

Harris Takes Hope for Harlie at Cedar Ridge



Josh Harris in victory lane Saturday night at Cedar Ridge. (Mark Davis Photo)

September 19, 2020 at Cedar Ridge Speedway

(\$3,000 to win)

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

Things got underway with SPEC Racing Engines qualifying. 24 Modifieds came to the Cedar Ridge Speedway on Saturday night to take time in group qualifying. In Group A it was Wade Wenthe who put down the fastest lap of 15.744 seconds to top the charts. The fastest lap overall came from Group B with Will Krup turning a lap of 15.323 seconds. The final Group C was topped by Nick Hoffman with a lap of 15.548 seconds. This set the stage for three heat races to set the stage for the nights feature event.

Hypercoils heat race one went to group A fast qualifier Wade Wenthe. Jimmy Payne finished in the second spot. Brian Shaw was third. Zach Dennis and Gabriel Kirtley rounded out the top five.

In the second heat race presented by Willy's Carb & Dyno Will Krup picked up the win. Jacob Rexing was runner up with Zeke McKenize coming home third. Danny Schwartz and John Clippinger grabbed the last two top five finishing spots.

In the Fast Shafts sponsored heat race three Summit Racing Equipment Modified Nationals points champion Nick Hoffman came home with win. Second place was Tyler Nicely and third Josh Harris. Ricky Arms and Blaze Melton were fourth and fifth.

After starting on the pole Will Krup took the early lead. Krup had won the Friday night feature and looked to be headed towards a weekend sweep. After dealing with heavy lapped traffic just pased the halfway point Krup still showed the way. On lap 26 that all changed after Nick Hoffman made slight contact with leader Krup. This sent them both in a spin and Tyler Nicely was also collected as he had nowhere to go and piled into Hoffman and Krup.

This opened the door for Josh Harris who started ninth to take over the top spot on the restart. Danny Schwartz who finished second tried to challenge for the win but Harris was just too much. Harris led the remaining 14 laps and grabbed the \$3,000 payday. Jimmy Payne rounded out the podium. Gabriel Kirtley and John Clippinger who started back in the pack finished fourth and fifth.

Next events for the American Modified Series is the \$2,000 to win show 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 (40 Laps) 1. 22H-Josh Harris [9]; 2. 21D-Danny Schwartz [11]; 3. 68-Jimmy Payne [4]; 4. K7-Gabriel Kirtley [13]; 5. 16C-John Clippinger [14]; 6. 59R-Jacob Rexing [5]; 7. 24-Zeke McKenzie [8]; 8. 37-Ty Shearon [21]; 9. 121-Caleb Slaughter [16]; 10. 62E-Kim Edington [23]; 11. 03-Zach Dennis [10]; 12. 1S-Brian Shaw [7]; 13. 7-Nick Hoffman [3]; 14. K19-Will Krup [2]; 15. 25-Tyler Nicely [6]; 16. 29S-Bill Sollers [20]; 17. 11-Dennis Vincent [19]; 18. 22-Wade Wenthe [1]; 19. R4-Ricky Arms [12]; 20. 55-Blaze Melton [15]; 21. 13-Charlie Mefford [18]; 22. 99-Teagan Embrey [17] 23. 8-TJ Armour [22]; 24. 46-Johnny Madden [24]

Qualifying (Group #1) [2 Laps] 1. 22-Wade Wenthe (15.744); 2. 03-Zach Dennis (15.913); 3. 1S-Brian Shaw (15.959); 4. 68-Jimmy Payne (15.992); 5. 8-TJ Armour (16.066); 6. K7-Gabriel Kirtley (16.216); 7. 11-Dennis Vincent (16.221); 8. 121-Caleb Slaughter (16.646)

Qualifying (Group #2) [2 Laps] 1. K19-Will Krup (15.323); 2. 21D-Danny Schwartz (15.859); 3. 59R-Jacob Rexing (15.884); 4. 24-Zeke McKenzie (15.904); 5. 99-Teagan Embrey (15.912); 6. 16C-John Clippinger (15.940); 7. 29S-Bill Sollers (16.598); 8. 62E-Kim Edington (17.240)

Qualifying (Group #3) [2 Laps] – 1. 7-Nick Hoffman (15.476); 2. 22H-Josh Harris (15.548); 3. 25-Tyler Nicely (15.550); 4. R4-Ricky Arms (15.787); 5. 13-Charlie Mefford (16.156); 6. 55-Blaze Melton (16.282); 7. 37-Ty Shearon (16.475); 8. 46-Johnny Madden (16.734)

Heat Race #1 (10 Laps) [All Transfer] – 1. 22-Wade Wenthe [1]; 2. 68-Jimmy Payne [4]; 3. 1S-Brian Shaw [3]; 4. 03-Zach Dennis [2]; 5. K7-Gabriel Kirtley [6]; 6. 121-Caleb Slaughter [8]; 7. 11-Dennis Vincent [7]; 8. TJ-Armour [5]

Heat Race #2 (10 Laps) [All Transfer] – 1. K19-Will Krup [1]; 2. 59R-Jacob Rexing [3]; 3. 24-Zeke McKenzie [4]; 4. 21D-Danny Schwartz [2]; 5. 16C-John Clippinger [6]; 6. 99-Teagan Embrey [5]; 7. 29S-Bill Sollers [7]; 8. 62E-Kim Edington [8]

Heat Race #3 (10 Laps) [All Transfer] – 1. 7-Nick Hoffman [1]; 2. 25-Tyler Nicely [3]; 3. 22H-Josh Harris [2]; 4. R4-Ricky Arms [4]; 5. 55-Blaze Melton [6]; 6. 13-Charlie Mefford [5]; 7. 37-Ty Shearon [7]; 8. 46-Johnny Madden [8]

Contingency Award Winners

SPEC Race Engines (Overall Fast Qualifier) \$100 Certificate: **Will Krup**
F.A.S.T. (Opposing Group Fast Qualifier) \$75 Certificate: **Nick Hoffman**
HYPERCOILS (Heat Race #1 Winner) (1) 5" Spring Certificate: **Wade Wenthe**
WILLY'S CARB & DYNO (Heat Race #2 Winner) \$100 Certificate: **Will Krup**
FAST SHAFTS (Heat Race #3 Winner) \$75 Certificate: **Nick Hoffman**
AERO WHEEL (Heat Race #4 Winner) \$80 Certificate: **N/A**
VP RACING FUELS (B-Main #1 Non-Transfer) (5) Gal of VP Fuel: **N/A**
SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT (B-Main #1 2nd Non-Transfer) \$50 Gift Card: **N/A**
SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT (B-Main #1 3rd Non-Transfer) \$25 Gift Card: **N/A**
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: **Gabriel Kirtley**
MAXIMA RACING OILS (Tuff 5th Place Finish) Care Package: **John Clippinger**
HOOKER HARNESS (Safe 6th Place Finish) \$75 Certificate: **Jacob Rexing**
WILWOOD DISC BRAKES (Lucky 7th Place Finish) \$50 Certificate: **Zeke McKenzie**
FOX RACING SHOX (Lucky 13th Place Finish) \$100 Certificate: **Kim Edington**
ALLSTAR PERFORMANCE (Hard Charger) \$100 Certificate: **Ty Sheron (21st – 8th)**
VP RACING FUELS (Hard Luck) VP Fuel Jug: **Johnny Madden**
WILES DRIVESHAFTS (Longest Tow for Event) \$100 Certificate: **Nick Hoffman**

Top 10 Points after Cedar Ridge

1. Tyler Nicely 1455
2. Danny Schwartz 1235
3. Will Krup 985
4. Nick Hoffman 935
5. Jacob Rexing 920
6. Mark Cole 920
7. Chris Cole 860
8. Brian Shaw 755
9. Mike Harrison 720
10. Josh Clippinger 690