

Speedway Quick Results: St. Jude Night, Saturday, Sept. 19



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Chadd Noland took home the first place prize in the 360 sprints A feature.

A quick listing of the results for the Sept. 19 St. Jude Night at Cottage Grove Speedway

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Race Summary:
St. Jude Night presented by Coors/Columbia Distributing

360 Sprints
A Feature 1: 1. 13-Chadd Noland; 2. 5N-Seth Nunes; 3. 5D-Patrick Dills; 4. 12-Orion Redmond; 5. 87-Kyler Barraza; 6. 22R-Mike Romig; 7. 85-Ricky Ashley; 8. 10K-Don Waddell; 9. 6A-Kady Adelman; 10. 15R-Jake Gilman; 11. 23-Rob Lindsey; 12. 70-Raquel Ivie; 13. 34-Melissa Solesbee; DNS 11-Michael (Buddy) Kofoid

IMCA Modifieds
A Feature 1: 1. 5M-Jake Mayden; 2. W5-Jesse Williamson; 3. 10-Gus Cooper; 4. 77-Kreg Britton; 5. 16-Ryan McTaggart; 6. 95-Curtis Towns; 7. 1K-Kinzer Cox; 8. 85-T.J. Langan; 9. 34-Eric Cooper; 10. 11-Steven Sturdevant; 11. 18R-Ryan Baker; 12. 84-Eric Ashley; 13. 1M-Mark Wauge; 14. 44-Greg McDonald; 15. 93-Taunton Swaim; DNS 85W-Tucker Weeks

Street Stocks
A Feature 1: 1. 74-Andrew Langan; 2. 3-Jeff Krossman; 3. 66-Tyrell Mead; 4. 4-Justin Krossman; 5. 23-Garrett Barth; 6. 24-Chris Sine; 7. 85-Evan Britton; 8. 6-Brandon Fox; 9. 10-Steve Dubisar; 10. 11-Steven Sturdevant; DNS 66-Garrett Dees; DNS 00-Steve Begley; DNS 1-Mike Green; DNS 7K-Matt King

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A Feature 1: 1. 22A-Tyler Smith; 2. 32-Daniel Ray; 3. 0-James Donaldson; 4. 30-K.C. Scott; 5. 77-Jared Simmons; 6. 5-Kayla Simmons; 7. 48-Mike Swaim



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The Oregon Duck was faced with a lot of pushups on Saturday as Oregon scored 61.

Ducks bounce back but still show concerns on defensive side

With Vernon Adams out, Oregon still maintained a high rate of offensive production, but the defense still seems to struggle in the passing game

BY SAM WRIGHT
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Coming off of a tough loss on the road to Michigan State, the Ducks looked to bounce back this week against a timid Georgia State opponent. Oregon rolled over Georgia State, 61-28, but the game did not go by without its concerns.

Firstly, starting quarterback Vernon Adams Jr. sat out the entire game due to a broken finger he sustained during the Eastern Washington game and re-injuring himself during the Michigan State game. All eyes were on Jeff Lockie, who performed well but seemed a little rusty at times.

Lockie, a redshirt junior, completed 23 of 31 passes for 228 yards and two touchdowns, which are statistics that are hard to complain about. But looking at the first-half play, there were many moments that Lockie and the Ducks missed. On four oc-

casions in the first half, the Ducks saw several drives stall, and Head Coach Mark Helfrich didn't seem to trust the offense to go for it on fourth down.

Royce Freeman led the way in rushing with 10 carries for 101 yards and a touchdown, giving Freeman an average of 10.1 yards per carry on Saturday. Freeman was also aided by backup running back Taj Griffin, who ran 14 times for 61 yards and a touchdown. To top off the run game, the Ducks saw not their running backs nor Lockie, but third string quarterback Taylor Alie with the final touchdown of the game. Alie, a Eugene native from Sheldon High School, mounted an 87-yard run up the middle of the field, out-running the entire Georgia State defense.

The Duck's offense also saw a return of receiver Devon Allen, who missed this season's opener after a knee injury in last year's Rose Bowl against Florida

State. Allen saw a couple plays the week before against Michigan State and a few more in this week's game. He caught only three passes for 28 yards, but the world-class hurdler proved to be a huge playmaker last season, and the team should be looking forward to having him back.

Oregon's defense still showed a lot of concerns. Although the defense had two interceptions, Georgia State quarterback Nick Arbuckle still threw 25 of 32 passes for 318 yards and three touchdowns.

The Ducks were short of the predicted spread by 10 points, but their routing of Georgia State seems to have helped their position in the power rankings from 11 to 10.

Oregon's offense retains its usual form of finesse and speed, but the defense still has yet to find traction in the passing game.

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