

RISLONE URC SPRINT SERIES OPENS 62ND SEASON WITH 35 CAR FIELD. JJ GRASSO TAKES THE PALLADINO #99 BACK TO VICTORY LANE SATURDAY NIGHT AT DELAWARE INTERNATIONAL

A field of thirty-five sprint cars took part in the 2009 season opener for the Rislone URC Sprint Series Saturday night at the Delaware International Speedway. A strong crowd did brave a rather chilly night that got a lot warmer as the hot, fast and furious cars of URC took to the speedway in the organizations sixty-second season. The star of the night is the guy who stole the show, the "Jersey Jet", JJ Grasso of Pedricktown, NJ driving the Cathy and Pat Palladino #99. This team was formed over the winter and certainly proved on opening night that they are going to be a contender in the coming season. For Grasso, it was his seventh career win under the URC banner. Grasso also won the LikeWise Construction fast time of the night award and won the i.g. Burton fourth heat race. Robbie Stillwaggon was the race leader for the first six laps with Grasso taking the lead on lap seven after starting fourth. Once on top, Grasso was never challenged throughout the balance of the twenty-five lap feature event that paid \$2,000 to the winner.

Four heat race events were necessary to qualify the thirty-five car field with heat race victories going to Chad Layton, Robbie Stillwaggon, Kramer Williamson and JJ Grasso as Rory Janney won the twelve lap Don Ott "B" Main.

Twenty-four cars took the green flag in the feature event with Robbie Stillwaggon beating out pole sitter Chad Layton into turn one. Stillwaggon quickly established himself in command with Layton second followed by JJ Grasso and Kramer Williamson. By lap four, Grasso was second and chasing down Stillwaggon.

On lap seven, the Jersey Jet blasted the Palladino #99 into the lead and just ran to hide from the rest of the field. The first caution of the feature was displayed on lap ten for Bryn Gohn who spun in turn three. On the restart, Grasso ran to hide from the rest of the field leaving Stillwaggon and Layton in a battle for second. Kramer Williamson followed in fourth with Trevor Lewis now racing in fifth. The second caution of the event came out lap twelve for Art Liedl who spun in turn four.

When racing resumed, Grasso was the leader with Layton now in second followed by Stillwaggon, Lewis and Williamson. On lap fourteen, Trevor Lewis took the Scott McClaren Motorsports sprinter into third and began to track down runner-up Chad Layton. Also on a charge was Chris Coyle, who moved into the top five driving the Dave Betts owned #22.

The red flag was displayed on lap twenty for Kyle Purks who took a wild flip in turn three. Purks did walk away uninjured but the car was badly damaged. On the restart, Grasso once again left all competitors in his dust, but now Chad Layton had to contend with a determined Trevor Lewis. For the next two laps, Lewis made several attempts to take the runner-up spot but Layton was up the challenge and retained the second spot.

With the checker flag waiving, JJ Grasso scored a convincing victory with Chad Layton second followed by Trevor Lewis, Robbie Stillwaggon and Chris Coyle. Davey Sammons finished sixth and earned the Fred's Trailer Parts Hard Charger bonus advancing seven spots and turning in one his finest ride yet. Finishing seventh was Michael Carber followed by Kramer Williamson, Becca Anderson and Kevin Welsh.

FEATURE FINISH: JJ Grasso, Chad Layton, Trevor Lewis, Robbie Stillwaggon, Chris Coyle, Davey Sammons, Michael Carber, Kramer Williamson, Becca Anderson, Kevin Welsh, Curt Michael, Rory Janney, Josh Weller, Nick Schlauch Jr., Dave Gable, Tim Hogue, Andy Best, Art Liedl, Bryn Gohn, Kyle Purks, Geoff Quackenbush, Kevin Darling, Mark Bitner, Mike Kostic DNQ- - Scott Pursell, Jonathan Swanson, Eddie Wagner, Brett Schoenly, Tim Higgins, Danny Massey, Jonathan Baker, Jeff Fifthian, Chuck Palmucci, Jim Waters, Joe Zuczek.

Nightly Cash Bonus Wards 1st Heat Engler Machine & Tool - -Chad Layton 2nd Heat Brad Penn Oil- - Robbie Stillwaggon 3rd Heat Gutter Pro - - Kramer Williamson 4th Heat i.g. Burton - - JJ Grasso Don Ott "B" Main- - - Rory Janney Fred's Trailer Parts Hard Charger Award- - Davey Sammons (Advanced 7 spots) LikeWise Construction Fast Time - - -JJ Grasso Tim's Racing Photos Non-Qualifier Award- - - Scott Pursell