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JUNE 14 features the Auto Value Non-Winged Super Sprints joined by the Outlaw Super Late Models, Late Model Sportsman and the Outlaw FWDs



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WEEK #7 – FRIDAY, JUNE 14

The weekend of June 7 marks the first of two NASCAR visits to the Michigan International Speedway and, as usual, Kalamazoo Speedway has an off-week. We'll be back on Friday, June 14



featuring the Auto Value/Bumper to Bumper Non-Winged Super Sprint Series. The Outlaw Super Late Models return to the line-up with the Late Model Sportsman and the Outlaw FWDs rounding out the program.

DETAILS: JUNE 14 (WEEK #7)	
Pits Open	3:00
Pit Pass (12 & up)	\$30
Adults	\$18
Youth 6-12	\$10
Kids 5 & Under	FREE
Racing Starts	7:30

RECAP: WEEK #6 (MAY 31)

The weather smiled on Friday and 127 cars came out to get back to racing after two consecutive weeks of rain.

Matt Elsey had the fastest time (17.044) of the 34 **Zoo Stocks** that came out to race. Mark Campbell (pictured at right with fiancée Maggie Zwart) won the 16-car, 15-lap 'B' feature. Brock Sweeter came in second followed by Eric Mepfans, Mike Reynolds and Chad VandenBerg.



Sixteen cars lined up for the 20-lap 'A' feature. Logan Meade and CJ French led the field to green with CJ French moving quickly into the top spot. Cam Barthel's horrible luck continued and his car was towed off the track before the first lap was complete. Matt Elsey Jr. displayed some creative driving flying through turn 4 way wide while keeping the car moving forward. Jordan Brinkert passed French halfway through the feature and opened a large lead. Matt Elsey Sr. and Rielly Meade put up a battle for final positions. In the end it was Brinkert, Elsey Sr., Rielly Meade, Logan Hiemstra, Ross Bergman, Elsey Jr., French, Logan Meade, Renae Letts and Jared Blanchard. A shout out to Letts for racing not only at the Speedway but managing to qualify, race to her son's graduation and make it back for her feature.

With four point races complete Jordan Brinkert continues to lead in the standings followed by Rielly Meade, rookie Ross Bergman, rookie Jared Blanchard, Logan Hiemstra, Renae Letts, rookie Matt Elsey Jr., Grant Lofquist, Kyle Knapp and Logan Meade.



Jordan Brinkert wins the Zoo Stock 'A' feature for the second time this season.

Twenty **Outlaw FWD** cars qualified with Pete Doxy returning to the line-up for the first time this season and claiming fast time (15.211). Permanently relocating back to Michigan, Doxy repeated his 2018 return by winning the 25-lap feature. Jeff Dudley and Joe Lambright led the field to green. A couple of early cautions marred the race. Corey Woods rocketed from deep in the field to the head with a few short laps. Gabe Carr also made a strong run from the back and had moved up to fifth place with five laps in. Doxy, starting at the tail of the field, had moved into the top five with 17 remaining. With 10 to go it was Woods, Carr, Doxy, Drew Losey and Mike Long. Carr moved around Woods who was then flagged for a breakout violation and Doxy moved past Carr with 6 remaining. Carr's #153 suffered an unfortunate and ill-timed engine problem and retired from the race. At the finish line it was Doxy, Long, Woods, Makenna Snyder and Drew Losey. John Munro, Valerie Bozell, Dudley, Lambright and Carr rounded out the top 10 finishers. With only two point races run this season, Corey Woods leads the point race followed by Adam Van Avery, Mike Long, Drew Losey, John Carr, John Munro, Makena Snyder, Nick Layman, Gabe Carr and Camille Lewis.



Pete Doxy had a perfect night taking fast time and winning the feature.

The **Late Model Sportsman** boasted a full field of 21 cars for qualifying and their 35-lap feature; Jeff Ganus took fast time with a 13.709. Denver Sweat and Chris Shannon led the field to green but two laps into the race the field was under red for a multi-car stop that retired Jeff Bozell. When the race went back to green with 33 remaining, it was Shannon, Kenny Head, Andy Bozell, Buddy Head and Chris Garrett. Buddy Head was on the move with Bozell following him as Shannon suffered car trouble and retired. Wilfong went into the wall bringing out the caution. Ganus made a quick pit



stop and then proceeded to work his way up through the field. With 15 to go, Buddy Head was in the lead, followed by Bozell, AJ Foote, Kenny Head and Chris Garrett. With 10 to go, Ganus has moved into the fifth spot and to the 4th spot with 9 remaining. Ganus picked up another place with five to go. AJ Foote expertly had Ganus blocked from moving up any further. At the line it was Buddy Head followed by Andy Bozell, Foote, Ganus, Garrett, Keegan Dykstra, Austin Maynard, Kenny Head, Lane Head and Dylan Stovall. With four point races in the books, it's Buddy Head in the lead followed by Chris Garrett, Chris Shannon, Keegan Dykstra, Jeff Bozell, AJ Foote, Dylan Stovall, Keith Wilfong, Austin Maynard and Ryan Stutz.



Point leader and feature winner for the second time this year, it's Buddy Head with family and car owner Terri Spivey (far right).

The **Street Stocks** were the stars of the evening and drew 52 cars for Raber's Rumble and its buffet of races and jingle. Kyle Ribble posted fast time (14.776). With the 33-lap odd/even features set with 22 cars each, eight cars remained to compete in Ben's Revenge Consolation race. Dave Miller (right) emerged as the victor in the 15-lap race.



In the 33-lap Raber's Rumble Odd feature, Travis Schlabach led the first lap and with an even 30 laps to go Schlabach still led with Chaz Hook, Lee Slaton, Greg Brown and Buddy Head in the top 5. Kyle Ribble and Zack Cook were mired toward the back hemmed in by other drivers trying to make a move. With 22

to go, the field had resorted and Hook was in the lead followed by Brown, Barry Jenkins, Kenny Head and Cook. At the midpoint there was a whole lot of shuffling going on. Brown moved into the lead, Ribble (in a car a little worse for wear due to an earlier caution) moved to seventh, Cook had moved into third and Keith Wilfong made a move on Brown. Hook moved back into the lead and Wilfong fell back to 4th. With 10 to go, it was Hook, Brown, Cook and Wilfong. Cook took the second spot with eight remaining and Wilfong claimed third. At the checkered it was Cook, Hook, Wilfong, Brown and Justin Holden. Barry Jenkins was sixth followed by Ribble, Kenny Head, Colin Bozell and Buddy Head.



Zack Cook won the Raber's Rumble Odd feature, his third feature of the 2018 season. Fiancée Ashley is holding the checkered flag.

In the 33-lap Raber's Rumble Even feature, Jeremy Young and Scott Gary Jr. led the field to green. Steve Smith led after the first lap. Dave Sensiba (1985 Limited Late Model track champion), driving a car Ben Raber was working on last year, brought out the caution with 26 to go and Sensiba retired from the race. On the restart, it was Smith to the lead with Gary Jr. With 20 remaining it was Matt Corliss in Ricky LaDuke's car, followed by Smith, Shane Miller, Adam Terry and Brandon Zachary. Terry moved into the second spot with Zachary on his tail. Corliss, who held a commanding lead, watched his lead dwindle. Zachary got around Corliss with six to go. In the end it was Zachary (see photo next page), Corliss, Terry, Mike Brooks, Smith, Bug Schisler, Jerry Zachary, Shane Miller, Jerry Pierman and Kevin Sweat.

In the finale of Raber's Rumble night and the final race of the night, the top 8 finishers from each of the features raced for 33 laps in the winner take all Dash for Cash. Bug Schisler and Justin Holden lined up behind the pace car. Jerry Zachary was leaking fuel resulting in a complete restart. Schisler led in the early laps of the Dash with Mike Brooks overtaking him with a handful of laps down. Adam Terry went into the wall with Greg Brown also involved. Terry was done for the night and Brown returned while still under caution. With 15 remaining it was Brooks and Hook taking the field back to green following a caution. Brooks won the battle over the tough-all-night Hook. At the end it was Brooks, Hook, Zachary, Kyle Ribble, Shane Miller, Zack Cook, Matt Corliss, Barry Jenkins, Steve Smith, and Kenny

Head. The Rumble was a non-points event so Kyle Ribble remains on top of the leader board for the Street Stock.

Mike and Josh Zordan, Wayne "Moose" Stack and Heath Bronkema sent their regrets; it's the season of graduation!

Trivia: The top two finishers in the odd/even features all rhyme: Cook, Hook, Brooks.



Brandon Zachary wins the Even Raber's Rumble feature.



Mike "Bubba" Brooks took the winner take all Dash for Cash.

PHOTO MEDLEY

Three Late Model Sportsman drivers raced in their “home” class as well as in the Rumble: Kenny Head (#26 below), Buddy Head (#46), Keith Wilfong (a former Street Stock driver driving the #75). Their Street Stocks are pictured next to their Sportsman. Matt Elsey has raced in two classes much of the season and tonight was no exception, racing in the Zoos and the Streets.



Along the right side of the page are fans who caught the action from the 3rd turn (top) where the Scott's Sports Card, Coins & Jewelry crew congregated, a group who caught the action on top of their trailer in the infield and fans along the front stretch crew.



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