

FORT WAYNE, Ind. – Nate Franklin stunned the fans assembled inside Allen County War Memorial Coliseum by snapping John Ivy's 600 micro sprint win streak at the Rumble in Fort Wayne Friday night.

Franklin snagged his first-career Rumble victory, and ended Ivy's run of six micro wins in succession, with a shocking triumph in a topsy-turvy winged 600cc micro sprint main event that saw three different leaders and a myriad of chaos embedded within it.

It started with a lap-seven caution for the stopped car of Ivy on the frontstretch, then continued a lap later under yellow again when Howard McCormick crashed into the turn-one infield tire from second shortly after losing the top spot to Clay Sanders. Sanders then led until lap 20, when he was the point man following a late-race restart and got turned from the top spot by second-running Cody Tyler.

Tyler was put to the tail for the incident, handing the lead – and eventual win – to Franklin.

Franklin had to hold off a hard-charging Drew Dorsett on a green-white-checked restart in order to collect the checkers, but was ultimately able to climb atop his car and celebrate in the end.

Friday night's score marked Franklin's first Rumble victory of any kind in his neon orange No. 87.

"Man, to be honest, I can't replay that race," said Franklin in victory lane. "It seemed like I'd get close to the front, and then someone would get back in front of me or the caution would come out, or I'd make a mistake or something. Going into the race, we just had a goal of (finishing) top five. We hadn't had a great car all day, but to be honest I don't know what's going on. This thing was a rocket tonight and I can't thank my family enough. I'm about to cry. This is such a great moment.

"We just come here for a vacation, not really to win. It's just to have fun and as a great way to end the racing season," he added. "Hopefully we can be back here again tomorrow night."

Dorsett came through the field from 11th to run second, his best at the Rumble in Fort Wayne in winged 600 action, trailed by 12th-starting Jason Ormsby in the final podium position.

Hard charger Alexis Adgate moved forward from last in the 16-car field to cross fourth and Rod Henning completed the top five.

Meanwhile, Larry Joe Sroufe returned to Rumble in Fort Wayne victory lane after a three-year absence Friday, topping a non-winged 600cc micro sprint feature that was nearly as wild as the winged race.

Sroufe inherited the lead after Brian Busz jumped one of Ormsby's tires on lap 14 while trying to pass Ormsby for the top spot entering turn one.

The loss in momentum slowed up both cars and allowed Sroufe to take a position he wouldn't relinquish. The veteran led the final 12 laps of the 25-lapper in his familiar No. 21 for the victory.

"I'll tell you, this was a very weird night," Sroufe noted in victory lane. "The lineup was totally weird. Everything about tonight was weird, but it was good. It's always good when you end up here.

"I didn't even know I was gone like I was. I thought they were on my rear bumper, so we just kept pushing."

Justin Harper finished second to Sroufe, with Busz hanging on to collect a third-place result. Brent Busz was fourth and Ormsby faded to fifth after starting from the pole and leading the first half unchallenged.

Phillip Schneider (Senior Caged, Clone 330) led the list of go-kart feature winners on night one by collecting two wins and a runner-up finish in the three classes he ran on Friday. In all, including heat races, Schneider was eight-for-nine when he was on the race track during the course of the program.

Alex Geren took his first Rumble win in the Junior Caged main event, while Justin Clark (Clone 400), Jake Shelley (Clone 360), Tristan Chamberlain (Junior 3) and Knox Carmin (Kid Karts) also won in go-kart action Friday.

Kaylee Boston (Heavy 120, Light 160) was the only multiple quarter midget winner Friday night, joined by Elijah Anderson (Senior Honda), Hudson Roberts (Junior Honda), Landon Hathaway (Heavy 160) and Austin Geer (Animal Combined) in quarter midget victory lane during the opening night's action.

Racing continues Saturday inside the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum with another full day of 600cc micro sprint, go-kart and quarter midget action. Preliminaries begin at 11 a.m.

### **RESULTS: 22nd annual Rumble in Fort Wayne Opening Night; Dec. 27, 2019**

**Non-Winged Dirt 600cc Qualifying (best of two laps):** 1. 2-John Ivy, 8.152; 2. 91a-Tyler Fitzpatrick, 8.429; 3. 46-Tyler Lindsay, 8.464; 4. 21-Larry Joe Sroufe, 8.517; 5. 29k-Kelsey Ivy, 8.519; 6. 51-Jason Ormsby, 8.587; 7. 68g-Tyler Gunn, 8.720; 8. 35-Justin Harper, 8.761; 9. 17n-Dillon Nusbaum, 8.782; 10. 83-Dustin Ingle, 8.903; 11. 11-Adam Walker, 8.994; 12. 6-Grant Valkner, 9.006; 13. 7b-Matt Brannin, 9.054; 14. 75b-Brian Busz, 9.061; 15. 2k-Kole Kirkman, 9.070; 16. 27-Jason Montel, 9.081; 17. 52-Brenton Lamb, 9.116; 18. 74-Brent Busz, 9.175; 19. 29-Brandon Whited, 9.178; 20. 12-Blane Culp, 9.251; 21. 57b-Michael Busz, 9.285; 22. 7-Devin Beers, 9.802; 23. 19-Aiden Williamson, 10.128; 24. 79-Chris Malaterre II, 11.691.

**Non-Winged Dirt 600cc Heat #1 (8 laps, top four transfer):** 1. Brian Busz, 2. Larry Joe Sroufe, 3. John Ivy, 4. Dustin Ingle / 5. Jason Montel, 6. Devin Beer, 7. Tyler Gunn, 8. Brandon Whited (DNS).

**Non-Winged Dirt 600cc Heat #2 (8 laps, top four transfer):** 1. Justin Harper, 2. Tyler Fitzpatrick, 3. Blane Culp, 4. Grant Valkner / 5. Adam Walker, 6. Brenton Lamb, 7. Kelsey Ivy, 8. Aiden Williamson.

**Non-Winged Dirt 600cc Heat #3 (8 laps, top four transfer):** 1. Jason Ormsby, 2. Dillon Nusbaum, 3. Brent Busz, 4. Tyler Lindsay / 5. Kole Kirkman, 6. Chris Malaterre, 7. Matthew Brannin, 8. Michael Busz.

**Non-Winged Dirt 600cc B-Main (10 laps, top four transfer):** 1. Adam Walker, 2. Kole Kirkman, 3. Aiden Williamson, 4. Tyler Gunn / 5. Michael Busz, 6. Matthew Brannin, 7. Jason Montel, 8. Brenton Lamb, 9. Chris Malaterre II, 10. Kelsey Ivy (DNS), 11. Devin Beer (DNS), 12. Brandon Whited (DNS).

**Non-Winged Dirt 600cc A-Feature (25 laps):** 1. Larry Joe Sroufe [4]; 2. Justin Harper [2]; 3. Brian Busz [3]; 4. Brent Busz [9]; 5. Jason Ormsby [1]; 6. Tyler Lindsay [12]; 7. Aiden Williamson [15]; 8. Adam Walker [13]; 9. Dustin Ingle [10]; 10. John Ivy [7]; 11. Kole Kirkman [14]; 12. Grant Valkner [11]; 13. Tyler Gunn [16]; 14. Dillon Nusbaum [6]; 15. Tyler Fitzpatrick [5]; 16. Blane Culp [8].

*Lap Leader(s):* Jason Ormsby 1-13, Larry Joe Sroufe 14-25.

*Hard Charger:* #19 – Aiden Williamson (+8)

**Winged 600cc Outlaw Qualifying (best of two laps):** 1. 94-John Ivy, 7.829; 2. 3w-Dylan Woodling, 7.979; 3. 17-Cap Henry, 8.069; 4. 21-Clay Sanders, 8.236; 5. 62-Rod Henning, 8.272; 6. 51-Jason Ormsby, 8.315; 7. 91L-Alexis Adgate, 8.347; 8. 11b-Drew Dorsett, 8.393; 9. 26-Howard McCormick, 8.422; 10. 14-Keith Ousley, 8.455; 11. 87-Nate Franklin, 8.479; 12. 10r-Ryan Ball, 8.520; 13. 84-Bill Dunham, 8.534; 14. 26m-Jason Montel, 8.685; 15. 18-Cody Tyler, 8.778; 16. 35z-Mark Zumbrun, 9.015; 17. 69-Blake Lamb, 9.049; 18. 44-Blake Adams, 9.053.

**Winged 600cc Outlaw Heat #1 (8 laps, top four transfer):** 1. Clay Sanders, 2. John Ivy, 3. Bill Dunham, 4. Mark Zumbrun / 5. Keith Ousley, 6. Alexis Adgate.

**Winged 600cc Outlaw Heat #2 (8 laps, top four transfer):** 1. Jason Montel, 2. Nate Franklin, 3. Rod Henning, 4. Drew Dorsett / 5. Blake Lamb, 6. Dylan Woodling.

**Winged 600cc Outlaw Heat #3 (8 laps, top four transfer):** 1. Howard McCormick, 2. Cody Tyler, 3. Cap Henry, 4. Jason Ormsby / 5. Ryan Ball, 6. Blake Adams.

**Winged 600cc Outlaw B-Main (8 laps, top four transfer):** 1. Ryan Ball, 2. Keith Ousley, 3. Blake Lamb, 4. Alexis Adgate / 5. Blake Adams, 6. Dylan Woodling.

**Winged 600cc Outlaw A-Feature (23 laps, shortened due to time constraints):** 1. Nate Franklin [5]; 2. Drew Dorsett [11]; 3. Jason Ormsby [12]; 4. Alexis Adgate [16]; 5. Rod Henning [8]; 6. Mark Zumbrun [10]; 7. Ryan Ball [13]; 8. Cody Tyler [6]; 9. Bill Dunham [7]; 10. Keith Ousley [14]; 11. Clay Sanders [3]; 12. Howard McCormick [1]; 13. Cap Henry [9]; 14. John Ivy [4]; 15. Blake Lamb [15]; 16. Jason Montel [2].

*Lap Leader(s):* Howard McCormick 1-7, Clay Sanders 8-20, Nate Franklin 21-23.

*Hard Charger:* #91L – Alexis Adgate (+12)

**Senior Caged Go-Kart Feature (15 laps):** 1. Phillip Schneider, 2. Ryan Moran, 3. Dylan Woodling, 4. Seumus Calderwood, 5. Tyler Brown, 6. Sam Weaver, 7. Charlie Schultz, 8. Steven Berlin, 9. Travis Fisher, 10. Josh McKnight, 11. Michael Paterno, 12. Cole Rhonton, 13. Carson Smith.

**Junior Caged Go-Kart Feature (15 laps):** 1. Alex Geren (first-time winner), 2. Jakeb Boxell, 3. Audra Weaver, 4. Manix Furqueron, 5. Oliver Osborn, 6. AJ Vanderpool, 7. Carson Mason, 8. Brycen Whited, 9. Parker Moyer, 10. Logan Perkins, 11. Colton Rychener, 12. Ruger Lough, 13. Tristan Chamberlain.

**Clone 400 Go-Kart Feature (15 laps):** 1. Justin Clark, 2. Erik Wolleson, 3. Bob Gindlesperger, 4. Travis Fisher, 5. JoJo Warner, 6. Jamie Miller, 7. Cody Jarrett, 8. Brock Anderson, 9. Seumus Calderwood, 10. Andrea Weaver, 11. Kyle Watson, 12. Tim McCafferty.

**Clone 360 Go-Kart Feature (15 laps):** 1. Jake Shelley, 2. Phillip Schneider, 3. Ryan Moran, 4. Jon Keister, 5. Alex Smolders, 6. Sam Weaver, 7. Spencer Smolders, 8. Ryan Ruhl, 9. Jacob VanDeVoorde, 10. Levi Wilbur, 11. Kameron Lindlag, 12. Smo Tater, 13. Lance Mitcheney, 14. Joey Pendergrass.

**Clone 330 Go-Kart Feature (15 laps):** 1. Phillip Schneider, 2. Jacob VanDeVoorde, 3. Jake Shelley, 4. Shawn Kluck, 5. Dustin Heath, 6. Alex Smolders, 7. Sam Weaver, 8. Joey Pendergrass, 9. Derek Hammond, 10. Kyler Bowlby, 11. Smo Tater, 12. Dustin Lundgren (DNS).

**Junior 3 Go-Kart Feature (15 laps):** 1. Tristan Chamberlain, 2. Jakeb Boxell, 3. Kaden Francis, 4. Noah Comer, 5. Michael Villena, 6. Manix Furqueron, 7. Gracyn Spillers, 8. Cecil Moulton, 9. Colton Coe (DNS).

**Kid Kart Feature (10 laps):** 1. Knox Carmin, 2. Cameron McKnight, 3. Shelby Rychener, 4. Macy Staton, 5. Rhyker Hicks, 6. McKinlee Perkins, 7. Maveryk Harris, 8. Hudson Brown (DNS), 9. Austin Foulk (DNS), 10. Audrey Hyliard.

**Senior Honda QM Feature (12 laps):** 1. Elijah Anderson, 2. Parker Bupp, 3. Gavin Underdahl, 4. Easton Zent, 5. Jimmy McCune IV, 6. Dylan Regnerus, 7. Austin Yrd, 8. Memarie Ashcraft, 9. Jaden Tharp, 10. Caleb Edington.

**Junior Honda QM Feature (12 laps):** 1. Hudson Roberts, 2. Nolan Mitchell, 3. Tyler Lupton, 4. Knox Carmin, 5. Kedryn Evenson, 6. Blane Withers, 7. Riley Mason, 8. Jonathon Decker, 9. Lukas Waber, 10. Izaiah Higdon, 11. Hunter Cardwell.

**Heavy 160 QM Feature (12 laps):** 1. Landon Hathaway, 2. Reed Whitney, 3. Andrew White, 4. Austin Kryta, 5. Nathan Koester, 6. Andrew Bogusz, 7. Randi Marsh, 8. Braeden Marsh, 9. Kristen Hammer, 10. Breanna Berry, 11. Kaylee Boston, 12. Nick Cassell, 13. Kayden Boyles.

**Heavy 120 QM Feature (12 laps):** 1. Kaylee Boston, 2. Austin Kryta, 3. Taylor Nibert, 4. Kaden Bush, 5. Colson Gray, 6. Reed Whitney, 7. Noah Mehl, 8. Andrew Bogusz, 9. Andrew White, 10. Kristen Hammer, 11. Alexis Regnerus.

**Light 160 QM Feature (12 laps):** 1. Kaylee Boston, 2. Tyler Lupton, 3. Austin Geer, 4. Parker Bupp, 5. Nathan Spain, 6. Izaiah Higdon, 7. Wesson Zantjer.

**Animal Combined (12 laps):** 1. Austin Geer, 2. Landon Hathaway, 3. Kayden Boles, 4. Austin Kryta, 5. Abby Hohlbein, 6. Nolan Cooper, 7. Nathan Koester, 8. Caleb Edington, 9. Parker Bupp, 10. Taylor Nibert (DNS), 11. Kaylee Boston (DNS), 12. Noah Mehl (DNS), 13. Nick Cassell (DNS), 14. Kaden Bush.