

PRESS RELEASE
ROCKY MOUNTAIN RACEWAY PARK "THE ROCK"
RACE: MAY 9 2009 SEASON OPENER

"THE ROCK", ROCKY MOUNTAIN RACEWAY PARK, CELEBRATED THE START OF THE 2009 RACING SEASON ON SATURDAY MAY 9 2009. UNDER THREATENING SKIES AND COOL CONDITIONS, DRIVERS AND RACE FANS WERE THRILLED TO BE A PART OF THE ¼ MILE DIRT TRACK ACTION.

RACE FANS WERE WOWED BY THE HORSEPOWER, TIGHT DOOR TO DOOR ACTION, BUMPING & GRINDING, CRASHES AND FLIPS! DRIVERS FROM SASKATCHEWAN AND ALBERTA BATTLED THROUGH TWO SETS OF HEAT RACES TO SET THEIR STARTING POSITION FOR THE FEATURE EVENTS. THE 10 COMPETITOR FIELD, TRUCK STOCK'S MAIN EVENT, WAS DOMINATED START TO FINISH BY #7 CURTIS BIGELOW OF BROOKS AB WHO STARTED THE 25 LAP EVENT IN SECOND AND HELD OFF CHARGES MADE BY THE #03 CORY SPRINGER OF RAINIER AND #85 BRENT UDY OF CALGARY FINISHING SECOND AND THIRD.

THE HOBBY STOCK FEATURE WAS WON BY #68 GARTH DUSHANEK OF RED DEER AFTER STARTING 9TH IN THE 12 CAR EVENT. #11 GREG BEATON OF HIGH RIVER CAPTURED THE CHECKERED FLAG IN 2ND AND #14 SHAWN LOWE OF AIRDRIE COMPLETED THE 20 LAP FEATURE IN THIRD. UNFORTUNATELY THREE TIME TRACK CHAMPION, # 15 RICK THIESSEN OF HIGH RIVER TANGLED WITH # 22 DAVID BLOMBERG OF SYLVAN LAKE IN CORNER TWO LAP 18 WHICH KNOCKED BOTH OUT OF THE RACE.

THE LARGE WINGED, HIGH HORSE POWERED, OPEN WHEELED SPORTSMAN SPRINTS ENTERTAINED ALL WITH THEIR 20 LAP 11 CAR FEATURE. 2007 POINTS CHAMPION #397 KYLE BATES OF LETHBRIDGE'S NEW ENGINE PAID OFF ALLOWING HIM TO JUMP FROM 6TH POSITION TO 1ST WITHIN THE FIRST LAP AND MAKING HIM UNTOUCHABLE FOR #8 PIERRE GUYON OF ALDERSYDE AND # 33 STUART SELBY OF LETHBRIDGE FINISHING 2ND & 3RD. A FLIP ALL WILL REMEMBER OF THE NIGHT, #96 PAUL LAMOUREUX OF CHESTEMERE IN HEAT 2 RIGHT ON THE FRONT STRAIGHT AWAY. EVEN AFTER TOTALLING HIS CAR FOR THE NIGHT HE STILL HAD THE SPIRIT TO STAND ON TOP OF HIS CAR WITH AN EAR TO EAR SMILE AND WAVE AND YELL TO FANS THE ROCK'S FANS.

THE NIGHT ENDED WITH 25 LAPS OF IMCA MODIFIED HIGH SPEED RACING, #62 KIRBY ZIELINSKI OF CALGARY BATTLED HIS WAY AROUND THE BULL RING CAPTURING THE CHECKERED FIRST PLACE FOLLOWED BY #27 TERRY VICENTE OF HIGH RIVER AND #20 NATHON LINFORD OF CALGARY. IMCA DAY POINT'S LEADER WAS #27. MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE NEXT EVENT, SATURDAY MAY 23 2009, 6:00 PM. WWW.RMRP.CA