

RIGGS WINS TYLER COUNTY SPEEDWAY PATRIOT 200 – SAFFELL REMAINS AS MID-ATLANTIC MOD LITE STARS POINTS LEADER



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(Middlebourne, WV July 4, 2016) A unique feature only format showcasing ten divisions would greet fans as the inaugural ‘Patriot 200’ would highlight the 4th of July weekend at the Tyler County Speedway. A persistent light rain would hover over the ‘Bullring’ most of the afternoon leaving the evenings racing action in jeopardy but the Hometown Racing Association would press on in an attempt to beat mother nature.

In the Chris Metz State Farm Insurance Mod Lite division it would be New Matamoras, Ohio’s Tyler Riggs passing early race leader Josh Baldwin to secure his third win of the season. Riggs would pilot his Kroll Energy/ Gary Riggs Motorsports across the line ahead of Baldwin, Mitch Ward, Brandon Fluharty and Ryan Baker.

Current Mid Atlantic Mod Lite STARS Regional points leader Ryan Saffell set fast time with a 15.157 and pulled the #6 pill for the feature line up putting Saffell in the #6 starting position and letting the #50 Ryan Jones in the #1 starting position.

When the green flag flew for the 20-lap feature Josh Baldwin #34N was able to take advantage of the outside to get around Jones on the back stretch to take the lead on lap-1. Jones continued to put pressure on Baldwin for the first five laps with Riggs in third followed by Brandon Fluharty #25 and the #98 of Mitch Ward.

Caution flew on lap-5 for the spinning #11 of Nik Keller who lost the handle exiting turn 4. At the restart Baldwin continued the lead holding off both Jones and Riggs. “The track was heavy and I continued to look for the best line” Baldwin stated in the post race interview. The heavy track conditions played against Mid Atlantic STARS point’s leader Ryan Saffell who at one time fell back to 12th.

With laps counting down Riggs was able to get around the #50 of Jones moving into second but saw Jones losing the handle on lap-12 exiting turn 4 bringing out the third caution. With the field in a single file restart, Baldwin took the green with #99T Riggs second, #98 Ward third, followed by the #25 of Fluharty and the #18 of Baker.

On lap-15 with only a hand full of laps remaining Riggs took his #99T deep into turn 3 and was able to power slide Baldwin exiting turn 4. “Baldwin had the speed tonight and I had to make the move with only a few laps remaining” Riggs stated. The track was fast and the competition at Tyler County is tough”. Riggs stated.

Riggs was able to hold off Baldwin for the win followed by the #98 of Ward, #25 of Fluharty, and the #18 of Baker. Point's leader Ryan Saffell was able to recover from a disappointing start finishing 6th overall and keeping the points lead with only one race remaining on the scheduled. The Mid Atlantic Mod Lite STARS will be teaming with the Mid-West Indiana STARS region and will be racing with the USAC Sprints at the Kokomo Speedway on August 24th.

(Recap)

Winner: Tyler Riggs

Lead Changes: 2

Lap Leaders: 1-15 Baldwin, 16-20 Tyler Riggs

Cautions: 4

Chris Metz State Farm Insurance Modlite Feature Finish: Tyler Riggs, Josh Baldwin, Mitch Ward, Brandon Fluharty, Ryan Baker, Ryan Saffell, Danie Eddy, Troy Collins, Chris Robinson, Ryan Jones, Cody Anderson, Nik Keller, Kolbe Kimbrew, Scott Sole, John Cogar, Reece Shelton, Kacy Campbell, Sam Richards, Zak Kimbrew

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1	393	Ryan Saffell	17
1	393	Tyler Riggs	99
3	380	Troy Collins	3
4	378	Mitch Ward	98
5	373	Josh Barldwin	34N
6	349	Scott Sole	6
7	347	Cody Anderson	13c
8	345	Daniel Eddy	99e
9	333	Nik Keller	11
10	329	Reece Shelton	86
11	327	Brandon Fluharty	25

12	325	Ryan Jones	50
13	317	Sam Richards	80
14	237	Travis Holmes	75
15	232	Mike Flockerzi	44
16	226	Gabe Phillips	15
17	226	Zak Kimbrew	51z
18	222	Kolbe Kimbrew	51k
19	218	Ryan Baker	18
20	214	Kenny Harris	14
21	204	John Cogar	26
22	194	Alex Robinson	22R
23	192	Terry Williams	5X
24	190	Kacey Campbell	1KC
25	129	Joe McFee	350
26	125	James Hill	1
30	123	Butch Malone	350
30	121	Dylan Keplinger	28
32	119	Chris Robinson	12R
33	97	Tom Keplinger	28