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ROOKIE RUNS HARD TO CLAIM FIRST FEATURE

Eric Klassen has come a long way in a short time. The Belizian-born racer now resides in Morden, Manitoba. On Thursday, August 4th, he barreled down the straightaways of Red River Co-op Speedway to win his first ever feature in a Lightning Sprint.

Klassen took the lead on lap 9 of the 15 lap feature race by passing the #27 of Chris Unrau in turn 2. Unrau started 2nd and left to an early lead that faded as the track quickly dried. "Our car started strong but faded quickly. The track got real slick and we just didn't anticipate the setup for that" Unrau said. Klassen started 6th and quickly negotiated the cars in front of him. After passing the #27, he checked out on the field and took the checkered. When asked what made this race different, his response was " I did not fight the car". But he certainly did fight to win.

The top five cars were #31 (Klassen), #27 (Unrau), #10 (Balcaen), #21 (Harris), and #5 (Sorin). Heat races were won by #64 (Hiebert) and #27 (Unrau).

The Northern Lightning Sprint Association next goes off Sunday, August 7th at ALH Motor Speedway, in Morden, MB, followed by Thursday, August 11th at the Al Delaine Memorial 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