

# River City Speedway action included multi-car crashes on Aug. 16

by Mike Weber

St. Helens drivers Stephen Kaptur and Don Greutz, captured their second A main wins of the season in the Lemmons Trucking sponsored stock car races Saturday, August 16, at River City Speedway.

Three former Columbia County Racing Association division champions won for the first time this year, as Chris Quinn, John Nusom and Stacey Fordyce all recorded main event victories. Local racers Sean Fox, Dan Fox, Justin McMullen, Gerald Strawn and Kathy Griffin notched top three A main finishes.

The sportsman and modified mains were ended early by red caution flags with two wild, multi-car crashes halting the action when the races were unable to resume. Many drivers were treated by Metro West Ambulance emergency medical technicians at the track. Jeremy Martin of St. Helens, had some injuries that required him to be taken to the hospital for treatment.

In the Reser's Fine Foods Sportsman main, Tricia Brittain, Tim Williams, LeRoy White and Aaron Prettyman were involved in a four car, lap 27, mishap on the back straightaway. Gresham's John Nusom, who passed Rick Rehanek on the second lap, was in front when the crash occurred and got the win with his Tom's Auto & Performance Machine Chevrolet Camaro. Brittain of St. Helens, took sixth with her Rose Valley Market Monte Carlo and leads the series point standings.

"Tricia took a hard hit, her head and neck is a little sore, but she's doing alright," said her husband, Sam Brittain. "That's the way things go in racing. Sometimes you're on top of the world and other times, things don't go so well. It really wasn't anyone's fault and it was just a racing incident. It's the most damage we've had to the car in a couple years. We'll fix it and be back in two weeks for the Labor Day Races (August 30-31)."

Quinn of Vancouver, started on the pole position of the modified main and led all the way with his Gunderson Tire/ASK Engineering open-wheel style racer. The race ended on lap

32 with a three car crash on the back straightaway involving Martin, Rainier's Greg Greer and Dennis Blasier of Scappoose. Sean Fox maneuvered up from an eighth place start to get a season best second with his Outrageous Audio/Malar Performance Engines racer.

"I'm pretty happy, the car was working absolutely beautiful and the motor was running great, thanks to Tony Malar," said Sean Fox, whose dad Dan was right behind in third. "Our Northwest Competition Motorsports crew of Gary Knox, Steve Fenter, Dave Fenter and Doug Lafoone does an excellent job for every race. It's too bad Jeremy got hurt and I sure hate to see things like that happen."

Stephen Fenter, who was atop the street stock division prior to the race, led the first four laps of the street stock main with his Camaro. Greutz moved by Fenter on the outside lane on lap five for the lead. Greutz held onto the top spot for the duration of the 40 laps with his Yamhill Auto Wrecking/Sweers Trucking Camaro. Gresham's Curt Nusom, was runnerup in his Steven's Printing Camaro and he took over first place in the standings. Portland's Don Schott took third. Terry Moss of St. Helens, maneuvered up from the rear of the 13-car field to take fourth with his Knife River Chevy Malibu.

"This is my best year ever and I would be pretty satisfied if I can just finish in the top five of standings," said Greutz.

Kaptur moved up from eighth place to win the mini stock main with the Mary Jean's Flowers/Reliant Elevator Ford Pinto owned by Milwaukie's Eric Lindquist. Scott Beaudoin was second and McMullen, the division leader, was third.

Fordyce of Vancouver, took

the lead from Griffin on lap two of the women's main and led the remainder of the race. Kyle Mahner, 16, of Clackamas, led all the way to win the Micro Sprint main. Longview's Steven Schreiner led from start-to-finish with his Dodge Neon to capture his second student division main event win.

## RIVER CITY SPEEDWAY AUGUST 16, RESULTS

Sportsman – Fast Time: Aaron Prettyman, St. Helens 15.73. Trophy Dash: Curt Nusom, Gresham. Heat 1: Derek Vorseth, Sheridan; Tony Hendon, Portland; Larry Lemmons, Toledo. Heat 2: Doug Hurley, Castle Rock; Danny Asher, Portland; John Nusom, Gresham. Heat 3: LeRoy White, Portland; Curt Nusom; Chris West, Battleground. Main: John Nusom; Asher; Gerald Strawn, St. Helens; White; Prettyman; Tricia Brittain, St. Helens; Hendon; Lemmons; Vorseth; Rick Rehanek, Portland.

Modified – Fast Time: Jeremy Martin, St. Helens 15.49. Trophy Dash: Corey Cook, Rainier. Heat 1: Chris Quinn, Vancouver; Dennis Blasier, St. Helens; Dan Fox, Warren. Heat 2: Sean Fox, Rainier; Don Jenner, Vancouver; Cook. Main: Quinn; Sean Fox; Dan Fox; Jenner; Greg Greer, Rainier; Cook; Dan Smith, Scappoose; Bobby Morley, Scappoose; Mark Reser, Tigard; Ron Greer, Rainier.

Street Stock – Fast Time: Curt Nusom 16.14. Trophy Dash: John Nusom. Heat 1: Don Greutz, St. Helens; Stephen Fenter, St. Helens; Callen Prettyman, St. Helens. Heat 2: Todd Newton, Portland; Steven Nusom, Gresham; Don Schott, Portland. Main: Greutz; Curt Nusom; Schott; Terry Moss, St. Helens; Eddie Farness, Sandy; Ron Dodge, Vernonia; Brad Nusom, Gresham; Curtis Zelmer, Portland; Fenter; Steven Nusom.

Mini Stock – Fast Time: Justin McMullen, Deer Island 16.66. Trophy Dash: Justin McMullen. Heat 1: Susan Wallace, Portland; Frank

Karnath, Washougal; Brad Beehler, St. Helens. Heat 2: Stephen Kaptur, St. Helens; Jason Scheibel, Kelso; Scott McMullen, Deer Island. Main: Kaptur; Scott Beaudoin, Washougal; Justin McMullen; Ric James, Portland; Scheibel; Jenelle Harrison, St. Helens; Brad Beehler, St. Helens; Bob Wallace, Portland; Scott McMullen, Deer Island; Jerry Winchester, Longview.

Women's Division – Fast Time: Celeste Hardesty, St. Helens. Trophy Dash: Hardesty. Heat: Brenda Hurley, Castle Rock; Hardesty;

Kathy Griffin, Scappoose. Main: Stacey Fordyce, Vancouver; Jacki Graham, Portland; Griffin; Melissa McVae, Scappoose; Kim Lemmons, Toledo; Hurley; Hardesty.

Student Division – Fast Time: Bradley Martin, St. Helens 17.26. Trophy Dash: Steven Schreiner, Longview. Heat: Andrew Olsen, Portland; Martin; Schreiner; Joel Beehler, St. Helens. Main: Schreiner; Beehler; Martin; Tyler Young, Portland; Olsen.

Micro Sprints Main: Kyle Mahner, Clackamas.

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