

Chad Blonde takes Friday the 13th SOD King Engine Bearings KoM win at Hartford



ERIE, MI (July 14, 2018) –The King Engine Bearings King of Michigan Race #2 at Hartford Speedway on Friday the 13th was just what Litchfield, Michigan's Chad Blonde needed. After being the bride's maid several times this season, Blonde drove his Krieger Racing Engines powered Maxim to victory to the delight of the large, enthusiastic crowd that braved sweltering temperatures to see a great night of racing.

Steve Irwin, Fenton, Michigan, won the Engler Machine & Tool heat over Jay Steinebach, Hudsonville, Michigan, and Dustin Shriver, South Bend, Indiana. Andy Teunessen, Kalamazoo, Michigan, looked strong, winning the COMP Cams heat over Shawn Valenti, Fostoria, Ohio, and open-wheel standout Thomas Meseraull, San Jose, California. The RockAuto.com heat was worth the price of admission as Gregg Dalman (360 ci engine), Bellevue, Michigan, and Chad Blonde (410 ci engine), Litchfield, Michigan, put on a spectacular show swapping the

lead numerous times with Dalman finally claiming the win over Blonde and 2016 SOD champion Brian Smith, Fremont, Ohio.

Pole starter Jay Steinebach led lap one before Blonde took the lead on lap two from his outside front row starting position. Blonde was in command, opening up a big lead as Steve Irwin, moved into second on lap six. Gregg Dalman, running a strong third, brought out the caution on lap twelve trying to avoid contact with a lapped car, ending his race. The caution gave Irwin a chance to challenge Blonde, and he momentarily inched ahead between turns one and two a lap later. Blonde was too strong though and motored away to a decisive win.

Sprints On Dirt returns to Hartford Speedway, July 27, August 10 for KoM race #4 presented by Merritt Speedway and Ti22 Performance. The King Engine Bearings King of Michigan finale takes place on August 31.

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

Group	Time	#	Driver
Engler Machine & Tool Heat	14.783	0	Steve Irwin
COMP Cams Heat	15.535	00	Thomas Meseraull
RockAuto.com Heat	15.749	5B	Chad Blonde

Heat Races

Engler Machine & Tool Heat #1			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	0	Steve Irwin	
2	10s	Jay Steinebach	

3	3	Dustin Shriver	Benic Enterprises
4	58	Tony Bures	Racing Optics
5	24	Eric Smith	
6	52	Zac Broughman	
7	18	Michael Summers	

COMP Cams Heat #2			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	5	Andy Teunessen	
2	7	Shawn Valenti	
3	00	Thomas Meseraull	Benic Enterprises
4	11	Trey Smith	Racing Optics
5	4	Tyler Fitzpatrick	
6	8	Justin Ward	
7	1a	Mark Aldrich	

RockAuto.com Heat #3			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	49T	Gregg Dalman	
2	5B	Chad Blonde	
3	2+	Brian Smith	
4	5QB	Quentin Blonde	Racing Optics
5	0	Ricky Ferkel	

6	24+	Mike Schumacher	
7	8W	Josh Ward	
8	27W	Ty Williams	

Feature

	#	Driver	Awards	Contingencies
1	5B	Chad Blonde		Rod End Supply
2	0	Steve Irwin	Jim Coffey & Son	Rod End Supply
3	7	Shawn Valenti		Rod End Supply
4	00	Thomas Meseraull		Schoenfeld Headers
5	10s	Jay Steinebach		ATL Racing Fuel Cells
6	2+	Brian Smith		
7	5	Andy Teunessen		
8	0	Ricky Ferkel		
9	3	Dustin Shriver		King Racing Products
10	11	Trey Smith		
11	5QB	Quentin Blonde		Keizer Aluminum Wheels
12	4	Tyler Fitzpatrick		
13	58	Tony Bures		
14	18	Michael Summers		
15	24	Eric Smith		

16	24+	Mike Schumacher		
17	27W	Ty Williams		
18	52	Zac Broughman		
19	49T	Gregg Dalman		
20	8W	Josh Ward		
21	8	Justin Ward		
22	1a	Mark Aldrich		

KSE Racing Products Hard Charger – Thomas Meseraull (+4)

BR Motorsports Contingency (feature top 10 draw) – Thomas Meseraull

DMI (Diversified Machine) Contingency (feature 12-16 draw) – Tyler Fitzpatrick

ARP Corporation Lucky Dog – Justin Ward

Allstar Performance Better Luck Next Time – Mark Aldrich

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