



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Troy DeCaire Victorious in Royal Purple King of the Wing Season Opener

**July 21, 2017 – Kalamazoo, MI** – Twenty-three sprintcars took to the 3/8 oval at the “Zoo” Thursday Night. Bartlett, Tennessee’s Kyle Edwards was quickest during qualifying turning out a speed of almost 127 MPH (10.634 seconds). Derek Synder, Jason Blonde, Ron Larson and Troy DeCaire rounded out the top qualifiers.

Edwards drew a 10 for the invert putting Doug Dietsch and John Giesler on the pole for the 40 lap main event. On the start Dietsch took the lead. On lap 2 Edwards engine let go bringing out the first caution of the evening. On the single file restart DeCaire moved up the outside and was quickly battling Giesler for the 2<sup>nd</sup> spot. Once past Giesler, DeCaire set his eyes on Doug Dietsch for the lead. Dietsch spun on lap 4 and hit the front stretch wall bringing out the 2<sup>nd</sup> caution and relegating the lead to DeCaire. Once in the lead DeCaire could not be caught, several cautions tightened up the field and DeCaire will always pull away from the field on the restarts. DeCaire crossed the line 2.4 seconds ahead of Jason Blonde for his 3<sup>rd</sup> Royal Purple King of the Wing Feature Victories. Jason Conn, Derek Snyder, and Tristain Spiers rounded out the top 5.

Giesler won the Beast Cassis Heat Race 1, Blonde the Willwood Brake Heat Race 2 and DeCaire was the CSI Suspension Heat race 3. The MPI Max Papis Innovations Hard Charger Award went to Spiers moving up 9 spots from is 14<sup>th</sup> starting position to 5<sup>th</sup> place in the main.

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The “King of the Wing” Series is designed to work with all teams, promoters, fans and sponsors, to strengthen pavement Winged Sprint Car racing from coast to coast, working directly with all existing 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.

**Results:**

Qualifying: 1. Kyle Edwards, 10.634; 2. Derek Synder, 10.866; 3. Jason Blonde, 10.984; 4. Ron Larson, 10.988; 5. Troy DeCaire, 11.026; 6. Tristen Soiers, 11.067; 7. Nick Landon, 11.211; 8. Teddy Albert, 11.250; 9. Jason Conn, 11.269; 10. John Giesler, 11.272; 11. Doug Dietsch, 11.334; 12. Chris Neuenschwander, 11.346; 13. Christopher Randolph, 11.541; 14. Doug Stepke, 11.719; 15. Jim Payne, 11.814; 16. Randy Sweet, 12.019; 17. Mike Anderson, 12.235; 18. Doug Dietsch, 12.387; 19. Jim Heeney, 12.832; 20. Tom Patterson, 14.799; 21. Tom Geren, 16.363; 22. Nate Little, No Time, 23. Christian Koehler, No Time.

**Heats:**

Beast Chassis Heat 1: Giesler, Larson, Landon, Edwards, Randolph, Anderson

Wilwood Brakes Heat 2: Blonde, Conn, Neuenschwander, Don Dietsch, Geren

CSI Suspension Heat 3: DeCaire, Synder, Doug Dietsch, Albert, Sweet, Heeney, Payne, Little

Royal Purple King of the Wing Feature (40 Laps): 1. DeCaire, 2. Blonde, 3. Conn, 4. Snyder, 5. Spiers, 6. Geisler, 7. Larson, 8. Landon, 9. Randolph, 10. Albert, 11. Anderson, 12. Sweet, 13. Koehler, 14. Stepke, 15. Payne, 16. Doug Dietsch, 17. Edwards, 18. Don Dietsch, 19. Patterson, 20. Geren, 21. Little.