

Martz wins first race of 2015 season for Penn Ohio Stocks!



June 8, 2015 (New Castle, PA) With rain all around the area, it was uncertain if Mother Nature would win for a third time this season. Fortunately for Rusty Martz, the rain avoided Raceway 7 and the Penn Ohio Pro Stock Championship Series was able to get the first race of the season in with 18 of the 19 cars committed to the series in attendance. A total of 27 stock cars competed in the Penn Ohio Pro Stock race and series participant, Rusty Martz, walked away with the win.

Martz started outside pole in the 20 lap feature and led all 20 laps despite five cautions. The competitive field gave the fans a good show to watch. Fourth starter and Penn Ohio Series 2014 Points Champion, Chris Schneider, jumped into second on the start. Martz led the field until the caution flag flew on lap 5 as a result of Chris Withers spinning in turn three. On the restart, a pile up on the start in turn three caused the caution flag to quickly wave again. Involved in the pile up was series participant, Randy Wyant, Rob Bates and Ed Bolyard. The field realigned and Martz led the pack once again with Schneider in second and series participant, Jackson Humanic in third. Humanic was able to get by Schneider but the caution flag waved for a third time for series participant, Leigh Wheeler's spin in turn three allowing Schneider to restart in second. Once racing resumed, the field was able to keep things moving with Martz leading Schneider, Humanic, Mark Frontera, and series participant, Rusty Moore, until lap 11 when the caution was thrown for an infield tire being moved into the racing surface. Once the green dropped again, Martz continued to pull from the pack while Humanic regained second from Schneider. Martz finished the race with a half a straight lead over Humanic, Schneider, Frontera, and Shaun Faucett rounding out the top five.

Heat race winners were Brandon Groters, series participant and promoter, Shaun Hooks, and Chris Schneider. Finishing order for the Penn Ohio Series participants: Rusty Martz (1st), Jackson Humanic (2nd), Chris Schneider (3rd), Shaun Hooks (6th), Tim Bish (7th), Rob Shook (8th), Chris Haines (9th), Terry Wheeler (10th), Randy Wyant (13th), Bobby Heim (14th), Jesse Brock (15th), Brian Rhed (17th), Rusty Moore (18th), Joe Chamberlain (19th), Andy Buckley (20th), Fuzzy Fields (21st), Leigh Wheeler (22nd), Bob Schwartzmiller (DNS).

To date, there are 19 cars committed to the series and eligible to win additional money and prizes at each Penn Ohio Pro Stock Championship scheduled race, while contending for point money at the end of the season.