

The PitStopUSA.com Summer Dirt Series rolled onto the Dirt Track at Meridian Speedway Saturday, June 2, for its third competition of 2018. The Senior 4 Cycles and Open 250 Outlaw Karts joined weekly regular Pee Wee, Box Stock, Hot Rod, and Predator Stox division for a full morning of dirt track thrills and spills.

The Predator Stox kicked off main event action with a fifteen lap feature. Pole sitter Trevor Ford sprang to the early lead, but at the race's one-third mark Dakota Allen jumped to the lead. This dropped Ford into the clutches of Nick Durbin and Hunter Perala. As Ford fought to keep the second spot Allen sped to the morning's first victory.

Four fast Box Stock karts rolled to green for Saturday's second feature. Brady Williams sped ahead of Makayla Trafford to lead lap one, but Trafford kept pace. After a ten lap chase Trafford made her move, but lapped traffic forced her into Williams and she tumbled down the front straightaway. Trafford climbed from her kart shaken but uninjured. When the race went back green Williams stormed away from the field to take his second victory of the season.

Stephen Smith led the Hot Rod division to their fifteen lap main event. Smith turned his starting spot into a commanding early lead while Bently Hull and Hudson Eccles battled for the runner up spot. Hull held second until the closing laps, when Eccles found grip on the inside and motored past the young lady racer. But it all happened behind Smith, who claimed a wire-to-wire win.

The Pee Wee division brought Saturday's biggest field to the green flag. Paxton Guiles got to the gas pedal first and shot to the early lead. Lapped traffic was heavy, and a bobble allowed Harper May to take the lead from Guiles. A mid-race caution reset the field and brought Guiles and Anthony Latham into a three-way battle for the lead. The race restarted and Latham powered to the lead with Guiles hot on his heels. Latham and Guiles traded the lead back and forth several times in the race's closing laps, but it was a bold three-wide pass by Latham that allowed him to take the lead and the checkers.

Dale and Eric Smitchger led the Senior 4 Cycle field to their fifteen lap feature. On the break Dale Smitchger dashed to the top spot while Josh Culley dispatched Eric Smitchger to take the runner up spot. Culley set his sights on the leader, but Smitchger's kart proved too strong and he cruised to the main event win.

The Open 250 Outlaw Karts closed Saturday's action with a fast fifteen lap feature. Landon Acevedo turned his front row starting spot into an early lead while Ashton Cristiani and Neveah Hull tussled for second and third. Cristiani claimed the upper hand near the race's midway point and started to stalk Acevedo. As Cristiani closed Acevedo lost the handle on his kart and spun in turn four. This handed the lead to Cristiani for one final three lap shootout. The green flag waved and Acevedo wheeled his kart hard to pass Hull, but the young racer ran out of time to catch Cristiani, who crossed the line first.

The Outlaw Karts are back in action this Saturday, June 16 for the fourth round of the PitStopUSA.com Summer Dirt Series at the Dirt Track at Meridian Speedway. The Pee Wee, Box Stock, Hot Rod, Idaho Speedway Karts, and Open 250 classes take to the dirt oval to cap the first quarter of their season. Gates open at 9 a.m. with practice at 10:15 a.m. and racing action at 11:15 a.m. General admission is

free for spectators in the stands, while pit passes may be purchased for trackside access. We'll see you this Saturday, June 16, for the PitStopUSA.com Summer Dirt Series at your dirt track under the big yellow water tower, the Dirt Track at Meridian Speedway.