

Litt Goes Wire to Wire for Hemelgarn Racing/ Super Fitness King of the Wing

June 26, 2015 – Toledo, OH – Twenty-one cars were on hand for the Hemelgarn Racing/ Super Fitness King of the Wing Shootout at Toledo Speedway this evening. This was the first race in the Mid-west swing of the King of the Wing National Sprint Car Series in search of the World's best pavement sprint car driver for 2015. The field was quickly shortened to 20 during the first practice session when Tom Patterson made contact with the inside wall in turn 2.

Aaron Pierce set a new track record for winged sprint cars running a 12.220 second lap around the ½ mile banked oval. He shattered the previous record of 12.389.

Due to a weather front fast approaching the speedway track officials conferred with KOTW Officials and drivers and the heat races were struck from the schedule only the 40 lap feature would be run. Pierce drew a 10 pill for the invert. This gave Derek Synder the pole position with Ryan Litt on the outside. Nineteen cars started the main event. Davey Hamilton Jr. was fighting engine issues through practice and qualifying was not able to correct them in time to run the main.

On the green flag Litt immediately went to the front and had a 3 car lead on the backstretch. Pierce moved up to 7th from his 8th place spot as they completed the 1st lap. Sierra Jackson hit the outside turn 2 wall hard on lap 2 bringing out the first caution. Jackson was ok but there was heavy damage to the rear end and wing of the car. A lap later Kyle Edwards went into the turn 2 wall after a part of the braking system broke. He was also finished for the night.

Kody Swanson took over the 4th place position when Edwards hit the wall. He and pierce would move to 2nd and 3rd respectively and battle for the 2nd position after the ½ way mark. On lap 33 Swanson and pierce both made contact bringing out the caution flag and retiring both from the race. Brian Gerster inherited the 2nd place position on the restart. Since cars are lined up in order of crossing the line there were a couple of lapped cars between Litt and Gerster. Litt opened up a 1 second lead but Gerster made quick order to clear those cars and chased down Litt closing the gap to .4 seconds. With 2 to go, but lost momentum and Litt was strong the last 2 laps winning by 1.2 seconds.

Gerster holds a 4 point advantage over Litt, by virtue of his better qualifying position, going into the High Banks of Winchester Speedway tomorrow, the second of three races in the mid-west swing.

Toledo Results:

Qualifying: 26, Pierce, 12.220 (new track record); 11, Kyle Edwards, 12.400; 50, Brian Gerster, 12.508; 40, David Byrnre, 12.711; 40, Kody Swanson, 12.828, 25, Sierra Jackson, 12.901; 88, Jim McCune, 12.912; 22, Bobby Santos, 12.937; 07, Ryan Litt, 13.045; Derek Synder, 13.060; 99 Geoff Kaiser, 13.102; 42, Jason Blond. 13.110; 0 Brad Wyatt, 13.198; 23, Robert Stout, 13.217; 38, David Baumgartner, 13.318; 61 , Kevin Feeney, 13.371; 12, John Turnbull, 14.171; 21, Mike Stutzman, 14.281; 1, Davey Hamilton Jr. 14.661; 11, Tom Geren, 18.478; 100, Tom Patterson, NT

Feature: Litt, Gerster, Snyder, Santos, Stout, Wyatt, Turnbull, Stutzman, Swanson, Pierce, Feeney, Blonde, McCune, Kaiser, Bryne, Baumgartner, Edwards, Geren, Jackson

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pavement Sprint Car Series. Long term plans for the Series are to provide a competitive rules package that can apply to all Sprint Cars and create race events that truly allows the promoters and racers to build bigger venues, show the sponsors and fans the world's fastest short track cars, and to promote some of the best short track drivers competing head-to-head no matter what part of the country they are from or what Series they run on a regular basis. This is the only pavement Sprint Car Series that features competitors from all across the United States and Canada.