

National Dragster Article 3

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RACEWAYS: Late night of racing and waiting pays off for the patient few. The safety and track crews at RMR had their hands full on a rain plagued Friday night. The track suffered four oil downs back to back causing the racing to be suspended until Saturday morning were the second round of all classes picked back up. The Super Pro faithful waded through five rounds of close action. Come the fifth round Tim Vincent faced off with 2007 Super Pro track champ Brandon Luke. With an extra point at stake for beating the champ Tim got the starting line advantage (.007 to .039) and ran 8.011 on the 7.98 dial to Brandon's too quick 10.689 on the 10.75 dial. Brandon got to the finals by defeating James Sheppard who went red at the hit. Although James went red Brandon would have been tough to beat with a .001 light and running two off the dial. Tim made the finals by getting around Don Spendlove who broke out (8.22 on a 8.27) Don had a better light by .011 but Tim was close to the dial (8.01 on a 7.98) and pushed Don to the breakout. Not only did Tim win the event, he also got bragging rights for the best package with a .014 lap in round two against Art Phillips. Oh ya, Tim got that extra point!

In Pro Bracket you had to be the last one standing at the end of the sixth round if you wanted the trophy and cash, and that's exactly what the Chevelle of Scott Smiths did! Scott lucky dogged it into the finals with a single in the semi final round. Josh Simons, on the other hand, had his work cut out for him when he paired up with the Barracuda of Thor Modtland. Josh, in his trusty Camaro, drilled the tree .006 to Thors red lighting -.023. Josh ran it to a thousand feet and ran 11.37 on the 10.62 dial. The dial-ins in the final were 10.62 for Josh and 12.35 for Scott. Scott ripped the tree down with a .002 reaction and received the win light when Josh couldn't wait and red lighted. It had to hurt when Josh picked up his time slip and saw the dead on 10.620 on the 10.62 dial in.

The Sportsman Bracket Semi finals found four guys that seem to always go deep in eliminations. Doug Snow in his cool 64 Buick Special lined up with always tough Vega of Dan "The Man" Pratt. Dan ran closer (12.261 on a 12.25) to Dougs 13.366 on the 13.35 dial but was way late on the tree. On the flip side Brett Leggett piloting his 69 Nova paired up with the Camaro of Chris Weiss. Brett got the automatic win when Chris just nipped the red light (-.003) after getting a full "no breakout run" in the semis. Brett dialed a 12.54 in the final. Doug dialed a 13.36. Doug getting the head start had the first chance to red light and took advantage of the chance. Doug went red by .041 giving the trophy and winners check to Brett Leggett.

This years crop of Motorcycles/Snowmobiles seem to be dominated by Kawasaki. For the fifth time this season a Kawasaki has won the race. Last years Division Seven "Race of Champions" winner Mike Cragun scored the win over Ron Gledhill. In a double breakout race Ron was away first but .033 under the 9.33 dial to Mikes .001 under on the 10.62. Mike received a single in the semi finals while Ron faced Lonnie Woodruff. Ron had a great run .008 to a good .017 light and ran 9.34 on a 9.33 dial. Lonnie went too quick 9.845 on the 9.86 dial. Thanks to all the racers who patiently waited to get to play and congratulations to all the winners.