2022 USAC EAST COAST SPRINT CAR SEASON REVIEW

Danner & a Show: 2022 USAC East Coast Sprint Car Review

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Speedway, Indiana (December 15, 2022)……Briggs Danner put together a record season en route to the 2022 USAC Rapid Tire East Coast Sprint Car championship Presented by Capitol Custom Trailers.

The Allentown, Pa. native posted 12 feature victories in just 21 starts, setting a new single season win record in the process aboard the Heffner Racing Enterprises South/Pioneer Pole Buildings – E. Schneider & Sons/Triple X/Rider Chevy.

Avenging his runner-up points finish from a year ago, Danner laid down the law right from the season opener all the way through to the end, starting and finishing the year in the same manner by notching victories at New Jersey's Bridgeport Motorsports Park in April and November, respectively.

In fact, Danner has now won the series' opening and closing races for the second consecutive season, also bookending the 2021 season with multiple scores at Bridgeport.

Danner's four-race winning streak to close out the 2022 season put the title hopes in his clutch for good with subsequent triumphs at Delaware International Speedway, Winchester (Va.) Speedway, Bedford (Pa.) Speedway and Bridgeport. The four-in-a-row run tied the all-time series mark established by Alex Bright in 2021.

Along the way, Danner captured wins at nine different venues in four different states: three times at New Jersey's Bridgeport Motorsports Park, twice at Bloomsburg (Pa.) Fair Raceway, and one each at Pennsylvania's Williams Grove Speedway, Port Royal Speedway, Selinsgrove Speedway, Action Track USA and Bedford Speedway plus, Delaware International Speedway and Virginia's Winchester Speedway.

Danner prevailed in his quest with 20 top-five finishes and 21 top-tens in 21 starts, recording a worst finish of sixth and topped all but one major statistical category, leading in feature wins (12), top-fives (20) and top-tens (21) while equaling Alex Bright in heat race wins (10) and feature starts (21).

A versatile wheelman, Danner has conquered most anything with four tires and a steering wheel, including big block modifieds and winged sprint cars. In all, his 2022 USAC East Coast Sprint Car crown represents his fifth career USAC driving title between .25 Midgets (2013 Senior Honda Dirt and Light World Formula Dirt & 2014 Light 160 Dirt) as well as Action Track USA SpeedSTRs (2021).

The beat continued on throughout the season between rivals Danner and 2021 champion Alex Bright. Bright (Collegeville, Pa.) came home second in the standings while collecting six victories at Bloomsburg, Delaware, Williams Grove Speedway twice, the series' debut at Pennsylvania's Clinton County Speedway and at Port Royal. Bright led the most laps in the series with 130, holding a one-lap edge over Danner in the category.

Chris Allen Jr. (Wrightstown, N.J.) earned his first series victory since 2019 when he took the first end of an August doubleheader at Action Track USA.

Two first-time winners emerged during year. Joey Amantea (Mount Pocono, Pa.) notched his first series win in August on the big half-mile at Selinsgrove (Pa.) Speedway and came home a career-best fourth in the standings.

Meanwhile, 15-year-old Preston Lattomus (Lewes, Dela.) hurried to a June win at Pennsylvania's Lincoln Speedway. His sixth place finish in the standings earned him Rookie of the Year honors.

Steven Drevicki (Reading, Pa.) completed his fifth consecutive year on the series trail with a third-place points finish. The three-time champ tallied 14 top-fives and 18 top-tens while starting 20 of the 21 events.

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2022 USAC EAST COAST SPRINT CAR STATISTICS

STAT LEADERS:

Driver Champion: Briggs Danner

Rookie of the Year: Preston Lattomus

Most Wins: 12-Briggs Danner

Most Laps Led: 130-Alex Bright

Most Top-Fives: 21-Briggs Danner

Most Top-Tens: 20-Briggs Danner

Most Heat Race Wins: 10-Alex Bright & Briggs Danner

Most Feature Starts: 21-Alex Bright & Briggs Danner

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DRIVER POINT STANDINGS:

POS.	PTS.	DRIVER, HOMETOWN
1	1496	Briggs Danner, Allentown, Pennsylvania
2	1365	Alex Bright, Collegeville, Pennsylvania
3	1200	Steven Drevicki, Reading, Pennsylvania
4	1035	Joey Amantea, Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania
5	927	Kenny Miller III, Morgantown, Pennsylvania
6	764	Preston Lattomus, Lewes, Delaware
7	733	Mike Thompson, Newtown, Pennsylvania
8	688	Bruce Buckwalter Jr., Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania
9	672	Christian Bruno, Deptford, New Jersey
10	670	Jason Cherry, Blandon, Pennsylvania
11	503	Aidan Borden, Jackson, New Jersey
12	465	Carmen Perigo, Stoystown, Pennsylvania
13	448	Colin White, Scranton, Pennsylvania
14	411	Kyle Spence, Bear, Delaware

15	408	Billy Ney, Reading, Pennsylvania
16	351	Chris Allen Jr., Old Bridge, New Jersey
17	333	Jonathan Swanson, Yardville, New Jersey
18	332	Austin Graby, Lebanon, Pennsylvania
19	253	Lee Kauffman, Hellam Township, Pennsylvania
20	246	David Swanson, Yardville, New Jersey
21	182	Brian Spencer, Old Bridge, New Jersey
22	84	Jermain Godshall, Telford, Pennsylvania
23	72	Richy Carnathan, Northampton, Pennsylvania
24	42	Mark Bitner, Columbus, New Jersey
25	35	Dylan Hoch, Mertztown, Pennsylvania
26	34	Mick D'Agostino, Taunton, Massachusetts
27	28	Michael Nolf, Wind Gap, Pennsylvania
28	25	Craig Pellegrini, Buena, New Jersey

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FEATURE WINNERS:

Apr 2: Bridgeport Motorsports Park - Swedesboro, NJ

WINNER: Briggs Danner (Heffner Racing Enterprises South #5G)

Apr 14: Bloomsburg Fair Raceway - Bloomsburg, PA

WINNER: Alex Bright (Hummer Motorsports #20)

Apr 14: Bloomsburg Fair Raceway - Bloomsburg, PA

WINNER: Briggs Danner (Heffner Racing Enterprises South #5G)

Apr 15: Williams Grove Speedway - Mechanicsburg, PA

WINNER: Briggs Danner (Heffner Racing Enterprises South #5G)

Apr 23: Port Royal Speedway - Port Royal, PA

WINNER: Briggs Danner (Heffner Racing Enterprises South #5G)

Apr 29: Delaware International Speedway - Delmar, DE

WINNER: Alex Bright (Hummer Motorsports #20)

Apr 30: Bridgeport Motorsports Park - Swedesboro, NJ

WINNER: Briggs Danner (Heffner Racing Enterprises South #5G)

May 21: Selinsgrove Speedway - Selinsgrove, PA

WINNER: Briggs Danner (Heffner Racing Enterprises South #5G)

Jun 3: Williams Grove Speedway - Mechanicsburg, PA

WINNER: Alex Bright (Hummer Motorsports #20)

Jun 4: Lincoln Speedway - Abbottstown, PA

WINNER: Preston Lattomus (Lattomus Racing #23B)

Jul 8: Williams Grove Speedway - Mechanicsburg, PA

WINNER: Alex Bright (Hummer Motorsports #20)

Aug 3: Action Track USA - Kutztown, PA

WINNER: Chris Allen Jr. (Chris Allen Jr. #71)

Aug 3: Action Track USA - Kutztown, PA

WINNER: Briggs Danner (Heffner Racing Enterprises South #5G)

Aug 6: Selinsgrove Speedway - Selinsgrove, PA

WINNER: Joey Amantea (Joe Amantea #88J)

Aug 18: Bloomsburg Fair Raceway - Bloomsburg, PA

WINNER: Briggs Danner (Heffner Racing Enterprises South #5G)

Aug 19: Clinton County Speedway - Mill Hall, PA

WINNER: Alex Bright (Hummer Motorsports #20)

Aug 20: Port Royal Speedway - Port Royal, PA

WINNER: Alex Bright (Hummer Motorsports #20)

Sep 2: Delaware International Speedway - Delmar, DE

WINNER: Briggs Danner (Heffner Racing Enterprises South #5G)

Sep 17: Winchester Speedway - Winchester, VA

WINNER: Briggs Danner (Heffner Racing Enterprises South #5G)

Oct 15: Bedford Speedway - Bedford, PA

WINNER: Briggs Danner (Heffner Racing Enterprises South #5G)

Oct 30: Bridgeport Motorsports Park - Swedesboro, NJ

WINNER: Briggs Danner (Heffner Racing Enterprises South #5G)

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FEATURE WINS:

12-Briggs Danner (Apr 2 at Bridgeport Motorsports Park, Apr 14 at Bloomsburg Fair Raceway, Apr 15 at Williams Grove Speedway, Apr 23 at Port Royal Speedway, Apr 30 at Bridgeport Motorsports Park, May 21 at Selinsgrove Speedway, Aug 3 at Action Track USA, Aug 18 at Bloomsburg Fair Raceway, Sep 2 at Delaware International Speedway, Sep 17 at Winchester Speedway, Oct 15 at Bedford Speedway & Oct 30 at Bridgeport Motorsports Park).

6-Alex Bright (Apr 14 at Bloomsburg Fair Raceway, Apr 29 at Delaware International Raceway, Jun 3 at Williams Grove Speedway, Jul 8 at Williams Grove Speedway, Aug 19 at Clinton County Speedway & Aug 20 at Port Royal Speedway)

1-Chris Allen Jr. (Aug 3 at Action Track USA)

1-Joey Amantea (Aug 6 at Selinsgrove Speedway)

1-Preston Lattomus (Jun 4 at Lincoln Speedway)

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FEATURE LAPS LED:

130-Alex Bright

129-Briggs Danner

42-Carmen Perigo

39-Mark Smith

38-Bobby Butler

25-Kyle Spence

19-Chris Allen Jr. & Colin White

17-Aidan Borden & Mike Thompson

16-Steven Drevicki

13-Joey Amantea

10-Kenny Miller III

8-Preston Lattomus

2-Nash Ely, Billy Pauch Jr. & David Swanson

1-Ed Aikin & Tommy Kunsman

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TOP-5 FEATURE FINISHES:

20-Briggs Danner

16-Alex Bright

14-Steven Drevicki

10-Joey Amantea

7-Kenny Miller III

6-Mike Thompson

5-Mark Smith

4-Carmen Perigo & Kyle Spence

3-Ed Aikin, Christian Bruno & Billy Pauch Jr.

2-Preston Lattomus & Colin White

1-Chris Allen Jr., Aidan Borden, Tylor Cochran, Nash Ely, Tommy Kunsman & Kody Swanson

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TOP-10 FEATURE FINISHES:

21-Briggs Danner

19-Alex Bright

18-Steven Drevicki

14-Ed Aikin, Joey Amantea & Kenny Miller III

12-Mike Thompson

11-Christian Bruno & Preston Lattomus

6-Aidan Borden, Bruce Buckwalter Jr., Jason Cherry, Carmen Perigo & Mark Smith

5-Austin Graby, Billy Pauch Jr., Kyle Spence & Colin White

4-Chris Allen Jr.

3-J.T. Ferry & Tommy Kunsman

2-Nash Ely & Jonathan Swanson

1-Josh Beamer, Bobby Butler, Tylor Cochran, Troy Fraker, Eric Jennings, Billy Ney, Mike Smith, Brian Spencer & Kody Swanson

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HEAT RACE WINS:

10-Alex Bright & Briggs Danner

6-Steven Drevicki

4-Kyle Spence

3-Tommy Kunsman & Mike Thompson

2-Joey Amantea & Kenny Miller III

1-Ed Aikin, Bruce Buckwalter Jr., Bobby Butler, Jason Cherry, Austin Graby, Billy Pauch Jr., Mark Smith, Kody Swanson & Colin White

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FEATURE STARTS:

21-Alex Bright & Briggs Danner

20-Steven Drevicki

19-Joey Amantea

18-Ed Aikin

16-Bruce Buckwalter Jr., Jason Cherry & Preston Lattomus

15-Kenny Miller III

14-Christian Bruno

13-Billy Ney & Mike Thompson

12-Aidan Borden & Tommy Kunsman

9-Troy Fraker & Colin White

8-Carmen Perigo & Jonathan Swanson

7-Chris Allen Jr., John Fraker, Austin Graby, Lee Kauffman, Kyle Spence & David Swanson

6-Bobby Butler & Billy Pauch Jr.

5-J.T. Ferry, Eric Jennings & Brian Spencer

4-Nash Ely

3-Steve Wilbur

2-Richy Carnathan, Tylor Cochran, Jermain Godshall, Brett Rose, Mike Smith & Kody Swanson

1-Josh Beamer, Mark Bitner, Gary Bozowski, Levi Brungard, Mick D'Agostino, Brenden Hires, Dylan Hoch, Shawn Jackson, Aaron Jacobus, George Loux, Lee Nardelli, Michael Nolf, Craig Pellegrini, Dale Schweikart, Brent Shearer, Joe Toth & Jason Wagner

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SEMI-FEATURE WINS:

1-Christian Bruno, Bobby Butler, Nash Ely, Tommy Kunsman, Preston Lattomus & Billy Pauch Jr.

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2022 USAC EAST COAST SPRINT CAR RESULTS LOG

DANNER STRIKES FIRST AT BRIDGEPORT

By: Nick Fillman – USAC East Coast Sprint Cars

Swedesboro, New Jersey (April 2, 2022)……Briggs Danner of Allentown, Pennsylvania kicked off the 2022 Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series presented by Capitol Renegade, the same way he did during the 2021 campaign by striking first and picking up the season opening win at the Bridgeport Motorsports Park.

Tommy Kunsman Jr and Bruce Buckwalter Jr would lead the field to green for the first feature event of the 2022 season, with 2021 series champion Alex Bright taking advantage of his third place starting spot and quickly grabbing the lead away. While Bright took the early lead of the feature event, drivers quickly utilized all lanes of the dauntingly wide Bridgeport Motorsports Park battling for position.

One of the quickest cars on the move was that of tenth place starting Joey Amantea who in no short time worked his way into the top five on the high side of the speedway where he is most comfortable. His partner in row five, Briggs Dinner was utilizing the bottom lane of the speedway and beginning to make his way through the field as well, but not quite at the same pace as Amantea early on.

The first caution flag of the feature event would fly on lap five as rookie driver Preston Lattomus slowed with an issue off turn number two. The restart would bunch the field together putting early race lead challenger Steven Drevicki on the back bumper of the Hummer Motorsports no. 20 of Alex Bright. Tommy Kunsman, Kenny Miller lll, and Joey Amantea would round out the top five.

On the restart, Briggs Danner made a pair of dazzling moves on the low side of the speedway and moved his way first into the fourth place position, before sneaking by Steven Drevicki on the bottom side of the speedway to take second around lap eight of the feature event.

Danner began to draw his sights in on race leader Alex Bright who was working the extreme high side of the speedway, with Danner working the high lane in turns one and two, and the bottom of turns three and four. As the field began to catch lapped traffic, Danner continued to draw ever closer and found himself within a car length of race leader Alex Bright at the halfway point of the feature event.

On lap seventeen, Briggs Danner utilized a diamond maneuver off turn two to get underneath the race leader of Alex Bright and take the race lead at the line. As Danner passed for the lead, Drevicki drew in closer to Bright for second as the track began a transition period from being top dominant to the moisture strip around the low side of the speedway.

In a shocking turn of events, Alex Bright spun battling for second off the fourth turn and stopped to bring out the caution on lap nineteen of the feature event. Bright would retire the car to the infield, with what would be discovered later to be a severe over-heating issue.

Danner led the field to green for the lap nineteen restart with Drevicki, Miller lll, Amantea, and Ed Aikin rounding out the top five. Danner had a great start and pulled away from Drevicki on the restart, while Ed Aikin put a move on Joey Amantea for fourth and attempted to reel in Kenny Miller lll for third after he and Amantea raged a spirited battle for the fourth spot just a few laps before.

The top five remained relatively the same for the next handful of laps with Drevicki closing in on Danner some for the race lead. The third and final caution of the feature event was displayed on lap 23 for a spinning Brian Spencer, setting up a two lap dash to the finish.

Danner again nailed the restart with Drevicki pushing Danner as much as he could for the race lead, drawing even with the race leader multiple times in turns one and two.

Danner remained strong and held off the efforts of Drevicki to collect feature event win number one on the season with Steve Drevicki coming home in a strong second place. Kenny Miller lll, Ed Aikin, and Mike Thompson who got by Joey Amantea at the line rounded out the top five.

The feature win for Danner may not be the first for the team at the Bridgeport Motorsports Park, but it was the official win for the all "new" Heffner Racing 5G entry. Heffner took over ownership of the team late last season following the passing of legendary car owner Bill Gallagher. The team didn't skip a beat as they and Danner came out of the box fast in Florida and backed it up with a season opening victory at Bridgeport.

Steven Drevicki and his 2022 Redemption tour got off to an amazing start on Saturday at Bridgeport as he collected a heat race victory, challenged for the feature event win, and ended the night with a strong second place effort. After a dismal 2021 season, Drevicki and team are hoping to get back to their winning ways in 2022 and possibly make a run for an unprecedented fourth series title.

Kenny Miller lll unfortunately will not be a full time driver on tour again in 2022, but the Morgantown, PA driver started off his 2022 season where 2021 left off with solid runs inside the top five. Miller will be with the series for at least the first six events of the season, before things become a bit scarcer as the summer months roll on.

Ed Aikin is becoming increasingly known for his patience during a USAC East Coast Series feature event. Aikin continued his strong runs at Bridgeport yet again, methodically working the bottom side of the speedway to yet another top five effort. No doubt a sign of things to come for the veteran sprint car driver.

Rounding out the top five was the feel good story of the night for Mike Thompson. Mike was injured in a nasty winged 360 sprint car crash at the Georgetown Speedway last September and missed the remainder of the 2021 season. Mike got back behind the wheel of a sprint car for the first time since the accident on Saturday night and had what was no doubt his most impressive ever run with the series. A welcome sight for the eighteen year old third generation sprint car driver.

Thankfully, all caution were for driver spinning or having minor parts issues during the 2022 season opener, with drivers like Tommy Kunsman and Bruce Buckwalter Jr experiencing what preliminarily are minor engine issues. Hopefully both teams have nothing major wrong and will be back in action in two weeks.

Up next for the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series, presented by Capitol Renegade is our first double header of the season. A special Thursday show kicks the weekend off on April 14th at the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds Speedway before the series makes their first stop of the season at the Williams Grove Speedway on April 15th.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE RESULTS: April 2, 2022 – Bridgeport Motorsports Park – Swedesboro, New Jersey – 4/10-Mile Dirt Track

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, top-3 redraw, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki) (2), 2. Chris Allen Jr. (#71 Allen) (3), 3. Ed Aikin (#7 Aikin) (6), 4. Joey Amantea (#88J JPA) (5), 5. Brian Spencer (#62 Spencer) (4), 6. Lee Kauffman (#96 Kauffman) (7), 7. Craig Pellegrini (#27 Pellegrini). (1).

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, top-3 redraw, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer) (2), 2. Briggs Danner (#5G Heffner) (6), 3. Kenny Miller III (#23m Miller) (7), 4. Mike Thompson (#11 Thompson) (3), 5. Aidan Borden (#7B Borden) (5), 6. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry) (1), 7. Dylan Hoch (#7T Hoch) (4).

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, top-3 redraw, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Tommy Kunsman (#21K Kunsman) (3), 2. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter) (2), 3. Jonathan Swanson (#17J Swanson) (5), 4. Preston Lattomus (#23B Lattomus) (6), 5. Jermain Godshall (#56 Godshall) (4), 6. Lee Nardelli (#85 Nardelli) (1).

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (9), 2. Steven Drevicki (4), 3. Kenny Miller III (6), 4. Ed Aikin (8), 5. Mike Thompson (11), 6. Joey Amantea (10), 7. Chris Allen Jr. (7), 8. Jonathan Swanson (5), 9. Aidan Borden (14), 10. Brian Spencer (13), 11. Jermain Godshall (15), 12. Jason Cherry (17), 13. Lee Nardelli (18), 14. Lee Kauffman (16), 15. Dylan Hoch (19), 16. Alex Bright (3), 17. Tommy Kunsman (1), 18. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (2), 19. Preston Lattomus (12), 20. Craig Pellegrini. (20).

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-16 Alex Bright, Laps 17-25 Briggs Danner.

HARD CHARGER: Briggs Danner (9th to 1st)

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-77, 2-Steven Drevicki-75, 3-Kenny Miller III-70, 4-Ed Aikin-67, 5-Mike Thompson-63, 6-Joey Amantea-60, 7-Chris Allen Jr.-59, 8-Jonathan Swanson-55, 9-Aidan Borden-50, 10-Brian Spencer-47.

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BRIGHT & DANNER SPLIT TWIN 15s AT BLOOMSBURG

By: Nick Fillman – USAC ECSC

Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania (April 14, 2022)……Following persistent afternoon rain, wind, and cool temperatures the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series, Presented by Capitol Renegade completed our second event of the 2022 racing season, with a bit of a twist as the series completed twin fifteen lap feature events.

With the early season date of the show, Thursday schedule, and uncertain weather, 10 USAC East Coast sprint car series teams entered the pit area at the Bloomsburg Fair Raceway. With the low car count, series officials, and track promoted Steve O'Neal made the decision to run one heat race, with the finish determining the starting lineup for the first 15 lap feature event. After the completion, a pill was pulled with an inversion of four or six for the second event.

Mike Thompson took the victory in the lone heat race of the night with Briggs Danner hot on his heels as the two took the checkered flag. Both were scheduled to start on the front row of feature event number one, but unfortunately due to being late to staging both were penalized. This handed the front row over to defending series champion Alex Bright, and Joey Amantea.

As the green flag flew Bright immediately jumped out to the feature event lead with Amantea and Christian Bruno just behind. Briggs Danner, who started the fifteen lap event from the ninth starting spot, was rallying quickly and moved into fourth place lap four. On the same lap, the first caution flag of the feature event was displayed as Billy Ney slowed with issues in turn number one.

The ensuing restart saw Bright, Bruno, Amantea, Danner and Billy Pauch Jr making his first start aboard the Hogue Racing 39 entry as the top five as the field went back to green flag conditions. With the early night conditions, and low car counts for both divisions, passing was at a premium as the track had not quite widened out. Alex Bright went on to cruise to the Feature one victory over Bruno, Amantea, Danner, and Steven Drevicki.

In the pit area, Bright pulled the inversion pill of six which placed Billy Pauch Jr and Steven Drevicki on the front row of the second fifteen lap feature event. On the initial start, Billy Pauch Jr jumped out to the early race lead but was heavily hounded by Steven Drevicki on the low side of the speedway. Drevicki worked his way underneath Pauch coming to the completion of lap three as Pauch missed the bottom off turn number four.

Drevicki found himself cruising out front as the field all fought for the bottom side of the speedway. Briggs Danner, who had fallen back a few positions, had rebounded and held steady in fourth as the field took the halfway signal.

Danner began to experiment more than any other driver and with six laps to go in the feature event found that the high side of the speedway was very much to his liking and began to pick off cars one by one and draw in on the tail tank of leader Steven Drevicki.

As the field took the two lap to go signal from starter Warren Alston, Danner worked his way to the outside of Drevicki entering turns three and four and took the lead away from Drevicki at the line on the white flag lap. Try as he might, the top side was carrying far too much momentum for Drevicki to have anything for Danner as he went on to collect twin feature event number two. Drevicki, Bright, Pauch Jr. and Joey Amantea rounded out the top five with the overall winner of the night based off average finish going to Alex Bright.

The series jumps right back into action on Friday, April 15, in a sprint car tripleheader at the Williams Grove Speedway where Steven Drevicki is the defending and only winner at the speedway with two. Friday's action can be viewed live on the DIRTvision streaming platform.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE RESULTS: April 14, 2022 – Bloomsburg Fair Raceway – Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Mike Thompson (#11 Thompson) (1), 2. Briggs Danner (#5G Heffner) (7), 3. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer) (10), 4. Joey Amantea (#88J JPA) (6), 5. Billy Pauch Jr. (#39 Hogue) (8), 6. Christian Bruno (#17B Bruno) (9), 7. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki) (4), 8. Billy Ney (#83s Ney) (3), 9. Aidan Borden (#7B Borden) (2), 10. Carmen Perigo (#21 Stehman) (5). NT

FIRST FEATURE: (15 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Alex Bright (3), 2. Christian Bruno (6), 3. Joey Amantea (4), 4. Briggs Danner (2), 5. Steven Drevicki (7), 6. Billy Pauch Jr. (5), 7. Mike Thompson (1), 8. Aidan Borden (9), 9. Billy Ney (8). NT

SECOND FEATURE: (15 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (3), 2. Steven Drevicki (2), 3. Alex Bright (6), 4. Billy Pauch Jr. (1), 5. Joey Amantea (4), 6. Mike Thompson (7), 7. Christian Bruno (5), 8. Aidan Borden (8). NT

FIRST FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-15 Alex Bright.

SECOND FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Billy Pauch Jr., Laps 3-14 Steven Drevicki, Lap 15 Briggs Danner.

NEXT USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE: April 15, 2022 – Williams Grove Speedway – Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

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DANNER STAYS RED HOT AT WILLIAMS GROVE

By: Nick Fillman - USAC ECSC

Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania (April 15, 2022)……Briggs Danner of Allentown, Pennsylvania remained the hottest driver in the field on Friday night at the Williams Grove as he un-seated Steven Drevicki as the only winner in series competition at Williams Grove for his third win of the season.

A strong field of 23 Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series, presented by Capitol Renegade teams entered the legendary pit area on Friday night at Williams Grove for competition. Friday night also marked event three of the season for the series and would be the final feature redraw event of the season before handicapping begins next week.

Alex Bright, Steven Drevicki, and Tommy Kunsman took the heat race victories on Friday night for the events qualifying rounds, and following the top nine redraw, Tommy Kunsman Jr and Jonathan Swanson drew the front row of the twenty-five lap feature event.

Tommy Kunsman got the early drop on the field and took the lead on the opening lap of the feature event, utilizing the middle lane of the speedway early in the feature event. Quickly, Mike Thompson dove to the bottom side of Kunsman out of the turn two to take the lead down the back straightaway as the field rocketed underneath the bridge into turns three and four.

Briggs Danner made quick work of the drivers in front of him as he had move into second from his fifth place starting spot, with eight place starter Alex Bright directly on the tail tank of Danner in third.

Thompson held the lead for a handful of laps with Danner not giving any room for mistakes as Thompson ran just a lane higher off the bottom of the speedway than Danner did, leaving the door open on more than one occasion for Danner to get by.

Ultimately, Thompson got into turn one harder than he had any previous time on lap five, giving the bottom lane free and clear to Danner who assumed the lead off two and down the back straight away. Alex Bright and Tommy Kunsman followed Danner on the bottom as they moved into second and third.

The first caution of the event flew on lap eight for the slowing David Swanson entry, who had lost brakes on the front stretch and slowed to bring out the caution. This was the first shot that Bright had to be directly on the tail of leader Danner due to the bad draw of Bright.

Danner got out to a solid start and put some distance between himself and Alex Bright, as Tommy Kunsman began having something to say about the second place position.

The top five remained the same for the next handful of laps, before tenth place driver Jason Cherry went for a spin in turn one and two on lap eleven to bring out the caution flag once again. Unfortunate circumstance for Cherry who was having a fantastic run inside the top ten, that also lead Bruce Buckwalter to be collected in the incident with nowhere to go. Buckwalter's night was over, with Cherry restarting at the tail end of the field.

Danner led the field back to green with Bright, Kunsman, Thompson, Amantea, and Drevicki the top six of the field with fourteen laps remaining. Danner again had the Heffner Racing 5G out to a solid lead with the most contested spot inside the top five being for second between Bright and Kunsman. Meanwhile, Steven Drevicki had moved by Amantea for fifth as he was trying to continue his streak of being the only series winner at the Williams Grove Speedway.

With high winds and sun beating down on the surface of the Williams Grove Speedway, drivers were locked down to the bottom side of the speedway with any attempts to run the high side of the speedway resulting in multiple positions lost. The only driver to experiment with the high side and not suffer significant losses was that of Alex Bright who began to try to run the top side of the fourth corner to get a run on Danner. The move to the high side only allowed Tommy Kunsman to draw in closer, and even under the 20 of Bright, with Bright closing the door hard and holding off Kunsman.

The top five had nothing in the tank for the leader Danner who went on to score career win number one at the legendary Williams Grove Speedway. Alex Bright came home second with Tommy Kunsman Jr third, another impressive run for Mike Thompson in fourth, and Steven Drevicki rounding out the top five.

Danner and the Heffner Racing 5G team broke through and ended the streak of Steven Drevicki, along with ending a streak of their own. In both events at the Williams Grove the Bill Gallagher 5G team has finished second. In 2020 with Billy VanInwegen, and in 2021 with Danner at the wheel. So far for Danner, in two starts at Williams Grove a second and a first

result in a great average with the next event at The Grove being the Bill Gallagher Memorial event paying $5, 000 to the winner.

Alex Bright and the Hummer Motorsports team are beginning to dig themselves out of the hole that they have been in since their uncharacteristic DNF finish at the season opening event at the Bridgeport Speedway. A win in twin 15, number one at Bloomsburg, followed by a third in the second, and a runner up finish at Williams Grove are more of what the team expects to have on the series trail. Fortunately for Bright the series heads to Bedford and Port Royal, where Bright won shows last season. However, Danner has also graced victory lane at both speedways, so significant points gains may be hard to come by.

Third spot belonged to Tommy Kunsman Jr, who has been very fast in both of his appearances with the series so far. Kunsman explained that the team had planned to run the event at the Bloomsburg Speedway on Thursday but chose not too due to weather. Kunsman was strong all night winning his heat race by over a straightaway and having what many in the pits felt was the fastest car of the feature event. Kunsman was also fast at Bridgeport two weeks ago where he collected a heat win, before pulling off with engine issues. Look for Kunsman to continue his speed and continue to be in contention for wins as the season rolls on.

Mike Thompson has been a man on a mission this season from the drop of the first green flag at Bridgeport. The now eighteen year old, third generation driver has been fast at each event on the series trail and was rewarded with yet another top five run at one of the most technical tracks on the series trail being the Williams Grove Speedway. The winged and wingless regular has shown that seat time is key and has impressed thus far.

Rounding out the top five was Steven Drevicki who, until Friday night, was the only series winner at the Williams Grove Speedway. Drevicki started the feature event in fourth, before falling back early on, and rallying late. Drevicki has been back to his championship form so far in 2022, looking more on par for what many expect from the veteran open wheel driver. Drevicki will try to keep the momentum rolling as the series heads to two big half miles next week at the Bedford Speedway and the Port Royal Speedway.

One of the surprise entries and combinations of the night as that of veteran open wheel driver Lou Cicconi teaming up with dominant 360 driver Mark Smith who won the URC portion of Thursdays event at the Bloomsburg Speedway. The Cicconi entries are very potent, and Smith is no stranger to wingless racing and success. Unfortunately, an issue in the heat race cost the team a better starting spot for the feature. Ultimately, Smith rallied from 20th to 13th on a technical and very difficult to pass track. Smith was the evenings hard charger gaining seven spots. Certainly, a strong sign for the pairing that will more than likely make some more starts together this season.

Unfortunately, the tricky Williams Grove bit one of our series rookies very early on in the night as Dylan Hoch went for a big ride in turn three and four. Luckily, Hoch was ok and walked away from the crash. Bad luck also befell Aidan Borden who had been struggling with a car running on seven cylinders for most of the evening Thursday at the Bloomsburg Fair Raceway. Hopefully both drivers can make repairs and join us back at the track soon.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE RESULTS: April 15, 2022 – Williams Grove Speedway – Williams Grove, Pennsylvania

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer) (5), 2. Briggs Danner (#5G Heffner) (6), 3. Nash Ely (#3BC Franckowiak) (7), 4. Ed Aikin (#7 Aikin) (2), 5. Preston Lattomus (#23B Lattomus) (8), 6. Steve Wilbur (#59 Wilbur) (1), 7. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter) (4), 8. Troy Fraker (#12w Fraker) (3). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki) (7), 2. Mike Thompson (#11 Thompson) (1), 3. Kenny Miller III (#23m Miller) (3), 4. Christian Bruno (#17B Bruno) (6), 5. David Swanson (#117 Swanson) (2), 6. Billy Ney (#83s Ney) (4). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Tommy Kunsman (#21K Kunsman) (2), 2. Joey Amantea (#88J JPA) (3), 3. Jonathan Swanson (#17J Swanson) (6), 4. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry) (7), 5. Jermain Godshall (#56 Godshall) (5), 6. Lee Kauffman (#96 Kauffman) (1), 7. Mark Smith (#75 Cicconi) (4). NT

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Aidan Borden (#7B Borden) & Dylan Hoch (#7T Hoch)

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (5), 2. Alex Bright (8), 3. Tommy Kunsman (1), 4. Mike Thompson (3), 5. Steven Drevicki (4), 6. Joey Amantea (7), 7. Christian Bruno (11), 8. Kenny Miller III (9), 9. Nash Ely (6), 10. Preston Lattomus (13), 11. Jonathan Swanson (2), 12. Steve Wilbur (16), 13. Mark Smith (20), 14. Jermain Godshall (15), 15. Ed Aikin (10), 16. Troy Fraker (21), 17. Jason Cherry (12), 18. Billy Ney (17), 19. Lee Kauffman (18), 20. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (19), 21. David Swanson (14). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Tommy Kunsman, Laps 2-4 Mike Thompson, Laps 5-25 Briggs Danner.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-226, 2-Steven Drevicki-206, 3-Mike Thompson-193, 4-Joey Amantea-188, 5-Alex Bright-187, 6-Kenny Miller-125, 7-Christian Bruno-120, 8-Tommy Kusnman-109, 9-Ed Aikin-105, 10-Jonathan Swanson-102.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE: April 22, 2022 – Bedford Speedway – Bedford, Pennsylvania

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DANNER KEEPS ON ROLLING AT PORT ROYAL

By: Nick Fillman – USAC ECSC

Port Royal, Pennsylvania (April 23, 2022)……Briggs Danner of Allentown, PA kept up his incredible run on the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series, Presented by Capitol Custom Trailers trail by picking up his fourth event win of 2022 through five feature events. Danner, last year's runner up in points, is on the fast track to an early point lead and is looking to lock up top honors in the 2022 season.

Ed Aikin and Mark Smith lead the field to green for the initial start of the 25 lap event, with Smith edging out Aikin and Alex Bright for the race lead as the field stormed into turn three. Lee Kauffman went for a spin as the field was working their way off the fourth corner, bringing out the yellow and setting up a complete restart.

Yet again, Mark Smith got the best of Aikin and Bright on the initial start and was the race leader at the completion of lap one. Bright, utilizing the extreme outside of the speedway was glued to the rear bumper of runner up Ed Aikin, who was less than a car length behind race leader Mark Smith.

The caution flag, then red flag flew on lap two of the feature event as Joey Amantea got into turns one a two a bit too hard and made contact with the 21 entry of Carmen Perigo. The subsequent contact sent Amantea spinning backwards across the track collecting Tommy Kunsman, and Preston Lattomus who went for a bit of a rollover in turns one and two. Lee Kauffman was also collected in the accident but was able to continue. All three drivers involved in the bulk of the accident were unfortunately unable to continue in the feature event.

Just as the previous two starts had gone, Mark Smith aboard the Cicconi 75 entry yet again got the best of Aikin and Bright and controlled the pace of the race lead early on. Briggs Danner was searching high and low on the speedway to try and find a clean lane to get by the drivers in front of him as the early laps clicked off with drivers two and three wide throughout the field.

On lap six, Bright was able to get to the outside of Mark Smith and put his best challenge on the veteran driver thus far in the feature. Bright was ultimately able to take the lead away from Smith on lap eight, with Danner charging hard on the bottom working by Aikin, and Smith to move into second on lap eight as well.

Danner was able to catch Bright the very next lap, as the two would battle wheel to wheel for the next two laps before Danner was able to secure the lead on lap eleven of the feature event as the feature neared the halfway mark.

Meanwhile, the most intense, and hard fought battle of the night continued to go on as Mark Smith, Ed Aikin, Steven Drevicki, Colin White, Kenny Miller, and Carmen Perigo were racing two, three, and four-wide for the bulk of the feature event with each driver having a shot, and at least one lap at the head of the pack of cars. As the halfway mark of the feature came and went, Steven Drevicki, utilizing the bottom side of the speedway was able to pull away from the hornets' nest battle that was fourth through about ninth place in the feature event.

Danner had amassed a massive lead over Bright, who began searching all over the speedway to try and find the best lane to catch Danner. Drevicki was quickly reeling in Bright for second, while Colin White, Mark Smith, and Aikin still fought tooth and nail for the fourth spot with each driver trading the fourth place spot over the next several laps.

With five to go in the feature event, Drevicki had reeled in Bright and made his move under Bright to secure the second place spot on lap 21 of the feature event. Drevicki noticeably had the fastest car on the track and was making up ground quickly on race leader Briggs Danner, but the lead Danner had created was insurmountable without a caution flag.

Mark Smith had won the war for fourth, for the moment, over Colin White, and Ed Aikin. While further back another three-wide battle ensued between Christian Bruno, Jason Cherry, and Nash Ely.

Up front, no caution flag flew as Briggs Danner went on to collect his fourth win of the season over a hard charging Steven Drevicki, Alex Bright, Carmen Perigo who made a late race push to secure the fourth spot, and Mark Smith rounding out the top five.

With the exception of the first feature event of the twin 15 program at the Bloomsburg Speedway, Danner has been perfect, winning four of the five feature events so far in the season. Danner has certainly not lost a single step so far in 2022 and is easily backing up the performance the team was putting up in 2021.

Steven Drevicki was able to secure yet another second place finish in a USAC East Coast Feature event and is more and more looking like the championship caliber team that they have been on three occasions. Drevicki has been struggling some in heat race events but has been nailing the feature event set ups and has emerged as the biggest title contender to Danner so far in the 2022 season. A welcome sight for the three time series champion who had a less than dismal 2021 season with the series.

Alex Bright has been in the top five on more than one occasion so far in 2022 and, except for a DNF 14th at Bridgeport, has been just as fast as 2021, but appears to be lacking just a little bit of the team's pace last season. Bright has lead feature events on more than one occasion this season but can't seem to seal the deal late in the feature events so far this season. Bright and the Hummer Motorsports will no doubt continue to work even harder until they are able to find their winning ways yet again.

Fourth place was well earned, and a welcome sight for Stoystown, PA veteran Carmen Perigo following a massive flip in heat race competition at the Bloomsburg Fair Speedway last week. Perigo drove just like a veteran is supposed to during the feature event and waited until his car came to him and drove forward late after being directly in the middle of a massive six car fight inside the top five all night. Perigo stated after the feature event "Now that's a much better result than last time!" And it sure was as the veteran picked up his first top five of the season.

Rounding out the top five was the "Rim Rider" Mark Smith who had an extremely solid run aboard the Cicconi Racing 75 entry. Last season, the Cicconi Racing team could be found at the front of the feature field often with driver Damon Paul behind the wheel. Paul has since moved on, and Cicconi has tabbed veteran Mark Smith to pilot the 75 in the last two events run. Smith and team had issues in their heat race last week at Williams Grove but proved to be a real contender

for victories should the duo make more starts throughout the season in 2022 as Smith lead the opening seven laps of the feature event and was rewarded with a solid top five run.

Two drivers made their season debut on Saturday night at Port Royal, with one driver making his series debut in the form of John Fraker. Family member of part time series driver Troy Fraker, John appeared to struggle with some mechanical issues on Saturday night and pulled off early in both his heat and the feature event while Colin White made his season debut aboard the Hamilton Racing 90 entry and was fast from the moment the trailer door dropped. White was third quick in hot laps, finished third in his heat race to make the redraw, and at one point was up to the fourth place position during the incredible battle at the pack part of the top five before settling for sixth. Not a bad start for White and the Hamilton Racing team.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE RESULTS: April 23, 2022 – Port Royal Speedway – Port Royal, Pennsylvania

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (#5G Heffner) (1), 2. Joey Amantea (#88J JPA) (4), 3. Colin White (#90 White) (3), 4. Ed Aikin (#7 Aikin) (8), 5. Kenny Miller III (#23m Miller) (5), 6. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki) (6), 7. Preston Lattomus (#23B Lattomus) (9), 8. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter) (7), 9. John Fraker (#42 Fraker) (10), 10. Billy Ney (#83s Ney) (2). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer) (6), 2. Carmen Perigo (#21 Stehman) (1), 3. Mark Smith (#75 Cicconi) (3), 4. Nash Ely (#3BC Franckowiak) (9), 5. Tommy Kunsman (#21K Kunsman) (2), 6. Christian Bruno (#17 Bruno) (8), 7. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry) (5), 8. Lee Kauffman (#96 Kauffman) (4), 9. Troy Fraker (#12w Fraker) (7). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (3), 2. Steven Drevicki (11), 3. Alex Bright (4), 4. Carmen Perigo (8), 5. Mark Smith (2), 6. Colin White (6), 7. Kenny Miller III (9), 8. Ed Aikin (1), 9. Christian Bruno (12), 10. Jason Cherry (14), 11. Nash Ely (5), 12. Bruce Buckwalter (15), 13. Lee Kauffman (16), 14. John Fraker (17), 15. Joey Amantea (7), 16. Tommy Kunsman (10), 17. Preston Lattomus (13), 18. Billy Ney (19), 19. Troy Fraker (18). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-7 Mark Smith, Laps 8-10 Alex Bright, Laps 11-25 Briggs Danner.

AV FRENCHIES $100 HARD CHARGER: Steven Drevicki (11th to 2nd)

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-304, 2-Steven Drevicki-276, 3-Alex Bright-259, 4-Joey Amantea-228, 5-Mike Thompson-193, 6-Kenny Miller III-181, 7-Christian Bruno-169, 8-Ed Aikin-159, 9-Tommy Kusnman-144, 10-Jason Cherry-121.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE: April 29, 2022 – Delaware International Speedway – Delmar, Delaware

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BRIGHT SCORES ONCE MORE AT DELAWARE INTERNATIONAL

By: Nick Fillman – USAC ECSC

Delmar, Delaware (April 29, 2022)……Defending USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series champion Alex Bright, of Collegeville, Pa. outdueled fellow former winner at Delaware International Speedway, Kenny Miller lll, to score his second win of the 2022 season.

The first ever points inversion feature in series history came on Friday night at the Delaware International, putting Bruce Buckwalter Jr. and Christian Bruno on the front row of the 25-lap main event. With the top-three in series points, Briggs Danner, Steven Drevicki, and Alex Bright, starting seventh, sixth, and fifth following the inversion.

On the green flag of the feature event, Kenny Miller lll got a great start off the bottom side of the speedway, quickly working by both Bruno and Buckwalter for the race lead out of turn two. Alex Bright, also utilizing the bottom side of the speedway, worked his way up to second by the completion of lap one as well from his fifth place starting spot.

Miller worked his way out to a two car-length lead over Bright as both drivers were utilizing the same line on the speedway. Both were working the cushion on the extreme high side of the track in turns one and two, while working the extreme low side, nearly against the infield wall, in turns three and four.

Meanwhile, Joey Amantea had settled himself into the third place position over Bruce Buckwalter Jr., Steven Drevicki, Christian Bruno and Briggs Danner. With the exception of Amantea, the rest of the top-ten was fiercely contested with drivers trying a multitude of different line combinations to get around the very technical Delaware International Speedway.

Up front, Bright and Miller seemed to have equal cars as the field completed lap 10, with Bright needing a caution or a slight mistake from Miller to take the lead. Ultimately, on lap 11, Bright was able to secure a big run on Miller off the bottom side of turn four and pull off the massive slide job for the lead in turn one and two to take the lead down the back straightaway.

Steven Drevicki began to work his magic on the bottom side and had worked away from the battle for fifth and drew in closer on the tail tank of Joey Amantea. Briggs Danner began to make some ground up on the high side and picked off a few cars after trading places multiple times with Ed Aikin.

Bright worked his way to a straightway lead over Miller as the field came to the 10-to-go signal with Amantea still holding strong in third, Drevicki in fourth, and Christian Bruno battling hard to keep the fifth place spot away from Briggs Danner. While behind the battle for fifth, Ed Aikin, Bruce Buckwalter, and Kyle Spence fought hard to settle spots at the tail end of the top ten.

Even with a bit of lapped traffic coming into play and making things very interesting, Kenny Miller lll wasn't able to reel in the lead of Alex Bright, as Bright went on to collect his second feature win of the 2022 season.

The win for Bright was his second career win at the Delaware International Speedway after picking up the victory last fall on his way to securing the championship. Bright and the Hummer Motorsports team have been fighting hard to find that extra touch of speed that they have been missing from last season later on in the feature events. Bright and team nailed the set up on Friday night at Delaware International and have begun to close the gap further on second place in the points standings.

Kenny Miller lll picked up his first runner up finish of the season at Delaware International, a track where the young driver picked up his first career win in the fall of 2020. Since coming into the series Miller has been impressive each and every time out aboard the controls of the family owned entry. While Miller has a summer full of commitments that will prevent the team from running full time with the series, the early season success and consistency has found them sitting fifth in points.

Joey Amantea picked up a solid third place run Friday night, a nice rebound for the Mount Pocono, PA driver following an early feature event crash that ended their night early last week at the Port Royal Speedway. Amantea and team as of now intend on running the full series trail and find themselves fourth in points heading into the summer months.

Steven Drevicki yet again picked up a top five finish with the series on Friday at Delaware International, a track where Drevicki has had success as well picking up a feature event win and securing series championships. Drevicki has been back to fighting form all season long and is just 21 points out of the championship lead, as the series heads to Bridgeport on Saturday.

Rounding out the top five with yet another impressive run was Deptford, NJ's Christian Bruno. The micro sprint standout, coming into what is now his junior year of running sprint cars has been an absolute pleasure to watch this season. The recent high school graduate has a very meticulous and methodical approach behind the wheel and picks off drivers late in the going. While I'm sure Bruno and the family owned team would have liked better results after starting on the front row of the feature event, digging their way back up into a top five run is no small feat.

Friday night marked the return after almost two years for Bridgeton, NJ's Kyle Spence. Spence, who had been nursing a back injury, had a few off season surgeries that left him out of the seat of all racing a large period of time. Spence was back in action Friday night, picking up the heat race two victory. Unfortunately, due to Friday being the teams debut of the season, and having no points, it left the team starting eighth in the feature event. Spence and team fought hard all night as they relearned sprint car racing a bit and were rewarded with a solid top ten run.

Up next for the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series, Presented by Capitol Renegade, is the second trip of the season to the high banks of the Bridgeport Motorsports Park on tomorrow, April 30th!

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE RESULTS: April 29, 2022 – Delaware International Speedway – Delmar, Delaware

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer) (4), 2. Kenny Miller III (#23m Miller) (5), 3. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki) (7), 4. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter) (2), 5. Ed Aikin (#7 Aikin) (3), 6. David Swanson (#117 Swanson) (6), 7. Preston Lattomus (#23B Lattomus) (1), 8. John Fraker (#42 Fraker) (8). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kyle Spence (#22 Betts) (2), 2. Christian Bruno (#17 Bruno) (7), 3. Joey Amantea (#88J JPA) (4), 4. Briggs Danner (#5G Heffner) (6), 5. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry) (3), 6. Billy Ney (#83s Ney) (5), 7. Jonathan Swanson (#17J Swanson) (1). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Alex Bright (5), 2. Kenny Miller III (3), 3. Joey Amantea (4), 4. Steven Drevicki (6), 5. Christian Bruno (2), 6. Briggs Danner (7), 7. Ed Aikin (9), 8. Kyle Spence (8), 9. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (1), 10. Preston Lattomus (13), 11. David Swanson (11), 12. Jonathan Swanson (15), 13. Jason Cherry (10), 14. Billy Ney (12), 15. John Fraker (14). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 Kenny Miller III, Laps 11-25 Alex Bright.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-364, 2-Steven Drevicki-343, 3-Alex Bright-337, 4-Joey Amantea-298, 5-Kenny Miller III-255, 6-Christian Bruno-234, Ed Aikin (#7 Aikin)-215, 8-Mike Thompson-193, 9-Jason Cherry-162, 10-Preston Lattomus-153.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE: April 30, 2022 – Bridgeport Motorsports Park – Swedesboro, New Jersey

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5 FOR THE 5G: DANNER WINS AGAIN AT BRIDGEPORT

By: Nick Fillman – USAC ECSC

Swedesboro, New Jersey (April 30, 2022)……One night after picking up his worst finish of the season with a sixth place at Delaware International, Briggs Danner of Allentown, PA found himself right back where he's most comfortable, in the USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series Victory Lane at the Bridgeport Speedway.

The 2021 series Rookie of the Year is always the top car to beat, especially at the Bridgeport Speedway where Danner picked up his first career win in their first ever start in the fall of 2020.

In what was the second ever event in series history featuring a points inversion handicap for positions at the front of the field, David Swanson and Ed Aikin brought the field to green on the high banks of the Bridgeport Speedway for the 25 lap main event.

Swanson was able to get out to the early race lead and lead the opening circuit with a hungry pack of drivers spreading out three and sometimes four-wide for position behind the leader. Joey Amantea was the first driver to give charge to the leader Swanson and took the lead away on lap three to lead his first laps with the series of the season.

Behind race leader Amantea, Danner and Alex Bright had begun their chase of the top spot after starting fifth and sixth in the feature event. As Danner and Bright tried to charge forward, they were met with heavy retaliation from drivers like Kenny Miller lll, Ed Aikin, and heat race winner Billy Pauch Jr as they too were not about to back out of the top five.

Ultimately, on lap six, Briggs Danner was able to utilize the low side of the speedway to get by leader Joey Amantea and assume the race lead. Kenny Miller lll followed along into second, with Bright also moving into third and Amantea settling in to third. The first caution flag of the feature event was displayed on lap seven, as Jonathan Swanson went for a spin in turns one and two.

The ensuing restart brought Kenny Miller lll directly to the tail tank of leader Danner, with Bright, Joey Amantea, and Billy Pauch Jr rounding out the top five. Danner was able to get a great restart and take off from the front of the field and put a bit of distance on the runner up of Alex Bright.

Meanwhile, at the tail end of the top-ten, a ferocious battle was taking place between Ed Aikin, Kyle Spence, Colin White, and Steven Drevicki who was utilizing his patented bottom groove excellence to work his way forward from the fourteenth place starting spot.

As the field neared the halfway point of the feature, Kenny Miller III and Alex Bright put on an absolute show for three to four laps trading big slide jobs back and forth for the second place position, before Bright ultimately won out and began to further his quest for race leader Danner.

The second caution flag again flew on lap fifteen as Billy Ney, who slowed for losing a fuel line, was not able to make it all the way into the infield behind the barriers and was in a more than precarious position.

Danner remained the leader and had a solid half straightaway lead over Bright for second, with Amantea, Miller, and Pauch Jr still remaining the top five. Danner, utilizing the big banking of the Bridgeport Speedway, again gapped Bright for the race lead. However, the big mover on this restart at the front of the field was Billy Pauch Jr who utilized a pair of big slide jobs to pick up a pair of spots and move into the third place position.

Bright was reeling in Danner as the laps wound down in the feature event, as Bright was using a slightly lower line through the entire speedway in the slick and making big ground up on leader Danner as they raced into lapped traffic. The red flag was displayed on lap 22 as Preston Lattomus made heavy contact with the wall in turns one and two and went for a vicious series of flips. While the red flag call was coming out, Brian Spencer made heavy contact with the car of Brent Shearer who was slowing for the red flag call and went for his own series of big flips down half of the front straight away. Luckily, Spencer and Lattomus were both ok, but both drivers machines were severely damaged from the incidents.

A red flag with three laps to go was an interesting dynamic that was brought into the feature event, not only due to the cooling cycle that the rear tires were experiencing as the cars sat idle around the speedway but also bringing Alex Bright and Billy Pauch Jr directly to the tail of race leader Briggs Danner.

On the restart, Danner remained flawless and again was able to get a gap over runner up Alex Bright, who quickly found himself under attack from Billy Pauch Jr who had taken second place from Bright, before Bright yet again took the spot back on at the white flag.

As Bright battled with Pauch for second it only allowed Briggs Danner to experience more smooth sailing up front as he went on to collect his fifth win of the season at the Bridgeport Speedway. Bright followed in second over Pauch Jr, Joey Amantea with yet another top five run, and Kyle Spence who was in his second start of the season rounding out the top five.

Briggs Danner and the Heffner Racing team have been good just about everywhere they go, but they have another level of speed when it comes to the Bridgeport Speedway. Whether the track is slick or tacky, Danner finds his way to the front on the high banks. As the team experienced a bit of an off night with a sixth place effort on Friday at Delaware International, they were right back into fighting form on Saturday.

Alex Bright and the Hummer Motorsports team continue to be a pestering force for the Danner team, as they are beginning to get back to where the team expects to be. Bright explained in the pit area following the feature event that he's extremely excited for the rest of the season: "We've hit on something that we were missing at the beginning of the year" Bright explained. Bright was not a fan of seeing the caution flags fly as he and the team were utilizing the harder Medium compound tire that was just beginning to come in as the feature event was concluding, while race leader Danner, and second place Pauch had the softer H compound.

Billy Pauch Jr is the current modified points leader at the Bridgeport Speedway, but Billy was right at home aboard the Hogue Motorsports 39 entry for his second start of the year on Saturday at Bridgeport. Pauch was able to win heat one and hold off Alex Bright, which put him into the points inversion. Luckily for Pauch, two other drivers who were not eligible for the full points inversion made it in, and it propelled Pauch from starting ninth, to starting seventh. Pauch was very impressive on Saturday night throwing sliders with the best in the series and nearly pulling off a runner up finish. Look for Pauch and the Hogue team to continue to build speed as they work together more this season.

Joey Amantea has quickly found himself points racing on the 2022 USAC East Coast Series trail, as the team has found another level of speed so far this season. Amantea had an extremely solid weekend finishing in third at Delaware and backing it up with a fourth at Joey's favorite track the Bridgeport Speedway. Amantea is more focused than ever on winning a feature event this season, and if the speed remains for the young driver they have had so far, it is a very realistic feat.

Rounding out the top five was Bridgeton, NJ's Kyle Spence. Spence, like Pauch Jr picked up another heat race win on Saturday at Bridgeport. However, with the team only making their second start of the season they were left starting behind the drivers who were eligible for the points inversion. Spence started the feature in eighth and did fall back some in the feature event. Spence like Bright was on the harder Medium tire and came to life at the end of the feature picking off drivers one by one on the high side and low side of the speedway. Two top ten runs for the micro sprint veteran Spence as he makes his return to sprint car action in 2022.

Brent Shearer a regular with the winged 410's of central PA made his first ever start on Saturday night at Bridgeport and looked fairly comfortable for his first time out. Shearer was running inside the top twelve before being involved in the Brian Spencer crash that ended up taking out the front axle on his 12 machine. Hopefully, we see more of Shearer as the season goes on.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE RESULTS: April 30, 2022 – Bridgeport Motorsports Park – Swedesboro, New Jersey

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Billy Pauch Jr. (#39 Hogue) (2), 2. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer) (6), 3. Joey Amantea (#88J JPA) (3), 4. Tommy Kunsman (#21K Kunsman) (7), 5. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter) (4), 6. Mark Bitner (#15 Bitner) (5), 7. Preston Lattomus (#23B Lattomus) (1). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kyle Spence (#22 Betts) (1), 2. Ed Aikin (#7 Aikin) (3), 3. David Swanson (#117 Swanson) (2), 4. Billy Ney (#83s Ney) (5), 5. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki) (7), 6. Brian Spencer (#62 Spencer) (6), 7. Lee Kauffman (#96 Kauffman) (4). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Colin White (#90 White) (1), 2. Briggs Danner (#5G Heffner) (7), 3. Kenny Miller III (#23m Miller) (6), 4. Chris Allen Jr. (#71 Allen) (3), 5. Brent Shearer (#12 Shearer) (2), 6. Jonathan Swanson (#17J Swanson) (5), 7. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry) (4). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (6), 2. Alex Bright (5), 3. Billy Pauch Jr. (7), 4. Joey Amantea (4), 5. Kyle Spence (8), 6. Steven Drevicki (14), 7. Kenny Miller III (3), 8. Ed Aikin (2), 9. Chris Allen Jr. (12), 10. Colin White (9), 11. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (13), 12. Mark Bitner (16), 13. Jonathan Swanson (18), 14. David Swanson (1), 15. Jason Cherry (21), 16. Lee Kauffman (20), 17. Brent Shearer (15), 18. Brian Spencer (17), 19. Preston Lattomus (19), 20. Tommy Kunsman (10), 21. Billy Ney (11). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 David Swanson, Laps 3-5 Joey Amantea, Laps 6-25 Briggs Danner.

VAHLCO WHEELS HARD CHARGER: Steven Drevicki (14th to 6th)

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-441, 2-Alex Bright-411, 3-Steven Drevicki-402, 4-Joey Amantea-365, 5-Kenny Miller III-313, 6-Ed Aikin-271, 7-Christian Bruno-234, 8-Jason Cherry-197, 9-Bruce Buckwalter Jr.-195, 10-Mike Thompson-193.

NEXT USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE: May 14, 2022 – Grandview Speedway – Bechtelsville, Pennsylvania

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SIX PACK! BRIGGS DANNER WINS SIXTH OF '22 AT SELINSGROVE

By: Nick Fillman – USAC ECSC

Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania (May 21, 2022)……Briggs Danner of Allentown, Pennsylvania continued his dominant start of the 2022 Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series presented by Capitol Renegade Season by picking up staggering sixth win in eight races at the Selinsgrove Speedway.

Tommy Kunsman Jr. and Jason Cherry lead the field to green on the initial green flag of the feature event with Kunsman grabbing the early race lead as the field stormed down the backstretch and into turn three. Unfortunately for Kunsman, he got too high in the middle of turns three and four and caught the wall and went for a massive series of barrel rolls through the corner. Luckily Kunsman was ok and able to walk away from the nasty accident.

The ensuing restart saw Ed Aikin and Jason Cherry share the front row as the field returned to action, with Aikin taking the lead and being the official lap leader of the feature event. Alex Bright quickly moved into second and was gaining on Aikin down the backstretch on lap two.

Bright motored around the outside of Aikin on lap two to take the lead of the feature event, with Aikin, Amantea, Danner, and Carmen Perigo rounding out the top five.

Briggs Danner was quickly moving through the field as well trying to keep pace with the early leader Bright and was locked in a fight for a number of laps with Joey Amantea for second. Dinner eventually secured the second place position on lap five, before the second caution flag of the event flew on lap six for Steven Drevicki who slowed with issues in turns one and two.

Bright secured a perfect restart to put a few car-lengths between himself and runner up Danner and the two began to break away from the field following the restart. With Amantea holding strong in third, and a close three car battle inside the top five between Aikin, Perigo and Mark Smith.

The caution flag yet again flew on lap ten for David Swanson who slowed with issues and smoke showing from the 117 entry in turn one and two.

Danner, who was not by any means far behind Bright, again was drawn into the back bumper of the race leader for another restart. Bright was able to execute another perfect restart and pull away from Danner, but only slightly as the feature event drew closer to the halfway point.

The top three remained relatively unchanged as Danner was peddling hard trying to catch and pass race leader Alex Bright, with Amantea in third, and a back and forth battle for fourth between Carmen Perigo and Mark Smith who traded the position a number of times throughout the feature.

Around lap fifteen of the feature, Danner began to find himself gaining more and more on Bright for the race lead as it appeared Bright was having a more difficult time keeping the car straight off the corners. On lap eighteen Danner and Bright were side by side for the race lead with Bright holding off Danner, until Danner was able to gain a massive run down the backstretch to take the lead in turns three and four and officially take the lead on lap nineteen of the feature event.

Once out front, Danner never looked back as he began to stretch his lead out over the rest of the field and go on to collect his sixth win of the season, with his toughest two competitors in the series so far Alex Bright, and Joey Amantea coming home second and third, respectively.

The best battle on track for the bulk of the feature was settled in the closing stages with Carmen Perigo Jr beating out former Selinsgrove Champion and fellow veteran Mark Smith for fourth.

Joey Amantea tied his best run of the season on Saturday night at Selinsgrove, coming home with yet another top three run. The seventeen year old driver from Mount Pocono has been on a tear of top ten runs this season and is closing in on Steven Drevicki for third place in the series standings.

Speaking of Drevicki, the team who had been off to a marvelous start so far in 2022 suffered from Engine issues all night at Selinsgrove from the time the team pushed off for heat in the engines to feature event time. The team changed everything they could and were able to make some laps in the feature event before ultimately pulling in with issues.

Another driver who had an uncharacteristic night was the Hamilton Racing team and Colin White who suffered with brake issues all night and pulled off after the first lap of the feature event.

Unfortunately, two drivers went for big flips on Saturday night as Jonathan Swanson caught a wheel of Jason Cherry in his heat race and went for a big ride in turns one and two, and Tommy Kunsman on lap one of the feature event. Hopefully both drivers can make repairs and be back in action soon.

In lighter news, a pair of New York winged drivers made their series debuts on Saturday night in the form of two brothers. Aaron and Andrew Jacobus who are regulars with the Patriot Wing Sprints. Andrew unfortunately was caught up in the Swanson flip in heat one after looking right at home with the wings off and was unable to start the feature event. Meanwhile, brother Aaron ended up with a solid 11th place finish in his debut.

Next up for the series is the one and only stop of the season to the coal region of Pennsylvania at the Big Diamond Speedway in Minersville, PA on Friday the 27th, with the first of three stops to the New Egypt Speedway in New Egypt, NJ on Saturday the 28th.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE RESULTS: May 21, 2022 – Selinsgrove Speedway – Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (#5G Heffner) (3), 2. Carmen Perigo (#21 Stehman) (2), 3. Tommy Kunsman (#21K Kunsman) (7), 4. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry) (4), 5. David Swanson (#117 Swanson) (6), 6. Troy Fraker (#12w Fraker) (9), 7. Jonathan Swanson (#17J Swanson) (8), 8. Andrew Jacobus (#7J Jacobus) (5), 9. Lee Kauffman (#96 Kauffman) (1), 10. Jason Wagner (#R17 Wagner) (10). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer) (4), 2. Mark Smith (#75 Cicconi) (2), 3. Joey Amantea (#88J JPA) (1), 4. Ed Aikin (#7 Aikin) (8), 5. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter) (5), 6. Preston Lattomus (#23B Lattomus) (3), 7. Aaron Jacobus (#2J Jacobus) (7), 8. John Fraker (#42 Fraker) (10), 9. Colin White (#90 White) (6), 10. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki) (9). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (6), 2. Alex Bright (5), 3. Joey Amantea (4), 4. Carmen Perigo (7), 5. Mark Smith (8), 6. Ed Aikin (3), 7. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (10), 8. Preston Lattomus (12), 9. Jason Cherry (2), 10. Troy Fraker (11), 11. Aaron Jacobus (14), 12. David Swanson (9), 13. John Fraker (16), 14. Jason Wagner (20), 15. Steven Drevicki (19), 16. Tommy Kunsman (1), 17. Colin White (18). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Ed Aikin, Laps 2-18 Alex Bright, Laps 19-25 Briggs Danner.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-519, 2-Alex Bright-486, 3-Steven Drevicki-436, 4-Joey Amantea-435, 5-Ed Aikin-331, 6-Kenny Miller III-313, 7-Bruce Buckwalter Jr.-251, 8-Jason Cherry-248, 9-Christian Bruno-234, 10-Preston Lattomu-232.

NEXT USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE: May 27, 2022 – Big Diamond Speedway – Pottsville, Pennsylvania

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BRIGHT TAKES HOME "5G'S" IN GALLAGHER MEMORIAL RACE AT THE GROVE

By: Nick Fillman – USAC EC

Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania (June 3, 2022)……Alex Bright of Collegeville, Pennsylvania topped the field at the Williams Grove Speedway for a $5, 000 pay day and the highest paying event in the history of the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series, presented by Capitol Renegade.

After a dismal performance in the heat race that saw Alex Bright miss the points inversion spot by one coming home fourth, the 2021 series champion had to start the feature event off in the 12th position in the 30 lap event, with Mark Smith and Mike Thompson leading the field to green.

The initial green flag saw Mark Smith jump out to the early race lead for the 30 lap event, with Kenny Miller quickly scooting by Thompson for the runner up spot. Early in the opening laps of the feature the field gravitated toward the bottom side of the speedway, with the exception of Joey Amantea who immediately went to where he is most comfortable and began pounding the cushion around the top side of the speedway. By lap five, Briggs Danner, who had followed Amantea to the high side had moved himself into the fifth place position from his seventh place starting spot.

Alex Bright also joined the contingent of early runners using the top side of the speedway but starting in 12th was not able to make up much ground early in the feature event only working his way up to the eighth place position.

Briggs Danner found out how treacherous the top side of the speedway was on lap seven in turns three and four as Danner went over and beyond the cushion, nearly spinning out the Heffner Racing 5G. Somehow, Danner was able to keep the car rolling but had fallen back to the ninth place position.

The caution flag flew for the first time on lap eight as Steve Wilbur slowed off turns three and four with a flat right rear tire. Mark Smith was the leader over Kenny Miller lll, Amantea, Steven Drevicki, and Alex Bright who had made a pair of great moves to work his way into the fifth place position.

On the following restart, Steven Drevicki opted for the bottom side of the speedway and began to pick off a few cars early on in run following the yellow. Drevicki utilizing both the top and bottom side of the speedway quickly found himself into

the top three, challenging for second. The restart was not ideal for Bright who had lost a pair of positions but was able to rebound and work his way back into the top five.

The second caution flag flew on lap fourteen for Kyle Spence who got above the cushion in turns three and four and tagged the wall coming to a stop. Nash Ely who had also made contact with the outer walls in three and four and in one and two, also exited the speedway under the yellow flag on lap fourteen.

The ensuing restart again was a good one for Drevicki as he worked his way into the runner up spot and drew the crosshairs on the back of the M1 of leader Mark Smith who on the previous two green flag runs had a near half straightaway advantage over the second place car.

The restart again helped Briggs Danner and Alex Bright, with Bright moving into the top three and Danner rebounding into the top five after a spirited battle with both Joey Amantea and Mike Thompson where all three traded slide jobs for position on the top and bottom of the speedway.

The first and only red flag of the feature event was unfortunately displayed on lap eighteen of the feature saw Mike Thompson and Joey Amantea make big contact as the pair went into turn three. Both cars ended up flipping wildly out of the speedway and onto the grassy hill outside of turns three and four. Luckily both drivers were ok, and able to walk away from the vicious incident.

The restart with 12 laps to go drew Drevicki right in on the tail tank of leader Mark Smith, where Drevicki again utilized the catfish line on the bottom side of the speedway to stay right with the early leader Mark Smith.

Drevicki eventually worked his way by Mark Smith on lap 19 of the feature event, becoming the official lap leader on lap 20. Heart break struck just one lap later as Mark Smith slowed with issues down the back stretch to bring out the caution on lap 21.

Drevicki was able to nail the start on the bottom, but Alex Bright utilized the extreme speed of the top side of the speedway to get a big run off turns one and two and pull off the massive slide job for the position into turns three and four to the lead on lap 23. Briggs Danner worked his way by both Kenny Miller lll and Steven Drevicki to move into second place on lap 26 and tried his best to track down leader Alex Bright.

Bright was strong on the top side, with Danner about equal with the speed of Bright in the late stages of the feature event. Try as he might, and he sure did try, Briggs Danner was not able to get close enough for the slide job on leader Alex Bright, as Bright went on to collect the $5, 000 pay day in the Bill Gallagher Memorial event at the Williams Grove Speedway. Danner, Steven Drevicki, Kenny Miller lll, and Kody Swanson rounded out the top five.

While this season has had plenty of ups and downs for Alex Bright, the team was able to put together their third complete night of the season and win the biggest event on the series trail so far in 2022, and series history. The team has been leading races late and not been able to hold off the advances of fierce competitor Briggs Danner in recent events. Bright found himself victorious on Friday night for the very first time at Williams Grove, becoming the third different winner in four events.

No team in the pit area wanted to win on the Bill Gallagher memorial more than that of the Heffner racing 5G team and driver Briggs Danner. It was more than evident from the heat race, all the way to the feature event. Danner did everything he possibly could in the feature event, after rebounding from a miscue on the cushion on lap seven. But ultimately, the car came home in one piece and the team will try again on Saturday at Lincoln.

Coming home third was a solid run for Steven Drevicki as the team fought engine issues all night last time out at the Selinsgrove Speedway. Drevicki expressed he thought he had a car capable of winning but stated that at water hose came off the 19 entry late in the feature event, pushing water out of the engine and causing bogging, and high heat about the Drevicki Motorsports ride. Perhaps and tail of what could have been for the Drevicki team on Friday night.

Fourth place on Friday night belonged to that of Morgantown, PA's Kenny Miller lll. Miller again is working on assignment for an internship for the summer months, with Miller's involvement in the series being limited over recent events. Miller picked up where he left off and came home with yet another top five run.

Rounding out the top five and making his first ever USAC East Coast Start was Kingsburg, California driver, and six time USAC Silver Crown Series champion Kody Swanson. Swanson was solid in his heat race, and from his eight place spot fell back early in the feature event. Swanson grew more comfortable in the car over the course of the feature event and was rewarded with a top five run. Additionally, Swanson picked up an additional $500 thanks to Briggs Danner's Grandparents David and Susan, in honor of Bill Gallagher.

Heartbreak fell upon Mark Smith and his M1 entry on Friday night, as Smith no doubt had what could arguably be the fastest car on track during the feature event. The multi-time winged feature winner at Williams Grove came so close to victory, but due to a power steering line failure sending power steering fluid all over the visor, gloves, and steering wheel of the Mach-1 Chassis entry, Smith elected for safety and tried to pull in under caution. Mark unfortunately could not see, so the caution flag was thrown ending the night for the versatile open wheel driver.

Rexton, PA's Austin Graby attempted to make his first start of the season on Friday night after making a USAC National Series feature event at the Atomic Speedway in Ohio. Unfortunately, Graby's night came to an end in hot laps when the car shut off and the team scratched for the night.

Up next for the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series, presented by Capitol Renegade is the one and only stop of the season to the Lincoln Speedway on Saturday June 4th as a part of the Steve Smith tribute night.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE RESULTS: June 3, 2022 – Williams Grove Speedway – Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki) (4), 2. Kody Swanson (#20K Dyson) (5), 3. Joey Amantea (#88J JPA) (6), 4. Christian Bruno (#17 Bruno) (3), 5. Steve Wilbur (#59 Wilbur) (1), 6. Preston Lattomus (#23B Lattomus) (8), 7. Billy Ney (#83s Ney) (2), 8. Troy Fraker (#12w Fraker) (7), 9. John Fraker (#42 Fraker) (9). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kyle Spence (#22 Betts) (1), 2. Kenny Miller III (#23m Miller) (2), 3. Mark Smith (#m1 L & M) (5), 4. Ed Aikin (#7 Aikin) (3), 5. Carmen Perigo (#21 Stehman) (7), 6. Nash Ely (#3BC Franckowiak) (4), 7. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry) (8), 8. Aidan Borden (#7B Borden) (6). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (#5G Heffner) (6), 2. Tommy Kunsman (#21K Kunsman) (1), 3. Mike Thompson (#11 Thompson) (3), 4. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer) (5), 5. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter) (7), 6. Michael Smith (#76 Savage) (8). NT

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Austin Graby (#87 Graby) & Lee Kauffman (#96 Kauffman).

SEMI: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Nash Ely (#3BC Franckowiak) (2), 2. Preston Lattomus (#23B Lattomus) (1), 3. Billy Ney (#83s Ney) (4), 4. Troy Fraker (#12w Fraker) (6), 5. Aidan Borden (#7B Borden) (7), 6. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry) (5), 7. Michael Smith (#76 Savage) (3), 8. John Fraker (#42 Fraker) (8). NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Alex Bright (12), 2. Briggs Danner (7), 3. Steven Drevicki (6), 4. Kenny Miller III (4), 5. Kody Swanson (8), 6. Tommy Kunsman (3), 7. Christian Bruno (10), 8. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (15), 9. Preston Lattomus (18), 10. Ed Aikin (11), 11. Steve Wilbur (13), 12. Troy Fraker (19), 13. Aidan Borden (20), 14. Mark Smith (1), 15. Joey Amantea (5), 16. Mike Thompson (2), 17. Kyle Spence (9), 18. Nash Ely (16), 19. Carmen Perigo (14), 20. Billy Ney (17). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1-19 Mark Smith, Laps 20-23 Steven Drevicki, Laps 24-30 Alex Bright.

VAHLCO WHEELS HARD CHARGER: Alex Bright (12th to 1st)

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-594, 2-Alex Bright-561, 3-Steven Drevicki-508, 4-Joey Amantea-474, 5-Kenny Miller III-381, 6-Ed Aikin-379, 7-Bruce Buckwalter Jr.-304, 8-Christian Bruno-291, 9-Preston Lattomus-281, 10-Tommy Kunsman-271.

NEXT USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE: June 4, 2022 – Lincoln Speedway – Abbottstown, Pennsylvania

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SMOOTH & STEADY: LATTOMUS WINS HIS FIRST AT LINCOLN

By: Nick Fillman – USAC ECSC

Abbottstown, Pennsylvania (June 4, 2022)……Fifteen year-old Preston Lattomus, from Lewes, Delaware scored his first career victory with the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series, presented by Capitol Renegade on Saturday night at a packed Lincoln Speedway, over current points leader Briggs Danner.

Nash Ely and Kyle Spence lead the field to green for the twenty-five lap feature event, with Ely getting the early race lead over Carmen Perigo who had slid into the runner up spot early in the feature event. At the completion of lap two Perigo and Ely were side by side at the line with Ely leading entering turn one and two. Perigo was able to get a better drive off the corner to take the lead down the back straightaway and officially take the lead on lap three of the feature event.

Most drivers were sticking to the bottom side of the speedway early in the feature event with the exception of Kyle Spence who was able to make the cushion work early in the feature event, and Alex Bright who had fallen back to outside of the top ten early on from his 7th place starting spot.

Briggs Danner, who started the feature event in the eighth place spot was working his way forward and was up to the sixth place spot by lap five. On the same lap, Spence had found a middle lane in turns one and two and off three and four that allowed him to sneak by Nash Ely and begin to close in on race leader Carmen Perigo.

On lap twelve of the feature event, Spence and Perigo were side by side at the line for the race lead, with Spence having the advantage at the line for the race lead. While the battle for the lead was side by side at the line, and the leaders entering turn one and two, the red flag had to be displayed for a flipping Kody Swanson in turns three and four.

Kenny Miller lll, and Steven Drevicki had fought for the bottom, slowing the progress of Ed Aikin. Aikin hopped the right rear of Drevicki and shot up the racetrack, which was directly into the path of Alex Bright. Bright got over the right rear of Aikin and shot up the track, with Swanson hopping the right rear of Bright and flipping in the middle of turns three and four. Swanson was okay but faced an early end coming off a top five run the previous night at Williams Grove.

On the restart, Spence tried to pull away from the field, but Perigo and the rest of the top five hung tight with Spence as the preferred line around the speedway was on the bottom lane. Preston Lattomus had utilized a solid restart to work to the inside of Ely on lap fourteen, before moving into second on lap fifteen.

Lattomus had moved up a lane off the bottom to the middle side of the speedway and was using a diamond line to work to the underside of drivers to pass for position. Another driver who had found the same line to use was Briggs Danner, who had moved into the top five, and into fourth on lap sixteen.

While Danner continued to march forward, Lattomus quickly drew in on the back of race leader Kyle Spence, as the two were side by side for the race lead in a dead heat on lap seventeen. Lattomus ultimately took the race lead away from Spence down the backstretch and was the new race leader at the line on lap eighteen.

The top five remained relatively unchanged with the exception of Briggs Danner who had picked off Ely, Perigo, and finally Spence on lap twenty-four and take over the runner up spot.

Try as he might on the final lap, Danner could do nothing with the rookie Lattomus, who went on to pick up his first career victory over Danner, Spence, Perigo, and Nash Ely.

The rookie driver from Delaware made just one start with the series in 2021, at the Georgetown Speedway in October. Since then, Lattomus has moved into a family operation and has been finding the limits of a sprint car. With some solid top ten runs early, coupled with two major flips at the Bridgeport Speedway, and at the Port Royal Speedway in early April. The team debuted a new XXX chassis at the Selinsgrove speedway and has been building speed in the three races since the switch.

Briggs Danner came away with two runner-up finishes, which while disappointing for the six time feature winner, ended up being a consistent building block toward the team working for their first career series championship.

Third place was a nice rebound for Kyle Spence following a mid-pack effort thanks to contact with the wall on Friday night at the Williams Grove Speedway. The 600 sprint ace has been re-learning the ropes behind the wheel of a sprint car, following a season long absence in 2021. Spence racked up the top ten runs in his rookie year in 2020, en route to a top ten points run.

Carmen Perigo had yet another solid run inside the top five of the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Series, but, unfortunately, was not able to grace victory lane yet again. Perigo has been all over the top five in recent years, and his first victory will no doubt come. Look for Perigo to be in action in both the sprint car and Silver Crown series car this coming week during Eastern Storm.

Rounding out the top five was Nash Ely, who no doubt utilized home track advantage on Saturday at the Lincoln Speedway. Ely has shifted focus from being a full time competitor with the wing off, to competing weekly with the wing on, running 358 sprint cars weekly at Williams Grove and Lincoln. Despite the winged events outnumbering the wingless ones in 2022 for Ely, he found himself with a great top five effort on Saturday after damage from heavy contact with the wall Friday at Williams Grove ended a top ten run for the team.

Up next is a very long and extended break for the series as multiple teams and drivers will be running next week's USAC National Sprint Car Series annual "Eastern Storm" drivers Briggs Danner, Alex Bright, Steven Drevicki, Joey Amantea, Kenny Miller lll, and Carmen Perigo will be in action, along with part time and former series drivers Tim Buckwalter and Austin Graby. While USAC EC teams for Tim Hogue and his 39 car, as well as the Chris Dyson #20, will be in action with hired guns from the Midwest behind the wheel.

The series will return to action on July 4th weekend, with a return visit to the Bridgeport Speedway in Swedesboro, NJ as a great way to kick off the holiday weekend. Until then, stay tuned to our social media pages for news, photos, and much more throughout the rest of the season!

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE RESULTS: June 4, 2022 – Lincoln Speedway – Abbottstown, Pennsylvania

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kody Swanson (#20K Dyson) (2), 2. Briggs Danner (#5G Heffner) (5), 3. Carmen Perigo (#21 Stehman) (6), 4. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki) (4), 5. Troy Fraker (#12w Fraker) (1), 6. Tommy Kunsman (#21K Kunsman) (3), 7. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter) (7). NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kenny Miller III (#23m Miller) (2), 2. Preston Lattomus (#23B Lattomus) (1), 3. Ed Aikin (#7 Aikin) (3), 4. Aidan Borden (#7B Borden) (5), 5. Colin White (#90 White) (4), 6. Billy Ney (#83s Ney) (6). NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer) (4), 2. Kyle Spence (#22 Betts) (5), 3. Nash Ely (#3BC Franckowiak) (2), 4. Christian Bruno (#17 Bruno) (3), 5. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry) (6), 6. John Fraker (#42 Fraker) (7), 7. Michael Smith (#76 Savage) (1). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Preston Lattomus (4), 2. Briggs Danner (8), 3. Kyle Spence (2), 4. Carmen Perigo (3), 5. Nash Ely (1), 6. Kenny Miller III (6), 7. Ed Aikin (5), 8. Steven Drevicki (10), 9. Christian Bruno (12), 10. Tommy Kunsman (16), 11. Alex Bright (7), 12. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (19), 13. Colin White (14), 14. Jason Cherry (15), 15. Aidan Borden (11), 16. Mike Smith (20), 17. Troy Fraker (13), 18. Billy Ney (17), 19. Kody Swanson (9), 20. John Fraker (18). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1-2 Nash Ely, Laps 3-11 Carmen Perigo, Laps 12-18 Kyle Spence, Laps 19-25 Preston Lattomus.

VAHLCO WHEELS HARD CHARGER: Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (19th to 12th)

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-668, 2-Alex Bright-610, 3-Steven Drevicki-562, 4-Joey Amantea-474, 5-Preston Lattomus-358, 6-Bruce Buckwalter Jr.-345, 7-Jason Cherry-289, 8-Carmen Perigo-243, 9-Kyle Spence-231, 10-Mike Thompson-230.

NEXT USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE: June 30, 2022 – Orange County Fair Speedway – Middletown, New York

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PHOTO FINISH! BRIGHT BESTS DANNER BY .030 FOR WILLIAMS GROVE VICTORY

By: Nick Fillman – USAC East Coast Sprint Cars

Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania (June 8, 2022)……Alex Bright of Collegeville, Pa. was able to narrowly secure his fourth feature event win of the 2022 Rapid Tire Services, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series, presented by Capitol Renegade season in dramatic fashion over Briggs Danner by a mere .030!

In the series third of three visits to the speedway this season, rookie driver to the track Colin White, and veteran driver Carmen Perigo lead the field to green for the first USAC East Coast feature event to be contested in 33 days.

Carmen Perigo took the lead early on the high side of the speedway with drivers fanning out three-wide using the top, bottom, and middle of the speedway early in the feature event. The two drivers who had been putting on an early drive to the front were seventh place starter Alex Bright, and Mark Smith who had been using the bottom side of the speedway to cut themselves into the top five early on.

Kenny Miller lll went for a spin in turns one and two at the completion of lap number two in the feature event, drawing the first caution of the night, and bunching the field together for the ensuing restart.

Carmen Perigo retained the race lead on the restart with White holding onto second. Alex Bright had moved his way into the third place position by lap four of the feature event, taking second away on lap six.

Meanwhile, early mover Mark Smith fell back on the restart and lost a number of positions and was battling at the tail end of the top ten with Briggs Danner who after struggling early was finding his rhythm and picking up cars on his way forward.

Christian Bruno was making the bottom side of the speedway work extremely well, retaining his position inside the top five and moving into third as the field hit the ten lap mark of the feature.

The speedway had its typical Williams Grove lines as the bottom of turns one and two were the place to be for the majority of the field early on, while the top was dominant in three and four. Unless you were Alex Bright and Carmen Perigo who were battling for the race lead on the high side of the speedway.

Bright utilized a massive run off turn four to throw the slide job on Perigo for the race lead at the completion of lap ten of the feature event and officially take the lead on lap eleven.

As the field reached the halfway point of the feature event Bright was the race leader, Christian Bruno had worked his way by Carmen Perigo utilizing the catfish line on the extreme bottom side of the speedway, with Briggs Danner blasting the top side of the speedway on both ends and moving into fourth, with Steven Drevicki rounding out the top five.

Bruno continued to execute perfectly on the bottom side of the speedway and was closing in on the race leader Alex Bright in lapped traffic as Bright was floundering some on the high side of the speedway.

Bruce Buckwalter lost brakes aboard the 83 entry and was slowing to enter the pit area in turns one and two when rookie driver Bobby Butler made contact with the slowing Buckwalter machine and spun to a stop in turn one. This drew the second caution flag of the night and bunching the field together for one last dash to the finish.

Bright, using the high side refocused and rest, and pulled away from Bruno who refused to leave the bottom side of the speedway. Briggs Danner found his feature time gear and began to pick off the remaining cars in front of him working by Drevicki, then to the outside of Bruno on lap twenty-one and set his sights on the leaders Bright.

Danner had enough for Bright and on lap twenty-four drew in on the tail tank of the Hummer Motorsports 20 and threw a massive slide job on the race leader heading into turns one and two. Bright didn't miss a beat, and immediately turned the car underneath Danner, stuck his foot to the floor and drove back by Danner off turn two and down the backstretch.

As the lead duo entered turn three Bright dove to the bottom to protect the slider attempt of Danner, with Danner darting to the top before cutting the wheel and making a diamond move off the corner to get under Bright as the two exited four. Both drivers on the throttle, skating back and forth to the line the entirety of the front-stretch, with Bright just barely keeping the nose ahead of the Heffner Racing 5G to score his second straight win at Williams Grove over Danner, Bruno, Drevicki, and Mark Smith.

Alex Bright has been busy despite the series being off for nearly a month. Following a successful Eastern Storm with two runner-up finishes, Bright grabbed a non-wing win at the I-55 Speedway only a few weeks ago. Since Lou Cicconi has come on board as the head crew chief of the Hummer Motorsports 20, they have been smooth and consistent, just as they were last year. Bright explained that he is a driver that needs the "Carrot on the stick" and while leading lost his aggressiveness, allowing Danner to close in late.

Briggs Danner is another driver who stayed busy during the off time and had a successful Eastern Storm, topped with a runner up finish at the Grandview Speedway. Danner struggled in his heat race, securing the final points inversion spot, and took most of the feature event to find his way to the front. Once Danner found the line he wanted, and the car wanted, he was the fastest car on track and cut through the top five with ease. Unfortunately, it was a case of too little, too late, for Danner and the Heffner Racing South team.

Finishing out the podium was recent high school graduate Christian Bruno. Bruno picked up a pair of 600 sprint victories in the off weeks, including a $1, 000 payday on Wednesday heading into Williams Grove. While the driver has had podiums with the series before, Friday night was without a doubt the strongest the team has looked in their entirety with the series. Bruno was challenging Bright late in the feature event but could not get the car to react on the high side of the speedway.

Fourth on the field was former series champion Steven Drevicki, who continues to have a fantastic rebound year following an extremely difficult and challenging 2021 season. Drevicki sits solidly in third place behind Danner and Bright, and no doubt will end up picking up a feature event victory before the season is over.

If you talk to Mark Smith, he will tell you, "I don't know what I'm doing" or "I'm not a wingless guy" when talking about non-wing sprint car racing. However, he's not fooling a single person, especially with the USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series.

Mark had the dominant car at Williams Grove until a power steering failure late in the Gallagher Memorial race, picked up an Eastern Storm heat win at Port Royal, along with a solid Silver Crown Series run. The veteran driver was again paired up with legendary car owner Lou Cicconi and the two picked up a respectable top five run after starting ninth. Not bad for the self-proclaimed "not great" non-wing driver.

The series moves into a quick turnaround as all focus turns from the paperclip half-mile of Williams Grove to the tiny confines of Action Track USA for the first of two stops to the Kutztown, PA bull-ring on Wednesday, July 13th! Last season Briggs Danner picked up the inaugural win at the speedway. Look for many drivers to be pulling double duty on Wednesday night in both the USAC East Coast 360 division, along with the always entertaining wingless 600 sprints!

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE RESULTS: July 8, 2022 – Williams Grove Speedway – Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki) (1), 2. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer) (4), 3. Carmen Perigo (#21 Stehman) (3), 4. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter) (6), 5. Mark Smith (#75 Cicconi) (8), 6. Joey Amantea (#88J JPA) (9), 7. Kenny Miller III (#23m Miller) (10), 8. Billy Ney (#83s Ney) (5), 9. Troy Fraker (#12w Fraker) (2). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Tommy Kunsman (#21K Kunsman) (2), 2. Christian Bruno (#17 Bruno) (3), 3. Colin White (#90 White) (4), 4. Briggs Danner (#5G Heffner) (5), 5. Ed Aikin (#7 Aikin) (9), 6. Preston Lattomus (#23B Lattomus) (8), 7. Chris Allen Jr. (#71 Allen) (6), 8. Steve Wilbur (#59 Wilbur) (7), 9. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry) (1), 10. Aidan Borden (#7B Borden) (10). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Alex Bright (7), 2. Briggs Danner (8), 3. Christian Bruno (4), 4. Steven Drevicki (6), 5. Mark Smith (9), 6. Ed Aikin (10), 7. Joey Amantea (11), 8. Kenny Miller III (13), 9. Carmen Perigo (2), 10. Preston Lattomus (12), 11. Colin White (1), 12. Jason Cherry (18), 13. Tommy Kunsman (3), 14. Troy Fraker (17), 15. Steve Wilbur (16), 16. Aidan Borden (20), 17. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (5), 18. Bobby Butler (#75x Cicconi) (19), 19. Chris Allen Jr. (14), 20. Billy Ney (15). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 Carmen Perigo, Laps 11-25 Alex Bright.

VAHLCO WHEELS HARD CHARGERS: Alex Bright (7th to 1st), Briggs Danner (8th to 2nd) & Jason Cherry (18th to 12th).

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-740, 2-Alex Bright-687, 3-Steven Drevicki-631, 4-Joey Amantea-529, 5-Christian Bruno-413, 6-Preston Lattomus-404, 7-Bruce Buckwalter Jr.-379, 8-Jason Cherry-329, 9-Carmen Perigo-295, 10-Billy Ney-250.

NEXT USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE: July 13, 2022 – Action Track USA – Kutztown, Pennsylvania

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IT'S ALLEN'S TOWN AT ACTION TRACK USA

By: Nick Fillman – USAC ECSC

Kutztown, Pennsylvania (August 3, 2022)……Chris Allen Jr. scored the first of two feature and returned to USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series Victory lane for the first time in four years during Wednesday night's Rapid Tire USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series Presented by Capitol Renegade action at Kutztown, Pennsylvania's Action Track USA.

For the Wrightstown, N.J. native, it was his first victory since the series' sophomore year of action in 2018 at the Delaware International Speedway.

Allen and Aidan Borden led the field to green for the first feature event of the night, which was a previously postponed 30-lap event from July 13.

Borden quickly got to the race lead with Allen in second, and numerous cars battling hard for position just inside the top ten, with Briggs Danner leading the charge from his ninth place starting spot.

Borden led the first 17 laps of the feature event before an extremely hard charging Colin White made his move to the inside of Aidan Borden and began his quest for his first career victory.

Briggs Danner followed along in the tire tracks of Colin White moving through the field and worked his way into the third place spot after a number of slide jobs were exchanged between Danner and Mike Thompson.

Colin White looked to have things under control in the feature event until the field passed by the flag stand on lap 27. As white entered turn one and two, he lost the handle in front of the field and nearly spun to a stop. White worked his way down the banking, but allowed Chris Allen, who had held off the charges of Briggs Danner, to take the race lead down the back straightaway.

White regained his composure and mounted a late attack on Allen entering turns three and four for the final time, throwing a monster slide job on Allen for the race lead out of four. White made heavy contact with the outside wall leaving the car with heavy damage and allowing Allen to dive back underneath to come to the line first and collect his second career victory.

Briggs Danner managed a second place effort, despite knocking the W-Link out of his 5G entry, over Billy Pauch Jr, White holding on for fourth, and Aidan Borden.

In the second, regularly scheduled feature event, Chris Allen Jr again lead the field to green, with Mark Smith to his outside on the front row of the feature event. Allen worked his way to the race lead, with veteran Mark Smith quickly chasing the recent feature winner.

The fastest car on the track early on in the feature event was that of veteran driver Carmen Perigo Jr as he would work his way by Smith and eventually by Allen for the race lead.

Mark Smith and Billy Pauch Jr made contact early on in the feature event, sending both into a spin cycle in turns three and four, and putting both to the rear of the field. Perigo would remain the race leader, after a bit of caution fever, with Briggs Danner and an extremely fast Alex Bright working their way into the top five, and eventually into the top three as they began to draw in on the leader Carmen Perigo.

Bright, Danner and Perigo would take turns throwing slide jobs on each other and bouncing off the walls of Action Track USA, even coming off of turn four three wide for the race lead, with Danner making significant contact with Perigo sending him into the wall on the front stretch but keeping the car under power.

Danner ended up with a two to three car length advantage as the field took the two to go signal, with Alex Bright left watching in the distance as Danner pulled away and collected his seventh win of the 2022 season.

Bright held on for second despite a souring engine that developed around five to go, with Carmen Perigo in third, Steven Drevicki and impressive fourth, and Mike Thompson rounding out the top five.

Unfortunately, a number of drivers were met with tough luck on Wednesday night as Joey Amantea blew an engine during the first feature event leaving him unable to start the second. Likewise, Colin White and Bobby Butler were also unable to make the second feature event that they had been qualified for putting alternates Austin Graby, Eric Jennings and Brenden Hires into the starting field.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE RESULTS: July 13 & August 3, 2022 – Action Track USA – Kutztown, Pennsylvania

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter) (1), 2. Aidan Borden (#7B Borden) (2), 3. Chris Allen Jr. (#71 Allen) (5), 4. Billy Pauch Jr. (#39 Hogue) (6), 5. Carmen Perigo (#21 Stehman) (8), 6. Ed Aikin (#7 Aikin) (7), 7. Jonathan Swanson (#17J Swanson) (3), 8. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry) (4). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Bobby Butler (#75x Cicconi) (1), 2. Tommy Kunsman (#21K Kunsman) (2), 3. Joey Amantea (#88J JPA) (3), 4. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer) (8), 5. Kenny Miller III (#23m Miller) (7), 6. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki) (5), 7. Preston Lattomus (#23B Lattomus) (4), 8. Christian Bruno (#17 Bruno) (6). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (#5G Heffner) (7), 2. Colin White (#90 White) (6), 3. Mike Thompson (#11 Thompson) (3), 4. Brian Spencer (#62 Spencer) (1), 5. Eric Jennings (#16cw Jennings) (4), 6. Michael Nolf (#57 Nolf) (8), 7. David Swanson (#117 Swanson) (2), 8. Mark Smith (#75 Cicconi) (5). NT

SEMI: (12 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Preston Lattomus (5), 2. Steven Drevicki (2), 3. Christian Bruno (8), 4. Ed Aikin (1), 5. Jonathan Swanson (4), 6. Michael Nolf (3), 7. Jason Cherry (7), 8. David Swanson (6), 9. Mark Smith (9). NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Chris Allen Jr. (1), 2. Briggs Danner (8), 3. Billy Pauch Jr. (10), 4. Colin White (3), 5. Aidan Borden (2), 6. Mike Thompson (4), 7. Alex Bright (11), 8. Carmen Perigo (13), 9. Christian Bruno (18), 10. Preston Lattomus (16), 11. Tommy Kunsman (5), 12. Ed Aikin (19), 13. Steven Drevicki (17), 14. Brian Spencer (12), 15. Eric Jennings (15), 16. Kenny Miller III (14), 17. Bobby Butler (9), 18. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (6), 19. Joey Amantea (7), 20. Jonathan Swanson (20). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-17 Aidan Borden, Laps 18-27 Colin White, Laps 28-30 Chris Allen Jr.

VAHLCO WHEELS HARD CHARGERS: Christian Bruno (18th to 9th)

LAST CAR RUNNING AWARD: Brian Spencer

NEXT USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE: August 5, 2022 – Bloomsburg Fair Raceway – Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania

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DANNER DIGS IN TO WIN SECOND TWIN 30 AT ACTION TRACK USA

By: Nick Fillman – USAC East Coast Sprint Cars

Kutztown, Pennsylvania (August 3, 2022)……Briggs Danner captured the second leg of split 30-lap feature events for the Rapid Tire USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series Presented by Capitol Renegade Kutztown, Pennsylvania's Action Track USA.

Chris Allen Jr., winner of the first feature of the night, again led the field to green with Mark Smith to his outside on the front row of the feature event. Allen worked his way to the race lead with veteran Mark Smith quickly chasing the recent feature winner.

The fastest car on the track early on in the feature event was that of veteran driver Carmen Perigo as he would work his way by Smith and eventually by Allen for the race lead.

Mark Smith and Billy Pauch Jr. made contact early on in the feature event, sending both into a spin cycle in turns three and four, and putting both to the rear of the field. Perigo remained the race leader after a bit of caution fever with Briggs Danner and an extremely fast Alex Bright working their way into the top five and eventually into the top three as they began to draw in on the leader Carmen Perigo.

Bright, Danner and Perigo took turns throwing slide jobs on each other and bouncing off the walls of Action Track USA, even coming off of turn four three wide for the race lead with Danner making significant contact with Perigo sending him into the wall on the front stretch but keeping the car under power.

Danner ended up with a two to three car length advantage as the field took the two to go signal, with Alex Bright left watching in the distance as Danner pulled away and collected his seventh win of the 2022 season.

Bright held on for second despite a souring engine that developed around five to go, with Carmen Perigo in third, Steven Drevicki and impressive fourth, and Mike Thompson rounding out the top five.

Unfortunately, a number of drivers were met with tough luck on Wednesday night as Joey Amantea blew an engine during the first feature event leaving him unable to start the second. Likewise, Colin White and Bobby Butler were also unable to make the second feature event that they had been qualified for putting alternates: Austin Graby, Eric Jennings and Brenden Hires into the starting field.

Rookie driver Austin Graby worked his way solidly into the top ten finishing a respectable eighth place, with fellow rookie Brenden Hires following along and ending up eleventh.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE RESULTS: August 3, 2022 – Action Track USA – Kutztown, Pennsylvania

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Mike Thompson (#11 Thompson) (1), 2. Carmen Perigo (#21 Stehman) (3), 3. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki) (4), 4. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer) (6), 5. Christian Bruno (#17 Bruno) (5), 6. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter) (8), 7. Michael Nolf (#57 Nolf) (7), 8. Billy Pauch Jr. (#39 Hogue) (2). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (#5G Heffner) (4), 2. Kenny Miller III (#23m Miller) (1), 3. Chris Allen Jr. (#71 Allen) (8), 4. Preston Lattomus (#23B Lattomus) (3), 5. Bobby Butler (#75x Cicconi) (6), 6. Austin Graby (#87 Graby) (5), 7. Brenden Hires (#27x Hires) (7), 8. Eric Jennings (#16cw Jennings) (2). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Joey Amantea (#88J JPA) (3), 2. Mark Smith (#75 Cicconi) (2), 3. Tommy Kunsman (#21K Kunsman) (4), 4. Colin White (#90 White) (7), 5. Brian Spencer (#62 Spencer) (1), 6. Ed Aikin (#7 Aikin) (5), 7. Aidan Borden (#7B Borden) (6). NT

SEMI: (12 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Billy Pauch Jr. (7), 2. Ed Aikin (3), 3. Michael Nolf (4), 4. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (1), 5. Aidan Borden (6), 6. Austin Graby (2), 7. Eric Jennings (8), 8. Brenden Hires (5). NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (8), 2. Alex Bright (9), 3. Carmen Perigo (4), 4. Steven Drevicki (7), 5. Mike Thompson (3), 6. Kenny Miller III (6), 7. Preston Lattomus (10), 8. Austin Graby (18), 9. Ed Aikin (14), 10. Mark Smith (2), 11. Brenden Hires (20), 12. Tommy Kunsman (5), 13. Eric Jennings (19), 14. Chris Allen Jr. (1), 15. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (16), 16. Brian Spencer (12), 17. Aidan Borden (17), 18. Billy Pauch Jr. (13), 19. Christian Bruno (11), 20. Michael Nolf (15). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-16 Chris Allen Jr., Laps 17-26 Carmen Perigo, Laps 27-30 Briggs Danner.

VAHLCO WHEELS HARD CHARGERS: Austin Graby (18th to 8th)

LAST CAR RUNNING AWARD: Eric Jennings

NEXT USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE: August 5, 2022 – Bloomsburg Fair Raceway – Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania

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AMANTEA THRILLS AT SELINSGROVE, SCORES FIRST CAREER USAC EAST COAST VICTORY

By: Nick Fillman – USAC ECSC

Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania (August 6, 2022)……Joey Amantea of Mount Pocono, PA, prevailed in a thrilling four car battle for the win at the big half mile of Selinsgrove Speedway, to collect his first career Rapid Tire Services, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series, Presented by Capitol Renegade victory.

Mike Thompson and Christian Bruno lead the field to the green flag for the twenty lap feature event at, with Thompson getting the early jump on Bruno for the race lead. As the duo ran nose to tail down the back straightaway, Christian Bruno's car began to show more smoke than it did in the heat race and slowed to a stop out of turn four and bring out the yellow at the completion of lap one.

As the field went back to green, Thompson lead over his close friend and fierce competitor Joey Amantea as they began their battle for the lead in the feature event. Behind the lead duo, Briggs Danner was quickly moving through the field from his sixth place starting spot but locked in a heavily contested battle with Steven Drevicki for third, with Alex Bright following along battling with Ed Aikin for fifth.

Amantea threw his first slider attempt for the lead on lap five of the feature event in turns three and four, but Thompson was able to tap the brake and cut underneath Amantea to retain the race lead as the leaders rocketed down the front stretch and back into turns one and two.

Danner competed the pass on Drevicki and moved into third on lap six of the feature event but had a bit of distance to catch up to the lead duo of Thompson and Amantea. Alex Bright had moved by Ed Aikin to take fifth, and eventually by Drevicki to take the fourth place position, trying to stay in contact with Danner.

Just passed the halfway point, Amantea again made his attempt at a slider for the lead with Thompson getting back by, and now, Briggs Danner making his presence known as there was a three car battle for the race lead as the leaders began to catch a few lapped cars at the tail end of the field.

The three leaders were nose to tail as the laps wound down and the five to go signal loomed ever closer on the horizon. On lap fourteen, Amantea again threw the big slide job into turns one and two to try and take the lead away from Thompson. Amantea made contact, right rear to left front, and took the race lead away from Thompson. Thompson jumped on the brakes and slid above the cushion, allowing Danner to move into second with Thompson regaining his composure and holding onto third before Bright could get by.

With only a handful of laps to go, Preston Lattomus nearly contacted the outside wall in turns three and four, forcing Amantea to check up slightly, and Danner as well missing his line through the middle, nearly spinning around in the middle of turns three and four. Amantea was able to establish a multi car-length race lead over Danner as the two to go signal was about to be thrown at the flag stand.

As the field took the two to go signal at the flag stand, it quickly turned to yellow as Mike Smith spun to a stop on the inside of turns one and two, drawing only the second caution flag of the night in the feature event.

The lead for Amantea was erased and gone, and the pressure was on with the most successful driver on the series trail in second vying for his eighth win of the season. Alex Bright unfortunately suffered overheating issues aboard his Hummer Motorsports entry and pulled off the speedway ending his night.

Amantea nailed the restart and pulled away from Danner, but only slightly as the duo came around to take the white flag. Danner remained in second, with Thompson solidly in third, with Steven Drevicki and Ed Aikin battling for fourth and fifth with only one lap to go.

Try as he might, Danner was never able to get close enough to attempt a pass for the race lead as "The Big Show" Joey Amantea went on to collect his first career USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series win over Briggs Danner, Mike Thompson, Steven Drevicki, and Ed Aikin.

The win for Amantea was not much of a surprise as the JPA Racing team has been incredibly fast all season long. The Amantea team, coupled with 2021 Championship winning crew chief Brian Zyck, has left the team with multiple top three runs this season knocking on the door of a win all year long. Amantea was strong on Wednesday night at Action Track USA, before unfortunately blowing an engine in the first feature event. Amantea and team made a last minute purchase of a 360 engine in PA, put it in the car Friday morning to race at Bloomsburg, and now found their way into victory lane. An impressive feat for any team, let alone to go on and collect their first ever win.

Briggs Danner came into Selinsgrove as the only winner with the series at the speedway in 2022, and on the heels of a second place, and first place run at Action Track USA on Wednesday. Danner and team dominated their heat race for the victory by nearly a straightaway. Danner yet again had a solid consistent run but just didn't have enough to get by Amantea for the win, a rarity for the Heffner Enterprises South team in 2022.

Hat shake of the night no doubt belonged to Mike Thompson. Thompson came into Selinsgrove off of a fifth and sixth place run at Action Track USA where he was battling all night long inside the top five. Thompson lead the first fourteen laps of the feature event and came home with an extremely respectable third place effort. Thompson appears to be yet another driver who is knocking on the door of his first career USAC East Coast victory, possibly before the season is done.

Steven Drevicki is continuing his consistency season in 2022, with yet another top five run. An up and down pair of features at Action Track USA, with a better run in the second event, propelled Drevicki to a solid run at Selinsgrove to continue to solidify his place inside the top three in points. Drevicki was locked in a pair of intense battles during the feature event at Selinsgrove. First with long time competitor in the midget, and now sprint car ranks Alex Bright, and then late with Ed Aikin. While Drevicki has yet to find victory in 2022, there are plenty of tracks left where Drevicki has been a winner on the 2022 series trail.

Rounding out the top five with another great big track run was Ed Aikin. Akin was not quite up to his usual finishing spots on Wednesday night at Action Track USA, but Saturday night was more of what we have been used to seeing out of Aikin and team. Aikin has also now moved into fourth place in points, locked in competition with Joey Amantea for the las two positions inside the top five.

Hard luck on the night belonged to Bruce Buckwalter Jr as the team fought engine issues all night long. Buckwalter and close friend Steven Drevicki worked hard all night long, pushing off the car multiple times to try and remedy the engine/electrical issues they were battling. Unfortunately, it was not to be on Saturday night as the team could not find and solve the issue. Hopefully Buckwalter and team will have their issues figured out for their next event.

Up next for the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series is a triple header of events in PA! Thursday August 18th a return trip to the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds Raceway, followed by the first ever series event at the Clinton County Fair Speedway on Friday the 19th. Finally, the weekend will conclude with the second and final trip of the year to the always entertaining Port Royal Speedway on August 20th.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE RESULTS: August 6, 2022 – Selinsgrove Speedway – Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (#5G Heffner) (1), 2. Joey Amantea (#88J JPA) (7), 3. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki) (4), 4. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer) (5), 5. Preston Lattomus (#23B Lattomus) (2), 6. Austin Graby (#87 Graby) (3), 7. Richy Carnathan (#64 Carnathan) (6). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Ed Aikin (#7 Aikin) (2), 2. Christian Bruno (#17 Bruno) (1), 3. Mike Thompson (#11 Thompson) (6), 4. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry) (3), 5. Michael Smith (#76 Savage) (5), 6. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter) (4). NT

FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Joey Amantea (3), 2. Briggs Danner (6), 3. Mike Thompson (1), 4. Steven Drevicki (5), 5. Ed Aikin (4), 6. Preston Lattomus (9), 7. Austin Graby (11), 8. Jason Cherry (8), 9. Mike Smith (10), 10. Alex Bright (7), 11. Richy Carnathan (12), 12. Christian Bruno (2). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-14 Mike Thompson, Laps 15-20 Joey Amantea.

VAHLCO WHEELS HARD CHARGERS: Briggs Danner (6th to 2nd) & Austin Graby (11th to 7th).

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-968, 2-Alex Bright-864, 3-Steven Drevicki-805, 4-Joey Amantea-645, 5-Kenny Miller III-592, 6-Preston Lattomus-565, 7-Christian Bruno-535, 8-Bruce Buckwalter Jr.-453, 9-Mike Thompson-427, 10-Carmen Perigo-419.

NEXT USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE: August 18, 2022 – Bloomsburg Fair Raceway – Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania

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DANNER WINS EIGHTH OF THE SEASON AT BLOOMSBURG

By: Nick Fillman – USAC East Coast Sprint Cars

Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania (August 18, 2022)……Briggs Danner of Allentown, PA picked up his series leading eighth win of the year in Rapid Tire Services, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series, Presented by Capitol Renegade action, at the Bloomsburg Fair Raceway.

Aidan Borden and Mark Smith brought the 17-car starting field to green for the 25-lap feature event, with Smith getting the drop on Borden and moving into the lead early on. Within the first handful of laps the fastest car on the move was that of Steven Drevicki who had worked his way into the runner up position behind Mark Smith early on in the event.

Briggs Danner and Alex Bright, who started sixth and fifth on the field were locked in a tight battle as the two were virtually tied together as they worked their methodically picked off cars at the front of the field. Joey Amantea held onto third, with Danner and Bright all over Amantea with an intense three car battle for the third position, before the trio worked around the 19 of Steven Drevicki.

The top five of the field were running extremely close together, within the same corner, for multiple laps early on. Mark Smith remained the leader with Danner, Bright, Amantea, and Drevicki rounding out the top five. Amantea had slapped the outside wall in turn one around lap six and had lost some ground on the front trio of cars but still was within striking distance with Drevicki on his bumper.

Briggs Danner moved into the second position behind Mark Smith by lap six and ultimately took the race lead as the field worked their way off the corner to lap number eight. From there, Danner put a ton of distance on the field and began to

pull away, with Alex Bright fighting hard to work his way through the remaining cars in front of him and try to reel in Danner.

Bright had worked his way into the third place position by lap 12, and eventually, into the runner up spot on lap 14, leaving him with just nine laps to try and reel Danner in, who was caught up in heavy, heavy, side by side lapped traffic. Mark Smith held third, with Joey Amantea glued to the rear bumper of the Lou Cicconi 75, and Steven Drevicki holding strong at the tail end of the top five. The top five of the feature event field were absolutely gone compared to the rest of the field, having nearly a full straightaway over the six place runner.

Danner was still locked in heavy lapped traffic, which allowed Bright to close in significantly, and eventually ending up in the same corner with Danner with only a handful of laps left to go. Meanwhile, Joey Amantea had worked his way by Mark Smith on lap 21, to retake the third position. Try as he might, without a caution Amantea stood no chance at catching the lead duo who had separated themselves from the rest of the field.

Danner was still working his way through lapped traffic at the two to go signal, and Bright was absolutely flying as he drew in on the back bumper of the Heffner Racing 5G entry. Any mistake by Danner would no doubt have led to Bright taking the race lead.

As the field made their way by the white, and ultimately to the checkered flag, coming within a car length is all Bright could do as Briggs Danner collected his second win of the season at the Bloomsburg Fair Raceway. Bright with an impressive drive from nearly a straightaway back to finish second, Amantea, Mark Smith, and Steven Drevicki rounding out the top five.

The win for Danner comes off of what could be called a bit of a dry spell for the Heffner Enterprises South team, as Danner had only picked up one win in the last three races. While Danner still finished second in both of those events he did not win, more drivers in the field are showing their speed and making things even tougher on the top two drivers in the field.

While the wins certainly have not been the same as last year for Alex Bright and the Hummer Motorsports Team, they have been plugging away working their best to try and get back to victory lane. Mechanical issues at the Selinsgrove Speedway ended their night early, but at the Bloomsburg Speedway, making a debut in a brand new XXX Chassis, Bright and team looked like the team of last year. Bright picked up the heat race number two victory and was incredibly fast in the feature event. Had Bright been able to pick through the top five on pace with Danner, the battle to the finish might have been even closer than it already ended up being.

Joey Amantea kept his speed rolling as the Mount Pocono, PA driver was at what is his home track on the 2022 season. Following a feature win at the Selinsgrove Speedway, Amantea picked up the fourth and final transfer spot into the inversion in dramatic fashion passing Mike Thompson on the outside coming to the checkered flag. Amantea was bouncing the right rear of his 88J entry off the wall on both ends of the speedway, but kept the car on all fours, and picked up a solid third place run.

Mark Smith was back in series action again at Bloomsburg after missing the event at Selinsgrove. Mark Smith, who can win with a wing on, on virtually any track, picked up a winged URC victory at Bloomsburg back in April. Smith loves the bull ring tracks like Bloomsburg and lead a portion of the feature event early on. Again, while Smith will try and say that he is not a non-wing driver, he continues to pick up solid top five and top ten runs each and every time out.

Steven Drevicki almost never even ran on Thursday night, after the team found some engine problems following the event at Selinsgrove. Luckily, the issue was nothing terminal and the team was back in action for Thursday night and picked up a respectable fifth place finish for their efforts.

Up next for the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series, presented by Capitol Renegade is the first ever trip in series history to the Clinton County Speedway, Tonight! Friday, August 19th, before rounding out the Triple Header weekend on Saturday the 20th at the always entertaining Port Royal Speedway.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE RESULTS: August 18, 2022 – Bloomsburg Fair Raceway – Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (#5G Heffner) (5), 2. Aidan Borden (#7B Borden) (3), 3. Mark Smith (#75 Cicconi) (4), 4. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki) (7), 5. Billy Ney (#83s Ney) (6), 6. J.T. Ferry (#18T Ferry) (1), 7. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry) (2), 8. John Fraker (#42 Fraker) (9), 9. Tylor Cochran (#19T Cochran) (8). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer) (1), 2. Eric Jennings (#16cw Jennings) (2), 3. Bobby Butler (#75x Cicconi) (4), 4. Joey Amantea (#88J JPA) (8), 5. Mike Thompson (#11 Thompson) (6), 6. Austin Graby (#87 Graby) (3), 7. Lee Kauffman (#96 Kauffman) (7), 8. Troy Fraker (#12w Fraker) (5). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (6), 2. Alex Bright (5), 3. Joey Amantea (3), 4. Mark Smith (2), 5. Steven Drevicki (4), 6. Aidan Borden (1), 7. Mike Thompson (10), 8. Eric Jennings (8), 9. J.T. Ferry (11), 10. Austin Graby (12), 11. Troy Fraker (16), 12. Jason Cherry (13), 13. Lee Kauffman (14), 14. Tylor Cochran (17), 15. John Fraker (15), 16. Billy Ney (9). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-7 Mark Smith, Laps 8-25 Briggs Danner.

VAHLCO WHEELS HARD CHARGERS: Briggs Danner (6th to 1st) & Troy Fraker (16th to 11th)

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-1046, 2-Alex Bright-939, 3-Steven Drevicki-868, 4-Joey Amantea-714, 5-Kenny Miller III-592, 6-Preston Lattomus-565, 7-Christian Bruno-535, 8-Mike Thompson-483, 9-Bruce Buckwalter Jr.-453, 10-Jason Cherry-425.

NEXT USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE: August 19, 2022 – Clinton County Speedway – Mill Hall, Pennsylvania

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FIRST EVER CLINTON COUNTY FEATURE GOES TO BRIGHT

By: Nick Fillman – USAC ECSC

Clinton County, Pennsylvania (August 20, 2022)……Alex Bright of Collegeville, Pa. picked up his fifth feature event win of the season at the Clinton County Speedway, in the Rapid Tire Services USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series Presented by Capitol Renegade debut at the 1/3 mile clay oval.

Colin White and Aidan Borden led the feature field to the green for the first ever series event at Clinton County Speedway with Mark Smith grabbing the initial lead and pulling away from the front row drivers of White and Borden.

Joey Amantea quickly found the bottom side of the speedway to his liking as he utilized the low line to move his way into the third position.

Two and three wide battles were commonplace from third position on back as Alex Bright, Briggs Danner and Steven Drevicki moved forward in the feature field, battling for position inside the top five.

On lap six of the feature event, Mark Smith slowed with a flat right rear tire just as Joey Amantea was diving to the bottom side for the lead, and Mike Thompson had just been slid for position by Alex Bright. While Smith rejoined the field after his time in the work area, this allowed Joey Amantea to have control of the feature field with Mike Thompson, Alex Bright, Steven Drevicki, Briggs Danner, and local 305 driver Tylor Cochran as the top five.

The ensuing restart was intense with driver all throughout the top five going two and three wide all the way around Clinton County Speedway. Alex Bright had an extremely well handling racecar and was able to get great runs off turn two into turn three and was gaining handfuls of time each lap on the leader Amantea. Ultimately, Bright moved to the outside of Amantea for the race lead at the completion of lap 10 and began his drive away from the field.

Amantea held onto second with Steven Drevicki and Briggs Danner quickly drawing in of the back of the 88J. At the halfway point of the feature event, Drevicki moved by Amantea to take second away with Danner trying to follow suit, but unable to get by initially. However, only a handful of laps later, Danner was able to work to the underside of the Amantea entry and secure the third position as Amantea began to fade in the feature event.

One of the fastest cars on the speedway was that of Tylor Cochran who was picking off cars left and right while marching his way to the front of the field from his ninth place starting spot. The Clinton County regular was slow rolling the bottom of the speedway keeping the car straight as an arrow and challenging some of the fastest cars the series has to offer.

The top three began to settle in and cruise as Bright began to battle lapped traffic in the closing stages of the feature event. Tylor Cochran continued his march forward and was able to move by Amantea into the fourth spot as well.

Meanwhile, at the tail end of the top ten, a fantastic battle raged on for the majority of the feature event between Ed Aikin and Colin White. The duo battled side by side lap after lap, eventually allowing Bruce Buckwalter Jr. to move into the picture and join the battle and forcing a three wide battle for position.

Just ahead of the battle between White, Aikin, and Buckwalter, another local 305 driver, Josh Beamer, had blasted his way through the field from his 15th place starting spot and was running a strong and impressive seventh.

Try as they might, Steven Drevicki nor Briggs Danner could make up enough time on leader Bright who went on to collect the first ever USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series event at Clinton County Speedway. Steven Drevicki, Briggs Danner, Tylor Cochran and Joey Amantea completed the top five.

While it may have looked like a “Friday Cruise” as Bright called it in victory lane, it was no easy feat. Bright and the Hummer Motorsports team have been fighting engine issues over the last three events despite switching cars, engines, and engine components. Bright explained that the engine was not running at full capacity but may actually have been a big benefit to help him maintain great speed through the slick corners of Clinton County.

More steps in the right direction continued for Steven Drevicki, following up his top five run at Bloomsburg with a respectable runner up result at Clinton County. While the majority of the series regulars do not have any laps around the speedway, Drevicki was one of a handful of drivers to have competed in an ARDC Midget event over a decade ago. Drevicki is more of a small track driver despite having wins at many different speedways on the series trail. The slick track played right into Drevicki’s favor and should a caution flag have been displayed, may have been able to take a shot at Bright for the lead.

Briggs Danner continued his incredible 2022 season, picking up a podium finish in his first ever start at the speedway. Danner has struggled with slick tracks over the last two seasons, but on Friday night, he was able to move forward and have a solid run to maintain a 101-point lead over Bright.

Fourth place was, without a doubt, the story of the night as local 305 driver Tylor Cochran came away with an impressive effort. Cochran made his first career start on Thursday at the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds to get some laps under his belt with no wing on the car and coupled his non wing practice with his experience at Clinton County Speedway to pick up a remarkable top five run.

Rounding out the top five was early race leader Joey Amantea. Amantea struggled late in the feature event with a very loose race car. Amantea went on to explain after the race that the right rear tire sealed over, leaving Joey skating around the slick of Clinton County Speedway, unable to get the car to get hooked up again in the remaining laps. Ultimately, Amantea was able to walk away from the speedway with a solid top five and continued to maintain his top four position in points.

Next up for the series is the second and final appearance of the USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series at Port Royal Speedway on Saturday, August 20 as a part of "Open Wheel Madness lll" featuring the 410 Sprint cars, PASS 305 Sprints, and the USAC East Coast Sprint Cars.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE RESULTS: August 19, 2022 – Clinton County Speedway – Mill Hall, Pennsylvania

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Mark Smith (#75 Cicconi) (1), 2. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer) (5), 3. Colin White (#90 White) (6), 4. Tommy Kunsman (#21K Kunsman) (8), 5. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter) (2), 6. Dakota Schweikart (#78c Schweikart) (4), 7. Dale Schweikart (#78 Schweikart) (3), 8. Troy Fraker (#12w Fraker) (7). NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Joey Amantea (#88J JPA) (6), 2. Briggs Danner (#5G Heffner) (1), 3. Mike Thompson (#11 Thompson) (4), 4. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry) (2), 5. Billy Ney (#83s Ney) (3), 6. Michael Smith (#76 Savage) (5), 7. Levi Brungard (#3 Brungard) (8), 8. J.T. Ferry (#18T Ferry) (7). NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki) (2), 2. Aidan Borden (#7B Borden) (6), 3. Tylor Cochran (#19T Cochran) (5), 4. Ed Aikin (#7 Aikin) (7), 5. Josh Beamer (#85 Beamer) (3), 6. Lee Kauffman (#96 Kauffman) (1), 7. Bobby Butler (#75x Cicconi) (4), 8. John Fraker (#42 Fraker) (8). NT

SEMI: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Bobby Butler (6), 2. Levi Brungard (5), 3. J.T. Ferry (8), 4. Dale Schweikart (4), 5. Troy Fraker (7), 6. Mike Smith (2), 7. John Fraker (9), 8. Dakota Schweikart (1), 9. Lee Kauffman (3). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Alex Bright (7), 2. Steven Drevicki (6), 3. Briggs Danner (8), 4. Tylor Cochran (9), 5. Joey Amantea (5), 6. Mike Thompson (4), 7. Josh Beamer (15), 8. Ed Aikin (12), 9. Colin White (1), 10. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (13), 11. Dale Schweikart (19), 12. Aidan Borden (2), 13. Bobby Butler (16), 14. Tommy Kunsman (10), 15. J.T. Ferry (18), 16. Billy Ney (14), 17. Troy Fraker (20), 18. Levi Brungard (17), 19. Mark Smith (3), 20. Jason Cherry (11). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-5 Mark Smith, Laps 6-9 Joey Amantea, Laps 10-25 Alex Bright.

**Dakota Schweikart flipped during the semi.

VAHLCO WHEELS HARD CHARGERS: Josh Beamer (15th to 7th)

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-1117, 2-Alex Bright-1016, 3-Steven Drevicki-943, 4-Joey Amantea-780, 5-Kenny Miller III-592, 6-Preston Lattomus-565, 7-Mike Thompson-544, 8-Christian Bruno-535, 9-Bruce Buckwalter Jr.-500, 10-Jason Cherry-453.

NEXT USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE: August 20, 2022 – Port Royal Speedway – Port Royal, Pennsylvania

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BRIGHT DOUBLES UP! COLLECTS SECOND WIN OF WEEKEND AT PORT ROYAL

By: Nick Fillman – USAC ECSC

Port Royal, Pennsylvania (August 20, 2022)……Alex Bright of Collegeville, PA picked up his sixth win of the season, and second on the weekend Saturday night at the Port Royal Speedway over a season high field of twenty-six competitors.

Lou Cicconi Racing teammates Bobby Butler and Mark Smith lead the field to green for the initial green flag on the twenty-five lap feature event, but immediately the caution flag was displayed as Bruce Buckwalter Jr spun to a stop in turns one and two.

Butler and Smith again lead the field to the second attempt at a full restart, with Smith getting the drop on Butler as the duo dove into turns three and four, as Smith worked his way by Butler to take the race lead at the completion of lap one. The biggest mover of the event was that of Alex Bright who utilized the extreme high side of the speedway in turns one and two and three & four to advance into the fourth place position with only one lap in the record books.

Bright began to pressure Mark Smith for the race lead down the back straightaway and took the lead out of turn four to lead at the completion of lap two. Bright immediately began to pull away from the field, with Steven Drevicki who had been utilizing the extreme low side of the speedway trying to keep pace with Bright and move through cars inside the top ten as well.

Drevicki and Smith ran side by side for a number of laps with Mark Smith running the middle side of the speedway, and Drevicki diving to the bottom lane of the Port Royal Speedway. As Smith and Drevicki dueled for position, Mike Thompson threw his hat into the ring early on in the feature event, and was right with the duo, taking third away from Drevicki early on in the feature event with only five laps down.

Drevicki eventually worked the bottom side of the speedway to perfection and moved by both Thompson and Smith to assume sole possession of the runner up spot on lap nine. Drevicki could now focus on leader Alex Bright who had assumed a massive lead over the rest of the field. Smith held strong in third, with Thompson, Kenny Miller, Aikin and Briggs Danner battling for position as the field searched for grip around the surface of the speedway.

Around the halfway point of the feature event, Kenny Miller lll worked his way to the inside of Mike Sith to take over the fourth place spot and try to catch Smith for third. Meanwhile, Briggs Danner had moved into the sixth place position but was lacking speed and not able to do anything with the Thompson machine directly in front of him lap after lap.

While most drivers ran the bottom or middle side of the speedway, Alex Bright kept the car straight as an arrow against the top side of the speedway setting a torrid pace over Drevicki and the rest of the field. Bright did contact the outside guardrail on more than one occasion, even making heavy contact in the middle of turns one and two. But Bright was able to maintain his massive advantage over Drevicki who continued to work on the bottom side of the speedway.

As the field came too and eventually passed the ten to go mark of the feature event, Briggs Danner found the outside of the speedway to his liking, in a similar line to that of race leader Alex Bright. Danner immediately began picking up a ton of momentum and quickly drew in on the back bumper of Mike Thompson for fifth, working by Thompson after a few slide jobs were exchanged, on lap nineteen.

Danner continued his march throwing caution to the wind as he also began to slap the right rear of the Heffner Racing 5G off the outside guardrail of the speedway, drawing in on Kenny Miller lll and Mark Smith who battled for position four with only a handful of laps remaining. Danner worked to the outside of Miller lll on lap twenty-three and tried to mount a charge on Mark Smith for third.

Bright held a commanding lead over Drevicki for the race lead. Drevicki had a comfortable lead over Smith for second, with Danner hunting the Cicconi 75 on the top side of the speedway at the white flag. Miller held onto the fifth place position over Mike Thompson who had lost contact with the top five of the field.

Try as they might, nobody had anything for Alex Bright as he cruised to his second win of the weekend, over Drevicki, Mark Smith who held on for third, Briggs Danner who blew a right rear tire coming off of turn four to the checkered flag, and Kenny Miller lll to close out the top five.

The three race weekend for Alex Bright and the Hummer Motorsports team was more of what the series saw from the team last year, and the pairing ended the weekend with a runner up finish, and two victories. Afterwards, Bright explained that he has “never felt more comfortable in a sprint car” since getting behind the wheel of the teams new Triple X chassis

on Thursday night at Bloomsburg. Perhaps a concerning notion for the rest of the field as Bright and team head to the Kokomo Speedway for Sprint Car Smackdown. Staying fresh before returning to the East Coast to round out the season.

Steven Drevicki is definitely known as a slick track specialist, and that was proven once again this weekend at Clinton County and Port Royal. With both surfaces being extremely slick, Drevicki was able to power his way to a pair of runner up finishes, and a top five at Bloomsburg. Drevicki explained that the team is still struggling some with their "In between" set ups. Meaning, when the track is not quite slick, and not hammer down and tacky, the team is lacking a bit more speed than they hoped. Look for Drevicki and team to keep digging as the season winds to a close.

Mark Smith came away from USAC East Coast competition yet again with another top five run aboard the Lou Cicconi 75 machine. Smith took a short break from the Cicconi team to pilot his own M1 entry, but since the pair have re-united, they have been as fast as ever. If not for a flat right rear tire on Friday night at Clinton County, perhaps the team could have had three straight top fives, or perhaps, even a spot on the podium.

While Steven Drevicki may be one of the best the series has on slick tracks, Briggs Danner and the Heffner Racing team are still looking to pad their notebook for the young driver as the speeds slow down and the tracks go away. A pair of top five runs, in the slick, may seem like a great way to end the weekend for any driver, but after amassing eight wins so far in 2022, the Heffner Racing team no doubt will be hungry to get back to victory lane.

Kenny Miller lll was scheduled to compete in all three events over the weekend, but a changing work schedule forced the family owned team, and young engineer, to only be able to attend Saturdays show at Port Royal. Miller and team picked up where they have all season long, with speed from start to finish, just not quite enough to pick up a podium or challenge for a win like the team found at the tail end of the 2020 season. Perhaps with the slower, weekend only schedule as the season rounds out, Miller and team will be able to hit a few more shows before the season concludes, and challenge for career victory number three.

Up next for the Rapid Tire USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series, Presented by Capitol Renegade is a return trip to the First State, on Friday September 2nd, to the Delaware International Speedway. The series makes its furthest trip south of the season on Saturday September 17th at the Winchester Speedway, before heading back to Delaware to the Georgetown Speedway for the series one and only appearance on September 30th.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE RESULTS: August 20, 2022 – Port Royal Speedway – Port Royal, Pennsylvania

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Mike Thompson (#11 Thompson) (3), 2. Kenny Miller III (#23m Miller) (5), 3. Ed Aikin (#7 Aikin) (2), 4. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki) (9), 5. Austin Graby (#87 Graby) (6), 6. Richy Carnathan (#64 Carnathan) (1), 7. David Swanson (#117 Swanson) (8), 8. Troy Fraker (#12w Fraker) (4), 9. Duane Nixon (#74 Nixon) (7). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer) (2), 2. Briggs Danner (#5G Heffner) (6), 3. Mark Smith (#75 Cicconi) (7), 4. Joe Toth (#39 Hogue) (4), 5. Jonathan Swanson (#17J Swanson) (5), 6. Tommy Kunsman (#21K Kunsman) (1), 7. J.T. Ferry (#18T Ferry) (8), 8. Lee Kauffman (#96 Kauffman) (3), 9. John Fraker (#42 Fraker) (9). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry) (2), 2. Bobby Butler (#75x Cicconi) (4), 3. Joey Amantea (#88J JPA) (5), 4. Aidan Borden (#7B Borden) (3), 5. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter) (6), 6. Preston Lattomus (#23B Lattomus) (7), 7. Eric Jennings (#16cw Jennings) (1), 8. Billy Ney (#83s Ney) (8). NT

SEMI: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Tommy Kunsman (2), 2. Eric Jennings (6), 3. Richy Carnathan (1), 4. Preston Lattomus (3), 5. David Swanson (4), 6. Lee Kauffman (8), 7. J.T. Ferry (5), 8. Troy Fraker (7), 9. John Fraker (11), 10. Duane Nixon (10), 11. Billy Ney (9). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Alex Bright (8), 2. Steven Drevicki (10), 3. Mark Smith (2), 4. Briggs Danner (9), 5. Kenny Miller III (5), 6. Mike Thompson (4), 7. Ed Aikin (6), 8. Joey Amantea (7), 9. Jason Cherry (3), 10. Aidan Borden (12), 11. Bobby Butler (1), 12. Preston Lattomus (19), 13. Eric Jennings (17), 14. Austin Graby (13), 15. Tommy Kunsman (16), 16. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (15), 17. Jonathan Swanson (14), 18. Joe Toth (11), 19. Richy Carnathan (18), 20. David Swanson (20), 21. Billy Ney (21). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Mark Smith, Laps 2-25 Alex Bright.

VAHLCO WHEELS HARD CHARGER: Steven Drevicki (10th to 2nd)

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-1185, 2-Alex Bright-1094, 3-Steven Drevicki-1015, 4-Joey Amantea-835, 5-Kenny Miller III-657, 6-Preston Lattomus-607, 7-Mike Thompson-607, 8-Bruce Buckwalter Jr.-535, 9-Christian Bruno-535, 10-Jason Cherry-507.

NEXT USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE: September 2, 2022 – Delaware International Speedway – Delmar, Delaware

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DELAWARE DOMINATION! DANNER SCORES 9TH OF SEASON IN DELMAR

By: Nick Fillman - USAC ECSC

Delmar, Delaware (September 2, 2022)……Briggs Danner of Allentown, PA added to his 2022 Rapid Tire Service, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series Point lead, and win total on Friday September 2nd, in dominating fashion.

Kyle Spence and Mike Thompson led the field to green for the twenty-five lap feature event, with Spence getting the early feature event lead away from Thompson. Quickly Briggs Danner was on the move from his eighth place starting spot, bringing second place in points driver Alex Bright along with him.

The first caution flag of the event flew on lap two, as Joey Amantea slowed to a stop in turns one and two. What initially looked like a harmless issue was quickly realized to be much more, as Amantea unfortunately had an engine expire only a few laps into the feature event.

The green flag was displayed for another short two lap dash before a driver making his first career start in a sprint car and with the USAC East Coast Series, Shawn Jackson, clipped the inside retaining wall, knocking the front end out of the Dave Betts 22B and ending their night.

Once again, the green flag was displayed with Spence leading, Thompson, Miller, Danner, and Bright back to the line with twenty-one laps remaining.

Unfortunately, yet again, the caution flag was thrown as Billy Ney now slowed with an issue out of turn four. Ney fought a plethora of issues all night long, slowing to a stop in hot laps, as well as his heat race, before yet another issue plagued Ney in the feature event.

The ensuing restart brought Briggs Danner to the tail tank of leader Spence, Danner had been the only driver who was utilizing the extreme high side of the speedway and picking off cars in extremely quick fashion compared to the rest of the field.

As the field returned to green flag action, Spence continued running the bottoms side of the speedway where he was much more comfortable, but it was not enough to hold off the advances of Danner who flew the outside of Spence to take the race lead after the completion of lap seven and be scored the race leader on lap eight.

From there, nobody on track had a thing for Danner as he blasted away from the field, by over a half track, and lapped drivers up into the top ten, as high as the eighth place position.

Alex Bright was able to methodically work his way up into the second place position, also utilizing the high side of the speedway, but the defending series champion and runner up in points thus far on tour, simply had nothing for Danner on this night as the team had to settle for a runner up finish.

Third place belonged to part time series driver Kyle Spence, who always is in action in the First State, his former home, and home of car owner Dave Betts. Spence started on the pole and lead laps early but settled in among the series best and came away with a podium run. Look for Spence to be in action with the series at the end of September as well, as the series returns to the Georgetown Speedway.

Fourth place went to former series winner at the speedway, Kenny Miller lll. Miller did not have a flashy night of racing but was able to collect yet another top five run. The part time driver in 2022, started third, and finished fourth, without giving up more positions to some of the fastest drivers in the field. Miller fought hard with Spence for third for a number of laps, along with holding off the advances of Mike Thompson for fifth.

Fifth place went to a driver who has been racking in the top five runs week after week, in the form of Mike Thompson. The driver continues to week-in and week-out consistently finish inside the top five. While the podium runs have not been as frugal as the team would like, nor have they cracked victory lane, the consistency for the Thompson team is more than there, and possibly with a little luck, the team will grab their first career win before the season is through.

Next up for the series is a return visit to the Winchester, VA Speedway on September 17th, where last season Damon Paul and Alex Bright were able to secure victories. With this being the first and only visit of the year to the speedway for the series, as well as being the first event with the series new handicapping points inversion, the stage could be set to see a new winner for the series, and possibly even a first time winner.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE RESULTS: September 2, 2022 – Delaware International Speedway – Delmar, Delaware

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki) (1), 2. Kyle Spence (#22 Betts) (4), 3. Mike Thompson (#11 Thompson) (7), 4. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter) (2), 5. Shawn Jackson (#22B Betts) (3), 6. Brian Spencer (#62 Spencer) (6), 7. George Loux (#48G Loux) (5). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer) (1), 2. Ed Aikin (#7 Aikin) (5), 3. J.T. Ferry (#18T Ferry) (6), 4. David Swanson (#117 Swanson) (2), 5. Billy Ney (#83s Ney) (7), 6. Billy Pauch Jr. (#39 Hogue) (4), 7. Christian Bruno (#17 Bruno) (3). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (#5G Heffner) (7), 2. Kenny Miller III (#23m Miller) (1), 3. Joey Amantea (#88J JPA) (4), 4. Chris Allen Jr. (#71 Allen) (6), 5. Austin Graby (#87 Graby) (3), 6. Jonathan Swanson (#17J Swanson) (2), 7. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry) (5). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (8), 2. Alex Bright (7), 3. Kyle Spence (1), 4. Kenny Miller III (3), 5. Mike Thompson (2), 6. Steven Drevicki (6), 7. Billy Pauch Jr. (17), 8. Chris Allen Jr. (12), 9. Austin Graby (15), 10. Christian Bruno (20), 11. Ed Aikin (4), 12. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (10), 13. Jonathan Swanson (18), 14. J.T. Ferry (9), 15. Jason Cherry (21), 16. David Swanson (11), 17. George Loux (19), 18. Brian Spencer (16), 19. Billy Ney (14), 20. Shawn Jackson (13), 21. Joey Amantea (5). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-7 Kyle Spence, Laps 8-25 Briggs Danner.

VAHLCO WHEELS HARD CHARGER: Billy Pauch Jr. (17th to 7th)

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-1263, 2-Alex Bright-1169, 3-Steven Drevicki-1078, 4-Joey Amantea-864, 5-Kenny Miller III-725, 6-Mike Thompson-671, 7-Preston Lattomus-607, 8-Christian Bruno-580, 9-Bruce Buckwalter Jr.-579, 10-Jason Cherry-542.

NEXT USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE: September 17, 2022 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Virginia

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DANNER OUTDUELS LATTOMUS FOR WINCHESTER VICTORY

By: Nick Fillman – USAC ECSC

Winchester, Virginia (September 17, 2022)……In a late race three lap duel to the finish, 2022 USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series points leader Briggs Danner battled with rookie driver, and one time feature winner on tour this season Preston Lattomus, to collect his 10th win on the series trail and continue to extend his season long points lead.

Austin Graby and Colin White lead the field to green for the twenty five lap feature event at the Winchester Speedway, with White taking command of the field in the early running.

White secured the race lead early and was in front of the field as the first half of the race began to click off. Unfortunately for White, in a similar twisted fate of events, Colin White broke while leading the feature event on lap nine and end his chance at collecting career win number one.

This in turn handed the lead over to veteran driver Carmen Perigo, who assumed control of the field with sixteen laps to go.

The second caution flag of the event fell on lap twelve as second place points runner, Alex Bright spun to a stop in turns one and two on lap twelve, just shy of the halfway mark.

Perigo continued to lead, but the caution flag flew yet again only a handful of laps later as contact between Briggs Danner and Joey Amantea. Amantea ended up backing the 88J entry, which was on loan from Lou Cicconi, into the wall in turns one and two, ending a strong night for the top five in points driver.

The field eventually got into a rhythm with Perigo leading comfortably as he did in last season's fall visit to the speedway. Unfortunately, the caution flag yet again flew, this time on lap twenty two, and involved the leader, Carmen Perigo. Lee Kauffman, while being lapped, spun in front of the leader, leaving nowhere for Perigo to go and ending his shot at victory as well.

The trouble for Perigo left Rookie Preston Lattomus at the front of the field, with Briggs Danner in second, with only a three lap dash to the finish.

Danner and Lattomus raced side by side over the last handful of laps, with Danner ultimately having the momentum on the high side of the speedway to secure the lead away from Lattomus and collect victory number ten of the 2022 season.

The win for Danner and team was a bit of a surprise at the Winchester Speedway, as the team has historically struggled with grip on slick tracks, and where Danner struggled in his debut at the speedway last season. But as was the case at Delaware International, the team was able to find the right set up for the sophomore driver, and secure yet another victory in 2022.

Preston Lattomus nearly collected his second career feature event victory on Saturday night at Winchester as the young driver continues to build confidence and driving abilities behind the wheel of a sprint car. Lattomus missed the Delaware International Show a few weeks ago due to a family trip but rebounded on Saturday night with a strong runner up finish.

Morgantown, PA's Kenny Miller continued to be consistent in USAC East Coast Series Action but has yet to find his way back to victory lane with the series. Miller picked up the heat race one victory and has collected back to back top five efforts in his last two starts.

While Briggs Danner may have come from the eighth place starting spot to win, Steven Drevicki was able to garner a fourth place run from seventh as the second highest points driver with Alex Bright missing the invert. Drevicki has a great deal of confidence on small tracks and in the slick and utilized that skill to secure another top five run. Look for Drevicki and team to head to this weekend's Four Crown Nationals at the Eldora Speedway in 410 sprint car competition.

Rounding out the top five and continuing to knock on the doors of victory was Mike Thompson. Since Thompson's massive crash at the Williams Grove Speedway in June and the teams subsequent rebuild, Thompson has been among the fastest and most consistent drivers in the field. That pattern remained unchanged as the eighteen year-old collected yet another top five placement in series competition.

Up next for the Rapid Tire Services, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series, presented by Capitol Renegade is a trip to the First State of Delaware and the series one and only visit to the Georgetown Speedway on September, 30th!

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE RESULTS: September 17, 2022 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Virginia

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kenny Miller III (#23m Miller) (4), 2. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki) (5), 3. Joey Amantea (#88J JPA) (8), 4. Austin Graby (#87 Graby) (1), 5. J.T. Ferry (#18T Ferry) (3), 6. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter) (9), 7. Billy Ney (#83s Ney) (6), 8. Ed Aikin (#7 Aikin) (7), 9. Lee Kauffman (#96 Kauffman) (2), 10. John Fraker (#42 Fraker) (10). NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (#5G Heffner) (2), 2. Carmen Perigo (#21 Stehman) (1), 3. Preston Lattomus (#23B Lattomus) (6), 4. Colin White (#90 White) (4), 5. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer) (7), 6. Mike Thompson (#11 Thompson) (3), 7. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry) (5), 8. Christian Bruno (#17 Bruno) (8), 9. Brett Rose (#45 Rose) (9). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (8), 2. Preston Lattomus (4), 3. Kenny Miller III (5), 4. Steven Drevicki (7), 5. Mike Thompson (12), 6. J.T. Ferry (9), 7. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (11), 8. Jason Cherry (14), 9. Austin Graby (1), 10. Alex Bright (10), 11. Christian Bruno (16), 12. Carmen Perigo (3), 13. Ed Aikin (15), 14. Brett Rose (18), 15. Billy Ney (13), 16. Lee Kauffman (17), 17. Joey Amantea (6), 18. Colin White (2), 19. John Fraker (19). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-9 Colin White, Laps 10-22 Carmen Perigo, Lap 23 Preston Lattomus, Laps 24-25 Briggs Danner.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-1341, 2-Alex Bright-1216, 3-Steven Drevicki-1146, 4-Joey Amantea-899, 5-Kenny Miller III-797, 6-Mike Thompson-732, 7-Preston Lattomus-680, 8-Bruce Buckwalter Jr.-634, 9-Christian Bruno-622, 10-Jason Cherry-593.

NEXT USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE: September 30, 2022 – Georgetown Speedway – Georgetown, Delaware

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LAST LAP BEDFORD BATTLE GOES TO DANNER

By: Nick Fillman – USAC ECSC

Bedford, Pennsylvania (October 15, 2022)……Briggs Danner of Allentown, Pa. fought off a late race charge from Alex Bright to collect his eleventh win on the 2022, Rapid Tire Services, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series, Presented by Capitol Renegade series trail.

Kyle Spence and Bobby Butler lead the field to green for the twenty-five lap feature event on the Bedford Fairgrounds half-mile, with Spence securing the early race lead at the completion of lap one. Briggs Danner was the quickest car on the move early in the feature event, moving into the fourth place position by lap four from his eight place starting spot.

Kyle Spence, Kenny Miller, and Briggs Danner quickly found themselves locked in a tight three car battle for the top three positions, with Bobby Butler holding strong in fifth, and a fierce battle raging between Joey Amantea, and Alex Bright as he began his charge through the field.

Danner worked to the inside of Kenny Miller for the runner up position on lap six after a brief side by side, cross over exchange for a handful of laps, with Danner securing second, and drawing his sights on race leader Kyle Spence

Meanwhile, Alex Bright was storming through the field, working by Amantea, and Butler, and Miller to move into third by lap ten of the feature event, making big gains on his fellow competitors with his extremely fast entry into turns three and four.

At the head of the field, Spence was holding off the charges of Danner, as both drivers ran the very narrow cushion around the high side of the speedway, with Danner getting a big run off of turn four down the front straight away, pulling a slide job on Spence for the race lead on lap eleven, officially being scored as the leader on lap twelve.

The first caution flag of the feature event flew on lap thirteen as Troy Fraker slowed to a stop on the backstretch. Whatever the issue may have been for Fraker was minor as he was able to be pushed off and join the tail end of the field.

Following the restart, Danner was able to put a bit of distance between himself and Spence, with Bright utilizing the same move as Danner, using a diamond maneuver off of turn four to get a big run on Spence heading into turn one, and taking over the runner up spot on lap fourteen.

After dropping back to third, Spence was eventually passed by Kenny Miller who moved into the final podium spot and quickly drew back in on the tail of second place Alex Bright, as both were a sizable distance behind Danner, working his way to a large lead once again.

Tough luck fell upon top five runner Kyle Spence, as he blew a right rear tire entering turn one on lap twenty-two and slowed to a stop. Luckily, Spence did not end up upside down, but his great top five run was unfortunately ended.

The caution flag bunched the field together for a three lap dash to the finish, bringing Bright to the rear bumper of leader Briggs Danner. Danner and Bright broke away from the front of the field on the restart, with Danner having a car length lead over Bright at the two-to-go signal. Bright, utilizing his massive turn three speed, pulled a massive slide job on Danner for the lead and lap twenty-four. Danner powered to the high side of the speedway in turns one and two, and narrowly move by Bright off of turn two, and regained the race lead. Danner had put enough distance between himself and Bright to secure his eleventh feature win of the season over Bright, Miller, Amantea, and Ed Aikin.

The win for Danner was his second career at the Bedford Speedway, and eleventh overall during the 2022 season. With the feature event win and having a points lead of 127 points (78 most that can be scored a night) Briggs Danner and the Heffner Enterprises team were able to secure the 2022, Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series, Championship over Alex Bright, in a role reversal of the 2021 season. Like Bright, Danner scored the Rookie of the Year honors in his first season of action, before securing the series championship in his second. Danner and team had a banner year, winning a tracks that the team has previously struggled at, and having no DNF's and only one finish outside the top five, similar to Bright's run of 2021.

Alex Bright scored the heat race victory on Saturday night at Bedford and drove up through the field in the tire tracks of Briggs Danner to a runner up finish. Bright was trapped a bit on the initial start, as his inside starting position left him in the un-preferred lane on the bottom of the speedway. Eventually Bright was able to get the Hummer Motorsports entry

rolling, especially through turns three and four. While the 2022 USAC East Coast season may not have saw the amount of wins as 2021, Bright and team have had a fantastic 410 season, scoring an Xtreme Outlaws win, and a pair of BOSS Series victories. Bright and team will head to Texas in two weeks chasing a shot at a $20, 000 pay day with the Xtreme Outlaws series.

Third place went to Morgantown, PA's Kenny Miller lll, who since joining the series, has always had a great deal of speed at the Bedford Speedway. Unlike Danner and Bright, and the majority of the top half of the field, Miller was able to make passes on both the top and bottom of the speedway. Miller gave everything he could to Alex Bright and Danner as both made their way to the front, coming up just short in his quest for the victory.

Joey Amantea has had an up and down season, but that has not left the team with any less of a drive in their quest for more victories. Blown engines, and some unfortunate racing accidents, have challenged the team, but they have prevailed, and kept driving toward the front of feature events. Saturday was no different with Amantea coming on late in the feature to finish fourth, but yet again, blowing an engine at the line at the conclusion of the feature event.

Rounding out the top five was Ed Aikin, who has continued his smooth and competitive 2022 season. While not finding victory lane just yet, Aikin gains more speed and consistency each and every time they have unloaded in the pit area. With only one weekend to go, a distance race at the Bridgeport Speedway, Aikin is definitely one to watch as Bridgeport is among Aikin's favorite tracks, and home to his best series finish.

Coming up for the USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series, is the season finale on October 29th and 30th at the Bridgeport Motorsports Park as a part of their first ever "Sprintober Fest" featuring the URC Winged 360's, USAC East Coast, and headlined by the 410 Winged Sprint cars. The event scheduled for the New Egypt Speedway on October 22nd, has been cancelled. The speedway is still in a changing of hands from a promotional team aspect, but both parties are eager to put on a show in 2023!

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE RESULTS: October 15, 2022 – Bedford Speedway – Bedford, Pennsylvania

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer) (6), 2. Briggs Danner (#5G Heffner) (5), 3. Joey Amantea (#88J JPA) (2), 4. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (#83 Buckwalter) (4), 5. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry) (7), 6. Brett Rose (#45 Rose) (3), 7. Lee Kauffman (#96 Kauffman) (1), 8. John Fraker (#42 Fraker) (8). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kyle Spence (#22 Betts) (2), 2. Bobby Butler (#5B Butler) (4), 3. Ed Aikin (#7 Aikin) (6), 4. Kenny Miller III (#23m Miller) (5), 5. Preston Lattomus (#23B Lattomus) (7), 6. J.T. Ferry (#18T Ferry) (3), 7. Troy Fraker (#12w Fraker) (1). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (8), 2. Alex Bright (7), 3. Kenny Miller III (4), 4. Joey Amantea (6), 5. Ed Aikin (5), 6. Preston Lattomus (10), 7. Bobby Butler (1), 8. Bruce Buckwalter Jr. (3), 9. J.T. Ferry (12), 10. Jason Cherry (9), 11. Brett Rose (11), 12. Troy Fraker (14), 13. Lee Kauffman (13), 14. Kyle Spence (2), 15. John Fraker (15). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-11 Kyle Spence, Laps 12-23 Briggs Danner, Lap 24 Alex Bright, Lap 25 Briggs Danner.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-1418, 2-Alex Bright-1291, 3-Steven Drevicki-1146, 4-Joey Amantea-966, 5-Kenny Miller III-866, 6-Preston Lattomus-739, 7-Mike Thompson-732, 8-Bruce Buckwalter Jr.-688, 9-Jason Cherry-640, 10-Christian Bruno-622.

NEXT USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE: October 29, 2022 – Bridgeport Motorsports Park – Swedesboro, New Jersey

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DANNER CAPS OFF CHAMPIONSHIP WITH SPRINTOBERFEST VICTORY AT BRIDGEPORT

By: Nick Fillman – USAC ECSC

Swedesboro, New Jersey (October 30, 2022)……In what could only be described as the race of the season for the Rapid Tire, USAC East Coast Sprint Car Series Presented by Capitol Renegade season, Briggs Danner of Allentown, Pa. capitalized on the unfortunate accident of Bobby Butler to collect his 12th win of the season, topping off a championship effort.

Bobby Butler and Austin Graby lead the field to green for the forty lap feature event on the high banks of the Bridgeport Speedway, with Butler getting the early race lead away from Graby. Quickly, Aidan Borden and Joey Amantea advanced positions as they moved into second and third early on in the lengthy feature event.

Hight point drivers Alex Bright and Briggs Danner began their feature event by biding their time, hanging around the tail end of the top five, and outside of the top five, with Kenny Miller lll doing much of the same.

Lap 10 of the feature event saw Joey Amantea and Alex Bright begin to battle for positions two and three as they both had worked their way by the 7B of Aidan Borden. Amantea and Bright nearly made contact, with Bright almost smacking the right rear of the Hummer Motorsports entry off of the wall exiting turn two. Luckily both drivers were able to drive away and continue their run through the feature event.

Just one lap later, an intense battle began with Briggs Danner and Kenny Miller taking advantage of Borden and moving further into the top five. Kenny Miller lll had briefly taken the fourth spot away from Danner, but Danner was able to rocket around the outside of Miller to retake the position. On lap fourteen, Alex Bright was able to work to the inside of runner up driver Joey Amantea and try to reel in Bobby Butler who had amassed a massive lead over the rest of the field, nearly half a track over Bright for second.

As the field hit the halfway mark of the forty lap feature, lapped traffic was thick in front of race leader Bobby Butler, allowing Bright to draw in on the race leader. Bright and Butler exchanged sliders for the lead over the next two laps, with Amantea drawing into the picture before the caution flag ultimately flew on lap twenty-two for Preston Lattomus who had contacted the outside wall in turns three and four.

On the ensuing restart, Butler found himself under fire from Alex Bright with a massive slide job for the lead, but the rookie Butler was able to collect himself, cut to the bottom side of the speedway and take the race lead back from Bright. Meanwhile, Briggs Danner overtook Joey Amantea for the third spot on lap twenty-four. Simultaneously, Colin White attempted a slide job on Kyle Spence for fourth but overshot the corner and nearly spun around in front of the majority of the field. White was able to collect the car but lost several positions in the exchange.

Joey Amantea stormed back by Briggs Danner to take the third place spot back, but Danner was ready for the move and drive back around Amantea on lap twenty-eight and set his sights on the leader Butler and Bright.

With ten laps to go, Butler was again in heavy lapped traffic with Bright and Danner quickly closing in for the race lead. On lap thirty-two Butler found himself under attack from both Bright and Danner as all three leaders were running together in the same corner, virtually three wide. Bright pulled a slide job off of turn four and was able to lead lap thirty-three, but Butler was not about to back down yet, as he drove back by the 2021 series champion and regained the race lead on lap thirty-four.

The persistent attacks from Bright had opened the door for Briggs Danner, who had moved into the second position on lap thirty-six, and now drew in on leader Bobby Butler. One lap later, Danner attempted the slide job on Butler for the race lead, but yet again Butler turned down the banking of the Bridgeport Speedway and took the race lead back away from Briggs Danner.

With two laps to go, Butler, Danner, and Bright were all over each-other for the race lead, with Butler making heavy contact to the outside wall in turn one but still keeping the race lead away from Danner and Bright and those two exchanged sliders for second.

With one lap to go things looked good for Butler as Bright and Danner battled for second, unfortunately for Butler, the second time he contacted the wall in turn one was not as smooth as the first, sending Butler for a wild series of flips and even being hit by Danner in the process of the flip.

While Alex Bright was ahead of both Danner and Butler at the time of the flip, scoring reverts back to the last completed lap, which put Briggs Danner into the race lead as he was the number two man as the leaders crossed the line on lap thirty-nine.

The red-flag and restart with one lap to go, enacted a Green-Checkered finish. A policy change that the series adopted following the PRI event in December of 2021 and was announced to the public through our website on December 21st of 2021, in an article that also announced series event lineup changes for the 2022 season and is still available online.

With a one lap dash to the finish to decide the final event of the 2022 season, Briggs Danner was the leader with Alex Bright in second, Joey Amantea, Kyle Spence, and Aidan Borden were the top five as the field drew in bumper to bumper for the restart.

Bright was glued to tail of the 5G of Danner all but pushing him through the corner when Danner abruptly slowed his pace significantly through the middle of turns three and four. This caused a massive jumbling of cars sending Borden and Amantea though the infield, with an unfortunate ending for Chris Allen who had stopped and leaving Austin Graby with nowhere to go and ending the feature event for both drivers due to broken front ends. Borden attempted to continue on but unfortunately broke a throttle spring in the exchange and was unable to continue on either.

The second attempt at the one lap dash was more successful with Danner getting away from Bright and Amantea to collect his twelfth win of the 2022 season over Bright, Amantea, Spence, Colin White, and Kenny Miller lll who rebounded to sixth following a flat tire under the red flag period.

It was a career race for Bobby Butler who had recently debuted his new Maxim Chassis with a Don Ott 358 engine under the hood. Butler was fast all weekend long and proved that he will be a contender for victories with the series in 2023, as well as proving that the smaller and 358 is more than capable of competing for wins in the series. Unfortunately, Bobby Suffered a broken T3 vertebrae in his back in the accident but has since been released from the hospital and is relaxing at home.

The brothers Swanson: David and Jonathan made their returns to the series trail at Bridgeport, both sporting used DRC Chassis that they purchased from former series car owner Paul Lotier. Both drivers were able to make the feature event, with Jonathan coming home in an impressive 9th place spot.

Gary Bozowski made his series debut during the weekend with the series and also qualified for the feature event coming home 19th. Look for Bozowski to make more starts with the series in 2023. Speaking of drivers that will be more active with the series in 2023, John Fraker and Brett Rose have made tentative plans on running the entire series trail in 2023 as well.

2022 Rookie of the Year Preston Lattomus had a feature event ending that was unbecoming of the young Delaware driver. Lattomus contacted the wall and spun to a stop on lap twenty-two, leaving him with front end damage and unable to finish the feature event.

Kenny Miller lll was able to collect the non-winners race on Friday night at Bridgeport and kept the speed up all weekend long. Miller fought hard inside the top five all feature long, before a flat right rear tire forced him behind the lapped cars on the final lap restart. Miller was however able to grab a few spots to come home sixth.

USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS RACE RESULTS: October 29-30, 2022 – Bridgeport Motorsports Park – Swedesboro, New Jersey

FIRST QUALIFIER: (15 laps, top-7 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (#5G Heffner) (2), 2. Alex Bright (#20 Hummer) (13), 3. Aidan Borden (#7B Borden) (1), 4. Kyle Spence (#22 Betts) (3), 5. Jonathan Swanson (#17J Swanson) (9), 6. Colin White (#90 White) (7), 7. Preston Lattomus (#23B Lattomus) (6), 8. Christian Bruno (#17 Bruno) (14), 9. Mick D'Agostino (#91 D'Agostino) (11), 10. Jason Cherry (#67 Cherry) (4), 11. Al Cheney (#73 Cheney) (5), 12. David Swanson (#117 Swanson) (12), 13. Gary Bozowski (#97G Bozowski) (10), 14. Duane Nixon (#74 Nixon) (8). NT

SECOND QUALIFIER: (15 laps, top-7 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Austin Graby (#87 Graby) (2), 2. Bobby Butler (#5B Butler) (5), 3. Kenny Miller III (#23m Miller) (13), 4. Joey Amantea (#88J JPA) (6), 5. Chris Allen Jr. (#71 Allen) (4), 6. Eric Jennings (#16cw Jennings) (8), 7. Steven Drevicki (#19 Drevicki) (11), 8. Mike Thompson (#11 Thompson) (14), 9. Ed Aikin (#7 Aikin) (7), 10. Brenden Hires (#2 Danner) (15), 11. Lee Kauffman (#96 Kauffman) (1), 12. Brett Rose (#45 Rose) (12), 13. Richy Carnathan (#64 Carnathan) (3), 14. Heidi Hedin (#3H Hedin) (10), 15. Charles Weslowski (#16 Weslowski) (9). NT

SEMI: (10 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Christian Bruno (1), 2. Ed Aikin (4), 3. Mick D'Agostino (3), 4. Jason Cherry (5), 5. Gary Bozowski (11), 6. David Swanson (9), 7. Lee Kauffman (8), 8. Al Cheney (7), 9. Duane Nixon (13), 10. Richy Carnathan (12), 11. Brett Rose (10), 12. Mike Thompson (2), 13. Brenden Hires (6), 14. Charles Weslowski (14), 15. Heidi Hedin (15). NT

FEATURE: (40 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Briggs Danner (8), 2. Alex Bright (7), 3. Joey Amantea (6), 4. Kyle Spence (3), 5. Colin White (11), 6. Kenny Miller III (5), 7. Steven Drevicki (14), 8. Christian Bruno (15), 9. Jonathan Swanson (9), 10. Ed Aikin (16), 11. Bobby Butler (1), 12. Chris Allen Jr. (10), 13. Aidan Borden (4), 14. Eric Jennings (12), 15. Mick D'Agostino (17), 16. Austin Graby (2), 17. Jason Cherry (18), 18. David Swanson (20), 19. Gary Bozowski (19), 20. Preston Lattomus (13). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-32 Bobby Butler, Lap 33 Alex Bright, Laps 34-39 Bobby Butler, Lap 40 Briggs Danner.

FINAL USAC RAPID TIRE EAST COAST SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY CAPITOL CUSTOM TRAILERS POINTS: 1-Briggs Danner-1496, 2-Alex Bright-1365, 3-Steven Drevicki-1200, 4-Joey Amantea-1035, 5-Kenny Miller III-927, 6-Preston Lattomus-764, 7-Mike Thompson-733, 8-Bruce Buckwalter Jr.-688, 9-Christian Bruno-672, 10-Jason Cherry-670.