

# SPEEDWAY

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Mont. The consolation feature winner was Snohomish, Wash.'s Jared Ridge.

## Mark Carrell Captures IMCA Modified Victory At CGS

The IMCA Modifieds was the support class to the Western Sprint Tour. There was some great racing in the main event and there was a good car count too, with 20 teams

in the pit area.

Medford's Monte Bischoff grabbed the early race lead, and he held the position for some time before Collen Winebarger made a move to the front on lap 9. Winebarger seemed to be on rails and on his way to his first victory of the season, but Mark Carrell had other plans in mind.

Utilizing the bottom of the race track, Carrell of Redmond, finessed the throttle and worked his way underneath Winebarger on lap 18.

Carrell briefly distanced himself, but in the closing laps Winebarger got up on the wheel and started to reel him back in. But Carrell would beat Winebarger at the line to score his first win of 2015 at CGS.

Winebarger was a respectable second place, followed by Curtis Towns from Cottage Grove in third. The rest of the top five was made up of Cottage Grove's Kreg Britton in fourth, while behind him in fifth was Jake Mayden from Springfield.

# Crockett wins Speedweek finale at CGS; Copeland wins Speedweek Northwest title

BY BEN DEATHERAGE

The final leg of the 2015 Speedweek Northwest would see the Western Sprint Tour back at Cottage Grove Speedway on Saturday for Independence Day. A jam-packed house of fans was in attendance for a night of racing that was stellar from start to finish. A total of 24 entries signed in representing Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho and Montana as well as the nations of Australia and New Zealand. The finale main event paid \$5,000 to the winner.

A great battle for the lead was waged for the top spot with three lead changes in the first lap. Kyle Hirst, from Chico, Calif., paced the field on the first lap but lost the position on the following lap to Trey Starks. Starks, of Puyallup, Wash. only had brief control of the spot before Hirst returned to the lead on lap 3.

A couple of cautions kept the field bunched up tight and disallowed Hirst from constructing a massive interval, though he seemed very capable. Hirst received quite a bit of pressure after a lap-12 restart. Roger Crockett chased him down and got by him on lap 16.

Hirst threatened to pass Crockett, but unfortunately Hirst would hit the front stretch wall on lap 23. A few more restarts gave challengers some ammunition to overtake Crockett, but he was just a little bit faster. Crockett won the feature to earn his first win of the week, his 19th career Speed-

week victory, and the sixth time he has won a Speedweek race at CGS.

Steven Tiner from Visalia, Calif. was second, and Phil Dietz, from Billings, Mont., managed to earn an impressive third. The rest of the top five was made up of Roseville, Calif.'s Colby Copeland in fourth, and Justyn Cox of Clarksburg, Calif., was fifth.

Starks was fast time of the night, and Hirst earned the pole starting position of the feature after winning the trophy dash. Heat winners were Colby Copeland, Central Point's Garen Linder and Steven Tiner. Idaho pilot Randy Pierce would be victorious in the consolation feature.

Colby Copeland would be declared the 2015 Speedweek Northwest champion after winning the first

three events and posting six top-five finishes in all six starts. It marked the eleventh time that a Californian has won Speedweek. He joins Steve Kent, a four-time winner, and Brent Kaeding, a two-time winner, as well as Bud Kaeding, Brad Furr, Kyle Larson and Kyle Hirst. Hirst was second in points followed, by Roger Crockett, Steven Tiner, and Justyn Cox.

The Western Sprint Tour returns with two races in August for the Ore-Cal Challenge. It will start off with a \$5,000-to-win main event at Siskiyou Motor Speedway in Yreka, Calif. on Friday, August 14, and then they will cross the border on August 15 to visit Southern Oregon Speedway.



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Colby Copeland may not have won the Speedweek finale, but he was crowned champion Saturday at CGS.

## Race Summary: Western Sprint Tour Race #8/Speedweek Northwest Round #5 Friday July 3

**A Feature:** 1. 31C-Justyn Cox; 2. 55-Trey Starks; 3. 77-Kyle Hirst; 4. 5V-Colby Copeland; 5. 22-Garen Linder; 6. 9-Jayne Barnes; 7. 94-Steven Tiner; 8. 72-Phil Dietz; 9. 21-Colby Wiesz; 10. 11K-Michael (Buddy) Kofoid; 11. 5D-Patrick Dills; 12. 12-Jared Ridge; 13. 1NZ-Jamie Duff; 14. 44NZ-Daniel Anderson; 15. 96-Greg Hamilton; 16. 3AU-Daniel Sayre; 17. 12P-Randy Pierce; 18. 23-Rob Lindsey; 19. 34-Melissa Solesbee; 20. 11-Roger Crockett

Hard Charger: Jared Ridge +5

Lap Leaders: Trey Starks (1-25), Justyn Cox (26-30)

**B Feature :** 1. 12-Jared Ridge; 2. 12P-Randy Pierce; 3. 3AU-Daniel Sayre; 4. 34-Melissa Solesbee; 5. 6A-Kady Adelman; 6. 70-Raquel Ivie; 7. 22R-Mike Romig; 8. 84K-Wayne Kniffen; DNS 5N-Seth Nunes

**Qualifying:** 1. 55-Trey Starks; 2. 77-Kyle Hirst; 3. 1NZ-Jamie Duff; 4. 11-Roger Crockett; 5. 22-Garen Linder; 6. 9-Jayne Barnes; 7. 5N-Seth Nunes; 8. 11K-Michael (Buddy) Kofoid; 9. 31C-Justyn Cox; 10. 94-Steven Tiner; 11. 23-Rob Lindsey; 12. 72-Phil Dietz; 13. 5V-Colby Copeland; 14. 5D-Patrick Dills; 15. 44NZ-Daniel Anderson; 16. 96-Greg Hamilton; 17. 21-Colby Wiesz; 18. 12P-Randy Pierce; 19. 12-Jared Ridge; 20. 70-Raquel Ivie; 21. 3AU-Daniel Sayre; 22. 6A-Kady Adelman; 23. 84K-Wayne Kniffen; 24. 22R-Mike Romig; 25. 34-Melissa Solesbee

## Race Summary: IMCA Modifieds Friday July 3

**A Feature :** 1. 27-Mark Carrell; 2. S-Colen Winebarger; 3. 24-Curtis Towns; 4. 77-Kreg Britton; 5. 5M-Jake Mayden; 6. 5-Braedon Hand; 7. F1-Monte Bischoff; 8. 1K-Kinzer Cox; 9. 16-Jerry Schram; 10. 11-Steven Sturdevant; 11. 36-John Campos; 12. 44T-Brian Thompson; 13. 21C-Curt Coggins; 14. 50-Justin Ryker; 15. 81-Gary Silacci Jr; 16. 44-Greg McDonald; 17. 43-Gene Powell; DNS 25-Craig Cassell; DNS 57-Ethan Landers

## Race Summary: Western Sprint Tour Race #9/Speedweek Northwest Round #6 Saturday, July 4

**A Feature:** 1. 11-Roger Crockett; 2. 94-Steven Tiner; 3. 72-Phil Dietz; 4. 5V-Colby Copeland; 5. 31C-Justyn Cox; 6. 55-Trey Starks; 7. 9-Jayne Barnes; 8. 96-Greg Hamilton; 9. 43-Bradley Terrell; 10. 5N-Seth Nunes; 11. 11K-Michael (Buddy) Kofoid; 12. 70-Raquel Ivie; 13. 12-Jared Ridge; 14. 77-Kyle Hirst; 15. 22-Garen Linder; 16. 1NZ-Jamie Duff; 17. 21-Colby Wiesz; 18. 12P-Randy Pierce; 19. 5D-Patrick Dills; DNS 3AU-Daniel Sayre; DNS 44NZ-Daniel Anderson

Hard Charger: Raquel Ivie +8

Lap Leaders: Kyle Hirst (1), Trey Starks (2), Kyle Hirst (3-15), Roger Crockett (16-30)

**B Feature:** 1. 12P-Randy Pierce; 2. 44NZ-Daniel Anderson; 3. 5D-Patrick Dills; 4. 70-Raquel Ivie; 5. 3AU-Daniel Sayre; 6. 84K-Wayne Kniffen; 7. 23-Rob Lindsey; 8. 34-Melissa Solesbee

**Dash :** 1. 77-Kyle Hirst; 2. 11-Roger Crockett; 3. 55-Trey Starks; 4. 94-Steven Tiner; 5. 72-Phil Dietz; 6. 1NZ-Jamie Duff

**Qualifying :** 1. 55-Trey Starks; 2. 72-Phil Dietz; 3. 1NZ-Jamie Duff; 4. 11-Roger Crockett; 5. 31C-Justyn Cox; 6. 9-Jayne Barnes; 7. 5N-Seth Nunes; 8. 77-Kyle Hirst; 9. 94-Steven Tiner; 10. 5V-Colby Copeland; 11. 12-Jared Ridge; 12. 43-Bradley Terrell; 13. 96-Greg Hamilton; 14. 22-Garen Linder; 15. 12P-Randy Pierce; 16. 11K-Michael (Buddy) Kofoid; 17. 44NZ-Daniel Anderson; 18. 21-Colby Wiesz; 19. 70-Raquel Ivie; 20. 23-Rob Lindsey; 21. 5D-Patrick Dills; 22. 3AU-Daniel Sayre; 23. 34-Melissa Solesbee; 24. 84K-Wayne Kniffen

## Western Sprint Tour Point Standings (Top Ten):

1. 55-Trey Starks 725; 2. 11-Roger Crockett 694; 3. 22-Garen Linder 647; 4. 31C-Justyn Cox 622; 5. 96-Greg Hamilton 576; 6. 5V-Colby Copeland 521; 7. 77-Kyle Hirst 506; 8. 11K-Michael Kofoid 498; 9. 94-Steven Tiner 489; 10. 5D-Patrick Dills 475

## Final Speedweek Northwest Point Standings (Top Twenty):

1. 5V-Colby Copeland 521; 2. 77-Kyle Hirst 506; 3. 11-Roger Crockett 496; 4. 94-Steven Tiner 489; 5. 31C-Justyn Cox 466; 6. 55-Trey Starks 460; 7. 72-Phil Dietz 420; 8. 22-Garen Linder 408; 9. 21-Colby Wiesz 380; 10. 11K-Michael Kofoid 372; 11. 5D-Patrick Dills 351; 12. 96-Greg Hamilton 349; 13. 1NZ-Jamie Duff 345; 14. 70-Raquel Ivie 305; 15. 44NZ-Daniel Anderson 283; 16. 3AU-Daniel Sayre 246; 17. 23-Seth Bergman 236; 18. 87-Kyler Barraza 232; 19. 1R-Ryan

# Distracted Driving

## AWARENESS MONTH

### TRAIN YOUR BRAIN TO BREAK THE HABIT



Make it a habit to check for messages before you start driving.

Everybody knows that texting, talking on your cell phone or checking a notification on your screen is dangerous to do while driving. And yet so many people do it. In fact, the chances are you've done it too. During April, Distracted Driving Awareness Month, the National Safety Council campaigns to alert all drivers to the dangers of using a phone to text or talk while driving.

When a cell phone rings, it seems to come with a compulsion to answer that is very hard indeed to resist. But the National Safety Council says that 21 per cent of all crashes in the U.S. involve people talking on phones. That equals more accidents per phone-talker than any one of us would like to be responsible for.

The problem of phone-related distracted driving can only be solved by choosing

to not do it anymore. So, how to shake that compulsion to answer? They say starting a new good habit requires a reminder, a routine and a reward. For driving safely, this translates into a three-step brain training exercise.

Each time you get in your car and sit in the driver's seat, that's your reminder to take out your phone. Your routine is to check your texts and e-mails one last time before you activate your "Sorry, I'm driving" app or turn off the device or place it out of reach. And the reward is a self-congratulatory word ("Way to go!") each time you stop the car to use the phone or ask a passenger to take your call for you.

If you opt to place your cell phone out of reach, then put it on the back seat. The glove box isn't far enough; you may still be tempted to reach for it during bumper-to-bumper traffic slowdowns.

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