

Saturday, September 11, 2010

Championship Night at Canaan Fair Speedway

We had another beautiful Saturday to end the year at Canaan Fair Speedway. Austin's car was very good in the first practice and he was happy with how it was running. The team wanted to try something a little different for practice #2. This time, Austin didn't like how the car was handling at all – saying that it was very loose coming out of the turn. However, he had gained about 3/10th of a second on his lap time. The team made one more small adjustment before the heat race.

Austin started in 3rd place for the heat race. The #69 of Sid Laquire had a great start on the outside pole. He got a good run on Ryan Raney in the #2 and took over the lead. Austin was able to get past Raney for 2nd early on and then quickly gained on Laquire. Austin got under Laquire coming out of turn 4. Going down the front-stretch, Austin got up to Laquire's door, and that is how they entered turn 1. In the middle of turn 1 and 2, Laquire came down on Austin (I am not sure if he knew Austin was there). Laquire started to spin, but was able to straighten back out coming out of turn 2 and Austin made the pass for the lead down the backstretch. Austin was able to get the heat win!

For the feature, Austin started in 5th. He had a great start and moved right into 3rd. Scott MacMichael in the #7 got around the outside of Austin and took over the third position and then moved past the #69 of Sid Laquire to go into 2nd. This left Austin in 4th behind Laquire. The #15 of Chris Wilke came up on the outside of Austin in turn 1 and 2 and tried to go outside of Laquire. However, this caused Laquire to move up the racetrack on the backstretch leaving a wide open lane on the bottom of the track. Austin went under Laquire in the middle of the backstretch and the three cars went into turn 3, three-wide. All three drivers did a great job and did not even seem to touch going through turn 3 and 4. Austin came out on top coming down the front-stretch and was in 3rd. Soon after, he was able to pass the #2 of Raney for 2nd and started to track down MacMichael who had taken over the first place spot. He had one restart on the outside of MacMichael where he was able to tuck right in behind him on the front-stretch and maintain his 2nd position. With one lap to go – Austin came up on a lapped car that was riding more in the middle of the track. This caused Austin to slow up and the #15 of Chris Wilke caught up to him. Wilke then made a pass outside of Austin and was just able to take over 2nd. Austin ended up with a 3rd place finish, which we were VERY happy with! It was a great way to end the season.

Austin ended up 4th in the final points chase, due to having that horrible week on the double points night.

We would like to thank Beard Sewer and Drain for sponsoring the Super Street division all year. Also thank you to Brookside Equipment, JBM Services, Citgo of Winchendon and Central Tree Services for their support this season!

The Austin Brehio Racing team would like to congratulate Scott MacMichael on his first championship! See you at the banquet on October 30th!