



**Steve Poirier wins his 10<sup>th</sup> feature of the year in the Empire Super Sprints and Sébastien Bigras is victorious in the 50-lap Semi-Pro feature.**

Cantley, PQ – Friday, September 19, 2008 – Martin Bélanger – Edelweiss Speedway was presenting his final program of the 2008 season with the visit of the Empire Super Sprints plus a 50-lap Semi-Pro feature event, a double feature for the 4 cylinders, the Mod-Lite and the 4-wheelers completed the show.

Steve Poirier and Jeff Cook led a strong field of 20 cars in the 25-lap Empire Super Sprints Feature race. Cook took the early lead from the outside with Poirier second and Bergeron in third. The leader quickly got into traffic with only 4 laps down. Poirier used the inside lane to take the lead on lap 5. Alain Bergeron passed Cook for second on the seventh lap but lost a little bit of ground and Cook regain second. While Poirier was alone in front Lance Yonge was now moving in second with Parent now cracking the top 5. Poirier had a stretch lead with 10 laps to go as the battle for the other top 5 positions was going on. April Wilson brought the yellow on lap 19. It only took 4 minutes to complete the first 19. On the restart, Poirier quickly grabbed the lead with Yonge and Parent completing the trio. Poirier led the final laps to capture his tenth feature of the year in the Empire Super Sprints, Yonge finishes second, Michael Parent third, Alain Bergeron fourth and Brian McDonald completes the top 5.

A total of 21 cars took the initial green in the 50-lap Semi-Pro feature race. Guy Régimbald took the lead; Daniel Guindon and Stéphane Carrière followed him. Guindon uses the inside lane to take the lead while Mark Trudeau was strong from the outside and took third. The yellow comes out on the ninth lap. Régimbald took the lead over Guindon. Alain Proulx brought the yellow on the 13<sup>th</sup> lap. Régimbald stays first with Guindon second and Nico Leblanc now in third, Leblanc is now on the backbumper of Guindon and does battle for second but the 04-car resists. Guindon makes a great move in the back chute and takes the lead on the 26<sup>th</sup> laps when Raymond Joannis loses a wheel and yellow comes out. An accident comes on the restart and the leader is involved and Nico Leblanc becomes the new leader. Leblanc has a good start from the outside and Trudeau uses the same lane to grab second but he his the back of a slower car and brings the yellow on lap 29. While Leblanc is alone in front, a good battle occurs between 3 cars for second and it's Sébastien Bigras the winner with 19 laps to go. Leblanc who was the leader has issues with his car and headed to the pits and Bigras herited of the lead on lap 36. Régimbald that was running second stops in the backstretch on lap 42. Bigras had company with Boivin on the restart with Michel Desjardins in third with 5 laps to go.

Boivin was still in the chase of Bigras but he was able to resist in the final laps to win the feature over Boivin and Desjardins completed the podium.

In the second 4 cylinders feature, Martin Bernard took the lead and led the first 8 laps when he had problems with his car and Martin Lagacé is the new leader. Jacques Boisclair flipped in the backstretch and the red flag was out on the ninth lap. Lagacé had a good start and led the final laps to win his second feature of the year over Jean-Marc Larose and Nicolas Malette.

In the 4 cylinders feature of August 22nd, Martin Bernard took the lead on the second laps and dominated the 12-lap event to win his seventh feature of the season in front of Jean-Marc Larose and Martin Lagacé who completes the podium. With his win, Bernard wins the 2008 point's title with a 22-point priority over the 2007 champ, Martin Lagacé.

Martin Bérard and Jonathan Jans won the feature in the 4-wheeler races.

A great car counts in the ESS with 20 sprint cars that showed up and also a great showing for the 50-lap Semi-Pro feature with 21 cars. The track was in superb shape and the racing was really exciting. Edelweiss Speedway would like to thank drivers, sponsors and most especially the race fans that supported the track over the season.

Edelweiss Speedway will be back in 2009 with another great racing season !

#### **Empire Super Sprints Feature Results (25 laps)**

Steve Poirier, Lance Yonge, Michael Parent, Alain Bergeron, Brian McDonald, Jeff Cook, Lee Ladouceur, Doug Emery, Tim Kelly, Chris Jones, Rick Wilson, Tommy Wickham, Normand Beaudreault, Mike Stelter, Bubby Kerrick, Justin Harris, Anthony Cain, April Wilson, Kyle Wilson, Dave Renaud,

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

Sébastien Bigras, Bruno Boivin, Michel Desjardins, Alexandre Gagnon, Charles Galipeau, Richard Brady, Gaetan Amesse, Roger Villeneuve, Guy Régimbald, Nico Leblanc, Jocelyn Ducharme, Mark Trudeau, Daniel Guindon, Jonathan Galipeau, André Huot, Raymond Joannis, John Benard, Brian Rochon, Alain Proulx, Stéphane Carrière, Michel Hamelin

#### **4 cylinders Feature Results (12 laps)**

Martin Lagacé, Jean-Marc Larose, Nicolas Malette, Jacques Boisclair, Gabriel Mercier, Martin Bernard

#### **4 cylinders Feature Results (12 laps)**

Martin Bernard, Jean-Marc Larose, Martin Lagacé, Jacques Boisclair, Gabriel Mercier, Nicholas Malette, Alexandre Pilon

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

Dean Pronovost, Wyatt Mullin, Christian Pronovost, Dave Bell, Patrick Pronovost,  
Robinson, Carla Ericksen, Pat Bell