

Exciting competition at Sunset includes some thrills, mishaps

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the back stretch and the beautiful coupe of Steve Webb ended up in the wall. Apparently Mark Bell's car was damaged in the altercation as well, as he was not a factor from this point on. Lemley took command on the restart with Gerry Grossen in tow. The two pulled away from Dash winner Tom Willie as Dave Bax climbed to fourth in Dave Hufford's machine.

Suddenly, in the closing laps, Lemley's mount began to smoke. Whether the smoke was related to Lemley's spin in turn four or not is unknown, but seeing a yellow, new leader Grossen slowed. While the flagmen watched for Lemley to get back under power, Willie closed on Grossen. A yellow/checkered ended the event as Willie slipped by Grossen at the line. Dave Bax finished in the show position, followed by Dan Shaw and local driver Dale Blake.

Chris Wilkins won a nine car qualifier for the PHRA Main, leading flag to flag. Pro Dash winner on Opening night, Mike Kelley finished second, chased by fellow heat winner Bob Painter, Jeff Quinn and Van Raden.

McMullin, who had dominated the PHRA opener, stretched his lead to eight car lengths, while first Quinn, then Van Raden displaced Painter. Quinn's competitiveness was nothing short of amazing in

light of his late afternoon antics...in one of the first hot lap sessions of the day, Quinn had climbed a wheel and cartwheeled his car right out of the ballpark!

Back in the present, the lapped car of Wilkins' spun directly in front of McMullin. With no place to go, McMullin clipped the #44 and ended up on his side. A red flag was thrown and McMullin's bid for a repeat was over.

McVae set the pace with nine laps down, Quinn, Van Raden and Painter applying the pressure. Painter then looped in four and on the restart, Van Raden subdued Quinn. The balance of the event was green. Van Raden spotted daylight beneath McVae's coupe and powered by. Nick Adams methodically worked his way to the front, eventually getting as far as third. The battle-weary Quinn had to be satisfied with fourth while Jack Mires rounded out the top five.

SUMMARY, MAY 13, 2000

Bomber

HEAT 1: Shawn Thomson, Greg Long, Doug Younkin

HEAT 2: Stan Asanovic, Tom Finley, Terry Talbot, Jr.

DASH: Thomson, Asanovic, Finley, Mike Mastrangelo

MAIN: Asanovic, Thomson, Talbot, Long, Finley, Younkin, Dave Ruby, Kendall Lee, Lonni Finley, Mastrangelo, Phillip Herinckx

Street Stocks:

HEAT 1: Steve Hambleton, Greg Smith, A.J. Tipton

HEAT 2: Jimmy Masure, Gary Meyers, Mark Bell

HEAT 3: Tony Catalano, Nathan Morton, Brent Porter
DASH: Meyers, Harley Barrett, Tipton, Porter

MAIN: Tipton, Masure, Porter, Catalano, Barrett, Adrian Adams, Smith, Jay Silas, Jeff Gilman, Dwight Graham, Nathan Rolston, Meyers, #81, Traci Williams, Richard Kelley, Morton, Mike Fitzpatrick, Trevor Brotherton, Hambleton, Bell, Sharon Kelley

Cascade Hardtops:

HEAT 1: Gerry Grossen, Steve Webb, Dale Bax

HEAT 2: Steve Lemley, Tom Willie, Mark Bell
DASH: Willie, Bell, Lemley, Dale Bake

MAIN: Willie, Grossen, Bax, Dan Shaw, Bake, Richard Nordby, Stanley Garboden, Lemley, Greg Ray, Bell, Webb

PHRA Dwarf:

HEAT 1: Doug McVae, Jake Mires, Joe Eaton

HEAT 2: Brent McMullin, Jeff Quinn, Wayne Van Raden

HEAT 3: Bob Painter, Ron Love, Rick Adams

PRO DASH: Robert Cash, Don Farrell, Don Ellam, Stan Manks

PRO MAIN: Chris Wilkins, Mike Kelley, Dennis Rearidon, Manks, Farrell, Cash, Bob Mires, Ellam, Charles Millar

EXPERT MAIN: Van Raden, Adams, Quinn, J. Mires, Keith Steenslid, Kelley, Chuck McMullins, Painter, Eaton, Manks, Love, B. McMullin, Wilkins, Mark Hinkle.

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had floated back out into the stream and was just starting to go down the middle rapids. We soon realized that there was nothing to do but for me to chase it down with my kayak. Quickly, I was back in the water and flew down one of the better rapids of the trip as I looked for the wayward kayak. Coming around a bend in the river, I was relieved to see the kayak doing a nice eddy turn into calm water, just as if it had an experienced kayaker aboard.

Soon Troy and I were laughing about the experience, yet it had reinforced two rules of kayaking. One: Always beach your kayak high and dry. Two: Never kayak alone.

After a quick refreshment stop, we were back on the water and traveling upstream though two rapids. Unfortunately, Troy caught a boil that spun him sideways and he did a slow roll as the power of the river grabbed his kayak. We were in a side eddy and, fortunately, the water pushed Troy toward the bank. Soon he was on shore, draining the water

from his boat as the sun continued to bathe us in its warmth.

We were a little disappointed when we saw our take-out come into view, for we were both game for more excitement from the unknown river that flowed below us. We knew, though, that we would continue our 100 mile adventure to Nehalem Bay next week, with another ten mile section of the river, with the certainty that the river will continue to get faster and wilder. This is what draws us back, for we have caught the white water bug.

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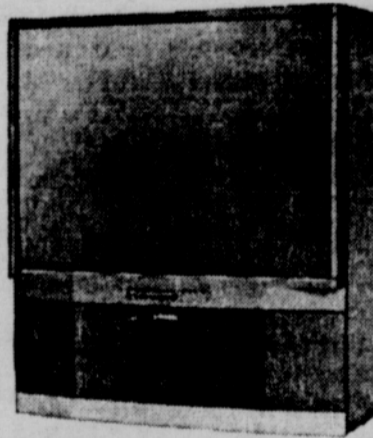
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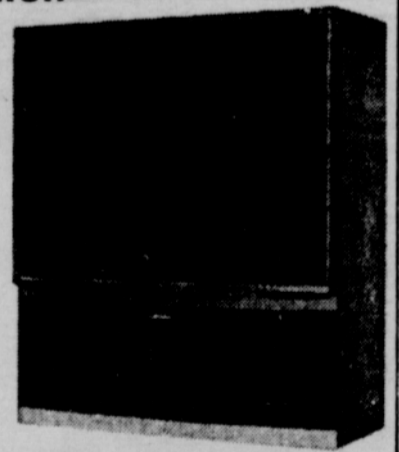
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