

Jared Miley, Brian Swartzlander, Mark Moats Jr., Bob Heim, Joe Gabrielson, Garrett O'Patchen, and Justin Pons win at Pittsburgh's PA Motor Speedway on September 5 2009.

South Park PA's Jared Miley won his 6th DIRTcar Super Late Model Feature of the season by being at the right place at the right time. Brandon Wearing and Mike Johnson brought the 19 car field down for the start. Johnson grabbed the lead at the green and began to build up a big lead. A battle for second developed between Brandon Burgoon, Jim Stephans and John Flinner. By lap 10, Johnson had opened up a sizeable lead while Wearing, Stephans and Flinner were battling three wide for second. Stephans had the spot on lap 10, and then Flinner moved into second on lap 11. Flinner then tried to run Johnson down who had built his lead to more than a straightaway. The front runners began to navigate thru traffic at this point, but Johnson was still keeping a decent distance between himself and Flinner. Stephans was third at this point while Wearing, Tommy Beck, Jared Miley and Brandon Burgoon battled for 4th. This would all change on lap 19 when Beck slowed bringing out the only caution of the event. On the restart, Johnson moved out in front again, but Flinner did a slide job in turns one and two on Johnson and hit Johnson in the door, sending him into the wall. Flinner suffered a flat and had to pit. At this point it put Stephans in the lead with 12th starting Jared Miley now in second. On the restart, Stephans led into the first turn when Miley did his own slide job on Stephans and came out with the lead off turn 2. Miley led the remaining laps to pick up the win. Stephans ended up second (in a career best finish) with Brandon Burgoon in third, followed by Lynn Geisler, Ben Miley, Kyle Lukon, Wearing, Flinner, Mike Basich, and Dave Murdick. With Beck's DNF and with Burgoon's third place finish in the feature, Brandon Burgoon is the 2009 PPMS track champion. The heats fell to Jared Miley and Dave Murdick.

The BRP Modifieds made their second appearance of the season, and Leechburg, PA's Brian Swartzlander won a career first PPMS feature. Rex King and Kevin Bolland brought the field down for the start. After a couple of attempts at starting the race, including one that saw Bolland slow and being towed off, the race got underway with third starting Brian Swartzlander grabbing the lead, Rex King in second and Gary Smoker in third. Swartzlander and King opened up a sizeable lead on the rest of the field, while Swartzlander maintained several car lengths over King. The pair began to navigate slower traffic, and King began to close the gap between him and the leader. A pair of restarts on lap 22 and 23 allowed King to restart beside Swartzlander. On the second restart, King was able to get beside Swartzlander in turns one and two, but Swartzlander moved up a bit and was able to hold him off. Meanwhile 15th starting Jeremiah Shingledecker was charging thru the field and moved into second on lap 24. Shingledecker was able to get beside Swartzlander several times in the last few laps, but Swartzlander was able to hold him off. At the finish it was Swartzlander, Shingledecker, Del Rougeux Jr., King, Jim Rasey, Garrett Krummert, Gary Smoker, Tommy Kristyak, Mike Turner, and Mike Miller. The three heats went to Rex King, Dave Murdick and Kevin Bolland.

In the Brouger's Machine Shop Pro Late Models, Hookstown PA's Mark Moats Jr. picked up his third win of 2009. Moats took the lead at the start of the event from his pole starting spot and held a comfortable lead throughout the event. Dennis Niederriter grabbed his third second place in five weeks, followed by Pete Rech (subbing for Mike Reft), Dave Wade, Kyle Lukon, Jason Rider, Justin Lamb, Laura Lukon (who was running 4th but had some suspension problems and returned), Al Atallah, and Darrell Dow. The heats saw Jason Rider and Justin Lamb grab the victories.

The Sunoco Race Fuels UMP Sportsman saw Allison Park PA's Bobby Heim pick up his first win of the season. Davy Lee in the Mohn #39 led the first lap before Bob Schwartzmiller took over. Schwartzmiller seemed to have things well in hand until lap 11 when he developed rear end problems and slowed bringing out a caution. On the restart, Nick Kocuba led lap 12, then 12th starting Heim took over on lap 13 and led the rest of the way. Pat Weldon was second followed by Kocuba, Danny Rich, Jake Simmons, Vince Kamicker, Craig Koteles, Pat Hanley, Curt Bish, and Tyler Fox. Pat Weldon and Craig Koteles took the heats.

Bristolville OH's Joe Gabrielson made his second appearance of the season a winning one as he picked up the UMP Modified main. Gabrielson grabbed the lead on lap one, from his outside front row starting spot. Clayton Kennedy led the next lap before Gabrielson took over again on lap 3. Gabrielson led the rest of the way holding off a strong challenge from Kari Gasser, who pulled even a time or two in the closing laps. Chuck Kennedy was third, followed by J.E. Stalder, 2009 point champ Daryl Charlier, Clayton Kennedy, Kevin Miller, J.J. Bametzrieder, Bill Westlake, and Tom Martineck. Kari Gasser and Daryl Charlier took the heat wins.

The Flynn's Tire and Auto Factory Stocks saw Bethel Park PA's Garrett O'Patchen win his second feature of the season. O'Patchen, who started 4th, took the lead on lap two, and led the rest of the way. The last lap was a wild one, as second running Brian Huchko pulled on the outside of O'Patchen, then broke a ball joint and collected third running Tony White. At the finish it was O'Patchen, 2009 point champ Gary Koteles, Rich Mason, Jason Herniak, Edward Wisner, Jennifer Barker, Huchko, White, and Dan Duseheid.

Justin Pons, Pittsburgh PA, won his 6th Imperial Heights Garage Sport Compact feature of 2009. Joe Gombach III looked to be well on his way to winning his second feature of the season when he slowed with mechanical problems on lap 6, allowing Pons to take the lead and the win. Ricky Steigerwald was second followed by Daniel White, Hannah Ramsey, Gombach, Tyler Atkinson and Alec Broniszewski.

SUMMARY – September 5, 2009

DirtCar Super Late Models

Heats – Jared Miley and Dave Murdick

Feature (25 Laps) – 1. Jared Miley, 2. Jim Stephans, 3. Brandon Burgoon, 4. Lynn Geisler, 5. Ben Miley, 6. Kyle Lukon, 7. Brandon Wearing, 8. John Flinner, 9. Mike

Basich, 10. Dave Murdick, 11. John Mollick, 12. Danny Rich, 13. Chuck Medved. 14. Dave Johnson, 15. Mike Johnson, 16. Tommy Beck, 17. Mark Banal, 18. Tom Bateman, 19. Jon Hodgkiss

BRP Modifieds

Heats – Rex King, Dave Murdick and Kevin Bolland

Feature (30 Laps) – 1. Brian Swartzlander, 2. Jeremiah Shingledecker, 3. Del Rougeux Jr., 4. Rex King, 5. Jim Rasey, 6. Garrett Krummert, 7. Gary Smoker, 8. Tommy Kristyak, 9. Mike Turner, 10. Mike Miller, 11. Steve Feder, 12. Mark Frankhouser, 13. Steve Barr, 14. Ted Ryan, 15. Joe Crawford, 16. Dave Murdick, 17. Ryan Hall, 18. Dave Reges, 19. Jeff Miller, 20. Brad Rapp, 21. Dillon Barr, 22. Rodney Beltz, 23. Kevin Bolland, 24. Rex King Jr, 25. Carl Murdick DNS - Ron Eperthner Jr

Brougner's Machine Shop Pro Late Models

Heats – Jason Rider and Justin Lamb

Feature (20 Laps) – 1. Mark Moats Jr, 2. Dennis Niederriter, 3. Pete Rech, 4. Dave Wade, 5. Kyle Lukon, 6. Jason Rider, 7. Justin Lamb, 8. Laura Lukon, 9. Al Atallah, 10. Darrell Dow, 11. Bryan Hoffman, 12. Kelvin Kohan, 13. Colton Flinner, 14. Beau Glemba, 15. Dusty Curry, 16. Scott Schempp, 17. Sean Puz, 18. Rocky Kugel, 19. Thomas Dembowski, 20. Jeremy Kleemock

Miley Truck Rental UMP Modifieds

Heats – Kari Gasser and Daryl Charlier

Feature (15 Laps) – 1. Joe Gabrielson, 2. Kari Gasser, 3. Chuck Kennedy, 4. J E Stalder, 5. Daryl Charlier, 6. Clayton Kennedy, 7. Kevin Miller, 8. J J Bametzrieder, 9. Bill Westlake, 10. Tom Martineck, 11. Jim Plance, 12. Jared Domhoff, 13. Brandon Blackshear, 14. Denny Nakutis, 15. Sean Graham, 16. Vince Crisanti, 17. Cory Miller, 18. Jim Turley, 19. Vince Laboon

Sunoco Race Fuels UMP Sportsman

Heats – Pat Weldon and Craig Koteles

Feature (15 Laps) – 1. Bobby Heim, 2. Pat Weldon, 3. Nick Kocuba, 4. Danny Rich, 5. Jake Simmons, 6. Vincent Kamicker, 7. Craig Koteles, 8. Pat Hanley, 9. Curt Bish, 10. Tyler Fox, 11. Joe Koteles, 12. Bob Schwartzmiller, 13. Davy Lee, 14. Bill Tennant, 15. Dave Slade

Flynn's Tire and Auto Factory Stocks

Feature (10 Laps) – 1. Gary Koteles, 2. Rich Mason, 3. Jason Herniak, 4. Edward Wiser, 5. Jennifer Barker, 6. Brian Huchko, 7. Tony White, 8. Garrett O'Patchen, 9. Dan Duseheid

Imperial Heights Garage Young Guns Sport Compacts

Feature (8 Laps) – 1. Justin Pons, 2. Ricky Steigerwald, 3. Daniel White, 4. Hannah Ramsey, 5. Joe Gombach III, 6. Tyler Atkinson, 7. Alec Broniszewski

