



(June 23th, 2017- By Brad Grupe) A cool, breezy evening greeted Hawkeye Downs racers and fans on Iowa Donor Network night-presented by Highway Equipment Company.

NASCAR Xfinity Series driver Joey Gase returned to his home track Friday night in support of the Iowa Donor Network and Donate Life. Gase is a strong advocate for Donate Life and organ donation and carries the message wherever he races. He raced his familiar #35 with the Performance Concepts Late Models Friday night after completing a pair of NASCAR Xfinity Series practice sessions at Iowa Speedway earlier in the day.

The Mid-American Stock Car Series made their annual appearance Friday night as well, running the "Iowa Donor 40" on the half-mile. They joined the other divisions of the Hy-Vee Racing Series for a full evening of racing.

Rick Corso set fast time in qualifying for the Mid-Am cars and backed it up with a trip to Victory Circle later in the evening. Landry Potter led the first few laps around the half-mile before Kenny Joosten took the point on lap five. Cautions on lap eight and lap fifteen kept the field tight with Ron Vandermeir, Jr. taking the lead from Joosten on the lap fifteen restart. Corso moved to challenge and after some side-by-side racing Corso emerged as the leader on lap twenty-three and began to pull away.

Vandermeir, Jr. narrowed the gap over the final few laps but couldn't draw close enough for a challenge and settled for second behind Corso. Dan Gilster finished third.

Derek Parrott scored his third win of the season in Miller Time Hornets after taking the lead on lap seven. A lap one caution sent several cars spinning and resulted in damage to the cars of Drew Nickell and Stewart Hall. Troy Scott and Michael Coulbourn led laps early before Parrott took the point. Troy Scott finished second and Dallas Chandler was third.

Braxton Franks took the lead about five laps into the twenty lap Anderson Automotive Hobby Stock feature and then held off a furious late race charge by Kurt Bohnsack and Gerald Hall to secure his first win of the season. Franks had amassed a huge lead but that was erased after a caution with four laps remaining bunched the contenders back up. The finishing trio of Franks, Bohnsack and Hall were nearly three-wide exiting the final turn.

The Dublin City Pub INEX Legends feature saw Minnesota driver Brady Fox-Rhode collect his third feature win of the season after taking the lead on lap ten.

Todd Ness and Dave McCalla led early before Fox-Rhode snagged the lead. The usual spirited position battles were the norm throughout the field. Sammy Smith, fresh off a win in the state of Georgia the night before, finished second with Austin Slabaugh third. Kevin Korsmo finished fourth in his first outing of the year with McCalla fifth.

Finally, the Performance Concepts Late Model feature saw hometown hero Joey Gase take the popular win after powering into the lead on lap six. Mark Greb and Brad Osborn each led laps early before Gase took command of the field. The last laps weren't without some drama as Gase's car started laboring over the last three laps which allowed Osborn to close in rapidly.

Gase survived but it was evident Gase's engine wouldn't have lasted much longer as steam and fluid were pouring out of the car as he parked in Victory Circle. Osborn finished second and Greb was third.

Racing continues Friday, June 30 with C.O.P.S.-Racing for a Cause featuring a \$1000 to win feature for the Dublin City Pub INEX Legends. The race is also an INEX Regional Qualifier.

QUEST INDUSTRIAL MID-AMERICAN STOCK CARS

Heat 1- 1. (28) Ron Vandermeir, Jr. 2.(10) Bobby Gutknecht 3.(57) Landry Potter 4. (23) Dan Gilster 5. (8) Ken Calhoun

Heat 2- 1. (88) Rick Corso 2. (47) Kenny Joosten 3. (9) Taylor Dawson 4. (19) Cory Houdek 5. (11) Mike Mitchell

Feature (Iowa Donor 40) 1. (88) Rick Corso, McHenry, IL; 2. (28) Ron Vandermeir, Jr., Sheridan, IL; 3. (23) Dan Gilster, West Salem, WI; 4. (47) Kenny

Potter, Genoa City, WI; 7. (8) Ken Calhoun, Johnsburg, IL; 8. (10) Bobby Gutknecht, Oak Creek, WI; 9. (19) Cory Houdek, Marion, IA; 10. (11) Mike Mitchell, Cedar Rapids

MILLER TIME HORNETS

Heat 1- 1. (01) Derek Parrott 2.(87) Drew Nickell 3. (84) Elliott Vogel 4. (14) Tom Blum 5. (7) Mike Coulbourn 6. (2) Stewart Hall

Heat 2-1. (44) Troy Scott 2.(76) Lucas Foster 3. (2M) Dallas Chandler 4. (28) Curt Gibbs 5. (72) Ethan Parrott 6. (01\$) Cody Strasser DNS- (69) Todd Summers

Feature (15 laps) 1. (01) Derek Parrott, Marion; 2. (44) Troy Scott, Cedar Rapids; 3. (2m) Dallas Chandler, Cedar Rapids; 4. (76) Lucas Foster, Cedar Rapids; 5. (7) Mike Coulbourn, Cedar Rapids; 6. (72) Ethan Parrott, Marion; 7. (14) Tom Blum, Cedar Rapids; 8. (28) Curt Gibbs, Cedar Rapids; 9. (84) Elliott Vogel, Cedar Rapids; 10. (01\$) Cody Strasser, Cedar Rapids; 11. (87) Drew Nickell, Cedar Rapids; 12(2) Stewart Hall, Cedar Rapids

ANDERSON AUTOMOTIVE HOBBY STOCKS

Heat 1- 1.(8) Braxton Franks 2.(5) Brian Baxter 3. (2) Mat Lacoursiere 4.(54) Jason Sherman 5.(11) Brian Bries 6. (4) Kurt Bohnsack

Heat 2-1. (07) Jim Hanson 2. (12j) Jeremy Floyd 3.(24) Logan Clausen 4. (43) Quinn O'Brien 5. (1) Scott Siems DNS- (88) Gerald Hall

Feature (20 laps) 1. (8) Braxton Franks, Cedar Rapids; 2. (4) Kurt Bohnsack, Ely; 3. (88) Gerald Hall, Cedar Rapids 4. (12j) Jeremy Floyd, Cedar Rapids; 5. (24) Logan Clausen, Cedar Rapids; 6. (07) Jim Hanson, Cedar Rapids; 7. (43) Quinn O'Brien, Cedar Rapids; 8. (54) Jason Sherman, Marengo; 9. (2) Matt LaCoursiere, Cedar Rapids; 10. (1) Scott Siems, Cedar Rapids; 11. (11) Brian Bries, Norway; 12. (5) Brian Baxter, Marion

DUBLIN CITY PUB INEX LEGENDS

Heat 1- 1. (4) Brady Fox-Rhode 2. (12) Sammy Smith 3. (77) Warren Ropp 4.(16) Mer Slabaugh 5. (37) Gary Dyer 6. (9) John Ferden 7. (95) Josh Carlson

Heat 2-1. (3) Dave McCalla 2. (25) Cole O'Brien 3. (52) Kevin Korsmo 4. (16n) Todd Ness 5. (6) Austin Slabaugh 6. (13) Stacy Olson 7. (17) Sydney Henderson

Feature (25 laps) 1. (4) Brady Fox-Rhode, Loretto, MN; 2. (12) Sammy Smith, Des Moines; 3. (6) Austin Slabaugh, Kalona; 4. (52) Kevin Korsmo, Atkins; 5. (3) Dave McCalla, Cedar Rapids; 6. (77) Warren Ropp, Kalona; 7. (25) Cole O'Brien, Cedar

Rapids; 8. (16n) Todd Ness, Cedar Rapids; 9. (16) Mer Slabaugh, Kalona; 10. (13) Stacy Olson, Cedar Rapids; 11. (17) Sydney Henderson, Walford; 12. (37) Gary Dyer, Blue Grass; 13. (95) Josh Carlson, Princeton; 14. (9) John Ferden, Shueyville

PERFORMANCE CONCEPTS LATE MODELS

**Heat- 1. (72) Brad Osborn 2.(17) Brian Gibson 3. (71) Mark Greb 4. (35) Joey Gase
5. (76) Chad Siems 6. (43) Scott Siems**

**Feature (25 laps) 1. (35) Joey Gase, Cedar Rapids; 2. (72) Brad Osborn, Janesville;
3.(71) Mark Greb, Coralville; 4. (17) Brian Gibson, Walford; 5. (76) Chad Siems,
Shellsburg; 6. (43) Scott Siems, Cedar Rapids**