

Hammer, Nicely Take Qualifying Wins on Opening Night



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(April 3, 2021) – The Summit Racing Equipment American Modified Series kicked off its 2021 season on Friday night at the Farmer City Raceway as part of the Illini 100 weekend. Friday night was a pair of \$600 to win qualifying features that locked in the top 8 from each event into the \$2,500 to win finale to take place tonight.

The night got started off with Allstar Performance qualifying where 38 cars signed in to take time. It was Kyle Hammer who put down the overall fastest lap with a time of 14.180 seconds in group A. In group B it was Nick Allen who put down the quickest time at 14.220. These qualifying sessions set the field for a pair of qualifying features.

In Hypercoil Qualifier 1 it was the pole sitter Kyle Hammer who was able to take the win. Early on it was Mike Harrison who charged to the front of the field and took the lead. But mechanical issues sidelined the Highland, IL driver and ended his bid for a qualifier win. This gave the lead back over to Kyle who was able to hold off Ryan Thomas and Frank Marshall for the victory.

Willy's Carburetor Qualifier 2 went to defending series champion Tyler Nicely. Starting in the 4 spot Tyler was able to maneuver his Longhorn Chassis to the front and drive on for the \$600 win. Kewanee, IL driver Ray Bollinger came home in the runner-up spot. The top three was rounded out by hard charging Michael Long who came from the 17th starting spot.

These qualifying events helped set the stage for an exciting finale tonight with many story lines to watch unfold. The young Illinois local standout Kyle Hammer will lead the field to green in search of the biggest

win of this career. On the outside pole is the 2-time defending series champ Tyler Nicely in his new Longhorn Chassis trying to maintain his reign on the series. Illinois regulars Ray Bollinger and Michael Long will be ones to watch starting near the front. But you cannot count out some top drivers who struggled on Friday night but will be sure to make some noise tonight with the big money on the line. Mike Harrison a multi-time big race winner at Farmer City will have to try and race his way in through the B-Main. Levi Kissinger who was running up front in his qualifier all night, before troubles, will also try to dig out of a hole and put his new Pierce Platinum Chassis in the show.

Qualifying Feature 1 (15 Laps): 1. 45K-Kyle Hammer[1]; 2. T9-Ryan Thomas[4]; 3. 28M-Marshall Frank[7]; 4. 82Q-Cole Queathem[10]; 5. 3L-Jeff Leka[3]; 6. 59R-Jacob Rexing[9]; 7. 08-DJ Streeter[16]; 8. T6-Tommy Sheppard Jr[6]; 9. 327-Dustin Bruce[12]; 10. 7-Mark Lamont[17]; 11. 21-Troy Dodson[13]; 12. 35-Ethan Weber[11]; 13. 11-Mark Brucker[18]; 14. 92-Kenny Carmichael Sr[15]; 15. 24IH-Mike Harrison[8]; 16. 6-Troy Carter[14]; 17. 14-Caden McWhorter[19]; 18. 62-Randy Shuman[2]; 19. 1S-Brian Shaw[5]

Qualifying Feature 2 (15 Laps): 1. 25-Tyler Nicely[4]; 2. 77-Ray Bollinger[7]; 3. 18L-Michael Long[17]; 4. 242-Brandon Bollinger[2]; 5. 21A-Nick Allen[1]; 6. 37L-Mike Ledford[9]; 7. K67-Ian Keller[10]; 8. 11S-Nick Seplak[14]; 9. Z1-Zac Odedewaldt[8]; 10. 25W-Allen Weisser[3]; 11. 8K-Levi Kissinger[6]; 12. 148-Brent Lee[12]; 13. 62S-Blaise Shuman[15]; 14. (DNF) 5-Steven Brooks[11]; 15. (DNF) 10-Jason Highley[19]; 16. (DNF) 88S-Alan Stipp[5]; 17. (DNF) D98-Danny Smith[13]; 18. (DNF) 311-Jason Sharrow[16]; 19. (DNS) 99C-Kenny Carmichael Jr

Qualifying 1: 1. 45K-Kyle Hammer, 00:14.180[17]; 2. 62-Randy Shuman, 00:14.296[3]; 3. 3L-Jeff Leka, 00:14.390[13]; 4. T9-Ryan Thomas, 00:14.500[10]; 5. 1S-Brian Shaw, 00:14.510[14]; 6. T6-Tommy Sheppard Jr, 00:14.540[15]; 7. 28M-Marshall Frank, 00:14.670[9]; 8. 24IH-Mike Harrison, 00:14.717[6]; 9. 59R-Jacob Rexing, 00:14.747[1]; 10. 82Q-Cole Queathem, 00:14.770[12]; 11. 35-Ethan Weber, 00:14.890[4]; 12. 327-Dustin Bruce, 00:14.911[8]; 13. 21-Troy Dodson, 00:15.020[19]; 14. 6-Troy Carter, 00:15.057[7]; 15. 92-Kenny Carmichael Sr, 00:15.220[18]; 16. 08-DJ Streeter, 00:15.598[2]; 17. 7-Mark Lamont, 00:24.140[11]; 18. (DNF) 11-Mark Brucker[16]; 19. (DNS) 14-Caden McWhorter

Qualifying 2: 1. 21A-Nick Allen, 00:14.220[1]; 2. 242-Brandon Bollinger, 00:14.250[3]; 3. 25W-Allen Weisser, 00:14.320[13]; 4. 25-Tyler Nicely, 00:14.360[11]; 5. 88S-Alan Stipp, 00:14.520[9]; 6. 8K-Levi Kissinger, 00:14.580[17]; 7. 77-Ray Bollinger, 00:14.650[2]; 8. Z1-Zac Odedewaldt, 00:14.770[4]; 9. 37L-Mike Ledford, 00:14.800[10]; 10. K67-Ian Keller, 00:14.820[5]; 11. 5-Steven Brooks, 00:14.830[15]; 12. 148-Brent Lee, 00:15.090[12]; 13. D98-Danny Smith, 00:15.350[19]; 14. 11S-Nick Seplak, 00:15.370[6]; 15. 62S-Blaise Shuman, 00:15.570[16]; 16. 311-Jason Sharrow, 00:16.250[8]; 17. 18L-Michael Long, 00:17.100[18]; 18. (DNF) 99C-Kenny Carmichael Jr, 00:09.999[14]; 19. (DNF) 10-Jason Highley, 00:09.999[7]

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