



The Doctor Danny Johnson made a house call at Edelweiss Speedway and won the Gauvreau Top-Soil 100!!!

Cantley, PQ – Thursday, July 1st, 2010 – Martin Bélanger – What a night of racing at Edelweiss Speedway with the presentation of the MrDIRTcar Series in the 358-Modified along with the Semi-Pro, Mod-Lite and Mini-Stock. One the finest field ever at Edelweiss with 38 modifieds in the pits as Gauvreau Top-Soil was the major sponsor of the night.

A solid field of 32 modifieds took the green in the Gauvreau Top-Soil 100 as Pete Bicknell took the early lead with Bobby Herrington and Luke Whitteker behind him. Bicknell got into heavy on lap 10 and managed to keep his advantage over the two young guns. Danny O'Brien was on the move as he got closer to Whitteker for third with David Hebert completing the top 5. The first yellow came on lap 20, as we are counting the caution from lap 75. The race went back on green conditions on lap 25 and Bicknell stayed first with Danny O'Brien taking second spot from his fourth starting spot. Tim O'Brien was now in fourth position after passing Whitteker. Mario Clair cracked the top 5 on lap 30 by passing Whitteker. The top lane seemed to work well as O'Brien was now racing side by side with Bicknell with 65 laps to go. A 3-way battle was going on also for third between Herrington, Clair and Tim O'Brien. The car on the move as the yellow came back on lap 38, was Danny Johnson who now in 7th position after starting 22nd. An accident occurred in turn 4 on that lap. The green lights came back on lap 45, Bicknell in first with O'Brien and Mario Clair charging hard and David Hebert now in fourth. Local driver Eric Gauvreau took fifth over Herrington on lap 48. At the halfway point, Bicknell, Danny O'Brien, Mario Clair, Hebert and Eric Gauvreau were your top 5. Gauvreau was running the high lane and passed Hebert for fourth. We now had a 3-way battle for second with Clair, O'Brien and Gauvreau. Clair finally took second on lap 57. Danny Johnson was now in the top 5 with 41 laps to go in the finale. The "doctor" passed O'Brien on lap 61 for third spot. Johnson then passed Clair for second on lap 63 using the inside lane as the leaders were in heavy traffic. Bicknell had about a 5-car length on Johnson with 70 laps in the books. Gauvreau was now in fourth spot with Hebert in the mix as Johnson was now on the back bumper of Bicknell. Johnson passed Bicknell on lap 76 and was now the new leader. The top 2 cars were racing side by side. Johnson built himself 3-car length over Bicknell with 20 laps to go. Clair got close to Bicknell for the second spot while Hebert managed to pass Gauvreau for 4th on lap 89. Clair used the high lane top pass Bicknell and took second with 8 laps to be completed. Danny Johnson managed to lead the final laps to capture the win over Clair, Bicknell, Hebert and Eric Gauvreau completed the top 5.

The final 55 laps were run on green conditions... Eric Gauvreau was the best local and had his best run ever with a fifth place in a MrDIRTcar event...A quality field with nearly 15 former track champions and the last 3 MrDIRTcar Champion present (Planck, Bicknell and Clair)... an international flavour field with 2 states (Vermont and New York) and 2 provinces represented (Quebec and Ontario)...One of the best 100-lap event run at Edelweiss with 2,3 and 4-wide racing around the track as it widened up as the feature was run...dry and slick conditions was excellent on equipment with 30 cars out of 32 completing the event.

We started the night with the remainder of the Semi-Pro feature with 8 laps to go. Trudeau gains the lead with Alain Proulx and Nico Leblanc. The #30 car was now second when caution came out with 5 laps to go. Trudeau was again in the lead but caution came out again. On the restart, Trudeau again in front when Nico Leblanc spun out and lost his second spot with 11 laps down. Trudeau maintained the lead with Bruno Boivin now behind him with 2 laps to go as caution came out. On the restart, Mark Trudeau spun out and gave the lead to Bruno Boivin. He led the final laps to capture his second feature of the season.

In the second Semi-Pro feature race, Nico Leblanc continued to prove his domination by winning his fifth feature of the season, Leblanc was challenged by Mark Trudeau and Bruno Boivin has the 3 drivers ran closely during the 15-lap event. Guy Regimbald and Alain Proulx completed the top 5.

In the 12-lap Mod-Lite feature, Sylvain Erickson dominated the feature race by leading the feature and won his first race surviving a few cautions. Dean Pronovost finished second and Charles Legendre completed the top 3.

Jean-Marc Larose stayed undefeated in the Mini-Stock class has he finished in front of Gabriel Mercier and David Gélinas.

After having had one best show at Edelweiss, action will continue next week with lone visit of the Southern Ontario Sprints. Several sprint cars will be in attendance. A complete race program will also be on the schedule along with the Chartrand Yamaha 4-wheeler event with the modified category having a night off.

Gauvreau Top-Soil 100 MrDIRTcar 358-Modified Series Feature Results (100 laps)

Danny Johnson, Mario Clair, Pete Bicknell, David Hébert, Eric Gauvreau, Clement Therrien, Danny O'Brien, Tim O'Brien, Jean Boissonneault, Dale Planck, Pat O'Brien, Larry Wight, Bobby Herrington, Luke Whittaker, Steve Bernard, Yan Bussière, Stewart Friesen, Travis Braun, Mat Williamson, Chad Brachmann, Carey Terrance, Pierre Dagenais, Stephane Lafrance, Rick Richner, Jeremy Wilder, Tommy Flannigan, Laurent Ladouceur, Denis Gauvreau, Alan Therrien, Michel Chicoine, Joel Doiron, Brian McDonald

Semi-Pro Feature Results June 25th (15 laps)

Bruno Boivin, Alain Proulx, Nico Leblanc, André Mainville, Jason Lamothe, Mark Trudeau, John Benard, Alex Gagnon, Stéphane Carrière, Benoit Dubois, Kevin Gaudreau, Michel Asselin, Brian Comeau

Semi-Pro Feature Results (15 laps)

Nico Leblanc, Mark Trudeau, Bruno Boivin, Guy Regimbald, Alain Proulx, Stéphane Carrière, André Mainville, Steve Gagné, Jason Lamothe, Alex Gagnon, John Benard, Benoit Dubois (DNS)

Mod-Lite Feature Results (12 laps)

Sylvain Erickson, Dean Pronovost, Charles Legendre, Clara Erickson, Richard Renaud, Mathieu Robinson, Dave Bell, Chloe Erickson, Sylvain Laframboise

Mini-Stock Feature Results (12 laps)

Jean-Marc Larose, Gabriel Mercier, David Gélinas, Luc Bisson