

PRP Press Release – 5th Annual Boone Coleman Memorial Gator ‘50’

Portsmouth Raceway Park opened its season over the weekend with two nights of racing highlighted by Sunday’s Fifth Annual Boone Coleman Memorial “Gator 50” Late Model Race won by Grayson, KY’s Jackie Boggs.

The two-time PRP track champion became a four-time winner of this annual event, and in doing so earned \$5,000 as well as a provisional starting spot in this October’s Dirt Track World Championship.

Beaver, KY’s Ervin Vance won Sunday’s R.W. Rental and Supply Modified A-Main. Saturday’s feature winners included Wooster’s Doug Drown in the Giovanni’s Pizza Late Models, Lucasville’s Jeremy Rayburn in the R.W. Rental and Supply Modifieds, Conard Newman in the M & M Inflatables Bombers, and Portsmouth’s Billy Baldrige in the Sport Mods.

Big crowds flocked through the gates both nights. Saturday night’s PRP Kickoff Classic brought outstanding action throughout the evening, as nearly 100 race teams were on the scene representing four classes. On Sunday, 75 drivers were on hand representing three classes.

Sunday’s Boone Coleman Memorial “Gator 50” was action-packed, especially early on. Devin Gilpin of Columbus, IN started on the pole and led lap 1. Jackie Boggs then motored past him to lead the next 11 circuits.

Shortly after being passed, Gilpin readjusted his line and went to the top. The three-time UMP National Modified champ retook the lead on lap 13 and would remain out front until breaking with 24 laps to go.

Gilpin’s misfortunes enabled Boggs to re-inherit a lead which he would never relinquish. Boggs, who set quick time earlier in the evening during the Lemley Motorsports Late Model Time Trials, pulled away from the rest of the pack as the laps wound down.

Last year’s Boone Coleman Memorial “Gator 50” winner Rod Conley climbed from 10th to finish second. Shannon Thornsberry, R.J. Conley, and Jason Montgomery rounded out the top five. Mark Frazier, Nick Bocook, James Williamson, Terry Hicks, and Derek Fisher made up the remainder of the top 10. Williamson advanced 10 spots to crack the top 10, while Hicks moved up 11 positions.

Sunday’s Modified feature was dominated by Ervin Vance. The 29-year-old started the evening setting quick time, but he began his day changing a motor in the car.

Vance was the fast qualifier Saturday and Sunday, however engine problems discovered right after Saturday’s time trials sidelined him for the rest of that evening. He and his crew spent the

day Sunday putting a new power plant under the hood of the P20, and their efforts paid off Sunday night.

Eric Hatfield, Brian Skaggs, Scott Lemaster, Keith Smith, Adam Colley, Luke Jordan, Jason Hall, Jeremy Hayes, and Jody Puckett rounded out the top 10 in Sunday's Modified Feature.

Luke Jordan was named Sunday evening's Markwest Ranger Pipeline Hard Charger. Josh Stumbo claimed that honor on Saturday.

Just as Sunday's O'Reilly Auto Parts Limited Late Model A-Main was taking to the track, heavy rains started to fall putting an end to the evening. That race will be ran this coming Saturday prior to the June 4th card commencing.

On the schedule for this Saturday will be a full program featuring Giovanni's Pizza Late Models, R.W. Rental and Supply Modifieds, O'Reilly Auto Parts Limited Lates, M & M Inflatables Bombers, and Sport Mods. Gates will open at 4 p.m. For more details visit www.portsraceway.com.

Saturday's Late Model A-Main: 1. Doug Drown, 2. Devin Gilpin, 3. Nick Bocook, 4. Shannon Thornsberry, 5. Kenny Christy, 6. R.J. Conley, 7. Billy Gullion, 8. Mike Meyers, 9. Robbie Lewis, 10. Austin Mills, 11. Avery Taylor, 12. Josh Bocook, 13. Dillon Huron, 14. Duane Pick, 15. Lee Logan, 16. Audie Swartz, 17. Billy Staker, 18. Daniel Williams, 19. Larry Martin, Jr.

Saturday's Modified A-Main: 1. Jeremy Rayburn, 2. Adam Jordan, 3. Adam Colley, 4. Jeremy Hayes, 5. Brian Skaggs, 6. Jim Barnett, 7. Josh Stumbo, 8. Justin Jacobs, 9. Tommy McClain, 10. David McWilliams, 11. Darrel Brooks, 12. Briana Robinson, 13. Jason Bilyeu 14. Luke Jordan, 15. John Brady, Jr., 16. Jeremy Lewis, 17. Andy Trout, 18. Kevin Hall, 19. Rusty Hawes, 20. Tim Rayburn

Saturday's Sport Mod A-Main: 1. Billy Baldrige, 2. Mitchell Fields, 3. Emily Jordan, 4. Danny Aldridge, 5. Allen Gulley, 6. Denzel Ayres, 7. Briana Robinson, 8. Derek Richmond, 9. Keith Shanks, 10. Danny Fout, 11. Jimmie Spillman, 12. Zach Vanhoose, 13. Robert Lunsford, 14. Cody Gifford, 15. Jeremy Brady, 16. Chase Dowdy, 17. Basil Branham, 18. Jason Spillman

Saturday's Bombers: 1. Conard Newman, 2. Shane Pendleton, 3. Wayne Hughes, 4. Bo McCarty, 5. Rick Butler, 6. Kasey Black, 7. Matthew McClain, 8. Joey Clark, 9. Zack Pendleton

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