

SPIRITS STILL HIGH AFTER A PAIR OF TOUGH RACES

(Ringgold, PA) – After back-to-back tough weekends for JM2, spirits are still high. With two solid heat race runs, one being a win and another door-to-door 2nd, Joe Martin Motorsports had itself in position to have more early season success. An early race tangle at Mercer Raceway Park while running in the top 5 ended up in a somewhat disappointing 15th place finish, but was a huge learning experience for Joe and the crew. Friday night at Lernerville Speedway was another run that showed the potential for the 55 team, but also some of the inexperience.

A second place finish in the heat race put Joe in the pill draw for the feature. He eventually rolled off in the 12th position but found himself quickly sitting in 6th after a huge scuffle on the first lap of the A-main. Using the extreme high side to his advantage early, Joe motored into 2nd on an early race restart. After being passed by Mike Pegher, Jr. the 55 fell comfortably into 3rd and ran there until just past halfway. Then the top groove that Joe used to propel to the front bit him, sending him into the wall out of turn 4. Joe ended up in 16th.



Long time Late Model stand-out David “Slow Ride” Scott took home the checkered flag with Pegher finishing 2nd. Carl McKinney, Joe Valenti, and Max Blair rounded out the top 5.

Joe and the JM2 crew will head to Strongstown, PA’s Dog Hollow Speedway this Friday night and are still debating between McKean County Speedway or Tyler County Speedway for Saturday night.

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