

Moniz Wins 200 Lap Enduro at AAS!

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Roseville, Ca- Larry Moniz (#95) won the 200 Lap Enduro Race last Saturday night, August 29th, at The All American Speedway.

Just twelve cars would take the Green Flag on a soapy, sudsy, water soaked track. Drivers would be going counterclockwise for the first 100 laps. Tractor trailer tires and soap filled barrels would serve as obstacles along the 1/3 mile for our drivers.

A pill draw for starting position would put Gerry Gnech (#94) on the pole. Race fans will know Gerry as an AAS Official on most Saturday nights. Enduro veteran Matt Manolis (#55) would start on his outside. Chico's Wes Brown (#92) and Loren Chitwood (#13X) would fill Row 2. Pre-race favorites Joe Addison (#02) and Larry Moniz (#95) would start seventh and eighth respectively. Rolling start... Let's go!

Manolis grabs the lead on Lap 1 with Chitwood second. Chris Lancaster (#7) gets to third. Addison is charging and gets by Lancaster for that position on Lap 3. He would grab second place on Lap 6 and would take the lead on the very next lap. Manolis would hang tough in second until a hard charging Larry Moniz would make the pass for position when Manolis suffered a spin losing two positions on Lap 15.

By Lap 32 there are only three cars on the lead lap. Addison continues to lead with Moniz second, and Lancaster third. Lancaster would go a lap down on Lap 46 leaving the battle to Addison and Moniz. That's how the first 100 would go. Addison crosses first with Moniz second; the only two cars on the lead lap. Rounding out the top five were; Chitwood, Brown, and Lancaster.

Intermission

The Speedway is thoroughly soaped down once again and the drivers will be going clockwise for the second 100. Drivers will start from the infield grass and the crowd will count 'em down! 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 Green, Green, Green!

Lap 101 sees more of the same from the first 100. Addison looks unbeatable, but Moniz is hungry for a win. Adam Carpinetta (#24) gets by Wes Brown on Lap 107 for fifth. Brown would return the favor on Lap 118. Just when it looked as though Addison would run away with this one, a spin on Lap 133 would open the door for Moniz. He takes the lead and Addison spins again and goes a lap down on Lap 135. Lancaster gets by Chitwood on Lap 136 and runs third.

Moniz continues to enjoy his run as the only car on the lead lap but Addison keeps fighting back. He would earn his lap back the hard way on Lap 163 but time is running out. Addison was turning in lap times that were a second and a half faster than Moniz but

would have to settle for second place in this one. Moniz hangs on to win his first ever Enduro at AAS claiming the \$1000 First Prize! Addison would cross the stripe second fourteen seconds behind the winner. Third place goes to Chris Lancaster with a great run. He finishes 5 laps down. Fourth Place goes to Loren Chitwood (7 laps down). Wes Brown rounds out the top five in fifth (8 laps down).

- 6 (#24) Adam Carpinetta (-8 laps)
- 7 (#85) John Courier (-10 laps)
- 8 (#42) Gene Guinn (-16 laps)
- 9 (#94) Jerry Gnech (-17 laps)
- 10 (#55) Matt Manolis (-25 laps)
- 11 (#01) Brandon Erickson (-94 laps)
- 12 (#25) Mike Molhill (0 laps)

A post-race technical inspection was done and the #02 and the #7 were disqualified due to high compression readings. Adjusted results were not available at press time.

Interceptors

In the Interceptor Division, made up of former taxi cabs and police cars, Matt Manolis led every lap of this 15 lap feature. Only three cars took the green for a three-wide rolling start. Brandon Erickson (#01) came from third to second on Lap 6. But Manolis was too much! Erickson would cross second with John Courier (#85) coming home third.