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RECAP - COVID CRUSHER (APRIL 17, 2021)

It was great to be racing again after 19 months (but who's counting). A big shout out to Michiana Curb Appeal and SS Auto Pro's of Grand Rapids for sponsoring the Crusher.

There was quite the honor roll thanks to the backing of the supporting COVID Crusher sponsors.

Jim Brown & Associates (Indiana) and Chris Terry (Michigan): A bonus to the highest finishing Indiana and Michigan driver in the four features.

McGhan Motorsports:Street Stock 'A' Feature Hard Charger Bonus to Brandon ZacharyOxford Racing:Street Stock Fast Qualifier Bonus to Brock GanusMonroe & Brooks Racing:Zoo Stock Fast Qualifier Bonus to Colin Bozell

Kalamazoo Speedway thanks the following sponsors for their contributions to the various purses: Wildflower Rustic Creations (Street Stock 'B' Feature); McGhan Motorsports (Street Stock 'B' Feature), Hastings Pro Auto Service (Street Stocks) and Monroe & Brooks (Zoo Stock 'B' Feature)



Colin Bozell (left), the 2018 Zoo Stock Champion, won the Zoo Stock 'A' feature from the tail of the starting line-up. Nick Failing, also starting in the back row, likewise rocketed through the field and finished in the runner-up position. At the midpoint of the 30-lap race, it looked like it might be a Bozell father (Jeff) and son (Colin) finish, but Failing broke that duo up with 13 laps to go; veteran Jeff Bozell finished third. Will Slaughter and Ryan Osborne rounded out the top five.

CJ French won the 'B' feature and Matthew Brauer took the 'C' feature.



Zoo Stock 'C' Feature Winner Matthew Brauer

The Zoo Stock heat winners were Zach Slaton, Brock Sweeter, Chad VandenBerg, Ryan Osborne and Jeff Bozell.



Eight-time, and defending Template Late Model champion, Buddy Head (left) drove his Street Stock to Victory Lane in 50 lap 'A' Street Stock feature. Head started the race in the fourth row and in a few short laps moved from outside the top 5 into second place, taking the lead with 35 laps to go. The rest of the field battled behind him for position with Ricky LaDuke running a smart race to place second. Brandon Zachary, Matt Corliss and Barry Jenkins rounded out the top five.

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Zoo Stock 'B' Feature winner CJ French

Bobby Schisler (right) found himself in Victory Lane in the Street Stock 30-lap 'B' feature when there was contact between Brad Smith and Keith Wilfong on the last lap.



The Street Stock heat winners were Brad Smith, Tristan Crago, Austin Woodcox, Travis Schlabach and Brandon Zachary.



In the Michiana Mini-Stock Series, Caiden Lechota (left) won the Junior Feature and Chase Urmaic (right) won the Senior Feature. In the Juniors, Austin Keehn and Caiden Lechota won the heat races with AJ White and Chase Urmaic taking the heat wins in the Seniors.



SAFFTY AND THE APRIL 24 PRACTICE & APRIL 30 SEASON OPENER

Mandatory masks and social distancing have been extended through May 24 for the State of Michigan. Masks must be worn by fans, drivers and Speedway personnel except when seated in the grandstands or when drivers and crews are within the driver's pit stall. Mask up when visiting concessions, restrooms, tire barn, transponder table, gift shop, ticket windows, finding a seat in the grandstands, etc. Like you, we look forward to a time when these measures are no longer needed. While your personal views may not include the need to wear a mask or stay six feet from the stranger near you, Street Stock driver, Chris Munson, was first in line

we want everyone to feel safe while they are at the Speedway. Thank you very much for helping us do that.



for the first event of 2021.



OPEN PRACTICE FOR ALL CLASSES SATURDAY, APRIL 24	
Rookie Practice	9:00 - 10:30
Pits Open	Noon
Pit Passes	\$20
Grandstands	FREE
Testing Starts	1:00 PM

SEASON OPENER FRIDAY, APRIL 30	
Pits Open	3:30 PM
Pit Passes	\$30
Adult Grandstand	\$15
Youth Grandstand 6-12	\$5
Kids 5 & Under	FREE
Racing Starts	7:30 PM



If you're a rookie, you can come out to the track between 9:00 and 10:30 AM to practice without there being a crowd of other drivers. Please call or text 269-355-4628 to let us know if you plan to attend.

General Admission tickets for the Season Opener will not be sold in advance. All tickets will be sold on race day at the Kalamazoo Speedway ticket windows beginning at 3:30 PM. Grandstand tickets will be sold until our reduced capacity is reached. Persons with skybox tickets or replacement tickets from last year's cancelled Season Opener will be able to use their tickets. Pit passes for drivers and team members will be sold as usual. For non-ticket related matters, please call or text 269-355-4628.

DRIVER REGISTRATION

Drivers, please register through MyRacePass before coming to the track for the first time this season. Registration must be completed prior to picking up your transponder.



Please visit the Kalamazoo Speedway homepage: <u>www.kalamazoospeedway.com</u>. On the right side of the site is an icon for MyRacePass. Click on the icon and you will be asked to create an account if you have not previously done so. Once you have an account, complete the registration form. This registration takes the place of the Driver Information Form that the Speedway has used for years. Registering ensures your car is scored when you are qualifying and racing. Thank you.



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