

Puncochar family pleases Dad on Father's Day at River City Speedway in St. Helens

By Mike Weber

For the Puncochar family of Hillsboro, they celebrated Fathers Day a little early while posting two Columbia County Racing Association main event wins Saturday at River City Speedway in St. Helens. Tricia "Great" Brittain of St. Helens, notched her first top-five finish this year in the Longview Napa sportsman series. Joe Lires of St. Helens, won his first ever mini stock main as he led all the way with his McMullen Water Systems/Allen Gutters sponsored Toyota Celica.

St. Helens drivers Jeremy

Martin (seventh), Rudy Chappelle (ninth) and Dan Smith (10th) of Scappoose each had top-10 finishes in the Reser's Fine Foods modified class. Portland's Marc Sayre notched his first ever series win, while leading the main event from start-to-finish with his Ascend Elevator/Plainview Auto sponsored modified Ford racer.

Scott Puncochar and his sister, Kari, who both lead their respective division standings, were nearly unbeatable as they combined for four wins, much to the delight of their father, Ralph Puncochar. Scott led the

street stock main from start-to-finish with his Fox Automotive/Louis Construction sponsored Chevrolet Camaro. Clark Tenney of Scappoose was right behind in his 21st Century Towing Chevy Malibu as their cars were bumper-to-bumper at the finish line. St. Helens drivers Aaron Prettyman (third) and Herb Thomas (fourth) also had top-five finishes.

"I felt good that I was able to stay close to the frontrunners (Puncochar, Tenney), because they're both good, fast drivers," said Prettyman, who was the fastest qualifier (16.41) and

took second to Puncochar in the dash with his West PAC Camaro. "I'm sure having lots of fun, I moved up to second in the standings and this is the best season in my four-year career. I'm really looking forward to the next race on June 21, because I sure love having races for three consecutive weeks."

Kari Puncochar passed Vancouver's Pam Graham on lap two and led the remainder of the women's main to record her second win and third straight top-five finish in the RPM Motorsports Chevy Nova. Pun-

cochar had her usual dominating performance again as she was the top qualifier (16.78 seconds) on the quarter-mile clay oval track and also recorded a heat race win. Kelso's Paula Timmons was two car lengths back in second, followed by Graham and Bobbi Harris of Battleground. Kerry Smith of Scappoose, posted her third consecutive top-five (fifth), she captured a heat race win with her Alliance Automotive Buick Regal and moved into second place in the division standings.

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