

Crockett sweeps Memorial Day Weekend doubleheader

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Cottage Grove Speedway hosted the third stop of Western Sprint Tour, and on Sunday, May 24 — its second event of the weekend. Twenty-eight 360 Sprint Car teams representing the states of Oregon, Washington and California were entered.

In the main event, Enumclaw, Washington's Henry Van Dam took the initial race lead and began weaving through lapped traffic when a lap-five caution stalled the action.

On the ensuing restart, Van Dam retained the lead but received considerable pressure from Medford chauffeur Roger Crockett. Crockett passed Van Dam in traffic on lap 10. From there, Crockett pulled away from the field.

A red flag incident later in the race bunched the field one last time, but several lapped cars allowed Crockett to cruise the rest of the distance to win

the main event and his second straight WST triumph.

Garen Linder of Central Point held on to second at the wire, while Van Dam was third. Puyallup, Washington's Trey Starks finished fourth, and in fifth was Salem pilot Kyle Miller.

Henry Van Dam had the fast time of the night, while Trey Starks won the trophy dash. Heat winners were Chase Goetz out of Snohomish, Washington, Crockett, Starks and Clarksburg, California's Justyn Cox. Roseburg driver Kyler Barraza won the consolation.

The Western Sprint Tour will be off for the next month before gearing up for the 2015 Speedweek Northwest. The next event is the Speedweek opener on Sunday, June 28 at Siskiyou Motor Speedway in Yreka, California. For the latest news and information regarding the Western Sprint Tour log on to sprints.nwextremeseries.com.



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200 and 400. He made the finals in both events, but a recurring hip problem kept him from top form.

"I was really tight and uncomfortable running today," he said after finishing fifth in the 400 in 51.74 on Saturday. "It was kind of frustrating knowing that I could have competed better, but I'm just happy I'm here and able to compete."

Later that day in the 200, Howard placed seventh in 23.19.

Michael Tharpe finished fourth in the 110 meter hurdles while running a PR of 15.22, which is the ninth-fastest time in school history.

"I hit a lot of hurdles. So I feel like I could have gotten first," he said. "I'm hoping for big things next year."

Tyler Ledford failed to advance to the finals of the 800 meters after tripping on the guardrail and falling with 300 meters to go in his preliminary race on Friday.

"It blended in; I didn't even see it," he said of the rail. "I'll just have to come back harder next

photo by Garrett Bridgens

Brad Geisler placed 14th in the discus for the Lions.

year."

Also on Friday, Brad Geisler threw 125-01 in the discus to finish 12th — two places higher than he was seeded.

In the team race, Henley scored 75.5 points to outpace North Bend (64.5), Philomath (52) and Elmira (41.83). Zach Beltz, who was named athlete of the meet, won the 100, placed second in the long jump and took fourth in the 200 for the Falcons.

The Lions scored 11 points to finish in a tie for 20th.

While Cottage Grove has previously sent more athletes to the state meet and brought home more medals, coach Ricky Knutson said that this year's group was high in quality.

"It will be very hard to replace Conner and Courtney," he said. "I thought it was valuable for the guys just to get here, and hopefully they'll get to come back next year and take another step forward."



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Roger Crockett won two events at CGS over Memorial Day Weekend.

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