

PRP Press Release – BOSS Sprint July 23rd – Chuck Greenslate

History was made at Portsmouth Raceway Park Saturday night as wingless sprint cars returned to PRP for the first time since 1995.

The Rick's Trucks & Equipment Buckeye Outlaw Sprint Series made its inaugural visit to Portsmouth on Lemley Motorsports Night, which also featured Late Models, Modifieds, and Bombers.

The evening brought plenty of drama in all divisions as Shawn Westerfeld, Jackie Boggs, Ervin Vance, and Zach Pendleton captured feature wins in their respective classes.

Reigning BOSS champ Shawn Westerfeld was the class of the field. The Guilford, IN driver started on the pole and led every lap en rout to the feature win. The "Guilford Gasser" put on an impressive display of driving often throwing his car sideways 50 to 60 feet before reaching the turns.

The racing for second, third, and fourth was phenominal. Dustin Smith, Michael Fischesser, and Cooper Clouse finished in those respective positions. The trio ran together the last several laps racing each other hard all while having to maneuver their way through lapped traffic. Smith managed to place as the runner-up despite slamming the backstretch wall hard in a first-lap incident.

California native Kody Swanson had to run the B-Main to even qualify for the feature. The 28-year-old won the last chance race and battled his way through the field from 16th to fifth. Cody Gardner, Carmen Perigo, Justin Owen, Drew Rader, and birthday boy Stratton Briggs rounded out the top 10. Briggs turned 19 on Saturday and celebrated with a top-10 finish.

The Giovanni's Late Model A-Main had all kinds of unforeseen twists and turns. Early on it appeared as if Jackie Boggs was in a league of his own. The Grayson, KY native posted quick time, dominated his heat, started on the pole of the feature, and wasted no time opening up a big lead over the rest of the field.

However, as the race wore on, its complexion changed. Dirt Late Model Hall of Famer Delmas Conley, who started fourth, steadily chased down Boggs. On lap 11, Boggs got hung up in lapped traffic enabling Conley to go by on the high side and take the lead.

The veteran's time at the front of the field was short lived though. On lap12, Conley got together with Dillon Huron who was slowing to exit the track. The accident took out both Conley and Kenny Christy, who was riding fourth at the time.

Boggs moved back to the front and was never seriously challenged throughout the rest of the race. Eddie Carrier, Jr. climbed from seventh to second. Points leader Nick Bocook placed third with Robbie Lewis and Josh Bocook rounding out the top 5. Billy Gullion, Lee Logan, Avery Taylor, Ray Ervin, and Jason Cole made up the rest of the top 10.

Ervin Vance kept his streak intact setting quick time in the R.W. Rental and Supplies Modified

Division just as he has every race this season. For posting fast time Saturday night, Vance earned \$215 from Lemley Motorsports, but that wasn't the only paycheck pocketed by the current PRP points leader.

For the sixth time in eight races Vance took the checkered flag in the Modified A-Main, but he did have to work a little harder than in some of his other wins. The Beaver, KY driver led the first lap before relinquishing the lead to Jody Puckett, who would lead up through lap 12. On the 13th circuit, Vance reclaimed the lead and held on to take the win.

Puckett placed second with Craig Christian, Nathon Loney, and Anthony Slusher rounding out the top 5. Slusher, in just his second race back from shoulder surgery, ran most of the race on three wheels with his left front broken. Tony DeHart, Luke Jordan, Aaron Pendleton, Scott LeMaster, and Ben Adkins closed out the top 10. Jim Barnett earned the Markwest Ranger Pipeline Hard Charger Award climbing from 17th to 11th.

The M&M Inflatables Bomber A-Main again proved to be a family affair between the father-son combo of Shane and Zach Pendleton. They again finished first and second, but unlike the last race, this past Saturday saw Zach get the better of his dad.

Wayne Hughes came from deep in the field to place third. Brian Sammons, Bo McCarty, Rick Butler, Joey Clark, T.G. Taylor, Mike Drake, and David Whitt rounded out the top 10.

PRP's next race will be this coming Saturday, June 30th. Late Models, Modifieds, Limited Lates, Sport Mods, and Bombers will make up the card on an evening that will be highlighted by the annual running of the Weaver's Gas and Oil Bomber Shootout.