

Ryan Ruhl Takes NUVU Fuels Dual On Dirt SOD Jim Coffey & Son Dirty 30



Photo by Thomas Michael

On a night when rain was a persistent threat, Ryan Ruhl drove to the win in the Engine Pro Sprints on Dirt presented by ARP Jim Coffey & Son Plumbing & Heating Dirty 30 portion of the NUVU Fuels Dual On Dirt. Ruhl mastered the 26 car field by being the fastest overall qualifier, dominating the Engler heat, and taking home the SOD Big Money check of \$2,000 for winning the feature.

Although rain wiped out several other Michigan race events, it didn't stop I-96 Speedway's near-capacity crowd from the rare opportunity to see two headline classes, the Engine Pro Sprints on Dirt presented by ARP and the American Ethanol Late

Model Tour in one event. The show was a real crowd pleaser as light rain fell for hours during the program, but never enough to stop the action.

Ruhl, in his familiar blue #16, showed his strength early, being the Lane Automotive/MSD Ignition Fast Master in the Engler Machine & Tool Heat group. He then drove from his 4th place heat race starting position to an easy win. Not to be outdone, Chad Blonde showed his strength by taking the COMP Cams heat. Steve Irwin took the RockAuto.com heat from 3rd.

Eric Smith suffered mechanical woes early in the program as did Brad Lamberson and Thomas Schinderle keeping them out of competition.

Jay Steinebach overcame heat problems to take the B-Main from his 6th place starting position.

Gregg Dalman took the early lead in the feature over pole sitter Chris Jones. By lap 6, Chad Blonde was on the move taking 2nd and setting sail after Dalman. Blonde took the lead on lap 12 and looked like the car to beat. Dain Naida spun off of turn four on lap 15 just after moving into the top 5 from 10th. At half way it was Blonde, Dalman, Ruhl, Boston Mead, and Joe Swanson. Two laps later, Chris Jones race ending when he flipped off the back straight. A lap later, Ruhl, who started 9th, snatched the lead from Blonde. Brett Mann spun in turn 4 on the next lap and rookie Andrew Scheid was collected by Mann and flipped hard, ending a frustrating night for him. After refueling during the red for Scheid, Steve Irwin, who was in 4th, dropped out with engine problems. Back under green, Ruhl charged to win with Blonde staying within striking distance, but not able to mount a serious challenge.

Qualifying – Lane Automotive/MSD Ignition Fast Masters (fast

qualifiers) \$50 each

Group	Time	#	Driver
Engler Machine & Tool Heat	14.045	16	Ryan Ruhl
COMP Cams Heat	14.387	5b	Chad Blonde
RockAuto.com Heat	14.234	7J	Joe Swanson

Heat Races – Winners \$100 each

Engler Machine & Tool Heat #1			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	16	Ryan Ruhl	
2	71H	Ryan Grubaugh	Kistler Racing Products
3	49t	Gregg Dalman	Racing Optics
4	17X	Dain Naida	
5	19	Brett Mann	
6	27X	Jared Lamberson	
7	91L	Lexi Adgate	
8	6	Tyler Bearden	
9	24	Eric Smith (DNS)	

COMP Cams Heat #2			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	5b	Chad Blonde	
2	11	Trey Smith	
3	10j	Chris Jones	Allstar Performance
4	18	DJ Lamance	Racing Optics

5	1a	Mark Aldrich	
6	20A	Andy Chehowski	
7	58	Tony Bures	
8	17	Dustin Carl	
9	27	Brad Lamberson (DNS)	

RockAuto.com Heat #3			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	0	Steve Irwin	
2	27B	Boston Mead	Kistler Racing Products
3	7J	Joe Swanson	Racing Optics
4	46	Robert Huisken	
5	8	Justin Ward	
6	77	Andrew Scheid	
7	10S	Jay Steinebach	
8	41	Thomas Schinderle (DNS)	

B-Main

	#	Driver
1	10S	Jay Steinebach
2	20A	Andy Chehowski

3	91L	Lexi Adgate
4	77	Andrew Scheid
5	17	Dustin Carl
6	58	Tony Bures
7	27X	Jared Lamberson
8	6	Tyler Bearden

Feature

	#	Driver	Awards	Contingencies
1	16	Ryan Ruhl		Rod End Supply
2	5b	Chad Blonde		Rod End Supply
3	49t	Gregg Dalman		Rod End Supply
4	27B	Boston Mead		Schoenfeld Headers
5	7J	Joe Swanson		ATL Racing Fuel Cells
6	17X	Dain Naida		
7	71H	Ryan Grubaugh		Allstar Performance
8	19	Brett Mann		
9	10S	Jay Steinebach		King Racing Products
10	1a	Mark Aldrich		
11	18	DJ Lamance		Keizer Aluminum Wheels
12	20A	Andy Chehowski		
13	46	Robert Huisken		
14	17	Dustin Carl		

15	91L	Lexi Adgate		
16	0	Steve Irwin		
17	8	Justin Ward		
18	11	Trey Smith		
19	77	Andrew Scheid		
20	10j	Chris Jones		

KSE Racing Products Hard Charger – Ryan Ruhl (8)

BR Motorsports Contingency (feature top 10 draw) – Jay Steinebach

DMI (Diversified Machine) Contingency (feature 12-16 draw) – Andy Chehowski

Perfit Corporation Lucky Dog – Steve Irwin

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