

Chad Blonde charges to SOD King Engine Bearings KoM win at Hartford



Kenny Wallace helps Chad Blonde and crew celebrate win

Chad Blonde dominated the Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt King Engine Bearing King of Michigan Race #3 at Hartford Speedway Friday night.

The large crowd was treated to an impressive display of masterful driving as Blonde charged from his eighth starting position and had little trouble with lapped traffic on the wide, expansive track. Blonde took the lead from Linden Jones on lap four and drove away from the field. He was chased to the checkered flag by Ryan Ruhl who took second from Steve Irwin on lap 17. Ruhl was also impressive as he ran the entire race on seven cylinders, losing a cylinder at the start of the feature. SOD championship point leader Irwin finished third. The caution-free feature was completed in just five minutes and twenty-five seconds with only seven cars finishing

on the lead lap.

Blonde is perfect in the three King Engine Bearing KoM races so far in 2017 and also won the last SOD race on the old Hartford track configuration last year. He was also the fastest overall qualifier and heat race winner. His three wins give him a commanding lead in the King Engine Bearing King of Michigan point standings over Steve Irwin, Gregg Dalman, Thomas Schinderle, and Linden Jones.

The Lane Automotive/MSD Ignition Fast Masters also won their respective heats with Blonde in the Engler Machine & Tool heat, Joe Swanson in the COMP Cams heat, and Ryan Ruhl in the RockAuto.com heat.

Qualifying – Lane Automotive/MSD Ignition Fast Masters (fast qualifiers) \$50 each

Group	Time	#	Driver
Engler Machine & Tool Heat	14.008	5B	Chad Blonde
COMP Cams Heat	14.224	7J	Joe Swanson
RockAuto.com Heat	14.444	71H	Ryan Ruhl

Heat Races – Winners \$100 each

Engler Machine & Tool Heat #1			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	5B	Chad Blonde	
2	0	Steve Irwin	Kistler Racing Products
3	12	Chris Gurley	Racing Optics
4	10J	Chris Jones	
5	47	Robert Bulloch	

6	91L	Alexis Adgate	
7	DNS	Chad Goff	

COMP Cams Heat #2			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	7J	Joe Swanson	
2	49T	Gregg Dalman	Allstar Performance
3	27B	Boston Mead	Racing Optics
4	1a	Mark Aldrich	
5	41	Thomas Schinderle	
6	77	Andrew Scheid	
7	58	Toney Bures	

RockAuto.com Heat #3			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	71H	Ryan Ruhl	
2	19J	Linden Jones	Kistler Racing Products
3	20A	Andy Chehowski	Racing Optics
4	18	DJ Lamance	
5	8	Justin Ward	
6	70	Eli Lakin	
7	10s	Jay Steinebach	

Feature

	#	Driver	Started	Contingencies
1	5b	Chad Blonde	8	Rod End Supply
2	71H	Ryan Ruhl	5	Rod End Supply
3	0	Steve Irwin	3	Rod End Supply
4	49T	Gregg Dalman	6	Schoenfeld Headers
5	19J	Linden Jones	1	ATL Racing Fuel Cells
6	27B	Boston Mead	4	
7	7J	Joe Swanson	7	Allstar Performance
8	41	Thomas Schinderle	14	
9	10J	Chris Jones	10	King Racing Products
10	10s	Jay Steinebach	20	
11	77	Andrew Scheid	15	Keizer Aluminum Wheels
12	20A	Andy Chehowski	9	
13	58	Toney Bures	17	
14	8	Justin Ward	13	
15	70	Eli Lakin	18	
16	47	Robert Bulloch	11	
17	18	DJ Lamance	12	
18	91L	Alexis Adgate	16	
19	12	Chris Gurley	2	
20	1a	Mark Aldrich	DNS	

KSE Racing Products Hard Charger – Jay Steinebach (+10)
BR Motorsports Contingency (feature top 10 draw) – Linden Jones
DMI (Diversified Machine) Contingency (feature 12-16 draw) – Eli Lakin
Perfit Corporation Lucky Dog – Alexis Adgate

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