Joe Swanson Tops SOD Driven Racing Oil Battlegrounds Bash at Butler Motor Speedway



Jay Steinebach (2nd), Joe Swanson (1st), Ryan Ruhl (3rd)

Swanson (Etna Green, Indiana) started from the pole, but a lap one red for a Shebly Bilton and Andy Chehowski crash on the back straightaway, and a quick caution for Tyler Bearden's spin halted action quickly. Once back under green, Swanson took the lead over Tim Evilsizer. Boston Mead took 2nd on lap 7, then Steinebach took the spot on the next lap. Steinebach was getting faster as Swanson battled traffic and on lap 16 he shot by the leader and opened up a small lead. On lap 18 the caution flew for Tyler Rankin's spin. Steinebach held the lead in spite of heavy pressure from Swanson through lap 22 when the caution came out for Doug Zimmerman's spin. Swanson

charged into 1^{st} on lap 23 and led the final 2 laps to win the epic battle.

COMP Cams heat race winner Boston Mead suffered a broken rocker arm at the end of his heat race and SOD point leader suffered the same fate while leading the Engler Machine & Tool heat. While it looked like both drivers were done for the night, they borrowed the parts needed to run the feature and their perseverance paid off. Mead started 3rd and finished 4th. Irwin started 22nd and charged to a 6th place finish, easily winning the KSE Hard Charger Award.

Doug Zimmerman led the 27-car field in qualifying with a 13.272 lap.

The SOD program was completed with typical SOD efficiency through the combined efforts of SOD competitors and Butler Motor Speedway officials.

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

Group	Time	#	Driver
Engler Machine & Tool Heat	13.337	16	Ryan Ruhl
COMP Cams Heat	13.272	19Z	Doug Zimmerman
RockAuto.com Heat	14.008	105	Jay Steinebach

Heat Races — Winners \$100 each

Engler Machine & Tool Heat #1			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	16	Ryan Ruhl	
2	4T	Josh Turner	Kistler Racing Products
3	1a	Mark Aldrich	Racing Optics

4	7Z	Zach Hampton	
5	20A	Andy Chehowski	
6	27K	Ryan Kirkendall	
7	58	Tony Bures	
8	0	Steve Irwin	
9	5QB Quentin Blonde		

	COMP Cams Heat #2				
	#	Driver	Contingency		
1	27B	Boston Mead			
2	5B	Chad Blonde	Allstar Performance		
3	7 J	Joe Swanson	Racing Optics		
4	19Z	Doug Zimmerman			
5	49T	Gregg Dalman			
6	10J	Chris Jones			
7	39	Tylar Rankin			
8	6	Tyler Bearden			
9	91L	Lexi Adgate			

RockAuto.com Heat #3			
	#	Driver Contingency	
1	Thomas Schinderle		
2 10s Jay Steinebach		Jay Steinebach	Kistler Racing Products

3	9E	Tim Evilsizer	Racing Optics
4	27	Shelby Bilton	
5	21T	Troy Chehowski	
6	8	Justin Ward	
7	7 47 Robert Bulloch		
8	3G	John Gurley	
DNS	52	Zac Broughman	

Feature

	#	Driver	Start	Contingencies
1	7J	Joe Swanson	1	Rod End Supply
2	10s	Jay Steinebach	4	Rod End Supply
3	16	Ryan Ruhl	5	Rod End Supply
4	27B	Boston Mead	3	Schoenfeld Headers
5	41	Thomas Schinderle	8	ATL Racing Fuel Cells
6	0	Steve Irwin	22	
7	4T	Josh Turner	6	Allstar Performance
8	5B	Chad Blonde	9	
9	1a	Mark Aldrich	7	King Racing Products
10	19Z	Doug Zimmerman	11	
11	49T	Gregg Dalman	14	Keizer Aluminum Wheels
12	7Z	Zach Hampton	10	

13	9E	Tim Evilsizer	2	
14	21T	Troy Chehowski	15	
15	10J	Chris Jones	17	
16	8	Justin Ward	18	
17	27K	Ryan Kirkendall	16	
18	58	Tony Bures	19	
19	47	Robert Bulloch	21	
20	39	Tylar Rankin	20	
21	6	Tyler Bearden	23	
22	27	Shelby Bilton	12	
23	20A	Andy Chehowski	13	

KSE Racing Products Hard Charger — Steve Irwin (+16)

BR Motorsports Contingency (feature top 10 draw) — Mark Aldrich

DMI (Diversified Machine) Contingency (feature 12-16 draw) - Chris Jones

Perfit Corporation Lucky Dog — Zach Hampton

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