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Summit Motorsports Park, Norwalk, Ohio. July 17th, 2010. Saturday's points race for the American Race Cars Junior Dragsters presented by Bear Motorsports was full of hot racing and hot weather. This years High School Nationals champion, Maniac Mike Willi, got his first Jr Dragster win of the year in the Advanced class. Joining him in the winner's circle was Schuyler Turner in Intermediate and Courtney Grisez, all getting their first wins of the year.

Advanced winner Maniac Mike Willi started his winning day by beating Kalob Smith of Elyria, OH. He then moved on to round 2, where he would take out Kelsey Kiger, who red-lighted. In round 3, he beat Kayla Young due to a break out. He then got the bye run into the finals, where he would meet Heather Saalman. Heather had a great outing after first round exits during the whole '10 season, beating Jacob Parker, Ashley Devine, Brandon Bennett, and Jamie Devine. In the end, Saalman red-lighted, giving Maniac Mike a free ride into the winners circle. "I just drove my heart out all day long and had a little luck and that was enough to get the win", said Mike after the run.

Intermediate victor Schuyler Turner got his first win of the season by first, beating Chad Karnik, thanks to Karnik's break out. In round 2, he got the win over Thomas Summers in his McGee-powered RPC car. Turner then turned on the win light over Taylor Young in round 3. In the semi finals, Turner beat former champ Dylan Northup. In the finals, Schuyler would face Taylor Zietlow, who defeated Sadie Anderson, Sonsee Trubach, and Valerie Bennett, before getting the bye run into the finals. In the finals, Zietlow broke out by .1, giving the win to Schuyler.

Novice winner Courtney Grisez won her first race by defeating Alexandra Frazier in round 1. In round 2, she won over Kyle Beno, who won the first race of the year. In the finals, she faced Ashley Strauss. Strauss, in her second final of her rookie season, beat fellow rookie Trinity Marshall and Cameron Karnik. In the final, Ashley red lighted, letting Courtney get the win. "It felt great to go to the finals for the second time. I just got a little nervous right before the run." said Struass after the race.

The American Race Cars Junior Dragsters presented by Bear Motorsports have two more races left before the end of the season. The top 9 in Advanced and Intermediate and the top 2 in Novice will head to Bristol, TN next week for the NHRA Eastern Conference Finals. Good luck all that will be attending. You will represent Summit Motorsports Park well.

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