

Nate Smith takes checkers for \$700 win at Dog Hollow!

July 31, 2015



Being new to the Penn Ohio Pro Stock Series in 2015, Nathan Smith made his first appearance in the series a memorable one at Dog Hollow Speedway! In the suspenseful 25-lap feature race, Nate Smith took the checkered flag to walk away with the \$700 win and an American Racer tire from the Penn Ohio Series donated by Lias Tire. Twelve out of sixteen cars in attendance were Penn Ohio participants. Dog Hollow Speedway was added to the schedule as a new track in 2015 and most of the drivers in the series had a two hour tow in order to stay competitive in the points and a chance at the \$700 win.

Heat race winners were Nate Smith and Series Promoter and participant, Shaun Hooks. A zero invert draw put Smith and Hooks in the first and second starting positions for the 25-lap main event. The start found Smith taking the lead with third starter and fellow Penn Ohio participant, Brian Rhed, in a close second and Hooks falling to third. Fourth starter and current Penn Ohio Points Leader, Rusty Martz fell back to fifth after Penn Ohio participant, Randy Wyant took the spot on lap 2. On lap three, the first caution flag would fly for Andy Burns spinning his #13 in turn 4. The restart had Nate Smith again jumping out in the lead with Brian Rhed in tow. Randy Wyant was able to get by Shaun Hooks for the third spot with Matt Hugill in the fifth spot over Rusty Martz. The race continued green through lap 18 as Smith and Rhed began lapping traffic. However, Third place runner, Wyant experienced mechanical difficulty and the yellow flag slowed racing action. The restart had Smith staying in front of Rhed and Hooks for the top spot while ninth-starter and Penn Ohio participant, Chris Schneider found his way into fourth passing Martz. Another caution on lap 19 would bunch the pack back up and give Rhed another shot at Smith. The single file restart made the last six laps exciting for the fans with the battle between Smith, Rhed and Hooks heating up and appearing to be anyone's race. Smith was able to hold onto the top spot for the win with Rhed finishing second and winning a Hoosier tire from the Penn Ohio Series donated by Precise Racing Products Hoosier Tire Mid Atlantic. Schneider snagged the third spot from Hooks on the final lap, while Hugill finished in fifth.

Finishing order for Penn Ohio Pro Stock Series drivers: Nate Smith (1st), Brian Rhed (2nd), Chris Schneider (3rd), Shaun Hooks (4th), Rusty Moore (6th), Brian Shook (7th), Rusty Martz (8th), Terry Wheeler (9th), Jackson Humanic (10th), Bob Heim (11th), Chris Haines (12th), Randy Wyant (15th).