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COUNTDOWN to a Championship - CHRIS VANBAALEN - 2015 TNT Super Series Fourth Place

WELLANDPORT, ONTARIO (December 10, 2015) Chris VanBaalen had an outstanding start to the 2015 season, staying near the top of the points all year and earning himself a fourth place finish in the 2015 Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series.

VanBaalen from Wellandport, Ontario, started strong back on Memorial Day weekend with a number two qualifier and semi-final finish on Lancaster's 1/8 mile. Then he backed that up the same weekend with a win on the 1/4 mile at Empire.

The Canadian continued with multiple top five qualifying efforts and many late round appearances. He finished the season with another top five qualifier and a semi-final effort at Empire, racking up 625 points in the championship chase.

"I have to thank my parents for their help," said VanBaalen. "My dad is always giving me advice whether working on the car or at the track. I also would like to thank Matt and Sherry Devries at Matt's Auto Service for everything they do to keep my car at the track running good."



He added a new sponsor this year in Shawn Ellsworth at the Mac Outpost. "He gave me the computer that keeps my car dialed in. I'd also like to thank Mark Ackert at Dragden.com for his support media wise this year."

"And last but not least my girlfriend Celina. If it was not for her I would not be out racing every week. She's my biggest supporter and probably only fan. And thanks to Joe Boniferro and Ted Barnes for giving us a great series to run in."

His weapon of choice is a 1986 Monte Carlo with a 509 for power running 10.18 at 132 mph on pump gas.

This is VanBaalen's fifth time in the top ten and third time in the top five. He also finished second this year in the Performance Improvements / Royal Purple DRIVER OF THE YEAR standings.

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About the Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series (TNTSS):

Since it began in 2006, the TNT Super Series has grown into one of the strongest, most competitive sportsman drag racing series in North America and has catapulted many competitors to success on the national and divisional stages.

The TNTSS is a self-governing organization with input from its teams. Based on NHRA's Super Street & IHRA's Hot Rod classes, competitors run on a 10.90 index in the 1/4 mile (7.00 in the 1/8 mile) and race for a guaranteed purse that pays back more than 100% of the racer's entry fees. The yearend points fund provides cash & prizes to the top eight finishers and the Series Champion receives a prize package worth over \$4000.00.

The TNTSS is committed to providing the highest level of competition backed by solid media support to showcase its participants across North America. Events are contested at various drag racing facilities in southern Ontario and western New York and put on a spectacular show for the drag racing fan.



About Joe's Transmission

Joe Boniferro has owned and operated Joe's Transmission Service in Niagara Falls, Ontario since 1984. From the original single bay location, the business has progressed to a six bay, five employee automotive complex on Arthur Street. The two storey building houses Joe's Transmission (Commercial, Fleet and Performance Divisions) and Al's Radiator Service. They sell and install aftermarket high performance parts and accessories. As a Firestone Dealer they sell and install drag racing tires. Their specialty is building and repairing high performance transmissions. Contact Joe and his team at (905) 374-6116 or visit them online at www.joestransmission.com .

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