

McKinney Farmer City Winner



Tyler Carr Photo

September 3, 2020 at Farmer City Raceway

(\$1,500 to win)

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(By Tyson Graves)

Round four of the 2020 Summit Racing Equipment American Modified Series took place Thursday night at Farmer City Raceway in Farmer City, IL. It turned into a yearly tradition for the series to visit the Land of Lincoln for the Labor Day weekend. Thursday night kicked off the first of three nights of racing for the tour.

Things got underway with SPEC Racing Engines qualifying. Out of 32 cars to take on the clock it was Mike McKinney who put down the fastest lap with a time of 14.075 seconds. This set the field for four heat races that would line the field up for the 25 lap main event to happen later in the evening.

Hypercoils heat race one got the racing action underway on Thursday night. Clinton, IL Kyle Hammer recovered from an early spin to win the heat race over Alan Stipp. Mike Harrison came home third and Dustin King grabbed the final transfer spot.

In the second heat race presented by Willy's Carb & Dyno defending series champ Tyler Nicely came home with the heat race win by holding off Nick Hoffman. Allen Weisser and former Nascar driver David Stremme also finished in transfer positions.

In the Fast Shafts sponsored heat race three Mike McKinney kept up his Farmer City dominance with his 10th heat race win of the year on the quarter-mile oval. Jeff Leka came across the line in second with Victor Lee and Steven Brooks also earning spots in the top four that moved them on to the main event.

Final heat race of the night presented by AERO Wheels was a battle between Danny Schwartz and Kenny Wallace. Wallace attempted to get around Danny but Schwartz was able to hold on and get the race win. Wallace would finish runner up and Ray Bollinger and Tommy Sheppard would also advanced to the feature event.



Nick Hoffman and Tyler Nicely battle during action Thursday night. (Tyler Carr Photo)

It took a B-Main to set the remaining field for the 25-lap main event. Jacob Rexing who started deep in the field came from seventh to win the consolation event. Farmer City regular Troy Dodson finished runner up. Keith Smith, Dustin Bruce & Kasey Schrock were the remaining cars who moved on to the A-main. Provisionals went to Mark Cole, Christopher Cole & Don Kiger.

Starting on the pole Mike McKinney survived every restart to win the weekend opening event at Farmer City Raceway. Early on Kyle Hammer flexed his muscles and ran in the runner up spot trying to chase down McKinney from Plainfield, IL. Tyler Nicely and Jeff Leka also ran up in the top three through the first half of the feature event. None of them were able to mount a charge to overtake McKinney. In the closing laps Nick Hoffman got to the runner up spot but as Mike maneuvered lap traffic he was able to keep Hoffman at bay and win his ninth win of the year at the Farmer City bullring.

Mike had to thank his dad in victory lane who has spend the entire week prepping the car for the big money weekend across the Land of Lincoln. Mike has made comments about his struggle to win at Farmer City in the past. Last year he got his first win at Farmer City and now every time he shows up you can almost write his name on the check. Mike picked up the \$1,500 payday and will look for the Farmer City 74 sweep tonight as they go for \$2,500 to win.



Mike McKinney in victory lane Thursday night at Farmer City. (Tyler Carr Photo)

The next event will take place Friday night September 4th at the Farmer City Raceway paying \$2,500 to win and then Saturday night \$10,000 to win at Fairbury Speedway. Stay informed with all the latest news and events from the series on their Facebook page or website www.americanmodifiedseries.com.

Feature (25 Laps) 1. 96M-Mike McKinney [1][]; 2. 7-Nick Hoffman [7][]; 3. 25-Tyler Nicely [2][]; 4. 21D-Danny Schwartz [3][]; 5. 45-Kyle Hammer [4][]; 6. 3L-Jeff Leka [6][]; 7. 25W-Allen Weisser [11][]; 8. 24H-Mike Harrison [9][]; 9. 4-Victor Lee [10][]; 10. 77-Ray Bollinger [12][]; 11. 35-David Stremme [15][]; 12. 5-Steven Brooks [14][]; 13. T6-Tommy Sheppard [16][]; 14. 36-Kenny Wallace [8][]; 15. 1KS-Keith Smith [19][]; 16. 59R-Jacob Rexing [17][]; 17. 81C-Christopher Cole [22][]; 18. 21-Troy Dodson [18][]; 19. 81-Mark Cole [21][]; 20. 63-Dustin King [13][]; 21. 5S-Alan Stipp [5][]; 22. 327-Dustin Bruce [20][]; 23. O1-Don Kiger [23][] Hard Charger: 7-Nick Hoffman[+5]

Qualifying Flight-A 1. 45-Kyle Hammer, 14.135; 2. 7-Nick Hoffman, 14.165; 3. 24H-Mike Harrison, 14.214; 4. 25-Tyler Nicely, 14.285; 5. 5S-Alan Stipp, 14.295; 6. 25W-Allen Weisser, 14.383; 7. K19-Will Krup, 14.391; 8. 59R-Jacob Rexing, 14.401; 9. 1S-Brian Shaw, 14.551; 10. 35-David Stremme, 14.657; 11. 63-Dustin King, 14.674; 12. 83-Kasey Schrock, 14.903; 13. 242-Brandon Bollinger, 14.952; 14. 81-Mark Cole, 15.012; 15. 12-Wyatt Harms, 15.114; 16. 81C-Christopher Cole, 15.288

Qualifying Flight-B 1. 96M-Mike McKinney, 14.075; 2. 21D-Danny Schwartz, 14.361; 3. 3L-Jeff Leka, 14.384; 4. 36-Kenny Wallace, 14.483; 5. 5-Steven Brooks, 14.516; 6. 77-Ray Bollinger, 14.525; 7. 32-Donovan Lodge, 14.561; 8. 19C-Jeremy Nichols, 14.575; 9. 4-Victor Lee, 14.626; 10. T6-Tommy

Sheppard, 14.676; 11. 1A-Steve Meyer, 14.722; 12. 21-Troy Dodson, 14.776; 13. 1KS-Keith Smith, 14.779; 14. 327-Dustin Bruce, 15.193; 15. 10-Jason Highley, 15.228; 16. O1-Don Kiger, 15.31

Heat #1 – Flight (A) (10 Laps) – Top 4 Transfer 1. 45-Kyle Hammer [1]; 2. 5S-Alan Stipp [3]; 3. 24H-Mike Harrison [2]; 4. 63-Dustin King [6]; 5. 1S-Brian Shaw [5]; 6. K19-Will Krup [4]; 7. 242-Brandon Bollinger [7]; 8. 12-Wyatt Harms [8]

Heat #2 – Flight (A) (10 Laps) – Top 4 Transfer 1. 25-Tyler Nicely [2]; 2. 7-Nick Hoffman [1]; 3. 25W-Allen Weisser [3]; 4. 35-David Stremme [5]; 5. 83-Kasey Schrock [6]; 6. 59R-Jacob Rexing [4]; 7. 81C-Christopher Cole [8]; 8. 81-Mark Cole [7]

Heat #3 – Flight (B) (10 Laps) – Top 4 Transfer 1. 96M-Mike McKinney [1]; 2. 3L-Jeff Leka [2]; 3. 4-Victor Lee [5]; 4. 5-Steven Brooks [3]; 5. 32-Donovan Lodge [4]; 6. 1A-Steve Meyer [6]; 7. 1KS-Keith Smith [7]; 8. 10-Jason Highley [8]

Heat #4 – Flight (B) (10 Laps) – Top 4 Transfer 1. 21D-Danny Schwartz [1]; 2. 36-Kenny Wallace [2]; 3. 77-Ray Bollinger [3]; 4. T6-Tommy Sheppard [5]; 5. 327-Dustin Bruce [7]; 6. 21-Troy Dodson [6]; 7. O1-Don Kiger [8]; 8. 19C-Jeremy Nichols [4]

B-Main #1 (12 Laps) – Top 4 Transfer 1. 59R-Jacob Rexing [7][]; 2. 21-Troy Dodson [8][]; 3. 1KS-Keith Smith [10][]; 4. 327-Dustin Bruce [4][]; 5. 83-Kasey Schrock [3][]; 6. 81C-Christopher Cole [11][]; 7. 81-Mark Cole [15][]; 8. 10-Jason Highley [14][]; 9. 1S-Brian Shaw [1][]; 10. O1-Don Kiger [12][]; 11. 32-Donovan Lodge [2][]; 12. K19-Will Krup [5][]; 13. 12-Wyatt Harms [13][]; 14. 1A-Steve Meyer [6][]; 15. 242-Brandon Bollinger [9][]; 16. 19C-Jeremy Nichols [16][]

Contingency Award Winners

SPEC Race Engines (Overall Fast Qualifier) \$100 Certificate: **Mike McKinney**

F.A.S.T. (Opposing Group Fast Qualifier) \$75 Certificate: **Kyle Hammer**

HYPERCOILS (Heat Race #1 Winner) (1) 5" Spring Certificate: **Kyle Hammer**

WILLY'S CARB & DYNO (Heat Race #2 Winner) \$100 Certificate: **Tyler Nicely**

FAST SHAFTS (Heat Race #3 Winner) \$75 Certificate: **Mike McKinney**

AERO WHEEL (Heat Race #4) \$80 Certificate: **Danny Schwartz**

VP RACING FUELS (B-Main #1 Non-Transfer) (5) Gal of VP Fuel: **Kasey Schrock**

SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT (B-Main #1 2nd Non-Transfer) \$50 Gift Card: **Jason Highley**

SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT (B-Main #1 3rd Non-Transfer) \$25 Gift Card: **Brian Shaw**

PEM RACING (4th Place Finish) Quick Change Gear Set: **Danny Schwartz**

MAXIMA RACING OILS (Tuff 5th Place Finish) Care Package: **Kyle Hammer**

HOOKER HARNESS (Safe 6th Place Finish) \$75 Certificate: **Jeff Leka**

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES (Lucky 7th Place Finish) \$50 Certificate: **Allen Weisser**

FOX RACING SHOX (Lucky 13th Place Finish) \$100 Certificate: **Tommy Sheppard**

ALLSTAR PERFORMANCE (Hard Charger) \$100 Certificate: **Nick Hoffman (7th-2nd)**

VP RACING FUELS (Hard Luck) VP Fuel Jug: **Don Kiger**

WILES DRIVESHAFTS (Longest Tow for Event) \$100 Certificate: **David Stemme**