

ZACH ATTACK AT SENOIA AS LEONHARDI CLAIMS FIRST SUPER VICTORY

(Senoia, GA – June 10, 2018) Zach Leonhardi of Cartersville dominated the thirty-lap main event for the Super Late Models at Senoia Raceway Saturday night. The seventeen-year-old just obtained his license to drive legally on the streets of Georgia this past week, but he showed everyone he has known how to drive a racecar for a long time beating the three-time defending champion Clint ‘Cat Daddy’ Smith by over four seconds. It was the young guns first career victory behind the wheel of a Super Late Model and first time back into victory lane at Senoia Raceway since he raced legends cars a few years back.

“It feels to great to get our first win,” said Zach afterwards. “What a car.”

Joining Leonhardi in victory lane during Saturday night’s important double points event were Hamilton’s Thomas Lewis in

the Limited Late Models, Alabama’s Todd Morrow in the Crate Late Models and Macon’s Cory Compton in the Late Model Sportsman. The Hobby winner was Keith West of Powder Springs while Newnan’s Dorough Bright and Tommy Faulkner won again in the Bombers and Mini respectively. Alabama’s Dean Williams topped the Hot Shots class and Franklin’s Tanner Collins won for the third time in the beginner Chargers division.

“Great competition tonight,” said Senoia Raceway promoter Mayes Massey. “The track was a lot better this week. Doug worked on it all week and had better cooperation from mother nature. This is the track our drivers expect when they come to the south’s baddest bull ring.”

Leonhardi proved he was the baddest bull at the bull ring on Saturday night.



He charged to a straightaway length lead through the midway point of the race using the highest line possible on the icy slick 3/8ths mile gumbo clay track. The only thing that slowed the leader was a caution on lap 16 for a spun Dalton Cook of Columbus.

Leonhardi ran flag to flag to win. Clint Smith finished a distant second followed by Douglasville’s ‘Racin’ Mason Massey, Fayetteville’s Ricky Williams and Cook.

There was another driver nabbing his first Senoia Raceway victory as Alabama’s Todd Morrow collected the checkers for the Crate Late Models. Morrow qualified the fastest earlier in the evening and led every lap of the main event. He left the racing action to those chasing him.

Gray’s Chaz Haskins spent most of the race looking at the back of Morrow’s ride, but he also became engaged in a spectacular race with Powder Spring’s thirteen-year-old young gun Jake Rainey. The two battled back and forth for several laps trading the second place position. Haskins would gain the position in turns three and four while Rainey would steal it back in the opposite turns. Rainey ran in the middle of a three wide sandwich on lap 13 to gain what he thought would be a secured second place finish, but Haskins would out duel him on the final lap to snare the runner-up spot behind Morrow. Rainey ended up third with Lake Spivey’s Dow Kirkland fourth and Milledgeville’s Cory Dunn rounding out the first five.

A wild ride by McDonough’s Jamie Maurice hushed the crowd early in the race. The defending points champion slapped the outside wall in turn one on lap five forcing his right side wheels to hop on top of the concrete wall. Maurice rode the wall all the way to exit of the second turn before finally stopping. He was able to continue for a few laps before retiring the pits.

Macon’s Cory Compton set a new track record for the Late Model Sportsman on Saturday night. The aircraft mechanic at Robbins Air Force base fourteen second lap averaging over 93 miles per hour. The time broke the old mark set this past April.

Compton followed up the record breaking qualifying round by leading all the laps of the main event for the crowd pleasing Late Model Sportsman division. He bested the largest field of the night with a superb run using the top side of the speedway. Following his line was Alabama’s ‘Flyin’ Ryan King who took advantage of the upper groove momentum to charge from his ninth place starting position to claim the runner-up spot behind Compton. Alabama’s Andrew Bailey finished in third ahead of Locust Grove’s Jason Williams and Jackson’s Levi Campbell.

In the Limited Late Model feature, defending points champion ‘Magic’ Matt Dooley looked to be the man to beat as he darted past pole sitter Thomas Lewis at the on set of their main event. Dooley ran the preferred top groove with Newnan’s Rucker Orr in hot pursuit. Orr made a daring pass on lap 8 as he squeezed past Senoia’s Joey Armistead exiting turn two. Armistead had pushed high through the turn leaving only a narrow gap between himself and the concrete wall. Orr threaded the needle to gain second and continued his quest for Dooley.

That quest would end on lap 12 as Orr’s car developed problems and eventually rolling to a stop forcing a yellow flag situation. During that caution, Dooley also developed issues and pulled off the track. That left the door open for Lewis as he inherited the lead. It was a lead he would never lose as he sped away from Armistead to secure his first Senoia Raceway victory of the season. Armistead finished second ahead of Newnan’s Chris Carr.

Dean Williams held off every challenge the ‘Hillbilly’ Mark Meyers of Ellijay could throw at him during the Hot Shots race. Meyers tried to run him down using every part of the race track, but could not muster enough speed to get past the past winner Williams. The two were the class of the field of stock four cylinder beginner type racecars. The Hot Shots is designed for competitors to try racing and keep it on the more affordable side.

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Saturday, July 14: Senoia Raceway Saturday Night at the Bull Ring – DOUBLE POINTS NIGHT

Saturday, July 21: Senoia Raceway Saturday Night at the Bull Ring – Crate LM Summernationals

Saturday, July 28: Senoia Raceway Saturday Night at the Bull Ring – Bomber Money Race

Saturday, August 4: Monster Truck Mania 2018 and Night of Destruction – FIREWORKS

Saturday, August 11: NO RACING

Saturday, August 18: Senoia Summernationals IX – USCS Winged Outlaw Sprint Cars & More

Saturday, August 25: Senoia Raceway Saturday Night at the Bull Ring – “Special Olympics” Night with Ultimate Super Late Models

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August 4th

Monster Truck Mania 2018
Night of Destruction / FIREWORKS!



August 18

Senoia Summernationals IX – USCS
Winged Outlaw Sprint Cars & More



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