



Riggs & Knepper Win's Double Down Mod Lite STARS Mid Atlantic West Regional at Tyler County Speedway

Tyler County Speedway
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For Immediate Release: (Middlebourne, WV): You couldn't ask for a better weekend with beautiful blue skies and a full field of the hard charging Bilstein Modified Lites on hand for the first annual Tyler County Speedway "Double Down" weekend.



Night one of the Double Down 20-lap feature event saw national point's leader Alan Knepper taking the poll next to the 34th of Josh Baldwin. With the green flag in the air, Mitch Ward driving his #862 took the lead for the first 2-laps. Knepper was able to move around Ward on lap-3 for the lead. Lap-3 saw the first caution of the night when Randy Kerns, Troy Gum and Troy Collins made contact coming off of turn-4. With the field on a single file restart Knepper powered off of turn-4 that leaving 2014 Mid Atlantic West STARS Champion Tyler Frankenberry to

battle with Daniel Eddy, Troy Collins and John Cogar.

With green laps counting down running 2nd, 3rd and 4th Riggs along with Baldwin and Ward were able to gain on Knepper. "I knew they were coming" Knepper explained after the race. "I had to drive hard with this tough field of cars." On lap-15 Knepper drove hard out of turn four making contact with a lapped car, unable to maintain control of his #20, Knepper hit the outside retaining guard rail sustaining server damage to the right side of his car and ending his night.

On the restart now with Riggs in the lead, Riggs was able to get a good start and pull from the field. Josh Baldwin would make a final effort on Riggs but rain out of laps when the checker flew.

Night #1 Double Down Mod Lite STARS Mid Atlantic West Feature Results: Tyler Riggs, Josh Baldwin, Mitch Ward, Brandon Fluharty, Beau Newlon, Gabe Phillips, Ryan Saffell, Zak

Kimbrew, Sanield Eddy, Logan Hitt, Cody Anderson, Alan Knepper, Scott Perine, Tyler Frankenberry, John Cogar, Troy Collins, Randy Kerns, Troy Gum, DNS: Lynn Knepper

DASH WINNER: Alan Knepper

HEAT WINNERS: Brandon Fluharty, John Cogar

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-15 Alan Knepper, 16-20 Tyler Riggs

FEATURE WINNER: Tyler Riggs

STEINHAGER HARD LUCK AWARD: Alan Knepper

HARD CHARGER AWARD: Brandon Fluharty 19th to 9th

CAUTIONS: 2

With Night #2 of the "Double Down" on the schedule, many of the drivers and teams had time to socialize and visit with many of the WOO Late Model Drivers who were on hand for their 4TH ANNUAL "JACKPOT 100" weekend.

With the field set by the DASH and heat results seen Alan Knepper once again sitting on the pole for the 20 lap feature. After sustaining server damage the night before, the Knepper family along with Evolution Fabricating Tyler & Dan Riggs spent Sunday afternoon repairing the #20. "I was so upset last night I just wanted to leave and go home" Knepper stated. "Dad wanted me to stay Saturday night and clean the car." I want to thank the Riggs and Dad for all their hard work Knepper stated in winning circle after winning the final night 20-lap feature.



On the start Knepper pulled from turn four only to see the caution fly for the #862 of Mitch Ward, and the 34n of Josh Baldwin. Both cars made contact going into turn three. Unfortunately for the #25 of Branden Fluharty also made contact with the stopped cars cutting a tire down which ended his night.

On the restart Knepper once again got the lead, with a second caution of the night displayed for last night feature winner Tyler Riggs who lost a drive shaft the back stretch. Delaware driver Jimmy Wills in his #22 had no place to go making contact with Riggs ending Hill's night. Knepper continued his lead, with the second caution of the night displayed on lap-6 for the spinning of the #38 of Tyler Frankenberry. With the field now tighten, Knepper seen pressure from regional points leader Mitch Ward along with Elkins Speedway top runner Beau Newlon, and John Cogar. Newlon was able to get around Ward on lap-11 when Ward lost his forward bight coming off of turn two. "I just missed the set up" "On the restart on lap-17 I had to hold the bottom" "I knew Baldwin was there and I needed to keep him behind me" Ward stated in post race interview.

With laps counting dawn, Knepper, Newlon, Ward in the top three followed by Baldwin and Cogar. The third caution of the night flew on lap-17 for the spinning of Scott Perine. This left a three lap dash for the \$555.55 payout. At the start Knepper hit his mark but Newlon was on his tail looking left and right for the pass. "I knew Knepper would have to screw up on the restart"

Newlon stated. "His car was on rails and I knew he would be hard to beat. The track was a little rough but still had a lot of forward bite. I took a harder compound tire thinking the track would be hard slick." Knepper held off the charging of Newlon for the remainder three laps picking up the win.

DASH WINNER: Alan Knepper

HEAT WINNERS: John Cogar, Tyler Boetcher

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1- 20 Alan Knepper

FEATURE WINNER: Alan Knepper

STEINHAGER HARD LUCK AWARD: Brandon Fluharty

HARD CHARGER AWARD: Zak Kimbrew 19th to 6th

CAUTIONS: 4

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