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## **Keith Barbara wins at Pittsburgh's PA Motor Speedway on the opening night of the 22nd Annual Tri-Star Pittsburgher**

South Park PA's Keith Barbara won the "Galaxy 33", the first leg of the Tri –Star Pittsburgher for the Hoosier Tire Mid Atlantic DIRTcar Super Late Models. In a wild event that saw leaders come and go. Barbara took advantage of a late race restart to grab the win, his first of the season. Brandon Burgoon and Steve Baker brought the field down for the green. Burgoon took off and set a torrid pace the first few laps. Dave Hess Jr. moved into second with Baker in third. The race suffered from many cautions, the first of which had Dylan Yoder slowing in turn three. The very next lap Chad McClelland slowed bringing out the yellow. On the restart, Hess took over and led Burgoon, Jared Miley, Baker and Bump Hedman. Then on lap 7 Jason Rider and Jim Stephans brought out the caution again. Jared Miley pitted at this point and did not return. A yellow on lap 11 for debris slowed the field again.

On the restart Burgoon took over first with Hess, Baker, Hedman and John Garvin trailing. Boom Briggs brought out the next caution on lap 14, but would return. On the restart, it was Hess again out front over Burgoon, John Garvin and Baker. Lap 15 saw Dave Johnson's car loose his front end and bring out the red. Hess was leading over Garvin, Burgoon and Baker. Burgoon got back around Garvin for second while Hess was still leading. Lynn Geisler brought the next yellow out on lap 19. Garvin got around Burgoon and battled with Hess for first, while Burgoon was starting to feel pressure from Baker. Lap 23 saw Danny Mitchell slow, as his fire extinguisher went off and he called it a night. Hess battled with Garvin for the lead, with Burgoon and Baker right behind and Boom Briggs recovering from his earlier problems to get into 5th. Hess' fine run came to an end on lap 28 when he blew a right rear tire. Burgoon also pitted, with overheating problems, and would return as would Hess. Garvin and Baker brought the field down for the restart, and Garvin broke and pitted, and Boom Briggs moved out front with Baker in second. Baker, who stuffed all night on restarts, as his "spec" motor just wouldn't go on the restarts on the tacky track, but would get rolling after a lap or two on the high side, challenged Briggs, when Briggs broke a bolt in his steering. Baker had just got by Briggs, who wasn't giving up. Just then on lap 31, Jon Hodgkiss slowed on the front straight bringing out the races last yellow. Briggs pitted at this point, and Baker led on the restart, but just couldn't get going again and Keith Barbara and Hess, (who came back from the flat) got around him. At the finish it was 23rd starting Barbara, Hess, Baker, Hedman, Jim Lepro, Burgoon, Brandon Wearing, Boom Briggs, John Garvin, and Jon Hodgkiss. The race was hard on equipment as only 7 cars finished. Heats for the 28 cars on hand went to Boom Briggs, John Garvin and Steve Baker.

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