

**PRP Press Release – By: Chuck Greenslate
Lucas Oil Independence ‘60’ – July 1, 2017**

Portsmouth Raceway Park welcomed The Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series Saturday evening for the annual running of the Independence 60 presented by R.W. Rental and Supply.

Shinnston, WV’s Josh Richards dominated the entire evening setting quick time, winning his heat, and leading all 60 laps of the Late Model feature event. John Melvin took the win in the Limited Lates, while Jeremy Rayburn grabbed the checkers in the Modifieds.

Richards was strong on restarts and was stellar maneuvering his way through lapped traffic late in the race.

For Richards, Saturday’s win marked his second career feature victory at PRP coming nine years after his first. The Independence 60 was the fourth Lucas Oil race of 2017 won by Richards.

Tim McCreadie from Watertown, NY climbed from sixth to second. The final 21 laps of the Independence 60 went green, and after Richards established a lengthy lead, McCreadie started to make a charge. However, it was too little too late.

Indiana, PA’s Gregg Satterlee finished third. Union, KY’s Darrell Lanigan was fourth, and Martinsville, IN’s Don O’Neal rounded out the top five. Jimmy Owens, R.J. Conley, Steve Francis, Eddie Carrier, Jr., and outside pole-sitter Brandon Fouts rounded out the top 10.

Current Lucas Oil Series points leader Scott Bloomquist broke in his and brought out a backup car for the feature. He started dead last in 24th but climbed to 11th before bringing out a caution on lap 30. Two laps later, he would bring out his second yellow ending his night.

The O’Reilly Auto Parts Limited Late Model A-Main was a wild one. Being in the lead did not seem to be the luckiest position to be in. Nine-time PRP Limited Late Model champ John Melvin wound up taking the win, but even he had issues while at the point.

Cameron Logan led early before surrendering the top spot to Mike Meyers. Meyers was running away with the event before braking on lap 10.

Meyers’ misfortunes gave the lead back to Logan, but in the closing laps his car developed a push. Melvin would make the pass for the lead with two circuits remaining and hold on for the victory, however, as Melvin crossed the stripe to take the checkered flag, his engine expired. Nevertheless, Saturday brought Melvin his first PRP win since 2015.

Lucasville’s Jeremy Rayburn took the win in the R.W. Rental and Supply Modified Division. Rayburn was dominant leading every single lap of the feature. Rayburn has not finished outside of the top four in five races thus far this season.

Nathon Lone, Jody Puckett, Eddie Harmon, and Jimmy Lennex made up the rest of the top five with Adam Colley, James Grigsby, Bill Keeler, Justin Jacobs, and Drew Bender rounding out the top 10.

PRP will take this coming Saturday off but will return on July 15th for the Premier Precast Products Limited Late Model Extravaganza. Also on the card will be Giovanni’s Pizza Late Models, R.W. Rental and Supplies Modifieds, as well as M & M Inflatables Sport Mods. For more information log on to www.portsraceway.com.

Late Models

A-Main

1) 1-Josh Richards, 2) 39-Tim McCreddie, 3) 22-Gregg Satterlee, 4) 14-Darrell Lanigan, 5) 5-Don O'Neal, 6) 20-Jimmy Owens, 7) 71C-R.J. Conley, 8) 15-Steve Francis, 9) 10-Eddie Carrier, Jr., 10) 81-Brandon Fouts, 11) 71R-Rod Conley, 12) 71-Hudson O'Neal, 13) 99Boom Briggs, 14) 28-Dennis Erb, 15) 21-Jason Montgomery, 16) 1-Earl Pearson, 17) 10-Audie Swartz, 18) 0-Scott Bloomquist, 19) B7-Ben Adkins, 20) 17T-Shannon Thornsberry, 21) 9S-Chris Shannon, 22) 4B-Jackie Boggs, 23) CJ1-Charlie Jude, 24) 36-Craig Wolford

Modifieds

A Feature 1 20 laps

1. 12R-Jeremy Rayburn, 14:57.195[2]; 2. 10L-Nathon Loney, 14:58.736[4]; 3. J3-Jody Puckett, 14:59.413[1]; 4. 87-Eddie Harmon, 15:01.040[11]; 5. 8-Jimmy Lennex, 15:01.368[10]; 6. 1B-Adam Colley, 15:03.044[14]; 7. 42-James Grigsby, 15:03.915[19]; 8. 20K-Bill Keeler, 15:05.814[20]; 9. 20J-Justin Jacobs, 15:06.734[7]; 10. 29B-Drew Bender, 15:07.756[17]; 11. 26-Jason Bilyeu, 15:08.143[13]; 12. B32-Brandon Russell, 15:09.252[18]; 13. 35-Tony DeHart, 08:18.736[9]; 14. 21-Jim Barnett, 08:20.071[12]; 15. 3H-Jason Hollon, 08:20.444[15]; 16. P20-Ervin Vance, 05:52.017[6]; 17. 24H-Michael Howard, 05:52.947[5]; 18. 18-David McWilliams, 05:57.930[16]; 19. 53-Ben Adkins, 05:52.240[3]; 20. 1PJ-Brian Skaggs, 02:30.834[8]

B Feature 1 10 laps

1. 18-David McWilliams, 09:53.211[2]; 2. 29B-Drew Bender, 09:53.813[1]; 3. B32-Brandon Russell, 09:54.159[3]; 4. 42-James Grigsby, 09:54.457[10]; 5. 20K-Bill Keeler, 09:55.001[8]; 6. 83-Briana Robinson, 09:55.363[4]; 7. 1J-John Brady Jr, 09:56.146[6]; 8. 610-Matthew Edmisten, 09:58.873[12]; 9. 11-Austin Francis, 06:54.284[5]; 10. 7T-Tommy McClain, 04:00.039[9]; 11. M1G-Matt Twining, 01:59.015[7]; 12. 55-Kasey

Black, 01:59.015[11]; 13. 2A-Rick Butler, 01:59.015[13]; 14. 5-Clark VanHouten, 01:59.015[14]; 15. 31R-Tim Rayburn, 01:59.015[15]

Heat 1 8 laps | 00:00:00

1. J3-Jody Puckett, [2]; 2. 10L-Nathon Loney, [1]; 3. 20J-Justin Jacobs, [3]; 4. 8-Jimmy Lennex, [5]; 5. 26-Jason Bilyeu, [4]; 6. 29B-Drew Bender, [7]; 7. 83-Briana Robinson, [8]; 8. M1G-Matt Twining, [9]; 9. 42-James Grigsby, [6]; (DNS) 2A-Rick Butler,

Heat 2 8 laps | 00:00:00

1. 12R-Jeremy Rayburn, 06:20.959[1]; 2. 24H-Michael Howard, 06:21.662[2]; 3. 1PJ-Brian Skaggs, 06:22.907[3]; 4. 87-Eddie Harmon, 06:24.197[6]; 5. 1B-Adam Colley, 06:25.051[4]; 6. 18-David McWilliams, 06:28.107[8]; 7. 11-Austin Francis, 06:28.365[5]; 8. 20K-Bill Keeler, 06:30.721[7]; 9. 55-Kasey Black, 06:31.271[9]; 10. 610-Matthew Edmisten, 06:15.955[10]

Heat 3 8 laps | 00:00:00

1. 53-Ben Adkins, 04:12.230[1]; 2. P20-Ervin Vance, 04:13.126[2]; 3. 35-Tony DeHart, 04:13.592[3]; 4. 21-Jim Barnett, 04:15.586[4]; 5. 3H-Jason Hollon, 04:16.916[6]; 6. B32-Brandon Russell, 04:18.095[5]; 7. 1J-John Brady Jr, 04:19.355[8]; 8. 7T-Tommy McClain, 03:22.978[7]; (DNS) 5-Clark VanHouten, 03:22.978; (DNS) 31R-Tim Rayburn, 03:22.978

Qualifying 1 00:00:00

1. 10L-Nathon Loney, [6]; 2. 12R-Jeremy Rayburn, [28]; 3. 53-Ben Adkins, [25]; 4. J3-Jody Puckett, [17]; 5. 24H-Michael Howard, [4]; 6. P20-Ervin Vance, [14]; 7. 20J-Justin Jacobs, [11]; 8. 1PJ-Brian Skaggs, [5]; 9. 35-Tony DeHart, [23]; 10. 26-Jason Bilyeu, [19]; 11. 1B-Adam Colley, [9]; 12. 21-Jim Barnett, [2]; 13. 8-Jimmy Lennex, [30]; 14. 11-Austin Francis, [13]; 15. B32-Brandon Russell, [29]; 16. 42-James Grigsby, [7]; 17. 87-Eddie Harmon, [26]; 18. 3H-Jason Hollon, [3]; 19. 29B-Drew Bender, [22]; 20. 20K-Bill Keeler, [15]; 21. 7T-Tommy McClain, [21]; 22. 83-Briana Robinson, [16]; 23. 18-David McWilliams, [20]; 24. 1J-John Brady Jr, [18]; 25. M1G-Matt Twining, [1]; 26. 55-Kasey Black, [27]; 27. 5-Clark VanHouten, [12]; 28. 2A-Rick Butler, [24]; 29. 610-Matthew Edmisten, [10]; 30. 31R-Tim Rayburn, [8]

Limited Late Models

A Feature 1 15 laps

1. 81-John Melvin, 17:22.184[8]; 2. 68-Cameron Logan, 17:22.269[2]; 3. 7S-Billy Staker, 17:23.080[1]; 4. 81M-Matt Melvin, 17:23.202[3]; 5. 11-Ronnie Whitt, 17:24.345[5]; 6. 99-Scott LeMaster, 17:25.003[6]; 7. 58-Evyian Terry, 17:25.206[12]; 8. M1-Kevin Terry, 17:28.443[11]; 9. 5M-Brett Kennard, 17:35.070[13]; 10. 17R-Jesse Lyons Jr, 11:11.605[14]; 11. 10M-Mike Meyers,

10:58.462[4]; 12. 5C-Jacob Curnutte, 10:16.364[10]; 13. W1-Joe Whitt, 10:02.755[7]; 14. 94-Randy Ross, 01:36.951[9]

Heat 1 8 laps | 00:00:00

1. 7S-Billy Staker, 09:03.068[1]; 2. 81M-Matt Melvin, 09:04.229[7]; 3. 11-Ronnie Whitt, 09:05.708[2]; 4. W1-Joe Whitt, 09:06.796[3]; 5. 94-Randy Ross, 09:07.786[5]; 6. M1-Kevin Terry, 09:09.135[6]; 7. 5M-Brett Kennard, [4]

Heat 2 8 laps | 00:00:00

1. 68-Cameron Logan, 02:57.658[3]; 2. 10M-Mike Meyers, 02:58.223[4]; 3. 99-Scott LeMaster, 02:58.537[7]; 4. 81-John Melvin, 02:59.674[6]; 5. 5C-Jacob Curnutte, 03:01.445[2]; 6. 58-Evyian Terry, 02:41.423[1]; 7. 17R-Jesse Lyons Jr, 02:27.164[5]