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DONNELLY BAGS BIG PAYDAY IN CANAAND DIRT FINALE

The third time was a charm as a full house of racecars and race fans closed out the 2011 racing season on the dirt track at Canaan Fair Speedway in Canaan, New Hampshire. It took three times due to Mother Nature to get the event in, but she gave the track a beautiful night to end the year. Winners on the night included Chris Donnelly, Derek O'Hearn, Russell Christian, Armand Boucher, Shane Labraney and the team of Armand and Doug Boucher.

The Papa Z's Modifieds put on a great event in their curtain closer, as twenty-two cars lined up for the feature grid. Kevin Chaffee and Chris Donnelly started on the front row with several of the Northeast's top dirt pilots on their heels. The race went caution free til lap 15 when the yellow flew for a minor spin in turn four. Donnelly survived four more restarts for minor incidents and cruised to the \$1,000 payday. The real battle was for second through seventh spots, as several drivers' swapped positions continuously. The final rundown included, Donnelly, Randy Howe, Adam Pierson, Joey Scarborough and Ryan Avery completing the top five. Rounding out the top ten were Travis Shinn, Jason Giguere, Kevin Chaffee, Jason Gray and Robbie Lacroix.

Derek O'Hearn made a bold pass on Jordan Fornwalt on a late race restart in the Beard Sewer and Drain Super Street / Limited Late Model Challenge, and held off a late race charge by Ryan Christian to collect the \$300 paycheck for winning the event. Fornwalt settled for third, followed closely by Robbie Williams and Tyler Stygles. Armand Boucher scorched the field in the Bond Auto Parts Bandit / Bomber event. He was followed to the stripe by Doug Boucher, Bill McKee, Mark St. Pierre and Richard Licence.

Russell Christian made his return to Canaan a good one as he collected the win in the Mirror Lake Rod and Custom Late Model main event. Brian Sousa and Mike McClay completed the top three.

Shane Labraney collected the win in the Spectator Race, and the team of Armand and Doug Boucher were victorious in the wild Chain Race.

That concludes the race season at Canaan Fair Speedway's. Next event is the Annual Banquet of Champions scheduled for Friday, November 4, 2011. Ticket forms are available on the track website at www.canaanspeedways.com. Tickets must be purchased by October 22, 2011, and no tickets will be sold at the door. Credit card orders are accepted by calling 802-274-8823.