

## Teeters Takes Modified Lite STARS Opener at Roaring Knob by: Lou Long

Markleysburg, PA (May 5, 2013): Drivers from five states converged at Roaring Knob Motorsports Complex for round one of the Bilstein STARS Modified Lite Mid-Atlantic Western Regional Series. Driving away with the victory, for the second straight season, was Jeff Teeters, of Warren, OH. Teeters withstood the constant challenges presented by defending regional champion Mikey Hay.

Teeters jumped out to the early lead in the 20 lap affair, which was presented by Newt's York Bar, of nearby Connellsville, PA. Hay worked his way to second on lap two, and immediately started to reel in the leader. When Teeters bobbed in turn two, that allowed Hay to close to his rear bumper. Hay patiently waited for an opportunity to make a move to the front, but Teeters managed to hold him off.



On lap five, however, Teeters slipped out of the groove, opening the low side for Hay. Quick as a flash, Hay was there and he powered off turn two with the apparent lead. However, as the racers approached turn three, they saw the car of Tom Showman sitting cross-wise in the groove, and the yellow lights flashed on. That put Teeters back in control of the restart.

Teeters got the jump again and Hay tucked in behind him. Hay again waited for an opportunity to pass Teeters, but it never came. "Keeping Mikey behind you is one of the worst things you can ever do," said Teeters. "Mikey is crafty, but I knew where he wanted to go, and I knew that I could not let him get there."

Hay worked Teeters hard over the final few laps, but Teeters had the inside line covered. "I think I showed him that line," Hay said. He added that he could not carry enough momentum into the turns to try to drive around Teeters on the top.

Alan Knepper finished third, after trading positions with George Englert several times throughout the race. Englert had made a strong move on a restart to take third away, but the second generation driver was able to work past him as the laps clicked away.

Lynn Knepper rode home in fifth, followed by defending STARS national champion Josh May, of Desoto, IA. Tim White, from eastern Maryland, crossed in seventh. Mitch Wood, Doug Peterman and Darin Gallagher completed the top ten.

Mylan Markovich, Jr. flipped his Modified Lite during the feature, but he was not hurt.

Heat wins were scored by Mikey Hay, Englert and Lynn Knepper.

The next action for the STARS Modified Lite Mid-Atlantic Western Region will be May 11 at West Virginia Motor Speedway, and May 23 and 25 at the Tyler County Speedway, in Middlebourne, WV.

STARS Modified Lite Mid-Atlantic Western Regional Series: Jeff Teeters, Mikey Hay, Alan Knepper, George Englert, Lynn Knepper, Josh May, Tim White, Mitch Wood, Doug Peterman, Darin Gallagher, Mark Marcucci, Paul Smith, Anthony Cavicchia, Tom Showman, Glenn Teeter, Jeff Dillinger, Matt Hall, Shane Pfeuffer, Mylan Markovich, Jr., Chad Tasker.

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