

Pierce wins Anderson; Gerster Takes KOTW Mid-West Title

June 26, 2015 – Anderson, IN – Aaron Pierce took the lead on lap 24 of 50 and never relinquished winning the Royal Purple King of the Wing Shootout presented by Kingdom Racing and Telemate. The King of the Wing's Mid-West shootout concluded Sunday evening at the famed ¼ mile oval in Anderson, IN.

Meridian, ID's Sierra Jackson topped all drivers qualifying with a 10.221 second lap. She topped 2nd quick Brian Gerster by just .004 seconds. Sixteen drivers qualified for the nights Action with 12 all recording times in the 10 second bracket.

Jackson drew a 6 for the invert, placing Jason Blonde and Davey Hamilton Jr. 1 – 2 respectively on the starting grid. Pierce and David Bryne took the second row while Gerster and Jackson filled in the top 6 in row 3. Blonde got the better start and the inside row moved forward as the filed settled in It was Blonde, Pierce, Gerster. Hamilton, Byrne, and Jackson as they completed lap 1. Robert Stout became the first casualty of the race, a vibration developed on lap 3 and he pulled into the infield.

Pierce took the lead from Blonde on lap 24 while Jackson was still running 5th. She passed Hamilton Jr, for the 4th position while contending with lapped traffic on lap 27. She and Gerster thrilled the crowd as the two contended for the 3rd spot while Pierce was improving his lead over Bonde in 2nd. The Battle got tight in turn 3 on the 47th circuit with Jackson winding up in the infield grass bringing out the only caution of the 50 lap race.

Pierce had no problem on the restart and took home the check for \$3,000.00. Gerster had a 9 point points lead over Pierce going into the nights race for the Mid-west King of the Wing Title. Pierce garnered 84 points this night but Gerster also earned 84 taking home the prized Etched Glass Vase symbolizing his Mid-west championship.

The King of the Wing Shootout will continue in one month in the Northwest on Thursday July 30th at Meridian Speedway's ¼ mile oval in Meridian ID. Evergreen Speedway in Monroe, WA will host the 2nd and 3rd race of the Mid-west swing. The Rory Price Memorial will be run on Evergreen's 3/8th mile oval on the 3rd and the Northwest Series will conclude on Evergreen's 5/8th mile track on Aug 2nd.

Sunday Night's Results:

Qualifying: #25 Sierra Jackson 10.221, #50 Brian Gerster 10.225, #40 David Byrne 10.380, #26 Aaron Pierce 10.401, #5 Davey Hamilton Jr. 10. 402, #42 Jason Blonde 10.580, #64 Tyler Roahrig 10.607, #1 Davey Hamilton Sr. 10.626, #23 Robert Stout 10.631, 61x Kyle Feeney 10.740, #61 Kevin Feeney 10.859, #6 Kevin Blue 10.945, #12 John Turnbull 11.012, #71 Brian Vaughn 11.128, #21 Mike Stutsman 11.524, #43 Jim Payne

Heat 1: Stout, Kv Feeney, Hamilton Jr., Byrne, Roahrig, Jackson, Turnbull, Stutsman

Heat 2: Blue, Hamilton Sr, Ferster, Blonde, Pierce, Ky Feeney, Vaughn, Payne

Feature 50 laps: Pierce – 50, Blonde – 50, Gerster – 50, Roahrig – 50, Hamilton Jr. – 50, Kv Feeney – 50, Jackson – 50, Blue – 46, Turnbull – 46, Vaughn – 46, Stutsman – 43, Hamilton Sr. – 42, Byrne – 34, Ky Feeney – 24, Payne – 5, Stout – 3

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