

Seitz Back in NESS Victory Lane at Thunder Road

June 5, 2026 — Barre, VT — Bourne, Massachusetts' Ben Seitz snapped a long winless streak in the New England Supermodified Series (NESS) by going wire to wire at Thunder Road Speedbowl on Thursday, June 5. Seitz earned the pole in qualifying and held off reigning event winner Jon McKennedy down the stretch to triumph in the McGee CDJR Super Thursday 75.

It was the fifth career NESS victory for Seitz but his first since October 2024 at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park. Seitz stepped out of the Vic Miller-owned ride midway through the 2025 campaign that he had piloted since NESS's inception. However, he found himself back behind the wheel this year in a new Brian Allegrosso-built machine as Russ Wood recovers from offseason surgery.

Seitz made the most of the opportunity on Thursday. For the first half of the event, he was chased by Dan Bowes, the winningest Supermodified driver at Thunder Road. However, the power steering in Bowes' car went faulty, and the former champion was eventually forced to pull off with 43 laps in the books.

That opened the door for McKennedy, who found himself on Seitz's rear bumper with ten laps to go. Seitz left the door open on the inside multiple times, but McKennedy couldn't fly through it, and Seitz edged him out for the win in a caution-free event.

Reigning champion Jeffrey Battle continued his strong start to the year with a third-place finish. P.J. Stergios and Derek Griffith, the latter in his first Supermodified start since 2023, completed the top five.

The New England Supermodified Series heads next to Epping, New Hampshire's Star Speedway on Sunday, June 14. The Prelude to the Classic 75 is also round one of the Dr. Mom Says School is Cool Challenge. A packed card includes the PASS Super Late Models, Milton CAT American-Canadian Tour, the Kennebec Equipment Rental PASS Mods, and the North-South Slingshot Challenge. Visit www.proallstarsseries.com for more information.