

Ryan Ruhl takes his 3rd SOD Mike Olrich Memorial win at Crystal Motor Speedway



Ryan Ruhl (Coldwater, MI) capped off a great weekend by putting on a dominating performance to win his third consecutive annual Mike Olrich Memorial last night at Crystal Motor Speedway. The race was the final points race for Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt Presented by ARP 2017 season. The 25 lap SOD feature was run caution-free and in record time. Ruhl also won the SOD King Engine Bearing King of Michigan race at Hartford Speedway Friday night.

The speedway was the scene of an epic battle; there was also an impressive race too! Track owner/promoter Ron Flinn went toe-to-toe for control of the track surface with Mother Nature. Flinn, who takes pride in his track prep, was challenged after SOD heats but before the SOD feature.

Determined to win out, Flinn went to work bringing back the lost race surface. Crystal's track prep vehicles/push trucks went to work on track. All 22 SOD cars then took over and wheel packed the track. Everyone was rewarded with a lightning-fast, fan-pleasing track.

Jay Steinebach and Brett Mann led the field to the green with Mann taking the initial lead. It was immediately obvious that the packed house was going to be treated to an all-out speed fest. Lapped traffic quickly made the leaders work hard, and Steinebach took advantage of a Mann check up to grab the lead. 4th starting Ruhl took the lead on lap seven though, and drove off into another time zone, expertly slicing through traffic. Steinebach faced a little pressure first from Mann, then from Dain Naida, but eventually opened up a comfortable gap. Mann got back by Naida on the last lap to claim 3rd.

Steve Irwin's 6th place finish was enough to claim the Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt Presented by ARP 2017 Championship.

Thomas Schinderle finished 2nd in points and is the 2017 Perfit Sprints On Dirt Series Rookie of the Year. 2015 SOD champion

Gregg Dalman finished 3rd in points. Chris Jones came back from a heat race flip to start the feature and take 4th in points over Ryan Ruhl. Andrew Scheid claimed the 2017 Perfit Sprints On Dirt Sprint Car Rookie of the Year title and finished 8th in season points.

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

Group	Time	#	Driver
Engler Machine & Tool Heat	12.136	17x	Dain Naida
COMP Cams Heat	12.854	41	Thomas Schinderle

RockAuto.com Heat	12.166	16	Ryan Ruhl
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Heat Races – Winners \$100 each

Engler Machine & Tool Heat #1			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	17x	Dain Naida	
2	0	Steve Irwin	Kistler Racing Products
3	77	Andrew Scheid	Racing Optics
4	46	Robert Huisken	
5	20A	Andy Chehowski	
6	21T	Troy Chehowski	
7	91L	Alexis Adgate	
8	28	Brian Slusarski	

COMP Cams Heat #2			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	41	Thomas Schinderle	
2	89	Chris Pobanz	Allstar Performance
3	24	Eric Smith	Racing Optics
4	58	Tony Bures	
5	6	Tyler Bearden	
6	31	Tanner Astrauskas	

7	10J	Chris Jones	
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RockAuto.com Heat #3			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	16	Ryan Ruhl	
2	10S	Jay Steinebach	Kistler Racing Products
3	19	Brett Mann	Racing Optics
4	49T	Gregg Dalman	
5	3A	Mike Astrauskas	
6	9E	Tim Evilsizer	
7	47	Robert Bulloch	

Feature

	#	Driver	Started	Contingencies
1	16	Ryan Ruhl		Rod End Supply
2	10S	Jay Steinebach		Rod End Supply
3	19	Brett Mann		Rod End Supply
4	17X	Dain Naida		Schoenfeld Headers
5	41	Thomas Schinderle		ATL Racing Fuel Cells
6	0	Steve Irwin		
7	49T	Gregg Dalman		Allstar Performance
8	77	Andrew Scheid		

9	46	Robert Huisken		King Racing Products
10	9E	Tim Evilsizer		
11	21T	Troy Chehowski		Keizer Aluminum Wheels
12	20A	Andy Chehowski		
13	58	Tony Bures	18	
14	91L	Alexis Adgate	13	
15	28	Brian Slusarski	22	
16	24	Eric Smith	21	
17	6	Tyler Bearden	23	
18	89	Chris Pobanz	17	
19	3A	Mike Astrauskas	16	
20	47	Robert Bulloch	9	
21	31	Tanner Astrauskas	24	
22	10J	Chris Jones	6	

KSE Racing Products Hard Charger – Tim Evilsizer (+6)
BR Motorsports Contingency (feature top 10 draw) – Dain Naida
DMI (Diversified Machine) Contingency (feature 12-16 draw) –
Brian Slusarski
Perfit Corporation Lucky Dog – Chris Pobanz

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