



MAY 6 – HUTCHERSON TLM #1
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APRIL 29 RACING – RECAP



WEEKLY RACING FRIDAY, MAY 6

Pits Open	3:30
Adult Pit Pass (12+)	\$30
Youth Pit Pass	\$15
Adult Grandstand	\$15
Youth Grandstand (6-12)	\$5
Kids 5 & Under	FREE
Program Starts	7:30 PM

May 6 marks the first of four races comprising the Hutcherson Grand Slam for the Template Late Models. Joining the Templates on this week's race program are the Outlaw Super Late Models, Street Stock and Zoo Stock.

The Template Late Models will run three \$1,000 to win weekly 35-lap point races (May 6, June 3 and July 22). The top three drivers from each race will be locked into the Grand Slam Finale (along with the top Template drivers in Speedway competition points as of August 5 to bring the field to 12.) The August 12 Grand Slam Finale, also 35 laps but not a point race, will be limited to the 12 drivers who have advanced (or received a provisional) in the preceding weeks. Drivers not in the top 12 will have a BYE on August 12. The Finale will pay \$2,500 to win with a cool \$1,000 to win for the runner-up. The payout for all Grand Slam races is posted on the website (Driver Tab/Payout).



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Don't forget, it's not only the Template Late Models running on May 6; they'll be plenty of racing by the Outlaw Super Late Models, Street Stock and the Zoo Stock. We again thank our class sponsors!

We will see YOU at the races.

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Drivers! If you haven't registered, please use the MyRacePass icon on the home page of the Kalamazoo Speedway website (www.kalamazoospeedway.com) or key <https://www.myracepass.com/tracks/1772/registrations/4863> into your browser and fill out your registration. Getting your pit pass and transponder will go much faster if you've keyed in your driver information before arrival. For all of the drivers who are all set, we thank you!



Drivers! Because we are still registering drivers, we've been opening the ticket windows early to avoid long lines. The pits will not be opening early.



The April 16 Krash & Bash was moved to Saturday, May 21. Skybox ticket holders will use their April 16 set of tickets on May 21. A limited number of adult advance tickets remain at the discounted rate of \$15 per adult ticket. Once they're gone all ticket sales will be at the gate and will be \$20 per adult ticket. A limited number of skyboxes are available. Call 269.355.4628 to purchase tickets or to rent a skybox.

If you lose (or find) something of value at the track while the races are still going on, please let the ticket office know and an announcement can be made during the races. After the races, please call or text 269.355.4628.

APRIL 29, 2022 🏁🏁 RACE RECAP 🏁🏁 72nd SEASON OPENER



Kalamazoo Speedway has seen 72 season openers and the official season opener of 2022 is now history. The place was a sea of color as drivers showed off their new 2022 car detailing (and clearly some had tinkered with what was under the detailing as well). This marked the 21st running of the Intimidator 100, which was actually the Intimidator 75 in 2014. Defending Intimidator 100 champion, Tyler Roahrig (left) took fast time (12.229) over the 17 other Landscape Forms Outlaw Super Late Model competitors and went on to win the 2022

Intimidator 100, his 4th win in the last five years. Steve Needles, starting in the number two position, took the early lead and kept it through the first half of the race before Tyler Roahrig moved into the

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lead with 41 laps remaining. Brian Bergakker put up a challenge before departing the race; Needles also departed before the race was completed. When the checked flag waved, Mark Shook was the runner-up followed by Adam Terry, Corey Ryman and Jeff Ganus. The remainder of the top 10 was JR Roahrig, Paul Jakubik, Doug Rodanhisler, Brandon Short and Rick Senneker.



Kenny Head took fast time in the Hutcherson Construction Template Late Models with a lap speed of 13.560 seconds. Like Roahrig, Head, a four-time track champion, went on to win the 35-lap feature in a competitive race. Jeff Ganus was in the lead with 30 laps remaining but waved off and exited the track a lap later. Jacob Maynard took over the lead until Buddy Head moved into the lead with 20 laps remaining. The trend of waving when not on the wave lap persisted and Buddy Head also departed. Nick Pressler took advantage of this and led until Kenny Head (left) decided it was high time to

visit Victory Lane again. Dylan Stovall finished second followed by Billy Shannon, defending track champion Nick Pressler and Cam Schoeck. Jared Blanchard led the second half of the order followed by David Guarino, Ken Papesh, eight-time track champion Buddy Head and Jacob Maynard.



Former track champion Brandon Zachary was the fastest qualifier in the 23-car field for the Techworks Trailer Sales Street Stock driving to a 14.629 second lap speed. Jeremy Young in the #24 led for the early laps of the 30-lap race. Buddy Head got around him with 21 laps remaining and kept the lead until Austin Maynard passed him on the backstretch with 5 laps to go. Maynard (left) went on to win followed by Buddy Head, Kyle VanSparrentak, Kyle Ribble and Jeremy Young. Zach Westdorp finished sixth followed by Alex Sexton, Keith Wilfong, Curtis Towne and Chuck Caudill.



Dave Leonard Jr. continued his winning ways by capturing quick time (15.252) and going on to win the O'Reilly Auto Parts Outlaw FWD 25-lap feature. Dale Leonard took the lead in the early laps. Defending track champion Will Slaughter passed Dale Leonard with about 10 laps remaining and Dave Leonard Jr. made a strong pass with 4 laps left to take the lead. Will Slaughter finished second followed by Dale Leonard, 2019 track champion Pete Doxey and Jake Doxey. Next over the finish line was 2016 track champion Dan Rigoni, John Munro, Ira Hosner, Andrew Peters and Drew Hosner.

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Aaron Anderson led the Spartan Insulation Zoo Stock pack of 30 drivers to a fast time of 16.832. Matthew Elsey Jr. dipped under the fastest speed allowed in the Zoo Stock (16.750) with a lap speed of 16.607; that disqualified him from racing in the Zoo Stock for the season. It is perhaps his destiny to race in a faster class having twice been disqualified in the final feature of the season with a championship on the line each time. Wes Allen's #9 was the car to watch both for its movement on the track and for the green glow it threw on the track surface. And we watched it move through the field right into Victory Lane. Tod Watson led part of the race but it was Allen (above with Dave Leonard Sr. and Jr.) making the trip to Victory Lane over Rodney Russell II, Jason Harrington, Aaron Anderson and Tod Watson. Bryson Hosner finished sixth followed by Ryan Diamond, Eric Mepfans, Ira Hosner and Jeremiah Yale.

Jeremiah Bouma earned a few extra words for his performance in the 15-lap 'B' feature, as does Kylee Letts in her best race to date in her young career. Letts led from the start. She successfully held off challenge after challenge. A caution with 3 laps remaining put 4 laps on the scoring tower. Jeremiah Bouma got around Letts with one lap to go making his first trip to the Speedway quite memorable. He added in Victory Lane that not only was this his first time at Kalamazoo Speedway, this was his first race. One he, no doubt, won't forget. Cody Warren finished second, David Smith followed him then Noah Thomson and Tim Sigourney. Kylee Letts ended her night just out of the top five, in sixth place.



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