

5/13/11 DOUVILLE, SHINN, WILLIAMS AND BOUCHER GRAB CANAAN DIRT VICTORIES

It was opening night for the KIX 100.5, 360 SCoNE Sprint Cars at Canaan Fair Speedway, and they were out in force as twenty of these sleek rockets hit the ¼ mile Speedway to entertain the large crowd on hand and to help NAPA Auto Parts celebrate their night of sponsorship at the Canaan, New Hampshire oval. Highlighting the night's activities was a pair of photo finishes. Winners on the night included Dan Douville, Travis Shinn, Robbie Williams and Armand Boucher.

The 360 SCoNE Sprint Cars rolled out onto the track for their 20 lap main event with Clay Dow and Dan Douville leading the field to green. Douville got the jump and never looked back leading all twenty laps to secure the win. The win did not come easy as four cautions and a red flag for a nasty flip by Lacey Hanson slowed the event. Dow hung on for second, followed by Dalton Varney, 2010 ScoNE champion, Chris Donnelly and Kevin Chaffee. Heat wins went to Varney and Dow.

It was the first of five non-winners night for the Papa Z's Mods, and what an event it was coming down to a photo finish between Allen Hammond, Travis Shinn and Tyler Rich. The unique event allows only racers that haven't won in the recent past or not at all to get their chance to shine, and tonight's group put on an incredible show. Hammond and Rich brought the field to green and they were off. Hammond got the jump but Rich worked all over the inside and outside to get by. On lap 10 Rich lost it all by himself bringing out the caution. Travis Shinn now moved in for the challenge. Hammond and Shinn raced side by side over the next ten laps, while Rich worked his way back into contention bringing up a three way battle for the win. Hammond drifted up just enough for Shinn to dive underneath in turn four and it was a drag race to the stripe. When it was all said and done, Shinn nipped Hammond at the stripe in a photo finish, with Rich joining the pair under a blanket. Jeffrey Elliott came home fourth, and Jason Giguere rounded out the top three. Heat checkers waved for Rich and Hammond. By virtue of his win, Shinn is now eliminated from the non-winners races.

Robbie Williams scored a popular and convincing win in the Beard Sewer and Drain Super Street feature as he easily outdistanced the field. Troy Comeau, Derek O'Hearn, Ryan Christian and Todd Buckwold followed him to the checkers. Christian and Mitchell Davis won their respective qualifiers.

The Bond Auto Parts Bandits had a photo finish this week as Armand Boucher nipped Matt Boucher by a nose to grab his first win of 2011. Noel Davis came home third but failed post race inspection (illegal shocks & springs). This moved up newcomer Ben Esquivel to third, Dallas Hammond to fourth and Marcus Jenness to fifth. Jenness won the lone qualifier.

Canaan Dirt Speedway is back in action this coming Friday night as Peanut's Auto Sales and Service will sponsor all the racing action, post time is 7pm. The Sportsman Coupes will make their first appearance of 2011. Joining the Coupes will be the ground pounding Mods, plus Super Streets, and Bandits, plus it will be wingless night for the Northeast Mini Sprints. Canaan Fair Speedways are located on Orange Road, just off from Route 118 in Canaan, New Hampshire. For more information visit the track website at www.canaanspeedways.com, or call the track hotline at 603-523-4502.