

## April 21, 2006 Chateau Raceway Classic Dwarf Report by Matthew Grage

It was a classic battle "Mother Nature versus Chateau Raceway" in an attempt to get week two of racing action in Friday Night in Lansing. Morning rain gave way to some peaks of sunshine in the afternoon as the track crew worked diligently to get the track ready for racing. The track was looking good and the pits were filling up when a big black cloud moved just north of the track dumping some light sprinkles on the cars as the cars were finishing checking in about 6:30. With race time just an hour away cars were sent out on the track to keep the moisture worked in and it paid off as the National Anthem played on time and the racing got underway. Drivers did their part through out the 12 heats that comprised the first half of the program running them off in less than hour with a minimum number of cautions. Because of the threat of rain there was no intermission and the features were quickly rolled out. Some light rain started to fall during the second half of a caution filled Chateau Pure Stock feature event, and continued during a caution free Classic Dwarf Main Event. The WISSOTA Street Stocks then pulled onto the track for their Feature as the battle of "Rain verse Race" continued. Five laps into the event the rains became too heavy to continue and the red flag was shown and the night's program was halted. Next weeks racing will pick up with the remainder of the WISSOTA Street Stock Feature being run as well as the two features that never made it to the track, the Power 96 WISSOTA Midwest Modified and Miners Outdoor Open Modifieds.

In the action that was completed on the night the Classic Dwarf Feature not only ran caution free it featured some nice action up front. Kevin Bigalk of Austin took the early lead off the outside pole while Tate Bestor of Harmony made a big move from row four to second on the first lap. Brian Kiehne of Harmony who also started in row four took a couple laps to move up to third and a nice three car battle followed. Bigalk was able to hold the lead while Bestor and Kiehne went back and forth for second and third. Shortly after the three worked through slower traffic Bestor took over the top spot on lap ten while Kiehne moved to second. Over the final five laps Tate was able to hold off several challenges by Brian to claim his first feature win of the young season. Bigalk took third ahead of Joel Kath of Meriden and last weeks feature winner Corey Whalen of Harmony. The classes' heat winners went to the father and son duo of Jeff and Drew Jech of Austin.

<i>Heat 1</i>	<i>Heat 2</i>	<i>Feature</i>	
1. Jeff Jech	1. Drew Jech	1. Tate Bestor	7. John Griffen
2. Brian Kiehne	2. Corey Whalen	2. Brian Kiehne	8. David Anderson
3. Tate Bestor	3. Kevin Bigalk	3. Kevin Bigalk	9. Jeremey Anderson (dnf)
4. Jeremey Anderson	4. Joel Kath	4. Joel Kath	10. Tom Gandy (dnf)
5. David Anderson	5. John Griffen	5. Corey Whalen	11. Drew Jech (dns)
6. Charles Barth	6. Tom Gandy	6. Jeff Jech	12. Charles Barth (dns)

( ) = Starting Position  
 DNF=Did Not Finish  
 DNS=Did Not Start

