

National Dragster Article 6

Deschner, Weiss, Frantz and Walton Dominate at Summit Series #5

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RACEWAYS 6.5.08: Jack Deschner is no stranger to the winners circle, having won multiple times in his "Alter Ego" Firebird. He changed to a rear engine dragster during the '07 season and scored his first win in the fifth of fifteen Summit ET Series races. Jack made his way through six rounds of competition to line up with Art Phillips and his '86 Skyhawk in the final. Art strapped a big hole shot on Rod Haarbrink in the Semis (.044 to .077) and held off Rods' .001 over for the win. Jack cruised through the Semis with a single. In the final, Jack gained the starting line edge (.005 to .009) and ran closer to his dial for the win over Art.

The ever tough Pro bracket came down to three of the toughest customers in the class: multi-time Pro Champ Jesse Sanderson, defending Pro Champ Chris Hall, and Glen Frantz. Chris received a free look at his dial with a single in the Semis. Jesse and Glen raced hard in a nearly heads up match. The '70 Plymouth of Glen Frantz dialed at 11.24 was away first with a .014 reaction. Jesse in the familiar yellow '66 barracuda was in hot pursuit. Dialed at 11.04 and a .061 reaction he had his work cut out for him. At the stripe both drivers broke out, Glen was closest (.022) and got the win. The final looked to be a great race and didn't disappoint. Glen dialed down to 11.22 while Chris dialed down .030 to 10.55. Glen made good use of being the first to leave with a great .009 light to Chris' good .022. Chris took the stripe but was too quick by .001. Glen ran .025 off his dial and got the win. He also earned an extra point for beating last years champion in the final.

The Sportsman class was contested by 48 racers who fought hard to get to the final round. In the Semi', Eric Snow lined up against Steve Denton. Steve ran too quick by .049 handing the win to Eric. In the other Semi, Stephen Sorenson faced Chris Weiss. It was all over at the line where Stephen went -.028 red. Chris had a good light (.021) and ran .022 off the 12.22 dial. In the final, Eric Snow dialed 13.17 to Chris Weiss' 12.22. Chris coupled a great .005 light to a .011 over (12.231) for the win. Eric pushed as hard as he could and broke out by .020.

MC/SNOW class (still dominated by Kawasaki) saw two of the toughest riders on the planet square off. Truth is every person on a sled or two wheels at RMR are as good as it gets! In the Semis, Mike Cragun singled to the final. He pushed the tree to a .001 light and ran it all out to 10.485 with a 10.51 dial. On the other side of the ladder Lonnie Woodruff and Kirk Walton (A.K.A. CAPTIAN) lined up to duel. Kirk was away first and held a sizeable advantage over Lonnie (.031 to .087). Lonnie ran too quick by .040 giving the win to Kirk. Mike dialed in at 10.47 and Kirk at 10.61 for the final. Both riders had near equal lights Mike at .023 Kirk at .025. Mike got there first with a too quick 10.466 breaking out by only .004 giving the win to a slowing Kirk Waltons' 10.686. Congratulations to all winners and to all the competitors for a great & safe night of racing.

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