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**“THE TORNADO” TYLER JOHNSTON BESTS STELLAR INSINGER PERFORMANCE CRATE SPORTSMAN FIELD ON SATURDAY AT FIVE MILE POINT SPEEDWAY.**

**KIRKWOOD, NY…**Tyler Johnston raced to his second Insinger Performance Crate Sportsman victory of the season on Saturday at Five Mile Point Speedway. It was a busy night of racing as the Vintage Classic was held for Vintage Modifieds and Sportsman. Once again, the spectator grandstand remained closed and will again this Saturday due to ongoing NYS Covid-19 Guidelines. This Saturday is the Season Championship Night with all the division titles up for grabs.

The 20 lap Insinger Performance Crate Sportsman feature event was led to the green by Brandon Fritsch and Matt Sobiech. When the green flew Sobiech darted out to the race lead. Current point leader Gary Smith quickly advanced from his fourth starting slot up to second place as he began to hunt down Sobiech. Tyler Johnston wasted no time and lived up to his nickname “The Tornado” as blew through the field from his sixth starting slot and set his site on the leaders. While Sobiech and Smith battled for the race lead Johnston utilized the outside of the quarter mile to go by both and into the race lead on lap 4. A caution on lap 5 saw a multi-car tangle with Russell Benke’s night coming to an end as a result.

On the restart Smith took over the second slot with Sobiech in third and now Bobby Flood had joined the mix from his ninth starting position while Matt Brewer made up the top five. Flood took over third place on lap 8 as Johnston opened his lead over Smith. Another caution flew on lap 13 as Dominic Roselli and Blaine Klinger got together and spun in turn 1. On the restart Smith got a phenomenal run and made a bid for the lead under Johnston in turn 1. Johnston fought him off as now Flood joined the battle.

Flood worked past Smith for second as now there was a storm brewing for the race lead between the “Tornado” and Flood. Flood closed the gap on Johnston but multiple late cautions slowed his efforts. The final caution flew on lap 19 which set up a one lap shootout. Johnston had a solid restart and was able to maintain his lead over Flood and go on to record win number two on the season. Flood finished second with Smith, Brewer and Tighe Sherlock completing the top five. Sobiech, Seth Zacharias, Tyler Stoddard, Devon Zona and Brandon Loucks completed the top ten.

Brett Gray had an ongoing $150 bounty on him entering Saturday nights 600 Modified feature. The 20 lap main event looked like the bounty might be claimed as Doug Lattner drove away from his outside front row starting spot. Lattner took the lead from Dave Brown at the start and immediately opened a commanding lead. A number of great battles took shape throughout the field as Lattner continued to open his margin out front. Gray, who started fourth made his way into second place on lap 13 as he worked past Jason Sullivan. It would prove to be the pass for the win. Lattner appeared to have things well in hand out front as the race leader only to see disaster strike on lap 14 as he slowed while exiting turn 4. Lattner would be forced pit side with mechanical problems handing the lead to Gray. Gray would go on to lead the balance of the feature and collect the $150 posted on himself. Sullivan, Bob Hamm, Brown and Sharon Sealey completed the top five. Since Gray cashed in the speedway is making the bounty $200 this Saturday making the winner’s share $450 for the 600 Modified winner (if Gray finishes on the lead lap).

The FWD Four Cylinder Experts saw Walter Decker return to victory lane in the 15 lap main event. Decker led all 15 laps over runner-up Dave Simms. Tim Vandemark entered the evening with $150 bounty placed on him but for the second consecutive week he did not finish the feature. Vandemark did momentarily take over second place on lap 3 prior to Simms retaking the spot. Vandemark dropped out on lap 8 just after regaining the second position. Decker and Simms were followed across the line by Caleb Lacey who had another solid outing. Steve Lunn and Jeff DeGroat completed the top five.

Brandon Christ led wire to wire in the 20 lap Futures Sportsman main event. The new division had a high mark of eight entries on Saturday with the best racing of the season during the main. Christ held off John Williams for the victory. Harold Heskell, Kyle Walsh and Chuck Culbertson completed the top five.

Josh Dumas had a heartbreaking evening in the 20 lap Factory Stock main event. Dumas led the entire way for looked to be his first win in the division. The win was nullified after post-race inspection found a bead lock wheel on the right rear of the car. This gave the win to runner-up Justin Slezak. Adam Gilbert, Ray Lindquist and Kurtis Stickle completed the finishers.

Doug Newbigging returned to victory lane in the 12 lap FWD Four Cylinder Novice main event. Newbigging took the lead from Bethany Bertram on lap 5 and held off Owen Clark for the win. Gregg Slater wound up third as the top three had a torrid battle for the win. Bertram and Ashley Slater completed the top five.

The Vintage Modified division ran a 20 lap feature event with Randy Delaney capturing the top honors. Delaney drove past Duane Hiller for the lead on lap 7 after the two had a spirited battle for the top spot. Delaney recorded the win with Kevin Kuser, Hiller, Mark Hahn and Gene Wrightstone completing the top five.

The Vintage Sportsman teams also had a 20 lap feature event on Saturday night with Stephen Denton returning to the quarter mile oval to record his first win at the speedway. Denton had competed multiple times years ago in the Open Sportsman division at the speedway. Denton took the lead from Mark Schenck on lap 5 and never looked back. Schenck finished second with Kyle Hoard, Frank Hoard Jr. and Frank Blanchard completing the top five. The race was slowed by only one caution on lap 4 for a simple spin.

Avery Decker was the Juniors winner.

**COUNTER POINTS…**A great night of racing took place once again in front of an empty grandstand as the “normalcy of today” continues during the Covid-19 pandemic…The spectator grandstand has been closed all season at the speedway…Walter Decker had a great night to remember as he celebrated his birthday, won the Expert Four Cylinder Feature and watched his son log the victory in the Juniors class…The Futures Sportsman class had it’s strongest count of the season as the new class continues to advance…The Insinger Performance Crate Sportsman class was 28 strong once again…This Saturday night is Season Championship night at the speedway with all track titles on the line…Racing begins at 7 p.m…The speedway will be idle on Labor Day Weekend with the Fall Championship Series beginning on Saturday, September 12th…

**OFFICIAL INSINGER FUELS CRATE SPORTSMAN FEATURE FINISH (20 LAPS): TYLER JOHNSTON,** Bobby Flood, Gary Smith, Matt Brewer, Tighe Sherlock, Matt Sobiech, Set Zacharias, Tyler Stoddard, Devon Zona, Brandon Loucks, Joe Gustella, Mike Corbin, Brian Franko, Leah Decker, Blaine Klinger, Mike Grover, Mike Schane, Jared Miller, Tom Hampton, Mike Murphy, Jared Labagh, Tyler Peet, Dominic Roselli, Brandon Fristch, Danielle Smith, Russell Benke. DNS – Punkie Marsh, Brian Durbin.

**FACTORY STOCK OFFICIAL FEATURE FINISH (20): JUSTIN SLEZAK**, Adam Gilbert, Ray Lindquist, Kurt Stickle. DQ – Josh Dumas.

**6O0 MODIFIED OFFICIAL FEATURE FINISH (20): BRETT GRAY,** Jason Sullivan, Bob Hamm, Dave Brown, Sharon Sealey, Ayden Morgan, Travis Rooney, Doug Lattner. DNS – Josh Mudge.

**FWD FOUR CYLINDER EXPERT OFFICIAL FEATURE FINISH (15): WALTER DECKER,** Dave Simms, Caleb Lacey, Steve Lunn, Jeff DeGroat, Jeremy Warren, Randy Lane, Ken Underwood, Tim Vandemark, Jason Colwell Jr., Rick Lunn.

**FWD FOUR CYLINDER NOVICE OFFICIAL FEATURE FINISH (12): DOUG NEWBIGGING,** Owen Clark, Gregg Slater, Bethany Bertram, Austin Slater, Cheyenne Bump, Lynda Lawrence, Ashley Slater, Mike Jenks. DNS - Billy Colwell.

**FUTURES CRATE SPORTSMAN OFFICIAL FEATURE FINISH: (20): BRANDON CHRIST,** John Williams, Harold Heskell, Kyle Walsh, Chuck Culbertson, Josh Mondak, Aiden Elliott, Ned Fitsch. DNS – Eric Reese Jr.

**JUNIOR 600 MODIFIED/SLINGSHOT: AVERY DECKER**.

**NORTHEAST VINTAGE SPORTSMAN MODIFIED OFFICIAL FEATURE FINISH (20): STEPHEN DENTON**, Mark Schenck, Kyle Hoard, Frank Hoard Jr., Frank Blanchard, Carl Cram, Ed Lawrence, George Palmer, Dan Karl, Jimmy Fugel, Frank Blanchard, John Marks, Mike Cole, John Pasteur, Tim Natalino.

**NORTHEAST VINTAGE MODIFIED OFFICIAL FEATURE FINISH (20): RANDY DELANEY**, Kevin Kuser, Duane Hiller, Mark Hahn, Gene Wrightstone.