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GAUDIOSI AND HARTLEBEN SET THE STANDARD AT SILVER CITY

The Silver City Speedway found its way back to action with two full days of racing at the famed quarter midget track in Meriden, CT. With just under 130 sign-ins, the fields were full and the competition was stacked!

Saturday's event did not disappoint, especially in the Junior Classes. The Club's Race Directors remarked on a few break through performances from some up and coming youngsters who are forging their way to greatness. Jj Anagnos, a 7 year old driver from Coventry, CT flexed his muscles by leading his qualifying race while Zachary Vengruskas, another 7 year old competitor was able to find his confidence with a strong heat race finish that landed him in the Junior Honda Main Event.





The Junior drivers continue to set the example at Silver City. RESPECT is the name of the game for Joshua "Wildman" Gaudiosi & Grant Hartleben, two veterans of the Junior Ranks. "It's really special when two drivers can balance each other out, perfectly," commented the Club's Novice Instructor, Johnny Morgillo. "Josh is naturally aggressive while Grant is more conservative. Grant's style has helped dial back Josh's over-aggressive tendencies while Josh's style has made Grant more daring. They feed off each other in the best way possible and truly model RESPECT behind the wheel for all Silver City Competitors to observe. The two Junior drivers put on a clinic in all three of their races on Saturday night. It started in the Junior Honda Feature where Gaudiosi made a last lap bottom shot move on Hartleben. He parked his blue and white Leo's Key & Lock Bullrider in Victory Lane over Hartleben and a hard charging Giovanie Laureano, who would later be recognized as the track's "Hot Shot" of the evening for his commendable performance and steady progress. Gaudiosi continued his hot streak in the Junior Animal race, only this time over Julian Dmytryck in the runner up position and Hartleben in third. Later in the evening, Hartleben would "flip the script" putting out Gaudiosi's fire in the Junior 160 event. Grant ran away from the pack and into Victory Lane over Dmytryck and Gaudiosi.



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History repeated itself in the Junior Classes with Joshua Gaudiosi winning 2/3 races. He took the win in Junior Honda over Julian Dmytryck and Grant Hartleben. In the Junior Animal race, Gaudiosi got a kiss from Lady Luck before walking away with the win over Hartleben and Giovanie Laureano. Junior 160 had Grant Hartleben determined to not let another win pass him by. He parked his Holmgren Subaru sponsored Bullrider in victory lane for the second time of the weekend, winning over top challenger, Gaudiosi and Wallingford's Quinn Comen.

Each week, the senior classes prove to be among the strongest in the country. The Senior Honda Main Event saw a dominating performance from Rhode Island's "Hi-Speed" Chase Guillemette. Guillemette parked the KC Watson sponsored Bullet in victory lane over Brody "Iceman" Gialanella and "The Pup" Matthew Civitello. The fast paced Senior Animal class had some close knit battles ultimately finding Terryville driver, Daniel Gaudiosi's Leo's Key & Lock sponsored Storm Chassis in the winner's circle over "Ice Man" Gialanella and "Pool Boy" Vengruskas. Vengeance would later be had in the Light 160 event where "Iceman" Gialanella took the win over Gaudiosi and Guillemette. Light World Formula was a stampede of DDP drivers charging towards the podium. Gaudiosi dominated the race over Lady Racer, Ava Civitello and "Iceman" Brody Gialanella.







As always, the remaining heavy classes had even HEAVIER competition. The iconic claps of 50/50 Queen, Rebecca Wilcox could only mean one thing-Joey "Big Block" Wilcox was headed back to Victory Lane not once, not twice, but THREE more times before the day's end. He lead a dominating performance in the Heavy Animal class over Jonathan Fagan and "The Electric" Sylar Haberli. In Heavy World Formula, Wilcox was SMOOTH and FAST. He gapped Storm Chassis driver, Jonathan Fagan and Oakville's Lucas Kluczinsky. Competition would wrap up with the ground pounding Half Midgets. Wilcox jumped out to an early lead in his DDP machine. He'd go on to win over "The Electric" Haberli, and Massachusetts driver, Landon Morgan.

Silver City returns to action again this Saturday, August 23 with one more opportunity to "dial it in" for the Club's famed Meriden 300 race held from August 29-31.

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