

## ROCKFISH SPEEDWAY PRELUDE BIG SUCCESS – BILSTEIN MOD LITE STARS “SISSON & HILL” BIG WINNERS!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Somerset, PA, November 7, 2016) – With perfect weather and temperatures in the mid 60’s, saw a full field of the Bilstein Mod Lite STARS on hand for the second annual Prelude to the Winter Classic presented by the Carolina Mod Lite Club paying close to \$7,000 in cash and awards for the two day show.



At the start of the 2015 session Rockfish Motorsports Speedway located in Raeford, NC announced the addition of a Mod-Lite Division. Track Owner “Brownie” and Track President/Promoter Bill Dolbier were excited to be the first facility to host the Mod Lite Division in the area. Rockfish Speedway is a family friendly facility, boasting a free pit-pass to every spectator. With an open layout, the speedway shares the pit area with the fans, bringing a new spin to dirt track racing. With excitement building the Carolina Mod Lite Club was formed by local driver/owner Duke

Layton. The club focused on building the Mod Lite division in the area with the help of Modified Lite STARS affiliation.

The Prelude to the Winter Classic kicked off Friday night with three rounds of practice followed by time trials which set the heat race lineups. Cody Sisson driving his Sisson Motor Sports/Label Commercial Realty/ Farm Bureau TN Eric Ward/ Freeman Welding/Ahlsome Design Concepts/Service 101 Forrest Trent #49 set fast time with a 12.978 on the fast Rockfish Speedway and earning a cool \$100 J&R Lawn Care cash bonus.

Rockfish Speedway Night #1 of the Prelude presented by Millers Automotive, J&L Lawn Care, Carolina Modlites, JD Gunter Trucking, NXS and Pro Rae Cars challenged many of the STARS drivers working on their set up, the track had a lot of bight “Sisson stated”. “I was lucky hitting the right setup; we started with our basic settings and made slight adjustments throughout the night”. For the 30-lap feature paying \$500 to win, Sisson started on the poll after winning his heat race along side of Darren Bass #25 starting second followed by Zack Kimbrow #51Z third and Calton Beasley #82 fourth. Sisson got a clean start and was able to pull to a two car lead from second place Bass only to see the caution flag for a crash in turn two that took out and ended the night for Rod Jones, Tim White and Brandon Shaw. On the restart Sisson once again got the run on the field that saw Bass, Kimbrow followed for the #4Star of Aaron Vanvorst and #12R of Chris Robinson.



Cody Sisson celebrating his grandfather birthday continued hitting his marks on the speedway throughout the 30-lap feature despite several caution flags. On lap-27 the #820 of Vivian Jones who was being scored in the top ten lost the handle coming off of turn 2 providing the top five

with a three lap dash. Sisson was able to hold off the #4 of Jonathan Jenkins on the final lap and winning Night #1 of the prelude.

**(Recap)**

Winner: Cody Sisson  
Lead Changes: 0  
Lap Leaders: 1-30 Sisson  
# Cautions: 9  
\$100 J & L Lawn Care Fast Time: Cody Sisson

**NXS Chassie Heat Winners:**

Cody Sisson  
Darren Bass  
Zack Kimbrew

**PRO Chassie STARS Mod Lite Feature Finish:** Cody Sisson, Aaron Vanvorst, Chris Robinson, Nick Nash, Bo Bass, Jake Layton, Brian Short, Darren Bass, Zack Kimbrew, James Hill, Vivian Jones, Kelly McMillan, Steven Dunn, Colton Beasley, Brandon Shaw, Tim White, Rod Jones, DNS: Austin Martin, Reece Shelton

With Night #1 of the Prelude in the books, the Bilstein Mod Lite STARS were back at the Rockfish Speedway November 5<sup>th</sup> for Night #2 paying the winner \$500 and thanks to Gary Ford donation providing the top 3 drivers with \$100, \$50, \$25 bonus, and Randy White donation of \$100 to the Night #2 Prelude winner.



Track condition Saturday night were ideal for many of the drivers who were able to get around the speedway during time trails which saw James Hill Edge Chassie setting fast time with a 13.251 and earning the \$100 J & L Lawn Care cash bonus.

Feature line up for Night #2 of the Winter Classic Prelude was once again set straight up from heat races that saw James Hill #1, Cody Sisson #49 and Tim White #16 as heat winners and Hill starting on the poll.



At the start of the 30-lap feature Hill got a good start off of turn four with Friday night feature winner Sisson working the outside line entering turn one. After a disappoint Friday night, Tim White driving his #16 Edge Chassie had the set up of the night and was able to pick either the inside or outside lanes when working lap traffic.

Caution flew on lap-3 for the spinning of Kelly McMillan #17 at the exit of turn two that collected Rod Jones #21, Steven Jones #7, and Jake Layton #32.

On the restart Hill once again was able to keep the lead from Sisson who continued to search for the preferred line, White #16 and Bass #41B were on the back of Sisson followed by the #82 of Colton Beasley.

The final caution of the night flew on lap-28 when Beasley lost the handle exiting turn two while working the outside of the #41b of Bo Bass. With the late race caution and a single file restart gave the field a tight battle for the victory. At the restart Hill was able to get a three car lead exiting turn two and was able to hold off Sisson and third place finisher Tim White.

**(Recap)**

Winner: James Hill

Lead Changes: 0

Lap Leaders: 1-30 Sisson

# Cautions: 3

\$100 J & L Lawn Care Fast Time: James Hill

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**PRELUDE to the WINTER CLASSIC Points**

**Cody Sisson two day points leader & automatic qualifier for the Bilstein Mod Lite STARS 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Winter Classic**

1	234	Cody Sisson	49
2	212	James Hill	1
3	206	Bo Bass	41b
4	204	Nick Nash	27n
5	200	Aaron Vanvorst	4*
6	199	Chris Robinson	12r
7	196	Brian Short	223
8	196	Zack Kimbrew	51z
9	189	Tim White	16
10	188	Darren Bass	25
11	184	Jake Layton	32
12	178	Brandon Shaw	20
13	178	Colton Beasley	82
14	178	Vivian Jones	820
15	166	Kelly McMillan	17
16	160	Steven Dunn	7
17	154	Rod Jones	21
18	130	Reece Shelton	86
19	82	Jonathan Jenkins	4
20	50	Austin Martin	97
21	50	Hank Edwards	6

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