

## Pollard Masters Slick Track at IMS

Independence, Iowa: Racing resumed on Saturday night at the Independence Motor Speedway with the Peoples Company hosting the nights action. The race program was only the second night run in seven scheduled nights as the very wet spring has played havoc with the racing schedule.

The Budweiser IMCA late Models were the featured division with 18 drivers taking the green for the 25 lap main event. Following a first lap restart which saw the pole sitter restarting at the tail, the P7 of Eric Pollard took command and went on to lead the 25 lap main flag to flag. Pollard drove a perfect race in handling the slick track conditions. The track was a drivers track on Saturday night with handling of the car and using the throttle very delicately were paramount in being fast. Jeff Aikey used his experience in handling the slick track, by driving Rick Dralle's 1D to an impressive second place finish from the eighth position start. Sean Johnson completed the top three.

The Performance Bodies IMCA Modifieds saw veteran driver Patrick Flanagan drive a perfect race in scoring an impressive 20 lap feature win ahead of defending track champion Troy Cordes. Cordes was able to close in on Flanagan late in the race but Flanagan hit his marks and held Cordes off for a car length win.

The Burco Sales IMCA Stock Cars 15 lap feature win went to veteran driver Norman Chesmore. The Stock Car main event winner was in doubt as the leaders encountered lapped traffic as the laps wound down. The leaders all chose different lines entering turn one on the final lap and Chesmore found the best line and beat Jarod Weepie and Phil Holtz to the checkers.

Nate Smith drove his 19B to the feature win in the 15 lap Sportmod A feature. Smith took the lead early from Brandon Tharp and went on to lead the remainder of the race despite a late race charge by Jason Doyle. Doyle was second ahead of Kyle Olson.

The Christie Door Hobby Stock feature saw several lead changes, but the last one was a pass with the field coming to the white flag. Leah Wroten patiently waited for an opening and she made her move off of turn two which ended up being the winning move. Wroten got by Luke Bird and went on to score the win. Quinton Miller followed Wroten by Bird to take second.

The XCEL 600 Modified feature win was an emotional one for Waukon driver Chad Dugan. Dugan slipped back early but came back through the field to score the 12 lap win. Dugan dedicated the win to his grandmother who passed away a couple weeks ago.

The Independence Motor Speedway is now set to host the 2019 Hall Of Fame Induction night on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. The fans are encouraged to come out early and greet the new members plus many of the current Hall of Fame members will be on hand to greet the fans and sign autographs. Grandstand gates will open at 4 pm with on track action taking the green at 6 pm.