



Kalamazoo, Michigan. Kalamazoo Speedway started off the month of July with the Hutcherson Grand Slam Race #2 for the Template Late Models. And what a race! Billy Shannon picked up quick time with a 13.365, a new track record. Eric McGlothlen and Lucas Krick won the heat races. Lucas Krick shot out to the early lead in the 35-lap feature with the rest of the field making it their business to unseat him. Dylan Stovall and Eric McGlothlen gave it a run but it was Billy Shannon and Lucas Krick who put everyone on the edge of their seats with Krick prevailing in a photo finish. Shannon was the runner-up followed by Eric McGlothlen, Dylan Stovall and A.J. Foote. Krick, McGlothlen and Stovall join Kenny Head, Billy Shannon and Buddy Head in being locked into the Grand Slam Finale on August 12. Billy Shannon moved into the point lead.

Andrew Rutherford (14.659) topped the leaderboard in qualifying for the Techworks Street Stock. Alex Sexton and Curtis Towne won the heat races. Jeffery Town took the early lead and retained it as cautions sent a number of drivers to the tail. Danny Oxford took the lead at the half-way point in the 30-lap feature. Late race cautions kept pit steward Robert Siegel busy with the Madhouse restart cone. Lee Slaton took advantage of the restarts and took the lead and despite pressure, took the checkered flag. Andrew Rutherford finished in the runner-up position followed by Ricky LaDuke, Jeffery Town and Danny Oxford. LaDuke moved into the point lead over Jeremy Young (-14).

Matthew Elsey Jr. continued his streak in the O'Reilly Outlaw FWD class. Elsey Jr. put up fast time (14.874), another track record, and went on to win the 25-lap feature. Dan Rigoni was the runner-up, followed by Dave Leonard Jr., Dale Leonard and Nick Layman. Elsey Jr. also won his heat race; Tom Smith put up the win in the second heat. Will Slaughter maintains his point lead over Elsey Jr. (-18).

In the Spartan Insulation Zoo Stock, Ryan Diamond edged out Logan Meade for fast time (16.813). Keith Dixon, Tim Sigourney and Leonard Diamond won the heat races. Terry Kline put up the win in the 'B' feature. Tim Thompson took the early lead in the 20-lap 'A' feature and held it until 6 laps remaining when Scott Monroe moved to the lead. Logan Meade put up a challenge making a last lap effort on the outside, crashing into the wall in the process but maintaining his forward momentum while riding the wall across the finish line for his second win of the season. Scott Monroe was the runner-up followed by Aaron Anderson, Tim Thompson and Ryan Diamond. Diamond retained his point lead over Meade (-72).

Read more about the July 1, 2022 event (with photos) in the July 4, 2022 Track Talk e-newsletter. On Sunday, in a leased event, it's the 'Merica Night at the Zoo with three race series plus a program of fun events including the stacker cars and a truck pull. A few fireworks will cap off the night. On Friday, July 8, Kalamazoo Speedway returns to its weekly race program with the Outlaw Super Late Models, Template Late Models, Street Stock and Zoo Stock.