

Griffith Stays Cool to Conquer PASS Midseason Invasion at WMMP

July 13, 2026 — N. Woodstock, NH — In a tumultuous 150 laps for the Pro All Stars Series (PASS) at White Mountain Motorsports Park on Sunday, July 12, Hudson, New Hampshire's Derek Griffith showed that patience is a virtue. The veteran dodged the carnage throughout the first 100 circuits of the Midseason Invasion, then dominated down the stretch for his first PASS win of the season and the 24th of his storied career.

In his first visit to the track since a victory in September 2024, Griffith showed no signs of rust, earning the outside pole alongside Alexandre "Fireball" Tardif. The Quebec hotshoe set the early pace while Griffin settled into the position 3-5 range, content to let Joey Doiron, Sylas Ripley, Jimmy Renfrew Jr., and others duke it out.

A steady diet of cautions highlighted by Jeremy Davis's trip into the turn-three tire barriers on lap 27, coupled with aggressive racing throughout the field, prevented Tardif from gaining a large advantage. Many drivers atop the odds list also found themselves unable to mount a challenge, as Trevor Sanborn, Johnny Clark, Gabe Brown, and others were on and off pit road.

As the race neared its 2/3 mark, Renfrew seemed like the driver to beat. Fighting from the 13th starting position, he battled his way to the runner-up spot on lap 79 and chased down Tardif. On the 99th circuit, Renfrew swung underneath Tardif and took over the top spot, looking for atonement after spinning out of the lead late in PASS's May visit to White Mountain.

Just seconds later, though, Renfrew suffered an even worse fate. Cole Robie spun in turn one to bring out the caution on lap 100, and as the lapped car of Kyle Goodbout checked up to avoid Robie, Renfrew couldn't slow down in time, driving into the back of Goodbout's machine. Renfrew immediately drove into the infield and dropped the window net, knowing the damage was terminal.

That handed the lead back to Tardif, with Griffith now in second. Griffith was able to slot in line behind Tardif on the restart, and as the field came to complete lap 103, Griffith got a great bite off turn four to get inside Tardif. He completed the move just before Tardif and Doiron tangled, putting Tardif into the spin cycle for another yellow.

Two more cautions would follow, including one on lap 118 when Kaiden Fisher and Ryan Kuhn spun out of the top 10. But once the field sorted itself out, Griffith put it to them, soaring into the afternoon sun for his sixth career PASS victory at White Mountain.

Despite the scuffle with Tardif and a potential hand injury that resulted, Doiron gutted it out, holding off Ripley for a runner-up finish. Point leader D.J. Shaw came in fourth while

Garrett Hall overcame ignition issues to place fifth. Despite running the entire event without power steering, Gabe Brown managed sixth. Sanborn, Tardif, Clark, and Robie completed the top 10. Robie did so after having to change engines during practice.

Dunstable, Massachusetts' Jeffrey Battle remained the supreme leader of the New England Supermodified Series (NESS) with his third straight victory and second in five days. Starting fifth for the 50-lap main event, Battle only needed five circuits to power past his challengers, snatching the lead from P.J. Stergios.

Battle's lead eventually neared half a track even as Stergios's car appeared to get stronger. Stergios got one last crack at Battle when Matt Swanson's brake lock-up issues returned to bring out the lone yellow with six circuits remaining. But Battle showed he was just toying with the competition, handily pulling back away to win and extend his point lead.

Stergios was runner-up for the third straight week which, combined with a heat race win, unofficially moved him up to second in the point standings. Dan Bowes was third, creating a repeat of the Thompson Speedway podium from the previous Wednesday. Ben Seitz and Dave Duggan rounded out the top five.

A rough-and-rowdy Kennebec Equipment Rental PASS Modified feature saw Freeport, Maine's Chanler Harrison come up smelling like roses. Harrison started on the pole for the 50-lap event but had to fight off numerous contenders and handle multiple restarts on the way to his first win of the season.

The tone was set when second- and third-place point drivers Bill Penfold and Reed Reno crashed on lap two, forcing Reno out of the event. From there, Ricky Thompson Jr. emerged as Harrison's early challenger, dogging him before and after a five-car pileup on lap 10. Veteran Shawn Knight and teenager Tyler Connolly were also in the mix, and both drove past Thompson on lap 29 when Thompson got loose off the fourth corner.

The day got worse for Thompson on lap 37 when something appeared to break in the #70 car, sending Thompson hard into the turn-two wall. That also let Zach Bowie into the picture, and Harrison, Knight, and Bowie pulled away to set up a three-car shootout.

Knight tried to pull a crossover move with two laps remaining, but Bowie had stuck his foot into the open door. Both drivers held it together after the ensuing contact, but it allowed Harrison to pull away just enough. For Harrison, who hadn't yet finished in the top five this season, it was a redeeming trip to Victory Lane.

Connolly finished fourth while Penfold recovered to take fifth. Cody Macomber was sixth, followed by point leader Spencer Morse, who suffered a spin of his own. Jacoby Maines, Mike Penfold, and Thompson were seventh through 10th.

In the Modified Racing Series (MRS), one night after blowing an engine in his Pro-4 Modified while leading at White Mountain, Chatham, Massachusetts' Brett Meservey traded that heartbreak for an even bigger triumph. Meservey steadily worked his way from the sixth starting position in the 75-lap feature and was running second when two simultaneous crashes slowed the field with 27 laps complete.

On the restart, Meservey powered past Ryan Doucette to take the top spot. Anthony Nocella moved into second place with 15 laps remaining but ran out of time to catch Meservey. It was Meservey's first MRS win of the season and fifth of his career.

Nocella rebounded from an early exit in the NESS feature to take the middle spot on the podium with former champion Chris Pasteryak in third. Doucette, Brian Robie, Derek Robie, Stu McCormack, Andrew Martell, Nate Wenzel, and T.J. Bleau also earned top 10 finishes.

The Pro All Star Series travels to New Hampshire's Lee USA Speedway on Friday, July 24, at 6:45 p.m. for the Friday Night Throwdown. Headlined by a 200-lap National Championship event for the PASS Super Late Models, the card also includes the New England Supermodified Series, the Kennebec Equipment Rental PASS Modifieds, and the local Ridge Runners and MLM Diagnostic Services Crown Vics.

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