

## **5/27/11 TOM FORWARD PICKS UP SECOND MOD WIN IN 2011 ON CANAAN DIRT**

**It has been an all or nothing season for veteran Modified racer, Tom Forward, as the local hotshoe picked up his second win of the season after wrecking late in last week's main event. Joining forward in the Canaan Dirt Speedway's winners circle on Mike's Automotive night were Allan Hammond, Derek O'Hearn, Matt Boucher and Rich Crooker.**

**Another solid field of seventeen Papa Z's Mods took to the track for their 25 lap main event. By virtue of his poor finish the week before, Forward started on the pole, a position he would only relinquish on a mid-race restart. Forward lost the point briefly to a hard charging Wayne Stearns when the caution flew for a minor spin in turn three, thus reverting the field back a lap, giving Forward back the lead. Stearns continued to challenge for the lead when he slipped up coming out of turn two bringing out the caution once again. This set up a four lap shoot out with Ed Tobin and Ryan Avery, along with last week's winner, Randy Howe. When the checkers flew, Forward claimed win number two on the season. Tobin had a season's best second place, followed by Avery, Howe and Travis Shinn. Collecting qualifying checkers were Forward and Shinn.**

**The Mirror Lake Rod and Custom Late Models returned for the second time of the season and once again they thrilled the crowd to the finish. Brad Shanks and Allan Hammond battled hard for nine laps before Hammond snuck by Shanks with two laps to go to claim his first win at Canaan Dirt Speedway. Dale Morse, Dan Collins and Mike McClay completed the top five. Shanks won the lone qualifier. Mike's Automotive donated \$250 to the top three finishers in this main event. Hammond picked up a nice \$125 bonus, Shanks \$75, and Morse an extra \$50.**

**Former Big Daddy's Speedbowl Super Street champion, Derek O'Hearn held off all challengers grabbing his first career victory on the Canaan Dirt in the Beard Sewer and Drain Super Street main event. It was no easy task for O'Hearn as he had to hold back the red hot racer of Ryan Christian. Christian settled for second, followed by Troy Comeau, Todd Buckwold and Robbie Williams. O'Hearn and Comeau won their respective qualifying races.**

**The Bond Auto Parts Bandit main event once again saw a photo finish as Matt Boucher scored another photo finish win. This time it was newcomer Bill McKee getting edged out at the stripe by about a foot. Another newcomer, Justin Eldridge raced home third. Zack Lamott, and Doug Boucher rounded out the top five. McKee carried the heat checkers.**

**The Beard Sewer and Drain Northeast Mini-Sprints were on hand again this week and the racing was extremely intense featuring a lone caution and a major red flag. Rich Crooker led the way to the two lap indicator with Dave Morgan on his heels. Morgan drifted high out of turn four, clobbered the front-stretch wall and flipped hard bringing out the red flag. After about a twenty minute delay, Morgan walked away, and the field went green. No one else had anything for Crooker as he cruised to victory. Finishing second through fifth were Brian Cunningham, Terry Reil, Spencer Allen and Drew Eldridge. Crooker also won his qualifying race.**

**Canaan Dirt Speedway is back in action this coming Friday night as Family Pharmacy of Enfield will sponsor all the racing action, post time is 7pm. The 360 ScoNE Sprint cars will return, along with non-winners Modified racing, plus Super Streets, and Bandits. 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](http://www.canaanspeedways.com), or call the track hotline at 603-523-4502.**