

6-20-21: Selinsgrove Raceway Park

Selinsgrove was running karts on their inner fifth mile this afternoon so I went there on my way to Bloomsburg. They advertised a 9am start time for practice, with qualifying following and features starting around 2pm. Quite a long day for anyone at the track, especially whoever runs in the 19th feature. I showed up a little before 2.

Parking was in the pit area then I walked across the outer track into the infield. I made a lap around the facility before I figured out who to actually pay for admission. It was pit pass only for \$20, steep just to count a track and leave but not the worst thing. The most enjoyable part for me was getting to walk on the half mile track. I was able to get some great pictures of down the frontstretch and backstretch and I always love the experience of walking on racetracks, it's not often that it happens. I got a good look at the indentation in the top of the guardrail in turn 3 where the 360 sprint car on Thursday had bounced off the top of the wall.





After I'd made my rounds around the track and infield and taken my pictures I watched a bit of the racing. It was mostly flat karts with a few classes of champ karts thrown in. Luckily they started right around 2pm with features as advertised and the third class out was countable senior champ karts. Every start and restart was single file with a cone and the track was very single groove right around the bottom. It seemed like really hard packed dirt that acts a lot like asphalt. In fact, as I walked around the pits I noticed that a lot of the karts were running slicks. The bottom was pretty much the only place to be and not a lot of passing took place in any of the classes I watched, so it wasn't particularly exciting racing. There were more spins and contact than I'd expected though. There was one instance where the top two cars took each other out while crossing the finish line. The yellow flag came out after they took the checkered and no one else had, but because they brought out the yellow, they were sent to the back of the field and the third place runner won, even though he never actually crossed the finish line under green.



I didn't stay for long. If it hadn't been over 90 degrees I could have been entertained for a time longer but I decided to seek air-conditioned entertainment until the Bloomsburg race as soon as I'd seen something countable.