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Sixteen-year-old Dave Coursol secures a NASCAR win

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Sports – The Coursol family from Saint-Jérôme will always cherish the memories of the Saturday August 14th evening when they assisted to Dave Coursol's first *Sportsman NASCAR Ippersiel* division career win in Saint-Eustache.

"When I finished the race, I was greeted by my fans, my sponsors, but most importantly, my father who had a tear in his eye," explained the sixteen-year-old driver **Dave Coursol**. It is hard to explain how proud Dave's father **André Coursol** must have been, counting 30 years of racing experience himself.

The *Sportsman NASCAR Ippersiel* division event is divided in two bouts of 50 laps each at the Autodrome St-Eustache. In order to keep the spectators on the edge of their seats, the first eight positions are inverted on the starting grid of the second bout of the race.

On Saturday, Dave Coursol secured the 6th place for the first 50 laps: a result that put him favorably 3rd position on the starting grid for the second 50-lap bout. After battling on the outside of the track, sixteen-year-old Coursol took the lead with exceptional driving at the seventh lap and never lost it. Hi finally resisted an overtaking maneuver by experienced driver **Martin Boulet**.

Rookie of the year?

This victory puts Dave Coursol in the 4th position in the standings. With 10 races left to the season, he's aiming for the Rookie of the Year Award. He's already first in line for this title, since he's been earning top-3 finishes and participating the *Sport Compact NASCAR Lucas Oil* division.

This year marks the first official season in the career of this young driver who was born in a car racing environment and started racing karts when he was four years old. In the future, Dave Coursol plans on rising to the top of other NASCAR series such as the NASCAR Canadian Tire Series and, ultimately, the NASCAR Nationwide Series. Dave Coursol also works as a customer service clerk at the Garage André Coursol in Saint-Jérôme.

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