



## NEEDT Round 7 Race Report

### Hamlin, PA Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016



Pro Winner: 2016 NE Extreme Dirt Track Pro Champion Brad Riley

With a sunny forecast and cooler weather expected at night the racing was underway at the Schaeffer Excavating/Noel Property New East Extreme Dirt Track JM Pro-Hydro Round 7 at Hamlin Speedway in Hamlin, Pennsylvania. This was the final round of the 2016 Schaeffer Excavating/ Noel Property NE Extreme Dirt Track Championship Season. The #27 MAXXIS / DASA / PEP/ Houser/ Rekluse Brad Riley would head back to Winston Salem, North Carolina as the 2016 NE Extreme Dirt Track B&B Racing Engines Pro Champion and also the 2016 NE-EDT Pro-am Unlimited

Champion. In some of the series top classes the MAXXIS/ HOUSER /TC RACING ENGINES Damian King would capture the 2016 Rath Racing Pro-Lite Championship, the #33 HALLS PERFORMANCE/ LOST HIGHWAY APIARY/ HOOSIER Jacob Hall would go on to capture the 3 Wheelers Pro-am Championship along with the 200/350 3 Wheeler Championship, in the top youth class #6 Tyler King would capture the 2016 NE Extreme Dirt Track Supermini Championship and lastly the TRUWAY RACING/ DOONAN RACING/ SHANK RACING #99 Paula Kwiek would end up winning her third straight NE Extreme Dirt Track Women's Championship.



CCR Racing / MAXXIS / WISECO / #25 Chuckie Creech and #21 Truway/ Rath Racing Tifer Bures where the fastest qualifiers in the heats for the B&B Racing Engines Pro Class as the top riders of the series came to the line for the 25 lap Main event. Creech had suffered an injury in the prior Northern NE EDT event in Hutchinson, Minnesota but showed all the other Pros he might be hurt but he wasn't out as he was ready to try to defend his 2015 NEEDT Pro Championship. As the main event approach the riders where forced to wear sweatshirts versus facing extreme hot temperatures like almost every round this season but this cooler weather it helped create great track conditions on the fast banked oval section of the track. The track featured a banked high speed oval section and a split lane technical infield section that allowed some great passing and racing throughout the days events. As the light turned green it was the #92 Michael Houghton

riding the HOOSIER/ PIPPARD RACING/ ELKA/ EARNHARDT RACING Honda TRX450r that was out front thru the first corner to obtain the JM-Pro Hydro Pro Hole shot award. Michael said," With the track being as technical as it was I knew a hole shot was key to the race and we did just that and was able to lead up until lap 10 until Brad applied the pressure and took the lead which dropped me back to second. My conditioning felt great thanks to The Program and helped me stay at the second place on the box." MAXXIS / DASA / PEP/ Houser/ Rekluse Brad Riley was then able to move to the top spot where he was able to stay and get a nice comfortable lead on the second half of the main event as Michael Houghton and Andrew Evanyke battled for the other 2 spots on the box. The #3 AE3 Andrew Evanyke aboard the HOUSER RACING/ RATH/ HOOSIER Trx450r was also able to put together a nice start as he has really stepped up this season and has found his place on the box several times this year. Andrew who stayed right on Houghton's grab bar the second half of the race settled into the final spot on the podium to finish third as the riders crossed the finish line. There was also a battle going on for the fourth position as Rookie Pro Nate Dawydko applied constant pressure on the 2015 Pro Champion Creech for much of the race. As they past the checkers flag Creech would retain his position and finished 4<sup>th</sup> and Nate Dawydko riding the PIPPARD RACING ENGINES/ HYPER /HOOSIER Honda TRX450r would finish 5<sup>th</sup> to round out the top 5.



Chuckie Creech Leading the Pack in Pro-am Unlimited with #3 Andrew Evanyke behind

In the Pro-am Unlimited Class main event #92 Michael Houghton out of New York riding the HOOSIER/ PIPPARD RACING/ ELKA/ EARNHARDT RACING Honda TRX450r would again capture the JM Pro-Hydro Pro-am Unlimited Hole shot

award. Michael Houghton would stay in the top spot for a few laps until Creech was able to get around Andrew Evanyke and apply pressure to Houghton who ended up dropping back a few spots after a solid start in the main event. THE #25 WISECO/ HOUSER/ ELKA Chuckie Creech was able to put the #25 Honda TRX450r to the front where he was challenged almost the entire race by the #3 HOUSER/ RATH/ HOOSIER TRX450r of Andrew Evanyke who ended up in the runner up position. Creech said, "I got off to a decent start. The Rage motor and Elka/ Houser suspension got the power to the Maxxis Tires and down to the dirt to give me a solid third place off the start. In third I felt pretty decent just wasn't sure how long I could hang on or how long till my ankle would let me shift before hurting. A few laps into the race I was behind Andrew I felt the option lane I was taken would give me the line coming out onto the oval to make a pass where the option lanes came onto the oval. Once in second place I felt a little more confident and set my focus on the leader hoping I could get up there so we could put on a good race. After battling I was able to get into the lead at the same spot I passed for second place. Once in the lead I tried to stay focused and make no mistakes as I seen Andrew was behind me looking for my spot". Creech would cross the checkered flag in first, followed by Andrew Evanyke in second and Brad Riley would move into the final spot on the box. Brad Riley seeing that Chuckie was up front knew he had to stay close as he only had a slight points lead to in order to capture the 2016 NE Extreme Dirt Track Pro-am Unlimited Championship. The #27 MAXXIS Tires / DASA / PEP's Brad Riley was able to stay in the final podium spot which secured the 2016 NE Extreme Dirt Track Pro/am Unlimited class championship. He won the 2016 Pro-am Unlimited championship by only a slim 5 point lead over Creech. Chuckie Creech would though capture the Northern NE-EDT Pro-am Unlimited Championship, which consisted of the Northern NE Extreme Dirt Track Rounds with this win.



Andrew Evanyke 2nd,

Chuckie Creech 1<sup>st</sup>

Brad Riley 3rd

With 19 riders on the line the Rath Racing Pro-Lite Main Event was up and the #27/ LONNIE EBY/DASA/Championship Powersports/HOOSIER TRX450r piloted by Jonathan Stierle was able to capture the JM Pro-Hydro Pro-lite Hole shot award and also was able to lead from start to finish. Jon said, "It was nice to be able to get out front and have an open track to work with. The hole shot is so important with such a competitive and fast field of racers". The #44 JT/HOOSIER/VP FUELS KTM of Bryan Robertson was able to move to the #2 spot after CJ Robson made a mistake and dropped back and Bryan was able to take advantage on his mistake for obtain the second spot and was able to stay there till the checkered flag. The final podium spot was the #6d of Tyler Deister aboard the MOTOR CITY SOLUTIONS /SCHAEFFER RACING/ RAGE ATV Honda TRX450r. Damian King riding the MAXXIS/ Houser /TC RACING ENGINES Honda TRX450r had a nice points lead in the NE-EDT Rath Racing Pro-lite Overall Championship Race and knew he needed to finish in at least the top 10 to secure the 2016 Rath Racing NEEDT Pro-lite Championship. He played it smart and finished 7<sup>th</sup> and walked away as the 2016 NEEDT Pro-Lite Champion. Damian said his focus for this year was, "if you fall get back up and push harder".

#### Pro-Lite Podium



Tyler Deister

Jon Stierle

Brian Robertson

Congratulations to all the champions this season and look forward to the Championship Banquet on November 19<sup>th</sup> in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Photos by Taylor Moran. Find more information about the series at [www.ne-edt.com](http://www.ne-edt.com).