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Pallen Survives Charging Hiebert in Morden Opener

Greg Cybulski, Morden, MB (May 8, 2011) Darren Pallen put in a strong performance to win the first Northern Lightning Sprint Association feature of 2011 at ALH Motor Speedway on Sunday afternoon. Pallen, who finished second to Roland Bernard in 2009, served notice that he is going to once again be a serious threat for the NLSA championship this season.

Pallen's #11 Lightning Sprint was not the only car that was showing the way on the Morden short track. Tyson Hiebert, who is considered an early favorite to contend for the Lightning Sprint track championship at ALH Motor Speedway, gave the race winner all he could handle in the closing laps before settling for a close second place finish in the feature.

Following a couple of early yellow flags, Pallen lead the Lightning Sprints into the first turn and began to distance himself from his competition.

With the #11 effectively running the bottom, Hiebert changed his line to the high side and swept his #64 Sprinter around the cushion in an attempt to close ground on the race leader. The strategy appeared to be working as Tyson Hiebert climbed his way to within striking distance.

On the final lap, Hiebert made one last attempt to get his car past the leader but to no avail as Darren Pallen would win the battle on this day.

If the first race of 2011 was any indication, the NLSA will be heating up southern Manitoba in a big way this racing season.

Rounding up the top 5 was Darren Pallen, Tyson Hiebert, Chris Bouwman, Frank Elias and Amber Balcaen.

Heat races were won by Darren Pallen and Tyson Hiebert.

**Northern Lightning Sprint Association
ALH Motor Speedway, Morden, Manitoba
Sunday, May 8, 2011**

Heat 1

1. 11 Darren Pallen
2. 31 Frank Elias
3. 4C Chris Bouwman
4. 10 Amber Balcaen
5. 18 Ryan Harms

Heat 2

1. 64 Tyson Hiebert
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3. 7 Brent Steg
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The next scheduled NLSA race will be Sunday, May 22 at ALH Motor Speedway.

