

# Ryan Ruhl Rules Engine Pro SOD Nitro Black Mike Olrich Memorial at Crystal



*Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt  
presented by ARP Nitro Black Mike Olrich Memorial Race trophy  
plate (TJ Buffenbarger photo)*



*Ryan Ruhl with the SOD Big Money*



*Ryan Ruhl with Mike's children Joslyn, Taylor, and Josh*

Ryan Ruhl dominated the Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP Nitro Black Mike Olrich Memorial Race in support of Racing Awareness.com at Crystal Motor Speedway. The memorial race was the most prestigious event and final race of the

Sprints On Dirt season, and the championship race of the MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge five-race mini-series.

Ruhl led all 30 laps of the non-stop feature in front of a very large and enthusiastic crowd. Friday's SOD Hartford winner Chad Blonde took over 2<sup>nd</sup> on lap 15, but Ruhl had a full straightaway lead. Blonde was a tick faster than Ruhl the last few laps, but not enough to get close to the leader. Ruhl also won the 2015 Mike Olrich Memorial at Crystal.

Brian Smith drove a steady race to finish 6<sup>th</sup> and secure the 2016 Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP Championship, the MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge, and the 2016 RockAuto.com SOD Series Rookie of the Year.

Ruhl's win was with a 360 cubic inch engine. One 305, three 360's, and and six 410s in the top 10 cars.

Former lightning sprint standout Justin Ward nailed down the 2016 RockAuto.com SOD Sprint Car Rookie of the Year honoring the top first-time driver in a full-size sprint car.



*RockAuto.com Rookies of the Year Brian Smith and Justin Ward*

ARP MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge Feature

	#	Driver	Motor Size	Awards	Contingencies
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1	16	Ryan Ruhl	360		Rod End Supply
2	5B	Chad Blonde	410	KSE Hard Charger	Rod End Supply
3	0	Steve Irwin	410		Rod End Supply
4	19	Brett Mann	410		Racing Optics
5	22M	Dan McCarron	305		ATL Racing Fuel Cells
6	2+	Brian Smith	410		King Racing Products
7	17X	Dain Naida	360		
8	4T	Josh Turner	410		
9	1A	Mark Aldrich	410	Ti22 Draw Winner	
10	46	Robert Huisken	360		
11	10S	Jay Steinebach	410		
12	77X	Alex Hill	360	DMI Draw Winner	
13	3A	Mike Astrauskas	360		
14	27X	Jared Lamberson	360	Engine Pro Lucky Dog	
15	8	Justin Ward	410		
16	81	John Gall	410		
17	24	Eric Smith	360		
18	6	Tyler Bearden	305		
19	27	Brad Lamberson	360		

20	89	Chris Pobanz	360		
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Fast Qualifier – Chad Blonde, 12.390

Engler Machine & Tool Heat \$100 winner – Josh Turner (4T)  
4T, 19, 16, 22M, 10S, 6, 91L

Lane Automotive Heat \$100 winner – Dain Naida (17X)  
17X, 2+, 27, 27X, 3A, 8, 89, 35

COMP Cams Heat \$100 winner – Mark Aldrich (1A)  
1A, 0, 5B, 46, 81, 77X, 24, 31

B-Main winner – Chris Pobanz (89)  
89, 8, 6, 24, 35 (Mark Strpko), 91L (Lexi Adgate), 31 (Tanner Astrauskas), DNS – 57 (Tyler Fitzpatrick)

Kistler Racing Products Contingencies – Brett Mann, Steve Irwin

BR Motorsports Contingency – Ryan Ruhl

COMP Cams Contingency – Brian Smith

Allstar Performance Contingency – Brad Lamberson

Schoenfeld Headers – Chad Blonde

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