



## David Hébert winner of the Lucas Oil Canadian DIRT Challenge at Autodrome Drummond

Drummondville, PQ – Saturday, July 18, 2009 – Martin Bélanger – The Lucas Oil Canadian DIRT Series stayed in Quebec for a second night in a row, as Autodrome Drummond was the host of the 3<sup>rd</sup> race of the series, a total of 36 drivers signed in the pits to try and compete in the 100-lap feature race paying a cool \$3,000 to the winner.

Joel Doiron and Dominic Dufault were at the front of the 30-car field that started the 100-lap feature. Doiron took the early lead but had Dufault on the outside groove, he used that lane to grab the lead on the second lap, while Steve Bernard was closely in third, Doiron was still strong from the inside as both cars were racing side by side with 6 laps down, both lanes seemed to work great as many drivers were swapping positions in the top 10. Dufault had built himself a good lead over Doiron who was challenged by Bernard for second from the outside. The top 3 cars were racing together as the first 20 laps went quickly, Doiron was able gain back the lead on that same lap, as François Bernier was now third. David Hébert who start tenth was now fourth as the leader got in traffic as the first caution came out at lap 25 for Steve Bernard who had strong race up front. Doiron had a strong start has another caution came on the following lap for Yan Bussière. Doiron still in front as Dufault and Hébert were charging on him. Dufault regained the lead from the outside on lap 29. The leader in the points, Mario Clair was now fourth after starting in the twelve spot. Hébert was now challenging Dufault for the lead and took the top spot from the inside on lap 35. Mario Clair used the same lane to grab second as Alex Boisvert stopped in the backstretch and yellow came out on lap 40. Hébert and Clair were side-by-side quickly took a good lead on the rest of the field, as Clément Therrien had now cracked in the top 5. Therrien seemed strong as he pulled away in third and tried to gain ground on the top 2.

At the halfway point, the top 5 were, Hébert, Clair, Therrien, Doiron and Dufault. Dufault had issues with his car on lap 53 for a right rear flat tire. The green went back out but a 3-car accident occurred in the backstretch and yellow came back out immediately. Hébert and Clair were really strong in front as Kayle Robidoux and Michel Chicoine were doing battle for third with 65 laps down. Chicoine pulled away from Robidoux in third, the race went on really quickly as they got to lap 75, the cars were running smoothly on the speedway as the top 5 were spread apart as Hébert was still the leader. Pierre Dagenais who started 17<sup>th</sup>, had made his way to the sixth spot with 10 laps to go. Hébert had a ten-car lead over Clair with 95 laps done. Hébert led the final laps to win his first feature in the Lucas Oil Canadian DIRT Challenge in 2009, Mario Clair finished second, Michel

Chicoine third, Kayle Robidoux fourth and Clement Therrien completed the top 5. The last 40 laps went on green flag conditions.

The series will now have a 2-week break before having a 4-night in a row trip visiting the revamped Mohawk International Raceway on Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, Edelweiss Speedway on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, Brockville Ontario Speedway on Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup> and to cap off the week-end and also the series, Cornwall Motor Speedway on August 2<sup>nd</sup> with a nice \$5,000 to win and also double points for the feature race. Each race will be a 100-lap distance. After 3 events, David Hébert leads the way with 316 points followed by Mario Clair with 309, Kayle Robidoux is third with 239 points, one more than Clement Therrien and Steve Bernard closes out the top 5 with 232 points.

### **Lucas Oil Canadian DIRT Challenge Modified Feature Results (100 laps)**

David Hébert, Mario Clair, Michel Chicoine, Kayle Robidoux, Clément Therrien, Pierre Dagenais, Joel Doiron, Carey Terrance, François Bernier, Dany Bilodeau, Alex Fortier, Alex Boisvert, Alan Therrien, Steve Bernard, Claude Brouillard, Gino Clair, David Langlois, Laurent Ladouceur, Mitch Jock, Jasmin Léveillé, Patrice Demers, Eric Gauvreau, Denis Gauvreau, Alain Boisvert, Dominic Dufault, Sébastien Gougeon, Martin Gagné, Yan Bussière, Jean Boissonneault, Eric Lefebvre

### **Heat 1 Results**

Dominic Dufault, Alex Fortier, François Bernier, Clément Therrien, Pierre Dagenais, Jasmin Léveillé, Eric Landry, Denis Gauvreau, Kayle Robidoux

### **Heat 2 Results**

David Hébert, Steve Bernard, Joel Doiron, Alex Fortier, David Langlois, Eric Lefebvre, Simon Perrault, Alan Therrien, Marc Therrien (DNS)

### **Heat 3 Results**

Gino Clair, Sébastien Gougeon, Mario Clair, Michel Chicoine, Dany Bilodeau, Eric Gauvreau, Alain Boisvert, Gilles Bessette, Éric Bessette

### **Heat 4 Results**

Carey Terrance, Yan Bussière, Martin Gagné, Claude Brouillard, Jean Boissonneault, Laurent Ladouceur, Mitch Jock, Patrice Demers, François Bellemare

### **Consi 1 Results**

Kayle Robidoux, Eric Gauvreau, Alain Boisvert, Denis Gauvreau, Jasmin Léveillé, Gilles Bessette, Eric Bessette, Eric Landry

### **Consi 2 Results**

Alan Therrien, Eric Lefebvre, Mitch Jock, Laurent Ladouceur, Patrice Demers, François Bellemare, Simon Perreault, Marc Therrien (DNS)