

9/16/11 DONNELLY GRABS SUBWAY TRIPLE CROWN SERIES MODIFIED WIN ON CANAAN DIRT

A cool, crisp Friday night greeted a pit full of racecars and a grandstand full of fans on appropriately sponsored, Hinkley Oil Company night. It was the final point's night of the season, and with some tremendous point battles to be settled, racing was intense from the opening green flag to the final checkers. Winners included Chris Donnelly, Allan Hammond, Ryan Christian, Matt Boucher and Ryan Avery.

Chris Donnelly got to the front at the mid-race point in the Papa Z's Modified main event and never looked back, surviving three restarts and scoring a big \$700 payday in the final round of the Subway Triple Crown Series. Even though Donnelly did everything he could to win the Series championship, he came up a mere four points short as Tom Forward claimed the top prize by finishing third. The top five finishers in the nineteen car starting field were Donnelly, Dan Eastman, Forward, Chris Chambers and Robbie Lacroix. Unfortunately Chambers failed to go to tech for post race inspection, and was DQ'd from the event moving Allan Hammond into the top five. Randy Howe had a tough night as he wrecked hard early on in the feature, relegating him to a fifteenth place finish, giving him just enough points to clinch to 2011 Papa Z's Modified championship. Heat checkers flew for Eastman, Ryan Avery and Joey Scarborough. Eastman Automotive of Lebanon, New Hampshire posted \$250 in bonus money for the top three finishers in the Modified main event.

Allan Hammond waited until lap fourteen to slip by leader Adam Kimball in the Mirror Lake Rod and Custom Late Models, and cruised to another victory, thus claiming the 2011 championship. Dan Collins, Dale Morse and Brian Sousa rounded out the top five. Hammond also won the lone qualifier.

Ryan Christian did what he had to do to win the 2011 Beard Sewer and Drain Super Street championship, and that was by capturing the final regular season event. Runner-up Derek O'Hearn chased Christian to the end, but fell a few points short. Mark Brown had another solid top three finish, and JP Vaillancourt and Robbie Williams completed the top five. O'Hearn scored the heat win.

Young Matt Boucher wrapped up his championship season in the Bond Auto Parts Bandits, as he dominated the event. Doug Boucher, Tony Shaw, Armand Boucher and Dallas Hammond followed Matt Boucher to the stripe. Hammond collected the heat victory.

It was the biggest payday of the season for the NAPA Bombers, as they raced 100 laps, for a \$1,000 first place prize. Ryan Avery got to the front first, but he had to keep an eye on his mirror as several contenders fell by the wayside allowing him to pick up the winner's check. The event was full of thrills and spills keeping the fans on the edge of their seats. Rounding out the top five were Bobbie Bell, Josh Clark, Mickey McDow and Joshua Wheeler.

The final event of 2011 will take place on Friday night, September 23rd, at 6:30pm, as Shaker Valley Auto of Enfield, New Hampshire presents the 1st Annual Spencer Rocke Memorial Classic, and Ricky's Race For Kids on the dirt, featuring a \$1,000 to win Modified main event, plus \$300 to win Super Streets, \$150 to win Bandit / Bomber race, plus the Late Models will be in action. Also on the card will be one on one Spectator Drags.

Canaan Dirt Speedway is 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.