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K&N SPRING FLING MILLION – TUESDAY RESULTS

And so it began, the third edition of the K&N Spring Fling Million presented by Optima Batteries. Once again, the site is The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, the newly crowned four-wide facility, with this event contested on only two of the lanes.

Tech inspection continued today with a free Test & Tune session sponsored by Yukon Gear & Axle in addition to the American Race Cars Dragster Shootout with the winner of the exclusive 48-car field receiving a brand new ride. The gates opened for parking and tech inspection yesterday and by the time it closed for the night, over 400 entries had been sold, especially noteworthy given the 'Fling rules which state a car can only go down the track one time per round.

With three auxiliary races each paying a guaranteed \$30,000 to win in addition to hefty round money, the main event, the Spring Fling Million to be held on Friday carries with it a \$2,000 entry fee. Co-promoters Pete Biondo and Kyle Seipel want as many to enter as possible and as such began today what will turn out to be many Million Dollar Raffles. Beginning with a \$50 raffle and only 40 entries followed by a \$100 raffle with 20 entries, a couple of lucky individuals will win their way into the main event. In addition, a Practice Tree Race was held Tuesday night as well with the winners receiving a Million Dollar Race entry.

In the American Race Cars Dragster Shootout with six remaining in the quarterfinal round, the combatants were Kevin Heffington, Trevor Larson, John Lobner. Lori Warden, Jeremy Rapp and Lori Warden's husband, James.

For the quarters, James Warden defeated Heffington, Lori Warden used a .004 reaction time and a dead-on the dial with a "9" to defeat Rapp and Larson went red to move Lobner into the semifinals to face James Warden. Lori Warden's reaction time earned her the semifinal bye run into the final round.

In that semifinal, Lobner turned on the red-light to make it an all-Warden final, husband against wife, both driving Tom Bayer's School of Drag Racing cars. Winner receives the dragster and the runner-up earns them self an entry into the main event, the Million Dollar Race on Friday. For his efforts, Lobner received a three-day entry into the 2019 event.

For James' sake, he's thankful he isn't going to have to sleep on the couch tonight as it was his wife Lori who used a .009 reaction time to force her husband into running out, giving her the win. "We've raced two other times before and he won both times, so I'm happy," said Lori. "But he's an amazing racer and I have to thank him and Tom Bayer for all the coaching."

Beginning with Wednesday's Maytag Refrigeration-sponsored race, all of the action will be streamed live on www.BangShift.com thanks to JEGS and Hoosier Tire. Keep visiting www.bracketraces.com for complete results and more information.