

CHARGING TOWARD THE FIRST POINTS RACE OF THE SEASON: SILVER CITY'S DRIVERS SET OUT TO IMPRESS

The Silver City Quarter Midget Club's first points race of the season was a day filled with thrilling action and remarkable performances from young drivers showcasing their skills on the track.

Among the standout moments of the weekend was Landon Morgan's impressive victory and the honor of earning the highly anticipated "Hot Shot Award." Johnny Morgillo, Silver City's Race Director, praised Morgan's talent and character, saying, "Since we have been back at it, I can't take my eyes off of this kid any time he's on the race track. He is always fast, he always races clean, and he epitomizes sportsmanship."

Landon Morgan's achievement was not only a testament to his speed and skill but also to his sportsmanship and conduct on the track—a quality valued highly within the quarter midget community.

A senior division driver, Abraham Fattibene, recounted his most memorable moment, saying, "My favorite race was Animal because I got second. I was in first, then someone passed me. I was able to hold on for second for the rest of the race." Fattibene's determination and ability to maintain his position under pressure were evident throughout the race.

Andrew Thebeau, competing in the heavy division, shared his thoughts on his World Formula race, stating, "I was in 9th and made some good gains. I'm looking forward to the next race." Thebeau's optimism and focus on improvement reflect the competitive spirit that drives these young athletes.

Another senior division driver, Jeremy Orszak, celebrated his victory in Light 160, saying, "I was able to get first place in Light 160. The race had a lot of wrecks and it was hard to avoid them, but I did. I was very happy to win today." Orszak's skill in navigating a challenging race exemplified the determination of Silver City's drivers. Another driver at Silver City remarked that they were not surprised Orszak won.



Morgan accepting the Hot Shot Award Trophy that was designed by the Novices



Wilcox celebrating his victory

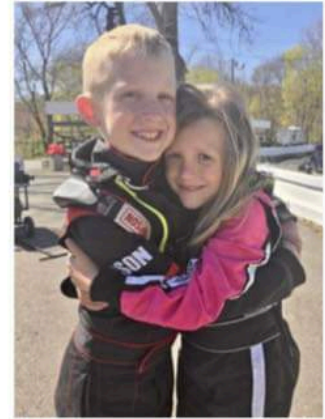
Joe "Big Block" Wilcox, a senior division driver, expressed his excitement after securing his first Light World Formula win of the season. "It felt really good, and the car had a good setup today," said Wilcox, emphasizing the importance of teamwork and preparation in achieving success on the track.

Reflecting on his performance in World Formula, Cody Nye of the heavy division stated, "Getting third in World Formula was the highlight of my weekend. I'm most excited to run my half class at the next race though." Nye's ambition and enthusiasm for racing only scratches the surface of the determination fueling these young racers. Their unwavering drive and passion promise an exciting season ahead.

Brighton Hazelwood, embarking on her first full year in the junior division, shared her experience of finishing second. "My second place felt really good. I feel like I'm getting better each race," said Hazelwood, displaying a positive outlook on her progress.

Hazelwood's brother, Trigg Hazelwood, also starting his first full year in the senior division, reflected on the tough competition on the track. "It was really tough but so worth it. I have so many friends here. I have so much fun," said Hazelwood, underscoring the camaraderie and enjoyment that define Silver City Quarter Midget Club.

Zay Rottino, a heavy division driver, highlighted his performance with strategic passing. "I'm making some really good passes. I was impressed by being on a fast car's bumper today," said Rottino, showcasing the many hours of practice he has put in to gain power and technique.



Brighton and Trigg Hazelwood sharing a hug following their A Main success



Thibeault celebrating his first victory of the season.

One of the most jubilant scenes of the day was the celebration by Logan Thibeault following his first Junior 160 win of the season. Thibeault excitedly passed out ice cream coupons to his friends and family. These coupons were generously donated by his sponsor, Dairy Queen of Wallingford. Thibeault said following his win, "My Daddy gave me a super fast car today. It was so awesome to pass out the free DQ ice cream cones to all of my friends," said Thibeault, sharing his joy with all those around him.

Aubry Wasko's determination was evident in her three wins of the evening. "I had a tough animal race, but I did not let it get to me," said Wasko, reflecting on her resilience and focus amid challenges on the track after winning Heavy Honda, Heavy 160 and Heavy World Formula. She continued, "We will be putting in the long hours at the shop preparing for our next race day."

As the night drew to a close, drivers, handlers, and fans eagerly admired the beautifully crafted trophies for the season's first points race, skillfully designed by the talented Novice class of 2024.

Looking ahead, the Silver City Quarter Midget Club will have an off weekend to allow drivers to participate in Round #1 of the Northeast Titan Quarter Midget Series at Little T. As the drivers enjoy this traveling series, they may celebrate Mother's Day with a stop at Bogeys Ice Cream, a favorite among the drivers and handlers at Little T.

The first points race of the season has set a high bar for excitement and sportsmanship at the Silver City Quarter Midget Club. With drivers eager to build on their successes and overcome challenges, the stage is set for an exciting season of quarter midget racing. Stay tuned for more updates as these young athletes continue to chase victory on the track.