

## **LASHUA, BERGERON, AND DUBEAU SHINE AT CANAAN'S "AWESOME ASPHALT" FINALE**

**It was the season finale championship night this past Saturday at Canaan Fair Speedway, as New England Outdoor Furnaces presented all the night's activities. With numerous point battles coming down to the wire, and several teams having an opportunity to win a championship, or gain a position in the final point standings, the racing was extremely intense.**

**Going into the finale of the Papa Z's Pro Stock main event, Donnie Lashua had a comfortable lead, but the battle for the runner-up position was fierce between Jeremy Davis and Sulo Burbank. Lashua worked his way to the front and checked out on the field, while the pair of contenders swapped positions every lap. Suddenly, Burbank, who was struggling with a loose racecar, lost control on the front stretch and spun to the infield, thus ending his night. Davis went on to chase Lashua to the stripe but ran out of time. The final top five was Lashua, Davis, Ricky Bly, Jay Sands and Ken Cantlin. Davis and Burbank won their respective heat races. Donnie Lashua is the 2011 champion.**

**The battle for the New England Outdoor Furnaces Late Model championship was a good one as Donnie Lashua led Aaron Fellows by a few points heading into the night. Fellows closed the gap to four points after the heat races. The pair charged towards the front in the early going as Chris Bergeron took over the point at the mid-way mark of the race. The pair ran nose to tail for numerous laps before Lashua started to show a trail of smoke off the rear-end. A few laps later, Lashua rolled onto pit road with a broken suspension part, ending his championship bid. Bergeron rolled to the victory, followed by Fellows, Joey Laquerre, Larry Riendeau and Scott MacMichael. Sulo Burbank and Mark Merrill won the qualifying rounds. Aaron Fellows clinched his second consecutive championship in the Late Models.**

**The Beard Sewer and Drain Super Street title saw Rich Dubeau enter the night with a four point lead over Craig Smith, and Todd Bragg still had a mathematical chance at the title. Dubeau did everything he could to clinch the title as he won his heat race and held off a hard charging Chris McKinstry to claim the victory and the championship. Smith had a tough night as he got tangled up in a couple of messes with the first sending him to the rear, and the second sending him to the trailer. Trever Perreault, Ryan Bell and Sid Laquire Jr. rounded out the top five. Dubeau will be honored as the 2011 champ.**

**Ryan Ovitt needed to just take the green flag in the NAPA Pure Stock feature, and he would claim the title. Thirteen year old Walter Hammond raced to his fourth consecutive win. Paul Sullivan raced home second, followed by Ovitt, Brian Tarbell and**

**Randy McGee, Tarbell and Sullivan collected heat checkers. Ryan Ovitt is the 2011 Pure Stock champion.**

**Kristen Ashley and Matt Boucher battled all season long in the Bond Auto Parts Bandits, and it all came down to one race. Nine points separated the pair heading into the night. Boucher picked up one point in the heat race. As the feature rolled along, Boucher headed to front while Ashley played conservatively as she worked through traffic in the sixteen car field. Boucher battled for the lead with Josh Dunn, when suddenly, Ashley got tangled with a lapped car sending her spinning and to the rear of the field. With nine laps to go she drove like she was possessed and raced her way back to a fifth place finish, clinching the championship by a mere two points. Josh Dunn won the race, followed by Matt Boucher, Matt Morrill, Jeff Demers, and Ashley. Heat wins went to Dunn and Boucher. Ashley is the 2011 Bandit champion.**

**Kyle Wilson won his first ever feature event in the S.K. Bean Daredevil Youth Racers, and he did it on his best friend's birthday, his dad! Scott Tracey, Allison Menard, Zac Fraser, and Lauryn Rexford rounded out the top five. All Daredevil drivers were honored with special trophies after the event, as well as a special award was presented to Daredevil mentor, "Pistol Pete" Fraser.**

**That wraps up the racing season at Canaan's "Awesome Asphalt" Speedway. Next event on the calendar is the Annual Banquet of Champions which will be held at Canaan Hall on Saturday, November 5, 2011. Tickets are \$40, and the ticket order form can be found on the track website at [www.canaanspeedways.com](http://www.canaanspeedways.com). You can charge your tickets by calling Dick Therrien at 802-274-8823. Canaan Fair Speedway accepts, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover card.**