

Ryan Ruhl Rules MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge At Merritt Speedway



2017 Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP Rookie of the Year, Ryan drove from his 7th place starting position to win Saturday's caution-free 25 lap MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge at Merritt Speedway, Michigan's Premier Dirt Track.

Mike Astrauskas took the lead from the pole and held the lead for twenty laps, fighting off challenges by Brad Lamberson who pulled alongside at one point. Meanwhile, Ruhl steadily moved through the field and took the lead out of turn 4 from race long leader Astrauskas with five laps to go and went on to win

his second feature of the 2017 racing season. The 30-year-old from Coldwater, Michigan in his popular #16 C&C Contractors/J&J Chassis/Rider Racing Engines sprinter would score career win #15 and the victory moves him into a tie for ninth all-time in SOD history. Brad Lamberson finished second ahead of two-time SOD Champion, Gregg Dalman while Astrauskas and 2001 SOD Champion, Steve Irwin completed the top five in the third race of the MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge Series Race #3.

Thomas Schinderle, leading both SOD Championship and MAHLE/Clevite BLC points going into the show, experienced engine problems that ended his night before qualifying, costing him both point leads. Steve Irwin now leads Gregg Dalman and Schinderle in SOD Championship points. Irwin also leads the MAHLE/Clevite BLC points over Schinderle and Robert Huiskens now.

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

Group	Time	#	Driver
Engler Machine & Tool Heat	14.557	27	Brad Lamberson
COMP Cams Heat	14.862	49T	Gregg Dalman

Heat Races – Winners \$100 each

Engler Machine & Tool Heat #1			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	16	Ryan Ruhl	
2	27	Brad Lamberson	Kistler Racing Products
3	71H	Ryan Grubaugh	Racing Optics
4	6	Tyler Bearden	

5	47	Robert Bulloch	
6	16x	Nic Rogers	
7	31	Tanner Astrauskas	
8	10J	Chris Jones	
9	58	Tony Bures	
10	41	Thomas Schinderle	

COMP Cams Heat #2			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	49T	Gregg Dalman	
2	0	Steve Irwin	Allstar Performance
3	3A	Mike Astrauskas	Racing Optics
4	46	Robert Huisdken	
5	77	Andrew Scheid	
6	8	Justin Ward	
7	1a	Mark Aldrich	
8	27x	Jared Lamberson	
9	81	Ricky Ferkel	

Dash – \$100 to win

RockAuto.com Dash for Cash			
	#	Driver	Contingency

1	77	Andrew Scheid	
2	47	Robert Bulloch	Kistler Racing Products
3	8	Justin Ward	Racing Optics
4	16x	Nic Rogers	
5	31	Tanner Astrauskas	
6	1a	Mark Aldrich	

Feature

	#	Driver	Starting Position	Contingencies
1	16	Ryan Ruhl	7	Rod End Supply
2	27	Brad Lamberson	5	Rod End Supply
3	49T	Gregg Dalman	2	Rod End Supply
4	3A	Mike Astrauskas	1	Schoenfeld Headers
5	0	Steve Irwin	8	ATL Racing Fuel Cells
6	46	Robert Huisken	3	
7	8	Justin Ward	11	Allstar Performance
8	16x	Nic Rogers	12	
9	77	Andrew Scheid	9	King Racing Products
10	71H	Ryan Grubaugh	4	
11	1a	Mark Aldrich	14	Keizer Aluminum Wheels
12	47	RobertBulloch	10	

13	27X	Jared Lamberson	16	
14	81	Ricky Ferkel	17	
15	10J	Chris Jones	15	
16	6	Tyler Bearden	6	
17	31A	Tanner Astrauskas	13	
DNS	58	Tony Bures		
DNS	41	Thomas Schinderle		

KSE Racing Products Hard Charger – Ryan Ruhl (+6)

BR Motorsports Contingency (feature top 10 draw) – Brad Lamberson

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

Perfit Corporation Lucky Dog – Steve Irwin

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