

Thomas Schinderle tops SOD Driven Racing Oil Battlegrounds Bash



Boston Mead

(3rd), winner Thomas Schinderle, Joe Swanson (2nd)

Thomas Schinderle was dialed in as Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP invaded Butler Motor Speedway for the Driven Racing Oil Battlegrounds Bash finale/4th Annual Butler Bash Saturday night. The spectacular show, the last 2017 SOD race at Butler, put an exclamation point on the three-race series.

The Driven Racing Oil, Butler Motor Speedway, Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt partnership was a huge success.

Schinderle (Berkley, MI) not only picked up his first sprint car feature win, but also the \$1,000 check as the 2017 Driven Racing Oil Battlegrounds Bash points champion. He started the night in fourth place in the points, but a combination of several factors, including his stellar performance, propelled him to the championship. Joe Swanson, Chad Blonde, Jay Steinebach, and Steve Irwin will also share in the point fund

payout.

It was the “younger generation” in the front row to start the feature, thirteen-year-old leading SOD sprint car rookie of the year candidate Andrew Scheid (Sparta, MI) started from the pole. Butler competitor nineteen-year-old Quentin Blonde (Litchfield, MI) started outside front row. After a first lap caution for a Tony Bures spin, Scheid took the lead on the start and looked like anything but a sprint car rookie.

On lap five Joe Swanson (Etna Green, IN) used his experience to grab the lead from Scheid. Swanson looked fast, but sixth place starter Thomas Schinderle drove by Swanson, winner of the second Driven Racing Oil Battlegrounds Bash race, on lap 9 after a crowd-pleasing back and forth battle.

Once out front, Schinderle skillfully worked his way through traffic and maintained a small lead over Swanson. For a lap twenty-one restart, Chad Blonde had moved into third and all eyes were on him as the race went green. Schinderle and Swanson were up to the challenge though. Blonde’s charge ended as he ran over the top of turn three, losing six places.

Josh Shantz , a regular at Ohsweken Speedway in Ontario, entered his first Engine Pro Sprints On presented by ARP. Former Michigander Chad Goff, now an Olathe, Kansas, resident and longtime winged and non-winged, pavement and dirt sprint car competitor also competed in the program.

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

Group	Time	#	Driver
Engler Machine & Tool Heat	13.565	19Z	Doug Zimmerman
COMP Cams Heat	14.517	5QB	Quentin Blonde
RockAuto.com Heat	15.348	10s	Jay Steinebach

Heat Races – Winners \$100 each

Engler Machine & Tool Heat #1			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	19Z	Doug Zimmerman	
2	5b	Chad Blonde	Kistler Racing Products
3	7J	Joe Swanson	Racing Optics
4	4T	Josh Turner	
5	20A	Andy Chehowski	
6	49T	Gregg Dalman	
7	21T	Troy Chehowski	
8	18x	Josh Shantz	
9	6	Tyler Bearden	

COMP Cams Heat #2			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	27b	Boston Mead	
2	41	Thomas Schinderle	Allstar Performance
3	5QB	Quentin Blonde	Racing Optics
4	1a	Mark Aldrich	
5	9	Chad Goff	
6	9E	Tim Evilsizer	
7	10J	Chris Jones	
8	27K	Ryan Kirkendall	
9	8	Justin Ward	

RockAuto.com Heat #3			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	0	Steve Irwin	
2	77	Andrew Scheid	Kistler Racing Products
3	47	Robert Bulloch	Racing Optics
4	58	Tony Bures	
5	18	DJ Lamance	
6	17	Dustin Carl	
7	52	Zac Broughman	
8	10s	Jay Steinebach	
DNS	12	Mike Baker	

B-Main

	#	Driver
1	9E	Tim Evilsizer
2	10J	Chris Jones
3	49T	Gregg Dalman
4	18x	Josh Shantz
5	10s	Jay Steinebach
6	21T	Troy Chehowski
7	8	Justin Ward
8	27K	Ryan Kirkendall
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Feature

	#	Driver	Awards	Contingencies
1	41	Thomas Schinderle		Rod End Supply
2	7J	Joe Swanson		Rod End Supply
3	27b	Boston Mead		Rod End Supply
4	19Z	Doug Zimmerman		Schoenfeld Headers
5	0	Steve Irwin		ATL Racing Fuel Cells
6	4T	Josh Turner		
7	5b	Chad Blonde		Allstar Performance
8	77	Andrew Scheid		
9	9	Chad Goff		King Racing Products
10	47	Robert Bulloch		
11	9E	Tim Evilsizer		Keizer Aluminum Wheels
12	49T	Gregg Dalman		
13	18x	Josh Shantz		
14	20A	Andy Chehowski		
15	10s	Jay Steinebach		
16	18	DJ Lamance		
17	58	Tony Bures		

18	5QB	Quentin Blonde		
19	10J	Chris Jones		
20	1a	Mark Aldrich		

KSE Racing Products Hard Charger – Gregg Dalman (+6)

BR Motorsports Contingency (feature top 10 draw) – Steve Irwin

DMI (Diversified Machine) Contingency (feature 12-16 draw) – Gregg Dalman

Perfit Corporation Lucky Dog – Tim Evilsizer

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