

Pierce, Wills, Bouchelle, DeVault, and Martin Cap Off June in Airport Speedway Victory Lane

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Airport Speedway finished the first half of the racing season in style on Saturday night, with the annual Mike Sommers Memorial Bike Race and Luau Night at the racetrack. The bike races – which were held for kids in attendance under 10 years of age in honor of the former track announcer – took place during intermission and provided Airport's young fans a rare opportunity to actually be on the speedway during the middle of a race night, while also having fun and making memories with friends and family. Once the bike races concluded, the attention shifted back to the regular stars and cars of the New Castle bullring.

For the second time in as many weeks and the fourth time this season, Robert Pierce put his No 24 Hyper Chassis into Wingless 600 victory lane, continuing his torrid start to the 2025 campaign.

The New Castle native rolled off in fifth for the feature event, while last year's Bridgeport champion Anthony Tramontana led the field to green. It only took two corners before those drivers ran in the top two spots, as Pierce rolled through the bottom of turns 1 and 2 and passed everyone else who was jockeying for positions in the middle and upper grooves.

Tramontana led the first two laps before a caution slowed the pack on the third circuit. Off the restart, Cameron Bellinger sliced and diced his way from fourth all the way to the lead, getting past Tramontana, Pierce, and Nate Freed in short order to put his car out in the wind.

Bellinger was in control for the next several laps, but soon began to get run down by the No. 91 of Freed, who had made his way into the runner-up spot from eighth on the grid. As Bellinger caught the tail end of the field, Freed caught him, and dove low into turn 1 on lap 13 to take the top spot away.

The pass was completed, but disaster struck just one corner later, as Freed got together with a lapped car on the entrance to turn 3 and went for a spin. Bellinger clipped Freed's stopped machine while trying to avoid, leaving the No. 3M with front end damage.

Under the caution period, Freed and Bellinger made more substantial contact with each other, and both drivers eventually climbed from their race cars, eliminating them from the event. Inheriting the lead as a result was Pierce, who looked to hold off Tramontana over the final chase to the checkered flag.

Pierce kept the gap over Tramontana and his competitors at a few car lengths the rest of the way, and held onto victory through a late restart and a three-lap dash to the finish. Tramontana held on for a runner-up in Bob Burgess' No. 80, while Clyde Martin Memorial Speedway regular Jace Marshall completed the podium. Two-time Battle at the Bullring winner Connor Gross drove from the B-Main to a fourth-place finish, and Abel Engler brought home the top five.

New Egypt, NJ's Shea Wills put familiar car No. 90 back in Airport's winner's circle in Saturday night's 270 A-Main event. The 2018 Sportsman track champion turned wingless sprint car ace bested another strong field of challengers in the division, headed by two-time 2025 feature winner Tyler Grau.

It only took Grau a few laps to move from sixth to second and begin to mount his challenge on Wills following the drop of the green flag. A lap 7 restart looked as if it could be the crucial moment, as Grau made the pass for the lead in turn 1. But Wills fought back into the next set of corners, and ripped the advantage right back in the next turn.

After the brief battle, Wills began to stretch his lead to about two or three car lengths. The advantage never got much larger, but it also didn't decrease much either, as Wills seemed to get better as the race wore on while Grau soon had to fight to hold back Dylan Pence for the runner-up spot. At the final flag, Wills crossed the finish line two car lengths in front of Grau to claim the win.

Pence came home with a third-place result behind those two drivers, while Billy Gray racked up another good finish in fourth. Coming home fifth was recent 125 move-up Anthony Kane, who drove from the back of the field to score a top-five finish.

With Chase Bouchelle and Austin Miller being the only Sportsman entries signed in for competition, those two drivers each competed in the 270 A-Main as well, racing amongst each other for results, points, and pay. Bouchelle was the higher finishing of the two in the feature event, so the native of Newark, DE was credited with the win, tallying him as the eighth different driver to win a Sportsman race this season at Airport.

Dylan DeVault made it back-to-back wins in Saturday's 125 feature, as the Pilesgrove, NJ native ran a fast and mistake-free race from the sixth starting spot to pick up the victory.

Pole sitter Bobby Bracall led the race's opening lap before Dylan Yeingst took it away following a three-wide battle on a lap 2 restart. Unfortunately for Yeingst, his time out front was just as short-lived, as he was called for jumping a restart following another caution on lap 3.

That put four-time 2025 feature winner David Kirkner into the top spot for the next attempt, but DeVault was now in striking distance. With a good run down the backstretch after the green flag dropped again, DeVault swooped low into turn 3 and came out of the corner ahead following a tight wheel-to-wheel battle.

DeVault was the race's fourth different leader in as many laps, but he would end up being the last one. Despite the event being slowed by a flurry of caution flags, DeVault kept his No. 18 out in front all the way to the conclusion of the 25-lapper, picking up his fifth total win at Airport this season, and his third in the 125 class.

Kirkner finished in the second position, while Steve Simmons came home third for car owner Sam Borger. Bracall and Mikey Ratchford were the rest of the top five.

The Restricted Wingless 600s ran their fifth race of the year at Airport Speedway, and Clayton's Rayce Martin brought home his fourth triumph in as many attempts in 2025 at the racetrack. Heat race winner Chase Bouchelle applied plenty of pressure to the tail tank of Martin's No. 82 in the first few laps. But after an early caution, Martin began to settle into a groove and pulled away from the rest of the competition. Behind Martin, Bouchelle finished in second, with Mason Dawson third and Amari Robinson coming home fourth.

Airport Speedway is off for the 4th of July weekend, but returns on Saturday, July 12 with another points night for the regular four weekly classes. The Restricted Wingless 600s will be back in action as well, and the Junior Sprints will also make an appearance as they get tuned up for their event as part of Hyper Racing 600 Speedweek on Monday, July 14.

Results:

Wingless 600 A-Main (25 Laps):

1. 24-Robert Pierce[5]; 2. 80-Anthony Tramontana[1]; 3. 2J-Jace Marshall[3]; 4. 14C-Connor Gross[21]; 5. 34-Abel Engler[14]; 6. 21-Mason Beinhower[18]; 7. 41-Eddie Mort[15]; 8. 94-Richard Deck[20]; 9. 09-Vincent Gueci[22]; 10. 16-Logan Dontonville[23]; 11. 721-Steven Miller[7]; 12. 3-Ava Bellinger[11]; 13. 7-Eric Valdesere[13]; 14. 00-Noah Kissinger[17]; 15. 25-Kenneth Beinhower III[12]; 16. (DNF) 07-Kyra Pierce[24]; 17. (DNF) 3M-Cameron Bellinger[4]; 18. (DNF) 91-Nate Freed[8]; 19. (DNF) 76B-JT Bierman[16]; 20. (DNF) 11-Tyler Tank[10]; 21. (DNF) 2-Brock Puterbaugh[2]; 22. (DNF) 30\$-Dominic Foster[9]; 23. (DNF) 10L-Lukas Kostic[6]; 24. (DNF) 15Q-Quinn Llewellyn[19]
DNQ: 21J-Jeremy Burger; 50-Jeffery Bubori; 76-Matthew Pfahler; 17-Aubree Bane; 29-Matt Gosselin; 24S-Mike Meyers; 31-Asa Bird; 88-Devon Dvorak; 02-Anthony Kosar

270 A-Main (25 Laps):

1. 90-Shea Wills[1]; 2. 27-Tyler Grau[6]; 3. 4-Dylan Pence[3]; 4. 23-Billy Gray[4]; 5. 13-Anthony Kane[16]; 6. 66R-Tommy Ratchford[2]; 7. 88-Trey Jeffords[9]; 8. 74-Johnny Roberts[7]; 9. 11-Chase Roberts[18]; 10. 11X-Josh Anderson[10]; 11. 18-Dylan Devault[14]; 12. (DNF) 18A-Liam Anderson[13]; 13. (DNF) 25C-Christian Burger[12]; 14. (DNF) 78-Cole Williams[11]; 15. (DNF) 4T-Tyler Puterbaugh[5]; 16. (DNF) 32-Michael Hoffmaster[8]; 17. (DNS) 5-Allen Cook; 18. (DNS) 82-John Maurer

Sportsman Results:

1. 23B-Chase Bouchelle; 2. 24T-Austin Miller

Note: 270 and Sportsman divisions ran a combined A-Main

125 A-Main (25 Laps):

1. 18-Dylan Devault[6]; 2. 24K-David Kirkner[5]; 3. 04-Steve Simmons[4]; 4. 28-Bobby Bracall[1]; 5. 24-Mikey Ratchford[11]; 6. 10M-Landon Meyers[10]; 7. (DNF) 9M-Daniel Morrill[13]; 8. (DNF) 112-Dylan Yeingst[3]; 9. (DNF) 9-James Miller[9]; 10. (DNF) 26-Carter Boyce[8]; 11. (DNS) 7-Aria Pryor; 12. (DNS) 41-Jesse Mabrey; 13. (DNS) 82-John Maurer

Restricted Wingless 600 A-Main (25 Laps):

1. 82-Rayce Martin[1]; 2. 23B-Chase Bouchelle[2]; 3. 114-Mason Dawson[4]; 4. 7-Amari Robinson[3]; 5. (DNS) 24M-Brody Miller