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## Ted Barnes wins TNT Super Series at Lancaster Friday night with record 36 cars - Rain wins Leicester Saturday

*Sister Act SHOOT-OUT postponed AGAIN - This time to August 23rd!*

**LANCASTER, NEW YORK (July 22, 2014)** It was no surprise to see a strong turnout in the Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series last Friday night at Elegant Builders Raceway Park in Lancaster, NY. Presented by Jan-Cen Motorsports, the popular sportsman drag racing series saw Caistorville Ontario's Ted Barnes march through the 36 car field to the win and move from ninth to second in the championship points chase. Saturday's event at Empire Dragway in Leicester, NY got rained out and has been re-scheduled for Saturday August 23 along with the Sister Act Band Four Car \$1000 SHOOT-OUT.

Qualifying saw one of the tightest TNTSS fields yet with the top 10 cars running better than 7.01 on the 7.00 index. Points leader Jason Vitez picked up the maximum 32 points for a perfect 7.000 qualifying run.

Event winner Ted Barnes qualified fourth with a 7.003 before heading into round one to face Jason Sobczynski. Slight advantage off the start to Barnes with a .512 to a .517, Sobczynski ran off allowing Barnes to coast to the win.



Round two was near dead even on the tree against Paul Cochi (.517 to .516). Barnes won here in a double breakout 6.997 to a 6.956.

Then Pete D'Agnolo went red in round three sending Barnes to face points leader Vitez in the quarter finals. Again, very close on the line (.519 to .516), Barnes held off the 118 mph Camaro taking .006 stripe and the win running 7.015 to Vitez's 7.024.

The semi-final round saw Jamie Stoneman fall in a .003 finish line battle. Barnes lit the beacon here with a .523 / 7.000 package to Stoneman's .525 / 7.002.

That set things up for a final round against Paul Young. The 2009 TNTSS champion couldn't wait, going .487 red and handing the win over to Barnes who ran it out to a 7.009.

"What an awesome night!" said Barnes. "We were making good decisions, had the tree and got lucky when we needed it! Plus my dad, who couldn't be here tonight, was messaging me CLAP, CLAP, CLAP all night long!"

"A huge thank you to Russ & Arlene Parker for coming out of retirement to be here tonight and help with the series." Barnes also happens to be the creator of the TNT Super Series. "Without Joe Boniferro at Joe's Transmission, this series simply wouldn't exist. Eight years in and the car count continues to grow. Just look at tonight's 36 car field - that's a record!"

Barnes was quick to thank Performance Improvements Speed Shops who have long supported their family's racing efforts, recently adding son Jackson's junior dragster to the stable. "PI is a terrific supporter of grass roots racing. And I can't say enough about Scott Conrad horsepower. Scott spent a ton of time on the engine this year, especially in the cylinder heads to improve consistency and did it ever work well!"

Barnes also thanked Boniferro Speed & Custom for drivetrain work, F&M Signs, Hoosier Tire Canada, Top Quality Transmission, MSD Ignition and Altalab Instrument. "Of course I couldn't do this without my wife Cathy behind me, Cassidy & Jackson, my mom & dad and Dave Surmatchewski too."

"I also want to thank the Janis family at Jan-Cen Motorsports for not only presenting tonight, but also for supporting the series since it began."

In addition to the \$1000 purse, tonight's win earned Barnes the final spot in The Sister Act Band Four Car SHOOT-OUT now scheduled for August 23 and improved his starting position in this year's REVS Full Throttle Powersports Race of Champions.

"My son Jackson has been pretty successful with his junior dragster this year. Now I can tell him daddy's still got it!"

### **Specialty Awards**

- **Hoosier Tire Canada \$100 certificate** - Number One Qualifier
  - Jason Vitez (Elma, NY) with a 7.000
- **J&S Collision \$50** - Closest to the Index (1st Round Loser)
  - Art Jones (Webster, NY) with a 7.009

Next up on the 2014 TNTSS schedule is a pair of re-scheduled races August 22-23 in western New York. Visit [www.tntsuperseries.com](http://www.tntsuperseries.com) for all the latest news on the most popular sportsman drag racing series in the country.

**Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series - Championship Points Standings (4 of 10 races complete)**

<b>1</b>	Jason	Vitez	<b>389</b>
<b>2</b>	Ted	Barnes	<b>361</b>
<b>3</b>	Tom	Coonly	<b>319</b>
<b>4</b>	Harry	Phelps	<b>318</b>
<b>4</b>	Harris	Phelps	<b>318</b>
<b>6</b>	Jamie	Stoneman	<b>314</b>
<b>7</b>	Jeff Marc	Sobczynski Vezina	<b>302</b>
<b>8</b>	Steve	McCarrick	<b>294</b>
<b>9</b>	Chris	VanBaalen	<b>288</b>
<b>10</b>	JJ	Jablonski	<b>286</b>

**About the Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series (TNTSS):**

Since it began in 2006, the TNT Super Series has grown into one of the strongest, most competitive sportsman drag racing series in North America and has catapulted many competitors to success on the national and divisional stages.

The TNTSS is a self-governing organization with input from its teams. Based on NHRA's Super Street & IHRA's Hot Rod classes, competitors run on a 10.90 index in the 1/4 mile (7.00 in the 1/8 mile) and race for a guaranteed purse that pays back more than 100% of the racer's entry fees. The yearend points fund provides cash & prizes to the top eight finishers and the Series Champion receives a prize package worth over \$4000.00.

The TNTSS is committed to providing the highest level of competition backed by solid media support to showcase its participants across North America. Events are contested at various drag racing facilities in southern Ontario and western New York and put on a spectacular show for the drag racing fan.

**About Joe's Transmission**

Joe Boniferro has owned and operated Joe's Transmission Service in Niagara Falls, Ontario since 1984. From the original single bay location, the business has progressed to a six bay, five employee automotive complex on Arthur Street. The two storey building houses Joe's Transmission (Commercial, Fleet and Performance Divisions) and Al's Radiator Service. They sell and install aftermarket high performance parts and accessories. As a Firestone Dealer they sell and install drag racing tires. Their specialty is building and repairing high performance transmissions. Contact Joe and his team at (905) 374-6116 or visit them online at [www.joestransmission.com](http://www.joestransmission.com).

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