

Miami County Speedway
July 23, 2011

Some 75 racers braved the Saturday night heat to take on the Miami County clay. It was an exhausting heat with a sprinkle of rain to start the evening.

In junior action, Jered VanNess and Kayeleb Bolton pulled off the heat wins. That continued to be the battle in the feature. Kayeleb held the lead through the midpoint of the feature until he slid up high coming out of turn four and Jered drove under him for the lead. But that was short-lived, as Jered blew the chain off his machine. Kayeleb drove on for the win on a perfect night. Garret Jameson, Seth Ireland, Jacob Bigger and Connor Lane rounded out the feature top five.

Laine Hite, Bob Bourff and K.C. Hughes took the non-wing heat victories. Last week's feature was a classic show of multiple perfect slide job passes back and forth for the lead as this week turned out to be a classic patient run of a five and six car pack trying to find enough speed to pass some place on the track. This provided the fans with an abundance of three wide racing action as the drivers and machines seemed to be evenly matched. K.C. Hughes had a firm hold on the point for three-quarters of the race as Jordan Lambert searched for a way around. Then, Cole Ketchum found a way around both machines for the lead. That set the tone for all to make their move and in the end; Zeke Lewis showed his power charging to the checkers. Cole Ketchum, Jordan Lambert, Brandon Rose and K.C. Hughes rounded out the top five at the end.

With a full field of restrictor machines, Dalton Walker, Deaven Bolton and Zane Devault took the heat wins. In the feature Cole Angle looked to be a man on a mission after last week's runner up finish. He put on a high side haul to take his first feature win at Miami County Speedway ahead of Zane Devault, Deaven Bolton, Bradley Jameson and Dalton Walker.

Bob Bourff and Cory Angle took the senior class heat wins. Bob made the perfect night in the senior class with his win over Chris Smith, Clarence Hough, Cory Angle and Rob Johnson.

The night's action wrapped up with the wing class. Travis Ray and Ryan Leek took the heat rides to Victory Lane. That was the feature battle with Travis holding the command spot for the first half. But, on a restart Ryan powered by Travis to drive on to the feature win. Travis, Sara Elrod, Halen Shafer, and A.J. Grimm finished out the top five.

I hope the weather cools down next week as the action should be intense and hot as it will be the Mid-season Non-wing Bonanza. All classes will run wing free and the 600 feature will pay \$1,000 to the winner!