

Hooks victorious in Penn Ohio Series 25-lap feature at Stateline Speedway for \$1250 to win!

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(New Castle, PA) With rain in the surrounding area and many other tracks cancelled, it looked as though Mother Nature would win the race at Stateline Speedway in Busti, NY on Saturday night, but that wasn't the case; and, Shaun Hooks, Penn Ohio Series Promoter, was thankful to get the second Penn Ohio Series race in for the 2015 season. Out of 35 stock cars in attendance, 15 cars were part of the Penn Ohio Series. The fans certainly got their money worth with exciting racing from the four heats, a B Main, and a 25-lap feature.

Shaun Hooks, Series participant, started the feature on the pole with Series participant, Brian Rhed on the outside pole. Hooks jumped into the lead on the start but there was trouble mid-pack in turn two which brought out the caution flag quickly. With a Delaware restart, Hooks was able to restart the race with no one beside him. Second-place runner, Rhed chose the outside position leaving Chris Withers on the inside. Although the inside was not the preferred line, Withers was able to make it work and took the second spot from Rhed. On lap 5, the caution flag flew again for a three car pile-up in turn four. Racing resumed and Hooks was able to hold off Withers and Rhed to keep the lead; however, Withers slipped back to third returning the second spot to Rhed. Making an appearance in fourth was eighth starter, Rusty Martz, Penn Ohio participant and last week's winner at Raceway 7. Hooks was able to put some distance between himself and Rhed before the caution flag came out again on lap 9 for Series participant, Joe Chamberlain. Hooks again was able to hold off Rhed and Withers, although Rhed was making every attempt to take the lead away from Hooks on the outside of turn one and two on the restart. Hooks was able to make a sizeable lead over Rhed and Withers even as he got into lap traffic. With five laps to go, the yellow flag waved for the fourth and final time as an infield tire marker rolled into the track surface after Series participant, Rob Shook, made contact with it coming out of turn 4. Hooks restarted the race with Rhed and Withers on his tail. Rhed took the high side hoping to steal away the lead but was unable to make it work, allowing Withers to sneak by for second. The last five laps were smooth sailing for Hooks as he distanced himself from Withers and took the checkered flag to lead all 25 laps for the \$1250 to win Penn Ohio Series feature. Withers captured second over Rhed with Fuzzy Fields, Penn Ohio Participant, in fourth and Gary Fisher finishing fifth.

Heat race winners were Chris Withers, Fuzzy Fields (PO), Joe Chamberlain (PO), and Brian Rhed (PO). B Main winner was Chris Schneider, Penn Ohio Participant and 2014 Series Champion. Finishing order for the Penn Ohio Series participants: Shaun Hooks (1st), Brian Rhed (3rd), Fuzzy Fields (4th), Rusty Martz (6th), Chris Schneider (9th), Randy Wyant (10th), Rob Shook (11th), Jackson Humanic (12th), Terry Wheeler (13th), Rusty Moore (17th), Andy Buckley (21st), Joe Chamberlain (22nd), Leigh Wheeler (DNS), Tim Bish (DNS), Bobby Heim (DNS).

To date there are 19 cars committed to the 2015 Penn Ohio Pro Stock Championship Series. Each Penn Ohio Pro Stock scheduled event, Series Members are eligible to win additional prizes and money, while contending for the end of season point money.

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