

Chad Blonde Crowned King Engine Bearings King of Michigan



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ERIE, MI (September 1, 2018) –Chad Blonde (Litchfield, Michigan) picked up his third 2018 King Engine Bearings King of Michigan win at Hartford Speedway Friday and wrapped up the 2018 KoM Championship with an exciting 0.177 second win over Ryan Ruhl (Coldwater, Michigan).

The SOD Kids Feature Draw put Shawn Valenti (Fostoria, Ohio) and Mark Aldrich (Addison, Michigan) on the front row for the feature with Blonde, the current SOD point leader, starting sixth. Before a lap could be completed, Michael Schumacher (Constantine, Michigan) brought out the red with a turn three crash. Blonde charged into the lead on lap 2 while fifth starter Ruhl took second on lap four. Ruhl did everything he could to reel in the leader, but Blonde was strong, holding onto a narrow lead as they weaved through lapped traffic and held on to win by less than two-tenths of a second. Both Blonde and Ruhl utilized Krieger Racing Engines powered Maxims.

Zane DeVault (Plymouth, Indiana) led all qualifiers after returning to SOD competition. DeVault picked up his first SOD

victory on April 28 at Crystal Motor Speedway before sitting out most of the season due to an injury. For the third time in 2018, Quentin Blonde (Litchfield, Michigan) was the KSE Hard Charger with +7.

As 2018 King Engine Bearings King of Michigan, Blonde will receive \$1,000 at the Sprints On Dirt Awards Banquet on October 27. Also collecting part of the point fund will be Shawn Valenti, Jay Steinebach, Dustin Shriver, and Ricky Ferkel.

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

Group	Time	#	Driver
RockAuto.com Heat	14.795	7Z	Zane DeVault
COMP Cams Heat	15.434	7	Shawn Valenti

Heat Races

RockAuto.com Heat #1			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	5b	Chad Blonde	
2	7Z	Zane DeVault	
3	7J	Joe Swanson	Benic Enterprises
4	70	Eli Lakin	Racing Optics
5	3	Dustin Shriver	
6	46	Robert Huisken	
7	8	Justin Ward	
8	10J	Chris Jones	
DNS	27B	Boston Mead	

COMP Cams Heat #2			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	71H	Ryan Ruhl	
2	7	Shawn Valenti	
3	1a	Mark Aldrich	Benic Enterprises
4	10s	Jay Steinebach	Racing Optics
5	5QB	Quentin Blonde	
6	24+	Michael Schumacher	
7	35	Josh Ward	
8	3G	John Gurley	
9	33	Jeremy Ferguson	
10	0	Ricky Ferkel	

Feature

	#	Driver	Awards	Contingencies
1	5b	Chad Blonde		Rod End Supply
2	71H	Ryan Ruhl	Jim Coffey & Son	Rod End Supply
3	5QB	Quentin Blonde		Rod End Supply
4	7Z	Zane DeVault		Schoenfeld Headers
5	10s	Jay Steinebach		ATL Racing Fuel Cells
6	7	Shawn Valenti		Allstar Performance
7	1a	Mark Aldrich		

8	70	Eli Lakin		
9	3	Dustin Shriver		King Racing Products
10	46	Robert Huisken		
11	10J	Chris Jones		
12	3G	John Gurley		Keizer Aluminum Wheels
13	35	Josh Ward		
14	7J	Joe Swanson		
15	33	Jeremy Ferguson		
16	8	Justin Ward		
17	0	Ricky Ferkel		
18	24+	Michael Schumacher		
DNS	27B	Boston Mead		

KSE Racing Products Hard Charger – Quentin Blonde (+7)

BR Motorsports Contingency (feature top 10 draw) – Mark Aldrich

DMI (Diversified Machine) Contingency (feature 12-16 draw) – Joe Swanson

Perfit Corporation Lucky Dog – Mark Aldrich

Allstar Performance Better Luck Next Time – Michael Schumacher

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