



Sportsman Series

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T.J. Schippling wins inaugural Quick 32 Sportsman Series Event

Lucas Oil Top Dragster entry bests large field at Toronto Motorsports Park Victoria Day Challenge

CAYUGA, ONTARIO (May 17, 2009) – T.J. Schippling won the first Quick 32 Sportsman Series presented by NAPA Auto Parts at the Cayuga Dragway of Toronto Motorsports Park over the Victoria Day Weekend Challenge.

“It’s been a great weekend,” said the Shakespeare, Ontario racer. “We kept the same game plan for the weekend, and the track was great.”

Driving his Top Dragster Schippling ran a 7.418-second, 171.01-mph pass in the final to win over Jeff Gabel of Stratford, Ontario in his 1975 Duster Top Sportsman, who posted a 7.657-second, 175.483-mph clocking. Schippling was dialed in with a 7.38-second index and Gabel was running with a 7.62-second index.

Schippling was pleased and enthusiastic about the new series, which held its inaugural event at Toronto Motorsports Park. The series pairs Top Dragsters against each other, and Top Sportsman against each other, with the finalist in each class going up against each other in the event final.

“This is a great series,” Schippling continued. “I wish it would have started years ago.”

On the dragster side, Todd Hope of Norwich, Ontario, was pitted against Schippling. Hope fouled while Schippling cruised to a win at 7.398-seconds at 164.93 mph. Gable ran a 7.681-second pass on his 7.62-second index with a speed of 171.03 mph, taking out Steve Parkhurst of Belleville, Ontario, with his 1955 Chevy in the Top Sportsman final. Parkhurst, running on a 7.46-second index, ran a 7.503-second, 180.96-mph pass.

Semi-finalists included Spencer Hyde of Stratford, Ontario with his dragster, and Dave Bell of Grand Bend, Ontario in a Dodge Daytona on the Top Sportsman side.



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Ike Maier of Tottenham, Ontario qualified his 1963 Corvette Pro Modified number one for the PMRA season opener, and stayed on top during the weekend to win his first Pro Modified Racing Association event over Jack Grainy of North Tonawanda, New York, in the final.

Special Awards

Auto Meter Products - Event Winner Contingency Award - T.J. Schippling

Bear's Performance Products - Dash 4 Cash Bonus – Jeff Gabel

Mickey Thompson Tires - Event Winner Contingency Award - T.J. Schippling

www.racensur.com Gulfway Insurers - Best Reaction Time & Round Winner – Paul Martin

Needles At Work - Voted by Officials – Spencer Hyde

NOTES...The opening round in the new Quick 32 Sportsman Series was represented by 11 Top Sportsman cars and 12 Top Dragsters ...several former PMRA Pro Modified racers have switched over to the new series, including Scott Wildgust and Carl Spiering, who qualified first and second in the Top Sportsman contingent...the long smoky burnouts of Steve Parkhurst and his '55 Chevy were a crowd favorite...another former PMRA racer, Jim Bersani, sported real blue-dots in the tail lights of his 1957 Chevy which glowed a sinister purple shade during night racing... Lisa Spiering, daughter of Quick 32 competitor Carl Spiering, performed the tribute pass in her dragster in honor of the late John Massingberd, executive producer and host of Raceline Radio, in a special pre-race ceremony.

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About the Quick 32 Sportsman Series presented by NAPA Auto Parts:

The Quick 32 Sportsman Series presented by NAPA Auto Parts, www.Quick32.ca, of drag racing was started early in 2009 as an alternative for high-horsepower Sportsman-class teams to compete on a regular basis.

For 2009, dates include Toronto Motorsports Park in Cayuga, Ontario, starting with the season opener on May 16 and 17 and the season-closer on September 19 and 20, at St. Thomas Dragway on July 11 and 12, and the South-western Ontario track of the Grand Bend Motorplex on June 27 and 28, August 8 and 9 and September 5 and 6.

With 32-car qualified fields comprised of the 16 quickest open wheeled cars (Top Dragster) and the 16 quickest door cars (Top Sportsman), the Quick 32 Sportsman Series will feature the best in ET-style, dial-in drag racing, competing on a Sportsman ladder and will pit door-slamers against dragsters in every race day final.

Competitors in this Ontario-based series must comply with the IHRA Top Dragster and Top Sportsman Safety rules and regulations, and the maximum dial-in will be 7.95 seconds for the quarter-mile.

This new venture is providing \$3000 to win for each event and \$5000 for the annual point award series champion, payouts very popular with competitors and will provide large fields of race cars.

The Quick 32 Sportsman Series is committed in providing a professional atmosphere for its teams. It will also provide solid media and logistic support to ensure it becomes one of the most popular drag race series running Top Sportsman and Top Dragster race cars.

The Quick 32 Sportsman Series presented by NAPA Auto Parts will compete several times with the Pro Modified Racing Association (PMRA), www.PMRA.ca, as well as selected special events, offering fans a great show of drag racing.

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