

AUTOMOBILE RACING ADVENTURES

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The ASA Midwest Tour held its second event of the 2008 season at the Madison International Speedway, Oregon, WI., and there certainly wasn't a lack for excitement.

For Dan Fredrickson it was a very exciting day as he captured the 100 lap finale which featured Kyle Busch as a guest participant. Fredrickson has struggled here in races past but not this time as he held off a pesky Steve Carlson for the popular win. The man they call Rowdy, and it certainly is a well deserved nickname, Busch, wound up 3rd in the final feature rundown. Unlike the night before in the NASCAR Cup race where controversy reigned supreme, Busch was quite tame in his run tonight. No less aggressive, but no escorts out of the speedway either! Rounding out the top 10 finishers in the main were Mark Eswein, Josh Vadnais, Chris Wimmer, Blake Horstman, Andy Monday, Russ Blakely, and Frank Kreyer. Action aplenty was what fans witnessed in the feature especially in the last 20 laps of the race. Andrew Morrissey who always runs well here but never gets the resulting top finish experienced that again today as he lead 2/3rds of the event before getting in a fracas with Travis Sauter. Sauter came out of nowhere late in the event, and definitely had the car to beat. Unfortunately his patience didn't match his car's speed and he and Morrissey were sent to the rear of the field after contact. Others who had great runs going but were involved in accidents preventing top 10 finishes were Tim Schendel, Jamie Iverson, Dave Feiler, Kyle Calmes and Donnie Reuvers. Their trouble however allowed numerous others to move up in the standings after starting deep in the field. All in all, you had to be pleased with today's show and fans won't have to wait long to catch the next event as the ASA Midwest Tour next appears at the Jefferson Speedway, Jefferson, WI., Saturday, May 17th for the Kwik Trip Stores 100.

Dan Fredrickson on his way to the 100 lap ASA Midwest Tour feature victory at the Madison International Speedway, Sunday, May 4.

Quick notes....46 cars qualified for the event which necessitated three qualifying races and a last chance event to fill the feature field.... There is

discussion taking place that the ASA Midwest Tour will be adding the Marshfield Super Speedway, Marshfield, WI., to it's 2008 schedule. If that is the case it should be a great race on the ½ mile paved oval....The Gregg McKarns promoted Big 8 Series appeared on



the day's card drawing an excellent field of 44 cars. Jeremy Miller posted a dramatic last lap win over Michael Bilderback in that 38 lap feature event....Matt Kenseth along with son, Ross were on hand with Ross racing to a 5th place finish in the Big 8 Series Feature. Matt didn't race choosing to help his son in his effort.....The rains, (and snow) appear to have let up for now and forecasts look a tad better which should allow for some racing in the area both on pavement and dirt. A long winter and virtually non-existent Spring are finally yielding some temperatures and conditions conducive to racing.....

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