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Tanner wins in return to Madera Speedway



MOTORSPORTS WEEKLY UPDATE

USAC Western States Sprintcars at Madera Speedway – August 7th, 2010

In 2009, Tanner Swanson took home the checkered flags 6 times at Madera Speedway, all in USAC Western Sprintcar and Midget competition. So when the 2010 “Night Before the 500” winner headed to the 1/3 mile oval this past weekend, everyone knew he could be in Victory Lane by the end of the night. After qualifying the Harvest Supply Racing #15 in the 4th position, Tanner told his crew “not to worry,” that everything was just fine. Tanner started off his night by winning both his preliminary heat race and special event trophy dash, building a full head of steam before the 50-lap feature event. By virtue of his qualifying position, Tanner would line up in the 3rd position to start the main event. At the drop of the green, Tanner dove his #15 to the inside of the leaders, entering the battle for the top spot as early as turn 2! Tanner ran side-by-side with Jojo Helberg for three laps before taking over the position, and building a comfortable lead. An early race caution reset the field, and erased the margin Tanner had built over the competition. While Tanner’s #15 began to experience some engine woes, Tony Hunt was able to challenge for the lead. With Tanner hugging the bottom of the racetrack, Tony resorted to slamming into the rear of the #15 for nearly 20 consecutive laps, before attempting to spin the race leader with just 4 laps to go. Tanner was up for the challenge, and despite the bumps from behind, he maintained control of his racecar and drove the #15 to the feature victory for the Harvest Supply Racing team.

SMRA SuperModified Series at Madera Speedway – August 7th, 2010

In his first two career starts, Kody Swanson had driven a SuperModified to a 2nd place feature finish. Last Saturday night, the 22 year old driver entered Madera Speedway looking to leave a feature winner. After qualifying his Tatro Racing #72 in the 3rd position, Kody drove to a Trophy Dash win and a 3rd place finish in the heat race before starting the night’s 50-lap feature event. After an invert of the ten fastest qualifiers, Kody lined up in the 8th position for the start of the event. As the field entered the first turn, Kody shot to the outside, taking the field three wide



and passing from 8th to 4th in a single corner, when a crash in the back of the pack brought out the caution, and negated the original start. After a second restart, and a second crash in the field, race officials elected to start the race single file, lining Kody up in the 5th position. At the drop of the green, Kody stuck the #72 to the bottom of the track, and moved from 5th to the lead in a matter of a few laps. Once he got to the front, Kody began to feel pressure from series veteran Jim Birges, as the two battled for the top spot. Kody maintained the lead until disaster struck the #72, a fluke problem caused the ignition system to fail, and ended the team’s bid for victory in the first ten laps. Although the end results were disappointing, everyone in the stands knew the #72 was there to race, and will continue to be a threat to win as the season continues.

The **FINAL LAP**

The **WEEKEND** Forecast

Berlin Speedway – August 12th, 2010

This Thursday night the Swanson brothers will head to Marne, Michigan to compete in the 150-lap USAC Silver Crown event at the 7/16 mile paved oval. The last time the brothers competed there, Tanner drove his TK Motorsports sprint car to a 4th place feature finish. This will be race #5 on the Silver Crown season tour, and Kody is currently 7th in the series standings, after suffering a DNF at O'Reilly Raceway Park just two weeks ago. This will be the first time that the USAC Silver Crown division has competed in the state of Michigan in its 50+ year history!



Salem Speedway – August 12th, 2010

This Saturday night, the Swanson brothers will take their TK Motorsports Sprint cars to tackle the high-banks of Salem Speedway. This 1/2 mile racetrack features corner banking in excess of 36 degrees! In 2007, Kody drove a Nine Racing midget to a 5th place feature finish in his first ever start at the track! Tanner has yet to compete at the Salem oval, as both brothers look to run well in one of the final USAC National pavement Sprint car races of the season.



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