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Daniel Descoste takes the first and Dave Coursol, the second

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A good and strong start in September at Autodrome St-Eustache speedway

ST-EUSTACHE – In contrast with the previous day, the weather was cool, the clouds were menacing and a rain shower fell right before the first final on Saturday evening, but the ANCA and NASCAR races were held as scheduled at Autodrome St-Eustache speedway. The brave spectators who were there witnessed interesting final races.

In his second participation in the *Sportsman NASCAR Ippersiel* division, veteran Daniel Descoste took advantage of his pole position, the first since winning the qualifying sessions. Even though Jonathan Bouvrette gave him a hard time, Descoste dominated the first of two 50-lap finals. Bouvrette, who started second on the grid after winning the second qualifying session, managed to grab the first position for a short while on the 29th lap.

Known for his aggressiveness, Daniel Descoste refused to throw in the towel and managed to take back the first position without any incident after Jonathan Bouvrette took him by surprise. Descoste went on to win the event and, doing so, he became the sixth different winner of the division in 2010.

“I had trouble with my brake force limiter and the back of the car skid too much in the first final. Even after I passed him, Daniel managed to get the first position back thanks to his racing experience. I was still happy with my second place finish, with the troubles and all,” said Jonathan Bouvrette, the reigning champion of this division at Autodrome St-Eustache speedway.

Experiencing his share of car troubles – broken shock absorber and transmission changed after

the tryouts – the leader in the standings, Steve Côté, was unable to contend for first place, but he finished third, before Jean-François Bouvrette and Stéphane Descoste, in this yellow flag free event.

A sixteen-year-old takes the second

After a six minute break between the two 50-lap finals, the starting order of the first eight positions was reversed, as per the 2010 rules for the event.

This allowed young Dave Coursol, now sure to get the Rookie of the Year title for the *Sportsman NASCAR Ippersiel* division, to start the second final in pole position with Sébastien Dussault at his side on the first line.

As Jonathan Bouvrette, Steve Côté and Daniel Descoste were behind him working hard on getting to the front, the young sixteen-year-old driver from Saint-Jérôme raced flawlessly and made good use of the 4 yellow flags that were waved in the second final.

“The sight of Bouvrette and Côté coming up behind me did nothing to reassure me. Fortunately, I was able to hold on to my first place at the last restart. I’m very happy, because this second win proves that I’m entitled to contend with these guys,” said the young Dave Coursol who, once more, had trouble opening his champagne bottle on the podium.

The Coursol family welcomed this victory in which Dave entered the second best lap time of the race besting Jonathan Bouvrette, Steve Côté, Daniel Descoste and Jean-François Bouvrette. He also matched the number of victories his father earned in this division and he got back in the top 5 of the standings.

With four finals left, Steve Côté is cruising to his first division title with 318 points, followed by Maxime Pelletier with 277 points, who was breaking in a brand new car without participating in the tryouts, Jonathan Bouvrette with 261 points, Jean-François Bouvrette with 219 points, Dave Coursol with 218 points and finally, Martin Goulet with 206 points.



Still first in Sport Compact

The young Dave Coursol also held on to his first position in the *Sport Compact NASCAR Lucas Oil* division standings. He managed to move up from 8th to 5th place with a spectacular passing manoeuvre in the last laps of the 35-lap final. Marc-Antoine Demers grabbed his fifth victory of the 2010 season, getting the better of Claude Salois in the last laps and of Paul Jean and Robin

Harrison as he did last week.

With two finals left to race before the season comes to an end, Dave is in first place with a total of 356 points. He is tailed by Marc-Antoine Demers with 321 points, who passed Stéphane Gauvreau, 318 points. It was another tough evening for Steve Ladouceur who is now 4th in the standings with 306 points, followed by Claude Salois with 263 points.

Benefiting from a favourable position on the starting grid for the *Légende Modifiée ANCA Lettrage Provan* event, Sylvain Denis held on to win the 50-lap final, even as the field of Stéphane Caron, Dany's Campeau, Stéphane Aubin and the young Guillaume Daoust crawled up behind him.

The first final of the evening, in the *Challenge 4 ANCA Meilleur Ramoneur* event, was not an easy race for Michel Legault to win, but he finished first before Dominique Belisle, Buddy Ford, Maxime Latendresse and Francis Daoust. The 25-lap race was intense from start to finish.

The last full program of the 2010 stock car racing season will be presented next Saturday evening. The events of the DMCC Castrol series' Canadian drift championship will be held on Monday.

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