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“Pennsylvania’s Toughest Bullring” - Hesston Speedway had sixty-nine teams in the pits on the hottest day in 2010. Showdown #3 for the Limited Late Models, presented by Curtis A. Heath Funeral Home, was the main event on Saturday, July 24th. Even with the heat, an enjoyable evening was in store. A few of our Limited Late drivers had the right idea as they relaxed on the backstretch pit area. Kyle Wiser (34) and Curtis Heath (71) brought their own pool and track owner, Dave Eriksen, had no problem filling it up.

First on the grid were the Fastrak Late Models. Six cars battled for position in the heat event. Brian Force (31) was victorious and would set on the pole for the 15 lap feature event. B. Force marched the field to the green. B. Force took command as Roger Laughlin (53x) and Tim Snare (99) looked on. The caution appeared on lap 2 as Snare, Chris Force (68) and Transton Stoner (m14) made contact in turns 3&4. B. Force restarted the field with Laughlin second and C. Force third. Lap 4 would be unfortunate for Snare as he retired for the night with a left rear flat. The battled heated up for the fourth spot as Joe Moyer (53) and Stoner were side by side. With 5 to go, B. force was still your leader. The yellow waved again on lap 12 as Moyer lost the handle in turn 4. On the restart with three to go, Laughlin put pressure on B. Force for the top spot. B. Force was able to keep command as he crossed for the checkered. Laughlin, C. Force, Stoner, and Moyer rounded out the field.

Lap Leader: #31 Brian Force

Cautions: 2 - laps 2, 12

Hard Charger: #68 Chris Force

In the Street Stock division, a bounty was up for grabs as Bill Henney (50) has dominated the 2010 season. Henney and Khi Swanger (88) won the heat events. Dave Brown (110) and Henney set on the front row of the eighteen car field. The green dropped and Brown set out to claim the bounty. Henney, Ryan Sager (22), Swanger, and Harry Smith (5) were the top five on lap 4. Jesse Snyder (22x) was able to gain two positions as Smith and Rich Swope (7) slid high. By lap 5, Swanger was pressuring Sager for the 3rd spot. The only caution of the event was seen on lap 6 as Smith retired with motor issues. Brown restarted the field with Henney and Sager trailing. Henney slid high going into turn 1 which allowed Sager, Snyder, and Swanger to slip by. Snyder pressures Sager for the 2nd spot as Henney, Swanger, and Swope make it 3-wide off turn 2 for the 4th spot. By lap 10, Henney was back up to the 2nd position with Brown in his sights. Swanger and Swope were battling for 5th. Brown was now leading by 8 car lengths as Henney and Sager were side by side for 2nd. Brown hits lap traffic but never misses a beat. With 5 to go, Henney is running 2nd with Sager and Snyder racing hard for 3rd. Swanger finds himself in the mix making the pass on Snyder for the 4th spot. With 2 remaining, Swanger slowed on the backstretch retiring for the night. Brown would claim the victory and the \$50 bounty. Henney, Sager, Swope, and Snyder rounded out the top five.

Lap Leader: #110 Dave Brown

Cautions: 1 - lap 6

Hard Charger: #19 Danny Atherton

With \$1k up for grabs, twenty-six teams were split into three heat events for the Limited Late Models Showdown #3. Curtis Heath (71), Matt Parks (15), and Bobby Beard (81s) claimed the top spots. The top three finishers redrew for their starting position. Daryl Dick (94) and Tim Smith, Jr. (39) set the pace on the front row. Dick would lead going into turn 1 but Smith was working the high groove. Dick would slide back to the 3rd spot as Beard took command over 2nd. For three laps, Smith and Beard would race side by side for the top spot. Beard gained control on lap 6 and would never relinquish. Caution #1 waved on lap 6 as Brian Lessley (5z) came to a halt in turns 3&4 then went pitside for the evening. Beard led the field to the cone for the restart with Smith, Dick, Heath, and Parks trailing. Caution #2 was seen on lap 8 as Steve Bailor (#25s) stopped in turn 1. As Beard would restart the field, Ralph Morgan, Jr. (44) would bring out caution #3 as he slowed on the backstretch. Finally underway, Beard remained in command and the battle heated up further back in the field.

Andy Friese (82) and Justin Kann (66) were trying to decide who would take the 6th spot as Michael Altobelli, Jr. (79) looked on. George Dixon, Jr. (77) would bring out caution #4 as he spun in turns 3&4. As the field came nose to tail, the green flew again. Rance Garlock (19) was running 7th on the high side and coming on strong. Garlock moved to the bottom and claimed the 6th spot over Friese. Caution #5 was seen as Eric Irvin (87) lost the grip in turn 4. Off turn 4, Beard restarted the field again as Smith was running a solid 2nd, however lap 16 brought caution #6 as Irvin and Dixon made contact in turn 4. Dixon retired for the night. As Beard, Smith, Dick, and Heath set in the front of the field comfortably on the restart, Garlock began to put pressure on Parks for the 5th spot. Justin Kann (66) was running in the 7th position as his night came to an end as he slowed and went pitside. Lap 22 would show caution #7 as Dick and Garlock made contact on the backstretch sending Dick in a tailspin. Beard would restart the field for the last time with 3 laps remaining. As Beard pulls away by 5 car lengths, Smith, Heath, Parks, and Garlock were running respectively. Beard would claim his first victory at Hesston Speedway as well as the \$1k top prize.

Lap Leaders: #94 Daryl Dick (1), #39 Tim Smith, Jr. (2-5), #81s Bobby Beard (6-25)

Cautions: 7 - laps 6, 8, 8, 11, 14, 16, 22

Hard Charger: #5* Derek Byler

The Hobby Stock division had a rough start on Saturday as a few cars claimed some of the pit fence and speaker system. Finally underway, the heat victories were awarded to Lou Wannyn (77) and Terry Norris (73). Wannyn and Todd Goss (56) showed the field to the green. Wannyn got the early lead as Goss and Brad McGinnis (13) would fight for 2nd. Chad Gambol (13x) and Jake Gongloff (10) battled it out for the 4th spot. McGinnis made the pass by Goss on lap 6 to take command of the 2nd spot as Wannyn was still your leader. Wannyn would begin to feel the heat on lap 8 as McGinnis was trying for the top spot. That battle would end as the caution appeared in turns 3&4 for Mike Isett (23). Isett, Andy Los (88), and Gambol found themselves pitside fixing left rear flats. With 7 remaining, Wannyn led the field to the cone for the restart. Gongloff was now pressuring McGinnis for 2nd. Gongloff could not complete the pass and found Joe Dearmitt (21) on the inside making the pass for 3rd. As McGinnis pulled to the inside of Wannyn for the lead, Dearmitt would make it three-wide in turn 1. Dearmitt would take command. Wannyn and McGinnis now battled for 2nd. The white flag waved and Dearmitt was leading by 5 car lengths. Wannyn and McGinnis would make contact coming off turn 4. Gongloff took advantage to take the 2nd spot. Dearmitt claimed the victory with Gongloff, Norris, Wannyn, and McGinnis rounding out the top 5.

Lap Leaders: #77 Lou Wannyn (1-10), #21 Joe Dearmitt (11-15)

Cautions: 1 - lap 8

Hard Charger: #21 Joe Dearmitt

As the battle in points heats up, please come check us out on Saturday, August 7th. The Fastrak Late Model series will invade Hesston with a 25 lap-\$1200 to win main event. Also you can look us up at www.HesstonSpeedway.com or join our group on Facebook. As always, we would love to see you at the track and remember to “Hang On ‘Til the Checkered Flies”.