



Schrader A Class Act

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If you were at Scotia Speedworld last weekend you witnessed NASCAR Legend Ken Schrader behind the wheel of the #75 R&R Kinsman Auto Salvage Ford Fusion through the carnage in his heat race to a fourth place finish in the 50-lap main feature. Not only was he a treat on track, he was a gentleman off the track as well, taking the time to talk to those who stopped at his pit before the race as well as signing autographs after the event!

Rumors are abound as well that an up and coming stock car star is heading our way on finale weekend to run in the Legends double header. More news on that expected next week!

BONIN DONE FOR SEASON

There's a saying out there that states that it's all fun and games until someone loses an eye. Stock car racing is the same thing, though Glen Haven's Jon Bonin didn't lose an eye. After an incident at the checkered flag with Paul Shore, Bonin's #8 R&R Pools Civic is bent beyond repair for the final three races of the season and appears to be done for 2009.

"We took a look at it on Wednesday and it is bent up," Bonin said on Thursday morning. "It's sad that that happened. Still haven't talked to the #6 car yet, but now I have a car that'll likely take all winter to repair thanks to what happened racing for a spot in the "B" feature."

"I hate it for my sponsors. Vinyl World Signs, R&R Pools, Second Coat Painting Services, Juniper Campground, as well as my parents, friends, and cousins that have been with me since the start. We'll be back next year ready to go again!"

Rumors are that Jon was offered a car to hop in and finish the rest of the season, only time will tell if we see him back behind the wheel this season.

SPEAKING OF THUNDER DRIVERS...

If you saw the CBC News on Tuesday night, you saw a couple of "thrill seekers" jumping waves after Hurricane Bill rolled through the area. If you think you've heard their names before, you have! Jason Lunn and Danny Eisenhower have been sharing the wheel of the #4 No Bull Auto Sales Civic in the Miller Tire Thunder class this season and were featured on CBC for their wave jumping! You can see the No Bull Auto #5 Civic on track this week in the Thunder class – no word yet whether Jason or Danny will be back this Friday night behind the wheel of car #4.

GAUDET THRASHES AND BANGS WAY TO FOURTH IN DERBY

The Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition in Bible Hill always puts up thrills for the patrons who congregate to the small village outside Truro this week every year. Last year it was Cody Singer putting up a strong finish for the Scotia Speedworld regulars in the 4-cylinder demolition derby at the "EX" and this year it was Legend driver Tony Gaudet, Jr. Gaudet entered two cars in the event and in the end he smashed his way to fourth in the grey #36 Gaudet's Septic Pumping Dodge. The demolition derby for the six and eight cylinder cars goes on Thursday night while Tony and friends will be busy on Friday as they take centre stage at Scotia Speedworld apart of the Weekly Racing Series Legend class!

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600 RACING'S WEEKLY DIVISIONS FEATURE TIGHT BATTLES

SOJOURN SIGNS BANDOLEROS

Last year it was the Bandolero boys separated by a few points for the title. This season it has been Brad Eddy and DJ Casey racing up front and eyeing the big trophy. Both are Canadian INEX Champions in the class but Eddy is still chasing that Scotia Speedworld Track Championship. Now, Brad has told me time and time again he is not looking at points and with just three to go for the “young guns,” that mentality probably won't be changing – that thinking got the #1 Sojourn Signs Bandolero to the front and to many checkered flags this season, right?

Last season at the Banquet, DJ Casey told me “this trophy (Most Sportsmanlike Driver) is right up there with my championship, but I'd like to get another championship next year.” It is in reach for the #8 Never Greener team and with only five points between the top two with three races to go, it could go either way.

Also mathematically involved in the championship are '07 and '08 track champs Shelby Baker and Dylan Blenkhorn. Two points separate the two and they are only twenty nine and thirty one points respectively behind the leader. They will need to get up on the wheel in the last three races, but that's what champs are made of, right?

Rounding out the top five in points is last season's co-Rookie of the Year Brad Bevan. Bevan sits forty-six points out of fourth but will have to be on his toes in the final few events as “Miss Rawdon Rocket” Emily Meehan is only four markers out of the top five in sixth place. Once again, the points picture in the Sojourn Signs Bandoleros is tight and anything could happen as we enter Lockhart Truck Center Night on Friday.

LEGENDS

One point. What is one point in a race at Scotia Speedworld? A simple heat race position is all that one point is and that is all that is between championship contenders Justin MacNeill and Scott MacLean! The two have company for the point championship chase as four others are within fifty points of the championship and all are hungry at a shot at the title!

Matt Moore has shown he is poised for a championship in the Legends as he is still very much involved in the title picture, just twenty four points out of the lead spot with two races to go for the division! He isn't alone though as Ray Cox Jr and Ed Hayden are tied, just nine points behind Moore in the standings. Rounding out the top six in the championship picture is Geoff Bevan in the Tom's Family Restaurant #43. Bevan sits a mere fourteen points out of the tie for fourth in points and just forty-seven out of what would be his first Legends title. We should have a little more clear picture after this week's 25-lap event as the drivers will once again be going for the checkered flag again on Lockhart Truck Centre Night!

Lots of storylines to follow this Friday night as we go full throttle in five divisions as part of the Weekly Racing Scene at Scotia Speedworld – we hope you can be there for it! Until then, keep the hammer down and we'll see you at the track!