

Barbara, Charlier, White, Miller, Goldberg, and Reft win on "Topless Tuesday" June 17, 2008 at Pittsburgh's PA Motor Speedway.

Keith Barbara, from South Park, PA, has been riding a season long wave of bad luck but put it all together to pick up his first win of 2008 at PPMS in the Pizza Hut Late Models. A rare straight up start put heat winners Mike Norris and Mark Banal on the front row. On the first lap coming off turn two, the young Norris spun in front of the entire field. Surprisingly the field avoided him, and the race was restarted with Norris on the tail. On the restart Banal grabbed the lead. A battle for the top spot ensued between Banal, John Flinner and Barbara. On lap 2 some contact was made and Flinner ended up in the fence. Though his car suffered some pretty heavy body damage, he quickly pitted and repaired what his crew could and returned to action. On the restart Banal was back in front with Barbara right behind, and Jared Miley moving into third and Steve Baker up to fourth. Sixth starting Barbara made his move past Banal for first on lap 5 with tenth starting Miley and eighth starting Baker moving by Banal for second and third on lap 6. From that point on the race became a three-car affair, as the trio pulled away from the rest of the field. While Barbara led the remaining laps, he always had to look over his shoulder, as Miley make several stabs at the top spot throughout the event. Baker ran a few car lengths in back of the leading pair to finish a solid third. Brandon Burgoon made a late race charge to pass Banal for fourth with Banal ending up in fifth. The remainder of the top ten were Jim Lepro, Lou Bradich (subbing for a vacationing Lynn Geisler in the #1C), Jim Stephens, Ben Miley, and Mike Johnson. Eighteen cars were on hand. It was Barbara's second "Topless Tuesday" win, as he also won in 2005. It also was his 12th career PPMS win.

Midway, PA's Daryl Charlier grabbed his third Brougher's Speed Shop Crate Late feature of the season. Newcomer Joel Prosser and Josh Holtgraver brought the field down for the start. Third starting Rocky Kugel grabbed the lead on the start. Kugel led the first two laps before fifth starting Charlier took over on lap 3. For the first half of the event Charlier had things well under control as he had a comfortable lead on the field. Kugel ran second with Mark Moats Jr. in third. Moats made his way past Kugel on lap 11 and set after Charlier the second half of the event. Moats was able to get within striking distance and made several late race stabs at the lead, but Charlier was able to hold him off. At the finish it was Charlier, Moats Jr., Kugel (in his best run so far), Holtgraver (who ran much of the second half of the feature with a deflating left front tire), Russ Kolesar, Bryan Hoffman, Justin Lamb, Tommy Schirnhofner, Tim Stefanick, and Tyler Dietz. Craig Koteles and Steve Beatty grabbed the heats. Twenty-one cars were on hand. A wreck in the second heat eliminated the cars of Scott Schempp and Mike Pegher Jr. for the night. Laura Lukon was also in the wreck and started the main with a severely damaged car and just made a few laps. Bryant Hank lost a motor on lap 6. A wreck on lap 8 eliminated the cars of Joel Prosser and Craig Koteles.

Pittsburgh, PA's Stacie White made his return to action at PPMS a winning one in the Sunoco Race Fuels Pure Stocks. White grabbed the lead from his third starting spot and romped to his first win of the season in the non-stop event. Wayne Carbo and Pat Weldon battled for second throughout the event, with Weldon getting the spot late in the race. Carbo was third, with Jake Simmons in fourth and Bob Heim in fifth. The remainder of

the top ten included Nick Kocuba, Bill Robertson, Bob Schwartzmiller, Jim Bendishaw, and Mike Duritsky. Fourteen cars were on hand.

The Miley Truck Rental E-Mods had an exciting feature with Toronto, OH's Kevin Miller picking up his first win of 2008. Tom Martineck grabbed the lead at the start from fourth. Martineck led the first five laps before Miller took over on lap 6. Martineck was back out front on lap 7 and led lap 9 when Miller took back over. Miller looked like he was well on his way to the win but a last lap caution changed that. The restart tightened up the field and at the drop of the green third running Wayne Tessean grabbed the lead off Miller. On the last lap Miller let it all hang out and at the drag race to the start finish line Miller beat Tessean to the flag. Martineck ended up third followed by invader Russ Dunn, J.E. Stalder, Bruce Dreistadt, Mike McKee, Willy Briggs, newcomer Jim Tatgenhorst and Denny Nakutis. Wayne Tessean won the lone heat.

The Flynn's Tire And Auto Amateur Stocks saw Pittsburgh, PA's Eric Goldberg grab his second win in a row. Goldberg took the lead on lap two and never looked back. Darren Ferguson was second followed by J.J. O'Patchen, Gary Koteles, Kurt Bish, Dan Duseheid, Brian Huchko, and Tony White. Eric Goldberg also won the heat.

Mike Reft picked up his fourth win of the season in the Imperial Heights Garage Young Guns feature. Reft, from Whitehall, PA, took the lead on the first lap and defeated Justin Pons for the win. Tyler Atkinson was third followed by Brian Beyerbach, Daniel White and Sean Graham.

SUMMARY - June 17, 2008

Pizza Hut Late Models

Heats – Mike Norris and Mark Banal

Feature (25 Laps) – 1. Keith Barbara, 2. Jared Miley, 3. Steve Baker, 4. Brandon Burgoon, 5. Mark Banal, 6. Jim Lepro, 7. Lou Bradich, 8. Jim Stephans, 9. Ben Miley, 10. Mike Johnson, 11. Kyle Lukon, 12. Dave Wade, 13. Kari Gasser, 14. Keith Rodriguez, 15. Mike Norris, 16. Tim Gould, 17. John Flinner, 18. C A Medved

Brougher's Machine Shop Crate Late Models

Heats – Craig Koteles and Steve Beatty

Feature (20 Laps) – 1. Daryl Charlier, 2. Mark Moats, 3. Rocky Kugel, 4. Josh Holtgraver, 5. Russ Kolesar, 6. Bryan Hoffman, 7. Justin Lamb, 8. Tommy Schirhofer, 9. Tim Stefanick, 10. Tyler Dietz, 11. Darrell Dow, 12. Dusty Curry, 13. Terry Kerr, 14. Joel Prosser, 15. Craig Koteles, 16. Bryant Hank, 17. Steve Beatty, 18. Laura Lukon, 19. Ken Chernik, DNS - Scott Schempp, Mike Pegher Jr.

Miley Truck Rental E-Modifieds

Heat – Wayne Tessean

Feature (12 Laps) – 1. Kevin Miller, 2. Wayne Tessean, 3. Tom Martineck, 4. Russ Dunn, 5. J E Stalder, 6. Bruce Dreistadt, 7. Mike McKee, 8. Willy Briggs, 9. Jim Tatgenhorst, 10. Denny Nakutis, 11. Daryl Charlier

Sunoco Race Fuels Pure Stocks

Heats – Pat Weldon and Wayne Carbo

Feature (15 Laps) – 1. Stacie White, 2. Pat Weldon, 3. Wayne Carbo, 4. Jake Simmons, 5. Bobby Heim, 5. Nick Kocuba, 6. Bill Robertson, 7. Bob Schwartzmiller, 8. Jim Bendishaw, 9. Mike Duritsky, 10. Mike Mohn, 11. Robert Betz, 12. Mitch Wattlelet, 13. Dave McManus, 14. Brandon Johnston

Flynn's Tire and Auto Amateur Stocks

Heat – Eric Goldberg

Feature (10 Laps) – 1. Eric Goldberg, 2. Darren Ferguson, 3. J. J. O'Patchen, 4. Gary Koteles, 5. Curt Bish, 6. Dan Duseheid, 7. Brian Huchko, 8. Tony White

Imperial Heights Garage Young Guns

Feature (8 Laps) – 1. Michael Reft, 2. Justin Pons, 3. Tyler Atkinson, 4. Brian Beyerbach, 5. Daniel White, 6. Sean Graham