

THE JERSEY JET JJ GRASSO ROCKETS TO HIS SECOND URC WIN OF 2008 SATURDAY NIGHT AT NEW EGYPT SPEEDWAY

A hardy crowd filled the grandstands Saturday night at the New Egypt Speedway as the Rislone URC Sprint Series presented their seventh show of the season and fourth race of the Fred's Trailer Parts New Series of 2008. With a big crowd on hand, the United Racing Company was certainly not short of sprint cars as thirty-four competitors turned out for the night of racing. At the end of the night, JJ Grasso of Pedricktown, NJ once again lived up to his name, "the Jersey Jet" by winning his second URC feature of the season with both wins coming at the New Egypt Speedway. In fact, Grasso has three URC career feature wins and his first career win came in 2007 and yes, you guessed it, that win was at New Egypt as well. For Grasso, he would enjoy even more race dates at the Jackson, NJ racing facility.

Three heat race events were presented with Chris Coyle, Joey Biasi and Becca Anderson taking the victories as Kevin Welsh was the winner of the twelve lap "B" Main. Anderson, who was fast all night and was looking at a third place starting position in the twenty-five lap feature, developed a motor problem with the Bar's Leaks sprint car and was forced to scratch before even taking the green in the feature event.

At the drop of the green flag Chris Coyle of Wilmington, DE and driver of the BPG Motorsports sponsored sprint car gunned to an early lead with Joey Biasi just off the pace. By lap three, the Jersey Jet was racing in second with his sights already on Coyle. After leading the first seven circuits, Coyle gave up the lead to Grasso. The work for Coyle was far from over as Trenton, NJ driver Mark Bitner moved into second on lap ten. One lap later, Coyle was back in second and by lap twelve, Bitner returned to the runner-up spot.

Passing was plentiful and as the field crossed the line for the halfway sign, Grasso was the leader followed by Bitner, Coyle, Brian Seidel and point leader Curt Michael. Coyle returned to the second spot on lap fifteen and quickly went after the leader. On lap eighteen, Coyle took the lead with Grasso back in second. As the fans stayed on the edge of their seat, Grasso again took the lead, this time opening the door for Bitner to move into second with Coyle now third. Not too far off the pace was Curt Michael watching this dog-fight battle for the lead from the best seat in the house. With a surge of power on lap twenty-four, Coyle challenged both Bitner and Grasso for the top two spots but his awesome ride came to an end after contact with a lapped car that sent the BPG sprinter spinning in turn two, displaying the one and only caution flag of the event. Coyle restarted the race at the rear of the field.

At the front of the pack, with just two laps remaining, Mark Bitner and Curt Michael were looking for a lane to challenge Grasso for the lead. Bitner offered the most serious threat, taking the low groove off four on the final lap, coming up short by just one car length. Grasso took the win followed by Mark Bitner, Curt Michael, Davey Sammons in the Palladino sprint as Joey Biasi finished a strong fifth.

JJ Grasso earned the LikeWise Construction fast time of the night as Kevin Welsh won the Don Ott "B" Main. The Fred's Trailer Parts Hard Charger Award went to rookie driver Brett Schoenly for advancing nine spots in the twenty-five lap feature event.

Seventeen year old David Gravel of Watertown, CT qualified for this first URC main event, finishing a strong sixth in the "B" Main and delivered a twentieth in the feature event. Modified star Billy Pauch was in the field, delivering a tenth place feature finish.

FEATURE FINISH: JJ Grasso, Mark Bitner, Curt Michael, Davey Sammons, Joey Biasi, Josh Weller, Dave Ely, Brian Seidel, Robbie Stillwaggon, Billy Pauch, Scott Pursell, Kevin Welsh, Brett Schoenly, Jamie Bodo, Ed Aikin, Chris Coyle, Rory Janne, Kyle Purks, Chuck Palmucci, David Gravel, Randy West, Jason Clauss, Trevor Lewis, Gary Gollub. DNQ- - Mares Stellfox, Art Liedl, Dave Gable, Mike Kostic, Howard Singer, Jeff Fithian, Jim Walters, Jimmy Reppert, Andrew Hannula, Becca Anderson.

Coming

RISLONE URC Sprint Series Schedule

Saturday, June 28	Delaware International Speedway
Friday, July 4	Bridgeport Speedway
Saturday, July 12	New Egypt Speedway
Friday, July 18	Big Diamond Raceway
Saturday, July 19	Selinsgrove \$3,000 to win Jack Gunn Memorial
Saturday, July 26	Grandview Speedway

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