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SPARCO FALL FLING – FINAL DAY RESULTS

One week ago, it's doubtful anyone would have imagined the great weather which has graced the ninth edition of the Sparco Fall Fling presented by Optima Batteries. While Hurricane Florence was wreaking havoc on the Carolinas, the Bristol Dragway and Fling staff were hard at work to ensure the Fling came off as planned. A little later start on Tuesday's schedule than anticipated, but Mother Nature shined all week on the hundreds of racers, crew and family who chose to spend their time at one of the biggest bracket races in the world.

Yesterday's announcement of the tenth anniversary 2019 Fall Fling with its accompanying \$500,000-to-win race surely rocked not only those in attendance but across the world as MotorManiaTV.com carried the announcement streamed live thanks to JEGS and Mickey Thompson Tires.

The week had not have been kind to the previous day's winners though as Wednesday's winner Rocky Pintavalle lost in the very first round on Thursday. Thursday's winner Jeff Burns also lost in the first round on Friday and Friday's \$50,000 winner Pintavalle was dispatched in the first round today.

Speaking of Pintavalle, not since John Labbous Jr. won three days in a row at the very first Bristol Fling in 2010 had someone be as dominant as Pintavalle this year. Besides the shock of two wins, Pintavalle wheeled his way through the sea of dragsters with his door car Duster powered by a true Mopar engine and three speed transmission, all of

which earned him the distinction of Todd's Extreme Paint's MVP Award, rightfully shutting out any of the hundreds of other great racers in attendance.

At the ladder round, it was Randy Biddle, Leon Robertson, Tommy Plott, Jeff Serra, Jeremy York, Corey Manuel, Sherman Adcock, Gary Ingold and Cameron Manuel. Survivors of that round and going into the quarterfinals was Plott against Robertson with Robertson coming out on top; York and Manuel with York getting the nod while Serra took the bye run.

For the semifinals, a runner-up at the Fall Fling last year, York will be looking to take it one step further with the bye run to advance to the finals. The two remaining door cars of Robertson and Serra went at each other with Robertson taking the reaction time advantage and the double break-out win to face York in the final.

As for York, it was the year of redemption, completing what he started last year with a runner-up finish, taking it one step further with the win after Robertson turned on the red-light by -.007, which wraps up another year of Fling racing.

"We could never say it enough," said co-promoter Peter Biondo, "but thank you to each everyone who attended the ninth edition of the Fall Fling. We could never have done it without the support of the racers and their families. We look forward to see everyone in 2019 at the Vegas Million, Spring Fling at Galot and of course, we're really excited for the Fall Fling 500K next year in Bristol. Please stay tuned to www.bracketraces.com for more information. Thank you once again."

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