

Brockville Ontario Speedway
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Victory lane photos courtesy of Henry Hannewyk

LaFrance wins his second in a classic, Mike Mainse becomes a DIRT winner

BROCKVILLE-The season of barn burner finishes in the 358 Modified division at Brockville Ontario Speedway continued on Saturday night as Stephane LaFrance held off a determined Matt Billings at the finish line for his second win of the season. Then just minutes later, Kingston's Mike Mainse, a regular competitor for the past couple of seasons, grabbed his first ever DIRT Sportsman feature at the Beast of the East.

LaFrance, who now has 6 total feature wins on the season in his home built chassis quickly grabbed the lead in the 30 lap event. Billings meanwhile slowly worked his way to the front just after the lone caution flag in the race came just past the midway mark. The youngster finally caught the 115 with five laps remaining just as the pair was headed into heavy lapped traffic. Billings went three wide a couple of times finally claiming the top spot on lap 27 for a moment. LaFrance then went three wide himself to retake the top spot and held off the 17 year old in the dash to the line in a battle that had the entire grandstand on the edge of their seat. Danny O'Brien flew around the top of the race track in the late going for another podium finish in front of Jason Riddell and points leader Pat O'Brien.

Mainse, had a little easier time in comparison, he started near the front in the 25 lap affair that featured a number of early cautions. However, once the 6m was in the lead it was game over as he was able to cruise away from the rest with ease. An ear to ear grin came from the face of the winner as he greeted a slew of well wishers after career DIRT win number one. Sheldon Hoogwerf ran a consistent race for second, with Dave Wilgosh, Dylan Evoy and Chris Herbison third through fifth respectively. Herbison was fortunate to be able to pick up a ride in Shane Pecore's back up car after his had engine trouble earlier in the night.

Alex Gagnon was the best of a larger than usual Street Stock field as he captured the 15 lapper over Nick Gauvreau. Points leader Kevin Fetterly came back to finish third after being sent to the back after a three car battle for the lead got a little physical early on. Brian Billings and Brock Cullen rounded out the fast five. Jean Marc Larose continued his dominance in the Rookie class, getting past Brandon Henderson just past the half way point and holding on from there for the triumph. Henderson was second in front of Joe McNichols, Andrew Giroux and John Gifford.

Brockville Ontario Speedway returns to action, next Saturday night, July 17th with a mid season tripleheader featuring the DIRT 358 Modifieds, DIRT Sportsman and the winged warriors of Sprint Cars all on the same program. The green flag drops at 7 pm.

Modifieds 30 laps: Stephane LaFrance, Matt Billings, Danny O'Brien, Jason Riddell, Pat O'Brien, Adam Moore, Tim O'Brien, Pierre Dagenais, Gage Morin, Kyle Dingwall, Dave Heaslip, Bobby Herrington, Bill Gill, Ryan Poole, Brian McDonald, John Mulder, Andy Lloyd, Billy Cook, Dave Austin, Ryan Helms, Joe Banks, Todd Stewart, Bryan Rogers

Sportsman 25 laps: Mike Mainse, Sheldon Hoogwerf, Dave Wilgosh, Dylan Evoy, Chris Herbison, Dana Aikins, Shane Pecore, Adam Turner, Roger Varacalli, Steve Billings, Luke Stewart, Bruce Makinson, Tabatha Murphy, Jessica Power, Jeff Phillips, Jason Cummings, Todd Ferguson, Adam Trickey, Ryan Buzzell, Kenny Polite, Doug O'Brien, Steve Barber, Tom Benedict, Randy Earl, Chris Raabe, Josh Kane, Chris McClelland

Street Stocks 15 laps: Alex Gagnon, Nick Gauvreau, Kevin Fetterly, Brian Billings, Brock Cullen, Stephane Bussiere, Jason Lamothe, Steve Kearney, Derrick Eaton, Alex Burke, Selena Simzer, Todd Raabe, Keith Topping, Art Brown, Danny Mocibob, Brian Comeau

Rookies 16 laps: Jean Marc Larose, Brandon Henderson, Joe McNichols, Andrew Giroux, John Gifford, Chris Lloyd, Dwight Feltham, Colin Tracey, Jordan Pugh, Brad McEachern, Scott Walldrif, Richard Snyder, John Stanley, Ben Bond, Josh Kirkland, Nolan Swamp, Ron Day and Jason Bilow.