

“SINGLETON, BEARD, HENNEY, AND GAMBOL ARE CROWNED TRACK CHAMPIONS AT HESSTON SPEEDWAY ON SATURDAY, 9/5”

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Pennsylvania's toughest bullring was back in action on Saturday, 9/5 for their last event of the 2010 season. Many teams and fans arrived at the facility to support the 6-division show and witness the crowning of our champions.

First on the grid was the Crate Late Models. With only 4 cars, the action in this feature only event was tremendous. Tim Snare (99) and Roger Laughlin (53L) sat on the front row. With 12 laps the distance, the green dropped and Snare stepped out to the lead. Laughlin, Transton Stoner (m14), and Joe Moyer (53) followed. Stoner pressured Laughlin for the 2nd spot until he lost the grip in turn 2 bringing out the yellow. Snare restarted the field as Laughlin tried to make a pass before the cone. The caution was waved again as the field became nose to tail for the last time. Snare again set the pace and never looked back. Moyer began to pressure Laughlin for 2nd which allowed Stoner to make up ground. Stoner passed Moyer for 3rd. Laughlin slid high in turns 3&4 as Stoner took over the 2nd position. Snare, now leading by 5 car lengths, would begin to feel slight pressure from Stoner. The battle for 3rd was heated as Moyer gave it his all to try for the pass on Laughlin. Stoner now within 2 car lengths of Snare as the white flag flew. Snare was able to keep the top spot with Stoner, Laughlin, and Moyer rounding out the field.

CAUTIONS: 2 – LAP 3

LAP LEADER: 99: 1-12

In the Hobby Stock division, Hesston seen the biggest field of competitors in the 2010 Season as 27 drivers set their sights on the checkered. Curtis Guyer (7), Chad Gambol (13x), and Carl Snare (66) were victorious in the heat events. Boyd Brode (22) retired for the evening after rolling his car in the heat event after contact with Ryan Norris (r7). As the current points leader and later crowned the division champion, Gambol pulled the pole starting position for the feature. Snare joined him on the front row. As the green dropped, Snare got the advantage. Gambol fell into 2nd with Lou Wannyn (77) and Bill Repogle (60) trailing. The first caution came on lap 1 as Daryl Detwiler (95) and Shane Morgan (42) made hard contact on the front stretch. Snare led the field back to the green, however, the caution waved again. Gary Morder (1) took the front stretch cone along for the ride. Snare would again lead the field nose to tail to the drop of the green. Gambol began to feel pressured by Wannyn as he wanted to take over the 3rd spot. The caution flew again as Todd Goss (56) slowed with a right rear flat. On the restart, Snare was still your leader as Gambol, Wannyn, and Repogle battled hard for position as Terry Norris (73) looked on from the 5th spot. Norris began to slow on lap 3 which would bring out the next caution. Norris retired due to mechanical issues. Snare, Gambol, Wannyn, Repogle, and Guyer were the top 5 on the restart. Wannyn again began to pressure Gambol for the 2nd spot. Wannyn made the pass for 2nd then set his sights on Snare. Off turn 4, Wannyn took the lead from Snare on lap 6. Jake Gongloff (10) brought out the next yellow as he lost the grip in turn 4. Wannyn, now your leader, took the field back to the green. Guyer, now up to the 2nd spot, pulled to the outside of Wannyn for the lead. Guyer took over the top spot on lap 7. Repogle now wanted the 3rd spot from Snare. Repogle made the pass using the high groove and now began to work on Wannyn. Wannyn and Guyer were battling hard for the lead but on lap 10 Travis Waite (77w) lost the handle in turn 4 bringing out the yellow. Guyer restarted the field with Wannyn, Repogle, Snare, and Shawn Wyles (3) hot on his trail. Repogle went to the outside of Wannyn for the 2nd spot but slid high unable to complete the pass. Repogle continued to pressure Wannyn until he overcame for the 2nd position. On lap 12, Wannyn was running 3rd but lost the grip in turn 4 and collected Brad McGinnis (13). Guyer, still your leader, paced the field to the drop of the green again. Repogle was now using every inch of the track to make the pass on Guyer. Repogle

and Guyer were side by side as the caution waved again as Waite spun in turns 1 & 2. With 2 laps remaining, Guyer remained your leader as Replogle again worked the high groove. Replogle slid high but did not lose much ground. As the field came for the white flag, Mike Grubb (88jr) lost control and brought out the yellow. With a green/checkered in order, Guyer tried to hang on to the top spot for the last lap but Replogle was able to complete the pass and take the checkered. Guyer, Rick Potter (TENb), Snare, and Wyles rounded out the top 5.

CAUTIONS: 9: LAPS 1, 1, 3, 3, 6, 10, 12, 13, 14

LAP LEADERS: 4 – 66: 1-5, 77 – 6, 7 – 7-14, 60 – 15

For the second time in the 2010 season, the PennMar Vintage Club arrived to do what they love, “Race their hearts out!”. Thirteen members signed in to put on a spectacular show. As the double file feature event seen the drop of the green, Larry Felty (46) took the lead. Clark Bartholomew (crown7) would soon take advantage of the top spot. Felty held on to the runner-up position as Paul Bacchus (7a), Fred Krickbaum (75), and Lloyd Hockenberry (33) rounded out the top 5. At intermission, fans were allowed to check out the pits of the PennMar club and talk to the drivers as well as their crew. Hesston Speedway is proud to be a part of the PennMar family as well as watch the amazing action that is always in store!

In the Limited Late Model division, \$1k was up for grabs as was the title of the “Showdown Series Champion”. Twenty-one teams were on hand as the field was set for three heat events. Heat winners included the Hesston regular season champion of Rick Singleton (99*), Matt Howsare (5h) and Matt Parks (15p). Curtis Heath (71) retired for the evening after a freak roll-over incident in the heat race. Bobby Beard (81s) claimed the pole position as George Dixon, Jr. (77) joined him on the front row in the 2nd starting spot. As the field marched double-file out of turn 4, Beard took advantage of the top spot and never looked back. Parks made the pass on Dixon for the 2nd spot. Dave Leidy (21a) felt the pressure from Howsare for the 4th spot as he then set his sights on Dixon for 3rd. As the field came out of turn 4 to complete lap 2, the yellow was brought out. Eric Irvin (87) spun in turns 1&2. Beard restarted the field with Parks, Howsare, Leidy and Dixon trailing. Singleton, who started in the 8th position, was applying the heat to Leidy for the 4th spot. Lap 10 would bring out the yellow as Jeff Shoemaker (8”) had a right rear flat. The field was brought to the green but was waved off as there was debris lying in turn 2. Beard again led the field as Parks looked on. Howsare and Singleton worked the high groove setting their sights on the top 2 runners. The yellow was seen again on lap 13 as Rance Garlock (19) spun in turn 2. As Beard led the field thru the drop of the green, Howare pulled beside Parks but pushed high unable to complete the pass. Singleton was now gaining ground. Corey Weaver (10) would bring out the next yellow on lap 17 as he lost the grip in turn 2. On the restart, Beard was able to pull away from Parks by 3 car lengths but the yellow returned on lap 18. Kyle Wiser (34) spun in turn 2. Howsare, who was running a solid 3rd, slowed on the frontstretch. A tough break for Howsare as something in the left front broke causing him to retire for the night. On the restart, it was Beard, Parks, and Singleton. Singleton using every inch of the top, slingshots around Parks for the 2nd spot. He now set his sights on the front runner of Beard. With 2 laps remaining, Singleton pulled to the outside of Beard. Going into turns 1&2, Singleton had to jab the brakes as Beard slid high causing slight contact between the two. Singleton lost his momentum which allowed Parks to gain ground. Beard would take the checkered with Parks claiming the 2nd spot by inches. Singleton, Ralph Morgan (44) and Steve Billett (20) rounded out the top 5.

CAUTIONS: 6 – LAPS 2, 10, 10, 13, 17, 18

LAP LEADER: 81S: 1-25

The Street Stock division brought a different variety to the speedway on Saturday. “Run What You Brung” was on the grid for the only time in the 2010 season. Billboards were in place on a few of the

street stocks to show just how much of an advantage this could be. Heat winners were Rich Swope (7) and Ryan Sager (22). Bill Henney, 2010 division champion, had hard contact with the turn 2 wall in the heat event. Henney drove the #88 Khi Swanger machine in the feature. Harry Smith (5) and Swope sat on the front row for the feature event. The green dropped and Smith jumped out to the early lead. Sager, Swope, Keith Russell (65k) and Wayne Hawbaker (6) followed. Smith with his billboard intact began to feel the heat from Sager. Sager claimed the lead on lap 7 as Henney in the #88 machine was working his way thru the field. Henney made the pass on Swope for the 3rd spot. Lap 8 brought out the yellow as Joe Gustaf (29x) spun in turns 3&4 which collected Kevin VanAmburg (18*). On the restart, Sager was trailed by Smith, Henney, Tim Brindle (45) and Swope. Henney worked on Smith for the 2nd spot. On lap 9, he was able to complete the pass. The yellow returned on lap 10 as EJ Goss (69g) and Jesse Snyder (22x) made contact in turns 1&2. Again, Sager brought the field to the green. Henney was running the top trying to complete the pass for the top spot. Swope began to challenge back for the 4th spot by pulling to the inside of Brindle but was unable to complete the pass. Lap 12 seen the last caution in the event as Gustaf again lost the grip in turn 2. Sager marched the field to the green for the last time. Henney applied the pressure to Sager by running the top groove once again but was unsuccessful. Sager claimed the victory followed by Henney, Smith, Brindle, and Swope.

CAUTIONS: 3 – LAPS 8, 10, 12

LAP LEADERS: 5: 1-6, 22: 7-18

The mini-stock division was back in action at Hesston on Saturday. Travis Semple (64) and Ed Williamson (24e) were victorious in the heat events. Gary Newell (0) and Semple sat on the front row for the feature. Semple was able to take the advantage on the initial start. Newell fell into 2nd until Williamson decided to split the two and take the lead. Williamson never relinquished his position. Lap 4 brought out the yellow as Phil Boden (28) and Norm Beam (14) made contact in turn 2. Williamson led the field to the drop of the green with Semple and Newell trailing. Semple slid high in turn 4 which opened the door for Newell but he was unable to make the pass. On lap 11, the yellow was seen again as Semple came to a halt in turn 4. He retired for the night. Williamson again led the field to the green as Newell held a solid 2nd. Larry Duvall (11) was running 3rd as Chris Semple (11x) pressured him for the spot. Williamson took the checkered but was disqualified due to technical issues. Newell was deemed the winner with C. Semple, Duvall, Austin Kirby (28k) and Dave Leidy, Sr. (21a) rounding out the top 5.

CAUTIONS: 2 – LAPS 4, 11

LAP LEADER: 24: 1-15

As the 2010 Hesston Speedway season comes to an end, we would like to thank each and every person who made this year possible for us. Every event has been a learning experience and we plan to strive to make 2011 bigger and better. Please keep your eye on the website, www.HesstonSpeedway.com for updates and announcements. This year would have not been possible without the strong support of the competitors as well as their families and friends. We will also be making an announcement within the upcoming weeks for an awards banquet. We hope to see you all next year and as always, "Hang On til the Checkered Flies"!