

Krup Hangs on for Friday Win at Cedar Ridge



Will Krup in victory lane Friday night. (Josh James Photo)

September 18, 2020 at Cedar Ridge Speedway

(\$1,500 to win)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(By Tyson Graves)

Round seven of the 2020 Summit Racing Equipment American Modified Series took place Friday night at Cedar Ridge Speedway. It was the opening night for the second annual Hope for Harlie weekend. Not only a American Modified Series event but also the closing events for Series title sponsored Summit Racing Equipment Modified Nationals.

Things got underway with SPEC Racing Engines qualifying. 28 Modifieds came to the Cedar Ridge Speedway on Friday night to take time in group qualifying. In Group A it was Brandon McDowell who put down the fastest lap of 14.963 seconds to top the charts. The fastest lap overall came from Group B with Will Krup turning a lap of 14.812 seconds. The final Group C was topped by John Clippinger with a lap of 15.019 seconds. This set the stage for three heat races to start setting the stage for the nights feature event.

Hypercoils heat race one went to group A fast qualifier Brandon McDowell. Zeke McKenzie finished in the second spot. Alex Love was third. Ty Shearon and Ricky Arms picked up the last two transfers to the feature event.

In the second heat race presented by Willy's Carb & Dyno Will Krup picked up the win. Kentucky driver Josh Harris was runner up with Summer Nationals Champ Nick Hoffman coming home third. Gabriel Kirtley and Blaze Melton grabbed the last two transfer spots from heat race two.

In the Fast Shafts sponsored heat race three defending AMS points champion Tyler Nicely came home with win. Second place was Jacob Rexing and third Charlie Mefford. John Clippinger and Johnny Madden were fourth and fifth and all advanced to the nights feature event.

It took a B-Main to settle the final starting spots in the 25-lap feature event. Danny Schwartz, second in AMS points picked up the win. Effingham, IL driver Wade Wenthe finished second and Zach Dennis was third and grabbed the final transfer into the feature event. Christopher Cole, Dennis Vincent, Mark Cole, and TJ Armour all made the feature via provisional's.

After starting on the pole Will Krup took the early lead. After several cautions Krup still showed the way as they closed in on the final laps of the race. Defending American Modified Series champion Tyler Nicely was running in the runner up spot and the hottest modified driver in the country Nick Hoffman running third with five laps remaining. Krup had to pick his spots as he maneuvered through lap traffic to hold them off in the final laps for the win. Josh Harris and Brandon McDowell finished out the top five.

Will Krup has had past success at Cedar Ridge Speedway, winning last year's opening night of the Hope for Harlie race. He said, in victory lane, "The car was really good tonight, I just hope it's good tomorrow with a lot more money on the line." Krup will look for the weekend sweep tomorrow night with \$3,000 to win on the line.

Next events for the American Modified Series are the \$3,000 to win finale of the Hope for Harlie weekend & \$2,000 to win on September 26th at Brownstown Speedway. Stay informed with all the latest news and events from the series on their Facebook page or website www.americanmodifiedseries.com.

Full Results

Feature (25 Laps) 1. K19-Will Krup [1][[]]; 2. 25-Tyler Nicely [3][[]]; 3. 7-Nick Hoffman [8][[]]; 4. 22H-Josh Harris [5][[]]; 5. 18-Brandon McDowell [2][[]]; 6. 24-Zeke McKenzie [4][[]]; 7. K7-Gabriel Kirtley [11][[]]; 8. 21D-Danny Schwartz [16][[]]; 9. 16C-John Clippinger [12][[]]; 10. 55L-Alex Love [7][[]]; 11. 55-Blaze Melton [14][[]]; 12. 13-Charlie Mefford [9][[]]; 13. 22-Wade Wenthe [17][[]]; 14. O3-Zach Dennis [18][[]]; 15. 11-Dennis Vincent [20][[]]; 16. 46-Johnny Madden [15][[]]; 17. 37-TY Shearon [10][[]]; 18. 81-Mark Cole [21][[]]; 19. 8-TJ Armour [22][[]]; 20. 81C-Christopher Cole [19][[]]; 21. 59R-Jacob Rexing [6][[]]; 22. R4-Ricky Arms [13][[]] **Hard Charger:** 21D-Danny Schwartz[+8]

Qualifying Flight-A 1. 18-Brandon McDowell, 14.963; 2. R4-Ricky Arms, 15.024; 3. 55L-Alex Love, 15.188; 4. 24-Zeke McKenzie, 15.397; 5. 22-Wade Wenthe, 15.579; 6. 37-TY Shearon, 15.765; 7. O3-Zach Dennis, 15.78; 8. 81-Mark Cole, 16.147; 9. 1164-Daron Pullam, 17.212; 10. 88E-Gabe Emberton, 17.376

Qualifying Flight-B 1. K19-Will Krup, 14.812; 2. 22H-Josh Harris, 14.941; 3. 7-Nick Hoffman, 15.06; 4. K7-Gabriel Kirtley, 15.273; 5. 21D-Danny Schwartz, 15.503; 6. 55-Blaze Melton, 15.569; 7. 11-Dennis Vincent, 16.044; 8. 29s-Bill Sollers, 16.112; 9. 121-Caleb Slaughter, 16.19

Qualifying Flight-C 1. 16C-John Clippinger, 15.019; 2. 25-Tyler Nicely, 15.2; 3. 13-Charlie Mefford, 15.5; 4. 59R-Jacob Rexing, 15.522; 5. 8-TJ Armour, 15.689; 6. 81C-Christopher Cole, 15.843; 7. 46-Johnny Madden, 16.022; 8. 62E-Kim Edington, 17.811; 9. 1S-Brian Shaw, NT

Heat #1 – Flight (A) (10 Laps) – Top 5 Transfer 1. 18-Brandon McDowell [1]; 2. 24-Zeke McKenzie [4]; 3. 55L-Alex Love [3]; 4. 37-TY Shearon [6]; 5. R4-Ricky Arms [2]; 6. 22-Wade Wenthe [5]; 7. O3-Zach Dennis [7]; 8. 81-Mark Cole [8]; 9. 88E-Gabe Emberton [10]; 10. 1164-Daron Pullam [9]

Heat #2 – Flight (B) (10 Laps) – Top 5 Transfer 1. K19-Will Krup [1]; 2. 22H-Josh Harris [2]; 3. 7-Nick Hoffman [3]; 4. K7-Gabriel Kirtley [4]; 5. 55-Blaze Melton [6]; 6. 21D-Danny Schwartz [5]; 7. 29s-Bill Sollers [8]; 8. 11-Dennis Vincent [7]; 9. 121-Caleb Slaughter [9]

Heat #3 – Flight (C) (10 Laps) – Top 5 Transfer 1. 25-Tyler Nicely [2]; 2. 59R-Jacob Rexing [4]; 3. 13-Charlie Mefford [3]; 4. 16C-John Clippinger [1]; 5. 46-Johnny Madden [7]; 6. 81C-Christopher Cole [6]; 7. 8-TJ Armour [5]; 8. 62E-Kim Edington [8]; 9. 1S-Brian Shaw [9]

Last Chance Showdown #1 (10 Laps) – Top 3 Transfer 1. 21D-Danny Schwartz [2][]; 2. 22-Wade Wenthe [1][]; 3. O3-Zach Dennis [4][]; 4. 11-Dennis Vincent [8][]; 5. 29s-Bill Sollers [5][]; 6. 81C-Christopher Cole [3][]; 7. 121-Caleb Slaughter [11][]; 8. 81-Mark Cole [7][]; 9. 88E-Gabe Emberton [10][]; 10. 62E-Kim Edington [9][]; 11. 8-TJ Armour [6][]; 12. 1164-Daron Pullam [13][]; 13. 1S-Brian Shaw [12][]

Contingency Award Winners

SPEC Race Engines (Overall Fast Qualifier) \$100 Certificate: **Will Krup**

F.A.S.T. (Opposing Group Fast Qualifier) \$75 Certificate: **N/A**

HYPERCOILS (Heat Race #1 Winner) (1) 5" Spring Certificate: **Brandon McDowell**

WILLY'S CARB & DYNO (Heat Race #2 Winner) \$100 Certificate: **Will Krup**

FAST SHAFTS (Heat Race #3 Winner) \$75 Certificate: **Tyler Nicely**

AERO WHEEL (Heat Race #4 Winner) \$80 Certificate: **N/A**

VP RACING FUELS (B-Main #1 Non-Transfer) (5) Gal of VP Fuel: **Bill Sollers**

SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT (B-Main #1 2nd Non-Transfer) \$50 Gift Card: **Caleb Slaughter**

SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT (B-Main #1 3rd Non-Transfer) \$25 Gift Card: **Gabe Emberton**

VP RACING FUELS (B-Main #2 Non-Transfer) (5) Gal of VP Fuel: **N/A**

SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT (B-Main #2 2nd Non-Transfer) \$50 Gift Card: **N/A**

SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT (B-Main #2 3rd Non-Transfer) \$25 Gift Card: **N/A**

PEM RACING (4th Place Finish) Quick Change Gear Set: **Josh Harris**

MAXIMA RACING OILS (Tuff 5th Place Finish) Care Package: **Brandon McDowell**

HOOKER HARNESS (Safe 6th Place Finish) \$75 Certificate: **Zeke McKenzie**

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES (Lucky 7th Place Finish) \$50 Certificate: **Gabriel Kirtley**

FOX RACING SHOX (Lucky 13th Place Finish) \$100 Certificate: **Wade Wenthe**

ALLSTAR PERFORMANCE (Hard Charger) \$100 Certificate: **Danny Schwartz (16th – 8th)**

VP RACING FUELS (Hard Luck) VP Fuel Jug: **Jacob Rexing**

WILES DRIVESHAFTS (Longest Tow for Event) \$100 Certificate: **Nick Hoffman**

Top 10 Points after Fairbury

1. Tyler Nicely 1300
2. Danny Schwartz 1005
3. Mark Cole 920
4. Chris Cole 860
5. Will Krup 825
6. Nick Hoffman 760
7. Jacob Rexing 720
8. Mike Harrison 720
9. Victor Lee 640
10. Jeff Leka 625