

Macri Wins 39th Williams Grove All Stars Jack Gunn Memorial, Dewease Clinches Seventh Career Track Title With Run

Mechanicsburg - Anthony Macri of nearby Dillsburg won the battle and Lance Dewease of Fayetteville won the war in the sprint car races at Williams Grove Speedway on Friday night.

Just weeks after getting his long-awaited first career 410 sprint car win at the oval, Macri led from start to finish in a torrid event to pick up a \$7,000 payday in the 39th running of the Jack Gunn Memorial sanctioned by the All Stars Circuit of Champions Sprint Cars Series.

And with a second place run in the Gunn Memorial, veteran Lance Dewease clinched his seventh career speedway track title, this time at the wheel of the Don Kreitz Jr.-owned No. 69K.

Macri started on the pole of the 30-lap Gunn Memorial with Chase Dietz to his outside but when the green flag fell only the first half lap could be scored before Matt Campbell flipped in the second turn and onto the backstretch.

The restart saw Macri take command on the cushion around the blistering fast half-mile with Dietz and fifth starter Dewease running in third.

The rear of the field came into play on the sixth lap as Macri hit the backmarkers at a dizzying pace.

This allowed Dietz to drive down a near straightaway advantage held by Macri to a margin of less than one corner before the final yellow flag of the race came out with nine laps in the book.

Brent Marks lined up behind Dewease for the restart and drove to his outside when green reappeared as the pair worked the first and second turns.

Marks pulled alongside Dewease as the pair raced toward the bridge but Dewease made his car wider and wider as the bridge came upon them with Marks backing out and settling into fourth.

Macri again entered the rear of the field at the halfway point carrying a near two-second lead.

By lap 19 the trio of Dietz, Dewease and Marks were all racing under a blanket for second, all within the space of one corner.

Dewease finally made a move for second with nine laps to go and Marks followed him a few laps later.

But Macri again had nearly a two second lead with five laps to go and as Marks battled Dewease for second all the way to the finish, they ended up 2.331 seconds behind Macri at the line.

Track position was everything tonight, Macri said.

I knew starting on the front row, I had to get out front and make 30 clean laps. It got a little sketchy in lapped traffic at times. I knew I had to keep my pace up.

By virtue of his win, Macri earned a guaranteed starting spot in Saturday night's All Stars Dirt Classic at Lincoln Speedway.

For his part, Dewease reflected on what was his championship run.

Weâ€™ve been pretty good all year, Dewease said.

We can pass race cars even on a track like this. It seems like it didnâ€™t matter where we started, weâ€™d get to the top three, top five.

Itâ€™s nice to get Donald (Kreitz) and Davey (Brown) a championship. Iâ€™m glad itâ€™s over and we can worry about racing again.

The carâ€™s been really good here the second half of the year. We can get up through there pretty good. Even on nights like tonight, this isnâ€™t our type of racetrack and we got to second.

Counting the Gunn Memorial, Dewease started a total of 17 main events at Williams Grove during the season to date and made it to the podium in 15 of the races including four wins, seven seconds and four third place finishes.

Dietz and 13th starter Danny Dietrich completed the top five.

Brian Brown, Zeb Wise, Dylan Cisney, Robbie Kendall and Cory Eliason rounded out the top 10.

Brown set fast time over the 40-car field with a lap of 16.572 seconds.

Chase Dietz, Aaron Reutzel, Robbie Kendall and Cory Eliason won the heat races. Devon Borden won the B-main.

Austin Reed won the 20-lap PASS/IMCA 305 sprint car main over Devin Adams, Jeff Geiges, Dave Grube and Brandon McClain.

Heats went to McClain, Tyler Snook and Justin Mills with Grube taking the consolation race.

Feature Finishes

410 sprint cars, 30 laps: 1. Anthony Macri. 2. Lance Dewease. 3. Brent Marks. 4. Chase Dietz. 5. Danny Dietrich. 6. Brian Brown. 7. Zeb Wise. 8. Dylan Cisney. 9. Robbie Kendall. 10. Cory Eliason. 11. Aaron Reutzel. 12. Rico Abreu. 13. Spencer Bayston. 14. Chad Trout. 15. Bill Balog. 16. Gio Scelzi. 17. Devon Borden. 18. Tyler Courtney. 19. Justin Peck. 20. Ian Madsen. 21. TJ Stutts. 22. Skylar Gee. 23. Lucas Wolfe. 24. Dylan Norris. 25. Matt Campbell.

DNQ: Freddie Rahmer, Justin Whittall, Steve Buckwalter, Cap Henry, Austin Bishop, Jared Esh, Steve Downs, Doug Hammaker, Pat Cannon, Tyler Ross, Brad Howard, Aaron Bollinger, Kyle Moody, Hunter Schuerenberg, Chris Arnold

305 sprint cars, 20 laps: 1. Austin Reed, 2. Devin Adams, 3. Jeff Geiges, 4. Dave Grube, 5. Brandon McClain, 6. Buddy Schweibinz, 7. Erin Statler, 8. Mikell McGee, 9. Tyler Snook, 10. Logan Spahr, 11. Austin Graby, 12. Will Brunson, 13. Dustin Young, 14. Steve Kenawell, 15. Rowdy Heffner, 16. Doug Dodson, 17. Ron Aurand, 18. Ken Duke Jr., 19. Kenny Heffner, 20. Scott Frack, 21. Garrett Bard, 22. Cassidy Kreitz, 23. Justin Mills, 24. Dominic Melair

DNQ: Rob Felix, Donovan Knokey, Ronnie Rough, Tim Iulig, Drew Young, Mike Melair