

# **GASE CELEBRATES RETURN TO HAWKEYE DOWNS WITH LATE MODEL WIN**

(Cedar Rapids, IA 08/01/2014)—Spectacular weather and a season- high car count greeted fans on Iowa Donor Network Night at Hawkeye Downs Speedway Friday night, August 1. The Iowa Donor Network used the night to communicate its cause to the fans as well as celebrate all the live-saving organ donations that have occurred. Several families of Hawkeye Downs racers have had loved ones that made organ donations, including the Chandler Family, Brian Gibson, Joey Gase and others.

With the NASCAR Nationwide Series event at Iowa Speedway in Newton, it was only natural that Cedar Rapids native Joey Gase would return to his home track, particularly since Gase carries the Donate Life colors on his NNS car along with Iowa Donor Network for the race at Newton. Joey's mother was an organ donor after her sudden death in 2011 and Joey has been very active in promoting organ donation ever since.

In addition to the celebration of organ donors at Intermission, fans were entertained with another novelty event featuring the Barron Motor Supply Hobby Stocks running an elimination event with cones on top of their cars. The object was to race, albeit at a slow speed, with a cone on top of your car. Once the cone fell off a car, it was eliminated from the race. The cones dropped fairly quickly with Jim Hanson surviving the longest. Matt Petrzelka lasted second longest and Drew Nickell was third. While the race only lasted a lap or so it was entertaining for the fans nevertheless.

The Sunline Hornets feature was the first feature of the night with Dallas Chandler taking the win. Chandler started outside row two and quickly bolted into lead at the drop of the green. Chandler continued to build his lead as the rest of the field sorted out. Point leader Kurt Bohnsack moved into second on lap seven and set sail for the leader with last weeks' winner Todd Ness riding in third. As the laps ticked off, Bohnsack did cut into Chandlers' lead but at the checkers he was two car lengths short and had to settle for second. Ness finished third.

Jim Hanson won a caution plagued feature in the Mountain Dew Sportsmen, taking the lead from Dave McCalla on lap 11 and then cruising to the win. The early laps saw Tom Burke, Greg Hentrich and McCalla hold leads with three cautions interrupting the rhythm of the race. Cory Houdek passed McCalla to take second in the final laps with McCalla holding third as the checkers waved. The win was the fifth of the season for Hanson.

Ryan Luedtke posted a dominant run in the Miller Time Modified feature, outrunning Jake Griffin and Tim Plummer. Luedtke started outside row one, took the lead on lap one, and quickly pulled away from the field. It took about seven laps for Jake Griffin to take second but by that time Luedtke had a seemingly insurmountable lead. Griffin had shrunk the lead as the final laps ticked off the board but Luedtke still recorded a fairly easy win. Tim Plummer scored third in a car normally driven by Mike Schulte.

In Barron Motor Supply Hobby Stocks, Nathan Ballard took the point from Malena Clement on lap two, survived a couple restarts, and then cruised to his 6<sup>th</sup> win of the season. Caution slowed the action twice, with Matt Lacoursiere retiring from the race with a suspension issue bringing out the first caution and an uncharacteristic spin by Matt Petrzelka bringing out the second wave of the Marion Tire caution flag. Jim Hanson finished second while Jason Sherman posted a strong run, finishing third.

In other HyVee Racing Series action, a season high sixteen cars started the Dublin City Pub INEX Legends feature. Robbie Carter of Burnsville, MN proved to be the dominant driver in the race which more than made up for troubles he had the last time he raced at Hawkeye Downs a couple weeks ago. Carter jumped hard on the green flag and made an inside pass of Blake and Bryce Bailey on the first lap and then never relinquished the lead. Matt Blake chased Carter early with Mark Ironside in the hunt as well.

The race was red-flagged briefly on lap twelve for an engine fire in the car of Brady Fox-Rhode. A couple other cautions kept the field bunched over the course of the race with Carter maintaining the lead throughout. Point leader Kevin Korsmo did cut into Carter's lead over the last five laps but could not mount a serious challenge for the lead and settled for a strong second-place run. Another Minnesota driver, Tim Brockhouse, finished third.

Finally, the Carpetland USA Late Model feature saw three different leaders with Joey Gase inheriting the lead with six laps remaining after Caleb Adrian, who was leading at the time, and the second-place car of Tim Plummer tangled and were sent to the rear. Gase had been closing rapidly on that duo prior to the caution. Brad Osborn led the first seven circuits before Caleb Adrian moved into the picture taking the lead later in that same lap. Tim Plummer moved around Osborn as well and started working on the leader. With seven laps remaining, a great finish appeared to be shaping up as Adrian-Plummer-Gase were running nose-to-tail. However, on the next lap contact between Plummer and Adrian propelled Gase to the point and six laps later, the win. Brad Osborn finished second and Brian Gibson was third. Griffin McGrath was fourth and Mike Ehde of Prairie du Chien, WI finished fifth. Ehde last raced at Hawkeye Downs about 12 years ago.

Racing returns next week when Zimmerman Auto Center presents racing in the Hy Vee Racing Series

## HAWKEYE DOWNS SPEEDWAY

### HY-VEE RACING SERIES

Iowa Donor Network Night

August 1, 2014

#### SUNLINE HORNETS

HEAT 1.- 1. (3) Dallas Chandler, Cedar Rapids; 2. (4) Kurt Bohnsack, Iowa City; 3. (16) Todd Ness, Cedar Rapids; 4. (44) Troy Scott, Cedar Rapids; 5. (7b) Brad Schmidt, Cedar Rapids; 6. (1) Kaden Reynolds, Cedar Rapids; 7. (1a) TJ Aimers, Cedar Rapids; 8. (321) Drew Nickell, Cedar Rapids

FEATURE (15 laps) 1. (3) Chandler 2.(4) Bohnsack 3. (16) Ness 4. (7b) Schmidt 5. (44) Scott 6. (1) Reynolds 7. (321) Nickell 8. (1a) Aimers

#### MOUNTAIN DEW SPORTSMEN

HEAT 1- 1. (9) Dave Ballstaedt, Marion; 2. (35) Greg Hentrich, Hiawatha; 3. (88) Jim Hanson, Cedar Rapids; 4. (77) Craig Stepanek, Urbana; 5. (7) John Johnston, Victor

HEAT 2- 1. (3) Dave McCalla, Cedar Rapids; 2. (19) Cory Houdek, Marion; 3. (5) Tom Burke, Nevada; 4. (25) Greg Borchardt, Prior Lake, MN; 5. (6x) Bob Ahrendsen, Cedar Rapids; 6. (36) Jeremy Clement, Cedar Rapids

FEATURE (20 laps) 1. (88) Hanson 2.(19) Houdek 3. (3) McCalla 4. (77) Stepanek 5. (9)Ballstaedt  
6. (35) Hentrich 7. (25) Borchardt 8. (5) Burke 9. (7) Johnston 10. (6x) Ahrendsen 11. (36)  
Clement

### BARRON MOTOR SUPPLY HOBBY STOCKS

HEAT 1- 1. (29) Nathan Ballard, Marengo; 2. (77) Jim Hanson, Cedar Rapids; 3. (14j) Jacob Floyd,  
Cedar Rapids; 4. (2) Matt Lacoursiere, Cedar Rapids; 5. (54) Jason Sherman, Marengo; 6. (1)  
Sonny Parker, Cedar Rapids;

HEAT 2- 1. (22) Matt Petrzelka; 2. (48) Adam Petrzelka, Norway; 3. (4) Kurt Bohnsack, Iowa City;  
4. (57) Malena Clement, Cedar Rapids; 5. (12k ) Kandi Floyd, Cedar Rapids

FEATURE (15 laps) 1. (29) Ballard 2. (77) Hanson 3. (54) Sherman 4. (4) Bohnsack 5. (15j ) J.  
Floyd 6. (22) M. Petrzelka 7. (48) A. Petrzelka 8. (12k K. Floyd 9. (57) Clement 10. (1) Parker 11.  
(2) Lacoursiere

CONE RACE (5 lap limit) 1. Hanson 2. M. Petrzelka 3. Drew Nickell 4. J. Floyd 5. Michael Holtz 6.  
A. Petrzelka 7. Bohnsack 8. Sherman

### MILLER TIME MODIFIEDS

HEAT 1- 1. (8) Ryan Luedtke, Norway; 2. (66) Jake Griffin, Quincy, IL; 3. (99) Tim Plummer,  
Norway; 4. (2) Craig Bender, Cedar Rapids; 5. (49) Steve Lindell, Marion; 6. (5) Ed O'Brien, Cedar  
Rapids

FEATURE (15 laps) 1. (8) Luedtke 2. (66) Griffin 3. (99) plummer 4. (2) Bender 5. (49) Lindell 6.  
(5) O'Brein

### DUBLIN CITY PUB INEX LEGENDS

HEAT 1- 1. (88) Matt Blake, Cedar Rapids; 2. (29k) Austin Kunert, Batavia, IL; 3. (13) Tim  
Brockhouse, Minneapolis, MN; 4. (00) Brody Willett, Alburnett: 5. (25) Cole O'Brien, Cedar

Rapids; 6. (66) Dennis Diercks, Eldridge; 7.(29w) Jeff Willets, Milan, IL DNS- (95) Al Diercks, Davenport

HEAT 2.- 1. (87) Robbie Carter, Burnsville, MN; 2. (86) Kevin Korsmo, Atkins; 3. (10) Mark Ironside, Swisher; 4. (01) Tim Goettsch, Bettendorf; 5. (4) Brady Fox-Rhode, Loretto, MN; 6. (51) Bryce Bailey, Cedar Rapids; 7. (43) Gary Dyer, Bluegrass; 8. Trent Jochimsen, Cedar Rapids

FEATURE (25 laps) 1. (87 Carter 2. (86) Korsmo 3. (13) Brockhouse 4. (51) Bailey 5. (01) Goettsch 6. (10) Ironside 7. (00) Willett 8. (25) O'Brien; 9. (29k) Kunert 10. (95) A. Diercks 11. (88) Blake 12. (43) Dyer 13. (3) Jochimsen 14. (29w) Willets 15. (66) D. Diercks 16. (4) Fox-Rhode

### CARPETLAND USA LATE MODELS

HEAT 1-1. (29) Caleb Adrian, Davenport; 2. (74) Tim Plummer, Norway; 3. (18) Mike Ehde, Prairie du Chien, WI; 4. (52) brian Allen, Hiawatha; 5. (43) Scott Siems, Cedar Rapids; 6. (76) Chad Siems, Shellsburg

HEAT 2-1. (72) Brad Osborn, Janesville; 2. (35) Joey Gase, Cedar Rapids; 3. (17) Brian Gibson, Walford; 4. (64) Griffin McGrath, Cedar Rapids; 5. (5) Tom Rayl, Mitchellville; 6. (99) Logan Mitchell, Palmyra, MO

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