

Baker wins fourth, Holtgraver picks up career win #1, Miller, Robertson, Schwartzmiller, Huchko, O'Patchen and Pons also win at Pittsburgh's PA Motor Speedway on August 2 2008.

The West Virginia Rim Rider, Steve Baker from Fairmont, WV, picked up his fourth win of the season in the Pizza Hut Late Model main. Baker had the luck of the draw with him this night as a rare straight up start was drawn. That put heat winners Baker and Brandon Burgoon on the front row and third heat winner Jared Miley in third. Baker grabbed the lead at the start, and Jared Miley moved into second and battled with Baker. For the first 8 laps the pair went at it, when a yellow appeared for the spun car of Chuck Medved. On the restart Baker moved back out front and began to put a little distance between himself and Miley, with Al Atallah in third and Brandon Burgoon in fourth. All eyes now were on last week's winner, John Flinner, who started 19th and made a wild charge to be in fifth on the restart. Flinner had to start in the rear when he broke a driveline while leading his heat. Baker was still leading, and Flinner made his move past Atallah for third on lap 10 and moved by Miley for second on lap 11. A yellow came out on lap 12 for a wreck involving George Kowatic (making his first start of the season), Larry Marks, Mike Norris and Chuck Medved; only Medved was able to continue. Most figured a wild restart was in store, as both Flinner and Baker have been running strong in recent weeks. On the restart Baker was back out front, and Flinner made several attempts to get by but Baker was able to hold him off. As the race wore on, Baker was able to start putting some distance between himself and Flinner. At the finish it was Baker with his 34th career win at PPMS, followed by Flinner, Jared Miley who was a close third, Atallah, Burgoon, Lynn Geisler, Tommy Beck, Mike Johnson, Ben Miley and Jim Stephans. Steve Baker, Brandon Burgoon and Jared Miley took the heat wins for the 23 cars on hand.

In the Brougner's Machine Shop Crate Lates, Josh Holtgraver, of Pittsburgh, PA, picked up his first career win. Russ Kolesar took the lead at the start, but a spin in turns one and two by Laura Lukon triggered a five-car pile up involving Tim Stefanick, John Cain, Terry Kerr and last week's winner Mark Moats, Jr. Only Moats was able to continue. On the restart Kolesar grabbed the lead again, only to have Dan Angelicchio spin and bring out the caution again. Kolesar again had the lead but spun on lap 2 bringing out another yellow. At this point Tommy Schirnhofner, Jr. took over. Schirnhofner, who has been running strong for the past month with two wins and two seconds, looked as if he was on his way to another win, but Holtgraver had other ideas. Holtgraver, who started third then fell back to fifth at the start, worked his way back up thru the field and moved into second by lap 5 using a tight inside line. Once in second he caught Schirnhofner and battled for the top spot for the next 6 laps. On lap 12 he made his move and took the top spot. Once in front he never looked back and steadily increased his lead over Schirnhofner. At the finish, it was Holtgraver, Schirnhofner Jr., Mike Pegher Jr., Dan Angelicchio (who charged back from his lap one spin), Daryl Charlier, Justin Lamb (in a strong run for the rookie), Mark Moats, Jr., Rocky Kugel, Bryant Hank, and newcomer Beau Glemba. Three heats were run for the 21 cars on hand with Bryant Hank, Ken Chernek and Dan Angelicchio picked up victories.

Picking up his second win of the season in the Miley Truck Rental E-Mods was Kevin Miller, II from Toronto, OH. Miller started on the pole and led the entire 12-lap distance. Kyle Lukon ran second for the first 10 laps but tagged the wall allowing Daryl Charlier to move into second. At the finish, it was Miller, Charlier, Chuck Kennedy, Tom Martineck, 13th starting Wayne Tessean, Bruce Dreistadt, J.J. Bametzrieder, Shawn Scheerbaum, Clayton Kennedy, and Lukon. Chuck Kennedy and J.J. Bametzrieder picked up the heat wins.

Double features were on tap for the Sunoco Race Fuels Pure Stocks. In the first main, Bill Robertson, Upper St. Clair, PA, picked up his third win of 2008. Robertson grabbed the lead at the outset and led the entire distance, but it was not an easy win. Both Nick Kocuba and later Craig Kamicker chased Robertson, but he was able to hold them off. At the finish it was Robertson, Kamicker, Bob Schwartzmiller, and Wayne Carbo (who drove the Pat Weldon #45). Rounding out the top ten in 6th was Davy Lee (in the Mike Mohn #39), Tony Capo (in the Stacie White #125), A.J. Poljak, Vince Kamicker, and Jake Simmons. In the second main Robinson Twp., PA's Bob Schwartzmiller claimed his third win of the season. Schwartzmiller took the lead at the start and was challenged in the early stages by Nick Kocuba. On lap 11, Wayne Carbo moved into second and at the finish it was Schwartzmiller, Carbo, Jake Simmons, Bill Robertson, Kocuba, Craig Kamicker, Vince Kamicker, A.J. Poljak, Davy Lee (in the Betz #81), and Mike Mohn. The two heats saw Bob Schwartzmiller and Wayne Carbo grab the wins.

Two features were also featured for the Flynn's Tire and Auto Amateur Stocks. Brian Huchko picked up his second win of the season in the first main. Huchko, from McDonald, PA, took the lead off early leader Tony White to get the win. Jason Herniak had his best run of the season to finish second followed by Rich Mason, White, Ron O'Patchen (in the Eric Goldberg #714), J.J. O'Patchen, Dan Duseheid, and Tom McQuillan. In the second main, Ron O'Patchen from Pittsburgh, PA, picked up his first win of the season subbing for Eric Goldberg. O'Patchen took advantage of a late race tangle between first and second running Rich Mason and Tony White to pick up the win. Brian Huchko was second, followed by J.J. O'Patchen, Jason Herniak, Mason, Tom McQuillan, White, and Dan Duseheid, who hit the wall coming for the checker in fourth but did not cross the start finish line. Brian Huchko capped of a pretty good night by picking up the heat win.

The Imperial Heights Garage Young Guns saw Justin Pons of Pittsburgh, PA pick up win #3 for the season. Pons and six-time winner Mike Reft swapped the lead on the last lap that ended up in a little bumping match, which allowed Pons to pick up the win. Early leader Todd Janus finished second followed by Reft, Tyler Fox, Sean Graham, Alec Broniszewski, Bryan Beyerbach, Daniel White, Tyler Atkinson, Hanna Ramsey and newcomer Tyler Carson.

SUMMARY – AUGUST 2, 2008

Pizza Hut Late Models

Heats – Steve Baker, Brandon Burgoon and Jared Miley

Feature (25 Laps) – 1. Steve Baker, 2. John Flinner, 3. Jared Miley, 4. Al Atallah, 5. Brandon Burgoon, 6. Lynn Geisler, 7. Tommy Beck, 8. Mike Johnson, 9. Ben Miley, 10. Jim Stephans, 11. Kyle Lukon, 12. Brandon Wearing, 13. Jim Lepro, 14. Keith Rodriguez, 15. Kari Gasser, 16. Jeff Jones, 17. Charles Medved, 18. George Kowatic, 19. Mike Norris, 20. Larry Marks, 21. Tommy Duratz, 22. Nick Duratz, 23. Rich Apolito

Brougher's Machine Shop Crate Late Models

Heats – Bryant Hank, Ken Chernik and Daniel Angelicchio

Feature (20 Laps) – 1. Josh Holtgraver, 2. Tommy Schirnhofer, 3. Mike Pegher Jr., 4. Daniel Angelicchio, 5. Daryl Charlier, 6. Justin Lamb, 7. Mark Moats Jr., 8. Rocky Kugel, 9. Bryant Hank, 10. Beau Glemba, 11. Russ Kolesar, 12. Bryan Hoffman, 13. Dusty Curry, 14. Andrew Loria, 15. Jayme Beck, 16. Jeremy Kleemock, 17. Ken Chernik, 18. Laura Lukon, 19. Tim Stefanick, 20. John Cain, 21. Terry Kerr

Miley Truck Rental E-Modifieds

Heats – Chuck Kennedy and J. J. Bametzrieder

Feature (12 Laps) – 1. Kevin Miller, 2. Daryl Charlier, 3. Chuck Kennedy, 4. Tom Martineck, 5. Wayne Tessean, 6. Bruce Dreistadt, 7. J. J. Bametzrieder, 8. Shawn Scheerbaum, 9. Clayton Kennedy, 10. Kyle Lukon, 11. Bob Damron, 12. Brad Westover, 13. Mike McKee

Sunoco Race Fuels Pure Stocks

Heats – Bob Schwartzmiller and Wayne Carbo

Feature (15 Laps) – 1. Bob Schwartzmiller, 2. Wayne Carbo, 3. Jake Simmons, 4. Bill Robertson, 5. Nick Kocuba, 6. Craig Kamicker, 7. Vincent Kamicker, 8. A. J. Poljak, 9. Davey Lee, 10. Mike Mohn, 11. Charlie DiLoretto, 12. Bill Slade, 13. Don Bauerle, 14. Steve Pyeritz, 15. Matthew Frazier, DNS - Stacie White, Brandon Johnston
Make-up Feature from 7/12/08 (12 Laps) – 1. Bill Robertson, 2. Craig Kamicker, 3. Nick Kocuba, 4. Bob Schwartzmiller, 5. Wayne Carbo, 6. Davy Lee, 7. Tony Capo, 8. A. J. Poljak, 9. Vincent Kamicker, 10. Jake Simmons, 11. Robert Betz, 12. Don Bauerle, 13. Dave Slade, 14. Steve Pyeritz DNS - Bobby Heim, Robbie Haught, Russ Volponi, Joey Koteles

Flynn's Tire and Auto Amateur Stocks

Heat – Brian Huchko

Feature (10 Laps) – 1. Ron O'Patchen, 2. Brian Huchko, 3. J. J. O'Patchen, 4. Jason Herniak, 5. Rich Mason, 6. Tom McQuillan, 7. Tony White, 8. Dan Duseheid
Make-up Feature from 7/12/08 (10 Laps) – 1. Brian Huchko, 2. Jason Herniak, 3. Rich Mason, 4. Tony White, 5. Ron O'Patchen, 6. J. J. O'Patchen, 7. Dan Duseheid, 8. Tom McQuillan DNS - Gary Koteles, Darren Ferguson

Imperial Heights Garage Young Guns

Feature (8 Laps) – 1. Justin Pons, 2. Todd Janus, 3. Tyler Fox, 4. Sean Graham, 5. Alec Broniszewski, 6. Brian Beyerbach, 7. Daniel White, 8. Tyler Atkinson, 9. Hannah Ramsey, 10. Tyler Carson