

Weathering the Storm! The Hurricane and Rain Couldn't Derail Blaney's Train

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STEWART, OH (6-25-08) by Bryan Autullo – All Star PR Director

The O'Reilly All Star Circuit of Champions made their first appearance of 2008 at Billy Jarrell's Skyline Speedway in Stewart, OH to complete the second full night of racing during the UNOH Ohio Sprint Speedweek. The weather forecast produced more threats of rain which seems to be an ugly theme this week. A 20 minute delay during the B-main was easy to endure after the multi-day rain outs early in the week.

There were 52 cars on hand to compete for the All Star loot with \$5000 on the line and a shot at a \$50,000 bonus. Randy “The Hurricane” Hannagan won the Hilltop event and looked to have a legitimate shot at making it two in a row as the All Star “Pick 6” redraw put him on the front row once again – this time with Jimmy Nier to his outside. Brian Ellenberger and Dale Blaney made up row two and Todd Kane sat next to Aussie Ian Louden in row three.

At the green flag, Nier jumped to a quick lead, but Hannagan stayed on him with Blaney making things interesting in third. The caution flew on lap 3, and on the restart Nier held off the 1x for as long as he could, but by lap 8 Hannagan got past Nier to take the lead. Blaney got around Nier and set his sites on Hannagan, finally making the charge to the lead on lap 18 as Brian Smith moved into third.

At the mid-point of the 40 lapper, Blaney paced the field with Hannagan, Brian Smith, Craig Mintz and Nier in tow. As Blaney weaved through lapped traffic, Hannagan kept him in his sites as Brian Smith battled Mintz for third. Mintz finally took the spot away with 10 laps to go and set sail to challenge Hannagan for second. Danny Smith and Greg Wilson made their way into the Top 5 as Blaney cruised to victory on the wide and racy track. Hannagan finished second ahead of Mintz, B. Smith, and Wilson.

“I made a bad lap in qualifying, but we got better in the Dash,” said Blaney. “George worked on the car and told me to do my job driving it and not worry about it. I did and it was real good from about lap number 8 on.”

Blaney and Hannagan are the only two drivers with a shot at the \$50,000 bonus with one win each going into Fremont. Blaney had one win last year going into Fremont and nearly pulled it off. “I did it last year at Fremont and Lima,” Blaney recalled. “You never know how we're going to run early and how the pill draw will go. We'll just go and do the best that we can and see what we've got.”

Heat races were won by Greg Wilson, Tim Shaffer, Brandon Martin, and Jimmy Stinson. Aussie Ian Louden won the O'Reilly All Star Dash. Lee Jacobs took the C-main win and Danny Smith cruised to a B-main victory.

Come out and watch the All Stars at Fremont Speedway on Thursday where we will see one of the largest car counts of the week. Visit www.ohiospeedweek.com <<http://www.ohiospeedweek.com/>> for information.

Skyline Speedway (6-25-08) - O'Reilly All Star Circuit of Champions

Qualifying - Kistler Engines

1	1W	Paul Weaver - 11.942
2	1X	Randy Hannagan
3	4	Danny Smith
4	22	Cole Duncan
5	O0	Jim Nier
6	20E	Brian Ellenberger
7	96X	Ian Louden
8	0	Todd Kane
9	O9	Craig Mintz
10	2	Dale Blaney
11	2H	Tim Hunter
12	20X	Brian Smith
13	20AU	Troy Little
14	59	Kenny Jacobs
15	7A	Dave Dickson
16	16S	Lee Stark
17	18Y	Josh Yenser
18	45	Tim Shaffer
19	98	Dan Shetler
20	22J	Jimmy Stinson
21	W20	Greg Wilson

22	34	Luke Hall
23	91	Aaron Middaugh
24	OO1	Greg Mitchell
25	15C	Chris Andrews
26	22D	Josh Davis
27	30C	Lance Dewease
28	24H	Rob Chaney
29	5	Byron Reed
30	5B	Chad Blonde
31	51	Aaron Higgins
32	7K	Blake Feese
33	4K	Kody Kinser
34	55	Dean Jacobs
35	28	Brian Paulus
36	40	Mark Imler
37	X	Mark Keegan
38	83G	Phil Gressman
39	11M	Brandon Martin
40	28X	Hud Horton
41	1S	Wayne Mcpeek
42	16	Lee Jacobs
43	56R	Ryan Myers
44	3C	Cole Conley
45	11B	Brock Mayes
46	60	Kory Crabtree
47	33S	Keith Baxter
48	97	Todd King
49	96AU	Bruce White
50	69	Scott Curren
51	22B	Ben Gregg
52	9G	Chad Goff

Heat 1 - All Pro Heads

1. W20-Greg Wilson; 2. 20AU-Troy Little; 3. 5-Byron Reed; 4. 11B-Brock Mayes; 5. 00-Jim Nier; 6. X-Mark Keegan; 7. 15C-Chris Andrews; 8. 1S-Wayne Mcpeek; 9. 4K-Kody Kinser; 10. 1W-Paul Weaver; 11. 18Y-Josh Yenser; 12. 09-Craig Mintz; 13. 96AU-Bruce White;

Heat 2 - Engler Machine & Tool

1. 45-Tim Shaffer; 2. 20E-Brian Ellenberger; 3. 83G-Phil Gressman; 4. 2-Dale Blaney; 5. 1X-Randy Hannagan; 6. 59-Kenny Jacobs; 7. 5B-Chad Blonde; 8. 34-Luke Hall; 9. 22D-Josh Davis; 10. 16-Lee Jacobs; 11. 69-Scott Curren; 12. 55-Dean Jacobs; 13. 60-Kory Crabtree;

Heat 3 - Hoosier Tire

1. 11M-Brandon Martin; 2. 7A-Dave Dickson; 3. 2H-Tim Hunter; 4. 91-Aaron Middaugh; 5. 96X-Ian Louden; 6. 98-Dan Shetler; 7. 4-Danny Smith; 8. 56R-Ryan Myers; 9. 30C-Lance Dewease; 10. 51-Aaron Higgins; 11. 33S-Keith Baxter; 12. 28-Brian Paulus; 13. 22B-Ben Gregg;

Heat 4 - Hank's Performance Products

1. 22J-Jimmy Stinson; 2. 20X-Brian Smith; 3. 0-Todd Kane; 4. 24H-Rob Chaney; 5. 3C-Cole Conley; 6. 22-Cole Duncan; 7. OO1-Greg Mitchell; 8. 16S-Lee Stark; 9. 7K-Blake Feese; 10. 40-Mark Imler; 11. 97-Todd King; 12. 28X-Hud Horton; 13. 9G-Chad Goff;

Dash - O'Reilly Auto Parts

1. 96X-Ian Louden; 2. 1X-Randy Hannagan; 3. 2H-Tim Hunter; 4. 0-Todd Kane; 5. 2-Dale Blaney; 6. 20E-Brian Ellenberger;

C-main - Outerwears Racing Accessories

1. 16-Lee Jacobs; 2. 56r-Ryan Myers; 3. 33s-Keith Baxter; 4. 1s-Wayne Mcpeek; 5. 97-Todd King; 6. 22b-Ben Gregg; 7.

9g-Chad Goff; 8. 40-Mark Imler; 9. 28x-Hud Horton; 10. 4k-Kody Kinser; 11. 55-Dean Jacobs; 12. 69-Scott Curren;

B-main - University of Northwestern Ohio

1. 4-Danny Smith; 2. O9-Craig Mintz; 3. 98-Dan Shetler; 4. 59-Kenny Jacobs; 5. 22D-Josh Davis; 6. 22-Cole Duncan; 7. 15C-Chris Andrews; 8. 51-Aaron Higgins; 9. 30C-Lance Dewease; 10. 16-Lee Jacobs; 11. 16S-Lee Stark; 12. 33s-Keith Baxter; 13. 34-Luke Hall; 14. 18y-Josh Yenser; 15. 56r-Ryan Myers; 16. 1s-Wayne Mcpeek; 17. 5b-Chad Blonde; 18. 1w-Paul Weaver;

A-main - MSD Ignition Starting Position [x]

1. 2-Dale Blaney[4]; 2. 1X-Randy Hannagan[1]; 3. O9-Craig Mintz[12]; 4. 20X-Brian Smith[8]; 5. W20-Greg Wilson[17]; 6. O0-Jim Nier[2]; 7. 4-Danny Smith[11]; 8. 45-Tim Shaffer[14]; 9. 20E-Brian Ellenberger[3]; 10. 20AU-Troy Little[9]; 11. 2H-Tim Hunter[7]; 12. 0-Todd Kane[5]; 13. 22J-Jimmy Stinson[16]; 14. 5-Byron Reed[20]; 15. 3C-Cole Conley[23]; 16. 83G-Phil Gressman[21]; 17. 11B-Brock Mayes[24]; 18. 11M-Brandon Martin[22]; 19. 96X-Ian Loudon[6]; 20. 98-Dan Shetler[15]; 21. 24H-Rob Chaney[19]; 22. 59-Kenny Jacobs[13]; 23. 7A-Dave Dickson[10]; 24. 91-Aaron Middaugh[18];