

# 6/5/11 Joey Pole Captures the Win & \$5,000 in the Subway Fresh Fit 150

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**Finally after a month delay the Subway Fresh Fit 150 Presented by Bond Auto Parts, N.E. Outdoor Furnaces and Bly Machine took the green flag today in what proved to be a very competitive event.** Starting from the pole was the #14VT of Brad Leighton in the Subway Chevy Impala. As Leighton set the pace up front, others tried to position themselves inside the top 10 and conserve their tires for late in the 150 lap race. Local drivers such as Donnie Lashua, Luke Hinkley, Todd Davis and Aaron Fellows all were able to keep their cars in the top 10 and on the lead lap, while the American Canadian Tour regulars made up the top five positions. Halfway through the race it was Brad Leighton in the #14VT, and Joey Pole in the #97NH leading the event with Wayne Helliwell Jr., Brian Hoar, and Quinney Welch running third, fourth and fifth. Then after a long green flag run, contact in turn four sent the #22 of Mike Bruno and the #15VT of Joey Laquerre both spinning, which brought out a caution on lap 79. After leading every lap from the start of the race the #14VT of Brad Leighton cut a tire and brought out another caution on lap 122 setting up a 28 lap dash to the finish. This put the #97 of Joey Pole in the lead, and the #27 of Wayne Helliwell Jr. in second. On the restart the #27 of Helliwell Jr. tried to move to the bottom lane in front of the #37VT of Brian Hoar. Contact sent Helliwell Jr. sideways into the grass in turn one, but what looked like the start of a big pile up ended up being the save of the day. Helliwell Jr. slid back onto the track in turn one grabbed a gear and took off, only losing one spot in the incident. However a crash on the backstretch on the same lap did bring out the caution which set up another restart. This time the #97NH of Joey Pole got a great restart as Helliwell Jr. drifted back on the outside lane. Brian Hoar moved into the second position and one of the local favorites Donnie Lashua had moved all the way up to third. In the closing laps Hoar was unable to catch Joey Pole, but was able to hold off a hard charging Lashua for second. At the finish it was Joey Pole taking the checkered flag and the \$5,000 check, while Brian Hoar finished second and Donnie Lashua came home third. Quinney Welch in the #78NH finished fourth and after cutting a tire Leighton came back to finish fifth in the #14VT. Rounding out the top ten were Mike Bruno in the #22, Todd Davis with another great run in the #34NH, Wayne Helliwell Jr. in the #27NH, Luke Hinkley in the #31NH and the 83x of Stacy Cahoon.

The **NAPA Auto Parts Pure Stock** division was the first race of the day and ended up being a great battle between the #28 of Kyle Davis and the #99 of Paul Sullivan. Kyle Davis started from the pole and took the early lead as the #99 of Sullivan followed. Ryan Ovitt battled with Thomas Coates Jr. for the third position and eventually was able to get around Coates. Walter Hammond in the #97 went for a spin which brought out a caution halfway through the 20 lap feature. On the restart Davis once again took off and after leading every lap took the win by a half a car length over the #99 of Paul Sullivan. Third was Ryan Ovitt in the #77, fourth was Thomas Coates Jr. in the #83 and crossing the line fifth was the #07 of Bill Miller. With his second win of the season Kyle Davis has shown that he is ready to contend for the track championship in the Pure Stock division. However the #99 of Paul Sullivan is also very fast and consistent every week. It should be a great battle between the two drivers.

The final feature of the day was the **Beard Sewer and Drain Super Street** division. The #12 of Todd Bragg would start from the pole with the #23 of Craig Smith starting on the outside in the second position. Bragg pulled out to the early lead and Smith dropped in behind him in second. Rich Dubeau who was the most recent winner in the division ran a solid third. Bob Labine in the #72 started 8th in the feature and slowly made his way up to the fourth position. At the end of the race the #72 of Labine had caught the #60 of Dubeau but was

unable to get by him and had to settle for fourth. Todd Bragg got his first win of the season and Craig Smith finally got a great finish after having bad luck, but a fast car in the first two events of the year. Third was Dubeau, fourth was Labine, and rounding out the top five was the #17 of Trever Perreault.

**Next Saturday night is Beard Sewer and Drain night on the awesome asphalt. It will feature a full card of racing including the Late Models and Pro Stocks. The S.T.A.R Antique racers will also make a stop at Canaan and Kid's bike races will be held during the intermission. Post time is six with practice starting at three.**

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