Chase Ridenour takes SOD's Hog Creek Showdown at Butler



The winning

Ridenour team by Johnny B Imagery

ERIE, MI (May 20, 2018) — "Kid Rocket" Chase Ridenour, from Perry, Michigan, used a lot of speed and a little luck to win the much-anticipated Hog Creek Showdown at Butler Motor Speedway Saturday night. The first appearance of the Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP at Butler saw a huge crowd enjoy great racing while many other speedways suffered rain outs.

The youth movement led qualifying with Ridenour fastest overall, Quentin Blonde (Litchfield, Michigan) was fastest in his heat group and Onsted, Michigan's Boston Mead was fastest in his heat group.

Quentin Blonde backed up his heat group quick time by charging to the Engler Machine & Tool heat win over early leader Dan McCarron. Andy Teunessen, in the Home Pro Roofing Maxim, held off Ridenour to win the COMP Cams heat race. Fostoria, Ohio's Shawn Valenti took the RockAuto.com heat over Mead.

With twenty-seven cars, competition was stout in the B-main to make the feature. Brad Lamberson, Mark Aldrich, Thomas Schinderle, Ricky Ferkel, and Justin Ward transferred to the feature.

Ridenour, in the seat of his father's Maxim, worked his way from his fifth starting spot to second, and on lap six after a brief caution, charged around early leader Boston Mead. Mead did his best to retake the lead, but Ridenour eventually drove off, leaving Mead to finish second. Ridenour sliced through traffic and opened up his lead until lap 23 when disaster nearly struck. Ridenour had to take evasive action to avoid a lapped car in turn four that got out of shape and, in spite of contact, kept his cool and his lead over Mead. Ridenour then charged to the win followed by Mead, Chad Blonde, Shawn Valenti, and Dan McCarron.

Brad Lamberson, in the Kirkendall GFI, charged from the sixteenth starting spot to finish seventh, earning the KSE Hard Charger Award. Joe Swanson had a frustrating night, dropping out of the feature early, earning the Allstar Performance Better Luck next Time Award. Josh Turner and Ryan Ruhl saw decent runs evaporate when they had to go to the work area for tire changes.

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

Group	Time	#	Driver
Engler Machine & Tool Heat	13.521	5QB	Quentin Blonde
COMP Cams Heat	13.201	11R	Chase Ridenour
RockAuto.com Heat	13.398	27B	Boston Mead

Heat Races

	Engler Machine & Tool Heat #1					
	# Driver		Contingency			
1	5QB	Quentin Blonde				
2	22M	Dan McCarron				
3	7J	Joe Swanson Benic Enterprise				
4	10s	Jay Steinebach	Racing Optics			
5	11	Trey Smith				
6	1a	Mark Aldrich				
7	41	Thomas Schinderle				
8	24	Eric Smith				
9	8W	Josh Ward				

COMP Cams Heat #2				
	#	Driver	Contingency	
1	5	Andy Teunessen		
2	11R	Chase Ridenour		
3	5b	Chad Blonde	Benic Enterprises	
4	4T	Josh Turner	Racing Optics	
5	71H	Ryan Ruhl		
6	0	Ricky Ferkel		
7	7 21T Troy Chehowski			

0	24+	Mike	
8 24+		Schumaker	
9	52	Zac Broughman	

	RockAuto.com Heat #3				
	# Driver		Contingency		
1	7	Shawn Valenti			
2	27B	Boston Mead			
3	77z	Zane DeVault	Benic Enterprises		
4	7X	Nic Rogers			
5	49T	Gregg Dalman			
6	27k	Brad Lamberson			
7	8	Justin Ward			
8	27W	Ty Williams			
9	39	Tylar Rankin			

B-Main

	#	Driver	
1	27k	Brad	
	Z/K	Lamberson	
2	1a	Mark Aldrich	
3	41	Thomas	
3	41	Schinderle	
4	0	Ricky Ferkel	
5	8	Justin Ward	
6	24+	Mike	
	24 +	Schumaker	

7	8W	Josh Ward
8	21T	Troy Chehowski
9	27W	Ty Williams
10	24	Eric Smith

Feature

	#	Driver	Awards	Contingencies
1	11R	Chase Ridenour		Rod End Supply
2	27B	Boston Mead	Jim Coffey & Son	Rod End Supply
3	5b	Chad Blonde		Rod End Supply
4	7	Shawn Valenti		Schoenfeld Headers
5	22M	Dan McCarron		ATL Racing Fuel Cells
6	5	Andy Teunessen		
7	27k	Brad Lamberson		
8	77z	Zane DeVault		
9	5QB	Quentin Blonde		King Racing Products
10	41	Thomas Schinderle		
11	49T	Gregg Dalman		Keizer Aluminum Wheels
12	4T	Josh Turner		
13	0	Ricky Ferkel		

14	7X	Nic Rogers	
15	71H	Ryan Ruhl	
16	10s	Jay Steinebach	
17	8	Justin Ward	
18	11	Trey Smith	
19	1a	Mark Aldrich	
20	7 J	Joe Swanson	

KSE Racing Products Hard Charger - Brad Lamberson

BR Motorsports Contingency (feature top 10 draw) — Zane DeVault

DMI (Diversified Machine) Contingency (feature 12-16 draw) - Josh Turner

Perfit Corporation Lucky Dog — Joe Swanson Allstar Performance Better Luck Next Time — Joe Swanson

For more information about Butler Motor Speedway, go to www.butlerspeedway.net and the speedway's Facebook page at https://goo.gl/csxUkX. To learn more about Engine Pro, go to www.enginepro.com. For more information about ARP, go to www.arp-bolts.com. Follow SOD at www.sprintsondirt.com and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/sprintsondirt.

Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP is brought to you in 2018 by:

Engine Pro (Title Sponsor)

ARP (Title Sponsor)

Hoosier Racing Tire (Official SOD Tire)

MAHLE/Clevite (Beyond Limits Challenge Sponsor)

King Engine Bearings (Hartford King of Michigan Sponsor)

Motul (Leader of the Pack Sponsor)

Lane Automotive (Fast Masters Cosponsor)

MSD Ignition (Fast Masters Cosponsor)

Engler Machine & Tool (Heat Race Sponsor)

COMP Cams (Heat Race Sponsor)

RockAuto.com (Heat Race Sponsor)

ARP (Lucky Dog Sponsor)

KSE Racing Products (Hard Charger Sponsor)

Allstar Performance (Better Luck Next Time Sponsor)

The Perfit Corporation (Series Rookie of the Year Sponsor)

The Perfit Corporation (Sprint Car Rookie of the Year Sponsor)

Jim Coffey and Son Plumbing & Heating (Deuced It! Sponsor)

XYZ Machining (Sportsman of the Year Sponsor)

XYZ Machining (Crew Chief of the Year Sponsor)

Noizee 1 Motorsports (Bags o' Money Awards)

SOD 2018 contingency sponsor partners are:

Allstar Performance ATL Racing Fuel Cells

Benic Enterprises BR Motorsports

Diversified Machine Inc. (DMI) Hepfner Racing Products (HRP)

J & J Auto Racing Keizer Aluminum Wheels

King Racing Products Maxim Racing
Motor City Racing Promotions Racing Optics

Rod End Supply Schoenfeld Headers

Simpson Racing Products Walker Performance Filtration