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## **DIRTcar Racing Northeast Weekly Points Update: Regional Point Charts Show Little Change Even As Open-Wheel Circuit Shifts Into High Gear**

**Weedsport, NY – May 18, 2010** – Mid-May marked the first full weekend of open-wheel racing scheduled on the DIRTcar Northeast circuit with only Canandaigua Speedway (curfew) and Autodrome Granby (rain) among the 20 weekly affiliates held back from issuing regional points toward the respective title hunts in Big-Block, 358-Modified and Sportsman Modified competition.

Small-Block teams chasing the overall Hoosier Tire-VP Racing Fuels Mr. DIRTcar Championship make their tour debut this coming week on Victoria Day (May 24) at Merrittville (Ont.) Speedway while Billy Decker returns to Cayuga County Fair Speedway on May 30 of Memorial Day Weekend for the next Big-Block Series showdown. Sportsman contenders make their way to Cornwall (Ont.) Motor Speedway for round two on June 13 with opening-day victor Steve Gray ahead in the standings.

The top-3 Big-Block runners in DIRTcar Northeast's Central Region won over the past weekend, with division leader Matt Sheppard (5 wins), Jimmy Phelps and Alan Johnson rising to the top after 35-lap feature race triumphs. Bobby Varin retained his spot atop the Eastern points chart while fellow Glen Ridge Motorsports Park campaigner Craig Hanson vaulted from 5<sup>th</sup> to second after his initial win of 2010. Jeremiah Shingledecker captured his second straight victory at Tri-City (Pa.) Speedway to remain the best in the West prepping for the BRP-Hoosier Modified Tour lid-lifter this coming Friday at Lernerville (Pa.) Speedway.

Second-generation chauffeur Tim O'Brien reclaimed his lead position in the 358-Modified Northern Region ahead of division rookie Matt Billings fresh off his first career Small-Block feature win Sunday at Cornwall Motor Speedway. Chad Brachmann is showing how the West may be won as he maintained a solid advantage competing at Ransomville, Merrittville and Humberstone speedways over the past weekend.

The 'Teenage Tornado' Chris Raabe tightened his grip on the Northern division Sportsman field with two more checkered flags to become the first four-time feature winner this season. D.J. Brundige took his initial lead in the Eastern Region while Steve Gray (Central) and Ryan Susice (Western) remained the men to beat in their respective area point battles.

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**DIRTcar Racing Northeast Point Standings (as of May 17, 2010):**

**BIG-BLOCK SUPER DIRTcar SERIES POINTS**

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Billy Decker	201
2	Matt Sheppard	200
3	Michael Storms	162
4	Dale Planck	159
5	Pat Ward	159
6	Brett Hearn	158
7	Billy Dunn	145
8	Danny Johnson	131
9	Justin Haers	130
10	Jimmy Phelps	129
11	Stewart Friesen	121
12	Ryan Phelps	121
13	Larry Wight	117
14	Steve Paine	110
15	Gary Tomkins	104

**SPORTSMAN MODIFIED SERIES POINTS**

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Steve Gray	100
2	Chris Raabe	95
3	Donnie Lawson	90
4	Ryan Susice	85
5	Eric Giguere	80
6	Brady Fultz	76
7	Mark Chiddy	72
8	Dan Wiesner	68
8	Loren Lincoln	65
10	Jesse Cotriss	62
11	Shane Pecore	60
12	Fran Hilton	58
13	Daryl Hilkert	56
14	Rob Richmond Jr.	54
15	Mark Dixon	52

**BIG-BLOCK MODIFIED REGIONAL POINTS**

**CENTRAL (Best 15)**

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Matt Sheppard	529
2	Jimmy Phelps	466

3	Alan Johnson	390
4	Billy Decker	382
5	Billy Dunn	354
6	Steve Paine	354
7	Ryan Phelps	352
8	Larry Wight	328
9	Rob Bellinger	324
10	Michael Storms	309
11	Tom Sears Jr.	282
12	Pat Ward	276
13	Danny Johnson	265
14	Willy Decker	246
15	Justin Haers	246

EASTERN (Best 12)

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Bob Varin	206
2	Craig Hanson	187
3	JaMike Sowle	186
4	Jeremy Wilder	180
5	Jackie Brown	179
5	Mike Ronca	178
7	Paul Kinney	169
8	Kenny Tremont Jr.	166
9	Jim Davis	156
10	Kenny Anatriello	150
11	Rich Price	144
12	Mark Flach Jr.	144
13	J.R. Heffner	142
14	Andy Bachetti	142
15	Don Mattison	141

WESTERN (Best 12)

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Jer. Shingledecker	304
2	Mike Turner	266
3	Dean Pearson	257
4	Kevin Bolland	254
5	Dave Murdick	236
6	Brian Swartzlander	216
7	Del Rougeux Jr.	204
8	Carl Murdick	196
9	Rex King	158
10	Jim Weller Jr.	154
11	Erik Martin	152
12	Shawn Fleeger	132

13	Don Brown	130
14	Rex King Jr.	128
15	Steve Feder	124

### **358-MODIFIED REGIONAL POINTS**

#### **NORTHERN (Best 15)**

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Tim O'Brien	316
2	Matt Billings	310
3	Luke Whitteker	298
4	Laurent Ladouceur	259
5	Eric Gauvreau	240
5	Brian McDonald	236
7	Dave Heaslip	236
8	Mitch Jock	224
9	Kayle Robidoux	224
9	Carey Terrance	221
11	John Lazore	212
12	Todd Stewart	197
13	Perry Francis	188
14	Denis Gauvreau	174
15	Gage Morin	167

#### **WESTERN (Best 12)**

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Chad Brachmann	328
2	Mat Williamson	288
3	Todd Gordon	280
4	Pete Bicknell	246
5	Tommy Flannigan	239
6	Robbie Krull	236
7	James M. Friesen	224
8	Scott Wood	206
8	Mike Bowman	202
10	Bill Bleich	198
11	Rob Pietz	198
11	Fred Carleton	194
13	Boyd MacTavish	192
14	Rick Richner	190
15	Richie Vinson	182

### **SPORTSMAN MODIFIED REGIONAL POINTS**

#### **NORTHERN (Best 12)**

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Chris Raabe	378
2	Shane Pecore	244

3	Dylan Evoy	244
4	Brent Kelsey	200
5	Josh Van Brocklin	178
6	Christine Martin	177
7	Adam Turner	168
8	Steve Barber	166
9	Dillon Sallows	160
10	Matt Hulsizer	154
11	Brad Winters	152
12	Brandon Hagan	142
13	Tim Sears Jr	140
14	Dana Aikins	130
15	Sheldon Hoogwerf	125

EASTERN (Best 10)

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	D.J. Brundige	192
2	John Marsh	186
3	Tony Farone	182
4	Bodie Bellinger	176
5	Brain Pessolano	171
6	Greg Pessolano	170
7	Chris Schaffer	170
8	Justin Boehler	163
8	Chuck Allen	162
10	Ricky Quick	133
11	Dave Herrick	121
12	Mike Burdo	115
13	Leo Sousie	113
14	Mike Tholin	110
15	Dave Constantino	110

CENTRAL (Best 15)

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Steve Gray	280
2	Tom Juhl	252
3	Eric Giguere	204
4	Tim Sears Jr.	196
5	Justin Wright	193
6	Jeremy Pitcher	180
7	Adam Hilton	175
8	Dan Wiesner	168
9	Earl Rudy	150
10	Mark Chiddy	148
11	Rob Humphreys	144
12	Ricky Newton	141

13	Paul Guererri	140
14	James Spano	138
15	Fran Hilton	120

#### WESTERN (Best 15)

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Ryan Susice	369
2	Brad Rouse	355
3	Greg Panunte	318
4	Rick Bellante	282
5	B.J. Willard	276
6	Cody McPherson	264
7	Don Spatorico	236
8	Nick Cupolo	230
9	Rob Murray	225
10	Adam Leslie	199
11	Mark Dixon	196
12	Jipp Ortiz	146
13	Justin Wright	146
14	Brandon Easey	142
15	Curtis Friesen	125

DIRTcar Racing Northeast main office is located in Weedsport, New York on the Cayuga County Fairgrounds, home of **DIRTcar All-Star Weekend** in July. DIRTcar Northeast's crown jewel event ---**Super DIRT Week** at the New York State Fairgrounds in Syracuse runs annually in October featuring Hoosier Tire-VP Racing Fuels Mr. DIRTcar Championship Series events for Big-Block Modified, 358-Modified, Sportsman and Pro Stock divisions. Ticket and schedule information is available by contacting the Weedsport office (315/834-6606) during the day or logging into [www.allstar100weekend.com](http://www.allstar100weekend.com) and [www.superdirtweekonline.com](http://www.superdirtweekonline.com) anytime.

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