



KNEPPER WINS RAIN DELAYED BILSTEIN MODIFIED LITE STARS NATIONALS PRESENTED BY NEW AUGUSTA AUTO SERVICE

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(Montpelier, IN)...Weather failed to cooperate for the Bilstein Modified Lite STARS Nationals Presented by New Augusta Auto Service originally scheduled on August 23rd at Montpelier Speedway but the weather worked in our favor this weekend, Indian Modified Lite Association and STARS regional director Todd Padgett stated. Todd along with Willie McFarland rescheduled the national event for August 30th. Todd explained to Bill Bauer, Mod Lite STARS President of Competition & Racing Operations that our other option was to move the rain date to later in September which would have conflicted with other schedule events.

Allen Knepper out of Somerset, PA liked the caution free 20-lapper that saw him take the win by a quarter track taking home the \$1000 check. "The green-to-checkered always helps," explained Knepper in victory lane. "I didn't want to let Fritter or Dad (Lynn



Knepper) get a shot to beat me on the restart. They always seem to do that! We were good and I wasn't even running it as hard as she goes. I was just trying to save that left rear."

Knepper took an early lead in the feature event and never looked back. With plenty of racing behind him, he stretched out his lead and left the race for the runner up spot well behind. The victory was Knepper's first STARS national win but has multiple wins at tracks closer to his home. In 2013 Allen Knepper won his first

Bilstein Modified Lite STARS Mid Atlantic Regional Championship running against some of the top drivers in the United States. Following him to the stripe was Tracy Fritter. Lynn Knepper, Ron Parrish, and Tyler Boetcher.

1. 20 Allen Knepper, 2. 59 Tracy Fritter, 3. 21 Lynn Knepper, 4. 21R Ron Parrish, 5. 33 Tyler Boetcher, 6. 44 Jesse Halfhill, 7. 11 Toby Boetcher, 8. 26 Gary Griffith, 9. 95 Todd Padgett, 10. 24 Dalton Leach, 11. 88 Josh Teneyck -*R, 12. 27 Shawn Wible -*R, 13. 65 Joe Boyll -*R, 14. 11 Willie McFarland, 15. 22 Andy Sherley -*R

"New Augusta Auto Service will be a great addition to our national program and we are honored to have New Augusta part of our National Series" stated President of Competition & Racing Operations Bill Bauer. We were working hard on our 2014 schedule and looking for a central

location in the United States to run our fifth national race. Todd Padgett along with Willie McFarland was instrumental securing New Augusta as our primary sponsor for the Montpelier race. The August 23rd event will be the Bilstein Modified Lite STARS Nationals Presented by New Augusta Auto Service.

New Augusta Auto Service is a Napa Auto Care Center proudly serving the entire Northwest corner of Indianapolis and the surrounding areas for over 25 years and A+ rated by the BBB. New Augusta Auto Service has been providing fleet service to local business with technicians having over 85 combined years of experience.



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The 2013 season was very successful that saw more than 230 different drivers competing for regional and national points. Our best estimates are that because of sponsorship support we were able to pay out more than \$200,000 in cash and awards.

The Modified Lite STARS International Championship Tour is proudly supported by its major sponsors: BILSTEIN Shock Absorbers, North East Modified Lites, Knepper ATV Repair, TRU Wheels, New Augusta Auto Services, and Hoosier Racing Tire.

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