

Thomas Schinderle tops SOD Driven Racing Oil Battlegrounds Bash



Boston Mead

(3rd), winner Thomas Schinderle, Joe Swanson (2nd)

Thomas Schinderle was dialed in as Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP invaded Butler Motor Speedway for the Driven Racing Oil Battlegrounds Bash finale/4th Annual Butler Bash Saturday night. The spectacular show, the last 2017 SOD race at Butler, put an exclamation point on the three-race series.

The Driven Racing Oil, Butler Motor Speedway, Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP partnership was a huge success.

Schinderle (Berkley, MI) not only picked up his first sprint car feature win, but also the \$1,000 check as the 2017 Driven Racing Oil Battlegrounds Bash points champion. He started the night in fourth place in the points, but a combination of several factors, including his stellar performance, propelled him to the championship. Joe Swanson, Chad Blonde, Jay Steinebach, and Steve Irwin will also share in the point fund

payout.

It was the “younger generation” in the front row to start the feature, thirteen-year-old leading SOD sprint car rookie of the year candidate Andrew Scheid (Sparta, MI) started from the pole. Butler competitor nineteen-year-old Quentin Blonde (Litchfield, MI) started outside front row. After a first lap caution for a Tony Bures spin, Scheid took the lead on the start and looked like anything but a sprint car rookie.

On lap five Joe Swanson (Etna Green, IN) used his experience to grab the lead from Scheid. Swanson looked fast, but sixth place starter Thomas Schinderle drove by Swanson, winner of the second Driven Racing Oil Battlegrounds Bash race, on lap 9 after a crowd-pleasing back and forth battle.

Once out front, Schinderle skillfully worked his way through traffic and maintained a small lead over Swanson. For a lap twenty-one restart, Chad Blonde had moved into third and all eyes were on him as the race went green. Schinderle and Swanson were up to the challenge though. Blonde’s charge ended as he ran over the top of turn three, losing six places.

Josh Shantz , a regular at Ohsweken Speedway in Ontario, entered his first Engine Pro Sprints On presented by ARP. Former Michigander Chad Goff, now an Olathe, Kansas, resident and longtime winged and non-winged, pavement and dirt sprint car competitor also competed in the program.

Qualifying – Lane Automotive/MSD Ignition Fast Masters (fast qualifiers) \$50 each

| Group | Time | # | Driver |
|----------------------------|--------|-----|----------------|
| Engler Machine & Tool Heat | 13.565 | 19Z | Doug Zimmerman |
| COMP Cams Heat | 14.517 | 5QB | Quentin Blonde |
| RockAuto.com Heat | 15.348 | 10s | Jay Steinebach |

Heat Races – Winners \$100 each

| Engler Machine & Tool Heat #1 | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|----------------|-------------------------|
| | # | Driver | Contingency |
| 1 | 19Z | Doug Zimmerman | |
| 2 | 5b | Chad Blonde | Kistler Racing Products |
| 3 | 7J | Joe Swanson | Racing Optics |
| 4 | 4T | Josh Turner | |
| 5 | 20A | Andy Chehowski | |
| 6 | 49T | Gregg Dalman | |
| 7 | 21T | Troy Chehowski | |
| 8 | 18x | Josh Shantz | |
| 9 | 6 | Tyler Bearden | |

| COMP Cams Heat #2 | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-------------------|---------------------|
| | # | Driver | Contingency |
| 1 | 27b | Boston Mead | |
| 2 | 41 | Thomas Schinderle | Allstar Performance |
| 3 | 5QB | Quentin Blonde | Racing Optics |
| 4 | 1a | Mark Aldrich | |
| 5 | 9 | Chad Goff | |
| 6 | 9E | Tim Evilsizer | |
| 7 | 10J | Chris Jones | |
| 8 | 27K | Ryan Kirkendall | |
| 9 | 8 | Justin Ward | |

| RockAuto.com Heat #3 | | | |
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| | # | Driver | Contingency |
| 1 | 0 | Steve Irwin | |
| 2 | 77 | Andrew Scheid | Kistler Racing Products |
| 3 | 47 | Robert Bulloch | Racing Optics |
| 4 | 58 | Tony Bures | |
| 5 | 18 | DJ Lamance | |
| 6 | 17 | Dustin Carl | |
| 7 | 52 | Zac Broughman | |
| 8 | 10s | Jay Steinebach | |
| DNS | 12 | Mike Baker | |

B-Main

| | # | Driver |
|---|-----|-----------------|
| 1 | 9E | Tim Evilsizer |
| 2 | 10J | Chris Jones |
| 3 | 49T | Gregg Dalman |
| 4 | 18x | Josh Shantz |
| 5 | 10s | Jay Steinebach |
| 6 | 21T | Troy Chehowski |
| 7 | 8 | Justin Ward |
| 8 | 27K | Ryan Kirkendall |
| 9 | 52 | Zac Broughman |

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| 10 | 17 | Dustin Carl |
| 11 | 6 | Tyler Bearden |

Feature

| | # | Driver | Awards | Contingencies |
|----|-----|-------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 1 | 41 | Thomas Schinderle | | Rod End Supply |
| 2 | 7J | Joe Swanson | | Rod End Supply |
| 3 | 27b | Boston Mead | | Rod End Supply |
| 4 | 19Z | Doug Zimmerman | | Schoenfeld Headers |
| 5 | 0 | Steve Irwin | | ATL Racing Fuel Cells |
| 6 | 4T | Josh Turner | | |
| 7 | 5b | Chad Blonde | | Allstar Performance |
| 8 | 77 | Andrew Scheid | | |
| 9 | 9 | Chad Goff | | King Racing Products |
| 10 | 47 | Robert Bulloch | | |
| 11 | 9E | Tim Evilsizer | | Keizer Aluminum Wheels |
| 12 | 49T | Gregg Dalman | | |
| 13 | 18x | Josh Shantz | | |
| 14 | 20A | Andy Chehowski | | |
| 15 | 10s | Jay Steinebach | | |
| 16 | 18 | DJ Lamance | | |
| 17 | 58 | Tony Bures | | |

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| 18 | 5QB | Quentin Blonde | | |
| 19 | 10J | Chris Jones | | |
| 20 | 1a | Mark Aldrich | | |

KSE Racing Products Hard Charger – Gregg Dalman (+6)

BR Motorsports Contingency (feature top 10 draw) – Steve Irwin

DMI (Diversified Machine) Contingency (feature 12-16 draw) – Gregg Dalman

Perfit Corporation Lucky Dog – Tim Evilsizer

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