

Engine Pro Sprints on Dirt ready for Season Finale

The Engine Pro Sprints on Dirt Presented by ARP will return to the Plymouth Speedway in Plymouth, IN Saturday October 4. This event will be the season finale for the Michigan based 360 sprint car sanctioning body and there is much to be decided at the "Playground of Power" during the World Series of Dirt.

The series is celebrating its 35th season of competition and is having one of the closest point's battles for the championship in recent SOD history. Defending champion Dustin Daggett gained 15 points on current point's leader Ryan Ruhl last Friday at Berlin Raceway making it a 12 point differential going into this Saturday's action.

The last visit to Plymouth by the series in August was captured by Ruhl and it gave him his current points lead. Ruhl from Coldwater MI will be trying to capture his first point's championship, while four time champion Daggett will be trying to be the first driver in the 35 year history of the series to win an unprecedented five championships.

Race day will begin with the pit area opening up at 2:00 PM; Hot laps at 5:00 PM and race time is 6:00.

FULL SOD POINTS RACE-ALL SOD RULES ARE IN EFFECT INCLUDING TIRES

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The official series website is www.sprintsondirt.com for additional information.

Daggett Dominates Berlin



Dustin Daggett with car owner Phil Mott and Don DeWitt. – T.J. Buffenbarger Photo

Marne, MI – (September 26, 2014) – Dustin Daggett has Berlin Raceway figured out.

Daggett continued his perfect record in feature events at Berlin after winning Friday night's Engine Pro Sprints on Dirt presented by ARP feature event. Daggett took the lead at the start and never relinquished it, lapping cars into the top five by the end of the feature. The win worth \$5,000 was Daggett's fourth SOD victory of the 2014 season and seventh overall for 2014.

"Something about this place that the car really works good here," said Daggett after the feature. "This was a different setup than we had the in car last year, and I think the car was even better tonight. I know (Randy) Hannagan was catching me when I was running the top in one and two, then I noticed a lap before the caution came out that (Kyle Sauder) pulled away from me coming out of two on the bottom. So the next lap I was planning on going to the bottom and then the caution came out. The car was a rocked."

Daggett started on the front row with Jared Horstman for the feature event. Daggett took the lead immediately leaving

Horstman and Hannagan to race for second. Following a caution for Brett Mann stopping in turn two Daggett pulled away and quickly started to overtake lapped traffic. Hannagan worked past Horstman on lap 21 and started to reel in Daggett in thick traffic.

Just when it appeared Hannagan might need a caution, it turned out he brought one out himself with an incident between turns three and four. Hannagan had to retire pit side.

This lined up Horstman behind Daggett for a restart with just three laps to go, but Daggett was up to the challenge and motored to the victory. Horsman held on for the runner up stop while Ruan Ruhl topped a spirited battle with Max Stambaugh for the final podium position. Sauder rounded out the top five after starting 19th.

Lamberson, Andy Chehowski, Daggett, and Hannagan won heat races. Brett Mann won the B-Main event.

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Berlin Raceway – Marne, MI

Friday September 26, 2014

Hoosier Racing Tire Heat Race #1 (8 Laps): 1. 27 – Brad Lamberson, 2. 6 – Max Stambaugh, 3. 07 – Dain Naida, 4. 46 – Robert Huisken, 5. 21 – Kirk Cheney, 6. 19J – Linden Jones, 7. 10S – Jay Steinebach, 8. 4S – Eric Smith.

All Star Performance / Comp Cams Heat Race #2 (8 Laps): 1. 20A – Andy Chewhoski, 2. 49 – Shawn Dancer, 3. 21T – Troy Chehowski, 4. 23 – Devon Dobie, 5. 29 – Mark Aldrich, 6. 19 – Brett Mann, 7. 23 – Joe Geibe.

Speed Pro Heat Race #3 (8 Laps): 1. 2M – Dustin Daggett, 2. 17 – Jared Horstman, 3. 31 – Andy Teunessen, 4. 187 – Gavin Hunyady, 5. 89 – Chris Pobanz, 6. 4 – Craig Karazim, 7. 35 – Mark Strpko

ARP Fasteners Heat Race #4 (8 Laps): 1. 22H – Randy Hannagan, 2. 16 – Ryan Ruhl, 3. 11 – Chase Rienour, 4. 00 – Dane Lorenc, 5. 83 – Kyle Sauder, 6. 2T – Ralph Brakenberry, 7. 7 – Kyle Pitts.

(Top 16 in passing points after the heat race events transferred to the A-Main)

Engine Pro B-Main (10 Laps): 1. 19 – Brett Mann, 2. 89 – Chris Pobanz, 3. 83 – Kyle Sauder, 4. 4 – Craig Karazim, 5. 10S – Jay Steinebach, 6. 7K – Kyle Pitts, 7. 21 – Kirk Cheney, 8. 23 – Joe Geibe, 9. 19J – Linden Jones, 10. 35 – Mark Strpko, 11. 187 – Gavin Hunyady, 12. 29S – Mark Aldrich. DNS: 4- Eric Smith.

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\$5,000 to win at Berlin on Friday

Marne, MI – (September 24, 2014) – The Engine Pro Sprints on Dirt Presented by ARP will return to the legendary Berlin Raceway in Marne, MI Friday September 26. This event will be one of the highest paying events on the 2014 calendar.

The Michigan based series celebrating its 35th season of competition will be competing for a \$5,000 to win first prize and defending race winner Dustin Daggett will be returning to defend his title at the 7/16 mile oval.

An incredible mid-week race in 2013 drew nearly 30 cars from throughout the Midwest and an even larger field is expected this year. Current point leader Ryan Ruhl from Coldwater MI will be trying to extend his points lead over four time champion Daggett with only Berlin and the October 4 season championship race at Plymouth Speedway left to go. In 2013 Daggett passed current World of Outlaws sprint car driver Shane Stewart with only a handful of laps to go to take one of the biggest feature wins of his incredibly successful career.

The 30 lap Battle at Berlin will be one of the most competitive 360 sprint races of the season with drivers expected from 10 states and Canada all vying for one of the 24 starting positions in the main event and capturing the \$5,000 first place prize.

Race day will begin with the pit area opening up at 4:00PM, race time is 6:30.