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**RE: June 12th Quick Results**

**DANNY JOHNSON WINS SUMMER SLAM MODIFIED 30 AT FIVE MILE POINT SPEEDWAY ON SUNDAY. JOHNSON BECOMES SIXTH DIFFERENT FEATURE WINNER IN AS MANY RACES AT FMP THIS SEASON.**

**KIRKWOOD, NY…**It has been said many times before at Five Mile Point Speedway but on Sunday it rang true again – “the doctor made a house call”. Danny Johnson, one of the all-time 65 greatest drivers at Five Mile Point Speedway raced to victory in round one of the Sunday Summer Slam Series event. The victory in the 30 lap event was worth $2,000.

Race one of the Sunday Summer Slam Series at Five Mile Point Speedway found twenty-five Modified teams on hand. All twenty-five started the 30 lap feature event and it was certainly a diverse field of talent. Fellow New Jersey campaigners Ric Hill and Mike Butler started on the front row of the 30 lap feature event by virtue of a re-draw format. Hill raced out to the early advantage but it was Butler getting it done on lap 3 to take the top spot. An early caution on lap 4 involved P.J. Goodwin, Heath Metzger and Cory Costa. All three were able to continue. On the restart Butler moved back out front using the high side of the quarter mile speedway. Hill continued to run in second with Danny Tyler and now Danny Johnson and Brian Malcom in the top five.

Possibly the quietest Modified track champion in FMP history Shaun Walker began his patented drive through the field from the sixteenth starting spot. The soft spoken Walker is no one to take lightly as weekly he starts deep in the field and quietly works his way forward. Sunday was no different. The 30 lap feature was like a dash as the field was three and often four wide throughout the event. As the race hit the halfway mark Walker had advanced up to seventh place as Butler continued to show the way.

On lap 23 Johnson moved his way past Hill for the second position. On the same lap the caution would fly and Butler saw his lead evaporate. On the restart Butler still held the point and his high groove on the speedway as Johnson immediately settled in the middle of the speedway. The two ran side by side for the lead to the delight of the fans. On lap 26 Johnson made his way past for the top spot. Butler continued to run in second as Hill ran in third. A great three wide battle took shape for fourth fifth and sixth between Brian Malcolm, Jerry Higbie and Anthony Perrego. Walker looked for any advantage as he and Mike Colsten tried to beak in to the top five.

Johnson would go on for the victory in round one of the Summer Slam Series with Butler coming across in second place. Unfortunately, Butler lost his finish after coming up light at the scales after the race. Hill would wind up second for his best career FMP finish. Malcolm advanced from seventh to third at the stripe with Walker taking fourth aft4r starting sixteenth. Perrego wound up fifth. Higbie, Colsten, rookie Brad Szulewski, Clay Butler and Cory Costa were credited with top ten finishes.

Ray McClure and Keith Lamphere started on the front row for the 20 lap IMCA Modified Summer Slam Series race 1. Lamphere made quick work at the start as he jumped out front. The quarter mile was in perfect shape for the IMCA Modified cars as it was wide with a slight cushion at one point providing five wide racing. Lamphere raced out to an early commanding lead as a rash of cautions began on lap 9. Four cautions would fly in four laps after the first nine circuits were caution free.

On the lap 13 restart Lamphere now had two-time defending track champion Matt Cole on his bumper. When racing resumed Cole would not allow Lamphere to jump out front this time. Meanwhile Tyler Stoddard, James Cornell, Gary Roberts and Will Ward hooked up for a great battle of their own. This allowed Lamphere and Cole to open up their advantage. Lamphere would fight off several bids by Cole for the race lead during the final seven laps to record the victory. Cole finished second with Stoddard, Roberts and Cornell rounding out the top five.

The FWD Four Cylinder 15 lap feature event saw the 69 Maynard owned car in victory lane for the second straight night. This time it was Burt Maynard behind the wheel taking it to the front of the field. For the second straight night Don Doster, Jr. started on the pole and again had to do battle with the number 69 car. This time it was Maynard behind the wheel. Maynard took the lead on the drop of the green and would lead the entire distance. Doster ended up second with Jeremy Warren having a career best finish in third. Dave Simms finished fourth with Andy Bolles winding up fifth.

The Xcel 600 Modifieds made their return to the quarter mile oval on Sunday for the first of their four race summer series. Richie Hitzler and Korey Inglin led the field down to the green flag in their 20 lap feature event. Hitzler took the lead at the drop of the green and led the entire 20 lap distance. The “Rent Me” car had John Williams behind the wheel and he raced his way to second place. Chris Kithcart started thirteenth and rallied all the way up to third at the finish. He was followed by Ray Gradwell and Kyle Inglin.

**COUNTER POINTS…**The Sunday Summer Slam Series came together in just over a week’s time and race 1 of 4 was a great success…Modified teams represented at least a dozen different race tracks in the northeast…It was a very diversified field of talent…The overall champion of the Modified 4 race series will earn $2,000…The top finishing FMP Modified regular will earn $1,000…Tonarlo’s Restaurant sponsored race number 1 and handed out discount coupons to their restaurant in Conklin…They are the official pizza provider weekly at the speedway…Adam’s Cable, New York Truck Parts and Insinger Performance are sponsoring the 4 races…Craig Decker Forestry Products is also a participating sponsor…The IMCA Modified feature winners share was boosted by $100 thanks to MT Head Racing (Mike and Tyler Stoddard)…600 Modiifed car owner John Boyd helped create a point fund for the four race mini-series for that division…Wheelers Excavating, Avery Auto, Frosty Joe’s and C.J. General Contracting are presenting sponsors for the 600 Modifieds…

**MODIFIED OFFICIAL FEATURE FINISH (30): DANNY JOHNSON,** Ric Hill, Brian Malcolm, Shaun Walker, Anthony Perrego, Jerry Higbie Jr., Mike Colsten, Brad Szulewski, Clay Butler, Cory Costa, Chris Wood, Randy Green, Brian Puckett, Glenn Knapp, Dan Creeden, P.J. Goodwin, Heath Metzger, Nick Petrilak, Richard Smith, Danny Tyler, Jeff Crambo, Dan Morden, Jeff Heotzler, Billy Decker. DQ – Mike Butler (light at scales).

**IMCA MODIFIED OFFICIAL FEATURE FINISH (20): KEITH LAMPHERE,** Matt Cole, Tyler Stoddard, Gary Roberts, James Cornell, Will Ward, Mike Smith, Bob Maynard, Brandon Shepard, Brad Smith, Joe Novak, Jessy Velez, Gary Lamphere, Bill Ward, Mike Stoddard, Ray McClure.

 **FWD FOUR CYLINDER OFFICIAL FEATURE FINISH (15): BURT MAYNARD,** Don Doster Jr., Jeremy Warren, Dave Simms, Andy Bolles, Jimmy DiFulvio, Rick Lunn, Keith Tesiero Jr., Randy Lane, Shawny Hazel, Adam Gilbert, Kenny Underwood.

**XCEL 600 C.C. MODIFIED OFFICIAL FEATURE FINISH (20): RICHIE HITZLER,** John Williams, Chris Kitchart, Ray Gradwell, Kyle Inglin, Grant Schibilia, Will Eastman, Steven Sherwood, C.J. Jochum, Hunter Deihl, 9t, Korey Inglin, Eric Boyd, Kevin VanValkenburg. DNS – Bailey Boyd.