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THE NEW FACES of FAST

STEVIE 'FAST' JACKSON BLOWS AWAY PRO MOD COMPETITION FOR FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP

MEGAN MEYER MAKES HISTORY AS TOP ALCOHOL DRAGSTER CHAMPION



COMPLETE COVERAGE FROM CHARLOTTE AND DALLAS

2019 CHARLOTTE PRO MOD NOTES

BY JIM LUIKENS

Stevie “Fast” Jackson is your 2019 E3 Spark Plugs NHRA Pro Mod Drag Racing Series world champion. Due to his strong performance all season, Jackson was able to lock up the championship with one race yet to go this year. Congratulations to Jackson and his entire team for a year well done.

Jackson’s 2019 scorecard shows he is the statistical leader in every category except top speed of the event. He has three wins, three runner-ups, three No. 1 qualifying positions, and three low e.t.s of the event through the first 11 races of 2019.

Jackson has also qualified for every NHRA event so far. In the ultra-competitive world of NHRA Pro Mod racing, that is no small feat. In fact, only **Mike Janis** and **Todd Tutterow** also qualified for every event out of the 35 drivers that have participated this year.

Jeremy Ray deserves to be in the above category — with an asterisk. He qualified at every race he attended before his season was cut short in Topeka.

Most any other year, Tutterow would be the champion. His 708 points through 11 races is a fine number, and he has a best of two final-round appearances so far this year with a win and a runner-up to show for his efforts.

We haven’t seen **Chip King** since Norwalk, but he debuted his new car here. It’s another ‘70

Todd Tutterow



Dodge Charger but in a different color scheme. His Charger was the only new car, driver, or team in attendance. King was a DNQ here despite wanting to do well in front of his home-state fans.

Steven Whiteley did well with a runner-up — his best finish of the season — and was involved

in some of the best racing of the day. Close victories over Steve Matusek, Rickie Smith, and Tutterow propelled him to the final round. He lost a very close race there to Jackson, 5.762 to 5.731.

Michael Biehle recorded the top speed of the event at 255.39

Chip King



mph. This was Biehle’s first top speed of the season. Biehle went to the semifinals, where a close race with Jackson ended his day. Biehle’s 5.758 e.t. was not quite quick enough to prevail over the all-conquering Jackson’s 5.734.

Erica Enders still has the most top speeds of the year at five despite not participating in any Pro Mod events since Norwalk.

Brandon Snider’s 5.710 e.t. during eliminations prevailed as low e.t. of the event. Snider has had a much better season than his ninth-place ranking in points would indicate.

Justin Bond made his second appearance of the season and was victorious over Doug Winters in the first round. Catastrophic damage during that run prevented him from returning for round two.

With just a single race left on this year’s schedule, the record shows that Jackson leads the category with 899 points. Tutterow is second with 708, Janis is third with 652, Smith is fourth with 580, Mike Castellana is fifth with 540, Jose Gonzalez is sixth with 527, Sidnei Frigo is seventh with 517, Khalid alBalooshie is eighth with 481, Snider is ninth with 473, and Chad Green is 10th with 362.

Considering that we haven’t seen Green and Gonzalez since Indy and Frigo since St. Louis, there are several drivers just outside the top 10 that could snag a top-10 spot for the season in the final standings. They are, in order, Bob Rahaim, Biehle, Whiteley, Steve Matusek, and Canadian Eric Latino.

PRO MOD

1. Todd Tutterow, Yadkinville, N.C. ('68 Camaro) **5.744, 251.30**
2. Justin Bond, Mission, B.C. ('68 Firebird) **5.752, 255.00**
3. Mike Castellana, Muttontown, N.Y. ('17 Camaro) **5.754, 249.90**
4. Rickie Smith, King, N.C. ('18 Camaro) **5.755, 252.80**
5. Steven Whiteley, Grand Junction, Colo. ('18 Camaro) **5.765, 250.46**
6. Michael Biehle, North Vernon, Ind. ('67 Mustang) **5.768, 254.23**
7. Steve Jackson, Evans, Ga. ('18 Camaro) **5.770, 251.20**
8. Mike Janis, Lancaster, N.Y. ('69 Camaro) **5.771, 249.95**
9. Brandon Snider, Atmore, Ala. ('16 Corvette) **5.774, 247.93**
10. Eric Latino, Port Perry, Ont. ('67 Camaro) **5.787, 249.81**
11. Dwanye Wolfe, Moorefield, W.Va. ('18 Camaro) **5.795, 246.44**
12. Steve Matusek, Olathe, Kan. ('13 Mustang) **5.801, 253.75**
13. Scott Oksas, Saugus, Ga. ('18 Mustang) **5.803, 253.04**
14. Jim Whiteley, Grand Junction, Colo. ('63 Corvette) **5.805, 246.08**
15. Doug Winters, Pleasant Garden, N.C. ('69 Chevelle) **5.807, 246.84**
16. Bob Rahaim, Grosse Pointe, Mich. ('18 Camaro) **5.819, 248.07**

ALTERNATES: Alex Laughlin - 5.868, 252.33; Chuck Little - 5.879, 244.25; Clint Satterfield - 6.265, 227.80; Chip King - 7.302, 126.34.

PRO MOD CHAMPION

STEVE JACKSON

5.946-248.61 TUTTEROW (.043)	5.775-250.64 TUTTEROW (.017)	NO-SHOW BOND	5.793-240.51 BOND (.067)
8.875-117.89 RAHAIM (.080)	5.758-252.52 TUTTEROW (.021)	5.734-251.20 JACKSON (.033)	6.905-144.32 WINTERS (.040)
9.237-96.47 JANIS (.031)	5.749-249.39 SNIDER (.060)	5.764-248.89 JACKSON (.035)	5.727-252.19 JACKSON (.003)
5.710-250.83 SNIDER (.040)	5.762-251.20 S. WHITELEY (.024)	5.731-252.10 JACKSON (.009)	9.076-93.78 LATINO (.060)
5.751-253.61 SMITH (.040)	5.757-253.28 SMITH (.044)	9.985-89.26 CASTELLANA (.026)	5.759-249.81 CASTELLANA (.040)
8.361-111.12 OKSAS (.082)	5.755-251.34 S. WHITELEY (.016)	5.771-255.15 BIEHLE (.050)	5.783-246.84 J. WHITELEY (.025)
5.756-251.25 S. WHITELEY (.015)	5.761-250.55 S. WHITELEY (.022)	5.773-254.42 BIEHLE (.019)	5.744-255.05 BIEHLE (.030)
5.980-251.58 MATUSEK (.028)			8.564-107.75 WOLFE (.056)

LOW E.T.: 5.710 - SNIDER
TOP SPEED: 255.39 - BIEHLE