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As the rains began to fall at I-35 Speedway just as gates were opening it was questionable whether or not Clay County Engine Rebuilders night at I-35 was even going to happen. After deliberation with track workers I-35 Speedway management said IT's ON! Fans in attendance we're treated to one heck of a show and five drivers claimed victories when all was said and done.

Kicking off the night were the IMCA Stock Cars. Nic Hanes (Trenton, MO), who has already tasted sweet victory this season in the IMCA Sport Mod class, is seven races into his IMCA Stock Car season and in six races before tonight has three top five finishes to his credit, after tonight add a victory. It wasn't easy for Hanes as he had to try and find a line to get by the defending track champion Gene Stigall (Winston, MO), and it wasn't until the last corner on the last lap that Hanes found the top side and beat Stigall to the line by half a car length. Hanes had been running the bottom and Stigall the top. Hanes got alongside Stigall and that made Stigall alter his line giving Hanes just what he wanted, the high side. Stigall would hold on for second, Greg Keuhn (Trenton, MO) was third, Jon Boller III (St. Joseph, MO) was fourth and points leader Jon Boller Jr. (St. Joseph, MO) finished fifth. Hanes also took home hard charger award honors.

Travis Walker picked up his second win in three weeks tonight in the Grand National division. Walker (Cameron, MO) worked past race leader Austin Johnson as they went three wide with Bud Wilson numerous times without contact. Wilson (Trenton, MO) finished second, Austin Johnson (Kansas City, MO) finished third, Chad Clancy (Smithville, MO) returned to the car he took to track championships and finished fourth and Mike Jones (Maysville, MO) was fifth. Wilson took home another hard charger award.

Randy Ainsworth (Excelsior Springs, MO) used a late restart to reel in race leader Wes Bestgen (Osborn, MO) and captured his second win of the season in the IMCA Sport Mods. Each time Bestgen had a big lead a caution would wave, that gave Ainsworth the opportunities

to see where he needed to change his driving style to thwart Bestgens first win. On a late restart Ainsworth got by Bestgen and they ran one and two for several laps until Mike Tanner (Kansas City, MO) got by Bestgen for second. The win extended Ainsworths lead over Tanner from 3 to 4 in the chase for the Championship. Bestgen would finish third, Jason Billups (Holt, MO) continued his strong run finishing fourth and Doug Keller (St. Joseph, MO) finished fifth. Ainsworth also took home the hard charger award.

Eric Stanton took home win number ten on the season at I-35 Speedway. Stanton (Hartford, IA) got by race leader Lee Farmer late in the race and battled Farmer for a few laps before clearing Farmer and taking home the win. Farmer (Bethany, MO) had a good battle with a few cars but finished second, Billie Hoover (Stewartsville, MO) rebounded to finish third, Jeremy Turner (Pattonsburg, MO) finished fourth and Alexis Whitney (Trenton, MO) finished fifth. Stanton took home another hard charger award.

"Mr. Excitement" Jim Cameron gave his fans plenty to be excited about as he won his fourth IMCA Modified feature of 2012. Cameron battled with Johnny McGinnis before eventually pulling away for the win. Buz Kaster (Kansas City, KS) rallied after an early spin and chased down Cameron at the end but ran out of laps and finished second, McGinnis (Hardin, MO) finished third, Jason Estes (Winston, MO) finished fourth and Jeff Marriott (Platte City, MO) finished fifth. Kaster took home his second hard charger of the season.

Next week is kids night at I-35 Speedway. The festivities will include stinky foot races, drawings for six bikes donated by some drivers and backpacks full of school supplies. Also starting August 17th the Trackside Tavern and Suite will be open every Friday and Saturday evening for dinner.

Results:
IMCA Stock Cars – A Feature
Finish Start Car Driver Hometown Points
1 5 9H Nic Hanes Trenton , Mo 40.00
2 3 20 Gene Stigall Winston , Mo 39.00
3 4 6X Greg Keuhn Trenton , Mo 38.00
4 2 14X Jon Boller Iii St. Joseph, Mo 37.00
5 9 20X Jon Boller Jr Saint Joseph, Mo 36.00
6 6 88 Jeff Dixon Jamesport , Mo 35.00
7 10 77 Dean Wray Jamesport , Mo 34.00
8 7 44 Bruce Fair Trenton , Mo 33.00
9 11 4D Shawn Lee Spickard , Mo 32.00
10 8 417 Kevin Anderson Kansas City, Mo 31.00
11 1 55 Sean Foster Smithville , Mo 30.00
12 13 65 Herbert Dannar - 29.00
13 12 25V Pat Neely Saint Joseph, Mo 28.00

IMCA Modifieds – A Feature
Finish Start Car Driver Hometown Points
1 6 96C Jim Cameron Cameron , Mo 40.00
2 9 54 Buz Kaster Kansas City, Ks 39.00
3 2 10 Johnny McGinnis Hardin , Mo 38.00
4 8 99.7 Jason Estes Winston , Mo 37.00
5 3 56 Jeff Marriott Platte City, Mo 36.00
6 5 26S Steven Glenn Hamilton , Mo 35.00
7 4 17$ Shane Lawson Stewartsville , Mo 34.00
8 7 292 Blake Peeler Trimble , Mo 33.00
9 10 8K Yancy Shepard Smithville , Mo 32.00
10 11 69N Cory Wray Jamesport , Mo 31.00
11 1 26 Randy Smith Hamilton , Mo 30.00
12 12 97K Brian Johnson Independence , Mo 29.00

IMCA Sport Mods – A Feature
Finish Start Car Driver Hometown Points
1 9 57 Randy Ainsworth Excelsior Springs, Mo 40.00
2 7 20T Mike Tanner Kansas City, Mo 39.00
3 2 15B Wes Bestgen Osborn , Mo 38.00
4 3 33J Jason Billups Holt , Mo 37.00
5 8 7 Doug Keller St. Joseph, Mo 36.00
6 4 52M Dustin Miller Pattonsburg , Mo 35.00
7 12 22B Mitch Booher Bethany , M 34.00
8 13 54 Lynn Starry Excelsior Springs, Mo 33.00
9 15 6A Leroy Cameron Cameron , Mo 32.00
10 10 22H Clay Hale Cameron , Mo 31.00
11 17 92 Tyler Grooms Trenton , Mo 30.00
12 6 32P Jeremy Pittsenbarger Cameron , Mo 29.00
13 5 X3 Brad Whitney Trenton , Mo 28.00
14 1 25 Scotty Grenier Cameron , Mo 27.00
15 11 60 Brady Sensenich Chillothe , Mo 26.00
16 14 76 Ron Miller Trenton , Mo 25.00
17 16 52J Josh Barnes Cameron , Mo 24.00 DNS

Grand Nationals – A Feature
Finish Start Car Driver Hometown Points
1 3 71 Travis Walker Cameron , Mo 50.00
2 5 97 Bud Wilson Trenton , Mo 48.00
3 1 98 Austin Johnson Kansas City, Mo 46.00
4 6 94 Chad Clancy Smithville , Mo 44.00
5 7 5 Michael Jones Maysville , Mo 42.00
6 2 9 Don Marrs Shawnee , Ks 40.00
7 4 44F Thomas Roberts Kidder , Mo 38.00

IMCA Hobby Stock – A Feature

Finish Start Car Driver Hometown Points
1 5 7B Eric Stanton Hartford , Ia 39.00
2 4 17F Lee Farmer Bethany , Mo 38.00
3 3 21H Billie Hoover Stewartsville , Mo 37.00
4 6 55L Jeremy Turner Pattonsburg , Mo 36.00
5 1 X9A Alexis Whitney Trenton , Mo 35.00
6 2 55A Alex Anderson Spickard , Mo 34.00
7 8 34 Mich Ross Maysville , Mo 33.00
8 9 29 Anthony Fletchall Grant City, Mo 32.00
9 7 25 Paul Grenier Platte City, Mo 31.00

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