

Bruening Comes From Deep In The Pack To Score IMS Win

Independence, Iowa: For only the fourth time in 2019 racing action was held on the Buchanan County Fairgrounds on Saturday night June 22nd. The Independence Motor Speedway hosted "Pink Night" with the fans donating \$955 dollars to the "Relay For Life" and the "Tricks Ride" which both raise money for cancer awareness and research.

The racing action was highlighted by the 25 lap IMCA Late Model Budweiser main event. The race went flag to flag with hotly contested battles all the way through the 20 car starting field. Tyler Bruening made his season debut on Saturday night at Independence and he did not let a tenth position start deter him from battling his way to the front. Bruening chased down race leader Russell Hesse with less than ten laps to go and made the winning move to take over the point position. Bruening cruised on to the win ahead of Hesse, who enjoyed a terrific second place run taking the checkers ahead of Curt Martin.

The Performance Bodies IMCA Modified main event win went to Manchester driver Rod McDonald. McDonald visited the victory lane for the first time in four years and he was truly elated in victory lane stating " I didn't think we were ever going to win again." McDonald drove a flawless race in holding back the constant challenges from Mark Schulte. Troy Bauer rounded out the top three.

A strong 16 car field took the green flag in the Burco Sales IMCA Stock feature event.

Cole Mather advanced from his second row start to take the lead from early leader Hannah Chesmore. Mather went on to hold off a pair of number 18's for the win. Chris Luloff drove his 18L to a second place finish ahead of Tom Schmidtt in his 18T.

The Sportmod feature saw veteran driver Kip Siems score a much need

win in the 15 lap event. Siems broke a several year dry spell in taking the checkers ahead of a very strong running Tony Olson.

Brett Vanous recovered from an incident in his Hobby Stock heat race to come back and score the win in the 15 lap main event. Vanous was able to hold off a fast closing Jim Ball Jr. in getting to the checkers first.

Cole McNeal took the XCEL 600 Micro Mod feature win on Saturday night in crossing the finish line ahead of Matt Dugan and Russ Olson.

Racing will continue at the Independence Motor Speedway on Saturday, June 29, the grandstand gates will open at 4pm, Hot laps will get underway at 6 pm with racing to follow. ,