

# Von Dohren and Miller share feature victories at Grandview

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With four laps to go in the 30-lap NASCAR Weekly Racing Series modified feature on Saturday night at Grandview Speedway, Bechtelsville, Craig Von Dohren dove underneath Tracy Readinger coming off of turn four and managed to emerge the new leader. Von Dohren continued his pace the remaining laps and went on to win his fifth feature of the season in the event sponsored by True Value Hardware.

Ironically Von Dohren clinched another number five – a point championship for the Mrs. T's Pierogies No. 114, a new sponsor that came aboard for the 2001 campaign. He was also the champion in '88, '89, '90 and '92.

On the initial green Tracy Readinger was off and running in the D & S Archery No. 2T with Doug Pannepacker, Brian Kressley, Tom Umbenhauer and Bob Trapper glued to his bumper. Kressley, Umbenhauer and Trapper moved to second, third and fourth respectively on the fourth lap as Pannepacker got shuffled back to fifth.

The lead pack approached lap traffic with 12 laps in the books and had to use heads-up driving to get around some of them.

Kressley, who was running a solid second, spun in the fourth turn on the 15th lap and amazingly everyone avoided him for the first and only caution period of

the race.

Readinger resumed his position on the restart, but now putting in their bids for the lead were Trapper, Umbenhauer, Von Dohren and Pannepacker.

A blanket could have been put over the top four which now consisted of Readinger, Trapper, Von Dohren and Jeff Strunk by the 22nd lap as they were bumper-to-bumper. Umbenhauer bided his time waiting for a slip-up.

On the 24th lap J. Strunk took over third and was giving Von Dohren pressure for second.

Von Dohren managed to slide underneath Readinger coming out of turn four to take over the number one spot on the 26th lap. Readinger didn't give up easily at first and stayed with Von Dohren trying to regain the lead.

The lead never exchanged again once Von Dohren moved in front and at the drop of the checker he was victorious for his 46th career win at the 1/3-mile track. Crossing the line in second for his season best finish was Readinger trailed by J. Strunk. Posting their best finishes thus far were Trapper and Umbenhauer, who rounded out the top five. Sixth through tenth were Glenn Strunk, last week's feature winner; Pannepacker, Donny Erb, Shawn Reimert and Terry Meitzler.

Heats were won by Von Dohren, Umbenhauer, Kressley, Readinger and Donny Erb. Kerry Kratz, Ryan Watt and Kenny Gilmore won the consies.

Kressley was the winner of the Automotive Machining Services 3-lap Cash Dash worth \$395.

Saturday, September 8 these same drivers plus a host of others, including last year's winner Billy Pauch and previous winners Tom Mayberry, Duane Howard and Chip Slocum will be in competition in the T.H. Properties Freedom 76-lap modified championship feature with activities set to get underway at 7 p.m.

It is expected that at least eight qualifying events will be presented along with consolation races, the Schaeffer Racing Minuteman 20 and the Cheers Tavern Cash Dash paying \$1,000 to win. The evening is topped off by the T.H. Properties Freedom 76 starting at least 40 cars.

## Miller cops late model win

Rookie racer Jason Miller, found his way to victory lane last week and he liked it there so much that he posted back-to-back victories in the 20-lap NASCAR ShortTrack late model feature.

Miller may have won the feature, but the biggest winner was John Durling in the Bill and Kay Wharton No. 7 as he was crowned the 2001 late model point champion.

After four attempts to complete the first lap, Buddy Wharton was the early leader with Sammy Schlosberg, Dean Stoudt, Kyle Pensinger and Lou Egrie in pursuit.

Schlosberg became the new leader on the third lap restart

needed when Don Hale spun in the second turn.

Stoudt advanced to second on the fourth lap to challenge Schlosberg for the lead while Wharton, Egrie and Durling jockeyed for the remaining positions.

A five-car tangle on the backstretch brought out the yellow on the 11th lap. Eliminated at this time was Pensinger, who was in the hunt for the championship.

Schlosberg held his own when action resumed with Durling, Miller, Stoudt and Egrie trying to unseat him.

Miller, behind the wheel of the Jalini's Pizza, Steaks and Subs mount, charged into first on the 12th lap to set the pace.

While Miller showed the way the action for the remaining positions was hot and heavy between Schlosberg, Durling, Stoudt and Egrie.

The lead never changed the remaining laps and at the conclusion of the race, Miller pulled the Rothrock Motor Sales in victory lane once again. Following him across were newly crowned champion Durling trailed by Schlosberg, Stoudt and Egrie. Rounding out the top ten were Ed Trimbur, Chuck Sennott, Ron Chrisman, John Giesler and Larry Dise.

Schlosberg, Steve Todorow and Trimbur won the heats.

Additional information may be had by telephoning 610-754-7688 or check their website at www.grandviewspeedway.com.



Photo by Rich Kepner  
Number 7, John Durling and number 77, Dean Stoudt go head-to-head at Grandview during the Labor Day races.



Photo by Rich Kepner  
Jason Miller takes the winner's pose at Grandview. Miller was the Late Model winner, capping off a good holiday at the track.

# Game Commission and partners sponsor wildlife tour

The Pennsylvania Game Commission, in partnership with the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs and the Schuylkill County Conservation District, is offering an opportunity for all to learn about wildlife habitat improvements being conducted on State Game Lands 110 in Berks and Schuylkill Counties.

On Sunday, September 23, interested residents are encour-

aged to meet at the Game Commission parking lot along Route 183 at 1 p.m. for a three-hour tour that will provide the public with an opportunity to examine and to learn about wildlife habitat projects on State Game Lands 110.

Four points of interest will be examined as part of the tour, including: the construction and maintenance of food plots; a

demonstration of timber harvesting equipment; an examination of a regeneration timber harvest; and review of a newly established conifer block. At each location, detailed information will be presented for all to learn about the Game Commission's land management program.

Recommended wearing apparel would be long pants and walking shoes. The tour will be held

rain or shine.

Directions to the parking lot from Reading are: take Route 183 north and go past Strausstown to the top of Blue Mountain. The parking lot is on the right.

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