

Battle Makes it a NESS Five-Peat at Oxford Plains Speedway

June 28, 2026 – Oxford, ME — Defending New England Supermodified Series champion Jeffrey Battle remained unstoppable at Oxford Plains Speedway with a victory in the Spencer Group Paving 50 on Saturday, June 27. The Dunstable, Massachusetts standout grabbed the lead from polesitter P.J. Stergios at the halfway mark and never let go.

It was the fifth straight Oxford NESS win for Battle dating to August 2024, when he scored his first big-block Supermodified win on the 3/8-mile oval. In the process, Battle also tied Dan Bowes atop the NESS all-time winner's list with nine apiece.

Battle won his heat race but had to start fifth in the main event under the previous winner's handicap. Together with Jon McKennedy, the duo steadily cut their way through the field, with an early-race battle for second place with Matt Swanson the only thing slowing their march.

Eventually, both ran down Stergios, who was in search of his first NESS victory. It wasn't to be for Stergios, though, as Battle swung around him on the 26th circuit. McKennedy followed him through for second, and the stage appeared to be set for a match between two of the era's most revered Supermodified drivers.

Just one lap after taking the second spot, though, the power steering hose disconnected on McKennedy's car, prematurely ending his day. That meant smooth sailing for Battle, and he cruised to the victory by 3.334 seconds.

Stergios finished second, which was still his career-best in the NESS ranks. Swanson completed the podium followed by Derek Griffith and Dan Bowes.

The New England Supermodified Series has a weekend off before a busy month of July. It returns to Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park on Wednesday, July 8 for Twisted Tea Winged Wednesday. There is then a quick turnaround for the PASS Midseason Invasion at White Mountain Motorsports Park on Sunday, July 12. NESS wraps up the month with its long-awaited debut at Lee USA Speedway for the Friday Night Throwdown on Friday, July 24. Visit www.proallstarsseries.com for more information.