



"BIG WINNERS," BIG RETURNS AND BIG BATTLES ALL APART OF SSW'S WRS August 27, 2009

BIG WINNERS ON LOCKHART TRUCK CENTER NIGHT: THE DOT

Though Enfield's Bug Turple was the big winner on track, there was an even "bigger" winner off the track. Thanks to a roadblock placed on the Sky Blvd (the road to the track), the Department of Transportation along with the RCMP became the big winners of the afternoon, stopping vehicles left, right and center on the way to the track. Even though most of us at the track thought the move was "sly" (among other adjectives), it's a small reminder to keep your trucks and trailers up to date! That, or be one of the dozen or so trailers that got to the track early as the coppers weren't smart enough to set up their roadblock until shortly after the pits opened!

HOPPER HOPES FOR GOOD THINGS IN RETURN

Brett Favre. Michael Jordan. Mario Lemieux. Kenny Hopper.

What do all these athletes have in common? They all "retired" from their sport before making a comeback years later. Why you may ask is the latter included in this group? That is because Lakeside's Kenny Hopper is making his return to Scotia Speedworld this Friday night on Kiddie Night in the Miller Tire Lightning class!

"I can't wait to get back racing on Friday," Kenny told me earlier in the week. Fans will remember Hopper for the green #107 Hyundai he drove to second in points a few years back in the class. Recently, Kenny has been working on the Scotia Speedworld Clean-Up Crew, but going around the track in the truck picking up debris and laying down stay-dry doesn't stack up to being behind the wheel of a racecar.

Watch for Hopper in his red and black Lightning car entry this Friday night as he makes his return to the class presented by Miller Tire!

SPORTSMAN RETURN TO GRID AT SCOTIA SPEEDWORLD

With an off-week last race day, the C&R Auto Supply Sportsman cars are ready to go green again on Kiddie Night. West Chezzetcook's Terry Roma has a small 15-point advantage on second place point man Jeff Dillman (Musquodoboit), but with the top seven within forty markers with two races to go the points crown is up for grabs! One slip up by one of the top seven could eliminate them from the title picture. Though the point picture will be one to watch, all of the twenty plus drivers that show up each week have one thing in mind – catching a checkered flag in the final two events of the season! You'll have to be there Friday night to find out who takes a step towards the championship and who will wave the checkered flag after their 25-lap main feature!

MACCALLUM LOOKS TO TAKE BIG STEP TOWARDS THUNDER TITLE

Though it'll be difficult to mathematically clinch the Miller Tire Thunder championship this week, Lower Sackville's Derek MacCallum can take one step forward in his effort this week to lock down the title for next week. With a driver being able to earn a maximum 110-points per race and MacCallum having a

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seventy four and seventy five point lead on second and third in the points, he would have to gain just under forty points on both drivers to be able to clinch the title heading into Finale Friday. Now, we had a record thirty-six cars this season attempt to qualify for a main feature. If we had that many again, the least amount of points a driver could end up with would be 40 points. Which would mean, by my rough calculations (and I mean very rough), if MacCallum comes to Scotia Speedworld next week with a 70-point lead over second place, all he'd have to do is take a green flag in a feature to be crowned the 2009 champion!

The question: Can Derek maintain his point lead this week and make his championship clincher a lot easier on Finale Friday? Be at Scotia this week to find out!

SAME GOES FOR MICHAUD JR. IN THE LIGHTNING

With an average of twenty or so drivers showing up each week in the Lightning class, if Dan Michaud Jr. (Cole Harbour) can take a fifty point lead over second into Finale Friday next weekend, all the #119 R&R Kinsman Auto Salvage Neon would have to do is start the main feature to become champion in the division. Michaud currently has a forty point advantage over second place, the '06 champ Russell Smith Jr. (Lakeside). The two have battled hard all season long and with anything and everything that could happen in this sport of stock car racing – the battle won't be deemed official until they cross the stripe on Finale Night next week!

RACINGSPECTATOR.CA DOTY VOTING OPENED

RacingSpectator.ca has their annual Driver of the Year voting fired up! Fans had the opportunity in the past two weeks to nominate their favorite driver for the award. Up in the Scotia Speedworld category include Sportsman drivers Jeff Dillman and Harry Ross White (Noel Road), Thunder standout Kyle Gammon, '06 Bandolero champ DJ Casey (Prospect Road) and Lightning rookie and winner of a quartet of main features in '09, Trevor Smith (Timberlea). Go to RacingSpectator.ca to check out the vote and all the Maritime Racing news and info Bruce and Bea have put together!

YOUR CALL, WHO WINS WHAT NEXT WEEK?

Next week will be my "number crunching" issue of Tim's Corner – analyzing the point races heading into Finale Friday. Yes, I know, I already started putting together some numbers here and it will continue next week with the tight battles in the C&R Auto Supply Sportsman, Lockhart Truck Center Hobby Stock, Legend and Sojourn Signs Bandolero divisions! Who do you think will win the last feature races of 2009 in each of our divisions? What about the championships, who is gonna win those? Send me an email at timscorner@timterryonline.com to make your predictions and you could score yourself some bragging rights with your friends when your drivers win on Finale Friday!

That'll do it for now, join us Friday at the track for some more great Weekly Racing Series action. Until then, keep the hammer down and we'll see you at the track!