

Lance Dewease Continues Williams Grove Winning Ways In Speedweek Mitch Smith Memorial Friday

Fayetteville racer takes third win in a row, fourth in last five oval races!

Mechanicsburg - Lance Dewease continued to flex his mid-season muscle at Williams Grove Speedway on Friday night by scoring an unprecedented sixth career victory in the crown jewel of Pennsylvania Speedweek, the 33rd annual Mitch Smith Memorial for sprint cars worth \$15,000.

The victory just added to Dewease's illustrious career statistics, as it was the 103rd of his sprint car career at Williams Grove, his third win in a row at the track and his fourth in the last five races there.

In addition, the win was his 31st overall in career speedweek action, making him the winningest driver in speedweek history since the series began in 1991.

The first 15 laps of the Mitch Smith Memorial went non-stop with polesitter Matt Campbell leading the way over second starter Dewease until lap 11.

Campbell entered the rear of the field with the lead on the eighth tour with Dewease, Freddie Rahmer and Danny Dietrich in tow.

And once in traffic, Dewease ate up Campbell's advantage to pull off a slide job in the third and fourth turns to net the lead as the pair raced to the line on lap 11.

Meanwhile, drivers Rahmer, Justin Peck and Brent Marks were staging a wild battle for fourth when Marks slowed to a stop at the halfway point, bringing out the first caution flag of the race but rejoining for the new green.

That caution would turn out to be the first of four yellow or red flags during the second half of the event.

Dietrich disposed of Campbell for second on the restart and Peck followed suit a lap later.

And then that pair was battling for second with eight laps to go when the red flag appeared for Dylan Cisney who crunched his car after hopping the fourth turn cushion.

The stoppage erased a 1.962 second lead built by Dewease and during the red flag condition, Rahmer withdrew from the race

The recently crowned Western Pa Speedweek Champion, Ryan Smith got by Campbell for fourth on the ensuing restart and began challenging Peck for the third spot.

But then again the red flag appeared, this time for Campbell who jumped the cushion in turn three while Marks piled in as he raced in the ninth spot.

With five laps to go, action again resumed with Dewease holding sway while Peck got under Dietrich for second, nearly taking the spot only to see Dietrich squeeze back around against the outside turn two rail.

The final caution period was caused with three laps to go when Sam Hafertepe Jr. blew a right rear tire.

Dewease took the win by 1.403 seconds.

Peck, Smith and Lucas Wolfe completed the top five.

Daryn Pittman, 20th starter Paul McMahan, Mike Wagner, Rico Abreu, and a continually rebounding Marks rounded out the top 10.

Cisney set quick time over the 32-car field with a lap of 18.156.

Wolfe, Dietrich, Campbell and Rahmer won the heat races. Robbie Kendall won the B-main.

Unofficial Speedweek points: Dietrich 900; Marks 850; Abreu 818; Peck 783; McMahan 686; Wolfe 674; Rahmer 637; Smith 595; Macri 582; Hafertepe Jr. 571.

Feature Finishes

410 sprint cars, 30 laps: 1. Lance Dewease. 2. Danny Dietrich. 3. Justin Peck. 4. Ryan Smith. 5. Lucas Wolfe. 6. Daryn Pittman. 7. Paul McMahan. 8. Mike Wagner. 9. Rico Abreu. 10. Brent Marks. 11. Kyle Reinhardt. 12. Devon Borden. 13. Chad Trout. 14. TJ Stutts. 15. Sam Hafertepe Jr. 16. Robbie Kendall. 17. Matt Campbell. 18. Freddie Rahmer. 19. Brandon Rahmer. 20. Dylan Cisney. 21. Anthony Macri. 22. Steve Buckwalter. 23. Justin Whittall. 24. Chase Dietz.

DNQ: Tyler Ross, Kyle Moody, Tyler Bear, Brad Howard, Dylan Norris, Chris Arnold, Alan Krimes, Doug Hammaker.