Chad Blonde Powers to SOD King Engine Bearings King of Michigan Win at Hartford

ERIE, MI (July 28, 2018) – Litchfield, Michigan's Chad Blonde followed up his July 13 King of Michigan win by taking the King Engine Bearings KoM Race #3 at Hartford Speedway Friday. Thrilling the crowd with an epic battle with Ryan Ruhl (Coldwater, Michigan) for much of the race, Blonde powered his Krieger Racing Engines, Maxim to victory.

The SOD Kids Feature Draw put Blonde, the current SOD point leader, on the pole for the feature with Shawn Valenti (Fostoria, Ohio), second in points, starting outside front row. Fourth starter Ruhl took second on lap two with Blonde already with a big lead. Although Blonde officially led every

lap, Ruhl actually nosed ahead of the leader three times. With Blonde running the high side of the track, Ruhl found speed at the bottom. Blonde finally pulled out to a three-car length lead when on lap twenty-one Ruhl made contact with the inside wall in turns three and four. Ruhl went to the work area and changed his damaged left front tire and wheel, but the contact also caused brake damage, ending his impressive race.

Ricky Ferkel, third in SOD championship points, got caught up in a turn four melee, rolling on lap 12. Trey Smith was also involved and could not restart, and Quentin Blonde also dropped out.

Chase Ridenour (Perry, Michigan) took second from his sixth place starting position. Gregg Dalman finished third, Brad Lamberson drove Ryan Kirkendall's 27K to fourth, and Joe Swanson took fifth. Shawn Valenti lost ground in the SOD championship points battle with a seventh-place finish.

Three 360s and one crate sprinter finished in the top ten. Canadian visitor Josh Shantz, driving Michael Summers crate sprinter was the KSE Racing Products Hard Charger, advancing eleven spots to finish ninth. Shantz is a regular competitor at Ohsweken Speedway,

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

Group	Time	#	Driver
Engler Machine & Tool Heat	14.926	7	Shawn Valenti
COMP Cams Heat	15.954	71H	Ryan Ruhl
RockAuto.com Heat	15.554	11R	Chase Ridenour

Heat Races

Engler Machine & Tool Heat #1

	#	Driver	Contingency
1	5b	Chad Blonde	
2	7	Shawn Valenti	
3	7J	Joe Swanson	Benic Enterprises
4	10s	Jay Steinebach	Racing Optics
5	0	Ricky Ferkel	
6	19	Brett Mann	
7	1a	Mark Aldrich	
8	24	Eric Smith	

COMP Cams Heat #2			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	71H	Ryan Ruhl	
2	49T	Gregg Dalman	
3	11	Trey Smith	Benic Enterprises
4	5QB	Quentin Blonde	Racing Optics
5	3	Dustin Shriver	
6	10J	Chris Jones	
7	35	Josh Ward	
8	18	Josh Shantz	

RockAuto.com Heat #3			
	#	Driver	Contingency

1	4	Tyler Fitzpatrick	
2	11r	Chase Ridenour	
3	27k	Brad Lamberson	Benic Enterprises
4	18S	Michael Summers	Racing Optics
5	24+	Mike Schumacher	
6	8	Justin Ward	
7	58	Tony Bures	
8	27W	Ty Williams	

B-Main

	#	Driver
1	58	Tony Bures
2	10J	Chris Jones
3	19	Brett Mann
4	35	Josh Ward
5	18	Josh Shantz
6	8	Justin Ward
7	1a	Mark Aldrich
8	24	Eric Smith
9	27W	Ty Williams

Feature

	#	Driver	Awards	Contingencies
1	5b	Chad Blonde		Rod End Supply
2	11r	Chase Ridenour	Jim Coffey & Son	Rod End Supply

3	49T	Gregg Dalman		Rod End Supply
4	27k	Brad Lamberson		Schoenfeld Headers
5	7J	Joe Swanson		ATL Racing Fuel Cells
6	18S	Michael Summers		Allstar Performance
7	7	Shawn Valenti		
8	3	Dustin Shriver		
9	18	Josh Shantz		King Racing Products
10	24+	Mike Schumacher		
11	4	Tyler Fitzpatrick		Keizer Aluminum Wheels
12	10s	Jay Steinebach		
13	71H	Ryan Ruhl		
14	35	Josh Ward		
15	11	Trey Smith		
16	0	Ricky Ferkel		
17	10J	Chris Jones		
18	58	Tony Bures		
19	19	Brett Mann		
20	5QB	Quentin Blonde		

KSE Racing Products Hard Charger – Josh Shantz (+11)
BR Motorsports Contingency (feature top 10 draw) – Mike Schumacher
DMI (Diversified Machine) Contingency (feature 12-16 draw) – Ryan Ruhl

Perfit Corporation Lucky Dog – Mark Aldrich
Allstar Performance Better Luck Next Time – Ricky Ferkel

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