

National Dragster Article 5

ARE YOU KIDING ME? HOW LONG WILL THIS STREAK LAST?

Rocky Mountain Raceways 5.30.08: Once again the brothers Jones make it look easy in the Junior Dragster classes at RMR. Young Jared Jones still is yet to lose a round of racing in the Junior Rookie class. Jared marched through four rounds of racing starting with Jaden Holt. Jaden (dialed at 13.05) got the head start over Jared (dialed at 12.90). With a starting line advantage and running closer to the dial Jared pulled off the win. Jared got a free look at his dial in with a single in round two. He won in a double breakout race in round three. Casey Straub ran 13.54 (13.61) to a closer Jared 12.89 (12.94). After singling in the Semis, Seth Andersen faced Jared. The pressure to finally knock off Jared got to Seth as he turned on the red light. We' ll see if he can keep it going.

Not to be out done by his little brother Josh Jones also waded through four rounds for a win. His final opponent was Austin Schoenfeld, who in the first round got the win over Coby Salazar. Josh faced off with last years rookie champ Shawn Hart who went red at the starting line. In second round action Josh raced Mason Ingram and put together the best package of the event to move on. Austin singled when Shante Henderson broke. Austin then raced Conor Andersen in the Semis. There Austin had a great .010 reaction and motored to the win. Alex Strasburg went red giving the automatic win light to Josh. In the final Josh dialed 9.00, Austin in at 9.10 getting a small head start and getting the first chance to red light, which he did. Josh had a fair light at .096 and ran it out to a 9.03 already looking at the win light.

In the JR MAJOR class Casey Ostler was on his game! Round one saw Casey lined up with Brittani Bachman. Casey took a huge starting line advantage to come from behind for the win. In round two Casey faced off with the ever tuff Scott Randolph. Casey tattooed Scott at the tree and held on for the win. Round three it was brother Vs brother as Casey lined up with Austin Ostler. Austin drilled him at the tree, but ran it out too hard and broke out more than did Casey (.049 to .001). On the other side Lexi Isbell took out a red lighting Chance Parker. Next, put a hole shot on Paige Lundeen. In the Semis it again was an all family affair. Lexi paired up with sister Rebecca and once again was the victor via a hole shot. In the final Casey dialed in at 9.74, Alexis (Lexi) dialed in at 7.96. At the start only .010 separated the drivers with the advantage going to Casey. Lexi caught him and took too much stripe, breaking out by only .001 handing the win to Casey. All in all the junior dragster drivers at RMR are a group of tough little racers and are looking forward to Denver and a chance to win it big at the conference finals.

In the Street Legal categories, Mike Wilson was the winner over Tory Laws in STREET LEGAL TRUCKS. The Wide Open Performance Diesel (Diesel Only) class found Lucas Olson taking the win over Chris Hopper. The Rocky Mountain ECOTEC.net Sport Compact racers entered the fray and when the tire smoke settled the Subaru of Rob Hauck had defeated the Vega of Laci Pratt. In High School Ford Andersen was runner up yet again, this time to Aspen Hall. Street Legal Motorcycle came down to a pair of Kawasaki bikes. One ridden by Kirk Walton the other by Trent Hickman. Hickman had a huge hole shot but slowed with problems giving the win to Kirk Walton. Fifty four cars went head to head in the Heavy Bracket. At the end of six rounds Jeremy Laws in his '72 Nova was victorious in a double breakout race with Jinks Schumer. Lots of action on a great Friday night that culminated with the STS Turbo Systems Midnight Drags.

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