TANNER THORSON AND KEVIN GUTSHALL COLLECT JACKPOT IN FEATURE WINS AT PATH VALLEY SPEEDWAY.

     Path Valley Speedway hosted the USAC 410 Sprints on Sunday, April twenty-fifth as part of their national competition series; and the popular Wingless Super Sportsman shared the oval for all wingless competition.

     Tanner Thorson and C.J. Leary escorted the USAC twenty two car lineup to the green and pulled to the lead for a short time till caution was flagged for a wreck involving Brady Bacon, Chris Windom and Timmy Buckwalter who flipped his racer. Bacon returned to the rear of the field as Windom and Buckwalter retired from competition for the evening. On green, Thorson, C.J. Leary, Chase Stockon, Justin Grant and Kevin Thomas Jr. were the top five competitors and within  seconds the entire oval was covered with wheels without wings; competing for twenty laps of non-stop racing till second place runner, C.J. Leary, had some issues between turns three and four, resulting in his racer being towed to the pits, moving Grant to second, Thomas in third, and Stockon in fourth.  Thirteen sprints remained on the current lap as the yellow turned green and Thorson put the pedal to the clay as he grabbed a cushion in his top position while dodging lapped traffic, taking the rest of the field seventeen non-stop laps to the checkered.  Thorson received a $6000.00 check in victory lane for his successful win ahead of Grant, Thomas, Alex Bright & Brandon Mattox. Heats were won by Brady Bacon, Justin Grant & Robert Ballou.

The Metzler Auto Truck Trailer Wingless Super Sportsman entered the track for their feature event with Derek Sheaffer and Steve Wilbur in pole positions ahead of the 21 car field.  Sheaffer pulled ahead of Wilbur but immediately slowed for a caution involving the racers of Sam Leonard Jr., Brad Mellott and Vaughn Williams. Leonard returned to the rear of the field but Mellott and Williams entered the pits. The restart lineup had Sheaffer in the lead with  Brett Perigo, Steve Wilbur, Kevin Gutshall, Bob Gutshall and Mike Smith ready for the challenge on green. Wilbur and Gutshall passed Perigo and put their sights on Sheaffer when Steve Whary took a rough ride putting him upside down against the barriers going into turn four resulting in a red flag. All track personal and medics were at the scene and put the car upright after Whary walked away unhurt to the cheers of the crowd. The restart was now Shaeffer, Wilbur, Gutshall, Gutshall, and Perigo. On the wave of green the action started and had the frontrunners fans on their feet as Sheaffer and Wilbur were door to door as were the Gutshalls behind them and Mike Smith wondering which way to go! Chris Henry exited the track on lap five and Mellott exited when Brandon Little got off the track in turn three. The restart was double file putting Sheaffer and Wilbur side by side ahead of the Gutshalls where they battled for placement. On green Wilbur passes Sheaffer; Gutshalls are wheel to wheel, Adam Minizer got turned going into turns three and four, Jack Liddick gets out of control in turn four, the Gutshalls are sandwiching Wilbur by lap ten with Kevin taking the lead. It was a tense, side by side,  wheel to wheel, front to back ride for the top runners before adding the presence of Jason Failor to the mix. Wilbur and the Gutshalls were hitting every turn in a sideways maneuver as they battled for the next twenty laps ending with a win for Kevin, a second spot for Wilbur, a third for Bob, fourth for Failor and Sheaffer finishing out the top five.. Steve Wilbur had the fastest lap time with 13.045.

Path Valley will return to racing on May first with Thunder, Strictly Stock. Legends, T.A. Ward Construction 270 Sprints and Macri Concrete 600 Sprints. Gates will now open at four and hot laps at six.

Sunday, April 25th Results:

USAC 410 Wingless Sprints (24 cars):

1. Tanner Thorson 2. Justin Grant 3. Kevin Thomas, Jr. 4. Alex Bright 5. Brandon Mattox 6. Jake Swanson 7. Steven Drevicki 8. Robert Ballou 9. Thomas Meseraull 10. Chase Stockon 11. Carmen Perigo, Jr. 12. Brady Bacon 13. Paul Nienhiser 14. Mark Smith 15. Isaac Chapple 16. Nash Ely 17. Briggs Danner 18. Matt Westfall 19. Ricky Lewis 20. C.J. Leary 21. Chris Windom 22. Timmy Buchwalter

Metzler’s Auto, Truck & Trailer Wingless Super Sportsman (21 cars):

1. Kevin Gutshall 2. Steve Wilbur 3. Bob Gutshall 4. Jason Failor 5. Derek Sheaffer 6. Brett Perigo 7. Mike Smith 8. Kirk Baker 9. Gene Eppley 10. Adam Minizer 11. Chad Thomas 12. Sam Leonard, Jr. 13. Steve Kenawell 14. Eric Rutz (DNF) 15. Jack Liddick (DNF) 16. Levi Hippensteel (DNF) 17. Brandon Little (DNF) 18. Brad Mellott (DNF) 19. Chris Henry (DNF) 20. Steve Whary (DNF) 21. Vaughn Williams (DNF)