

# Hartford King Engine Bearings KoM kicks off SOD Month of the King



ERIE, MI (July 2, 2018) – The King is back, and going big in July, with the Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP Month of the King, including three King Engine Bearings King of Michigan races! The KoM opener was rained out on May 18 and again on June 8, so we travel to Hartford Speedway for the first 2018 KoM race this Friday, July 6.

SOD teams kick off the Month of the King Friday, then return to Hartford on July 13 for the KoM round 2. SOD will race at Crystal Motor Speedway on Saturday, July 14, for the season's third MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge race on July 14. The month is capped off at Hartford on July 27 for the KoM round 3.

The 2018 KoM Champion will be crowned at the series finale on August 31. The champion will have a guaranteed starting spot in the Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP Mike Olrich Memorial Race at Crystal Motor Speedway on September 1st. The

King Engine Bearings King of Michigan will pay a point fund to the top five at the 2018 Sprints On Dirt Awards Banquet at the Battle Creek (MI) Holiday Inn on Saturday, October 27.

Chad Blonde won the first three 2017 KoM races, including a record 5 minute and 25 second, non-stop feature on August 11th; Ryan Ruhl won the 2017 KoM finale. Blonde won the KoM points championship over Steve Irwin (2001 & 2017 SOD champion), Gregg Dalman (2015 SOD champion), and Thomas Schinderle (2017 SOD Series Rookie of the Year).

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The race will be the first of four races of the Motul Leader of the Pack Stage 3. The LoP consists of four stages including all SOD races through September 1. Each stage finish is based on SOD points earned during the stage. The Motul Leader of the Pack Champion will be the driver with the best average finishing position for all stages and will pay a five-place point fund at the 2018 Awards Banquet. Chad Blonde won Stage 1 of the LoP. Shawn Valenti won Stage 2.

Blonde currently leads SOD championship points over Shawn Valenti and Ryan Ruhl.

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