

Rusty Martz wins Ed Laboon Memorial for \$2017 at PPMS!

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A whopping 51 stock cars showed up to battle for the \$2,017 prize for the special Ed Laboon Memorial Race on Saturday, July 11th at Pittsburgh Pennsylvania Motor Speedway. Designated as a Penn Ohio Pro Stock Series Race, 13 participating Penn Ohio Series drivers showed up to partake in the festivities. Rusty Martz, Penn Ohio participant and current point leader, was able to secure the 20-lap feature win taking home the \$2,017 prize and an American Racer tire from the Penn Ohio Series donated by Lias Tire.

The evening started off with qualifying for the Stock division followed by 6 heat races. Heat race winners: Christian Schneider, Chris Schneider (Penn Ohio participant), Corey McPherson, Rusty Martz (PO), Dave McManus, and Jeff Broniszewski, participated in a dash to determine starting positions for the 20-lap main event. Leading the pack in the dash was Christian Schneider, which gave them the front row starting spots in the feature.

Christian Schneider led the 28 car pack to the start and quickly took command of the top spot followed by Chris Schneider and Rusty Martz until racing slowed for a caution on lap 3. In turn 2, a crash collected several cars including Penn Ohio participant, Andy Buckley, Danny Rich, Tim Burns, and Curt Bish. Racing resumed with the caution flag flying often but Schneider and Schneider securing the top two spots until lap 14. With the leaders approaching lap traffic, Jamie Duncan experience mechanical issues sending him sideways into Rob Shook which collected both Schneider cars sending them to the pits and giving the lead to Martz. Chris Schneider was able to return to resume the race without losing any laps.

Martz restarted the race with Corey McPherson in second and thirteenth starter and Penn Ohio participant Shaun Hooks in third. Martz kept the lead with McPherson close behind. Hooks battled Co-Penn Ohio participant, Bob Schwartzmiller, for third until the final caution came out on lap 18. Martz continue to hold off McPherson for the lead but Hooks and Schwartzmiller were unable to hold onto the third and fourth spots giving them up to Wayne Carbo for third and Penn Ohio participant, Brian Rhed, for fourth over Hooks. Rounding out the top ten were Bob Schwartzmiller in 6th, Curt Bish in 7th, Jeff Broniszewski in 8th, Chris Schneider in 9th, and Steve D'Apolito in 10th.

Finishing order for the Penn Ohio Series participants: Rusty Martz (1st), Brian Rhed (2nd), Shaun Hooks (5th), Bob Schwartzmiller (6th), Chris Schneider (9th), Tim Bish (11th), Rob Shook (19th), Randy Wyant (22nd), Fuzzy Fields (23rd), Andy Buckley (25th), Joe Chamberlain (DNS), Jackson Humanic (DNS), Bobby Heim (DNS).