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SPARCO FALL FLING WEDNESDAY RESULTS

Yukon Gear & Axle Wednesday at the Sparco Fall Fling presented by Optima Batteries fell victim to the same hot and blue sky weather that has “plagued” most of the country the past few weeks of September; and the racers loved every second of it, coming out in droves.

In addition to the published and guaranteed purse, over \$50,000 in random and round prizes from a variety of sponsors are part of the lure of the event. In fact, the “prize vault” was opened early this morning with out of the first 20 pair of door cars, the best reaction time earned the driver a PerformAire weather station. If you ever had the thought of the competitiveness of this crowd, it took a perfect .000 reaction time by Ed Talbert to walk away with the prize.

Three hours of time trials followed by eliminations found 323 cars making the first round call. For round six, there remained 15 racers; Million Dollar winner Jeff Verdi; Pro Stock crew chief Tommy Lee; Mike McKay, Austin Durham; Tommy Zimmerman; Anthony Bertozzi still left in with two entries; Chris Stine; Jamie Bridge; Scott Albrecht; Jeff Taylor; Johnny Ezell; Cody McDaniel; Taylor Sweeton; and Bobby Spence; with six of the remaining, door cars.

Survivors of round six included Bridge, Taylor, Zimmerman, Ezell, McDaniel, Stine, and Bertozzi still hanging tough with both of his entries. Unfortunately Bertozzi’s Cinderella ride ended in the quarterfinals with him being defeated by McDaniel and Stine. The two remaining combatants for the semifinals were Bridge and Ezell.

For the semis, Ezell and Stine faced off with Stine getting the win, while McDaniel and Bridge raced to the finish line with McDaniel getting the nod into the \$15,000-to-win final. Indiana versus Tennessee, respectively.

Racing any of the 'Flings is a tough proposition and Chris Stine showed just how tough it can be. He used a .006 reaction time coupled with a dead-on the dial with a "2" to turn away Cody McDaniel. McDaniel's reaction time was a .014 which actually left him "mathematically ineligible" for the win, but still earned him a \$3,000 check to get his weekend started, while Stine walked away with his \$15,000 winnings.

Next up is Racepak Thursday where the money increases to \$20,000-to-win.

Besides the live video feed by MotorManiaTV.com sponsored by JEGS and Hoosier Tires, this event the 'Fling instituted a special text messaging service. It has been a hit with all those on the property in addition to anyone across the country alerting all of any schedule changes, staging lane calls and other important info. "With almost everyone tied to their cell phones today," said co-promoter Peter Biondo, "it only made sense to be able to communicate with our customers on a better basis. Anyone wanting to receive text updates from the Fall Fling, can do so by texting the word Fling to 797979."

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