DOMINICK MELAIR CLAIMS PASS 305 FEATURE AT PATH VALLEY SPEEDWAY

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 Dominick Melair started his PASS 305 Sprint Feature on the pole beside Andrew Boyer; pulling to the lead on green where he remained taking the checkered flag in an astonishing non-stop  twenty five lap feature where he exceeded lap speeds of over 81 mph on the quarter mile oval.

     The twenty four car field used the entire track as they competed for position; dodging in and out of collected traffic as Melair moved past the back of the pack with only eight laps completed.  Kyle Colwell and Larry McVey shared second place till Derek Hauck put his racer behind the leader by midrace and Mike Melair passed McVey to take control of the third spot. McVey stayed in fourth and Colwell finished out the top five at the checkered. Dominick scored the best lap time at 11.051 seconds.

     The Macri Concrete 600 Sprints feature event started with a side by side battle between polesitters Randy Kunkle Jr. and Jim Young. One lap was logged when the caution came out for Darren Kauffman who had stopped on the backstretch. Kauffman joined the rear of the field and Kunkle led Young, Garrett Bard and Trent Yoder to the green. Kunkle and Young were neck to neck lap after lap as they kept the crowd in suspense as to who would prevail. Bard kept his third place spot as did Yoder running in fourth. Kunkle joined the back of the field by midrace with Young in his tracks as they dodged slower racers. With four laps remaining, the front competitors were wheel to wheel with Young getting the advantage, moving into the lead. Kunkle crossed the line in second followed by Bard, Yoder and Dylan Anderson. Kunkle clocked the fastest speed with a 79.379 and fastest lap of 11.338 seconds.

     The twentyfour car feature for the Strictly Stock division started with a caution when Travis Semple slowed, entering the pits. Justin Williamson was at the front on the restart, with Jimmy Moyer, David Eitnier. Kevin Arcq and Kala Varner in the top five. Chris Anderson and Ryan Betres exited the race with three laps complete, as Williamson entered into lapped traffic. As the laps were counting down, so were the drivers as Eric Moats and Kevin Arcq retired to the pits. Williamson remained in control as Eitnier and Moyer battled it out for second and Rusty Garlock and Dylan Allen were in pursuit of the position behind them. Williamson challenged the end of the line as he pulled his racer into the midst of the traffic creating three abreast going into the turns. As lap eighteen was completed, a major wreck out of turn two and other factors, resulted in Joe Kause, John Bumbaugh IV, Shane Varner, Richard Hanley, Austin Wilson and Bryan Regitz retiring their racers for the evening. On the restart, Eitnier moved to second; Moyer to third, Rusty Garlock to fourth and Dylan Allen taking the top five spot as Williamson claimed the checkered. Williamson had the greatest speed of 65.057 and best lap time at 13.834.

     Lyle Barnes was a green to checkered winner in the Thunder Car Division, but not without major competition from the racers behind him starting with Cameron Defenderfer. Charlie Stallman was putting the pressure on Defenderfer as Douglas Sales pulled into the action going wheel to wheel with Stallman. A caution on lap six for Travis Burkholder tightened the field and when the green flag waved, Sales was at the door of Defenderfer, moving into second place. Matthew Hummel, who came from the back part of the lineup, moved into fourth place and Dylan McKee was running in fifth.  As lap twelve approached, Barnes and Sales pulled away from their competition, but had a show of their own as Sales showed his front end to Barnes several times in his bid to claim the win. Defenderfer and Hummel were also in a battle of their own which resulted in a "too close for comfort" situation causing  Defenderfer to lose positions while Hummel  took over third . Kevin Bard and Charlie Stallman also had an advantage from Defenderfer's misfortune as they pulled into fourth and fifth behind Hummel where they remained when Barnes passed the checkered flag. Charlie Stallman logged the fastest speed with 63.911 and the fastest lap with a time of 14.082.

     The Metzler Auto Truck Trailer Wingless Super Sportsman began their thirty lap feature with Derek Sheaffer pulling to the lead with Brad Mellott taking second, Craig Perigo, third, Matt Cisney, fourth and Rohan Beasley, in fifth. A caution on lap seven relined the drivers for a fifteen lap non-stop race till lap twenty two when Adam Minizer retired to the pit area. Cliff Brian Jr. had moved into third followed by Mellott and Mike Smith. On the restart, leader Derek Sheaffer went high on the circuit, losing positions and exiting the oval after leading twenty two laps. The restart put Perigo at the front followed by Cliff Brian, Brad Mellott and Mike Smith. On the wave of green, Perigo also took the high route giving Brian the edge to take the lead till lap twenty six when two racers were stopped in turns three and four, and Rohan Beasley made contact putting his racer into a roll that jumped the wall and was stopped by the catch fence. Beasley walked away from the wreckage as Brian prepared to lead the field to the checkered. Perigo finished second, followed by Brad Mellott, Mike Smith and Eric Walker for the top five finishers. The best speed went to Derek Sheaffer at 75.031 as did the fastest lap with a time of 11.995.

     The T.A.Ward Construction 270 Micro Sprints had a full night of excitement starting with an immediate caution with Cory Myers and Cody Racine entering the pits; Tyler Brown stopping on the backstretch and going to the rear; Brad Cowan stopping on the track exit ramp; Dale Dupler entering the pits on lap four and Curtis Brown going off the track on lap eight.

     The restart put Craig Myers at the front followed by Adrian Shaffer, J.T. Horvath, Levi Peck and Jim Horvath in the top five. On lap thirteen, second place runner, Shaffer, brought out a caution when he got sideways on the backstretch putting his sprint out of the race. Myers led the restart with J.T. Horvath in second till the flag waved green and Horvath also exited the track.  Jim Horvath moved into second with Tyler Brown and Levi Peck following when on the next lap an accident put Dakota Yeingst, Brad Snyder, and Colson Fike into the pits while the racer of Matt Dixson had to be towed. Craig Myers collected the win and was followed by Jim Horvath, Tyler Brown, Levi Peck and Zachary Glass. Craig Myers logged in the fastest lap with 11.466 seconds and speed of 78.493.

     Path Valley Speedway returns to racing on Sept. 11th with THE CENTRAL PA LEGENDS SUMMER SLAM race with a $1300.00 to win purse and $70.00 to start. Also scheduled are the Strictly Stocks, Mason Dixon 270 sprints, Limited Late Models, Macri Concrete 600 Sprints and Thunder Cars. For information go to [www.pathvalley.com](http://www.pathvalley.com/)

Saturday, September 4th Results:

4 Cylinder Thunder Cars (18 cars):

1. Lyle Barnes 2. Doug Sales 3. Matt Hummel 4. Kevin Bard 5. Charlie Stallman 6. Dylan McKee 7. Cameron Defenderfer 8. Jackson Eutzy 9. Jason Erwin 10. William Seibert 11. Jake Shoup 12. Nicholas Smith (DNF) 13. Ronnie Garlock III (DNF) 14. Travis Burkholder (DNF)

DNS: Parker Starr, Jackson Eutzy, Jeremy Eutzy

T.A. Ward Construction 270cc Micros (22 cars):

1. Craig Myers 2. Jim Horvath 3. Tyler Brown 4. Levi Peck 5. Zach Glass 6. Colton Hendershot 7. Jason Houtz 8. Stephanie Welk 9. Frank Gentile 10. Jamie Connelly 11. Matt Dixson (DNF) 12. JT Horvath (DNF) 13. Colson Fike (DNF) 14. Dakota Yeingst (DNF) 15. Brad Snyder (DNF) 16. Adrian Shaffer (DNF) 17. Curtis Brown (DNF) 18. Dale Dupler (DNF) 19. Brad Cowan (DNF) 20. Cody Racine (DNF) 21. Cory Myers (DNF)

Metzler’s Auto, Truck & Trailer Wingless Super Sportsman (18 cars):

1. Cliff Brian, Jr. 2. Craig Perigo 3. Brad Mellott 4. Mike Smith 5. Eric Walker 6. Kevin Gutshall 7. Jason Failor 8. Luke Lenker 9. Matt Cisney 10. Bob Gutshall 11. Steve Wilbur 12. Gene Eppley 13. Rohan Beasley (DNF) 14. Derek Sheaffer (DNF) 15. Adam Minizer (DNF) 16. Chris Henry (DNF)

DNS: John Winsett

DQ: Billy Brian, Jr.

PASS 305 Sprints (25 cars):

1. Dominick Melair 2. Derek Hauck 3. Mike Melair 4. Larry McVey 5. Kyle Colwell 6. Garrett Bard 7. Justin Mills 8. Zach Rhodes 9. Will Brunson 10. Mike Alleman 11. Mikell McGee 12. Jeff Weaver 13. Rowdy Heffner 14. Andrew Boyer 15. Cale Reigle 16. Dave Wickham 17. Alyssa Rowe 18. Kristina Pratt 19. Austin Greenland 20. Matt Raider 21. Matt Swift 22. Frank Rusnock 23. Chris Kreider 24. Donnie Hendershott (DNF)

DNS: Logan Spahr

Macri Concrete 600cc Micros (15 cars):

1. Jim Young 2. Randy Kunkle, Jr. 3. Garrett Bard 4. Trent Yoder 5. Dylan Anderson 6. Hunter McFadden 7. Nathan Hauck 8. Jeremy Harshman 9. Sam Moyer 10. Mark Brown 11. Brian Nace 12. Brad Gossert 13. Zach Jurcik (DNF) 14. Darren Kauffman (DNF)

DNS: Garth Rickards

4 Cylinder Strictly Stocks (26 cars):

1. Justin Williamson 2. David Eitnier 3. Jimmy Moyer 4. Rusty Garlock 5. Dylan Allen 6. Daniel Eitnier 7. Bentley Williamson 8. Kala Varner 9. James Worthy 10. Malachi Doyle 11. Cody Beaver 12. Shawn Wise 13. Joe Kause 14. John Bumbaugh IV 15. Shane Varner 16. Richard Hanley 17. Austin Wilson 19. Bryan Regitz 20. Eric Moats (DNF) 21. Kevin Arcq (DNF) 22. Chris Anderson (DNF) 23. Ryan Betres (DNF) 24. Travis Semple (DNF) 25. Ron McCartney (DNF)

DNS: James Bush