STEVE BULL CLAIMS EVENT FILLED FEATURE AT PATH VALLEY SPEEDWAY

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   Steve Bull started on the pole of the T.A.Ward Construction 270 Sprint Feature and claimed a green to checkered win as his competition was eliminated in the twenty lap feature.

   Wyatt Rotz, Sam Chamberlin and Stephanie Welk were the first racers to leave the oval before the green flag waved for the start of the feature event.

   Four laps were complete when the first caution flag was displayed for the racer of Bradyn Kuhn, which resulted in leaving the oval for the pits.

   The restart put Tyler Brown, Craig Myers, Austin Pasquerella and Brad Cowan in Bull's tracks on the restart but Bull held the lead for one lap before fifth place competitor, Cory Myers took a turbulent ride as his racer flipped several times as he approached turn three, bringing the  field to a red flag stop. Track and ambulance personale were on the scene in seconds but Cory walked away from the now wingless racer to wave to the concerned fans, which brought on applause from the crowd. Cory's racer was towed to the pits as Bull again led in the restart with Austin Pasquerella pulling into fourth place and Stevie Daron Jr. moving up to replace Craig Myers in fifth.

   Hunter Forsythe exited to the pits as the green flag waved, only to be immediately followed by the yellow when the cars of Zachary Glass and Stevie Daron Jr. got together putting the car of Glass into the pits. Bull again escorted the field to green, maintaining his position when the red flag was again shown for second place runner, Tyler Brown, who made contact with Steve Bull, putting the #37 of Brown into flips causing major damage to the car. Brown also walked away from the wreckage to the cheering of the crowd, happy for his safety.

   At this point, Bull had seen more red and yellow flags than green and was ready to view a checkered but still had nine laps to show his skills.

 On the final restart, Bull was going to have the job of holding off Craig Myers, Pasquerella, Brad Cowan, and Daron to collect the win. On green, Bull put the pedal down as Myers attempted to pass him, with Pasquerella going wheel to wheel with Cowan within three laps the leaders were meeting the back of the circuit, while Daron and Jason Houtz were side by side in a battle for fifth place.

   Bull led the final nonstop laps to the finish finally seeing the checkered flag wave with Myers, Pasquerella, Cowan and Daron for the top five.  T.A. Ward Construction, sponsor for the 270 division; gave the crowd a beautiful display of fireworks as Bull pulled his racer into the winner's circle.

   The Thunder Car Division was led to the green by Doug Sales and Cameron Defenderfer, who on green were in immediate door to door competition as were Lyle Barnes and Kevin Bard behind them, creating a compact foursome going down the frontstretch. Sales kept his lead as Bard pulled by Defenderfer and Barnes to put his racer inches behind the leader's back bumper while Barnes and Defenderfer were now door to door in a battle for third. Eighth place starter, Nicholas Barthalow, moved into fifth after passing Justin Rasp and Eric Seibert, putting pressure on the top four. Sales accelerated his racer, meeting the rear of the field by lap five, when the first caution was  charted for Matthew Hummer  and Dylan McKee, who got together in turn three.

   Sales, Bard, Barnes, Defenderfer and Barthalow were the top runners on the restart but Barthalow claimed the fourth position from Defenderfer after a two lap wheel to wheel battle. Justin Rasp followed Barthalow to claim fifth place by lap nine where they remained till lap fifteen when Bill Seibert and Dylan  McKee got together, both heading for the pit area, then returning to the back of the class. The top five runners remained in their positions as Sales led them to the checkered; a green to checkered run for the winner.

Fireworks by T.A. Ward Construction, highlighted the start of the Macri Concrete 600 Sprint Division, which began with the racer of Conner Bollinger entering the pits before the green was shown. Dylan Anderson and Garyt Smith were at the helm with Anderson pulling to the lead. Dawson Landis went from the track into the infield to rear to pits on lap three creating the first caution of the event. Anderson was first, with Jim Young, Trent Yoder, and Johnny Smith on the restart till half way into the completion of lap five when Josh Smith's racer got upside down between turns three and four bringing out the red flag Smith walked away unhurt  as his car was towed to the pit area. Kameron Morral was also involved, putting him to the rear on the restart.  As the class prepared for the green, Mark Brown entered the pits with his racer and Shjon Dove got together with Kenny Beinhower on the frontstretch resulting in Beinhower entering the pits.

   The reline had Anderson, Jim Young, Trent Yoder, Johnny Smith and Reese Nowotarski sitting in the top five positions; At the wave of green, Young passed Anderson right before Garyt Smith got sideways in turn three, creating back to back cautions. Young took the green, gaining a comfortable lead and dodging lapped traffic by lap eleven. On lap fourteen, Smith took the second place position from Anderson right before Anderson made contact putting the second place runner out of the race. Young claimed the checkered six laps later followed by Johnny Smith, Trent Yoder, Jason Sechrist and Marty Brian for the top five finishers.

The rumble of the Metzler Auto Truck Trailer Super Sportsman filled the air as the 24 car division entered the oval for their thirty lap feature event. Bob Gutshall pulled from his pole position to the lead on green with John Winsett taking second and Rohan Beasley taking third. Gutshall took control, being challenged with lapped traffic by lap seven, at which time Paul Kline pulled his ride to the infield, retiring it for the event, Eleven laps were on the books when Brett Perigo and Chris Henry made contact after Perigo had no place to go amidst the racers, resulting in his racer getting upside down on the track bringing the cars to a stop under red. Perigo walked away from the crash as the remaining competitors cranked up their motors for a restart green.

 Gutshall was in control but second place was now filled by Carmen Perigo, who came from a thirteenth starting position to challenge the leader. Perigo put the pressure on Gutshall for five laps before gaining control of the lead while the remainder of the competitors were making time going two and three abreast; the backstretch a blur of power, as drivers zipped between other drivers, putting their frames inches apart at lap speeds of 12 seconds!  Perigo maintained his lead but could not make a mistake because he now had two Gutshalls' behind him, ready to pounce at any opportunity, as Kevin Gutshall was now in third place. Rohan Beasley and Cliff Brian kept the Gutshall team moving as they were at times running side by side behind the top runners as they attempted to advance to the lead, Perigo took the top five runners to the finish, claiming the checkered flag.

The 4 Cylinder Strictly Stock Division was escorted to the starting lap by Bruce Betres and Travis Semple in row one and Justin Williamson and Latavin Spriggs in row two. An immediate threesome developed as the green flag waved when Williamson and Spriggs moved into the front row; no one giving in till slight contact was made bringing wheels off the track. Spriggs got the advantage taking the lead with no guarantees as Williamson stayed on his bumper and Betres kept a back to front pace with Williamson.  On lap six, David Shore and Seth Lebo created the first caution with Shore being towed to the pit area and Lebo also retiring his racer for the evening. Two laps later, fifth place runner, Daniel Eitnier got into the infield coming out of turn four, putting his racer to the rear.

   Spriggs, Williamson and Betres had been joined by eighth place starter, Jesse Matney, and twelfth place starter Tyler Stine for the top five competitors on the restart. Matthew Zimmerman was next on the caution list as he got his car into the guardrail going into turn two, putting the top contenders even closer when the lights went green. Williamson and Betres were all over the track trying to get an advantage point to make a move on Spriggs but all attempts; although close, failed to put them in the lead. On lap thirteen, the threesome lost their leverage of space when Kyle Strouse and Raymond Goss got together in turn four, bringing out the caution resulting in a restart of bumper to bumper cars. Spriggs stayed in control as lapped traffic made spacing and timing more difficult. Only a couple laps remained when Williamson got a slight gain on Spriggs but a caution for a loose, rolling tire, kept Spriggs in control as he collected the win with a tight finish ahead of Williamson, Bruce Betres, David Moore and sixteenth place starter Kala Varner. The win was the first for Spriggs in the Strictly Stock division.

The Classic Racing Series feature event was a special showing for the evening, which proved to be a very competitive and entertaining class.  Jim Rost Sr, and Dylan Brown were the polesitters for the ten car feature and brought the field to green with Rost taking the lead. Brown took over the top spot on lap two while Rost and Jimmy Coombs were door to door for second. Steve Cantwell Jr. was running fourth and Ron Grove fifth for two laps when Joe Brown pulled into fifth place. Nathan Todt got his vintage into the infield with 5 laps in while Brown, maintained his top spot. At midrace, Rost pulled beside Dylan Brown, then passed him to regain his lead where he stayed to the finish. Jimmy Combs, Steve Cantwell Jr., Joe Brown, Ron Grove, Tyler Miller, and Tom Hall held their same second through eighth till lap eighteen when the positions started to shift with a final of Jim Rost Sr taking the checkered followed by D. Brown; Joe Brown; Steve Cantwell Jr.;Tyler Miller; Jimmy Combs; Ron Grove; Tom Hall; Nathan Todt and Conner Cantwell.

   Path Valley returns to racing on Saturday, June 19th, with the appearance of the Strictly Stocks, Late Models, Legends, T.A.Ward Construction 270 Sprints and Macri Concrete 600 Sprints.  On Sunday, June 20th, the Valley Supply 410 Sprints will be making a special appearance in addition to our regular 4 cylinder Thunder Cars. For information, go to: [www.pathvalley.com](http://www.pathvalley.com/)

Saturday, June 12th Results:

Macri Concrete 600cc micros (25 cars):

1. Jim Young 2. Johnny Smith 3. Trent Yoder 4. Jason Sechrist 5. Mary Brian 6. Tyler Leese 7. Kameron Morral 8. Sam Moyer 9. Travis Keiser 10. Nathan Hauck 11. Randy Kunkle, Jr. 12. Garyt Smith 13. Reese Nowotarski 14. Kelsey Heiney 15. Garth Richards 16. Dylan Anderson (DNF) 17. Kenny Beinhower (DNF) 18. Joe Boyle (DNF) 19. Shjon Dove (DNF) 20. Mark Brown (DNF) 21. Jeremy Harshman (DNF) 22. Josh Smith (DNF) 23. Dawson Landis (DNF)

DNS: Conner Bollinger, Donnie Roush

T.A Ward Construction 270cc Micros (17 cars):

1. Steve Bull 2. Craig Myers 3. Austin Pasquerella 4. Brad Cowan 5. Stevie Daron, Jr. 6. Jason Houtz 7. Eric Forsythe, Jr. 8. Matt Dixson 9. Jeremy Neil 10. Todd Love (DNF) 11. Tyler Brown (DNF) 12. Zach Glass (DNF) 13. Hunter Forsythe (DNF) 14. Cory Myers (DNF) 15. Bradyn Kukn (DNF)

DNS: Stephanie Welk, Wyatt Rotz, Sam Chamberlin

4 Cylinder Thunder Cars (24 cars):

1. Doug Sales 2. Kevin Bard 3. Lyle Barnes 4. Nicholas Barthalow 5. Justin Rasp 6. Cameron Defenderfer 7. Robert McQuade 8. Jeremy Ott 9. Jeremy Eutzy 10. Corey Wagner 11. Ronnie Garlock III 12. Josh Michael 13. Jason Erwin 14. Jackson Eutzy 15. Nicholas Smith 16. Wesley Young 17. Chris Cunnane 18. Dylan McKee 19. Bill Seibert 20. Allen Fiddesop 21. Eric Seibert (DNF) 22. Charlie Stallman (DNF) 23. Matthew Hummel (DNF)

DNS: Cheyenne Kreiser

Metzler’s Auto, Truck & Trailer Wingless Super Sportsman (25 cars):

1. Carmen Perigo, Jr. 2. Bob Gutshall 3. Kevin Gutshall 4. Rohan Beasley 5. Cliff Brian 6. Steve Whary 7. Mike Smith 8. John Winsett 9. Jason Failor 10. Craig Perigo 11. Chad Thomas 12. Steve Wilbur 13. Sam Leonard 14. Luke Lenker 15. Vaughn Williams 16. Adam Minzer 17. Chris Henry 18. Gene Eppley 19. Eric Walker (DNF) 20. Jay Fry (DNF) 21. Jack Liddick (DNF) 22. Brett Perigo (DNF) 23. Levi Hippensteel (DNF) 24. Paul Kline (DNF)

DNS: Derek Sheaffer

4 Cylinder Strictly Stocks (24 cars):

1. Latavin Spriggs 2. Justin Williamson 3. Bruce Betres 4. David Moore 5. Kala Varner 6. Ryan Betres 7. Jonathan Middaugh 8. Dylan Allen 9. Steven Jacobs 10. Bentley Williamson 11. Raymond Goss 12. John Barney 13. Jesse Matney (DNF) 14. Fred Rummings (DNF) 15. Tyler Stine (DNF) 16. Kavin Stine (DNF) 17. Daniel Eitnier (DNF) 18. Kyle Strouse (DNF) 19. Matt Zimmerman (DNF) 20. Jason Goss (DNF) 21. David Moore (DNF) 22. Seth Lebo (DNF) 23. David Shore (DNF)

DQ: Travis Semple

Classic Racing Series (10 cars):

1. Jim Rost, Sr. 2. Dylan Brown 3. Joe Brown 4. Steve Cantwell, Jr. 5. Ron Grove 6. Jimmy Combs 7. Ron Grove 8. Tom Hall 9. Nathan Todt 10. Connor Cantwell