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Kinney inches closer to ARA title with win

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CLERMONT, Ind. (Sept. 19) – “Wow.”

That was an appropriate sediment Dave Kinney proclaimed in victory lane Saturday night at O'Reilly Raceway Park.

Kinney, the point leader, held off a race-long challenge from runner up Rick Tackman, Jr. and won the Advance Racing Association Cline Grain Late Model 30-lap feature.

“The car was great and Rick always races us clean,” Kinney, Indianapolis, said.

Tackman, Waukesha, Wis., was hoping for a better result on a Lap 19 restart.

“Our cars were dead even,” Tackman said. “Whoever got the jump on the restart had the best shot. It was a good race.”

Steve Blair, Brownsburg, jumped behind the wheel of Mike Cline's machine and took third ahead of Mark Sweet and Eldon Wright.

Before that, Blair increased his point lead in the JobCentral Pro Trucks by winning his sixth feature of the year. He also was fast qualifier and won the trophy dash, completing his third sweep of the season.

Evan Roberts, Mark Livesay, Scott Brooks and Dan Jordan rounded out the Top 5.

Flora's Herb Johnson led green to checkered in the ARA Modified 30-lapper. Ohio's Mike Carroll, Michigan pilot Dan Frazier, and Hoosiers Damon Breedlove and Joe Axsom came next.

James Edsall, Fishers, took the early advantage and checked out to win the Performance Racing Last Chance 600 Series 20-lap feature. Darrell Brown held off Al Renner, Nathan ShROUT and Stephanie Hastings to round out the Top 5.

ARA runs the final laps of the 2009 season Oct. 17. All four classes again will be in action on the .686-mile O'Reilly Raceway Park oval again. Practice begins at 5 p.m. with qualifying at 6 p.m. and racing to follow.

Advance Racing Association is brought to the track by Cline Grain, Jobcentral National Labor Exchange, ARP Racing Bodies, Hoosier Racing Tires, Hubler Automotive Group, Hinchman Racing Uniforms, Racing Radios, Impact Racing, Voris Construction and Alexandria's Gift Baskets, Inc.

Results:

Cline Grain Late Models

Feature (30 laps) – 1. Dave Kinney, Indianapolis 2. Rick Tackman, Jr., Waukesha, Wis. 3. Steve Blair, Brownsburg 4. Mark Sweet, Ladoga 5. Eldon Wright, Danville, Ill. 6. Jake Gibson, Indianapolis 7. Steve Reeves, Indianapolis 8. Brian Hedge, Crawfordsville 9.

Glenn Andrew, Farmersburg 10. Nathan Long, Edinburg 11. Tim Byrdwell, Danville

First Heat (6 laps) – 1. Sweet 2. Byrdwell 3. Gibson 4. Reeves

Trophy Dash (4 laps) – 1. Tackman 2. Kinney 3. Blair 4. Wright

Qualifying - 1. Tackman, 24.245

Job Central Pro Trucks

Feature (30 laps) – 1. Blair 2. Evan Roberts, Anderson 3. Mark Livesay, Carthage 4. Scott Brooks, Indianapolis 5. Dan Jordan, Indianapolis 6. Jerry Fawcett, Indianapolis 7. Buddy Davis, Muncie 8. Chris Isenhower, Tipton 9. Reggie Perry, Ladoga 10. Mike Roberts, Anderson

First Heat (8 laps) – 1. Brooks 2. Davis 3. Perry 4. Isenhower

Trophy Dash (4 laps) – 1. Blair 2. E. Roberts 3. Livesay 4. Jordan

Qualifying – 1. Blair, 25.235

ARA Modifieds

Feature (30 laps) -1. Herb Johnson, Flora 2. Mike Carroll, Kettering, Ohio 3. Dan Frazier, Kalamazoo, Mich. 4. Damon Breedlove, Greenfield 5. Joe Axsom, Franklin 6. Scotty Tomasik, Avon 7. Brett Andrew, Indianapolis 8. Quay Gregory, Brownsburg 9. Scott Reeser, Dayton, Ohio 10. Terri Popielarz, Brownsburg 11. Ralph Baxter 12. Rob Parrish

DNS – Jim Begley

First Heat (8 laps) – 1. Johnson 2. Breedlove 3. Tomasik 4. Axsom

Second Heat (8 laps) – 1. Frazier 2. Gregory 3. Andrew 4. Baxter

Qualifying – 1. Carroll, 23.925

Performance Racing Last Chance 600 Series

Feature (20 laps) – 1. James Edsall, Fishers 2. Darrell Brown, Trafalgar 3. Al Renner, Indianapolis 4. Nathan Shrout 5. Marty Griffin 6. Doug Dugger, Indianapolis 7.

Stephanie Hastings