag coming off turn 4. Pegher, Jr. attempted to pass Stoner on the inside but contact was made. Pegher, Jr. was able to make the pass on the backstretch. Joe Martin (55) had made his way into the 4<sup>th</sup> spot as Snare trailed in 5<sup>th</sup>. Pegher, Jr. crossed for the checkered and took home the top prize. Force, Laughlin, Martin, and Snare rounded out the top five.

**Lap Leaders:** Force (31) 1-6; Pegher, Jr. (1c) 7-30

**Cautions:** 5 - Laps 3, 3, 5, 8, 9

**Hard Chargers:** Pegher, Jr. and Martin

As fifteen drivers suited up, it was time for the Street Stock division to show their talent. Ryan Sager (22) and Bill Henney (50) took the checkered in the two heat events. EJ Goss (69g) and Wayne Haw baker (6) led the field out of turn 4. Henney dove to the inside and had the lead entering turn 1 but it was doomed by a caution as Rich Swope (7) spun in turn 4. The field regrouped and was ready for the complete double file restart. As the green dropped, Henney again made his move to the inside. Hawbaker followed as they were side by side for lap 1 with Sager and Mike Desch (59) waiting in the background. On lap 3, Jesse Snyder (22x) brought out the yellow as he spun in turn 4 and slid into the pit area. Henney was in command on the restart with Hawbaker, Sager, Desch, and Alex Boozel (182) trailing. Swope again lost the handle on lap 4. As Henney pulled away from the field, there was great battles yet to be seen. Sager and Desch were battling on lap 6 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> spot. Dave Brown (110) and Boozel were trying to decide who was going to take the 5<sup>th</sup> position. As Brown overcame Boozel and began working on Desch for the 4<sup>th</sup> spot, Desch lost the grip and spun in turns 3&4. On the restart with 10 to go, Henney brought the field to the cone. Khi Swanger (88) made his way up to the 7<sup>th</sup> spot but he wouldn't stop there. Brown overcame Sager for the 3<sup>rd</sup> spot and set his sights on Hawbaker. On lap 12, Brown would find himself directly behind Henney. Swanger got around Danny Atherton (19) for the 4<sup>th</sup> spot. The yellow was seen again on lap 16 as Boozel spun in turn 4. With 4 to go, it was Henney, Brown, Sager, Hawbaker, and Swanger. Sager found himself sitting quietly in the 3<sup>rd</sup> spot as he watched Brown make every attempt to claim the lead from Henney. On lap 18, Goss spun in turns 3&4. Snyder would retire for the evening and Brad Long (25) lost the battle to a right front flat. Brown gave it everything he had but couldn't make the pass. Henney took the checkered with Brown, Sager, Swanger, and Hawbaker rounding out the top five.

**Lap Leaders:** Henney 1-20

**Cautions:** 6 - laps 1, 3, 4, 10, 16, 18

The racing surface proved to be a good one as there was great racing with plenty of passing in the Limited Late Model division. Seventeen cars arrived for the 20-lap feature event. Justin Kann (66) and Rick Singleton (99\*) were victorious in the heat events. After the redraw, Kann and Randy Wible (35) found themselves on the front row for the feature. As the green flew, Kann was in command but it wouldn't be long until the yellow waved. Ralph Morgan, Jr. (44) slowed on the backstretch due to a flat left rear. After 2 courtesy laps, the field came out of 4 for the restart. Kann again led the field into turn 1. Singleton got sideways in the middle of the turn which bunched up the field behind him. Lincoln Ritchey (11L) and Eric Irvin (87) were not able to keep control and brought out the caution. As the field seemed doomed with the yellow flags, another would fly on lap 3 as Michael Altobelli (79) slowed out of turn 2 with the nose dragging. On lap 6, Kann led the field as Matt Parks (15) took the 2<sup>nd</sup> spot from Wible as Singleton followed closely. Robbie Black (01) had made his way into the 6<sup>th</sup> position by working the high side. Singleton now started to run the cushion and found that this was his fastest way around the surface. Black passed Wible for the 4<sup>th</sup> position as Singleton took 2<sup>nd</sup> from Parks. Kann, leading, would soon begin to feel the heat from Singleton. As Singleton was on the outside of Kann for the lead, Kyle Wisner (34) spun in turns 3&4. Kann brought the field to the cone for the restart. On lap 12, Singleton would claim the top spot and never look back. Black passed Parks for the 3<sup>rd</sup> position as Rance Garlock (19) also got around Parks for the 4<sup>th</sup> position. Singleton claimed the victory as Kann, Black, Garlock, and Parks rounded out the top five.

**Lap Leader:** Kann (66) laps 1-2, 6-12; Wible (35) lap 3; Singleton (99\*) laps 12-20

**Cautions:** 6 - 2, 2, 3, 5, 11, 11

**Hard Charger:** Black (01)

The Hobby Stock division not only put on a great show, they were also victorious in the "Dirt Doctor's Yellow Flag Challenge" with the Street Stocks. Dave Eriksen added \$240 to their total payout. Jake Gong off (10) and Carl Snare (66) took top honors in the heat events. During the redraw, Brad McGinnis (13) and our current point leader, Chad Gambol (13x) found that they would lead the field to the start of the feature. The green dropped and the action began. Gambol and McGinnis raced side by side for most of the 15 lap feature. Terry Norris (73) and Snare battled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> spots. Lap 5 brought the first yellow as Mike Romano (d16) spun in turn 2. Gambol brought the single-file field back to the cone. McGinnis would pull up beside Gambol in turn 1. Snare pulls to the outside of Norris to battle for the 3<sup>rd</sup> spot. Romano spun in turn 2 bringing out the yellow. Norris watches from the 3<sup>rd</sup> position as Gambol and McGinnis are still competing for the top spot. Gambol was able to pull away slightly. Norris attempted to work the high side to pass McGinnis but was unable. Romano would be black flagged as he brought out the 3 consecutive caution for spinning in turn 4. Again, McGinnis and Gambol battled for first as Snare pressured Norris. Curtis Guyer (7) was beginning to turn the heat on Jake Gong off (10) for the 5<sup>th</sup> position. On lap 12, Jim Dearnitt (121) spun in turn 4. On the restart, Snare was able to pass Norris for the 3<sup>rd</sup> spot. Coming off turn 4, Gambol took the victory. McGinnis, Snare, Norris, and Gambol rounded out the top 5.

**Lap Leaders:** Gambol (13x) laps 1-3, 5-6, 9-15; McGinnis (13) laps 4, 7, 8

**Cautions:** 4 - Laps 5, 7, 9, 12

**Hard Charger:** Tyler Ritchey (3)