



## **Knepper Win's Final Night of the Bilstein Mod Lite STARS Winter Nationals Presented by NXS Motorsports and Overall Championship**

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Ocala, FL (February 22, 2015): Going into Sunday night, drivers were preparing for the final night of racing that was originally scheduled for Thursday night. Bubba Raceway Park officials made the decision to move the Thursday night Winter Nationals seasons opener to Sunday. With heavy rainfall already received on Tuesday, and more expected over night and into Wednesday morning, it would likely be impossible to prepare the track properly in time for Wednesday practice, having a full practice session to tune and test new equipment is critical to the racing teams. The need to have a quality practice session coupled with Thursday's projected cooler temperatures (High of 48 degrees and low of 26 degrees) were both taken into consideration in making the schedule change.



To get out of sub zero winter weather that hampered most of the north east, a beautiful sunny day at Bubba Raceway Park with temperatures in the mid 80's been worth the trip. That statement was true for most of the teams and officials with the exception of Alan Knepper who decided to take the trip to the sunbelt less than a week from Sunday's race.

The competition between the drivers was very close now that everyone is running the same motor package Joe Isabell stated during a pre race interview. Joe driving his familiar

6J mod lite was 2014 Fulton and Brewerton Speedway champion and had just recently won a big race two weeks earlier at East Bay Speedway. When Joe was asked about Alan Knepper, he simply stated "that Knepper is a shoe." With the new 1000cc Mod Lite STARS rules in effect, it was evident that the full field of mod lite's were more equal than in the pass. Some drivers were heard saying the driver that hit the set up and made the least mistakes would take home the win. That statement was true for Alan Knepper who found that sweet spot winning Saturday night 25 lap feature and repeated his performance with a second win Sunday night fighting off second place finisher Joe Isabell and third place runner up Corey Babbit late charge. On lap 19 with the white flag in the air caution flew for the spin of the #10 Aubrey Taylor who spun coming off of turn four. Under track rules the field lined up single file and the green/white flags were flown on the restart. Knepper held his perfect line and was able to take the final lap receiving the checker flag and winning a cool \$500. In addition Knepper took home an additional \$300 winning the overall Winter Nationals Championship.



HEATS: Corey Babbitt, Alan Knepper, Rick Demo

FEATURE: (20 laps) 1. Alan Knepper, 2. Joe Isabell, 3. Corey Babbitt, 4. Rick Demo, 5. Joe Bob Veach, 6. Willy Veach Jr., 7. Bo Bass, 8. Darwin Hamilton, 9. Randy Bryan, 10. Joel Huggins, 11. Tom Schnabel Jr., 12. Jarred Barclay, 13. Darren Bass, 14. John Shelnut, 15. Aubrey Taylor, 16. Brandon Shaw, 17. Logan Hitt, 18. Sammy Veach, 19. Cole Petrelle, 20. Lynn Knepper, 21. Billy Holbert

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-20 Alan Knepper

FEATURE WINNER: Alan Knepper

STEINHAGER HARD LUCK AWARD: Billy Holbert

HARD CHARGER AWARD: Randy Bryan 20<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>



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Watch the Heats!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y2V1cmma3Vw>

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### Bilstein Modified Lite STARS Winter Nationals Overall Points:

1.	Alan Knepper	367	\$300
2.	Corey Babbitt	362	\$225
3.	Joe Isabell	359	\$200
4.	Rick Demo	348	\$175
5.	William Veach Jr.	321	\$150
6.	Joe Bob Veach	315	\$125
7.	Aubrey Taylor	289	\$100
7.	Bo Bass	289	\$100
9.	Darin Hamilton	287	\$50
10.	Lynn Knepper	282	\$25
11.	Jarred Barclay	275	
12.	Randy Bryan	272	
13.	Brandon Shaw	271	
14.	Logan Hitt	248	
15.	Darren Bass	244	
16.	John Shelnut	240	
17.	Sammy Veach	232	



18. Billy Hulbert	215
19. Tyler Riggs	214
20. Cole Petrelle	209
21. Joel Huggins	194
22. 21 Steve White	184
23. Tom Schnabel Jr.	166
24. Jason Tretheway	164
25. JC White	152

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