

Shawn Valenti scores exciting SOD Butler Bash victory



ERIE, MI (August 5, 2018) – Shawn Valenti, Fostoria, Ohio, powered to victory in the Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP finale of the two-night 5th annual Butler Bash at Butler Speedway last night. Valenti started on the pole for the feature and led all twenty-five laps in his Gressman Powersports powered Triple X Race Co #7 to win over Chad Blonde (Litchfield, Michigan) and Quentin Blonde (Litchfield, Michigan).

The feature line up set the stage for an exciting race with Valenti, 2nd in SOD points, on the pole and point leader Chad Blonde on the outside of the front row. Valenti took the lead at the start but was under tremendous pressure from Blonde who threw everything he had at the leader searching for a faster groove. Valenti found a line that was best and stuck with it flawlessly to stay out front. Traffic was a challenge for the leaders with Valenti having a little easier time of it than Blonde. Late race restarts showed Valenti was in command for the win.

Josh Turner brought out the red flag on lap 12 when he flipped over the top of the track in turn four. Ryan Ruhl, running 3rd through the first half of the race, dropped out with mechanical issues on lap 17. Daryl Shaffer flipped hard at the end of the front straight and Boston Mead stopped with a broken shifter on lap 19. Mead restarted on the rear and charged to a 5th place finish. As the checkered flag flew, Ricky Ferkel climbed over Thomas Schinderle's tire and flipped off of turn 2.

Josh Turner was the fastest qualifier both nights of the Butler Bash. Boston Mead took the Engler Machine & Tool heat and Josh Turner won the COMP Cams heat race.

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

Group	Time	#	Driver
Engler Machine & Tool Heat	13.628	27B	Boston Mead
COMP Cams Heat	13.321	4T	Josh Turner

Heat Races

Engler Machine & Tool Heat #1			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	5b	Chad Blonde	
2	39	Tylar Rankin	
3	41	Thomas Schinderle	Benic Enterprises
4	27B	Boston Mead	Racing Optics
5	0	Ricky Ferkel	
6	1a	Mark Aldrich	
7	27K	Brad Wickham	
8	8	Justin Ward	

9	52	Zac Broughman	
10	29	Daryl Shaffer	

COMP Cams Heat #2			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	71H	Ryan Ruhl	
2	10s	Jay Steinebach	
3	7	Shawn Valenti	Benic Enterprises
4	5QB	Quentin Blonde	Racing Optics
5	4T	Josh Turner	
6	24+	Mike Schumacher	
7	6	Tyler Bearden	
8	57x	Skippy Bradford	
9	8W	Josh Ward	

Feature

	#	Driver	Awards	Contingencies
1	7	Shawn Valenti		Rod End Supply
2	5b	Chad Blonde	Jim Coffey & Son	Rod End Supply
3	5QB	Quentin Blonde		Rod End Supply
4	10s	Jay Steinebach		Schoenfeld Headers
5	27B	Boston Mead		ATL Racing Fuel Cells

6	39	Tylar Rankin		Allstar Performance
7	41	Thomas Schinderle		
8	1a	Mark Aldrich		
9	0	Ricky Ferkel		
10	8	Justin Ward		
11	27K	Brad Wickham		Keizer Aluminum Wheels
12	24+	Mike Schumacher		
13	52	Zac Broughman		
14	57x	Skippy Bradford		
15	6	Tyler Bearden		
16	29	Daryl Shaffer		
17	71H	Ryan Ruhl		
18	4T	Josh Turner		
19	8W	Josh Ward		

KSE Racing Products Hard Charger – Quentin Blonde (+4)

BR Motorsports Contingency (feature top 10 draw) – Tylar Rankin

DMI (Diversified Machine) Contingency (feature 12-16 draw) – Mike Schumacher

Perfit Corporation Lucky Dog – Tylar Rankin

Allstar Performance Better Luck Next Time – Josh Turner

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