

Competition getting tougher with only four races left at RiverCity

With four races left in the Columbia County Racing Association, St. Helens drivers Jeremy Martin, Clint Petty and Aaron Prettyman remained in contention for a division title as they each recorded top-five main event finishes Saturday at River City Speedway. Kerry Smith of Scappoose, also aspires to a title and, after a runner-up finish to women's division leader Paula Timmons of Kelso, remains a contender.

Driving the Ace Auto Wrecking Chevrolet truck, Timmons took the lead in the main as she passed frontrunner Kari Pun-

cochar of Hillsboro, who exited with a flat tire after leading the first six circuits. Timmons dominated the rest of the race and won by a half lap over Smith, in the Alliance Automotive Buick Regal.

Lisa Liner of St. Helens, continued a successful first season in the Longview NAPA Sportsman series as she won the B main, then maneuvered up from a 16th starting position to take seventh in the A main. Tommy Elstoen of St. Helens, took fifth in the B Main for his second straight top-five win. Longview's Troy Schreiner won

a second straight A Main in the Harren's Plumbing Oldsmobile Cutlass, followed by Flyin' Brian Vaughn of Longview, Sandy's Randy Allen and Castle Rock's Doug Hurley. Marty Holmason of St. Helens, the fastest qualifier at 15.61 seconds, posted a season best fifth place in his Pontiac Grand Prix.

Fairview's Mark Jones drove his Chevrolet Camaro to a second straight win in the street stock A Main. Portland's Robert Duncan was second and Vancouver's Dennis Krohling took third, followed by Rob Bjork of St. Helens, who notched a sec-

ond consecutive top five in the Snyder Roofing Camaro. Prettyman, ranked third in the division, posted a sixth top-five finish in his West PAC Camaro.

Hillsboro's Scott Puncochar led the Reser's Modified main from start-to-finish for his first series win in the RPM Motorsports/Oly's Painting & Drywall open-wheel racer. A runnerup finish by Portland's Marc Sayre in the Ascend Elevator modified Ford put him in the lead in points. Martin recorded a fourth straight top-five in the Superior Torque Converter sponsored car owned by Sam Jeffers of

Scappoose. Petty took fourth and two-time, defending champion Matt Sayre of Portland, was fifth. Brian Timmons of Scappoose, won the B Main and Clint's dad, Richard Petty, took second. The Sayre brothers, Marc and Matt, are 1-2 in the division, followed by Clint Petty and Martin.

Hillsboro's Rick Adams won the dash, heat and A main in the PHRA Dwarf Cars, taking the lead for a second straight win in the Modern Machinery 1934 Ford Sedan replica owned by Beaverton's Bob Johnson.

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