



(photo by Gerald Bernard)

Photo: Roland Bernard being presented the Chad Olson Memorial traveling cup by Chad's brother Cory.

Roland Bernard Wins Chad Olson Memorial

by Gerald Bernard

July 4/09 NLSA competitor Roland Bernard of Winnipeg, Manitoba made history and will have his name engraved on the Traveling Cup as the first winner of the Chad Olson Memorial hosted by Greenbush Race Park on Independence Day weekend. In addition, Bernard took home the winner's prize money of \$1,000. He started the feature in 3rd spot and quickly took the lead. Even with several cautions and restarts, Bernard lead all 25 laps.

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Nolan Olmstead and the staff of Greenbush Race Park provided a well-groomed track for the competitors as they entertained the near-capacity crowd of dirt track racing fans. The weather was excellent for racing. A healthy field of Sprint Cars from both the NLSA and NOMSA were on hand as 18 teams took to the track each night. The weekend was action-packed with thrills, spills and excitement. The evening was concluded with fireworks.

July 3/09 Cory Wimpfheimer powered his #21 Mini Sprint from the 18th starting spot and finishing the 25 lap open wheel feature in first place ahead of second place Roland Bernard. Cory went home with the \$500. prize money.

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Chad Olson Memorial

Greenbush Race Park, Greenbush, MN

Northern Lightning Sprint Association vs. Northern Outlaw Mini Sprint Association

July 4/09

Mini Sprints - Feature

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| 1 | 2R | Roland Bernard |
| 2 | 11 | Darren Pallen |
| 3 | 22 | Brandon Johnson |
| 4 | 21X | Ryder Olson |
| 5 | 10 | Amber Balcaen |
| 6 | 17 | Dave Sobczak |
| 7 | 56S | Danny Steinmetz |

8	15	Brady Schmiedeberg
9	4C	Chris Bouwman
10	75	Kurt Smith
11	6	Jennifer Carlson
12	67	Jeremy Swenson
13	8	Brian Burkel
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16	2	Corey Olson
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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