

# There was plenty of action at River City Speedway July 20 and 30

## RIVER CITY SPEEDWAY July 20, 2005, Results

Sportsman – Fast Time: 16.34 Kelly Moore, Rainier. Trophy Dash: Tim Williams, Scappoose. Main: Kirk Brissett, Scappoose; Williams; Jesse O'Hara, Portland; Bryan Collins, Portland; Todd Newton, Portland; Ray Cota, Vernonia; Robert Heitzman, Portland.

Modified – Fast Time: 1.20 Jeremy Martin, St. Helens. Trophy Dash: Marc Sayre, Portland. B Main: Stephen Kaptur, Deer Island; Sean Fox, St. Helens; Marcie Kisor, Scappoose; Ron Nelson, St. Helens. A Main: Scott Winebarger, Corbett; Sayre; Clint Petty, St. Helens; Martin; Don Jenner, Vancouver; Kisor; Todd Hardesty, St. Helens; Jim Midwood, Portland; Kaptur; Ron Greer, Rainier.

Street Stock – Fast Time: 16.48 Skip Pillow, Gresham. Trophy Dash: Gannin Thomas, St. Helens. Main: Aaron Prettyman, St. Helens; Pillow; Nathan Slape, Rainier; Ian Lamma, St. Helens; Rick Rehaneck, Portland; Jack Creswell, Portland; Thomas; Mike Sayre, Portland; Jerald Strawn, Portland; Joe Richey, Scappoose.

Mini Stock – Fast Time: 17.60 Scott McMullen, Deer Island. Trophy Dash: Marc Sayre. Main: Ted Slape, Rainier; Mark Beehler Jr, St. Helens; Mark Beehler, St. Helens; Brad Beehler, St. Helens; McMullen; Jared Hanson, Portland; Scott Mason, Vancouver; Debra Meyer, Vernonia; Mike Harrison, St. Helens; Rich DuBois, Portland.

PHRA Dwarf Cars – Fast Time: 15.54 Rian McVae, Scappoose. Trophy Dash: Ed Asman, Portland. Main: Richard Petty, Scappoose; McVae; Charles Millar, Portland; Asman; Roger Moore, Portland.

Women's Division – Fast Time: 17.63 Susan Wallace, Beaverton. Trophy Dash: Celeste Hardesty, St. Helens. Main: Hardesty; Brenda Hurley, Castle Rock; Wallace; Tricia Brittain; Tria Prettyman, St. Helens; Diana Bowen, Rainier; Teia Thomas, St. Helens; Carrie Melland, Kelso.

## RIVER CITY SPEEDWAY July 30, 2005, Results

Sportsman – Fast Time: Corey

Cook, Rainier, 15.94. Trophy Dash: Randy Allen, Sandy. Heat 1: Tricia Brittain, St. Helens; Allen; Cook. Heat 2: Kirk Brissett, Scappoose; Kevin Melland, Kelso; Rodney Cook, Rainier. Heat 3: Bryan Collins, Portland; Phillip Hayward, Portland; Ron Williams, Longview. Main: Tim Williams, Scappoose; Allen; Paula Timmons, Kelso; Brissett; Larry Lemmons, Clatskanie; Brittain; Corey Cook; Jesse O'Hara, Portland; Rodney Cook; Collins.

Modified – Fast Time: Shawn Dorie, St. Helens 15.29. Trophy Dash: Jeremy Martin, St. Helens. Heat 1: Mike Long, Portland; Clyde White, Longview; Dorie. Heat 2: Dale Holland, Portland; Todd Hardesty, St. Helens; Clint Petty, St. Helens. Heat 3: Merle Farris, Seaside; Marc Sayre, Portland; Michael Smith, Portland. B Main: Marty Holmason, St. Helens; Sayre; Rob Sjogren, Portland; Marcie Kisor, Scappoose; Dorie. A Main: Dan Fox, Warren; Greg Greer, Rainier; Martin; Dan Smith, Scappoose; Sayre; Petty; Stephen Kaptur, Deer Island; Scott Puncochar, Hillsboro; Hardesty; White.

Street Stock – Fast Time: Curt Nusom, Gresham, 16.29. Trophy Dash: Gannin Thomas, St. Helens. Heat 1: Thomas; Ralph Puncochar, Hillsboro; Scott Puncochar. Heat 2: L.R. O'Connor, Portland; John Haagenson, Portland; Jon Gillett, Rainier. Heat 3: Terry Moss, St. Helens; Ian Lamma, St. Helens; Mark Reser, Beaverton. B Main: Moss; Doug Scott, Portland; Robert Sterling, Scappoose; Reser; Lamma. A Main: Curt Nusom; Thomas; Scott Puncochar; Gillett; Kari Puncochar, Hillsboro; Skip Pillow, Gresham; Dennis Munger, Longview; Moss; Mike Crase, Portland; Haagenson.

Mini Stock – Fast Time: Scott McMullen, Deer Island, 17.45. Trophy Dash: Joe Cherington, Vancouver. Heat 1: David Bishop, Portland; Mike Harrison, St. Helens; Aaron Chappell, St. Helens. Heat 2: Brad Ruth, Washougal; Bill Hoekstra, Portland; Eric Lindquist, St. Helens. Heat 4: Jared Hanson, St. Helens; Kathy McMullen, Deer Island; Josh Kelsey, Portland. B Main: Hanson; Kathy McMullen; Robert Chankles, Portland; Marie Sayre, Portland; Danny Sayre, Portland. A Main: Cherington; Mark Guin-

don, Warrenton; Hoekstra; Scott McMullen; Ben Palmer, Gladstone; Ruth; Harrison; Adam Beehler, St. Helens; Kathy McMullen; Bishop.

Women's Division – Fast Time: Lisa Faulkner, St. Helens, 16.29. Trophy Dash: Stacey Fordyce, Vancouver. Heat 1: Kari Puncochar; Fordyce; Cindy Courtwright, Warrenton. Heat 2: Kathy Griffin, Scappoose; Sharon Kelley, Astoria; Faulkner. Main: Fordyce; Faulkner; Jenelle Tolman, St. Helens; Tria Prettyman, St. Helens; Courtwright; Puncochar; Jenae Ricker, Portland; Griffin; Colleen Hawk, Kelso; Jacqui Graham, Portland.

## July 20 race results

By Mike Weber

For two local stock car racing drivers; Celeste Hardesty and Ted Slape, River City Speedway's rare midweek schedule proved to be a pretty special occasion as they each posted their first ever main event victories in the Columbia County Fair Benefit Race on Wednesday, July 20. Hardesty, of St. Helens, was a two-time winner as she drove her Rose Valley Market/Fast Lube & Oil sponsored Chevrolet Camaro to victory lane in the Women's main and trophy dash.

Slape, of Rainier, led from start-to-finish to record an impressive first career Mini Stock main event win as he won by a half lap over runnerup Mark Beehler of St. Helens. Aaron Prettyman of St. Helens, took over the lead from Portland's Jack Creswell with a lap seven pass on the inside lane of the back straightaway and led the remaining 23-laps to win the Street Stock main. It was Prettyman's first A main event victory of the season in the West Pac/D & L Pallet Jack sponsored Camaro.

Kirk Brissett of Scappoose, also notched his first win this year as he took the checkered flag in the Sportsman main while driving the Wigwam Tavern/Scappoose Smoke Shop

Chevy Lumina owned by Keith Cernac of Scappoose. Scott Winebarger of Corbett, took the lead on lap four of the Modified A Main after passing Kelso's Larry Benson and led the remainder of the 30-lap race to notch the victory with his Discount Race Car Parts modified open wheel style racer. Stephen Kaptur of Deer Island, won the B main with the Reser's Fine Foods/STC Race Parts modified car owned by Sam Jeffers of Scappoose.

Richard Petty of Scappoose, led all the way to capture the 30-lap Dwarf Car main. Gannin Thomas of St. Helens, won the Street Stock trophy dash and Tim Williams of Scappoose, took the Sportsman dash. Portland's "Mello" Marc Sayre won the Modified dash and the Mini Stock dash. Wednesday's event was a non-points race and the next Columbia County Racing Association regular points race was July 30.

"My husband, Todd, gave me the Camaro as a Christmas present last year, so it's great and really an awesome feeling to finally get my first main event win," said Hardesty, who is ranked fifth in the division standings. "It was so much more fun today basically because of the stress free conditions without points and we didn't have to compete against top drivers like Lisa Faulkner (first place) and Kari Puncochar (second) who are so concerned about their position in the division standings. I compete to have fun and that's what counts, so I'm not worried about points, but a top-five division finish would be nice and I'm also hoping to win the Rookie-of-the-Year Award."

"It sure was fun and really quite a thrill to get my first A main win and even though it's without points, it was still one of

the best races this year," said Brissett, the 10th-ranked Sportsman driver. "It's sure nice that Kieth Cernac has provided me with such an excellent race car to drive and his two sons – Josh and Jeremy also do a good job as pit crew members."

Josh competes in the Street Stocks and he led the first five laps of the main in his 1970 Chevelle until he inadvertently collided with a large tractor tire on the back straightaway and was unable to continue after the yellow caution flag period. Creswell led following a lap six restart until Prettyman moved ahead to stay on lap seven.

## July 30 race results

By Mike Weber

Warren's Dan Fox captured a third Reser's Fine Foods modified main event and Tim Williams of Scappoose, notched his first ever sportsman A main victory, but a memorial in honor of former driver and fallen Army Reserve soldier Joseph Jeffries was the highlight of the "Workingman's Classic" Saturday, July 30, at River City Speedway.

The 21-year-old Jeffries was killed May 29, 2004, in Afghanistan when a military vehicle he was in struck an explosive land mine. Joe's dad, Mark, organized the special tribute and his remarkable fundraising efforts produced over \$2000. 20 percent was donated to the Columbia County Toy & Joy Program and the remainder was awarded to mini stock division drivers, which was the classification that Joe participated in for two seasons (2001-02) at the St. Helens track.

With football season just around the corner, perhaps it was appropriate that passing, albeit a different form, was the key to victory for A main event winners Joe Cherington (mini stock), Curt Nusom (street stock) and Stacey Fordyce (women's division). All three posted impressive wins after maneuvering up from 10th place starting positions. St. Helens drivers Marty "McFly" Holmason (modified), Jared Hanson (mini stock) and "The Enforcer" Terry Moss, each captured B main wins.

The nickname for Moss is appropriate since he's a St. See page 15

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