

Butterfield Batters Open 250 Field for First Summer Dirt Series Victory

Five classes took to the one-twelfth mile Dirt Track at Meridian Speedway for race number four of the PitStopUSA.com Summer Dirt series. The Senior 4-Cycles, PeeWee, Hot Rod, Box Stock, and Open 250s filled the Saturday's full slate of action.

The Senior 4-Cycles kicked off main event action with a fifteen lap battle. Eric Smitcher got to the gas pedal first and sped into the top spot, but with a daring three-wide pass Justin Yuen moved his kart into the lap two lead. But Dale Smitchger was on the move, and with an inside pass he took over the lead and claimed the checkers.

Seven speedy PeeWee karts took the green for their twelve lap feature. Harper May took the early lead, which left Anthony Latham and Bailey Newman to duel for the runner up spot. Latham got the better of this battle and set his sights on May. But Latham wasn't alone, and at the race's one-quarter mark Paxton Guiles raced into the lead with Latham in his tire tracks. But Latham had one last chance for the victory, and in the closing laps he pounced on Guiles to cross the finish line first.

The Hot Rod division had fifteen laps to find a feature winner. After a halting start Tyson Martinson rocketed into the lead. As Martinson checked out up front, the battle was for second between Andrew Martinson, Cehth Horne, and Bently Hull. Andrew Martinson kept his cool and held off both Horne and Hull to make it a Martinson one-two finish.

The Box Stock division found themselves chasing Brady Williams as the young racer flashed into the early lead. Behind Williams, Tristan Allen and Cadie Horne went wheel-to-wheel for second. With 5 laps to go, Allen passed Horne and set his sights on Williams. But Allen would run out of laps as Williams claimed his third victory of the season.

The Open 250s wrapped up Saturday's action with a 15 lap feature. On the start Austin Wiederich slung his kart around Larry Butterfield to take the point. But Butterfield battled back, and with nine circuits remaining he caught and dispatched Wiederich to take over the lead. Wiederich's slide through the field didn't stop there as Neveah Hull relieved him of the runner up spot in the race's closing laps. Though Hull laid down some fast laps, she ran out of time to catch the leader and Butterfield took the checkered flag.

Round five of the PitStopUSA.Com Summer Dirt Series takes place Saturday, July 21 at the Dirt Track at Meridian Speedway. The PeeWee, Box Stock and Hot Rod classes return to action, in conjunction with the Predator Stox and Idaho Speedway Karts. Gates open at 9 a.m. with practice at 10:15 a.m. and the first green flag at 11:15 a.m. General admission is free for spectators. Trackside access is available with the purchase of a pit pass. We'll see you this Saturday, July 21, for the PitStopUSA.com Summer Dirt Series at the Dirt Track at Meridian Speedway.