

6/18/11 Donnie Lashua Captures Late Model Win at Canaan Fair Speedway's Awesome Asphalt!

A brief downpour threatened the racing action on Saturday night at the Canaan Fair Speedway, but the warm weather that followed dried the track quickly and brought some great racing for Subway Sub Shops night. On the card were the Late Models, Pure Stocks, Bandits, and Daredevils as the Super Streets had the night off. Also joining the four regular divisions were the popular Pro Stocks for the third event of the Pro Stocks Six Pack Series which races at both the Lee USA Speedway and the Canaan Fair Speedway. Because of the rain delay action was delayed and didn't get underway until 6:40.

The first feature of the night was the S.K. Bean's Enfield Garage General Auto Repair Daredevils. Starting on the pole for the 15 lap feature was the #4 Jr. of Dartangnon Collins with the #31 of Kyle Wilson on the outside. Early in the race Collins was able to pull away and set the pace up front. Starting in the rear of the field after his win two weeks ago was the #13 of Hunter Garduno, but as the race wore on it was clear that Garduno had one of the fastest cars on the track as he made quick work of half the field and was up to fourth by the halfway point of the race. Wilson in the #31 was able to get around Garduno but then had to deal with the #37 of Zac Fraser and the #13 of Garduno who was all the way up to third. Fraser and Garduno were both able to get around the #31 of Wilson and they would battle for the win in the closing laps. It would be Fraser getting the victory and Garduno finishing a close second. On the final lap the #4 Jr. of Dartangnon Collins was running fourth when he crashed out of turn #4 and slid across the finish line after taking a hard hit into the front stretch wall. Collins would be fine but the same could not be said for the #4 Jr. machine, as it took its second hard hit of the year. Collins was credited with a fourth place finish as he was the last car on the lead lap. Rounding out the top five was the #1 of Scott Tracey. Allison and Brie-Anna Menard would finish sixth and seventh with Lauryn Rexford finishing eighth with mechanical problems to the #79 car that forced her to pull off the track after a good run early in the event.

Next on the card would be the NAPA Auto Parts Pure Stocks. Kyle Davis in the #28 would start the night as the points leader in the division but right on his heels was the #99 of Paul Sullivan. After taking the victory in the heat race the #33 of Randy McGee would start third in the feature. The action started early as the #23 of Andrew Merritt started on the pole but then spun in turn one on the first lap. Everyone was able to avoid the spinning #23 and there would be no caution. After starting sixth Paul Sullivan quickly made his way to the lead early in the 20 lap feature and would never look back. Kyle Davis would have a rough night in the #28 as he would bring out the caution on lap #11 with a spin in turn two. After restarting in the rear of the field Davis was only able to make it back to the sixth position before the checkered flag. Taking the win, and his second victory of the season would be the #99 of Paul Sullivan as he easily cruised to victory with about a 5 car length lead over the #33 of Randy McGee. Bill Miller in the #07 was able to finish third after fending off many challengers including the #83 of Thomas Coates Jr., and the #97 of Walter Hammond Jr. who finished fourth and fifth. Kyle Davis and Paul Sullivan currently share the points lead at 218 points a piece. They both also have two victories this season.

The Papa Z's Pro Stocks were next in race #3 of the Pro Stock Six Pack Series. Sixteen cars showed up for the third race of the series and taking the heat wins would be the #15 of Chris Wilk in the Wilk Sealing Chevrolet, and the #21 of Donnie Lashua. After two out of the six events in the series it was Lashua in the #21 with a one point lead over the #15 of Chris Wilk. After taking a spin in his heat race, young Austin Brehio would start from the pole in the 75 lap feature. Early in the event a

big crash in turn #3 took out the #28 of Dave Davis who was running second at the time. Also involved was the #21 of Donnie Lashua, the #15 of Chris Wilk, and the #28 of Ricky Bly. Lashua, Wilk, and Bly were all able to continue but the #28 of Davis was done for the night. This would not be the only crash of the race however as there were six cautions in the first fifteen laps. Another crash in turn one involved the #11x of Austin Brehio whose front end was destroyed after colliding with the #09 of Jeremy Davis. Both drivers would be done for the evening. On the restart the #3 of Ken Cantlin slid up and off of turn #2 and collided with the tire barrier ending his night about halfway through the event. Crashes weren't the only thing that slowed down the event as another brief pop up shower made its way through Canaan about halfway through the 75 lap feature. After drying the track for a second time, the Pro Stocks were ready to for the finish of their event. Kris Lyman in the #29 was the leader with Ricky Bly in the #28x in the second position. Lyman was able to get away as Bly was left to fend off the #21 of Lashua who had made his way back up to third after his incident in turn #3. Lashua was able to get by Bly and catch Lyman towards the end of the race. With about two laps to go Lashua drove deep into the corner on the outside and made it stick. He would take the lead and win #2 of the season with the great move on the outside of Lyman. Lyman in his first race of the season was able to finish second with Ricky Bly having another great run in third. Rounding out the top five were the #15 of Chris Wilk and the #4 of Rich Eaton. However the results of the third race of the Pro Stock Six Pack Series is currently unofficial due to a scoring protest. Official results will be posted later this week as the Canaan Fair Speedway Contest Board will meet Tuesday night at 7pm to resolve the issue.

The next feature event was the Bond Auto Parts Bandits. Taking the win in the heat race and proving that she was still the driver to beat in the Bandit division was the #00 of Kristen Ashley. She came into the night as the points leader and was able to make a strong move to the inside of the #13 of Lenny Garduno for the heat race victory. However the feature would go a little differently as the #13 of Garduno made an ill advised three wide move down the front stretch that caused a big collision between the #00 of Ashley and the #60 of Debra Holmes. Coincidentally, the #60 of Holmes is Kristen Ashley's mother and both sustained minor injuries in the incident. As the #00 of Ashley came to a stop at the top of turn #1, it was soon apparent that she would need some assistance getting out of her car. The fans stood on edge as Ashley was cut out of her vehicle and placed on the stretcher and into the ambulance. She was complaining of some pain and trouble breathing but is back home recuperating and will be just fine and back to Canaan Fair Speedway later this season. Debra Holmes also had a minor arm injury that was sustained in the incident but was able to drive back to the pits on her own. After about a 45 minute delay the race continued and the #7 of Matt Boucher was able to take the victory over the #36 of Kodi Sabins. Third was the #29 of David West Jr. who was able to get his first podium finish ever in any division. Ashley is still the point leader in the Bandit division with a seven point lead over the #7 of Matt Boucher. Sabins is third only 18 points back from the leader.

The final race of the night was the New England Outdoor Furnaces Late Models in their 50 lap feature. Taking victories in the heat races were the #27m of Marc Curtis the #7NH of Scott MacMichael and the #36 of Tyler Alati. Eighteen late models took the green and battled hard for the first half of the event. About halfway through the #29x of Allen Fellows blew his engine coming out of turn #4 and spun. As he spun into the grass an apparent oil fire erupted engulfing the inside of the #29x. Fellows was able to get out of the vehicle and was fine as the flames went out after a couple seconds. Later in the event the #26 of Bucky Demers, and the #9 of Bruce Jaycox were battling for position inside the top ten when contact between the two sent both spinning in turn #1. Both drivers were able to continue and finished 10th and 11th after restarting in the rear of the field. The battle for the win came down to the #08 of Donnie Lashua and the #29F of Aaron Fellows.

Lashua was pulling double duty in the #08 and had already won the Pro Stock event earlier in the evening. After taking the lead from Fellows, Lashua was able to hold on for his second win of the night. Fellows finished second with Marc Curtis third. Rounding out the top five were Matt Anderson in the #49 and Walt Hammond in the #97. This was the first Late Model feature for Canaan Fair Speedway which means Donnie Lashua in the #08 is your point leader by one point over the #29F of Fellows.

Next week join us on Saturday, June 25th for a full card of racing. Pro Stocks, Late Models, Super Streets, Pure Stocks, Bandits, and Daredevils will be in attendance to put on a great show as Canaan Fair Speedway presents Residence Inn Night. Then the following Saturday night on July 2nd, come celebrate 4th of July weekend by joining us for one of the biggest races of the season as Northeast Waste Services along with Noise "R" Us Fireworks, and Kixx 100.5, and Chase's Auto Salvage present the P.A.S.S. Super Late Model 150. Also racing that night will be the P.A.S.S. Modifieds, Late Models, Super Streets, Pure Stocks, Bandits, and Daredevils. The post time for this event will be 5 P.M. Come join us for Fireworks and Monster Trucks, and Monster Truck rides, and celebrate July 4th the right way at Canaan Fair Speedway.