

Mees Back On Top, Dominates Demanding Indian Motorcycle Red Mile

Smith and Baker finish 2-3; Carlile gets second Singles win over Stollings and Texter

LEXINGTON, Ky. (June 3, 2018) – Any fleeting hopes that surfaced at last week’s Springfield Mile suggesting that reigning Grand National Champion Jared Mees might be vulnerable were promptly quashed Saturday at the Indian Motorcycle Red Mile presented by Indian Motorcycle of Lexington.

Mees rode as if he were eager to immediately reconstruct his aura of invincibility aboard the No. 1 Indian Motorcycle Rogers Racing SDI Scout FTR750. Saturday’s performance in Lexington, Ky., went a long way toward doing just that, serving as a strong reminder of what the last calendar year of American Flat Track racing has looked like.

On a night in which an exceptionally narrow groove repeatedly saw riders make one costly mistake after another, Mees was a marvel of technical proficiency. While the rest of the field was forced to gamble on risky passing maneuvers that could just as easily backfire and result in the loss of ten positions as they could gain them one, Mees simply powered away out front.

Teammate Bryan Smith (No. 4 Indian Motorcycle Racing backed by Allstate Scout FTR750) was the only rider who

could keep Mees in his sights for even as long as a complete lap, as the duo broke the challenge of the remainder of the field right from the start. Smith’s own pursuit slowly and steadily unraveled too, as the inch-perfect Mees slipped away tenth by tenth.

Smith was given a second chance to keep pace with Mees when a red flag forced a restart following 10 of 25 miles, but the result was identical the second time around as well.

Dating back to Mees’ victory in the series’ inaugural trip to the Red Mile one year ago, the defending AFT Twins presented by Vance & Hines champion has notched 14 victories in the last 20 Main Events.

After the Red Mile, he said, “On a track like this, it was so technical and so important to carry good corner speed on entry and through the corner and not bust the groove. If you got off that groove, you were a sitting duck and going backwards quick. But I kinda grew up on this stuff, and I guess out of all the racetracks we race, this is my specialty.”

“It was good. We were in a really good starting position, we were able to come



off the line well, and just put in the laps. The bike worked phenomenally as it has all year. Hats off to my entire team. I don’t know what to say. We’re having a great season, and we’re making it happen week-in and week-out.”

While Mees (and runner-up Smith) successfully avoided drama on a circuit that practically demanded it, the rest of the field did not. The scrapping and resultant emotions down the order were heated as hard passes were the norm from third on back.

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