

## **8/7/10 HESSTON SPEEDWAY PRESS RELEASE**

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“PEGHER, JR WINS FASSTRAK LATE MODEL SERIES FROM LAST PLACE”

Pennsylvania's toughest bullring had the first appearance of the Fastrak Late Model Northeast Touring Series on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. A total of sixty-five cars filled the pit area as the weather was perfect for a great night of racing action.

First on the grid were the Hobby Stocks. Derek Graybill (01) and Terry Norris (73) were victorious in the heat events. Brad McGinnis (13) and Norris had the redraw on their side as they sat on the front row for the 15-lap feature event. As the field came double file to the green, Norris took command on the initial start.

McGinnis would fall into the 2<sup>nd</sup> spot as Mike Duck (73x) would battle for the position. Chad Gambol (13x), Shawn Wyles (3), and Carl Snare (66) followed respectively. Duck was not able to make the pass for 2<sup>nd</sup> as McGinnis would begin to apply the pressure to Norris for the top spot. McGinnis would take the lead on lap 7 as the yellow flies. Lou Wannyn (77) found himself around the ring in turns 1&2. On the restart, McGinnis led the field to the cone as the battle heated for the 2<sup>nd</sup> spot between Norris and Snare. Wyles sat patiently in the 3<sup>rd</sup> position. McGinnis was now leading by three car lengths as Norris now felt the pressure from Wyles for the 3<sup>rd</sup> spot. The yellow would return again on lap 9 for Mike Romano (d16) as he lost the handle in turn 2. McGinnis restarted the field again with Snare, Norris, Wyles, and Gambol following. The 9<sup>th</sup> circuit would yet again see a caution as Wannyn sat in turns 3&4. Nose to tail, the field came to the green for the restart. McGinnis would begin to feel heat from Snare as Norris and Wyles continued to battle for the 3<sup>rd</sup> position. Gambol was getting pressured by Jake Gongloff (10) for the 5<sup>th</sup> spot. Gongloff completed the pass. With 2 to go, McGinnis still had command as Snare gave every effort to take the top spot. The white flag arrived with the caution following as Mike Isett (23) spun in turn 4. A 1-lap shoot out would round out the feature. McGinnis would take the checkered with Snare, Norris, Wyles, and Gambol rounding out the top 5. Due to post-race inspection, McGinnis was disqualified.

**CAUTIONS:** 4 - laps 7, 9, 9, 14

**LEADERS:** Norris (1-6), McGinnis (7-20)

**HARD CHARGER:** Jim Dearmitt (121)

As the Fastrak Northeast Touring Series would round out a weekend of excitement, Mike Pegher, Jr. (1c) started in the 12<sup>th</sup> position and went home with the \$1200 check. Josh Holtgraver (00) and Gary Knollinger (38k) paced the field to the green. Holtgraver took the early command as Knollinger slid high going into turn 1. Nico Debacco (F1) took advantage and claimed the 2<sup>nd</sup> position as Dan Karalagas (G1), Bud Watson (2), and Joe Martin (55) followed respectively. As Debacco and Karalagas battled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> spot, the yellow waved. Knollinger came to a halt on the front stretch. Holtgraver would choose the outside on the double file restart. The green dropped but the flagman was not happy with the start. The field came double file again out of turn 4 with Debacco and Holtgraver on the front row. On lap 6, Pegher, Jr. was up to the 6<sup>th</sup> spot battling Martin for the 4<sup>th</sup> position. Butch Lambert (27) applied the heat to Holtgraver for the top spot. The yellow appeared again on lap 8 as Martin lost the grip in turns 3&4. Holtgraver would again choose the outside for the restart. Lambert would take the lead into turn 1 as Holtgraver and Pegher, Jr. look on. Pegher, Jr. completed the pass for the 2<sup>nd</sup> spot and now set his sites on Lambert. Lambert stayed on the bottom as Pegher, Jr. worked the top. Dan Angelicchio (14) was now trying to take the 3<sup>rd</sup> spot from Holtgraver as Max Blair (111) and Karalagas battled for 5<sup>th</sup>. With 13 laps in and 12 to go, Pegher, Jr. goes to the outside in turns 1&2 trying to take over the top spot. Pegher, Jr. would complete the pass off turn 4 and lead lap 14. Lambert, Holtgraver, Blair and Angelicchio followed respectively. Pegher, Jr. was pulling away from the field as Lambert sat comfortably in the 2<sup>nd</sup> spot. Blair took the 3<sup>rd</sup> position from Holtgraver as he slid high. Angelicchio now began to put the pressure on Holtgraver for the 4<sup>th</sup> spot. With 2 to go, Pegher, Jr. was still your leader as Karalagas and Holtgraver battled for 5<sup>th</sup>. Pegher, Jr. found himself in victory lane as Lambert, Blair, Angelicchio, and Karalagas rounded out the top 5. As the Dirt Doctor,

Dave Eriksen, put up a special award for the longest traveler in any division, it was calculated that Bud Watson (2) was the victor.

**CAUTIONS:** 3 - laps 3, 3, 8

**LEADERS:** Holtgraver (1-7), Lambert (8-13), Pegher, Jr. (14-25)

**HARD CHARGER:** Pegher, Jr.

The competition in the street stock division is like no other. Bill Henney (50) and Dave Brown (110) took top honors in the heat events. Harry Smith (5) and Khi Swanger (88) led the field to the drop of the green. Smith and Swanger raced side by side down the backstretch to determine the leader of lap 1. Smith would take the honors as Brian Duffy (38) took command of the 2<sup>nd</sup> spot. Swanger put the pressure on Duffy as the two got together on the front stretch. Duffy was able to make the pass and take the top spot. Swanger took over the 2<sup>nd</sup> spot on lap 3. Jesse Snyder (22x) was running 4<sup>th</sup> as Rich Swope (7) and Smith battled for the 4<sup>th</sup> position. Henney was up to 9<sup>th</sup>. On lap 4, EJ Goss (69g) spun in turn 4 bringing out the first caution of the event. On the restart, Duffy paced the field to the cone as Swanger patiently waited to make his move. Danny Atherton (19) lost power on the restart as the yellow appeared for the second time. Duffy would again set the pace. Swanger would gain command on lap 5. Henney was now up to 7<sup>th</sup>. Snyder and Swope found themselves battling for the 4<sup>th</sup> spot as Brown was coming on strong. Swanger and Duffy began to pull away from the field as Brown took over the 3<sup>rd</sup> spot. Henney battled Swope for the 4<sup>th</sup> position. With 10 laps remaining, Brown broke coming off turn 4 which caused Swope to slow. Duffy would reclaim the lead over Swanger on lap 9. Henney now began to turn the heat up for the 3<sup>rd</sup> spot. Smith slid high which allowed Henney to take the spot on lap 13. Henney now set his sights on Duffy and Swanger as the laps ticked away. As the white flag flew, Swanger was trying everything possible to complete the pass. Going into turns 3&4, Swanger was able to dive to the bottom and take the checkered. Duffy, Henney, Snyder, and Smith rounded out the top 5.

**CAUTIONS:** 3 - laps 4, 4, 6

**LEADERS:** Smith (1-2), Duffy (3-4, 9-19), Swanger (5-8, 20)

**HARD CHARGER:** Henney

Nineteen limited late model drivers signed in the pits to duke it out for the top spot in the 20-lap feature event. Tim Smith, Jr. (39) and Jake Griffith (50) found themselves victorious in the heat events. Smith and George Dixon, Jr. (77) set on the front row. Smith took the lead going into turn 1 and never looked back. As the event went caution free, the action heated up. As Smith pulled away from the field, Dixon sat comfortably in the 2<sup>nd</sup> spot. Derek Byler (5\*) was able to pass Jake Griffith (50) and Tyler Ritchey (11) to take command of the 3<sup>rd</sup> position. Rick Singleton (99\*) worked the high groove to take over the 4<sup>th</sup> spot. Byler, now trailing the 2<sup>nd</sup> place Dixon by 5 car lengths, used the top to gain ground. The battle was for the 5<sup>th</sup> position as Curtis Heath (71) was applying the pressure to Ritchey. Rance Garlock (19) found himself up to the 8<sup>th</sup> spot. With 10 laps to go, Byler now pulls to the outside of Dixon to challenge for the 2<sup>nd</sup> position. Smith was still your leader as Byler would claim the runner-up spot with Dixon, Singleton, and Heath trailing. Smith began to hit lap traffic with 5 laps to go. He was able to maneuver his Ford powered, Rocket Chassis thru to take the checkered. Byler, Dixon, Singleton, and Heath rounded out the top 5.

**CAUTIONS:** 0

**LEADERS:** Smith, Jr. (1-20)

**HARD CHARGER:** Garlock (19)

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