

Bauman Brothers Go One-Two at Harley-Davidson Williams Grove Half-Mile; Dan Bromley Crowned AFT Singles Champ

MECHANICSBURG, Penn. (September 8, 2018) – Saturday evening's Harley-Davidson Williams Grove Half-Mile presented by Appalachian Harley-Davidson was a true family affair, with Briar Bauman (No. 14 Zanotti Racing Indian Scout FTR750) and younger brother Bronson Bauman (No. 37 Indian Motorcycle/Howerton Motorsports/Allstate Scout FTR750) scoring a remarkable 1-2 finish in the AFT Twins presented by Vance & Hines Main Event.

With the win, Briar became the final rider ranked in the championship's top six to score a race victory on the 2018 American Flat Track season. While he may have had to wait his turn to stand on top of the box, Briar did so in decidedly spectacular fashion at Williams Grove Speedway. He went elbow-to-elbow with recently crowned 2018 AFT Twins champion Jared Mees (No. 1 Indian Motorcycle Rogers Racing SDI Scout FTR750) and gave better than he got, repeatedly railing around the outside of the series' most dominant rider.

While Mees countered with some slick inside maneuvers of his own, Bauman finally made his move stick and looked all set to clear off... until a red flag spoiled his plans.

Predictably, Mees made the most of his second opportunity, snatching back the lead on the restart. Bauman was all too happy to repeat his first-half heroics, however, with several more criss-crossing overtakes to reclaim the point. At that point Bauman again proved capable of eeking out a gap and controlled the race as he powered to his first win of 2018.

"I felt better around the outside, but I had to take the inside a few times with Jared," said Bauman after the race. "We got racy, and I was nervous some other guys were going to get in the mix, but luckily we were able to get away."

"I've had a lot of pressure lately," Bauman continued. "I've been fast in quality-

ing and doing a lot of cool stuff, but I kept choking. We got the red flag, and I was really eager for this one. I really like this racetrack and I live here in Pennsylvania now. So, during the red I was pretty cool, calm, and collected. Jared gets such good starts, I knew he was going to jump me, and sure enough he did. But we were able to fight back. It was a long 16 laps after the restart."

Just when Mees began to realize that Briar might be too much for him on this night, he found his hands full with a second Bauman. A motivated Bronson charged up behind Mees and ultimately overhauled him to steal away second. From there Bronson even threatened to make inroads on his big brother before finally taking the checkered flag in second, locking down his first-career premier class podium finish.

The AFT Singles action at Williams Grove Speedway may have belonged to Tanner Dean (No. 38 Waters Autobody/D&D Powersports KTM 450 SX-F) but the season is now officially owned by Dan Bromley (No. 62 KTM North America/Bromley Motorsports 450 SX-F), who did what he needed to do in order to secure the 2018 class crown.

Dean grabbed the holeshot and immediately put his head down to make a break. Shayna Texter (No. 52 Husqvarna Motorcycles/JCS Racing FC 450) gave chase and attempted to put a wheel in front of him to foil his escape, but Dean refused to back down. His pace eventually forced Texter into a couple of small mistakes, and that was all he needed to rip open an insurmountable lead, which he carried through to the checkered flag.

"I knew you needed the holeshot to win the race," said Dean on the podium. "I just made my marks and led the whole race and came out with the win. It was very difficult. There were a few bumps here and there, but I found my way around them. I just kept my head down. I knew Shayna



was right behind me. She ran a really good race. I felt a little pressured, but I knew if I just hit the right marks, I had it in the bag."

Texter claimed the runner-up spot, while Morgen Mischler (No. 69 Cycle Craft Yamaha/Rohde's Sales & Service Yamaha YZ450F) out-dued Aussie Max Whale (No. 181 Don's Kawasaki/Shark Leathers KX450F) and 2017 champ Kolby Carlile (No. 1 Estenson Racing/McCandless Truck Center Yamaha YZ450F) to claim the final spot on the box.

The biggest honors of the evening,

however, went to Bromley, who locked up the title with a safe and consistent ride. In order to clinch, all he had to do was beat 2016 champ Ryan Wells (No. 94 RMR/Al Lamb's Dallas Honda CRF450) on the track, and he did that with ease.

Bromley got away in fifth, and after seeing Wells slide down the order to an eventual 15th-place finish, the KTM pilot continued on to take the flag in seventh. In doing so he scored the 2018 title a full two rounds early.

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