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CHUCK HEBING SCORES REPEAT VICTORY IN RAIN DELAYED SPRINT CHALLENGE AT THE WHEELS SUNDAY NIGHT

ELBRIDGE, NY A field of sixty-seven 360 sprint cars turned out Saturday night, October 6 for the thirteenth running of the Sprint Challenge at the Wheels, a co-sanctioned event by URC and ESS. After a long rain delay that forced the completion of this event to Sunday night, Chuck Hebing of Ontario, NY claimed the win for the second consecutive year, pocketing a hefty \$3,000. Heat races that took place on Saturday night prior to the rain, were won by Jason Barney, Chuck Hebing, Tim Kelly, Jeff Cook, Mares Stellfox, and Kramer Williamson. On Sunday night, the competitors returned with two "B" Main events that were won by Rick Wilson and Bobby Breen. By luck of the draw, Hebing drew the pole starting position and led the entire twenty-five lap distance. Late in the race, Steve Poirior threatened Hebing for the lead, then on the final lap, he tangled with a lapped car only to spin and display the yellow flag. When the race resumed, Hebing toured the Rolling Wheels Raceway for the last circuit to easily score the win.

In the feature event, Hebing gunned from his pole starting position, establishing a commanding lead within the first two circuits. Jason Barney followed in second with Robbie Stillwaggon making up the top three. The first caution of the event was displayed on lap six when motor problems forced Kramer Williamson to stop on the homestretch. On the restart, Hebing again left no doubt that he was the leader and in change. On lap seven, the yellow was again displayed, this time for Rick Wilson who spun in turn two.

With green flag racing again underway, Hebing, Barney and Curt Michael were the top three with Steve Poirior on this way to the front of the pack. At the halfway point of the race, Hebing was far ahead with Barney second, Poirior third Curt Michael fourth and Robbie Stillwaggon fifth.

The caution flag was waiving on lap fourteen for Scott Kreutter who stopped on the speedway. On the restart, Poirior gunned into second and set his sights on the leader. The big lead once held by Hebing was dwindling and Poirier was gaining ground. With just five laps to go, Poirior was now in striking distance of taking the lead. Hebing was using the high groove with Poinier on the bottom. As the battle for the lead was shaping up, Blake Breen was on a charge, chasing Curt Michael for the third position.

With the white flag waiving, Poirier was chasing Hebing into turns one and two. For the run down the backstretch, Poirier was gaining then the lapped car of Mares Stellfox spun in turns three and four. Race leader Chuck Hebing narrowly missed the spinning sprint car as Steve Poirier spun to avoid, displaying the caution.

With just one lap remaining, this moved Jason Barney into second with Curt Michael third. At the drop of the green, Hebing blasted away from the rest of the pack, as Blake Breen went to work on Michael. Going into turn three, Breen made a bold pass to go around Curt Michael and take third place behind Hebing and Barney. Rounding out the top five were Curt Michael and Tim Kelly.

FEATURE FINISH: Chuck Hebing, Jason Barney, Blake Breen, Curt Michael; Tim Kelly, Bryan Howland, Jessica Zemkin, Robbie Stillwaggon, Lance Yonge, Jared Zimbardi, Jeff Cook, Bobby Breen, Kyle Moffit. Alain Bergeron, Brian McDonald, Mike Stelter, Jeff VanDusen, Steve Poirior, Bubby Kerrick, Michael Parent, Joey Biasi, Michael Carber, Mares Stellfox, Scott Kreutter, Rick Wilson, Tim Hogue, Kramer Williamson.

SPRINT CHALLENGE AT THE WHEELS PAST WINNERS

Sept. 24, 1994 Craig Keel (ESS)
Sept. 25, 1995 Craig Keel (ESS)
Oct. 12, 1996 Kramer Williamson (URC)
Oct. 11, 1997 Kramer Williamson (URC)
Oct. 10, 1998 Dan Kaszubinski (ESS)
Oct. 9, 1999 Kramer Williamson (URC)
Oct. 7, 2000 Becca Anderson (URC)
Oct. 6, 2001 Rick Wilson (ESS)
Oct. 12, 2002 Kyle Drum (ESS)
Oct. 11, 2003 Pete Green (URC)
Oct. 9, 2004 Trevor Lewis (URC)
October 2005 Rain Out
Oct. 7, 2006 Chuck Hebing (ASCS Patriot Region)
October 7, 2007 Chuck Hebing (ASCS Patriot Region)

URC REMAINING RACE DATES:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 New Egypt Speedway
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20 Grandview Speedway
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3 Delaware International