

Dan McCarron takes SOD Allstar Performance Open Wheel Spectacular at Merritt Speedway



Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP invaded Merritt Speedway for the annual Allstar Performance Open Wheel Spectacular with Dan McCarron (Britton, MI) picking up his second career win at “Michigan’s Premier Dirt Track.”

“Danny Mac” started second, but was moved back one row for jumping the start. All that did was give him a chance to prove he was the class of the field as he took the lead on lap nine. Thirteen-year-old Andrew Scheid (Sparta, MI), leading SOD sprint car rookie, started on the pole and led the first lap before Gregg Dalman (Bellevue, MI) grabbed the lead. After McCarron took command, Dalman held second until lap

sixteen when Steve Irwin (Fenton, MI) took the position. At times, it looked like Irwin had the speed in the low groove to overtake McCarron, but McCarron was up to the task and used the middle groove to perfection to pull away.

Lap eighteen saw a quick caution for a spin by Tyler Bearden , then disaster struck for Chris Jones when he flipped while trying to evade a spinning Mike Burkin.

Ryan Ruhl and Thomas Schinderle also looked like they could challenge for the win, but finished third and fourth respectively. 2016 SOD champion Brian Smith finished fifth.

Steve Irwin did double duty and won the non-winged portion of the Allstar Performance Open Wheel Spectacular over Brian Smith.

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

Group	Time	#	Driver
Engler Machine & Tool Heat	14.528	0	Steve Irwin
COMP Cams Heat	14.286	16	Ryan Ruhl
RockAuto.com Heat	14.402	41	Thomas Schinderle

Heat Races – Winners \$100 each

Engler Machine & Tool Heat #1			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	49T	Gregg Dalman	
2	0	Steve Irwin	Kistler Racing Products
3	77	Andrew Scheid	Racing Optics

4	10J	Chris Jones	
5	17X	Dain Naida	
6	58	Tony Bures	
7	89	Chris Pobanz	

COMP Cams Heat #2			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	16	Ryan Ruhl	
2	22M	Dan McCarron	Allstar Performance
3	8	Justin Ward	Racing Optics
4	20A	Andy Chehowski	
5	3A	Mike Astrauskas	
6	46	Robery Huisken	
7	10s	Jay Steinebach	

RockAuto.com Heat #3			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	41	Thomas Schinderle	
2	2+	Brian Smith	Kistler Racing Products
3	9E	Tim Evilsizer	Racing Optics
4	21T	Troy Chehowski	
5	91L	Mike Burkin	

6	47	Robert Bulloch	
7	6	Tyler Bearden	

Feature

	#	Driver	Awards	Contingencies
1	22M	Dan McCarron	2	Rod End Supply
2	0	Steve Irwin	8	Rod End Supply
3	16	Ryan Ruhl	3	Rod End Supply
4	41	Thomas Schinderle	6	Schoenfeld Headers
5	2+	Brian Smith	7	ATL Racing Fuel Cells
6	17X	Dain Naida	13	
7	77	Andrew Scheid	1	Allstar Performance
8	49T	Gregg Dalman	4	
9	20A	Andy Chehowski	11	King Racing Products
10	9E	Tim Evilsizer	5	
11	21T	Troy Chehowski	12	Keizer Aluminum Wheels
12	10s	Jay Steinebach	20	
13	46	Robery Huisken	17	
14	8	Justin Ward	9	
15	91L	Mike Burkin	15	
16	89	Chris Pobanz	19	
17	3A	Mike Astrauskas	14	

18	18	Robert Bulloch	18	
19	58	Tony Bures	16	
20	6	Tyler Bearden	21	
21	10J	Chris Jones	10	

KSE Racing Products Hard Charger – Jay Steinebach (+8)

BR Motorsports Contingency (feature top 10 draw) – Andy Chehowski

DMI (Diversified Machine) Contingency (feature 12-16 draw) – Robert Huisken

Perfit Corporation Lucky Dog – Dan McCarron

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