

Rahmer Wires Sprints For Williams Grove Paxton Tribute, Halligan Takes 358s

Mechanicsburg - Freddie Rahmer wired the field for the win in Friday night's Lynn Paxton Tribute race for 410 sprints at Williams Grove Speedway.

Rahmer collected \$4,771 for the victory, the seventh of his young career at the oval.

In the 358 sprint feature, Jeff Halligan took the lead from Rodney Westhafer late to pick up his second career speedway win.

Rahmer drove to his win from the pole of the main that honored former three-time track champion Paxton of Dillsburg.

He began the main with Danny Dietrich to his outside and got the drop on the field at the initial green.

Dietrich tried to keep Rahmer close but as the race wore on Rahmer just continually stretched his advantage over the field.

He entered the rear of the field on the seventh tour as the field strung out all around the track.

With five laps to go, Rahmer had a straightaway lead over a struggling Dietrich in traffic.

The advantage in the end was 4.846 seconds for the Salfordville speedster.

It was kinda a crapshoot where we'd run," Rahmer noted about his choices of lines around the speedway as the race began.

Rahmer praised the track for the lucrative payoff while questioning a 19-car field for the event.

Williams Grove does a lot for us. \$4,700 for 25 laps " I don't know if guys are afraid to come here or what," he said.

Dietrich rode home second followed by Lucas Wolfe, Ryan Smith and TJ Stutts.

Sixth through 10th went to Brian Montieth, Anthony Macri, Cory Haas, Kyle Reinhardt and Chad Trout.

Heats went to Dietrich and Rahmer while Wolfe recorded fast time over the field with a lap of 17.271 seconds while collecting \$300 from Fast Tees Screenprinting for his efforts under the clock.

Rodney Westhafer led from the pole at the start of the 20-lap 358 sprint main while Cody Fletcher gave chase early.

Jeff Halligan started sixth in the field and worked into second with four away.

But by that time Westhafer had built a comfortable lead but a lone yellow flag in the event with six laps down gave him a clear shot at the leader.

Once able to start with the leader, Halligan stayed close to Westhafer and dogged him until lap 13 when he took the lead coming out of turn four.

Halligan then handled the field the rest of the distance while seventh starter Doug Hammaker worked his way to the front, getting by Westhafer for second with two laps to go but failing to catch the leader.

Westhafer held on for third followed by Fletcher and Scott Fisher.

Sixth through 10th went to Kevin Nouse, Matt Findley, Kyle Denmyer, Brett Wanner and Dylan Norris.

Heats went to Wanner, Fisher and Norris with Denmyer taking the consolation race.

Keep up to date on all the latest speedway news and information by visiting the oval's official website located at www.williamsgrove.com or by following the track on Twitter and Facebook.

Feature Finishes

410 sprints, 25 laps: 1. Freddie Rahmer, 2. Danny Dietrich, 3. Lucas Wolfe, 4. Ryan Smith, 5. TJ Stutts, 6. Brian Montieth, 7. Anthony Macri, 8. Cory Haas, 9. Kyle Reinhardt, 10. Chad Trout, 11. Dylan Cisney, 12. Rodney Westhafer, 13. Adrian Shaffer, 14. Rick Lafferty, 15. Justin Whittall, 16. Troy Fraker, 17. Greg Plank, 18. Steve Buckwalter, 19. Kody Lehman

358 sprints, 20 laps: 1. Jeff Halligan, 2. Doug Hammaker, 3. Rodney Westhafer, 4. Cody Fletcher, 5. Scott Fisher, 6. Kevin Nouse, 7. Matt Findley, 8. Kyle Denmyer, 9. Brett Wanner, 10. Dylan Norris, 11. Troy Wagaman Jr., 12. Chris Frank, 13. Chad Trout, 14. Dwight Leppo, 15. Tyler Brehn, 16. Jay Krout, 17. Troy Rhome, 18. Steve Kisamore, 19. Gregg Foster, 20. DJ Montgomery, 21. Dave Bonner, 22. Rich Eichelberger, 23. Glenndon Forsythe, 24. Todd Rittenhouse Jr.,

DNS: Mark Van Vorst

DNQ: John Sharpe