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Drevicki Cruises To East Coast Sprint Opener Win At Orange County

By: Nick Fillman

Middletown, New York (July 2, 2020)……After what would feel like an eternity, and after months of prep work and waiting, the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series were finally able to start the 2020 season off at the Orange County Fair Speedway on Thursday night. The series made their first ever appearance to the "House of Power" and a strong contingent of 25 sprint cars entered the pit area.

An interesting mix of drivers would fill the pit area, split between series veterans, series rookies, and a good deal of support from winged and wingless regulars in the Empire State region.

Heat race action on the night would see series regulars Timmy Buckwalter, and Joey Biasi collect heat one and two victories, with modified regular, and budding sprint car driver Danny Varin, collecting the third heat race victory in his series, and non-winged sprint car debut. While USAC East Coast Rookie, Alex Yankowski would grab the B Main victory on a last lap pass of Ryan Quackenbush.

Following the redraw, a pair of New York state drivers: Thomas Radivoy and Eric Jennings, would share the front row for the season opening event of the 2020 season.

On the initial green, Steven Drevicki would quickly move by Jennings, and Radivoy who were most comfortable on the outside lane of the speedway, while Drevicki would stick to the bottom.

With the slick surface of the Orange County Fair Speedway, drivers were left with a bottom lane, and a top lane early that would lead to an extremely intense battle for the 5th through 8th place positions on lap five, as Radivoy, Varin, Billy VanInwegen and Joey Biasi would fight tooth and nail for a spot in the top 5.

The most impressive runner early on in the feature would belong to Orange County modified regular, and part time ESS driver Billy VanInwegen. VanInwegen would quickly move through the first half of the field from his 12th place starting spot utilizing the outside line. VanInwegen would find himself into the 3rd place position on lap nine, battling another driver making his series debut: Davie Franek, for the runner up position.

At the halfway point of the feature event, Drevicki would hold a strong and commanding lead over a close battle for second between Franek, and Billy VanInwegen. Bobby Varin, and Tim Buckwalter would throw a number of sliders around the halfway point of the feature for the 5th place position.

On lap 16, while working through lapped traffic VanInwegen would finally be able to move around Franek, and would hope to track down race leader Steven Drevicki, who was encountering heavy lapped traffic. Although VanInwegen would close to about a corners' length distance on Drevicki, it would not be enough as defending series champion Steven Drevicki would cruise on to collect the season opener. VanInwegen, Franek, Jennings, and Danny Varin would round out the top five.

For Reading, PA's Steven Drevicki, season opening victories are no stranger, as the two-time champion has won three consecutive season opening events, at three different speedways, in three different states.

Runner up Billy VanInwegen is no stranger to sprint cars but has only dabbled in non-winged racing. VanInwegen has made a handful of starts for Steve Buckwalter at the Chili Bowl Midget Nationals. The VanInwegen team was more than busy as he ran the 360 sprint car portion of the PA Speedweek event at the Port Royal Speedway on Wednesday before switching the car over for Thursdays show. VanInwegen would also be the sole double duty driver in the field and would compete in all three features on Thursday.

Davie Franek is another driver who has plenty of experience in a sprint car, but hardly any without a wing on. The Sussex, NJ driver was extremely impressive in their series debut running up front in both his heat race and the feature event.

Bloomingburg, New York driver Eric Jennings is always one to watch when the USAC East Coast Sprint Cars are in action. The series regular was consistent all season in 2019 finishing 5th in series points. 2020 is off to the same start for Jennings and the Hamilton Racing team as they were fast all night and collected a solid fourth place effort.

Rounding out the top five is another driver who was making their series debut. Danny Varin of Fonda, NY had only ever been in a wingless sprint car in an early season test at the Fonda Speedway. But you would not know the difference as the modified regular looked like a wingless veteran. Varin, and the Dover Brake 00 team have been branching out and doing a lot more sprint car racing in both 360 and 410 competition. Varin dominated heat race number three and ran a smooth and consistent event in the feature.

A number of series rookie driver who will follow the tour in 2020 made their season debuts on Thursday including: Christian Bruno, Andrew Layser, Bruce Buckwalter Jr., and Alex Yankowski.

Unfortunately for 2019 USAC National Midget Rookie of the Year, Andrew Layser's night came to an early and abrupt end as a thrown rod in the engine would end the rookie drivers night early in hot laps.

The series returns to action tonight at the Big Diamond Speedway in Minersville, PA. Stay tuned to our social media pages for all updates throughout the night of action!

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: July 2, 2020 – Orange County Fair Speedway – Middletown, New York

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, top-3 redraw) 1. Timmy Buckwalter (#5G Gallagher), 2. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki), 3. Davie Franek (#28F Franek), 4. Jonathan Swanson (#17 Swanson), 5. David Swanson (#117 Swanson), 6. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter), 7. Dan Malley (#H20 Malley), 8. Charles Weslowski (#16 Weslowski), 9. Heidi Hedin (#3H Hedin). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, top-3 redraw) 1. Joey Biasi (#B1 Biasi), 2. Thomas Radivoy (#1Q Radivoy), 3. Christian Bruno (#17 Bruno), 4. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry), 5. Bobby Flood (#91 Flood), 6. Craig Pelligrini (#11 Pellegrini), 7. Lee Kauffman (#96 Kauffman), 9. Andrew Layser (#35 Franckowiak). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, top-3 redraw) 1. Danny Varin (#00 Varin), 2. Chris Allen Jr. (#71 Allen), 3. Eric Jennings (#32 Neiger-Hamilton), 4. Billy VanInwegen Jr. (#56 Van Dusen), 5. Bill Unglert (#33B Unglert), 6. Alex Yankowski (#7 Yankowski), 8. Ryan Quackenbush (#5Q TQT), 9. Steve Kyzer (#6 Kyzer). NT

SEMI: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Alex Yankowski, 2. Ryan Quackenbush, 3. Dan Malley, 4-Lee Kauffman, 5. Bruce Buckwalter Jr., 6. Charles Weslowski, 7. Heidi Hedin, 8. Steve Kyzer, 9. Craig Pelligrini Jr., 10. Andrew Layser. NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Steven Drevicki (3), 2. Billy VanInwegen Jr. (12), 3. Davie Franek (6), 4. Eric Jennings (2), 5. Danny Varin (7), 6. Timmy Buckwalter (8), 7. Chris Allen Jr. (5), 8. Joey Biasi (4), 9. Jonathan Swanson (10), 10. Bill Unglert (15), 11. Thomas Radivoy (1), 12. Ryan Quackenbush (17), 13. Alex Yankowski (16), 14. Christian Bruno (9), 15. Bobby Flood (14), 16. David Swanson (13), 17. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (20), 18. Jason Cherry (11), 19. Dan Malley (18), 20. Lee Kauffman (19). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Steven Drevicki.

NEXT RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE: July 3, 2020 – Big Diamond Speedway – Pottsville, Pennsylvania

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DREVICKI DOUBLES UP, SWEEPS SEASON OPENING WEEKEND WITH BIG DIAMOND WIN

By: Nick Fillman

Minersville, Pennsylvania (July 3, 2020)……Nearly 24 hours after cruising to the season opening victory at the Orange County Fair Speedway, Steven Drevicki continued on with his winning ways collecting yet another Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series victory at the Big Diamond Speedway.

After a line of heavy showers and a brief thunderstorm passed through the area, 22 USAC East Coast Sprint cars entered the pit area at the Big Diamond Speedway for night number two of action on the series trail. Again, an interesting mix of drivers and teams were in the pit area with another handful of drivers making their 2020 season debuts like: Mark Bitner, Kyle Spence, Carmen Perigo, and John Stehman.

With the evening rains, the track would be left narrow with the dominant line being around the top of the speedway for heat race competition. Series Rookie Bruce Buckwalter Jr. took heat one, while Carmen Perigo, and Joey Biasi would earn the heat race victories and look to have a good redraw.

The heat races did not come without casualty as Timmy Buckwalter had a steering failure in heat race number two leading to a hard impact with the outside wall in turns three and four ending his night.

With a handful of drivers not making it back out for the feature event, no B main would be conducted and the remaining 19 drivers would start the feature event. Old Bridge, New Jersey driver Bill Unglert and Joey Biasi would lead the field to the green for the feature event, with Steven Drevicki firing off from the third-place position just as he did one night prior.

Bill Unglert would quickly jump out to the early race lead with Biasi, Drevicki and the rest of the field fighting for position early on.

Major trouble would occur on lap 6 as Danny Varin would catch the cushion wrong in turns three and four, causing the car to bicycle and flip end over end out of the speedway. Luckily, Danny was ok and would make his way back to the pit area.

Within the next handful of laps following the restart, Drevicki would maneuver his way around Joey Biasi for second place using the inside line of the speedway, with the majority of the field devoted to the cushion around both ends of the track.

On lap 12, race leader Bill Unglert would find himself encountering the back end of the field, with traffic only getting heavier by lap 14. As the field completed lap 15, Steven Drevicki would be able to get to the inside of the number 33 machine and take the race lead away from Bill Unglert.

At the same time a great battle occurred between Ryan Quackenbush and Joey Biasi who would trade the third spot back and forth. With five laps to go, Joey Biasi would have a massive run into turns one and two and pass Unglert for the runner up position. However, it was all for not, as Steven Drevicki would be able to collect yet another victory at the Big Diamond Speedway.

Postrace, Drevicki would explain that the set up they had for the feature event was more so for the bottom of the speedway, rather than the top on the cushion, wherein the majority of the field was running for most of the feature event. Drevicki would be able to use this difference in set up to pass cars on the bottom of the track to collect the feature win.

Ryan Quackenbush would grab a strong fourth place effort, his career best with the series. Over the winter, the Quackenbush team made major switch in chassis manufacturers from Triple X Chassis to RPM Chassis. The team has appeared to find success with the new combo and will only look to improve.

Making his series debut and impressing all in attendance was Bear, Delaware driver Kyle Spence. Spence was aboard the Betts Garage 22 machine and had a solid run from 12th to 8th in the feature event. A solid debut for the 600cc micro sprint standout.

Up next will be the series return to the Georgetown Speedway in Georgetown, Delaware, where Steven Drevicki is also the series' first ever winner and defending race winner. As always, keep up to date with all breaking news, updates and stories by following along on our social media sites!

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: July 3, 2020 – Big Diamond Speedway – Pottsville, Pennsylvania

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, top-3 redraw) 1. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter), 2. Mark Bitner (#15 Bitner), 3. Chris Allen Jr. (#71 Allen), 4. Jacob Balliet (#22B Betts), 5. Christian Bruno (#17m Bruno), 6. David Swanson (#117 Swanson), 7. Danny Varin (#00 Varin), 8. Lee Kauffman (#96 Kauffman). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, top-3 redraw) 1. Carmen Perigo (#21 Stehman), 2. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki), 3. Ryan Quackenbush (#5Q TQT), 4. Jonathan Swanson (#17 Swanson), 5. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry), 6. Ricky Rutt (#57 Rutt), 7. Timmy Buckwalter (#5G Gallagher). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, top-3 redraw) 1. Joey Biasi (#B1 Biasi), 2. Bill Unglert (#33B Unglert), 3. Alex Yankowski (#7 Yankowski), 4. Kyle Spence (#22 Betts), 5. Heidi Hedin (#3H Hedin), 6. John Stehman (#23 Stehman), 7. Larry Drake (#8 Drake). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Steven Drevicki (3), 2. Joey Biasi (2), 3. Bill Unglert (1), 4. Ryan Quackenbush (4), 5. Carmen Perigo (5), 6. Chris Allen Jr. (9), 7. Alex Yankowski (7), 8. Kyle Spence (12), 9. Mark Bitner (6), 10. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (8), 11. Jonathan Swanson (11), 12. John Stehman (17), 13. Christian Bruno (13), 14. Jacob Balliet (10), 15. Jason Cherry (14), 16. Ricky Rutt (15), 17. Heidi Hedin (19), 18. Larry Drake (18), 19. Danny Varin (16). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-15 Bill Unglert, Laps 16-25 Steven Drevicki.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Steven Drevicki-154, 2-Joey Biasi-132, 3-Chris Allen Jr.-120, 4-Bill Unglert-118, 5-Ryan Quackenbush-108, 6-Alex Yankowski-98, 7-Jonathan Swanson-97, 8-Danny Varin-95, 9-Bruce Buckwalter Jr. -83, 10-Christian Bruno-82.

NEXT RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE: July 24, 2020 – Georgetown Speedway – Georgetown, Delaware

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WATT WINS USAC EAST COAST SPRINT DEBUT

By: Nick Fillman/USAC ECSC

Georgetown, Delaware (July 24, 2020)……Ryan Watt of Boyertown, PA entered the evening at the Georgetown Speedway as rookie when it came to the wild world of non-wing sprint car racing. But by the time the checkered flags fell on the nights feature event, Watt came out on top looking like a seasoned veteran.

Getting back into action following a three-week break in series action, 16 drivers entered the pit area of the Georgetown Speedway for the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series second ever trip to the southern Delaware Oval. Yet again, an interesting mix of 2020 series rookies and series veterans were on hand to try and grab the feature event win.

Two very entertaining heat race events would set the field for the 25-lap feature event with series rookie Bruce Buckwalter Jr., and Bill Unglert sharing the front row.

The drop of the green would see Unglert quickly power around the outside of Buckwalter and take the lead on lap one, with Ryan Watt following in close pursuit and immediately challenging Unglert for the lead of the feature event.

A quick caution on lap three for a breaking Jonathan Swanson would bunch the field back together for an early race restart. When the green flew again Unglert remained in the power position of the field with Ryan Watt again, pressuring Unglert for the lead of the field.

On lap five, Watt would be able to maneuver himself around Unglert and take over the top position of the field. Unglert remained in second but was immediately challenged for the runner up position by Joey Biasi.

As the field approached the halfway point, an intense battle would rage for the fourth through seventh position with: Chris Allen, Billy VanInwegen Jr., Steven Drevicki, and Kyle Spence trading positions just inside, and outside of the top five.

The caution flag again appeared on lap 12 for a slowing Bruce Buckwalter. The caution would erase the lead that Watt had established and bring the balance of the field right back to his tail tank. As the green flew, Watt would again jump back out to a comfortable lead with Unglert and Biasi going at each other for second, and the same group of Allen, VanInwegen, Drevicki, and Spence trading spots behind the lead trio.

On lap 16 Unglert made a mistake on the cushion in turns three and four and ended up over the baking in the turn. Unglert kept his foot in the gas, and while not stopping, would lose control of the second-place position, falling back to seventh.

Heartbreak would again strike within the podium runners as Joey Biasi would slow down the back stretch on lap 23 causing a caution and one final shot for the rest of the field to get by Watt.

Watt was now leading Chris Allen, Steven Drevicki from 8th, Billy VanInwegen Jr., and Kyle Spence to the green. As the field took the green flag with just a handful remaining Allen would try to dig to the bottom of Watt in turns one and two, but it simply wasn't enough as Ryan Watt would go on to collect his first ever Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series victory in his first ever attempt.

Ryan Watt the noted modified standout has dabbled with more open wheel racing over the last few years. With many starts and solid runs with the ARDC midgets, Watt had begun venturing out with running winged sprint car events for Tim Hogue. Watt drove like a natural in his series debut, moving from eight to third in his heat race, and picking up the feature event win.

For Christopher Allen, consistency is no issue as the Old Bridge, New Jersey driver was able to collect yet another top five finish with the series. For Allen, it was a bit of "Second verse, same as the first" as Allen was the runner up finisher in last year's feature at the Georgetown Speedway. Allen will look to grab a Georgetown checkered flag in October in the series return. However, look for the Allen team to be in victory lane before then.

Steven Drevicki would earn a hard fought third place finish in the nights 25 lap main event. With the track surface receiving a large amount of rain between Thursday and early afternoon thunderstorms Friday, the track was lightning fast and a bit hard to pass on in the heats. Drevicki finished in fourth just outside of the redraw and stared eighth in the feature event. Drevicki methodically worked his way into the top 3 and continued his impressive streak of not finishing outside of the top five.

An unfortunate accident at the Bridgeport Motorsports Park, has left the Bill Gallagher 5g entry without their regular driver Tim Buckwalter for the foreseeable future in 2020. The call was made to Port Jervis, NY driver Billy VanInwegen who would make his second ever non-wing 360 start. Billy V ran an impressive second at the Orange County Fair Speedway, and after never seeing the Georgetown Speedway in person, raced his way to a top five in his second ever start.

Rounding out the top five was another driver making just his second ever series start: Kyle Spence. The Micro sprint graduate finished eighth in his first ever start at the Big Diamond Speedway and recently won $10, 000 at the Non-Wing World Championship in Peru, Indiana. Spence appeared even more comfortable on Friday, not shying away from running the treacherous cushion at the Georgetown Speedway and mixing it up for a solid top five finish in his first trip to the speedway.

Up next the series will continue a southern trend with a pair of shows in Maryland and Virginia. The series will debut at both the Potomac Speedway and at the Winchester Speedway next Friday and Saturday. Both Potomac Speedway in Maryland, and the Winchester Speedway in Virginia, have had wingless racing in the past as the ARDC midgets used to make a yearly trip to the speedways. Friday and Saturday will again put the drivers of the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series to the test, as they venture to a track that is largely unknown to the majority of the series drivers.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: July 24, 2020 – Georgetown Speedway – Georgetown, Delaware

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, top-3 redraw, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Chris Allen Jr. (#71 Allen) (3), 2. Joey Biasi (#B1 Biasi) (5), 3. Ryan Watt (#39 Hogue) (7), 4. Craig Pellegrini (#27c Pellegrini) (2), 5. Ryan Quackenbush (#5Q TQT) (8), 6. Zack Burd (#5z Burd) (1), 7. Heidi Hedin (#3H Hedin) (6), 8. David Swanson (#117 Swanson) (4).

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, top-3 redraw, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Billy VanInwegen Jr. (#5G Gallagher) (3), 2. Bill Unglert (#33B Unglert) (1), 3. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter) (2), 4. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki) (6), 5. Christian Bruno (#17 Bruno) (5), 6. Kyle Spence (#22 Betts) (7), 7. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry) (4), 8. Jonathan Swanson (#17J Swanson) (8).

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Ryan Watt (4), 2. Chris Allen Jr. (6), 3. Steven Drevicki (8), 4. Billy VanInwegen Jr. (5), 5. Kyle Spence (12), 6. Bill Unglert (2), 7. Ryan Quackenbush (9), 8. Craig Pellegrini Jr. (7), 9. Christian Bruno (10), 10. David Swanson (15), 11. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (1), 12. Heidi Hedin (13), 13. Jason Cherry (14), 14. Joey Biasi (3), 15. Zack Burd (11), 16. Jonathan Swanson (16).

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-5 Bill Unglert, Laps 6-25 Ryan Watt.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Steven Drevicki-223, 2-Chris Allen Jr.-195, 3-Bill Unglert-180, 4-Joey Biasi-174, 5-Ryan Quackenbush-164, 6-Billy VanInwegen Jr.-141, 7-Christian Bruno-132, 8-Bruce Buckwalter Jr.-130, 9-Jonathan Swanson-129, 10-Kyle Spence-115.

NEXT RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE: August 8, 2020 – New Egypt Speedway - New Egypt, New Jersey

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BITNER BESTS EAST COAST SPRINT FIELD IN NEW EGYPT RETURN

By: Nick Fillman

New Egypt, New Jersey (August 8, 2020)……"Mr. Twister" Mark Bitner of Trenton, New Jersey was able to hold off a hard charging Christopher Allen in the late stages of the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series return to the New Egypt Speedway for his second career victory.

Bitner is no stranger to the New Egypt Speedway as he has accumulated a number of victories at the New Jersey speedway in a variety of different cars. From modifieds, to 305 sprint cars, 360 winged sprint cars, and now the USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series, Bitner has been able to grace victory lane on numerous occasions.

The evening for Mark Bitner started off with pulling the number 15 pill. Bitner's car number being number 15, it was a sign of things to come. Bitner would start on the pole of his heat race event and go on to grab the victory over Christopher Allen. By virtue of his finishing position Bitner would be in the redraw, where he pulled the number one pill.

The start of the feature event featured Mark Bitner on the pole with Kyle Lick in the second spot making his first start of the 2020 season. The green flag flew with Bitner jumping out to the early race lead, until JR Berry spun in turns three and four.

On the complete restart, Bitner again was able to maintain the race lead with Lick moving into second, and an absolute hornets' nest behind the front two cars. Steven Drevicki, and Christopher Allen found the high side of the speedway immediately and began to make their bid for the top 3 positions. For a number of early laps, Kyle Lick, Christopher Allen, and Ryan Watt would run three-wide for the runner up spot, with Billy Pauch Jr making it an occasional four car battle.

By lap five, Bitner held a steady lead with Kyle Lick in second, and Christopher Allen virtually glued to the back bumper of the Lick entry. With an intermission track prep featuring lots of water being applied to the surface, the speedway was lightning quick. Bitner would begin to encounter lapped traffic around lap eight, at the same time, Christopher Allen would work his way around the number eight car of Kyle Lick and try to reel in the leader.

As the field battled on, Christopher Allen slowly, but surely caught Mark Bitner in traffic, and was in the same corner as the leader Bitner by the halfway point. On Lap 18, Bitner and Allen were nose-to-tail for the race lead with Allen, railing the high side of the speedway trying to make a move around Mark Bitner.

Allen would end up being side by side with Mark Bitner a number of occasions between laps 18-23 as the duo battled through the back half of the field, until a caution flew on lap 23 for a stopped David Swanson.

The ensuing Green, White, Checkered restart saw Bitner hold his composure despite the best efforts of Allen on the high and low side of the speedway in his attempts to pass Bitner for the win and steal the victory. But in the end, Mark Bitner held strong and collected his second career USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series victory.

Chris Allen ended up in the runner up spot for the second straight event. Allen continues to be a model of consistency on the series trail in 2020, and the team's first win of the season will come any week. Allen continues to chip away at the points lead of defending series champion Steven Drevicki, in what is shaping up to be a spectacular battle for the title in 2020.

Ryan Watt collected the feature win last time out when the series was in action at the Georgetown Speedway on July 24th. Watt parked the Tim Hogue 39 car in victory lane in his first ever non-winged sprint car start. Watt made his second start on Saturday night and again looked like a seasoned veteran. Watt made gains on the lead duo of Mark Bitner and Christopher Allen in lapped traffic before the caution flag flew on lap 23. Look for 2015 USAC National Series Champion, Robert Ballou to be behind the controls of the Hogue 39 this Sunday at the Selinsgrove Speedway.

Frenchtown, New Jersey's Billy Pauch Jr. made his debut behind the wheel of the Gallagher 5G entry on Saturday at New Egypt. The multi time modified track champion at New Egypt is no stranger to non-winged competition between ARDC and USAC midget, USAC National Tour Starts, USAC SpeedSTR, and 600 micro sprint starts Pauch has plenty of experience. Pauch Jr collected the heat win and drove from his sixth place starting spot to a solid top 3 finish. Broken Arrow, Oklahoma driver Brady Bacon will be behind the wheel of the Gallagher 5G tomorrow at the Selinsgrove Speedway.

Rounding out the top 5 and yet again continuing his streak of never finishing outside of the top five in a USAC East Coast event was Steven Drevicki. In the heat race, Drevicki battled from 7th place to finish third behind Kyle Lick and earn his way into the redraw. Drevicki was among some of the earliest drivers to venture to the high side of the speedway to make moves. At the conclusion of Saturdays feature event, Drevicki earned a hard-fought top five effort.

24 Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Cars entered the pit area at the New Egypt Speedway on Saturday night. 19 of the cars being 360 powered vehicles, and 5 coming from the NEWS Crate wingless sprints that are run as a weekly series at the speedway. Defending track champion Rich Mellor was one of two crate entries to make the feature and finished in the 11th position.

Next up for the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series is their maiden voyage to the Selinsgrove Speedway Sunday August 9th. The Series will be alongside the stars and the cars of the USAC Silver Crown series in a traditional sprint car series doubleheader, sure to please any USAC Racing Fan.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: August 8, 2020 – New Egypt Speedway – New Egypt, New Jersey

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Alex Yankowski (#7 Yankowski) (2), 2. Bill Unglert (#33B Unglert) (3), 3. Ryan Watt (#39 Hogue) (6), 4. David Swanson (#117 Swanson) (1), 5. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter) (7), 6. Zack Burd (#5z Burd) (5), 7. J.R. Berry (#74JR Berry) (4), 8. Larry Drake (#8 Drake) (8). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Mark Bitner (#15 Bitner) (2), 2. Chris Allen Jr. (#71 Allen) (7), 3. Rich Mellor (#02 Mellor) (1), 4. Heidi Hedin (#3H Hedin) (4), 5. Jonathan Swanson (#17J Swanson) (8), 6. Ed Aikin (#73JR Berry) (5), 7. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry) (3), 8. Steve Kyzer (#6 Kyzer) (6). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Billy Pauch Jr. (#5G Gallagher) (1), 2. Kyle Lick (#8L Lick) (6), 3. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki) (7), 4. Ryan Quackenbush (#5Q TQT) (8), 5. Mick D'Agostino (#91 D'Agostino) (4), 6. Ken Nealis (#00 Nealis) (3), 7. Gary Huston (#44 Huston) (5), 8. Lee Kauffman (#96 Kauffman) (2). NT

SEMI: (12 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Ed Aikin (#73JR Berry) (2), 2. Zack Burd (#5z Burd) (1), 3. J.R. Berry (#74JR Berry) (4), 4. Lee Kauffman (#96 Kauffman) (9), 5. Ken Nealis (#00 Nealis) (3), 6. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry) (5), 7. Steve Kyzer (#6 Kyzer) (8), 8. Gary Huston (#44 Huston) (6), 9. Larry Drake (#8 Drake) (7). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Mark Bitner (1), 2. Chris Allen Jr. (4), 3. Ryan Watt (3), 4. Billy Pauch Jr. (6), 5. Steven Drevicki (8), 6. Kyle Lick (2), 7. Ryan Quackenbush (12), 8. Alex Yankowski (7), 9. Bill Unglert (9), 10. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (13), 11. Rich Mellor (5), 12. Mick D'Agostino (15), 13. Ed Aikin (16), 14. J.R. Berry (18), 15. Jonathan Swanson (14), 16. Zack Burd (17), 17. David Swanson (10), 18. Heidi Hedin (11), 19. Lee Kauffman (19), 20. Ken Nealis (20). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Mark Bitner.

HARD CHARGER: Ryan Quackenbush (12th to 7th)

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Steven Drevicki-287, 2-Chris Allen Jr.-269, 3-Bill Unglert-233, 4-Ryan Quackenbush-221, 5-Bruce Buckwalter Jr.-177, 6-Joey Biasi-174, 7-Jonathan Swanson-166, 8-Alex Yankowski-155, 9-Ryan Watt-146, 10-Christian Bruno-132.

NEXT RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE: August 9, 2020 – Selinsgrove Speedway – Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania

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BACON COLLECTS INAUGURAL SELINSGROVE USAC EAST COAST SPRINT VICTORY

By: Nick Fillman

Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania (August 9, 2020)……"Macho Man" Brady Bacon, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma was able to hold off late race challenges from Steven Drevicki in a thrilling finish to capture the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series inaugural feature event at the Selinsgrove Speedway.

Twenty-two ultra-talented drivers checked into the pit area of the Selinsgrove Speedway with an interesting mix of series veterans, rookies, and a handful of USAC National Tour drivers. Some of the drivers who were in action, recently competed in USAC Eastern Midget Week, and others in town for the Silver Crown series event that was the headline of Sunday's show at Selinsgrove.

Steven Drevicki, Robert Ballou, and Carmen Perigo would pick up the victories in the three heat races and set themselves up for a great shot at the feature event victory by virtue of the redraw procedure. Rookie driver Alex Bright, making his series debut would draw the pole for the 20-lap feature event, with Brady Bacon sharing the front row.

The initial start would see Bright move to the race lead, with Bacon, Drevicki, and Ryan Quackenbush pushing hard for the top spot early on in the feature. Unfortunately for Quackenbush, and shock pin would break on the right rear of the 5Q machine, sending Quackenbush for a series of hops and slight contact with the wall.

On the ensuing restart, Bright would again be the leader with Brady Bacon in second, and Robert Ballou utilizing the high side of the speedway to quickly move into third. Brady Bacon would dive underneath of Bright on the exit of turn four to take the race lead on lap number three, before Robert Ballou would move by Bacon for the lead on lap four.

The top five drivers in the field would all utilize the high side of the speedway early on with Ballou leading the way over: Bacon, Drevicki, Mark Smith, and Alex Bright.

Ballou and the Hogue 39 entry were out to a sizable lead by the halfway point of the feature event and began to encounter lapped cars around the same time. Bacon still held strong in second and began to reel in the leader as Ballou maneuvered through the lapped cars.

Unfortunately, as Robert Ballou entered turn one on the high side of the speedway on lap 14, something broke sending the car straight into the wall and flipping upside down ending his bid for the feature event win.

The restart would see Brady Bacon leading the way over Steven Drevicki, Mark Smith, Kevin Thomas Jr., and Alex Bright. With Chris Allen Jr. methodically working his way up to the sixth position from his sixteenth place starting position.

On lap fifteen, Lee Kauffman would go for a spin in turns three and four, once again bunching the field up with the top five remaining the same. As the field went back to green Bacon maintained his lead with Drevicki not letting the 5G get too far out front. Kevin Thomas Jr and Alex Bright would battle for fifth, and Steve Buckwalter utilizing the high side of the speedway to gain a handful of positions.

Once again, the caution flag would fly on lap nineteen for a spinning Lee Kauffman, bringing Drevicki back to the rear bumper of Brady Bacon with a green, checkered restart coming for the field. Bacon would hold the lead at the green with Steven Drevicki diving under Bacon for the lead in turns one and two but could not get by Bacon with the momentum carried on the high line. As the field entered turns three and four for the final time, Drevicki dove to the bottom one last time to try and grab the victory, but Brady Bacon would go on to collect the checkered flag in the feature event.

Drevicki, Mark Smith, Kevin Thomas Jr., and Alex Bright would be the top five. Steve Buckwalter used the high side of the speedway to move from eighth to sixth on the final lap.

The win for Bacon would come in his first career start in the Bill Gallagher 5G entry, filling in for the injured Tim Buckwalter. Bacon was scheduled to make another start in the car next week at the Williams Grove Speedway, but Bacon will be busy dialing in the Hoffman 69 entry for USAC National Series competition. The win for Brady Bacon comes off of an unfortunate crash and early ending to the team's week at the 360 Knoxville Nationals.

Steven Drevicki came home in the second position collecting yet another top five feature finish. The Reading, PA driver continued to keep his points lead over Chris Allen Jr. intact and put on an impressive showing being the first series regular across the line. Drevicki collected the heat one victory on the night which was the most talent laden heat race of the night. Drevicki also received props from feature winner Brady Bacon for his run in the feature.

Sunbury, PA driver Mark Smith was back at the Selinsgrove Speedway on Sunday, but in a vastly different form of race car. The veteran driver has an abundance of victories at the speedway in a winged 360 but made his return to wingless action on Sunday for the event at his home track. Smith started in the top five of the feature event and remained competitive throughout the feature event.

Kevin Thomas Jr. made his first ever start aboard the Chris Dyson owned number 20 machine on Sunday, in addition to competition in the team's Silver Crown car. Thomas finished second in his heat race but pulled the seven pill for the feature event. Kevin Thomas Jr would remain inside the top five the majority of the feature event but unfortunately couldn't get into the top 3 during the feature event.

Rounding out the top five was Alex Bright, making his series debut. Fresh off running the micro sprint "Month of Money," Eastern Midget week starts, and PA Micro Speedweek, Bright was impressive in his debut. Making the redraw of the feature event, and leading a handful of laps, Bright would fall backwards to the sixth position before the unfortunate ending for Ballou. Bright challenged Thomas Jr., a number of times, but would have to settle for fifth.

Steve Buckwalter and Chris Allen Jr. were the big movers of the night, with Buckwalter being a last-minute sub for Austin Nemire aboard the Lesko/Flammer 16 machine just hours before action began at the speedway. Second place points driver Chris Allen Jr. had a tough heat race result, starting him 16th on the feature field. Allen charged hard on the bottom of the speedway and wound up 7th after Buckwalter passed him coming to the line for 6th.

Up next for the series is another inaugural debut as the series is scheduled to make their first ever appearance to the legendary half-mile, Williams Grove Speedway for a triple header sprint car program. General admission is $16 with gates will opening at 5:30pm and racing underway at 7:30pm.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: August 9, 2020 – Selinsgrove Speedway – Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki), 2. Kevin Thomas Jr. (#20 Dyson), 3. Mark Smith (#m1 L & M), 4. Eric Jennings (#32 Neiger-Hamilton), 5. Steve Buckwalter (#16 Nemire-Lesko), 6. Chris Allen Jr. (#71 Allen), 7. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter), 8. Lee Kauffman (#96 Kauffman). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Robert Ballou (#39 Hogue), 2. Brady Bacon (#5G Gallagher), 3. Alex Bright (#20B Hummer), 4. Christian Bruno (#17 Bruno), 5. John Stehman (#23 Stehman), 6. Andrew Layser (#35 Franckowiak), 7. Colby Womer (#07 Womer). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Carmen Perigo (#21 Stehman), 2. Bill Unglert (#33B Unglert), 3. Ryan Quackenbush (#5Q TQT), 4. Alex Yankowski (#7 Yankowski), 5. Craig Pellegrini (#27c Pellegrini), 6. Heidi Hedin (#3H Hedin), 7. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry). NT

FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brady Bacon (2), 2. Steven Drevicki (4), 3. Mark Smith (3), 4. Kevin Thomas Jr. (7), 5. Alex Bright (1), 6. Steve Buckwalter (13), 7. Chris Allen Jr. (16), 8. Carmen Perigo (5), 9. Alex Yankowski (12), 10. Bill Unglert (9), 11. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (19), 12. Eric Jennings (10), 13. Andrew Layser (17), 14. John Stehman (14), 15. Jason Cherry (21), 16. Craig Pellegrini Jr. (15), 17. Heidi Hedin (18), 18. Lee Kauffman (22), 19. Robert Ballou (8), 20. Christian Bruno (11), 21. Colby Womer (20), 22. Ryan Quackenbush (6). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Alex Bright, Lap 3 Brady Bacon, Laps 4-13 Robert Ballou, Laps 14-20 Brady Bacon.

**Robert Ballou flipped on lap 14 of the feature.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Steven Drevicki-362, 2-Chris Allen Jr.-324, 3-Bill Unglert-283, 4-Ryan Quackenbush-227, 5-Bruce Buckwalter Jr.-220, 6-Alex Yankowski-206, 7-Joey Biasi-174, 8-Jonathan Swanson-166, 9-Christian Bruno-160, 10-Ryan Watt-146.

NEXT USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE: August 14, 2020 – Williams Grove Speedway – Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

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USAC EC WILLIAMS GROVE DEBUT BELONGS TO DREVICKI

By: Nick Fillman/USAC ECSC

Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania (August 14, 2020)……Steven Drevicki of Reading, PA, returned to victory lane with the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series, collecting his first career win at the speedway, and the series' first ever feature event at the legendary half mile.

Two years of rain outs, and an early season postponement of the 2020 event, the USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series was finally able to make their series debut at the Williams Grove Speedway. The feature event and on track entertainment was well worth the wait.

The front row of the feature event featured Bill Unglert, and David Swanson following the redraw, with top drivers sprinkled evenly throughout the top nine in the feature field.

The initial green would be followed by a quick yellow, as Chris Allen Jr. went for a spin in turns one and two and would set up a complete restart. When the initial green flew, Bill Unglert took over the top spot and quickly worked his way to the cushion around the top of the speedway.

The surface of the Williams Grove Speedway was very wide, with a low groove, and a small cushion to lean on at the top of the speedway. Quickly, Alex Bright, working from his eighth place starting position, used the high line of the speedway and moved into the top 3 by lap five. Bright and Drevicki would trade positions four and five back and forth for a number of laps early on in the feature event.

Bright and Drevicki remained one of the fiercest battles on the speedway as they worked their way into the top 3 positions by lap ten. The rest of the top five saw Carmen Perigo, Joey Biasi and Billy VanInwegen battle for positions in third through sixth.

On lap eleven, Drevicki would finally move by Bright for second, and begin to make his bid for the race lead and try to reel in race leader Bill Unglert. Just two laps later, the top 3 of: Unglert, Drevicki, and Bright would be nose-to-tail running in the same corner at the same time. As the field moved through turns three and four, Drevicki threw a slider on Unglert and would have the race lead. Shortly after the pass for the lead, the yellow flag flew for a spinning Lee Kauffman in turns one and two.

As the green flag flew on the ensuing restart, the intensity kicked up even more with drivers fighting hard for each and every position. Drevicki still led, with Bright giving everything he could to try and draw even with the number nine-teen entry. Carmen Perigo had moved into third, in a remaining intense battle for the top six. Joey Biasi made bids to pass Perigo multiple times, with Unglert falling back some, and Billy VanInwegen trying to get into the top five.

The yellow flag would again fly on lap twenty for a spinning Heidi Hedin, setting up a five lap dash for the finish at Williams Grove.

The restart saw Bright draw even with Drevicki for the lead in turns one and two, with Drevicki powering off the low line of the speedway. The battle for the top five yet again showed no signs of being any less intense. Biasi made used the high line to battle with Perigo for third, and Billy VanInwegen utilizing the low line. On lap 22, Perigo, Biasi, and VanInwegen in that order fanned out three wide for the second position behind Drevicki and Bright who had distanced themselves from the remainder of the pack.

Drevicki had an increasingly difficult time with the exit of turn four on the remaining two laps getting over the cushion near the wall, allowing Bright to still have a shot at the win. Drevicki one last time jumped the cushion off of turn four coming to the checkered flag but would hold strong for the victory. Drevicki was followed to the line by: Bright, Billy VanInwegen Jr., Joey Biasi, and Carmen Perigo.

Steven Drevicki is no stranger to Williams Grove, making a number of starts in ARDC midget, and a handful of winged 358 sprint car starts. However, Drevicki never was able to grace victory lane at ‘the paperclip” until Friday night. Drevicki continued his amazing streak of consecutive top five finishes and remained the only driver to win multiple races in 2020 now collecting three victories.

Alex Bright was strong yet again in the Rodota Trucking number 20 machine, despite making only his second start of the season. Bright cruised to a heat two victory and worked his way from the eighth place starting position to a solid second.

Billy VanInwegen suffered a hand injury following the series event at the Georgetown Speedway, which prevented him from competing in last week’s events at New Egypt and Selinsgrove. VanInwegen again looked like a wingless veteran,

methodically working his way to a podium spot utilizing the bottom groove of the speedway. VanInwegen, the modified regular, and sprint car part timer, again impressed, collecting his third top five finish in as many starts.

Joey Biasi made his return to the USAC East Coast Series on Friday night, following issues and missing last week's events. Biasi won heat three, and put on a show battling with Carmen Perigo, and Billy VanInwegen inside the top six for the entire feature event.

Rounding out the top five was Carmen Perigo. Perigo may have had the most experience at the Williams Grove Speedway with his many years of Super Sportsman competition coming into play. Perigo ran inside the top 10 at the Selinsgrove Speedway on Sunday and made his USAC Silver Crown Series debut finishing in the top five.

Christopher Allen Jr was the hard charger of the feature event on Friday working his way from the 21st starting spot to finish 9th. Following the event at Selinsgrove, the team found metal shavings in the oil while doing maintenance. Allen and team were prepared to utilize their back up car one Friday, but a quick turn-around from their engine builder allowed the team to use their primary car. However, chasing an engine gremlin most of the night, which ended up being a bad power steering pump, left the team starting from the rear. Allen smoothly made his way through the field and salvaged a decent night despite early troubles.

A massive flip in hot laps left Andrew Layser unable to compete on Friday night. Layser is ok after going to a local hospital for a check-up. The team suffered major damage to the operation and will likely regroup and try again in 2021.

Up next for the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series is another double header weekend. Friday, August 21st the series heads to the Bedford Speedway, and Saturday the series makes its one and only visit to the "Speed Palace" the Port Royal Speedway.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: August 14, 2020 – Williams Grove Speedway – Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Bill Unglert (#33B Unglert), 2. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki), 3. J.R. Berry (#74JR Berry), 5. John Stehman (#23 Stehman), 6. Lee Kauffman (#96 Kauffman), 7. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer), 2. Christian Bruno (#17 Bruno), 3. Billy VanInwegen Jr. (#5G Gallagher), 4. Kyle Spence (#22 Betts), 5. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter), 6. Craig Pellegrini (#27c Pellegrini), 7. Ryan Quackenbush (#5Q TQT). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Joey Biasi (#B1 Biasi), 2. Carmen Perigo (#21 Stehman), 3. David Swanson (#117 Swanson), 4. Troy Fraker (#12w Fraker), 5. Mike Thompson (#11 Thompson), 6. Heidi Hedin (#3H Hedin). NT

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Andrew Layser (#35 Franckowiak)

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Steven Drevicki (6), 2. Alex Bright (8), 3. Billy VanInwegen Jr. (9), 4. Joey Biasi (4), 5. Carmen Perigo (3), 6. Bill Unglert (1), 7. Kyle Spence (11), 8. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (14), 9. Chris Allen Jr. (21), 10. John Stehman (10), 11. Mike Thompson (15), 12. David Swanson (2), 13. J.R. Berry (7), 14. Ryan Quackenbush (20), 15. Jonathan Swanson (16), 16. Troy Fraker (12), 17. Lee Kauffman (13), 18. Craig Pellegrini Jr. (17), 19. Jason Cherry (19), 20. Heidi Hedin (18), 21. Christian Bruno (5). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-12 Bill Unglert, Laps 13-25 Steven Drevicki.

**Andrew Layser flipped during hot laps.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Steven Drevicki-439, 2-Chris Allen Jr.-372, 3-Bill Unglert-346, 4-Bruce Buckwalter Jr.-273, 5-Ryan Quackenbush-264, 6-Joey Biasi-243, Alex Yankowski (#7 Yankowski)-206, 8-Jonathan Swanson-202, 9-Carmen Perigo-188, 10-Kyle Spence-172.

NEXT USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE: August 21, 2020 – Bedford Speedway – Bedford, Pennsylvania

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BRIGHT SHINES IN SERIES RETURN TO PORT ROYAL

By: Nick Fillman – USAC ECSC

Port Royal, Pennsylvania (August 22, 2020)……Alex Bright, of Collegeville, Pennsylvania was victorious in the Rapid Tire USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series return to the Port Royal Speedway, holding off Steven Drevicki in a fierce battle for the checkers.

Winged veterans, and both making their series debut, Kevin Nouse and Shawn Donath would share the front row for the night's 25-lap feature event following the redraw from heat race competition.

As the field went green and into turns one and two, the vast majority of the field would quickly hug the bottom line, with Alex Bright and a handful of others heading to the high-side and passing cars quickly.

Bright was able to work his way into the runner up spot on the first lap, from his fourth place starting position, before taking the lead on lap two. Steven Drevicki also quickly moved his way into the top two positions on lap three and began his hunt of race leader Alex Bright.

Bright was glued to the high side of the speedway, with Drevicki trying the high line, low line, middle line, and any mixture of options trying to find the best way to maneuver around Alex Bright for the race lead. By lap eight, Drevicki was on the bumper of the number twenty machine and nearly took the race lead by lap ten.

Ten laps into the feature event found Bright leading with Drevicki in a close second, Davie Franek in third, Shawn Donath in fourth and Chris Allen Jr rounding out the top five. Within the next two laps, the leaders began to encounter the back of the field and work through lapped traffic.

A close call came, when Steven Drevicki made light contact with the lapped car of Heidi Hedin, causing Drevicki to skate up the track, making contact with the Bright machine. Luckily both drivers held onto their cars and did not spin or lose any positions.

At the halfway point Bright had begun to stabilize his lead with Drevicki in a close second, Franek in a distant third, and Chris Allen and Shawn Donath side by side for the fourth and fifth place positions. Billy VanInwegen was marching his way into the top five from his ninth place starting spot and would move into the top five by lap seventeen.

While working lap eighteen, Austin Graby, filling in for Alex Yankowski spun entering turns one and two as the leaders were in thick lapped traffic. The ensuing restart would see the top five remain the same with the exception of Billy VanInwegen moving into the top five.

As the field went green, Bright held his lead with Drevicki attempting a slider for the race lead but thinking better of it and using the bottom. Billy VanInwegen would work by the seventy-one entry of Chris Allen Jr and the rest of the top five remaining the same.

The yellow flag would fly once more as the field was coming to the checkers as Bruce Buckwalter Jr would spin in turns one and two. This would set up a green, checkered, finish to settle who would grab the feature event win.

Taking the green and white flag on the restart, Bright had kept his lead, entering turn one Drevicki would attempt the big slider for the race lead, with Bright powering back by on the high side exiting turn four. With the dominant groove being on the bottom of the speedway in turns three and four, Bright would cruise off of the final corner and go on to collect his first career USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series Victory. Drevicki, Franek, VanInwegen, and Allen would be the top five.

Bright collects his first career win in his third career start with the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series. The new Hummer racing team has been fast so far in their three starts. Bright, the former ARDC and USAC Eastern Midget series champion, has a handful of USAC National Sprint Car starts during the annual Eastern Storm events. The prior sprint car experience appears to aid in the team's ability to have found speed so quickly since joining the series.

Steven Drevicki continued his consistency continuing to add to his points lead over Chris Allen for the championship. Drevicki was a heat race winner on the night, and one of the only drivers who had a car that would work on the top or bottom of the speedway. Drevicki tried everything within reason to pass Bright, but the Hummer Racing Team and Alex Bright proved to be the dominant car.

"No Panic" Davie Franek returned for his second shot at non-winged sprint car racing, and yet again was impressive. Franek was able to hold off Alex Bright for the win in his heat race and ran a solid third all night. Franek has a pair of third place finishes in his two starts with the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series. Not too shabby for the former winged 360 series champion.

Billy VanInwegen and the Gallagher Racing Team are yet another team that has found a great deal of consistency thus far in 2020. VanInwegen ran a solid second to Steven Drevicki in heat race number one and pulled the nine pill in the feature redraw. Over the course of the feature event, VanInwegen, gradually became faster, and more confident coming home with a fourth-place effort.

Chris Allen Jr. rounded out the top five and continued his quest to shorten the gap on points leader Steven Drevicki. The Old Bridge, NJ driver has plenty of speed so far in 2020 and continues to knock on the doorstep of victory lane.

Twenty-Six Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series, competitors entered the pit area on Saturday at the Port Royal Speedway, making the event the highest car count of the 2020 season, eclipsing the high mark of twenty-five at Orange County for the season opener.

Winged sprint car regulars Kevin Nouse and Shawn Donath both made their series debut on Saturday night at Port Royal. Nouse won heat three, and Donath finished second in heat three. Both drivers ran respectable throughout the main event. Donath ended up eighth in the feature and Nouse thirteenth. Not bad for their first ever starts in a non-winged car.

Up Next for the USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series is a return to the Delaware International Speedway on Saturday, September, Fifth. Last season, Christopher Allen and Steven Drevicki split the two events contested on the Southern Delaware oval.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: August 22, 2020 – Port Royal Speedway – Port Royal, Pennsylvania

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki) (5), 2. Billy VanInwegen Jr. (#5G Gallagher) (2), 3. Austin Graby (#7 LNB) (4), 4. Joey Amantea (#54 JPA) (7), 5. David Swanson (#117 Swanson) (8), 6. Mark Bitner (#15 Bitner) (1), 7. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter) (6), 8. Troy Fraker (#12w Fraker) (9), 9. Eric Jennings (#32 Neiger-Hamilton) (3). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Davie Franek (#28F Franek) (7), 2. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer) (8), 3. John Stehman (#23 Stehman) (4), 4. Christian Bruno (#17 Bruno) (5), 5. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry) (9), 6. Lee Kauffman (#96 Kauffman) (3), 7. J.R. Berry (#74JR Berry) (6), 8. Craig Pellegrini (#27c Pellegrini) (2), 9. Zack Burd (#5z Burd) (1). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kevin Nouse (#1J Nouse) (2), 2. Shawn Donath (#53 Donath) (4), 3. Chris Allen Jr. (#71 Allen) (5), 4. Jonathan Swanson (#17J Swanson) (3), 5. Bill Unglert (#33B Unglert) (1), 6. Kenny Miller III (#23m Miller) (8), 7. Ryan Quackenbush (#5Q TQT) (7), 8. Heidi Hedin (#3H Hedin) (6). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Alex Bright (4), 2. Steven Drevicki (5), 3. Davie Franek (3), 4. Billy VanInwegen Jr. (9), 5. Chris Allen Jr. (6), 6. Bill Unglert (15), 7. Christian Bruno (11), 8. Shawn Donath (2), 9. David Swanson (13), 10. J.R. Berry (20), 11. Joey Amantea (10), 12. Kenny Miller III (18), 13. Kevin Nouse (1), 14. Lee Kauffman (17), 15. Jason Cherry (14), 16. Jonathan Swanson (12), 17. Austin Graby (8), 18. Craig Pellegrini Jr. (23), 19. John Stehman (7), 20. Ryan Quackenbush (21), 21. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (19), 22. Troy Fraker (22), 23. Heidi Hedin (24), 24. Mark Bitner (16), 25. Zack Burd (26), 26. Eric Jennings (25). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Shawn Donath, Laps 2-25 Alex Bright.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Steven Drevicki-514, 2-Chris Allen Jr.-436, 3-Bill Unglert-405, 4-Bruce Buckwalter Jr.-298, 5-Ryan Quackenbush-289, 6-Christian Bruno-247, 7-Joey Biasi-243, 8-Jonathan Swanson-238, 9-Jason Cherry-209, 10-Heidi Hedin-191.

NEXT USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE: September 5, 2020 – Delaware International Speedway – Delmar, Delaware

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MILLER COLLECTS FIRST USAC EAST COAST WIN AT DELAWARE INT'L

By: Nick Fillman – USAC ECSC

Delmar, Delaware (September 5, 2020)……Kenny Miller lll, of Morgantown, Pa., collected his first career Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series victory in his second full night of competition, and third time ever behind the wheel of a sprint car.

Twenty-four USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series teams entered the pit area on Saturday night to try their hand at collecting a feature event win as the season winds down. A stellar group of drivers were on hand in the pit area, with a number of drivers making their return to series action. Former winners Ryan Watt and Joey Biasi, along with Kevin Darling, and New York's Danny Varin were pit side in addition to the series regular followers.

Heat race action would see Alex Bright, Chris Allen Jr., and Ryan Watt grab the checkered flags and set themselves up for the best possible odds at a great starting position inside the top nine during the redraw.

Bill Unglert and Alex Bright shared the front row for the 25-lap feature event, making the series return to Delaware International for the first time in 2020 following an early season cancellation.

The initial start of the feature event saw absolute chaos as drivers dove high and low around the speedway searching for the best line early in the feature. As Bill Unglert, Chris Allen, and Billy VanInwegen were three-wide for the lead in turns three and four, a jumble further back in the pack saw J.R. Berry and Mark Bitner both spin.

The ensuing restart again featured more of the same with three wide action, before the caution flag would fly again. This time for a spinning Jason Cherry.

Finally, on the third attempt, the feature event went green and stayed green. Bill Unglert lead the field into turns one and two with: Unglert, Allen, and Alex Bright three wide for the race lead. The trio would stay three-wide through turns three and four, with Alex Bright nosing out front on lap one.

As the field entered turn two, Bright lost the handle on his number twenty machine and nearly spun out in front of the field. Chris Allen Jr. and Billy VanInwegen narrowly avoided Bright and continued in the feature event.

Unglert would have control of the field, with heavy pressure coming from Billy VanInwegen aboard the Gallagher 5G entry. VanInwegen made his way to the race lead on lap four, passing Unglert on the low side of the speedway, where the majority of the field had been running.

Kenny Miller was the only driver within the top five, not trying the middle or high line of the speedway and utilized his reliance on the bottom to move into second place on lap seven. Steven Drevicki was methodically working his way into the top five from his ninth place starting position by lap ten, utilizing the top side of the speedway. Alex Bright also furiously and aggressively pounded the outer cushion of the Delaware International Speedway and continued his march toward the front of the field.

By the halfway point of the feature event Billy VanInwegen had a sizable lead with Kenny Miller, Steven Drevicki, Chris Allen, and Bill Unglert rounding out the top five.

As the laps wound down, Miller, Drevicki, Allen, and Unglert would furiously battle for positions inside the top five with all drivers on the high side of the speedway, except for Kenny Miller. Alex Bright worked his way into the top six with a handful of laps remaining as the leaders began to catch heavy lapped traffic.

With only five laps to go, Billy VanInwegen found himself in the middle of three, and four wide battles with lapped cars, with the balance of the top five closing in on the leader. Utilizing the bottom of the speedway, Kenny Miller was able to sneak underneath VanInwegen on lap twenty-three, as VanInwegen was stuck in the middle trying to maneuver through the lapped cars.

Miller was glued to the bottom, with VanInwegen running the middle, Drevicki placing his car anywhere the lead two were not, and Alex Bright, now recovered to the fourth position, continuing to pound the cushion on the outside of the speedway as the field took the white flag.

Coming to the checkers Kenny Miller would grab the feature event win, with Steven Drevicki grabbing second from VanInwegen in a drag race to the line. Alex Bright fourth, and Bill Unglert rounding out the top five.

Kenny Miller is no stranger to wingless racing. The Millersville University student is the 2019 Action Track USA 600cc Micro sprint Track Champion, 2020 runner up in micro points, USAC SpeedSTR Rookie, and a former ARDC/USAC Eastern Midget regular. Miller piloting the former RT Racing, DRC Chassis, competed in his first ever events two weeks ago at Bedford and Port Royal. With Bedford rained out, Miller came into Saturday night with only one full night of competition behind the wheel of a sprint car and came out on top with the checkered flag.

Steven Drevicki yet again, continued his streak of top five finishes, and never finishing outside of the top five in a USAC East Coast Series feature event. The two-time and defending series champion pulled the worst pill in the redraw of nine but was not fazed and rallied to finish second.

Billy VanInwegen appeared to be well on his way to his first career victory on Saturday night as well. VanInwegen had at one point, almost a straightaway lead on the rest of the field before catching lapped traffic and falling to third. Billy V continues his strong runs aboard the Gallagher 5G entry and hopefully returns to the series in 2021.

Alex Bright started on the outside pole of the feature event, but an unfortunate error buried Bright deep in the pack early in the feature event. Bright drove aggressively back through the front half of the field to collect a fourth-place effort for his troubles. An impressive run, for the series previous event winner at the Port Royal Speedway.

Rounding out the top five with yet another consistent run was Old Bridge, New Jersey driver Bill Unglert. While Unglert has not yet collected a feature event win in 2020, the team has been all over the front of the field. Currently in third place in the points standings, Unglert has four more chances to grab his first career series victory in 2020.

Hard luck of the night belongs to New York driver Danny Varin who made his return to series action following a vicious crash at the Big Diamond Speedway in July. The team made an over seven-hour tow to the speedway and battled engine issues all night never getting the opportunity to complete a lap under green flag conditions.

Ryan Watt collected the heat three victory and was looking to win his second series event of 2020 as well. Following the initial green flag incidents Watt, would put the Hogue 39 up on two wheels on the cushion in turns three and four nearly going over. Watt restarted, only to have a line on the power steering pump fail, ending the Boyertown, PA drivers hopes at a second victory.

Next up for the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series, is a rescheduled series debut visit to the Winchester Speedway next Saturday, September 12th, in Winchester, Virginia.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: September 5, 2020 – Delaware International Speedway – Delmar, Delaware

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer), 2. Kenny Miller III (#23m Miller), 3. Christian Bruno (#17 Bruno), 4. Craig Pellegrini (#27c Pellegrini), 5. Ed Aikin (#73JR Berry), 6. Kevin Darling (#9D Darling), 7. Joey Biasi (#B1 Biasi), 8. Danny Varin (#00 Varin). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Chris Allen Jr. (#71 Allen), 2. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki), 3. Billy VanInwegen Jr. (#5G Gallagher), 4. Kyle Spence (#22 Betts), 5. Mark Bitner (#15 Bitner), 6. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter), 7. Heidi Hedin (#3H Hedin), 8. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Ryan Watt (#39 Hogue), 2. Bill Unglert (#33B Unglert), 3. Ryan Quackenbush (#5Q TQT), 4. David Swanson (#117 Swanson), 5. Mick D'Agostino (#91 D'Agostino), 6. J.R. Berry (#74JR Berry), 7. Jonathan Swanson (#17J Swanson), 8. Lee Kauffman (#96 Kauffman). NT

SEMI: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Jonathan Swanson, 2. J.R. Berry, 3. Bruce Buckwalter Jr., 4. Kevin Darling, 5. Heidi Hedin, 6. Jason Cherry, 7. Lee Kauffman, 8. Danny Varin, 9. Joey Biasi. NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kenny Miller III (7), 2. Steven Drevicki (9), 3. Billy VanInwegen Jr. (4), 4. Alex Bright (2), 5. Bill Unglert (1), 6. Chris Allen Jr. (3), 7. Kyle Spence (11), 8. David Swanson (12), 9. Ryan Quackenbush (5), 10. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (18), 11. Mark Bitner (14), 12. Mick D'Agostino (15), 13. Ed Aikin (13), 14. Kevin Darling (19), 15. Craig Pellegrini Jr. (10), 16. Heidi Hedin (20), 17. J.R. Berry (17), 18. Christian Bruno (8), 19. Jonathan Swanson (16), 20. Jason Cherry (21), 21. Ryan Watt (6). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Alex Bright, Laps 2-3 Bill Unglert, Laps 4-22 Billy VanInwegen Jr., Laps 23-25 Kenny Miller III.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Steven Drevicki-588, 2-Chris Allen Jr.-499, 3-Bill Unglert-470, 4-Bruce Buckwalter Jr.-344, 5-Ryan Quackenbush-341, 6-Christian Bruno-280, 7-Jonathan Swanson-265, 8-Joey Biasi-245, 9-Jason Cherry-233, 10-Kyle Spence-229.

NEXT USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE: September 26, 2020 – Bridgeport Motorsports Park – Swedesboro, New Jersey

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

ULTRA SHIELD PRODUCTS 2ND PLACE: Steven Drevicki

KEIZER WHEELS 3RD PLACE: Billy VanInwegen

KING RACING PRODUCTS 6TH PLACE: Chris Allen Jr

ULTRA SHIELD PRODUCTS 8TH PLACE: David Swanson

RACING OPTICS STARTING FROM THE REAR: Heidi Hedin

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DREVICKI COLLECTS WINCHESTER SPEEDWAY CHECKERS

By: Nick Fillman, USAC ECSC

Winchester, Virginia (September 12, 2020)……Steven Drevicki of Reading, Pa. continued his winning ways and incredible streak of consecutive top five finishes, by becoming the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series' first ever feature event winner at the Winchester Speedway in Virginia.

In a recently rescheduled event at Winchester, 17 Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast 360 sprint cars entered the pit area of the speedway for the series' first ever trip to the high banked Virginia oval. The speedway has a long history of open wheel action, as the ARDC Midgets made many appearances to the speedway over the years.

In heat race action, Billy VanInwegen would collect a convincing heat race number one victory, with Kyle Spence and last week's winner Kenny Miller lll in third making the redraw. Heat number two saw veteran driver Carmen Perigo grab the win, with Drevicki in second, and Alex Bright taking the third and final redraw spot.

Following the redraw for the feature event, Kenny Miller lll and Carmen Perigo would share the front row for the 25 lap feature event, with Drevicki pulling the worst pill and starting sixth.

As the field went green, the slick surface and banks of the speedway lead to an extremely bunched field with drivers fighting hard to gain as many spots as possible. Billy VanInwegen would be the first to try and utilize the top side of the speedway, but it would not work to his liking.

Steven Drevicki was the early car on the move, diving underneath Miller, Spence, and VanInwegen and beginning his move toward the front. By lap five Drevicki had moved into third, with Alex Bright in Second, and Carmen Perigo leading the way.

On lap nine of the feature event, Drevicki was able to make the move around the outside of Alex Bright into turns one and two and take over the second spot and begin to reel in race leader Carmen Perigo.

As the field approached the halfway point of the feature event, it was clear that Perigo and Drevicki were the class of the field, with Bright losing ground in third, along with the rest of the field.

Bruce Buckwalter Jr., a former midget winner at the speedway, was locked in a tight battle with Kyle Spence for the last position inside the top five, with Spence continually holding off the advances of Buckwalter.

Lap sixteen would see the field beginning to encounter the back half of the field, with Perigo continuing to lead Drevicki, with Bright, Miller, and Kyle Spence rounding out the top five.

By lap 20, Drevicki was all over the back bumper of the Treyco Heavy Industrial 21 of Carmen Perigo, waiting for a moment to pounce and make his move for the race lead. Perigo was beginning to have problems exiting the corners of the speedway, with Drevicki opening up his line trying to dive underneath Perigo to take the lead.

As the two leaders encountered the lapped car of Lee Kauffman, Drevicki was side by side with Perigo for the race lead. On lap 23, Drevicki was able to dive underneath Perigo for the race lead into turns one and two. Try as he might, Perigo was not able to get back by Steven Drevicki, as Drevicki went on to collect his fourth series victory of 2020.

Drevicki has been the driver to beat all season long leading the points from the first event of the season at Orange County. Drevicki is no stranger to Winchester Speedway Victory Lane, as he collected an ARDC Midget victory in the past. The win for Drevicki means that the Reading, PA driver continues to be the only repeat winner on the series trail in 2020, with four feature event wins (Orange County, Big Diamond, Williams Grove, and Winchester).

Carmen Perigo Jr is not a series regular, but the veteran driver with over thirty years of driving experience is always a threat to win whenever he enters the pit area. The Stoystown, PA driver has made starts with the USAC Silver Crown Series in 2020, and in USAC East Coast Action Perigo has four feature starts with three top fives and four top tens.

Series rookie Alex Bright is also no stranger to the banks of the Winchester Speedway with prior midget experience like Drevicki and Buckwalter. Bright collected his first feature event win at the Port Royal Speedway on August 22nd and has been consistent with five top fives in his five feature event starts.

Since joining the series, Kenny Miller lll has finished 12th, collected his first series victory, and now a second solid top five run. The former micro sprint champion has been nothing but impressive in the three events he has run since joining the series and continues to gain experience at every track the series travels too. Look for Miller to be a threat at the series remaining events, and on the tour in 2021.

Kyle Spence had previously made plans to head to Illinois to race his micro sprint on Saturday but returned to the seat of the Dave Betts 22 entry on Saturday night. Spence was rewarded with a top five feature event finish following a hard fought battle with Bruce Buckwalter Jr. Spence is yet another of the extremely impressive rookies that the series has gained in 2020, and a feature event win is on the horizon for Spence.

While the season may be winding down, three massive events remain on the series schedule for 2020. First, is a stop to the all-new Bridgeport Motorsports Park as a part of the Danny Serrano Memorial weekend. On October 2nd, the series makes our second visit to the always entertaining Georgetown Speedway where Ryan Watt was the winner in July. Finally, the series will end the season with a pair of 20 lap features at the Big Diamond Speedway on October 9th, where a champion will be crowned for 2020.

With plenty of action left to go for the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series be sure to follow along on our social media sites, and our website for all the latest news and other series information.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: September 12, 2020 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Virginia

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top 3 redraw) 1. Billy VanInwegen Jr. (#5G Gallagher), 2. Kyle Spence (#22 Betts), 3. Kenny Miller lll (#23m Miller), 4. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter), 5. Jonathan Swanson (#17J Swanson), 6. Christian Bruno (#17m Bruno), 7. Chris Allen Jr. (#71 Allen), 8. Kevin Darling (#9D Darling), 9. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top 3 redraw) 1. Carmen Perigo (#21 Stehman), 2. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki), 3. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer), 4. Joey Amantea (#54 JPA), 5. Bill Unglert (#33B Unglert), 6. John Stehman (#23 Stehman), 7. David Swanson (#117 Swanson), 8. Lee Kauffman (#96 Kauffman). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Steven Drevicki (6), 2. Carmen Perigo (2), 3. Alex Bright (3), 4. Kenny Miller lll (1), 5. Kyle Spence (5), 6. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (7), 7. Billy VanInwegen Jr. (4), 8. Christian Bruno (11), 9. Bill Unglert (10), 10. Chris Allen Jr. (13), 11. Kevin Darling (15), 12. Jonathan Swanson (9), 13. Joey Amantea (8), 14. David Swanson (14), 15. John Stehman (12), 16. Jason Cherry (17), 17. Lee Kauffman (16). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-23 Carmen Perigo, Laps 24-25 Steven Drevicki.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Steven Drevicki-665, 2-Chris Allen Jr.-544, 3-Bill Unglert-520, 4-Bruce Buckwalter Jr.-404, 5-Ryan Quackenbush-341, 6-Christian Bruno-332, 7-Jonathan Swanson-308, 8-Kyle Spence-294, 9-Jason Cherry-265, 10-Carmen Perigo-263.

NEXT USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE: September 26, 2020 – Bridgeport Motorsports Park – Swedesboro, New Jersey

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

ULTRA SHIELD PRODUCTS 2ND PLACE: Carmen Perigo

KEIZER WHEELS 3RD PLACE: Alex Bright

KING RACING PRODUCTS 6TH PLACE: Bruce Buckwalter Jr.

ULTRA SHIELD PRODUCTS 8TH PLACE: Christian Bruno

RACING OPTICS STARTING FROM THE REAR: Jason Cherry

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DANNER STORMS TO INAUGURAL BRIDGEPORT USAC EC WIN

By: Nick Fillman – USAC ECSC

Swedesboro, New Jersey (September 26, 2020)……Briggs Danner of Allentown, Pennsylvania took advantage of a last lap slider on race leader Alex Bright to collect his first career Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series victory, in the series' first ever appearance at the all new Bridgeport Motorsports Park.

Nagging afternoon showers and rain at the Bridgeport Motorsports Park lead to a long night of competition for the 30 Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series teams in the pit area at the all new Bridgeport Motorsports Park. Over the winter months, the old 5/8ths mile speedway, and newer 3/8ths mile oval, were removed and reworked into a high banked, 4/10ths mile oval that was extremely fast and tacky following an ample watering from mother nature. The series had previously completed two events on the 3/8ths mile with Coleman Gulick (2018), and Joey Biasi (2019) collecting victories.

A season high 30 teams would fill the pit area on Saturday night for competition with more drivers and teams making their series debuts. Nash Ely, Briggs Danner, CJ Faison, and Aidan Borden were among those making their first ever sprint car starts in 2020 in addition to the strong contingent of series regulars making for a stout field of cars.

Heat race action would see Alex Bright, Kyle Spence, and Christopher Allen collect the heat race victories and earn their way into the best redraw spots for the feature event along with six other drivers.

Following the redraw, Carmen Perigo Jr., the runner up last time out, and Alex Bright, the feature winner at Port Royal, would lead the field to the green for the very first time at the new Bridgeport Motorsports Park.

As the green flag flew, Alex Bright quickly jumped into the race lead and began to take off from the rest of the field behind him. Drivers were able to utilize three very distinctive lines around the speedway with the bottom lane, cushion, and above the cushion being the preferred lines to use.

Two cars making immediate moves above the cushion were Briggs Danner in the Gallagher 5g who moved into the second spot from fourth on lap 2, and modified regular Ryan Watt, with Steven Drevicki utilizing the bottom line to move up early.

The first caution flag of the evening would fly on lap four, for Craig Pellegrini Jr., who would slow to a stop on the high side of turns one and two. Unfortunately, for Pellegrini he would not return.

As the field went back to green, Bright held the lead, with Danner, Drevicki, Amantea, and Carmen Perigo rounding out the top five.

The restart would see Ryan Watt flying around the high lane of the speedway above the cushion and move into the second-place position on lap six and gain ground quickly on race leader Alex Bright. Steven Drevicki also made wholesale moves and was into the third-place position behind Watt and looked to track down Watt and Bright.

On lap nine, disaster struck for Ryan Watt and Steven Drevicki. Drevicki hit the cushion awkwardly in turns three and four packing the right rear with mud, leading to a broken bird cage and right rear shock, forcing the two time champ out of feature contention. On the same lap, Ryan Watt smacked the outside wall on the back stretch and blew a right rear tire, ending his chances at a second series victory.

On the ensuing restart Bright would lead the field to green, with Danner in Second, Kyle Spence, Christopher Allen and Joey Amantea the top five. Bright would regain his lead and take off from the rest of the top five with a hornet's nest of action behind him.

Briggs Danner was peddling the car for everything hit had for second, with Spence above the cushion trying for second. Christopher Allen would run side by side and even bang wheels and rub rails with Joey Amantea a handful of times for the fourth and fifth place positions. Meanwhile, first time wingless driver, and teammate to Kyle Spence, had worked his way into the sixth-place position and trying to move his way into the top five.

With five to go, Bright began to lose some of the lead that he had built on Briggs Danner as the leaders began to encounter lapped traffic, Danner held second, Christopher Allen was side by side with Kyle Spence for third, with Amantea in fifth holding off the challenges of Troy Betts.

At the two to go signal, Danner was all over the rear bumper of race leader Alex Bright in lapped traffic. Danner was running a more aggressive and straight line against the cushion, with running the slick just below the cushion on the speedway. As the leaders entered turns three and four on lap 23, Danner hit Bright with a monster slider diving from the top, to the bottom, to the top and above the cushion off of turn four to take the race lead at the white flag.

As the field rounded turns one and two, the back stretch, and turns three and four for the final time, Bright would have nothing for Briggs Danner as he would go on to collect his first career Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series Victory. Bright would grab second, Allen nabbing third, Spence fourth, and Amantea rounding out the top five.

Briggs Danner the 19-year-old modified and USAC SpeedSTR regular, has been busy in 2020. Danner spit his modified runs between the Grandview Speedway and competition at the Bridgeport Motorsports Park. Danner also was a season long front runner in SpeedSTR competition at Action Track USA where he finished fourth in points. Danner made his first career start in the Bill Gallagher owned 5g entry and drove spectacular all night, drawing attention from fans and series regulars alike to how quickly he adapted to wingless sprint car competition.

Alex Bright continued his torrid consistency of running up front in USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series action. The 29-year-old rookie collected the checkers at Port Royal and has been very close to victory lane on a number of other occasions.

Christopher Allen is yet another driver who has kept his consistency going all year long. The Old Bridge, NJ Driver has been all over the top five this season, and with Drevicki's misfortune in Saturday's feature event, Allen will look to close the gap for the points lead and championship.

Kyle Spence has been just about full time with the series in 2020, and the learning the rookie driver has done is noticeable. Spence continues to run very clean, and smart races while running up front with the series best drivers. Should the Delaware driver return for a full time shot at the series in 2021, a victory for the Dave Betts owned entry would not be out of the question.

Joey Amantea of Mount Pocono, PA made only his third ever start on Saturday night, but if you had no idea of that fact, you'd think the sixteen-year-old was a series veteran. Amantea put on a show on Saturday running above the cushion, with the car being on the bike multiple times, and bouncing the right rear off the wall a handful of times. Amantea recently purchased the car off of Austin Burke and will finish out the season with the series and run full time in 2021.

While just missing the top five, Troy Betts, a regular in winged 360 sprint car competition made his series debut and ran a very impressive sixth. The Delaware driver is no stranger to wingless action as Betts has multiple USAC Eastern/ARDC Midget starts and is an annual support of the Chili Bowl Nationals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

With Steven Drevicki breaking on lap nine of the feature event, an incredible streak came to an end. Until Saturday night, Drevicki had finished inside the top five in every, series feature event in the three years the series has existed. The series point leader will look to rebound at the Georgetown Speedway next week where he was the winner in 2019.

Up next for the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series is stop number two to the Georgetown Speedway, in Georgetown, DE. In July, Modified regular Ryan Watt was able to grab his first career checkered flag. With a hungry field of series vets, and rookies looking to grab a feature win before the season ends, Friday's event will be one not too miss!!

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: September 26, 2020 – Bridgeport Motorsports Park – Swedesboro, New Jersey

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer), 2. Ryan Watt (#39 Hogue), 3. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki), 4. Kyle Lick (#8 Lick), 5. J.R. Berry (#74JR Berry), 6. Zack Burd (#5z Burd), 7. C.J. Faison (#51G Faison), 8. Nash Ely (#3BC Franckowiak), 9. Mike Thompson (#11 Thompson), 10. Heidi Hedin (#3H Hedin). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Spence (#22 Betts), 2. Carmen Perigo (#21 Stehman), 3. Joey Amantea (#88J JPA), 4. Bill Unglert (#33B Unglert), 5. Craig Pellegrini (#27c Pellegrini), 6. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter), 7. Jonathan Swanson (#17J Swanson), 8. Aidan Borden (#7 Borden), 9. Brian Krummel (#32 Neiger-Hamilton). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Chris Allen Jr. (#71 Allen), 2. Kenny Miller III (#23m Miller), 3. Briggs Danner (#5G Gallagher), 4. Troy Betts (#22B Betts), 5. Ed Aikin (#73JR Berry), 6. Lee Kauffman (#96 Kauffman), 7. Mick D'Agostino (#91 D'Agostino), 8. David Swanson (#117 Swanson), 9. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry), 10. Mark Bitner (#15 Bitner). NT

SEMI: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Nash Ely, 2. Bruce Buckwalter Jr., 3. Jonathan Swanson, 4. Mike Thompson, 5. Mick D'Agostino, 6. Brian Krummel, 7. Zack Burd, 8. David Swanson, 9. Lee Kauffman, 10. Aidan Borden, 11. Heidi Hedin, 12. Jason Cherry, 13. C.J. Faison. NT

ALSO AT THE TRACK: John Stehman (#23 Stehman).

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (4), 2. Alex Bright (2), 3. Chris Allen Jr. (8), 4. Kyle Spence (7), 5. Joey Amantea (5), 6. Troy Betts (12), 7. Kyle Lick (10), 8. Bill Unglert (11), 9. Carmen Perigo (1), 10. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (17), 11. Kenny Miller lll (3), 12. Mike Thompson (19), 13. Nash Ely (16), 14. Jonathan Swanson (18), 15. Ed Aikin (15), 16. Mick D'Agostino (20), 17. Lee Kauffman (21), 18. Ryan Watt (9), 19. Steven Drevicki (6), 20. J.R. Berry (13), 21. Craig Pellegrini Jr. (14). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-23 Alex Bright, Laps 24-25 Briggs Danner.

**Brian Krummel flipped on lap 2 of the second heat.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Steven Drevicki-696, 2-Chris Allen Jr.-616, 3-Bill Unglert-574, 4-Bruce Buckwalter Jr.-450, 5-Kyle Spence-363, 6-Jonathan Swanson-345, 7-Ryan Quackenbush-341, 8-Christian Bruno-332, 9-Carmen Perigo-316, 10-David Swanson-303.

NEXT USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE: October 2, 2020 – Georgetown Speedway – Georgetown, Delaware

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

ULTRA SHIELD PRODUCTS 2ND PLACE: Alex Bright

KEIZER WHEELS 3RD PLACE: Chris Allen Jr.

KING RACING PRODUCTS 6TH PLACE: Troy Betts

ULTRA SHIELD PRODUCTS 8TH PLACE: Bill Unglert

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DREVICKI BOUNCES BACK AT GEORGETOWN

By: Nick Fillman, USAC ECSC

Georgetown, Delaware (October 2, 2020)……Steven Drevicki of Reading, PA continued his winning ways on the 2020, Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series tour by winning his fifth feature event of 2020 and remaining the only multi time winner on the 2020 series trail.

Seventeen USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series teams entered the pit area for competition on Friday night at the fast Georgetown Speedway. Bill Unglert and Kyle Spence collected the heat race victories on the night leading into the feature event. Following the redraw, Bill Unglert, and July winner at Georgetown Ryan Watt, would share the front row for the 25-lap feature event.

On the initial start of the feature event Bill Unglert utilized the high line of the speedway to get the drop on Watt, who quickly settled into second with a hornets' nest of activity behind the leaders. The caution flag would fly just after the completion of lap one for a spinning Jason Cherry in turn four.

When the green flew on the restart Steven Drevicki made his move going passed Briggs Danner to move into the third spot and begin to reel in Watt for second. Drevicki would move by Watt and move into the race lead on lap four diving under Bill Unglert for the lead. Meanwhile, Alex Bright was on a tear from his 6th place starting spot trying to remain on Drevicki's tail climbing to third before the caution flag would fly on lap six for a slowing Ryan Watt.

As the field restarted and completed lap seven, Drevicki Lead the field with: Unglert, Bright, Spence, and Briggs Danner rounding out the top five. As lap seven was completed, the yellow flag would fly again for Jonathan Swanson and Mike Thompson who would make contact and stop in turns three and four.

Drevicki would lead the field to green again on the ensuing restart, Bright quickly moved by Bill Unglert to take second, with Kyle Spence utilizing a unique diamond maneuver off of turn four to take third and try to run down the lead duo.

During the following green flag stretch, Drevicki would build his lead to about half a straight-away over Bright, with Spence settling into third, Danner fourth, and Unglert falling back to fifth with a number of drivers going after Unglert for a top five position. Further back, second place points driver, Christopher Allen was trying to hold off the advances of rookies Nash Ely, and Kenny Miller lll to keep as few of positions between himself and Drevicki as possible.

Bill Unglert would make a mistake on the top side of the speedway and drop off the banking, bunching up the back half of the top five and drivers just outside of the top five vying for positions.

On lap sixteen, Nash Ely would move by Unglert for fifth, with Kenny Miller lll following along with Ely into 6th. The two would begin an all-out battle for the last nine laps of the feature event for the final spot in the top five.

With six laps to go, Drevicki began to encounter lapped cars at the back half of the field, with his lead beginning to evaporate as Bright would explore different lines entering into and exiting the corners doing all he could to try and catch Drevicki.

As Drevicki's lead continued to shrink, the battle for fifth remained intense with Nash Ely, and Kenny Miller lll continuing to throw slide jobs corner after corner for the fifth-place position with Ely getting the better of Miller.

Even with masterfully moving through the lapped traffic, Bright was still all over Steven Drevicki as the leaders took the white flag, Bright attempted to throw a slide job for the lead on Drevicki in turns one and two on the final lap of the feature event. Drevicki held strong in his line around the speedway and went on to collect his fifth win of the season, and second career win at the Georgetown Speedway. Alex Bright finished a strong second, with Kyle Spence third, Briggs Danner and impressive 4th, and Nash Ely winning out in a drag race over Kenny Miller lll for the 5th position.

Last Week at Bridgeport, Steven Drevicki had what some drivers in the USAC East Coast Pit area call "A Human Weekend" after packing the right rear with mud and a number of parts breaking on the right rear, Drevicki was left with a DNF. The DNF and subsequent third place run of Christopher Allen, lead to a mere 80-point lead heading into Georgetown. Drevicki bounced back in a big way on Friday night collecting the feature event win and adding back to his championship points lead.

In back to back weeks Alex Bright has wound up in the second position once the feature event has come to a close. The Collegeville, PA driver has been remarkably fast since joining the series. Bright has moved solidly into the top five in points standings, and no doubt would have been a factor in this year's championship battle had the team run with the series since the beginning. Bright will have two more chances to notch another win with the series and shake the runner up finishes.

Kyle Spence is another rookie driver who has been nothing but impressive since making his first start in a sprint car. Spence has steadily improved his finishing position in nearly every event he has started. Spence notched what was his career best fourth on Saturday at Bridgeport but has since leaped that mark and now recorded a career best third at Georgetown. No doubt the talented driver will be one to watch next week in twin 20 competition at the Big Diamond Speedway.

The competition level with the USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series has been extremely high in 2020, but it has skyrocketed even more since the addition of 19-year-old Briggs Danner. The modified and USAC SpeedSTR regular collected his first career win in his first start last week at Bridgeport and did not let the high speeds of the Georgetown Speedway phase him at all in his effort resulting in a fourth place finish. Danner has many laps in a modified around the Big Diamond Speedway where the series will venture next week in Twin 20 feature event competition, look for Danner to be a favorite to win one, or both features on Friday.

Rounding out the top five was yet another series rookie, Nash Ely. The micro sprint regular made his series debut last week at Bridgeport and smoothly moved his way from the 10th place starting position, to an impressive top five. Ely and fellow micro sprint graduate, Kenny Miller lll put on one of the fiercest battles of the evening with Ely besting Miller as they came to the line.

As the season winds down, only one race weekend remains on the series trail. The series finale next week at the Big Diamond will be a unique end, to a unique 2020 season. Twin 20 feature events, paying full points for each event, will cap off the 2020 Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series season. Plans are already in the works for a bigger, and event better 2021 season with a number of tracks requesting multiple dates next season. Stay up to date with series news, updates, and everything else USAC East Coast related by following our socials! On Twitter at: @USACecsc and on Facebook at: USAC East Coast Sprint Cars.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: October 2, 2020 – Georgetown Speedway – Georgetown, Delaware

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-3 redraw) 1. Bill Unglert (#33B Unglert), 2. Ryan Watt (#39 Hogue), 3. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki), 4. David Swanson (#117 Swanson), 5. Christian Bruno (#17m Bruno), 6. Troy Betts (#22B Betts), 7. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter), 8. Mike Thompson (#11 Thompson), 9. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-3 redraw) 1. Kyle Spence (#22 Betts), 2. Briggs Danner (#5G Gallagher), 3. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer), 4. Chris Allen Jr. (#71 Allen), 5. Nash Ely (#3BC Franckowiak), 6. Kenny Miller lll (#23m Miller), 7. Jonathan Swanson (#17J Swanson), 8. C.J. Faison (#51G Faison). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps) 1. Steven Drevicki (4), 2. Alex Bright (6), 3. Kyle Spence (5), 4. Briggs Danner (3), 5. Nash Ely (10), 6. Kenny Miller lll (12), 7. Bill Unglert (1), 8. Chris Allen Jr. (8), 9. Troy Betts (11), 10. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (13), 11. Mike Thompson (15), 12. C.J. Faison (16), 13. Jason Cherry (17), 14. Jonathan Swanson (14), 15. Christian Bruno (9), 16. Ryan Watt (2), 17. David Swanson (7). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-4 Bill Unglert, Laps 5-25 Steven Drevicki.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Steven Drevicki-772, 2-Chris Allen Jr.-670, 3-Bill Unglert-634, 4-Bruce Buckwalter Jr.-495, 5-Kyle Spence-435, 6-Jonathan Swanson-382, 7-Christian Bruno-369, 8-Ryan Quackenbush-341, 9-David Swanson-337, 10-Carmen Perigo-316.

NEXT USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE: October 9, 2020 – Big Diamond Speedway – Pottsville, Pennsylvania

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

ULTRA SHIELD PRODUCTS 2ND PLACE: Alex Bright

KEIZER WHEELS 3RD PLACE: Kyle Spence

KING RACING PRODUCTS 6TH PLACE: Kenny Miller lll

ULTRA SHIELD PRODUCTS 8TH PLACE: Chris Allen Jr.

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BRIGHT & MILLER SPLIT TWIN 20'S, DREVICKI WINS USAC EAST COAST SPRINT TITLE

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Minersville, Pennsylvania (October 9, 2020).....Alex Bright of Collegeville, PA, and Kenny Miller of Morgantown, PA were able to split the final two victories of the 2020 Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series season at the Big Diamond Speedway in the series' first ever Twin 20's program. While Steven Drevicki was able to hold off Chris Allen Jr. and wrap up his third consecutive USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series title.

Twenty-Eight USAC East Coast Sprint Car series teams entered the pit area on Friday at the Big Diamond Speedway for the season finale on the 2020 series trail. Alex Bright, Ryan Watt, and Kyle Lick collected the three heat race victories, while Jacob Balliet was the B Main winner.

Following the redraw of the top nine spots in the feature event, series rookie Joey Amantea, and Christopher Allen would lead the field to the green for the first of two twenty lap feature events.

On the initial green of the feature event, Christopher Allen was able to get the advantage over Amantea for the feature event lead and look to set sail on the field in his quest to close the gap on Steven Drevicki for the series point lead. Intermission track prep left the surface wet and very slick as drivers opted for the extreme outside of the speedway, and the extreme bottom. The top line prevailed for most of the field as drivers were strung out early on in the feature event.

Alex Bright was able to quickly move his way from the eighth starting spot, too inside the top 3 by lap four, with Allen leading the way over Carmen Perigo who was not letting the 71 entry slip away.

With the faster surface, the leaders began to encounter lapped traffic on lap nine, with Allen and Perigo slicing through lapped cars for the feature event lead. Perigo was underneath, and outside of Allen as the two battled for position through the back of the field with Allen getting the best of the veteran Perigo in each corner.

The two would battle side by side for a number of laps until a red flag would fly on lap seventeen. Ryan Watt hopped the right rear tire of Jacob Balliet, sending Watt viciously, and violently, over the wall and outside of the speedway. Luckily, Watt was able to get out of the car under his own power.

An extended red flag occurred due to where the Watt machine landed outside of the speedway, so a brief tire pressure session was allowed for crew members before the feature event went green again.

The restart order with just three laps to go saw Christopher Allen leading over: Carmen Perigo, Alex Bright, Bill Unglert, and Joey Amantea.

When the field went back green again, Alex Bright quickly moved by Carmen Perigo for second and began his hunt of race leader Christopher Allen. Allen remained committed to the outside line of the speedway with Bright diving low to the bottom and middle lanes trying to get by Allen. Christopher was able to hold off the charges of Bright for about two laps, before Bright would move by Allen on coming to the white flag.

Alex Bright would hold off one last charge from Christopher Allen to collect his second feature event win of 2020 over: Christopher Allen, Carmen Perigo, Bill Unglert, and Steven Drevicki.

With the unique inversion of the field for feature number two, Alex Bright would draw a pill for positions 8, 10, or 12 for the second feature event. Bright would pull a number 10 pill which would invert the top 10 positions for feature number two.

Christian Bruno and Kyle Spence by virtue of the invert shared the front row for the start of the second feature event. Bruno would grab the race lead on the initial start of the feature event with Spence, Kenny Miller and Alex Yankowski all batting hard in a side by side, four car battle for the top four positions.

Christian Bruno would lead the initial four laps of the feature event, before relinquishing the lead to Kenny Miller on lap four. The battle for second through fifth remained intense with Bruno, Spence, Yankowski, and Steven Drevicki side by side for position.

On lap eight, the top 3 drivers of Miller, Bruno, and Yankowski would run three-wide for the race lead as the track surface was slick, with multiple grooves for drivers to choose from early on.

The caution flag would fly and interrupt the battle for the top five positions on lap eight as Kyle Lick would spin to a stop in turns three and four. The restart would see Kenny Miller lead: Bruno, Yankowski, Drevicki and Spence to the green.

After the restart on lap ten, Steven Drevicki would move into the second-place position and try to track down race leader Kenny Miller, for the feature event lead. The caution flag would again fly on lap eleven, for Mike Thompson and Nash Ely who would get together in turn one and stop on the outside of the baking.

Miller again led the field to the green with Drevicki all over the tail tank of the number 23m machine of Miller. Miller chose to run the bottom groove of the speedway, with Drevicki running the extreme outside of the speedway trying to get a run for the race lead. Alex Bright clawed his way up to the fourth-place position on lap fifteen and was part of a great battle with Alex Yankowski and Christian Bruno for positions three, four, and five.

Drevicki would give Miller everything he could to try and take the race lead away, but at the conclusion of feature event number two, Kenny Miller lll was able to collect his second victory of the 2020 USAC East Coast Season over: Steven Drevicki, Alex Yankowski, Alex Bright, and Christian Bruno.

While Steven Drevicki did not grace victory lane as a feature winner on Friday night at the Big Diamond Speedway, he was able to celebrate his third consecutive Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series Championship. Drevicki, who is also the series all time feature winner, and leads about every statistical category in series history, Christopher Allen kept him honest for the majority of the 2020 season.

Drevicki won when he needed too, early, often, and late. The veteran of the series swept opening weekend in July, won races through the summer months, and rebounded with a victory following his first ever, and only DNF at the Bridgeport Motorsports Park in September.

Steven Drevicki ended the season with five feature event wins (Orange County, Big Diamond, Williams Grove, Winchester, and Georgetown), along with 12 top five finishes in 13 feature event starts. Drevicki owned an impressive statistic of finishing inside the top five in every series feature event since its inception, until suffering a mechanical failure at Bridgeport. But the streak ending did not phase the driver, as Drevicki stated “Streaks are meant to be broken.” Following the only major setback the team experienced in 2020 he immediately rebounded with a feature event win at the Georgetown Speedway in the true spirt of a championship caliber driver.

Despite the best efforts of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the series was able to enjoy a 12 event, 13 feature event season with high car counts at many events, and many new teams joining the series.

Look for the 2021 schedule to resemble much of what was initially scheduled for the 2020 season, with the potential for more than one event at a few of the tracks the series visited for the first time in 2020.

Lastly, the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Series team would like to give our heartfelt thanks to all of the tracks, drivers, and fans who have supported us in a very difficult 2020 season, and we cannot wait to swing back into action in 2021!!

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: October 9, 2020 – Big Diamond Speedway – Pottsville, Pennsylvania

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer), 2. Brody Adamsky (#19A Adamsky), 3. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki), 4. Nash Ely (#3BC Franckowiak), 5. Colin White (#32 Neiger-Hamilton), 6. Heidi Hedin (#3H Hedin), 7. Richy Carnathan (#64 Carnathan), 8. Troy Betts (#22B Betts), 9. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter), 10. Aidan Borden (#7B Borden). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Ryan Watt (#39 Hogue). 2. Joey Amantea (#88J JPA), 3. Carmen Perigo (#21 Stehman) Jr., 4. Kyle Spence (#22 Betts), 5. Bill Unglert (#33B Unglert), 6. Jacob Balliet (#22J Betts), 7. Mike Thompson (#11 Thompson), 8. Christian Bruno (#17m Bruno), 9. John Stehman (#23 Stehman). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Lick (#8L Lick), 2. Alex Yankowski (#7 Yankowski), 3. Chris Allen Jr. (#71 Allen), 4. Kenny Miller lll (#23m Miller), 5. Lee Kauffman (#96 Kauffman), 6. Devin Gundrum (#17G Gundrum), 7. J.R. Berry (#74JR Berry), 8. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry), 9. Briggs Danner (#5G Gallagher). NT

SEMI: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Jacob Balliet, 2. Mike Thompson, 3. Christian Bruno, 4. Troy Betts, 5. J.R. Berry, 6. Bruce Buckwalter Jr., 7. John Stehman, 8. Heidi Hedin, 9. Jason Cherry, 10. Richy Carnathan, 11. Devin Gundrum. NT

FIRST FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Alex Bright (8), 2. Chris Allen Jr. (2), 3. Carmen Perigo (3), 4. Bill Unglert (14), 5. Steven Drevicki (7), 6. Alex Yankowski (9), 7. Joey Amantea (1), 8. Kenny Miller (12), 9. Kyle Spence (11), 10. Christian Bruno (18), 11. Mike Thompson (17), 12. Kyle Lick (5), 13. Colin White (13), 14. Nash Ely (10), 15. Troy Betts (19), 16. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (21), 17. J.R. Berry (20), 18. Jacob Balliet (16), 19. Brody Adamsky (4), 20. Ryan Watt (6), 21. Lee Kauffman (15). NT

SECOND FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kenny Miller lll (3), 2. Steven Drevicki (6), 3. Alex Yankowski (5), 4. Alex Bright (10), 5. Christian Bruno (1), 6. Kyle Spence (2), 7. Chris Allen Jr. (9), 8. Carmen Perigo (8), 9. J.R. Berry (16), 10. Troy Betts (15), 11. Joey Amantea (4), 12. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (18), 13. Colin White (13), 14. John Stehman (19), 15. Kyle Lick (12), 16. Nash Ely (14), 17. Jason Cherry (21), 18. Mike Thompson (11), 19. Heidi Hedin (20), 20. Jacob Balliet (17), 21. Bill Unglert (7). NT

FIRST FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-18 Chris Allen Jr., Laps 19-20 Alex Bright.

SECOND FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-4 Christian Bruno, Laps 5-20 Kenny Miller III.

**Stehman, Cherry, and Hedin were added as alternates due to Adamsky, Watt, and Kauffman not being able to run feature two.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Steven Drevicki-903, 2-Chris Allen Jr.-795, 3-Bill Unglert-722, 4-Bruce Buckwalter Jr.-566, 5-Kyle Spence-541, 6-Christian Bruno-471, 7-Carmen Perigo-435, 8-Kenny Miller III-416, 9-Jonathan Swanson-382, 10-Ryan Quackenbush-341.

FIRST FEATURE CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

ULTRA SHIELD PRODUCTS 2ND PLACE: Chris Allen Jr.

KEIZER WHEELS 3RD PLACE: Carmen Perigo

KING RACING PRODUCTS 6TH PLACE: Alex Yankowski

ULTRA SHIELD PRODUCTS 8TH PLACE: Kenny Miller III

SECOND FEATURE CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

ULTRA SHIELD PRODUCTS 2ND PLACE: Steven Drevicki

KEIZER WHEELS 3RD PLACE: Alex Yankowski

KING RACING PRODUCTS 6TH PLACE: Kyle Spence

ULTRA SHIELD PRODUCTS 8TH PLACE: Carmen Perigo