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Jahren wins Friday; Surmatchewski wins Saturday and takes 2011 TNT Super Series Championship

High school teacher brings sportsman drag racing championship back to Canada!

CANFIELD, ONTARIO (September 15, 2011) The final weekend in the 2011 Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series saw one new event winner and one new Champion crowned. The fifth season of the very popular sportsman drag racing series culminated in a double-header at Dunn Tire Raceway Park last Friday and Empire Dragway on Saturday.

Friday September 9 - Dunn Tire Raceway Park

Presented by The Balancing Act on Friday September 9, DTRP was where Scott Jahren of Tonawanda, NY claimed his first TNTSS victory in a decisive win over twenty-six other Hot Rod competitors. Right off the bat, Scott put Gerry Bartel's 1973 Nova on the pole with a near perfect 7.002 giving him the bye in round one of competition.

In round two, Scott laid a .529 light paired with a 7.003 on Orangeville, Ontario's Kevin Orr who ran a too fast 6.976 trying to catch him. Then he faced Jon Jablonski from West Seneca, NY who broke on the line, allowing Scott to coast through with a 7.05 ET.

Semi-final match-up was Gary Stowell from Macedon, NY who went .494 red on the tree. Scott ran it out cutting a .522 light and a 6.999 ET to set up for the money round.

There he faced Leicester, NY's Barry Lingle. Almost dead even on the tree, Barry had a slight advantage (.517 to a .521). But he went too fast trying to keep the stripe and Scott took the win, running 6.999 to Barry's 6.996.



"I have to thank Gerry Bartel and Joe Boniferro for all their help with the car," said Scott. "Things just fell my way tonight. The car was running the number all night long. And to win the event sponsored by Gerry and The Balancing Act is awesome. Racing against the guys in this series is a blast!"

The \$200 Kevin Orr Mechanical Bounty Hunter Award went to Newark, NY's Harry Phelps for taking out points leader Dave Surmatchewski in round one by virtue of Dave's red light.

Specialty Awards - Friday September 9

- **Hoosier Tire Canada \$100 certificate** - Number One Qualifier
 - Scott Jahren (Tonawanda, NY) with a 7.002
- **J&S Collision \$50** - Closest to the Index (1st Round Loser)
 - Larry Pulver (Palmyra, NY) with a 7.017
- **Dunn Tire Raceway Park FREE PASS** - Best Reaction Time (1st Round Loser)
 - Dave Gunn (Hamilton, Ontario) with a .512
- **The Balancing Act \$50** - Best Winning Package in Round 1
 - Jeff Sobczynski (Depew, NY) - .027 package (.527 RT, 7.000 ET)
- **The Balancing Act \$50** - Best Winning Package in Round 2
 - Barry Lingle (Leicester, NY) - .020 package (.506 RT, 7.014 ET)
- **The Balancing Act \$50** - Tightest Margin of Victory in Round 1
 - Fred Gross (Brampton, Ontario) over Pete Maduri Jr - .001 margin

Saturday September 10 - Empire Dragway

Then Saturday at Empire Dragway presented by Sam LoVetro Automotive, Dave Surmatchewski made it look easy as he marched through the field for his third event win in the past four races. Mark Herbold from Elma, NY scored the number one qualifier award from Hoosier Tire Canada with a 10.904 at 148 mph.

Dave faced Caledonia, Ontario's Ray Martino in round one. A .521 to a .519 at the tree, Ray had a slight head start. But Dave ran closer at 10.913 to Ray's too fast 10.881.



Round two had Friday's winner Scott

Jahren who missed the tree with a .571 and then ran too fast at 10.877 to Dave's 10.899.

Gary Saska from Ingersoll, Ontario was up next in round three. Dave with the starting line advantage pushed Gary under the 10.90 index and advanced to the semi's. There he faced Brampton, Ontario's Fred Gross and laid a .009 second package on Fred (.504 light and 10.905 ET) forcing Fred to break out run.

In the final it was Brian Young of Alden, NY on the other side of the ladder. Starting line advantage to Dave allowed him to take the win running 10.926 to Brian's too fast 10.879.



"I can't say enough about the people that

help me put this all together," said Dave in the Empire Dragway Winner's Circle. "My wife Alyson and kids Marissa and Madison, Joe Boniferro, Russ & Arlene Parker, Ted & Bill Barnes, Sam LoVetro for presenting tonight....the list goes on and on."

This is Dave's first Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series Championship driving his Insta-Insulation, Douglas Engines and UAP Napa Brantford sponsored 1983 Cutlass. "I felt the pressure going into today because of my .002 red light first round at DTRP last night. And the fact I have never been here before increased the pressure more," Dave continued.

"The only saving grace was that I was seeing the tree well and the car was responding to changes well. Once I got around Ray and then took Scotty out, I was quite confident I had 'sealed the deal' for the championship. The rounds that followed and then the win are icing on the cake."

Specialty Awards - Sept 10

- **Hoosier Tire Canada \$100 certificate** - Number One Qualifier
 - Mark Herbold (Elma, NY) with a 10.904
- **J&S Collision \$50** - Closest to the Index (1st Round Loser)
 - Tom Coonly (Blasdell, NY) with a 10.898
- **Empire Dragway FREE PASS** - Best Reaction Time (1st Round Loser)
 - Pete Maduri Jr (Tonawanda, NY) with a .504

Next up for the 2011 Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series is the year end awards night taking place at Johnny Rocco's in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Visit www.tntsuperseries.com for complete details.

Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series Championship Points Standings - FINAL - Top Ten

1	Dave	Surmatchewski	751
2	Mark	Herbold	610
3	Scott	Jahren	596
4	Harry	Phelps	577
5	Fred	Gross	544
6	Ted	Barnes	533
7	Chris	VanBaalen	527
8	Gary	Saska	510
9	Bill	Elekes	502
10	Pete	Maduri Jr	501

About Joe's Transmission Service

Joe's Transmission has been in business in Niagara Falls, Ontario since 1984. They sell & install high performance parts & accessories however their specialty is building & repairing high performance transmissions. Contact Joe and his team at (905) 374-6116 or visit them online at www.joestransmission.com.

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 stage.

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 Series Champion receives a prize package worth over \$3500.00.

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.

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