

Chad Blonde takes SOD Butler Bash Friday



ERIE, MI (August 4, 2018) – Chad Blonde (Litchfield, Michigan) drove his Krieger Racing Engines powered Maxim to victory Friday night for the Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP win on the first night of the two-night 5th annual Butler Bash at Butler Speedway.

The luck of the draw was on Blonde's side when the King Engine Bearings Kids Feature Draw put him on the pole for the feature. Mastering a track that challenged many drivers, he led from start to finish for the victory by almost a quarter of a lap over eighth-starter Ryan Ruhl (Coldwater, Michigan) and Boston Mead (Onsted, Michigan).

Jay Steinebach (Hudsonville, Michigan) charged from the second starting position to lead through turn two on lap one before Blonde motored by on the backstretch. Mead and Shawn Valenti (Fostoria, Ohio) looked like they might be able to challenge

the leader, but it was Ruhl who was Blonde's only serious threat.

Butler regular John Turner (Osseo, Michigan) had overall fast time and won the COMP Cams heat race. Mead, also a Butler regular took the Engler Machine & Tool heat.

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

| Group | Time | # | Driver |
|----------------------------|-------------|----------|---------------|
| Engler Machine & Tool Heat | 13.587 | 5B | Chad Blonde |
| COMP Cams Heat | 13.434 | 4T | Josh Turner |

Heat Races

| Engler Machine & Tool Heat #1 | | | |
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| | # | Driver | Contingency |
| 1 | 27B | Boston Mead | |
| 2 | 10s | Jay Steinebach | |
| 3 | 5b | Chad Blonde | Benic Enterprises |
| 4 | 7X | Nic Rogers | Racing Optics |
| 5 | 27K | Brad Wickham | |
| 6 | 8 | Justin Ward | |
| 7 | 29 | Daryl Shaffer | |
| 8 | 52 | Zac Broughman | |
| 9 | 1a | AJ Aldrich | |

| COMP Cams Heat #2 | | | |
|--------------------------|----------|---------------|--------------------|
| | # | Driver | Contingency |
| 1 | 4T | Josh Turner | |

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| 2 | 0 | Ricky Ferkel | |
| 3 | 7 | Shawn Valenti | Benic Enterprises |
| 4 | 71H | Ryan Ruhl | Racing Optics |
| 5 | 39 | Tylar Rankin | |
| 6 | 24+ | Mike Schumacher | |
| 7 | 5QB | Quentin Blonde | |

Feature

| | # | Driver | Awards | Contingencies |
|----|-----|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | 5b | Chad Blonde | | Rod End Supply |
| 2 | 71H | Ryan Ruhl | Jim Coffey & Son | Rod End Supply |
| 3 | 27B | Boston Mead | | Rod End Supply |
| 4 | 7 | Shawn Valenti | | Schoenfeld Headers |
| 5 | 5QB | Quentin Blonde | | ATL Racing Fuel Cells |
| 6 | 4T | Josh Turner | | Allstar Performance |
| 7 | 10s | Jay Steinebach | | |
| 8 | 0 | Ricky Ferkel | | |
| 9 | 7X | Nic Rogers | | |
| 10 | 8 | Justin Ward | | |
| 11 | 29 | Daryl Shaffer | | Keizer Aluminum Wheels |
| 12 | 24+ | Mike Schumacher | | |
| 13 | 39 | Tylar Rankin | | |

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| 14 | 52 | Zac Broughman | | |
| 15 | 1a | AJ Aldrich | | |
| 16 | 27K | Brad Wickham | | |
| 17 | 8W | Josh Ward | | |

KSE Racing Products Hard Charger – Quentin Blonde (+9)
BR Motorsports Contingency (feature top 10 draw) – Boston Mead
DMI (Diversified Machine) Contingency (feature 12-16 draw) –
Tylar Rankin
Perfit Corporation Lucky Dog – Jay Steinebach
Allstar Performance Better Luck Next Time – Josh Ward

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