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BALCAEN BEATS BOYS

Chris Unrau, Winkler, MB (August 12, 2011) Amber Balcaen held off a hard charging field of cars to claim her first Feature Win of 2011 in a thrilling, fast-paced race that took place during the Big Al Delaine Memorial at Red River Co-op Speedway last night. Starting on the front row, the #35 of Wally Butler and the #27 of Chris Unrau took the green. Unrau left in the lead in short order and posted a blazing quick lap of 75.493 mph, the quickest of the race. But Unrau's lead was erased by Balcaen on lap 7 when the Princess of Power drove hard under Unrau in turn 2. Three laps later, Unrau again fell victim to the 31K of Eric Klassen. Klassen chased the #10 of Balcaen and made several attempts to overtake her, finally succumbing to his own efforts in turn 2 when he clipped the inside barrier and rolled his sprinter over the berm. Klassen was not injured in the mishap. With 2 laps remaining, Balcaen held off Unrau, who left everything he had on the track to try and regain the lead. A final attempt at driving by the #10 put the #27 high up in turn 4 on the last lap, giving the #21 of Brian Harris the opportunity to grab second place. Rounding out the top five were the #64 (Tyson Hiebert) in 4th, and the #11 (Darren Pallen) in 5th.

The NLSA top five in combined total points (unofficial), are #64 (Tyson Hiebert) 571, #27 (Chris Unrau) 551, #31 (Frank Elias, Eric Klassen) 544, #4C (Chris Bouwman) 526, and #5 (Chris Sorin) 469.

The high-flying sprinters of the Northern Lightning Sprint Association next go off on Thursday, August 18, at Red River Co-op Speedway.

About the Northern Lightning Sprint Association: Created in September of 2008, the Northern Lightning Sprint Association is a rapidly growing organization committed to the creation and maintenance of safe, fast, fun, and affordable open wheel racing. Many of the organization's members are dedicated to helping charities such as the Children's Hospital Foundation and Cancer Care of Manitoba. More information can be found at www.nlsprints.com