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K&N SPRING FLING MILLION – THURSDAY RESULTS

Yesterday was a particular long day with time trials starting at 8:00 in the morning and the final round not taking place until the witching hour of midnight with Marko Perivolaris repeating his K&N Spring Fling win from last year. Racepak Thursday was a financial duplicate of Wednesday's race with \$30,000 going to the winner.

When the Spring Fling brand came to The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway six years ago, it included racing in two categories; Super Pro and Pro; or Box and No Box for lack of a better explanation. When the event changed to the Spring Fling Million with a potential payday of \$1,000,000 two years ago, co-promoters Peter Biondo and Kyle Seipel opted to race just one category, Super Pro due to the increasing number of cars. However, not wishing to forego the support of the Pro racers who have long supported the brand, the decision was made to include an elite 38-car Pro field. Just as door cars are kept separate from dragsters in the Super Pro class, so do the Pro 38 racers who run to a class winner and then that person is inserted into the following Super Pro round in addition to earning an extra \$500 from W.W. Williams Racing.

In addition to the win last night, Perivolaris earned a bounty on his head courtesy of Racepak. The person beating Perivolaris today earned themselves a Racepak Sportsman Data Logger. That lucky person turned out to be Tony Farmer from Midland, Texas, using a dead-on the dial with a "3" to defeat Perivolaris in the second round of eliminations.

Another long day but at the ladder round, round seven, 11 racers remained; Scott Stockton, moving into the Super Pro field after winning the Pro 38 class; Jim Shelton; Al

Quigley; Paul Lorton; Wes Barnard; Dustin Wurtz; Luke Bogacki, last year's million dollar winner, Gary Williams; Lane Dicken; Kevin Thorp; and Sean Shaffer. The survivors from that round were Quigley, Wurtz, Williams, Bogacki, Dicken and Stockton.

For the quarterfinals with six cars remaining, the two door cars of Quigley and Stockton were hanging in there with the remaining dragsters. When the smoke cleared from the round, Quigley, Bogacki and Dicken remained and for the semifinals, based on his .002 reaction time, Dicken will receive the odd car bye run to move him directly into the final against either Bogacki or the lone remaining door car of Quigley.

In the semis, Quigley picked the wrong time to miss the 'tree with a .057 reaction time to Bogacki's .011 which ultimately found the win light in Bogacki's lane. Dicken took his bye run by hitting the 'tree with a .006 and shutting off early, but the .006 gave him lane choice in the final. Interesting final round would find Dicken, who was a runner-up in the 2016 Million to Jeff Verdi, facing off with last year's Million dollar man Bogacki.

For the finals, Bogacki left the line first with a .008 reaction time and it was Dicken's fate to miss the 'tree with a .021 which gave Bogacki room at the finish line for the win.

"I didn't start off today driving that well," said Bogacki, "but it came around for me. And I think I like this place."

One more auxiliary \$30K race is scheduled for Saturday and sponsored by FTI, but first... the main event, the Spring Fling Million on Friday. With a guaranteed winner's share of the pot set at \$200,000 regardless of the number of cars, that winning hand increases in relationship to the car count. A number of people attend the event in the hopes of earning enough money to afford the \$2,000 entry into the main event, but in that regard, raffles, and this year a practice tree race, were held to allow racers a chance to win their way into the field. Follow along with all the action as it develops by visiting www.BangShift.com, along with www.bracketraces.com. The action gets underway at 8:00am PST with the Brodix Run For The \$50K, a time trial session where the first perfect run earns the driver \$50,000. Eliminations follow that session with a Racer Appreciation Party to begin at 7:00pm.

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