

## Action stays fast and furious with variety of categories at St. Helens oval

St. Helens drivers Robert Bjork, Aaron Prettyman and Stephen Kaptur, they were smiling as brightly as the 4th of July fireworks following the Longview Napa stock car race Saturday at River City Speedway. Bjork captured his first ever street stock A main event win and Prettyman (second) notched his fourth straight top-five finish in his West PAC/Central Employment Chevrolet Camaro.

"Everything's going pretty good and I'm just hoping to finish in the top-five every race, and if I continue doing that,

then I might have a chance to win the division title," said Prettyman, who won his first A main June 7. "I'm hoping to get another win, but it was tough trying to pass, so I felt comfortable staying behind Rob and I'm glad to see him get his first ever win."

Randy Allen of Sandy, passed frontrunner Ross Roberts of Portland, on the 17th circuit of the sportsman main and led the remainder of the 25-lap race to notch his second win with the John's Frame Shop/American Tire Chevy Monte Carlo. Allen won

by two car lengths over Roberts. Kirk Brissett of Scappoose, a Rookie-of-the-Year contender along with Lisa Liner of St. Helens, posted a second straight sixth place finish. Kaptur won the B Main and then maneuvered up impressively from a 16th place position to take seventh in his Clark's Signs Chevy Malibu. Tricia "Great" Brittain of St. Helens, took ninth, for her fifth straight top-10 in the Tony's Shoes Monte Carlo. Liner was 11th in the Lawrence Oil/Heckman Trucking Malibu and she's ranked fifth in the point stand-

ings.

"Competing in the sportsman class is much different than being in the women's division and it's tougher with so much more competition," said Liner, the 2002 women's champion. "I've exceeded my expectations and I'm surprised with how much success I've had. I'm just hoping to finish in the top-five of the standings and win Rookie-of-the-Year."

Top rookie contender Jeremy Martin of St. Helens, posted his first ever top-five (fifth) in the Reser's Fine Foods modified main. Portland's Ray El-

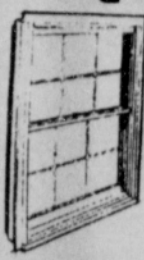
wess notched his first win after passing Rainier's Ron Greer on lap 22 and then led the final 13 circuits with his Triple E Racing/Precision Engines open-wheel modified race car. Greer was second, defending champion and current division leader Matt Sayre of Portland took third. Clint Petty (fourth) of St. Helens, notched his third top-five with his Competition Motorsports racer.

For Kerry Smith of Scappoose, she's enjoying the best season of her three-year career and is ranked second in the

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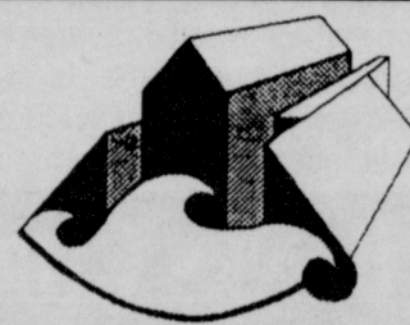
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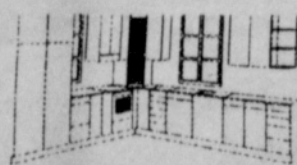
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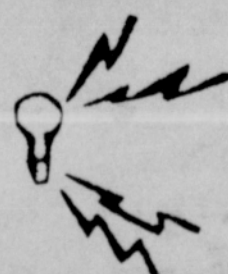
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