

* Silver City QMA *

MARTINELLI SHOWS SPEED AND FIREPOWER IN HIS X- WINGS AT SILVER CITY

After a rainy start to the season, the Silver City Quarter Midget Club set out to reclaim its June 7th event with an action packed makeup race. The “Italian Stallion,” Maurizio Martinelli made his presence known with his Libby Motorsports tuned X-Wings. Like Luke Skywalker’s iconic Battle of Yavin, Martinelli used SPEED and FIREPOWER to defeat all who stood before him in the Heavy Honda and 160 divisions. In the Heavy Honda race, he wasted no time on getting to the lead before running away from DDP driver, Adriana Wasko and the up and coming standout, Bella Ruiz. The Heavy 160 race found Martinelli taking advantage of an early scuffle where he jumped out ahead of multiple cars before taking the lead and never looking back. He’d go on to win over Joey “Big Block” Wilcox and a “two-wheeling” Adriana Wasko.

The day started out with a couple of standout performances that the track Race Directors saw to be worth mentioning. Junior driver, Aubree Warner made heads turn by winning her Junior Honda qualifying race. Senior Honda competitor, Michael Barnes did the same by holding off some of the division’s strongest competitors for the majority of his qualifying race. Wray Birkins, a 9 year Senior Animal competitor showed commendable progress by winning his B-Main race. Senior Driver, Michael Vengruskas was recognized by Club Race Director, Kelsey Rottino as the “Hot Shot” of the day. Each week, Michael has proven to be a top contender. His consistent display of grit and ferocity behind the wheel made recognizing him an easy decision.



The Club’s Novices continue climbing the ladder towards higher competition. In Junior Novice, Rico Montesi picked up another win over newcomer, Kaycee Gaudiosi. Advanced Novice found Koda Michaels on a charge to the front before winning the race over Nico Ficaro and Evan Vandyke.



Junior Novice action found Rico Montesi in the Winner's Circle over Addalyn Brotherton and Jameson Degumbia. Savannah "Savkat" Salansky's fear of passing proved to be a thing of the past in the Advanced Novice race where she scored a dominating victory over Evan Vandyke and Hailey Montesi. The Senior Honda race had many twists and turns. Chase Guillemette looked to be the car to beat early on before being challenged by Brody "Iceman" Gialanella started knocking on his door. Lady racer, Ava Civitello wanted in on the action when late race contact with Gialanella presented an opportunity for Pool Boy, Michael Vengruskas to find his way to a surprising victory over Guillemette and Logan Thibeault. The Heavy Honda race had an unfortunate start for Sylar Haberli when a handler error found him on pit road before the drop of the green. Haberli would have to charge his way through the field from the rear rather than from his expected first place starting position. The Haberli Electric sponsored driver did just that and took down first honors over Maurizio Martinelli and Adriana Wasko.



In Senior Animal, Logan Thibeault shook the monkeys off his back after struggling with maneuvering lapped traffic for the last couple of weeks. He took his Mike's Auto, Nichole & Co Beauty Lounge Bullrider to victory over Daniel Gaudiosi and Matthew "Pup" Civitello. Joey "Big Block" Wilcox continues on with a streak of domination in the Heavy ranks. He swept all 3 classes without breaking a sweat. His mother clapped, emphatically after smooth sailing in the Heavy Animal race where he'd take the win over Jonathan Fagan and Sylar Haberli. He did it again in Heavy 160 with Landon Morgan and Lucas Kluczinsky in tow and one last time in Heavy World Formula before clinching a clean sweep. The Kluczinsky brothers rounded out the top 3 in this fast paced Briggs & Stratton powered division. Brody "Iceman" Gialanella made his trip from New Jersey well worth it by winning the Light 160 Feature event over "The Pup," Matthew Civitello, and "Hi-Speed" Chase Guillemette. Daniel Gaudiosi helped close out the night when he ran away from Gialanella and to the finish line in his DDP powered Bullrider. Lady racer, Civitello went on to take the last spot on the podium over the remaining hard charging formula drivers. 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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