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Kinney dominates ARA opener

CLERMONT, Ind. (May 9) - It was just Dave Kinney's night.

The Advance Racing Association veteran has run many laps without a lot of success. Saturday, he had few laps without success.

Kinney dominated the ARA Voris Construction Limited Late Model season opener at O'Reilly Raceway Park at Indianapolis.

"It was a good run and about time," Kinney said. "We've run a lot of seconds, but this was our first win in a long time."

After setting fast time and winning the dash, Kinney, Indianapolis, completed his sweep by pacing the final 38 laps of the 40-lap feature. He beat 16-year old Mark Lambert, Noblesville, to the checkered flag.

Rounding out the Top 5 were Ohio's Colin Nickolai and Hoosier pilots Eddie Phelps and Keith Lyons.

Tom Miller picked up where he left off 2008 - in the Job Central Pro Truck victory lane. But it was not easy. After trailing by as much as a half straightaway to friend Scott Brooks, the Indianapolis driver whittled away the deficit, making the winning pass on Lap 38 of 40. That followed a side-by-side duel for several laps.

"Any time I can go door-to-door with Scott I love it," Miller said. "When I got him at the end he gave me a little room."

"(Truck) got snappy loose," Brooks said. "I had to run the top (groove) and Tom used the bottom. It was a great race."

Mark Soots, Steve Blair and Evan Roberts rounded out the Top 5.

Miller also broke his own track record in qualifying. The new mark now stands at 25.310 seconds.

Mike Carroll took early control of the ARA Modified main, waited out a caution and held off Scotty Tomasik to win the 30-lap class debut.

Carroll, Kettering, Ohio, also was the last Modified winner at O'Reilly Raceway Park, taking the O'Reilly USA Modified event last August.

"After we got that start sorted out it worked out pretty well," Carroll said. "The car was as good on Lap 30 as it was on Lap 10."

Attrition played a part in the Modified finale as only five drivers completed the race, all on the lead lap. Joe Axsom, Terri Popielarz and Matt Andrew followed the first two.

Tomasik established an ARA Modified track record in qualifying, circling the .686-mile oval in 23.442 seconds and over 100 miles per hour.

The ARA is right back in action Saturday May 16 at O'Reilly Raceway Park in Indianapolis. Pits open at 2 p.m. Gates open and practice begins at 5 p.m. Qualifying starts at 6:05 p.m. with racing at 7:05 p.m.

Results:

Voris Construction Limited Late Models

Feature (40 laps) - 1. Dave Kinney, Indianapolis 2. Mark Lambert, Noblesville 3. Colin Nickolai, Piqua, Ohio 4. Eddie Phelps, Martinsville 5. Keith Lyons, Brownsburg 6. Brian Bradley, Ladoga 7. Eldon Wright, Danville, Ill. 8. Mark Sweet, Ladoga 9. Steve Reeves, Indianapolis 10. Brian Hedge, Crawfordsville 11. Michael Cline, New Ross 12. Phil Jenkins, Greenfield 13. Jake Gibson, Indianapolis 14. Kenneth Owens, Greenwood 15. Kevin Liles, Indianapolis 16. Tim Byrdwell, Danville 17. Nathan Long, Edinburgh 18. Rick Tackman, Jr., Waukesha, Wis.

DNS - Glenn Andrew

First Heat (8 laps) - 1. Phelps 2. Byrdwell 3. Jenkins 4. Bradley

Second Heat (8 laps) - 1. Hedge 2. Cline 3. Reeves 4. Wright

Trophy Dash (4 laps) - 1. Kinney 2. Nickolai 3. Tackman 4. Lambert

Qualifying - 1. Kinney, 24.332 seconds, 101.496 miles per hour

Job Central Pro Trucks

Feature (40 laps) - 1. Tom Miller, Indianapolis 2. Scott Brooks, Indianapolis 3. Mark Soots, Indianapolis 4. Steve Blair, Brownsburg 5. Evan Roberts, Brownsburg 6. Brian Lemmer, indianapolis 7. Jerry Fawcett 8. Darrel Derringer 9. Mike Roberts, Indianapolis 10. Dan Jordan, Indianapolis 11. Reggie Perry, Ladoga 12. Kraig Bontrager, Noblesville 13. Ray Perry, Ladoga 14. Buddy Davis, Indianapolis

DNS - Mark Livesay, Mark Sweet

First Heat (8 laps) - 1. Blair 2. Jordan 3. E. Roberts 4. Derringer

Second Heat (8 laps) - 1. Lemmer 2. Bontrager 3. Reggie Perry 4. Sweet

Trophy Dash (4 laps) - 1. Brooks 2. Soots 3. Fawcett 4. Miller

Qualifying - 1. Miller, 25.310, 97.574

ARA Modifieds

Feature (40 laps) - 1. Mike Carroll, Kettering, Ohio 2. Scotty Tomasik, Avon 3. Joe Axsom, Indianapolis 4. Terri Popielarz, Brownsburg 5. Matt Andrew, Farmersburg 6. Damon Breedlove, Greenfield 7. Chris Tomasik, Avon 8. Kyle Jones, Germantown, Ohio

DNS - Jim Begley, Herb Johnson, Danny Potter, Matt Erich

First Heat (8 laps) - 1. Jones 2. S. Tomasik 3. Carroll 4. Axsom

Second Heat (8 laps) - 1. Popielarz 2. Andrew 3. Erich 4. C. Tomasik

Qualifying - 1. S. Tomasik, 23.442, 105.349