

# **SUCCESSFUL 2014 SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE WITH BARRON MOTOR SUPPLY SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP RACES**

## **AT HAWKEYE DOWNS**

### **SPEEDWAY**

(Cedar Rapids, IA) The 89<sup>th</sup> season of racing at Cedar Rapids' Hawkeye Downs Speedway came to a close Friday night, August 22 with the Barron Motor Supply Season Championships. The races capped off a successful season that ended with six HyVee Racing Series champions crowned and renewed enthusiasm from racers and fans about the racing program at Hawkeye Downs Speedway. Look for even bigger and better things in 2015!

Kurt Bohnsack had the Sunline Hornets title already wrapped up coming into Friday but that didn't stop him from trying to win his eleventh feature in that division. The first lap saw cars trying to run four-wide into turn one and the field quickly ran out of real estate sending a couple cars to the pits for repairs and forcing a restart. Brad Schmidt led the first couple laps around the quarter mile before Dallas Chandler took the reins. Chandler led the rest of the way with Kurt Bohnsack closing in over the last few laps. Bohnsack wasn't able to challenge for the lead and settled for second. Drew Nickell posted a very strong run finishing in third.

In the 20-lap Mountain Dew Sportsmen feature, point leader Jim Hanson took the point on lap one and led every lap to collect the checkered flag and the points championship for that division. Hanson held off repeated challenges from Cory Houdek to secure the win. Houdek finished in second followed by Bob Ahrendsen. Craig Stepanek finished fourth and Greg Hentrich was fifth. The win was the sixth of the season for Hanson.

**Ryan Luedtke came into Friday nights' Miller Time Modified feature with a fifteen point lead which meant he just needed to start the feature to take collect the title, and he did just that. Jake Griffin shot into the lead at the drop of the green and led every lap with Luedtke running in second the entire way. Mike Schulte made a strong bid for second place on the last lap but Luedtke was able to hold him off to maintain second. Craig Bender, who announced his retirement from racing prior to the feature, finished fourth while Ed O'Brien was fifth.**

**Craig Bender made his retirement official by leaving his helmet on the start-finish line after the race.**

**Nathan Ballard put an exclamation point on his season by winning his ninth feature of the season in Barron Motor Supply Hobby Stocks. Ballard collected the win and the point title in a feature that saw some wild action, especially in the first five laps. Ballard squeezed into the lead on lap three after Jason Sherman and Matt Lacoursiere tangled on lap three. Jim Hanson, who finished second, was charging hard toward the leader in the closing laps but needed a couple more laps to try a pass. Matt Petrzelka finished third with his brother Adam in fourth. Kurt Bohnsack finished fifth.**

**Kevin Korsmo won an exciting Dublin City Pub Legends feature, picking up his third win of 2014. Korsmo didn't get the lead until the white flag lap when Bryce Bailey, who was leading at the time, and Matt Blake touched wheels and had to get off the gas allowing Korsmo to zoom by. Bailey recovered to finish second while Robbie Carter was third. Tim Goettsch and Matt Blake filled out the top of the order.**

**The season point champion, Austin Kunert, suffered problems in an incident on lap eleven and didn't finish the race but he had enough of a cushion to still claim the championship. At age fourteen Kunert is believed to be the youngest point champion ever at Hawkeye Downs Speedway.**

**The Carpetland USA Late Model feature saw Tim Plummer collect his seventh win of the season, leading every lap of the 25-lap event as he solidified**

his point championship. Brian Gibson ran a strong race finishing second after taking that spot from Brad Osborn near the halfway mark. Another strong driver, Caleb Adrian, wrestled third from Osborn with five laps remaining. Osborn settled for fourth while Chad Siems was fifth.

This was Tim Plummer's third Late Model championship having previously won in 2010 and 2013. He also has eight Modified season championships under his belt.

One other racing event was held Friday night, a "grudge match" between Barron Motor Supply Hobby Stock drivers Sonny Parker and Brian Bries. The two had apparently been "jawing" all week on social media and decided to settle things on the track. The pair were set to run three laps but on the second lap they spun each other out in turn three with neither car apparently able to continue. Both drivers exited their cars and started running for the finish line. As they headed for the line, pushing and shoving ensued and both drivers fell down and started crawling to the finish line. The friendly race ended in a tie as both drivers reached their arms over the finish line at the same time according to the transponders they were wearing.

Fans were treated to on-track autographs and Lil Racer Car Club Treat or Treat Night during Intermission as well.

To cap off the night, as Late Model feature winner Tim Plummer crossed the finish line, Fireworks filled the sky courtesy of Alliant Energy.

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HY-VEE RACING SERIES  
BARRON MOTOR SUPPLY SEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS

August 22, 2014

SUNLINE HORNETS

HEAT 1- 1. Todd Ness, Cedar Rapids; 2. Dallas Chadler, Cedar Rapids; 3. Brad Schmidt, Cedar Rapids; 4. Drew Nickell, Cedar Rapids; 5. TJ Aimers, Cedar Rapids

HEAT 2- 1. Kurt Bohnsack, Iowa City; 2. Troy Scott, Cedar Rapids; 3. Brad Chandler, Cedar Rapids; 4. CJ Van Horn, Marion; 5. Kaden Reynolds

FEATURE (15 laps) 1. D. Chandler 2. Bohnsack 3. Schmidy 4. Nickell 5. Scott 6. Reynolds 7. Aimers 8. B.Chandler 9. Van Horn 10. Ness

- Kurt Bonhsack- Season Champion

MOUNTAIN DEW SPORTSMEN

HEAT 1- 1. Jim Hanson, Cedar Rapids; 2. Cory Houdek, Marion; 3. Dave Ballstaedt, Marion; 4. Tom Burke, Nevada; 5. Greg Borchardt, Prior Lake, MN; 6. Greg Hentrich, Hiawatha; 7. Craig Stepanek, Urbana; 8. John Johnston, Victor; 9. Bob Ahrendsen, Cedar Rapids

FEATURE (20 laps) 1. Hanson 2. Houdek 3. Ahrendsen 4. Stepanek 5. Hentrich 6. Burke 7. Botchardt 8. Johnston 9. Ballstaedt

- Jim Hanson-Season Champion

BARRON MOTOR SUPPLY HOBBY STOCKS

HEAT 1- 1. Nathan Ballard, Marengo; 2. Jason Sherman, Marengo; 3. Matt Petrzelka, Norway; 4. Sonny Parker, Cedar Rapids; 5. Brian Bries, Norway

HEAT 2-1. Jim Hanson, Cedar Rapids; 2. Kurt Bohnsack, Iowa City; 3. Brad Chandler, Cedar Rapids; 4. Matt Lacoursiere, Cedar Rapids; 5. Adam Petrzelka, Norway

FEATURE (15 laps) 1. Ballard 2. Hanson 3. M. Petrzelka 4. A. Petrzelka 5. Bohnsack 6. Sherman 7. Chandler 8. Lacoursiere 9. Bries 10. Parker

- Nathan Ballard-Season Champion

### MILLER TIME MODIFIEDS

HEAT 1- 1. Jake Griffin, Quincy, IL; 2. Mike Schulte, Norway; 3. Ryan Luedtke, Norway; 4. Craig Bender, Cedar Rapids; 5. Ed O'Brien, Cedar Rapids; 6. Steve Lindell, Marion

FEATURE (15 laps) 1. Griffin 2. Luedtke 3. Schulte 4. Bender 5. O'Brien 6. Lindell

- Ryan Luedtrke-Season Champion

### DUBLIN CITY PUB INEX LEGENDS

HEAT 1- Cole O'Brien, Cedar Rapids; 2. Mark Ironside, Swisher; 3. Brody Willett, Alburnett; 4. Tim Goettsch, Bettendorf; 5. Robbie Carter, Burnsville, MN; 6. Gary Dyer, Blue Grass; 6. Mark Greb, Coralville

HEAT 2.- 1. Bryce Bailey, Cedar Rapids; 2. Kevin Korsmo, Atkins; 3. Benny Van Cleve, Farmington, MN; 4. Austin Kunert, Batavia, IL; 5. Matt Blake, Cedar Rapids; 6. Dennis Diercks, Eldridge; DNS-AI Diercks, Davenport

FEATURE (25 laps) 1.Korsmo 2. Bailey 3. Carter 4. Goettsch 5. Blake 6. Ironside 7. Greb 8. D. Diercks 9. A. Diercks 10. Dyer 11. Kunert 12. Van Cleve 13. Willett 14. O'Brien

- Austin Kunert-Season Champion

### CARPETLAND USA LATE MODELS

HEAT 1-1Tim Plummer, Norway; 2. Caleb Adrian, Davenport; 3. Brian Gibson, Walford; 4. Chad Siems, Shellsburg; 5. Brian Allen, Hiawatha; 6. Brad Osborn, Janesville; 7. Scott Siems, Cedar Rapids; 8. Tom Rayl, Mitchelville; 9. Logan Mitchell, Palmyra, MO

FEATURE (25 laps) 1. Plummer 2. Gibson 3. Adrian 4. Osborn 5. C. Siems 6. Allen 7. S. Siems 8. Rayl 9. Mitchell

- Tim Plummer-Season Champion