

3-peat for Chad Blonde in Driven Racing Oil Butler Bash Win



Chad Blonde made it 3 big Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP wins in two weekends at Butler Motor Speedway Saturday night. Blonde drove from his 6th place starting position to take the \$2,100 win in the Driven Racing Oil Battlegrounds Bash WW III presented by Jim Coffey & Son Plumbing & Heating feature.

On a night where strong winds and high temperatures made track preparation a challenge, Butler's crew was up to it and the race track held up remarkably well. The action was fast and furious on the smooth, high banked 3/8-mile with the large crowd enjoying plenty of passing. The SOD feature was over shortly after 10:30 PM.

With 23 cars still in competition after heat race action, Butler promoter Bob Garrett added 3 cars to the feature instead of running a B-Main.

Butler points leader Doug Zimmerman grabbed the early lead in the 25 lap feature from his pole position with Gregg Dalman starting and running 2nd. Thomas Schinderle started 6th, but was up to 3rd by lap3. Chad Blonde moved into 2nd on lap 7.

Zimmerman led the first 14 laps, but contact with a slower car in turn 2 caused him to spin to a stop, turning the lead over to Blonde. On lap 16, Zimmerman went off turn 3 and by the time he came back on the track out of turn 4, the caution was thrown, and he retired to the pits. On the restart, Boston Mead spun in turn 2, collecting Dain Naida and Joe Swanson, ending the night for all 3.

Blonde maintained a half a straight away lead for most of the last portion of the race. Ryan Ruhl took 2nd from Schinderle on lap 18 and looked fast, but couldn't reel in the leader

Chris Jones won the KSE Hard Charger award by passing 12 cars. Steve Irwin started 8th, but a flat left tire on lap 6 sent him to the rear, but recovered to finish 7th.

Heat Races – Winners \$100 each

Engler Machine & Tool Heat #1			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	41	Thomas Schinderle	
2	19	Doug Zimmerman	Kistler Racing Products
3	47	Robert Bulloch	Racing Optics

4	77	Andrew Scheid	
5	4	Josh Turner	
6	20A	Andy Chehowski	
7	46	Robert Huisken	
8	18	DJ Lamance	

COMP Cams Heat #2			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	10s	Jay Steinebach	
2	49T	Gregg Dalman	Allstar Performance
3	0	Steve Irwin	Racing Optics
4	17x	Dain Naida	
5	1a	Mark Aldrich	
6	71H	Ryan Grubaugh	
7	7J	Joe Swanson	
8	6	Tyler Bearden	

RockAuto.com Heat #3			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	5B	Chad Blonde	
2	27B	Boston Mead	Kistler Racing Products
3	21T	Troy Chehowski	Racing Optics
4	71	Ryan Ruhl	

5	16	Nic Rogers	
6	27K	Ryan Kirkendahl	
7	10J	Chris Jones	
8	5QB	Quentin Blonde	

Feature

	#	Driver	Started	Contingencies
1	5B	Chad Blonde	6	Rod End Supply
2	71	Ryan Ruhl	12	Rod End Supply
3	41	Thomas Schinderle	5	Rod End Supply
4	49T	Gregg Dalman	3	Schoenfeld Headers
5	10s	Jay Steinebach	2	ATL Racing Fuel Cells
6	4	Josh Turner	13	
7	0	Steve Irwin	8	Allstar Performance
8	1a	Mark Aldrich	14	
9	10J	Chris Jones	9	King Racing Products
10	27K	Ryan Kirkendahl	18	
11	20A	Andy Chehowski	16	Keizer Aluminum Wheels
12	5QB	Quentin Blonde	23	
13	71H	Ryan Grubaugh	17	
14	46	Robert Huisken	19	

15	16	Nic Rogers	15	
16	21T	Troy Chehowski	5	
17	7J	Joe Swanson	20	
18	27B	Boston Mead	7	
19	17x	Dain Naida	9	
20	19	Doug Zimmerman	1	
21	47	Robert Bulloch	4	
22	18	DJ Lamance	22	
23	77	Andrew Scheid	10	

KSE Racing Products Hard Charger – Chris Jones (12)

BR Motorsports Contingency (feature top 10 draw) – Jay Steinebach

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

Perfit Corporation Lucky Dog – Robert Bulloch

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