



## **Joey Ladouceur dominates the 100-lap Mr.DIRTcar Feature race at Autodrome Edelweiss!**

Cantley, PQ – Friday September 11, 2009 – Martin Bélanger – The Mr.DIRTcar Pro-Stock series had the spotlight with the 5th race of that series with a 100-lap feature event with the driver leaving with \$1,500 in his pocket at the end of the night. A 50-lap feature for the Semi-Pro category was also scheduled. The Mod-Lite also had a regular night and with an enduro race of 15-lap was also on the race program on Béton RB night.

Don Carlson and Ghyslain Valade were at top of the 20-car field to start the 100-lap Mr.DIRTcar Pro-Stock series. Carlson took the early lead with Valade in second and Pete Stefanski in third. Carlson quickly moved away from the field as Joey Ladouceur took fourth spot over Jocelyn Roy on lap 5. Joey Ladouceur and Pete Stefanski were racing side by side when caution came out on lap 10 for Ricky Thompson. On the restart, Carlson kept the lead with Joey Ladouceur getting a good jump to take third. Ladouceur took second over Valade on lap 13 and was now chasing Carlson for the lead. The top 2 cars were racing side by side as Ladouceur finally took the lead by passing Carlson using the inside lane on lap 18. Ladouceur and Carlson started to pull away from the rest of the pack with a quarter of the race in the books. Ladouceur had now built himself a comfortable lead over Carlson on lap 30. Local runner, Stéphane Lebrun was running hard and took the third spot over Valade on lap 34. Ladouceur was now getting closer to slower traffic as the race reached lap 40 as he had almost a full stretch lead over Carlson in second. Sean Corr brought the caution on lap 43 as they raced 33 consecutive laps on green conditions. Ladouceur quickly pulled away from Carlson on the following green with Stéphane Lebrun taking back third. Sean Corr brought the caution on lap 47. Ladouceur stayed first over Carlson and Lebrun with Pete Stefanski in fourth. The mandatory caution came out at the halfway point, the top 5 was Ladouceur, Carlson, Lebrun, Stefanski and Dave Bissonnette.

After the 10-minute mandatory break, Ladouceur retained the lead over Carlson and Lebrun with Bissonnette now fourth over Stefanski. Bissonnette used the outside lane to pass Lebrun in third spot. Both cars were racing together and they swapped the position. Louie Jackson brought the caution on lap 59 as he hit the wall in the front stretch. The race started back on lap 65 with Ladouceur still the leader while Carlson lost several positions and Lebrun was now in second spot with Bissonnette in third when David Papineau brought the caution on lap 68. Ladouceur pulled away on the green while Stefanski took third over Bissonnette when Rob Yetman stopped inside of turn 4 on lap 73 and caution came out. The race resumed on lap 77 with the top 3 remaining

unchanged. Stefanski was trying to take second over Lebrun as he was able to close the door with 15 laps to go. Stefanski took second over Lebrun in turn 2 on lap 86. With 10 laps to go, Stefanski was trying to get closer to Ladouceur. The leaders were in heavy traffic with only 5 laps to go and Stefanski was able to reel in. Ladouceur led the final laps to win his third feature in a row in this feature over Stefanski, Lebrun, PJ Peters and Ghyslain Valade. Ladouceur was the lone driver in winner circle and was pretty pleased with his win: ``It is fun to see a quality field of cars at Edelweiss for this show`` mentioned Ladouceur who captured his third feature race in a row. ``We have a 6-hour drive for tomorrow night and start back again with hopefully the same results`` noted Ladouceur ending his interview.

In the 50-lap Semi-Pro feature, Bruno Boivin took the early lead with Alex Gagnon in second and Mark Trudeau in third. Boivin built himself a good lead in the first few laps but Gagnon was getting closer as the first caution came out on lap 5. Boivin stayed first with Gagnon on his back bumper. Gagnon was using the inside lane to challenge Boivin but he was able to resist. Yellow came out on lap 13 for Stéphane Carrière who had issues with his car. Boivin had a good start over Gagnon and Trudeau. John Benard stopped in turn 3 and caution came out. The leader got disqualified because if was not Boivin in the car. Alex Gagnon is now the leader. Gagnon took the lead over Alain Proulx and Trudeau. Stéphane Carrière brought the caution in the backstretch on lap 23 and caution was slowed. On the green lights, Gagnon kept the top spot over Trudeau who took second over Proulx. The top 3 cars got away from the rest of the field as the feature reached the halfway point. Charles Galipeau slowed and the caution came on the field on lap 31. Gagnon stayed first with Proulx back in second and Trudeau in third. Alain Proulx used the top lane to pass Gagnon on lap 34 but the 22-car was still with him when Richard Brady brought caution on lap 36. On the restart, Gagnon took back the lead over Trudeau with Nico Leblanc now in the mix in fourth spot. Trudeau was trying to take the lead over Gagnon but the leader resisted with only 5 laps to go. Gagnon led the final laps to win his third feature in a row over Trudeau and Proulx completed the top 3.

In the 12-lap Mod-Lite feature, Charles Legendre took the early lead with Richard Renaud and Dean Pronovost. At the halfway point, Legendre still first with Pronovost right behind him. Pronovost did a rollover on lap 10 and the red flag came out. Charles Legendre led the final laps to win his first feature of the season over Richard Renaud and Dave Bell.

It will be the last race of the season with the annual enduro race presented on Saturday, September 19 with a 100-lap feature race for the 8 cylinders, 50 laps for the 6 cylinders and 50 laps for the 4 cylinders. The first feature will start at 2pm. The pits will open at 10pm and the general admission will open at noon.

### **Mr. DIRTcar Pro Stock Championship Series Race #5 (100 laps)**

Joey Ladouceur, Pete Stefanski, Stéphane Lebrun, PJ Peters, Ghyslain Valade, Jocelyn Roy, Allen Peters, Corey Wheeler, Bruno Cyr, Dion Oakes, Rob Yetman, Dave

Bissonnette, Don Carlson, Sean Corr, David Papineau, Chris Tremblay, Michel Desjardins, Louie Jackson, Ricky Thompson, Rock Aubin

**Semi-Pro Feature Results (50 laps)**

Alex Gagnon, Mark Trudeau, Alain Proulx, Nico Leblanc, Gaetan Amesse, Stéphane Carrière, Sébastien Bigras, Guy Régimbald, Richard Brady, Charles Galipeau, Jonathan Galipeau, Jason Lamothe, John Benard, André Mainville (DNS), Martin Robertson (DNS), Bruno Boivin (DQ)

**Mod-Lite Feature Results (12 laps)**

Charles Legendre, Richard Renaud, Dave Bell, Clara Ericksen, Patrick Pronovost, Dean Pronovost, Chloé Ericksen

**Petro Marché Tassé 307 Halfway Bonus Winner:** Charles Legendre

**Quickie Stores Halfway Bonus Winner:** Alex Gagnon

**Kenyon Race Parts Hard Luck Award Winner:** Guy Régimbald

**Babe Design Early Bird:** Clara Ericksen