



## **Mitch Jock wins the first edition of the Simone 50 at Edelweiss Speedway**

Cantley, PQ – Friday, July 4, 2008 – Martin Belanger – One of the biggest night of the year at Edelweiss Speedway as it was the Heart and Stroke Foundation night. It was the first edition of the “Simone 50”, a 50-lap feature race for the modified with a qualifier counting for Syracuse. The Semi-Pro category had the Canadian Street Stock Challenge Race as they had a 35-lap feature race. A fundraiser was also done during the night for the heart foundation.

A field of 19 modified took the green on the 50-lap feature race as Pierre Dagenais took the early lead and led the first 3 laps when Delbert Legrow brought the first caution. Dagenais stays in front and he's followed by Mitch Jock and Lance Willix. Skip McKenzie stops and yellow is back on the field on lap 9. Dagenais is still the leader when an accident occurred in the second turn and 4 cars are involved on the tenth lap. Dagenais has another good start as Bobby Herrington does a few good moves to grab third. Dagenais has problems with his cars and heads to the pits and Mitch Jock is the new leader when caution came out on lap 16. Jock has a good start and leads the field for 3 laps when Marc Therrien stops in turn 2 on lap 19. Jock is still the leader as position 3 to 5 changed as Kyle Dingwall is now third, followed by Gage Morin in fourth and Lance Willix in fifth when Sylvain Ericksen brought the yellow on lap 22. Jock leads the way in front of Herrington for 6 laps with Lance Willix bringing the yellow on lap 28 with a flat tire. On the green, Jock is still in the lead with Herrington having some company with Kyle Dingwall for second with 20 laps to go. Delbert Legrow brought the yellow on lap 31. Jock has another good start and led for the last 19 laps to win his first ever feature in the modifieds at Edelweiss Speedway, Bobby Herrington finished second, followed by Kyle Dingwall, Ryan Poole and Gage Morin completed the top 5. Jock had a perfect night as he won the third heat, Lance Willix and Pierre Dagenais won the others. The winner is automatically qualified for Syracuse.

In the 35-lap feature race for the Semi-Pro, Sébastien Bigras took the early in front of the field of 25 cars. Marc Lalonde and Bruno Boivin follow Bigras closely when the first caution came on the fourth lap for Richard Brady. Bigras took a great lead on the green lap and some good battles were occurring in the field with 2 and 3 wide racing around the speedway. Stéphane Carrière brings the second caution on lap 8. On the following green, the leader is involved in a

accident and Marc Lalonde becomes the new leader as no laps were completed. Bruno Boivin used the outside lane to pass Lalonde and takes the lead on the 9<sup>th</sup> lap. John Benard and Mark Trudeau has troubles and the yellow is out. Boivin has a good start and leads the next two laps when Jason Lamothe stops in the backstretch and yellow comes out. On the green, Boivin is still the leader as the top 3 of Boivin, Lalonde and Dubois grabs a comfortable lead when Daniel Guindon brings the yellow. On the restart Lalond uses the outside lane to take the lead on the 22<sup>nd</sup> lap. Bigras and Boivin do some good battle for second when Lalonde grabs gets a comfortable lead in front on lap 25 when Steve Billings stops and yellow is out. Boivin gets back in front on the green as Bigras passes Lalonde for second and challenges the leader when Benoit Dubois spins in the backstretch with 5 laps to go. Boivin and Bigras are fighting for first and Boivin is able to keep his lead with 3 laps to go. Boivin has engine problems and it's finally Sébastien Bigras that wins the feature in front of Marc Lalonde , Doug Anderson, Jocelyn Ducharme and Tim Burke completes the top 5. Bigras had also won his heat race; Lalonde et Boivin did the same.

Christian Pronovost was the early leader in the 12-lap feature race in the Mod-Lite category when Dave Bell passed him on the third lap to take the lead. Bell finally gave up his spot to Patrick Pronovost and it is finally him that won the race. Pronovost had also won the heat race.

The 4-cylinders feature race was postponed to week because of lack of time at the end of the evening.

The Speedway accumulated an amount of \$2640 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The night went smoothly has the pre-race ceremonies were very emotional. It was a great success and it will surely be repeated in 2009. The modified class had their best field of the year with 20 cars; the Semi-Pro also had their best one with 25 drivers in the pit area. On the schedule next week is a complete race program with the presence of the Pro-Stocks and a demolition derby at the end of the evening presented by Ray Matte Couvreur.

### **Modified Feature Results "Simone 50" (50 laps)**

Mitch Jock, Bobby Herrington, Kyle Dingwall, Ryan Poole, Gage Morin, Ryan Foley, Lance Willix, Philippe Landry, Brian McDonald, Nicolas Vaillant, Sylvain Ericksen, Marc Therrien, Delbert Legrow, Skip McKenzie, Eric Gauvreau, Pierre Dagenais, Joel Doiron, Laurent Ladouceur, Denis Larocque, Dan Jalbert (DNS)

### **Semi-Pro Feature Results (35 laps)**

Sébastien Bigras, Marc Lalonde, Doug Anderson, Jocelyn Ducharme, Tim Burke, Caley Weese, Charles Galipeau, Kraig Handley, Chris Kerr, Kurtis McPhee, Steve Billings, Bruno Boivin, Nico Leblanc, Dana Aikins, Mark Trudeau, Benoit Dubois, Alexandre Gagnon, Peter Raabe, Daniel Guindon, Jason Lamothe, John

Benard, Brian Rochon, Stéphane Carrière, Richard Brady, Roger Villeneuve  
(DNS)

**Mod-Lite Feature Results (15 laps)**

Patrick Pronovost, Christian Pronovost, Dave Bell, Serge Lagacé