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IMPRESSIVE SHOWING OF PRO STOCKS FOR 6th ANNUAL ED LABOON MEMORIAL HOMAK PENN OHIO SERIES EVENT AT PPMS!



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June 6, 2017 (Sandy Lake, PA) A whopping 56 cars showed up to participate in the 6th Annual Ed Laboon Memorial Homak Penn Ohio Pro Stock Championship race Saturday night at PPMS. The \$2,517 to-win, 25 lap A Main proved to be the race of the night with pole sitter Rusty Martz (16M) leading the pack of 28 cars from green to checker for the win. The victory was the Brookville driver's second Ed Laboon Memorial Race win, with the first being the 4th Annual Memorial in 2015, making Martz the sole repeat race winner.

Drivers had an opportunity to qualify for heat race starting positions. Fastest qualifier was Randy Wyant (11T) with a lap of 21.823 seconds, followed by Bobby Heim (92) 22.080, Curt Bish (29) 22.359, Bill Hurrelbrink (c8) 22.390, Bob Schwartzmiller (28S) 22.517, and Todd Weldon (45) 22.526. From qualifying, drivers were divided into six heat races with the top three drivers transferring to the A Main.

Heat race winners were Martz, Dave McManus (114), Bish, Joel Johns (M5), A.J. Poljak (36), and Weldon. The heat winners competed in a Dash to determine the top six starting spots for the main event. Fifth-starter, Martz, won the dash earning the pole position for the Ed Laboon Memorial, followed by Poljak, Bish, Weldon, McManus, and Johns.

Three B-Main events gave drivers an additional opportunity to qualify for the A Main with the top three finishers transferring. Winners were Joe Wrona (15), Corey McPherson (c33), and Bill Robertson (1B). Joe Stajnrjrh (04) was the Homak Penn Ohio Pro Stock series provisional completing the 28 car starting grid.

Martz and Poljak led the 25 lap Ed Laboon Memorial to the green flag with fourth-starter and former race winner Todd Weldon quickly moving to second on the first lap. Weldon used the outside to pass Martz on lap 7 coming out of turn 2, but Martz held the bottom line in turn 3 and 4 to his advantage regaining the lead at the scoring line. With the race heating up between Martz and Weldon, it appeared that heavy lap traffic could be an issue for the front runners. As the leaders entered turn 1 on lap 9, two cars spun in turn 2 bringing out the first caution period.

Seventh-starter Wyant would restart in third, followed by McManus and Rusty Moore (17M). The side-by-side lead battle continued on the restart with Martz low and Weldon high, but the next caution period came with 10 laps in for former race winner Jeff Broniszewski (08) who caught the front stretch wall. Prior to resuming the race, Weldon stopped on the back stretch appearing to experience mechanical issues. With a quick push, Weldon was able to get back to speed and resumed the outside starting position.

Three green laps would find the same intense racing action before the caution flag would fly again on lap 13 for Bish spinning in turn 2. The slow, caution laps had Weldon's #45 machine come to a stop, requiring a push to get back to his second starting position. When the green flag dropped, it was clear Weldon was experiencing mechanical issues but got it up to speed to hang onto second for one more lap before slowing on the track, bringing out the yellow and retiring to the pit area. Wyant would find himself in second outside of Martz, with McManus, Moore, and eleventh-starter, Wayne Carbo (54) in fifth.

When racing resumed, Wyant quickly jumped to the bottom line behind Martz going into turn one leaving the high side to Carbo. Unfortunately a pile up in turn 2 collected numerous top runners and would bring out the fifth and final caution of the event. Racing would resume with Wyant again on the outside, Moore in third, Carbo in fourth, and 25th starter Chris Schneider (64) in fifth. Laps 16 through 25 were smooth sailing for Martz as he cruised to the win over Wyant by 2.681 seconds. Carbo crossed the line in third with Moore in fourth and Schneider in fifth. Inaugural race winner Bob Schwartzmiller was sixth from the 23rd starting spot, followed by Nick Kocuba from 27th, previous race winner Curt Bish, Joel Johns, and Kyle Moore rounding out the top ten.

6th Annual Ed Laboon Memorial Race, Homak Penn Ohio Pro Stock Series, PPMS, June 3, 2017 Finishing order: (1) *Rusty Martz 16M; (2) *Randy Wyant 11T; (3) *Wayne Carbo 54; (4) *Rusty Moore 17M; (5) *Chris Schneider 64; (6) *Bob Schwartzmiller 28S; (7) *Nick Kocuba 10; (8) *Curt Bish 29; (9) Joel Johns M5; (10) Kyle Moore 11*; (11) *Bill Hurrelbrink c8; (12) *AJ Poljak 36; (13) Joey Zambotti 948; (14) Jim Fosnaught 20J; (15) Joe Wrona 15; (16) *Rod Laskey 1R; (17) Jason Fosnaught 73; (18) Steve D'Apolito 84; (19) *Bill Robertson 1B; (20) *Dave McManus 114; (21) *Joe Stajnrjajh 04; (22) *Brian Rhed 69R; (23) *Jeff Broniszewski 08; (24) Jamie Duncan 67J; (25) *Bobby Whitling 7W; (26) Corey McPhearson c33; (27) *Bobby Heim 92; (28) *Todd Weldon 45; DNQ- Brad Koteles, 33; *Ryan Newman, 12; Eric Piotrowski 47; Danny Rich 67X; *Hunter Exley 23Hjr; Bob Egley 30; *Ryan Moyer 13X; Mike Harris 18; *Leigh Wheeler 717; Noah Brunell 31; Cam Kraisinger 47; *Fuzzy Fields 28; *Russ Byler 06R; *Jackson Humanic 17; *Jacob Billyk 4; Brett McDonald 25M; *Pat Fielding 23; *Terry Wheeler 2W; Robert Betz 81; Mark Lee 25L; Troy DeZarn 21; Ricky Steigerwald 4S; *Jesse Brock 22B; Jarrod Westover W1; Kyle Shannon 1S; Troy Norman 19N; *Andy Buckley 965; and Justin Lamb 25X

The planned Dob's Auto Non-Qualifiers Race was not able to be run, but the total purse for the event will be divided equally by every non-qualified driver.

Homak Penn Ohio Pro Stock Championship Series contingency prizes were awarded to the following drivers:

Hoosier Tire presented by Precise Racing Products – Rusty Martz

American Racer Tire presented by Lias Tire – Bill Hurrelbrink

Big Daddy's \$25 Certificate – AJ Poljak

Beadlock rim presented by SS Chassis – Wayne Carbo

Close Racing \$100 Certificate – Curt Bish

Les Frickshun case of oil – Ryan Newman

Dirt Defender hood scoop – Rusty Martz

Genesis Shocks \$75 certificate – Joe Stajnrjajh

Schoenfeld Headers \$50 certificate – Leigh Wheeler

ARbodies \$25 certificate – Jacob Billyk

Big Daddy's \$25 certificate – Andy Buckley

Wedge Motorsports \$25 certificate – Bob Schwartzmiller

Precise Racing Products \$25 gift card – Bill Robertson

Air cleaner presented by Precise Racing Products – Ryan Moyer

The Homak Penn Ohio Pro Stock Series will be back in action for the make-up \$1,500 to-win, 25 lap feature at Thunder Mountain on Friday, June 16th. For more information on the Homak Penn Ohio Pro Stock Championship Series contact Series Director, Shaun Hooks, at 724-730-1623, visit the website at www.pennohioprostock.com, or email info@pennohioprostocks.com. Like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pennohioprostocks.