Go-Karts • QUARTER MIDGETS • Go-Karts • QUARTER MIDGETS •Go-Karts • QUARTER MIDGETS

- Daley's Bad Luck Helps East Greenbush, NY Racer Pocket $1,500 Win -

Gamble Pays Off For Kendall In Atlantic City Champ Kart Main

By TRACY CHIRICO

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ -Atlantic City has been known to be a place where luck can come easily, but where it can go just as easily.

Boardwalk Hall was no exception this past weekend, particularly in the Gambler's Classic Champ Kart feature event.

It looked like defending race winner Chris Daley was on his way to Victory Lane when his luck changed, and the driver was forced to pull of the track after losing a tire off the bead with only a handful of laps remaining in the event.

Fortunately for Ryan Kendall, he had gotten his bad luck out of the way earlier in the race, and the East Greenbush, New York driver was able to cash in when the checkered flag waved.

"Well, I think I got a little lucky there," Kendall commented in Victory Lane. "I got lucky Chris (Daley) kind of messed up on that restart, got a little loose. (I) just got under him and took her into Victory Lane.

"I'd like to thank Bill Wood, Dale Madsen, everyone that helped me get here, Coby Cressinger. "It was a long, hard race, 65 laps to do 25. I'd like to thank the Lord for getting me to Victory Lane."

Kendall timed fifth fastest on Thursday night, and redrew the fifth starting spot.

"It was definitely the most people ever watching (me race)," Kendall stated. "I was pretty nervous before this race started. It's a big crowd here, and it's good exposure for the team."

Kendall kept his cool through the race, even after he lost the lead, suffered some clutch issues, and fell back several spots. As luck would have it, his patience paid off.

"I led early in the race, and until that caution, I really thought I had it," Kendall said. "At the end, I didn't think I was going to get him (Daley). I guess being in the right spot at the right time really helps. He (Daley) popped a tire off the beads. That never hurts."

After the top 10 in the lineup redrew for position, John Hillman found himself on the pole, with Kyle Kania on the outside. Coby Cressinger, who had timed fastest on Thursday night, redrew the tenth starting spot.

Billy Allen, slated to start 16th, was pushed into the pit area prior to the start of the race.

When the green flag flew, Hillman and Kania came into turn one side-by-side, but Hillman was able to put himself out front coming out of turn two. Justin Bonsignore took over the second spot, while Kendall grabbed third. On lap 2, Kendall went to the inside of Bonsignore to take over the second spot.

The first caution of the event came on lap three.

The restart pitted Hillman on the inside against Kendall on the outside.

Once again, Hillman was able to move out front coming off of turn two. Meanwhile, Chris Daley worked his way past Bonsignore for third.

Kendall nosed his kart to the inside of Hillman on lap four, taking over the lead. Coby Cressinger moved into third, but Nick Herriven grabbed the position on lap six. Herriven went on to muscle his way past Hillman two laps later.

Kania pulled off the track on lap 11. Daley had moved back into the third spot.

Just one lap later, Kendall began to encounter lapped traffic. Caution waved again on lap 15, and Josh Tapscott pulled off under caution. Bonsignore was also forced to pull off the track, as he suffered a blown tire.

For the restart, Kendall was on the inside, with Herriven to his outside. Kendall jumped out front on the restart, but Daley rocketed into second and immediately came to the inside of Kendall. Daley took over the lead. Herriven moved into second, shuffling Kendall back to third.

Caution waved again on lap 16 as Greg Simmons, who had suffered some front end damage, worked his way slowly down the length of the frontstretch and into turns one and two.

Daley and Herriven made up the front row for the restart. Daley grabbed the lead when the green flag waved. Kendall looked to the inside of Herriven for second on lap 17, as the caution waved for an incident involving several karts.

Daley and Herriven again restarted on the front row, and Daley shot out front. Herriven held on to second, with Kendall in third.

A red flag was thrown after Ryan Arsenault took a hard hit into the wall on the frontstretch.

Arsenault was removed from the track by medical personnel, but was alert and responsive.

On the lap 18 restart, Daley and Herriven made up the front row, and Daley again grabbed the lead. Kendall came to second, while Cressinger grabbed third.

On lap 20, Kendall worked his way past Daley for the lead. Daley got shuffled back, as Cressinger took over second and Herriven took third. Daley, who suffered a blown tire, pulled off the track.

On lap 22, Herriven looked to the inside of Cressinger to take second, with Cressinger spinning between turns one and two, resulting in a caution.

Kendall and Todd Root sat on the front row for the restart, and Kendall quickly moved out front. Norman Hynes used an inside pass to take second from Root on lap 23.

When the checkered flag flew, it was Kendall in Victory Lane celebrating a $1,500 payday. Hynes was second, with Root third.

Kendall, a WKA racer who has been driving since he was ten, finished first in WKA Briggs Lite and Briggs Medium points in 2008.

As for the future, Kendall commented, "I don't have too many plans other than racing around home. I don't really have the money to do too much else."

Coby Cresssinger of Selinsgrove, Pa., set fast time in the Champ Karts with a lap of 10.106 seconds on Thursday. He received a $50 bonus.

Justin Bonsignore was second in 10.132, followed by defending race champion Chris Daley (10.221), David Pantanella (10.281), Ryan Kendall (10.304) and John H illman (10.328).

Champ Kart Feature Finish, 25 Laps: Ryan Kendall, Norman Hynes, Todd Root, Eric Zeh, Coby Cressinger, Nick Herriven, Michael Burdick, Cameron Merriman, Tom Ervin, David Pantanella, Chris Daley, Keith Blumenstein, Tim Stoudt, Tyler Robertson, Matt Remick, Ryan Arsenault, Ron Midford Jr., Alan Purser, John Hillman, Greg Simmons, Justin Bonsignore, Andrew Berkholder, Andrew Hutchinson, Josh Tapscott, Kyle Kania, Billy Allen.

IN VICTORY LANE after the Sr. Champ Kart feature during the Gambler's Classic inside Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall is 1) Ryan Kendall, who is being presented with a custom jacket from Bob Hilbert Sportswear; 2) A big pile-up coming off of turn 2 creates a traffic jam during the feature; 3) Darren Schumman nearly lost his helmet after this hard impact; 4) Tracy Blummenstein gets sideways off the corner; 5) Kendall in victory lane with his $1,500 check and Ms. Motorsports 2009 Alyssa Sharman.

(Photos by 1- Ace Lane Jr.; 2- Alex & Helen Bruce; 3- Dave Nale; 4- Jim Smith)

CREW MEMBERS LETS SEE IF YOU CAN DRIVE BETTER THAN YOUR DRIVER!
Racing Go-Kart RENTALS
• Corporate Events • Birthday Parties • Private Groups
FULL TILT
215-651-6733
fulltiltracing.com
Conveniently Located At Raceway Park, Englishtown, NJ

PENSYL PE ENTERPRISES LLC
STAR CAR
Complete Design / Fab & Welding Services Available
FULL STOCKING DEALER
MOST MAJOR BRANDS
BULLRIDER / FISER
NERVO / STORM
Centrally Located in Nazareth, PA -
Credit Cards Accepted
UPS Daily
www.pensylent.com
610 614-1976 - office
610 730-8704 - cell
pensylent@aol.com

S&S SPEEDWAYS
INDOOR GO-KARTS
In The POCONOS
Authorized Slingshot by Tobias Race Car Dealer
570-420-5500
www.ssspeedways.com
Bus Rt. 209, Snydersville, PA

Harper's
Quarter Midget USA
Visit Our New Location
- Shop and Store Front -
123 Water Street, Suite B
Swedesboro NJ 08085
Parts for All Quarter Midget Cars
SPECIALIZING IN - FISER, NERVO & BULLRIDER CARS
Order / Tech Line - 856-491-5919 / Office 856-467-8003

BUCKWALTER MotorSports
QUARTER MIDGETS • MINI CUP CARS • CAGE KARTS
Honda, Briggs & Yamaha Motor Specialists
Nervo / Coggin Chassis Dealer
VRP Shock Distributor
610-326-4767 • 610-326-9621 Fax
buckwaltermotorsports.com