

More than 2,000 spectators enjoy action at RiverCity Speedway

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Portland's Dan Fox was the standout performer Saturday in the third event of the Columbia County Racing Association schedule, with over 120 cars entered in five classes of racing and more than 2,000 fans, one of the largest crowds ever at RiverCity Speedway. Fox was a two-time winner with his Exide Batteries Chevrolet Lumina as he posted victories in the six-lap heat race and 35-lap Sports-

man Main Event.

Four other Main Event winners included Terry Bacon, Seaside, and Larry Follett, Albany. Bacon led from start to finish in his Chevelle as he captured the 30-lap Street Stock feature. Follett won the 15-lap Modified Main with his Rhodes Performance Chassis-sponsored car. Tyler Ferrando, Salem, won the Pro-4 Modified 25-lap feature and Brenda Hurley, Castle Rock, Wash., won the Women's Division Main Event.

Fox started fifth in the 15-

car Sportsman Main and took the lead on lap 17 after passing frontrunner Leroy White. Fox maintained a sizeable lead until a lap 22 caution flag delayed his inevitable victory. He won by a straightaway length over Dykstra's Pinard's Auto Repair Lumina.

Bacon started third in the 14-car Street Stock Main and quickly took the lead after passing frontrunners Paul Fortney and 17-year-old Corey Cook. Following a lap-six caution flag, Bacon zoomed ahead and gained a big lead

over Longview's Jackie Olson in the Silver Star Sports Bar Camaro and Sam Morrison, Scappoose. Without any yellow flags for the remainder of the race, Bacon maintained the advantage and won by 10 car lengths over Olson. Morrison, 1996 Street Stock division runnerup, finished third in his 1977 Camaro. Current division leader Troy Schreiner, Longview, took fourth in his Chris' Choice Meats-sponsored Oldsmobile Cutlass.

Dick Wright started on the pole position of the 14-car

Modified Feature and led the first 10 go-arounds until Follett passed him on lap 10. He stayed up front for the last five laps and won by five car lengths over Wright and Jim Murphy. In the Pro-4 Modified Main, Ferrando started up front and led from start to finish with his Ferrando Plumbing Mercury Capri four-cylinder modified car. He was followed closely at the finish line by his brothers, Co, just one car length back, and Tim; their father, Tom, took fourth.

SUMMARY

Sportsman

Fast Time—Doug Lockwood, 14.98

A Dash—Leroy White, Tim Gosch, Lockwood, Dennis Minter.

B Dash—Jim Wheeler, Jess Wrakestraw, Ken Cram, Cris Koszorus.

C Dash—Butch Valdez, Troy Rose, Sam Jeffers, Doug McVae.

Heat 1—Joe Frakes, Cram, Wrakestraw, Doug Eldridge, Rex Flatt.

Heat 2—Dave Walters, Mike Johnson, Randy Allen, Sean Fitzgerald, Bruce Liner.

Heat 3—Jeffers, Rose, Valdez, White, McVae.

Heat 4—Dan Fox, Lonnie Dykstra, Paul Liner, Jack Kauppila, Minter.

C Main—Flatt, Wrakestraw, Frakes, Eldridge, Jeff Marson.

B Main—Johnson, Allen, Chris Long, Flatt, Marson.

A Main—Fox, Dykstra, Don Jenner, Robert Jenner, Lockwood, Gosch, Randy Dewey, Paul Liner, Minter, White.

Street Stock

Fast Time—Ron Greer, 15.43

A Dash—Troy Schreiner, Gary Meyer, Greer, Matt Sayre.

B Dash—John Oyler, Kevin Romines, Charles Carpenter, Doug Janis.

C Dash—Greg Carson, Don Bailey, Larry Abraham, John Larson.

Heat 1—Wayne Jordan, Jeff Timmons, Carson, Cliff Wingham, Bob Teschner.

Heat 2—Jeff Brink, Abraham, Robert Jenner, Ken Trainer, Larson.

Heat 3—Tony Sibbett, Mike Hagen, Michelle Mears, Wade Stein, Troy Duschka.

Heat 4—John Oyler, Romines, Carpenter, Paul Fortney, Terry Bacon.

Heat 5—Greg Jeffries, Brian Vaughn, Doug Hurley, Schreiner, Sayre.

C Main—Carson, Brink, Roger Lorenzini, Abraham, Timmons.

B Main—Robert Jenner, Sibbett, Stein, Duschka, Ricky Trout.

A Main—Bacon, Jackie Olson, Sam Morrison, Schreiner, Sayre, Vaughn, Hurley, Greer, Corey Cook, Meyer.

Modifieds

Fast Time—Dennis Sturgell, 14.60

Dash—Larry Follett, Sturgell, Mel Decker, Rod McCombs.

Heat 1—Dick Wright, Jim Murphy, Harley Lewis, Chris Bryson.

Heat 2—Bud West, Decker, Sturgell, Follett.

Main—Follett, Wright, Murphy, Don West, Sturgell, Bud West, McCombs, Decker, Lewis, Bryson.

Pro-4 Modifieds

Fast Time—Tim Ferrando, 14.42

Dash—Stan Steeves, Tim Ferrando, Co Ferrando, Terry Ferrando.

Heat 1—Howell Slice, Steve Kenyon, Keith VanDyne, Ruth Lazatt.

Heat 2—Tyler Ferrando, Steeves, Dwight VanDyne, Terry Ferrando.

Main—Tyler Ferrando, Co Ferrando, Tim Ferrando, Tom Ferrando, Zack Ferrando, Dwight VanDyne, Tobey Ferrando, Mike Joslin, Stice, Kenyon.

Women's Division

Fast Time—Nancy Carpenter, 16.27

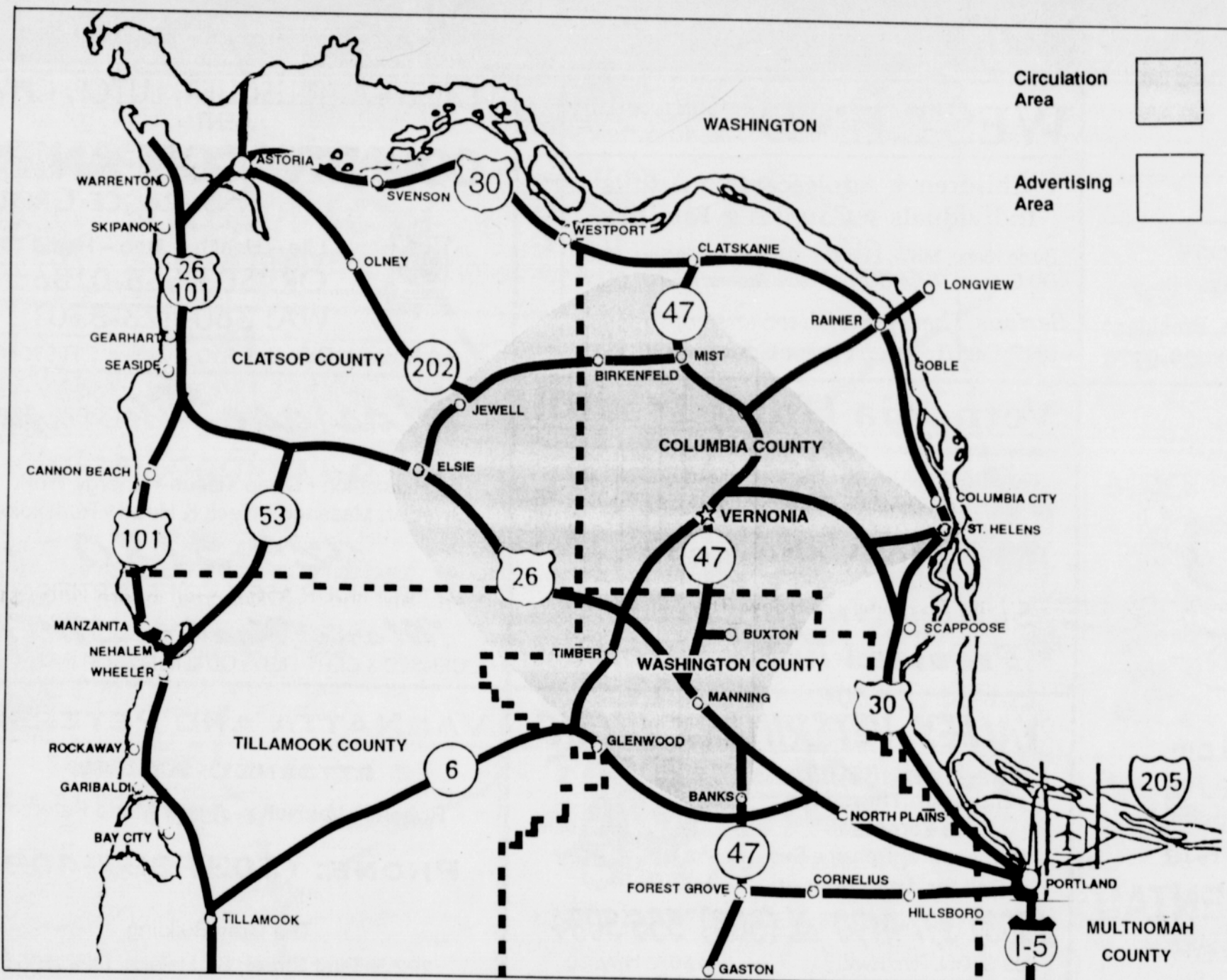
Dash—Jacki Fratto, Lu French, Carpenter, Brenda Hurley.

Heat 1—Crystal Hagen, Pam Glanville, Traci Johnson, Nicole Rigdon.

Heat 2—Jeanette Gadotti, Hurley, Geri Sherwin, French.

Main—Hurley, French, Hagen, Johnson, Carpenter, Gadotti, Rigdon.

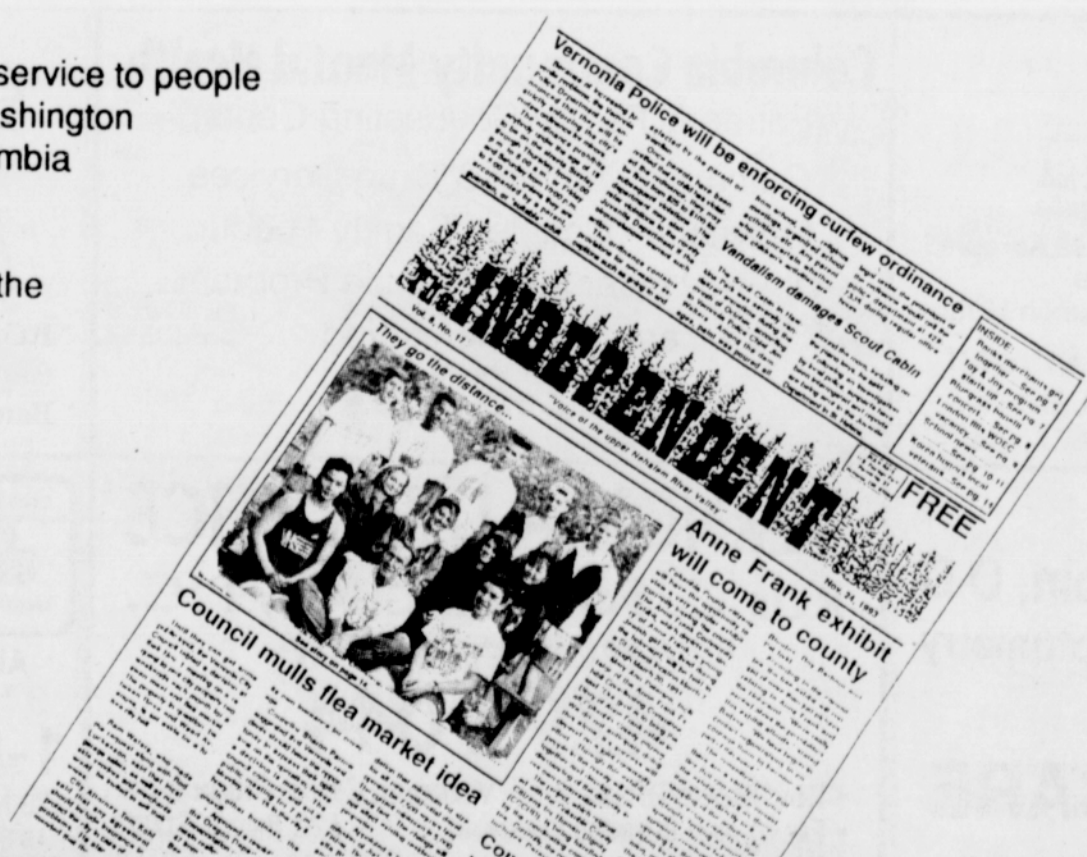
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