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SPARCO FALL FLING THURSDAY RESULTS

With an increase in the purse for Racepak Thursday, quite a few “new” racers showed up at Bristol Dragway for the 2017 version of the Sparco Fall Fling presented by Optima Batteries.

Today with the increased purse, 383 cars made the first round call for the \$20,000-to-win race. Due to the number of racers, co-promoters Peter Biondo and Kyle Seipel made the decision to limit time trials to new entries only, followed immediately after by eliminations. Yesterday’s elimination action took the better part of ten hours to complete and in addition to the main event, today also marked the Biondo Racing Products Door Car Shootout. From yesterday’s 130 door car entries, 32 were randomly selected to compete in a \$10,000-to-win door car only affair once the main event is completed.

As for the main event, round six found nine racers surviving to advance to the ladder round of seven; World Footbrake Challenge \$20,000 winner Nick Hastings; Joe Gary; Matt Weston; perennial winner Kenny Underwood; former Spring Fling Vegas winner Scott Lemen; Trevor Denton; Shannon Woodring; and Corey Manuel left in with two entries.

For round seven, Gary’s perfect reaction time in his Camaro the round before gave him the bye run to round eight, while Underwood, Manuel in his dragster, Woodring and finally Hastings bringing the last of two remaining door cars to the quarterfinals.

In the round of eight, Gary and his Camaro took out Underwood, while Hastings defeated Woodring and Manuel took the bye run. All three drivers had previous bye runs, so by virtue of his better reaction time in the previous round, the semifinal round bye fell to Hastings, who is no stranger to Bristol and big money races, moving him into the final round. Nasty Nick and his Mustang going to another final round at Bristol, while Gary took the best of Manuel to make it an all-door car final.

Both racers are more than capable of turning on win lights but it was Hastings who turned on the red-light by -.021, giving Gary his first 'Fling win. "This is just unreal," is all the champ could say.

Still left to go at the end of the night was the Biondo Racing Products Door Car Shootout. The two finalists were Vinny DiMino and Jeremy York. Only five-thousandths of a second separated them off the starting line but it was all York at the finish line for a .008 victory.

As for ATI Performance Products Friday, the purse is increased to a \$50,000-to-win event in addition to all round money and prizes increased as well.

MotorManiaTV.com has been on hand all week streaming the video action live as it happens thanks to JEGS and Hoosier Tires. Additionally, the Fall Fling text messaging system is bringing 'Fling news to cell phones all over the country. Text Fling to 797979 and you'll be kept up to the minute with staging lane calls and immediate results of the final rounds.

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