MELAIR & HENDERSHOT COLLECT WINS IN PASS 305 DOUBLE FEATURES AT PATH VALLEY SPEEDWAY

     Dominick Melair logged a lap speed at 85.519 mph in an astonishing 10.524 seconds to claim victory in the PASS 305 make-up feature event. Mikell McGee followed Melair, claiming second place; running .085 seconds behind the leader in lap time. Donnie Hendershot, John Walp, Jimmy White, Zach Rhodes, Rowdy Heffner, Andrew Boyer and Stevie Kenawell were the finishers for the 305 make-up race.

     The 305 sprints returned to the oval for their scheduled feature event with an immediate wheel to wheel competition between Donnie Hendershot and Mike Alleman, with Alleman pulling to the front as Andrew Boyer, Stevie Kenawell and Zach Rhodes were in close pursuit till Kenawell brought out a caution putting him to the rear. Hendershot and Alleman continued their bid for the front, running inches apart as they went side by side.  Austin Reed came through the racers to pull into third spot on lap eight prior to Hendershot getting by Alleman for the lead, Jarrett Cavalet was running in fourth and Zach Rhodes in fifth till Mikell McGee came from his ninth starting position to pass Rhodes, putting him in the top five. The racers stayed in the same position for several laps, in professional style, till the checkered flag was in view, giving Reed and McGee time to take over second and fourth positions before  the final lap was complete. Hendershot claimed the checkered followed by Reed, Alleman, McGee and Cavalet.

     The Metzler Auto Truck & Trailer Wingless Super Sportsman entered the oval with Chad Thomas taking the lead on the wave of green. Brad Mellott pulled behind Thomas and Steve Wilbur took control of third with only eight laps logged. The pressure was on as Mike Smith brought his racer into fourth place, challenging Wilbur; while at the front of the pack, Mellott and Thomas were wheel to wheel in their bid for the lead. By lap eleven the foursome was running the oval in double file as they exchanged positions back and forth; Mellott moving to the front as Thomas, Smith and Wilbur followed. In one lap the positions changed again as Smith moved into second, Wilbur took over third and Thomas in fourth for a short time before Cliff Brian Jr. passed Thomas; joining the top five.

     Fourteen laps were on the books when a caution came out for Luke Lenker, who came to a stop on the backstretch, returning to the rear of the field. The next fifteen laps were non-stop and showed the expertise of the drivers as they ran inches apart; zig-zagging around lapped and slower racers, and sliding into the turns together without incident.

     Mike Smith had moved to the lead on lap fourteen but Mellott was not ready to give up as they continued to race side by side with Wilbur in their tracks. Mellott took the lead on lap twenty one but after more wheel to wheel action, Smith again moved past Mellott as Eric Walker, Cliff Brian, Jr. and Kevin Gutshall moved forward behind the frontrunners. With five laps remaining, Mellott again took the lead where he stayed as Smith began losing positions, Steve Wilbur moved into second, followed by Walker, Brian and Gutshall as they crossed the finish line. Mike Smith had the best speed with 69.822 mph and the best lap time with 12.890.

     Jackson Eutzy took the lead on green in the Thunder car feature followed by Chris Kauffman, Lyle Barnes, Cameron Defenderfer, and Cheyenne Ingram. The leaders met with the back of the racecars by lap eight as Eutzy & Kauffman were side by side.  Twelve laps were complete when Kauffman and William Seibert had issues putting Kauffman in the pits and Seibert to the rear with the first caution.

     Eutzy led the racers to the green on the restart with Lyle Barnes taking over second and Douglas Sales moving into third. Before a lap was complete, Nicholas Barthalow and Austin Betz got together on the backstretch, putting both racers to the rear. The restart had Eutzy at the front with Barnes, Sales, Ingram and Charlie Stallman in pursuit. On lap fifteen, Ingram got into the fourth turn infield, putting him to the rear. Eutzy held strong at the front and was followed by Barnes, Stallman, Sales, & Eutzy where they remained for the final five laps. Lyle Barnes had the best speed with 62.665 and best lap time of 14.362.

     Jason Goss escorted the Strictly Stocks division to green but David Eitnier was at the front by lap two with Ryan Betres in second and Goss taking third. Eitnier met the rear of the 22 car circuit by lap four, but a caution for Brian O’Donel when he lost a tire put the racers on a restart and tightened the lineup. On green, a cluster of racers got  "Too Close For Comfort", causing a caution which in turn had Fred Rummings slowing and with no place to go, Kala Varner went on two wheels as she went over the side of Rummings car. Both drivers retired their racers to the pit area as Eitnier brought the reline to green. Garrett Watkin's moved into second place with Betres third and Goss in fourth, Justin Williamson, who started in the rear, had been working his way through the oval and had moved into fifth place by midrace. Eitnier led the racers for the next ten laps taking the checkered ahead of Justin Williamson, Garrett Watkins, Ryan Betres, and Jason Goss for the top five. David Eitnier had the best lap speed with 62.336 and lap time of 14.438.

     Path Valley returns to racing on Saturday, September 25th with the Macri Concrete 600 sprints, Thunder cars, Strictly Stocks, Late Models and T.A. Ward Construction 270 Sprints. For information go to [www.pathvalley.com](http://www.pathvalley.com/)

Saturday, September 18th Results

4 Cylinder Strictly Stocks:

1. David Eitnier 2. Justin Williamson 3. Garrett Watkins 4. Ryan Betres 5. Jason Goss 6. Travis Semple 7. Jimmy Moyer 8. Shawn Wise 9. Cody Beaver 10. Daniel Eitnier 11. Bentley Williamson 12. Nathan Hosler 13. Bryan Regitz 14. Latavin Spriggs 15. Tyler Stine 16. Malachi Doyle 17. Arron Stine 18. Ron McCartney (DNF) 19. Fred Rummings (DNF) 20. Kala Varner (DNF) 21. Brian O’Donel (DNF) 22. Kavin Stine (DNF)

PASS 305 Sprints:

1. Donnie Hendershot 2. Austin Reed 3. Mike Alleman 4. Mikell McGee 5. Jarrett Calavet 6. Zach Rhodes 7. Ken Duke, Jr. 8. Jimmy White 9. Dominick Melair 10. Andrew Boyer 11. Stevie Kenawell 12. Frank Rusnock 13. Rowdy Heffner (DNF) 14. Garrett Bard (DNF) 15. Mike Melair (DNF)

Metzler’s Auto, Truck & Trailer Wingless Super Sportsman:

1. Brad Mellott 2. Steve Wilbur 3. Eric Walker 4. Cliff Brian, Jr. 5. Kevin Gutshall 6. Craig Perigo 7. Mike Smith 8. Chad Thomas 9. Jason Failor 10. Trent Yoder 11. Luke Lenker

4 Cylinder Thunder Cars:

1. Jackson Eutzy 2. Lyle Barnes 3. Charlie Stallman 4. Doug Sales 5. Jeremy Eutzy 6. Eric Seibert 7. Roger Traxler 8. Jason Erwin 9. Rodney Smith 10. Nicholas Barthalow 11. William Seibert 12. Matt Hummel 13. Cameron Defenderfer 14. Cheyenne Ingram 15. Austin Betz 16. Tara Kerlin 17. Dylan McKee 18. Jake Shoup (DNF) 19. Chris Kauffman (DNF)

PASS 305 Sprint Make up feature:

1. Dominick Melair 2. Mikell McGee 3. Donnie Hendershot 4. John Walp 5. Jimmy White 6. Zach Rhodes 7. Rowdy Heffner 8. Andrew Boyer 9. Stevie Kenawell 10. Austin Reed (DNF) 11. Mike Melair (DNF)