

Vernonian Doug Davenport wins his heat at River City Speedway

by Mike Weber

St. Helens drivers Jeremy Martin and Justin McMullen set Columbia County Racing Association track record qualifying times and both recorded top three main event finishes in the Lemmons Trucking Race Saturday, August 15, at River City Speedway.

Deer Island's Scott McMullen won the Mini Stock main and Bud Russell of St. Helens, notched a career best second to Portland's Rick Graham in the Sportsman main. The Nusom Racing team of Gresham, swept the top four positions in the Street Stock main.

Milwaukie's Eric Lindquist led the first 15 laps of the Sportsman main with his Reliable Elevator Chevrolet. Lindquist was slowed by a lapped car, which provided Graham with an opening to move past on the inside lane and take the lead on lap 16.

Graham led the remainder of the 40-lap race with his T&T Draggin' Wagons Towing/Perfection Automotive 1978 Pontiac Firebird. Graham, who notched his second win, had half a lap lead over Russell, the runnerup in his Competitive Edge Sign & Design/Knife River Chevrolet Monte Carlo. Portland Frank Elwess took third, Stephen Kaptur of St. Helens was fourth and Portland's LeRoy White took fifth.

"I just got slowed a little by lapped cars and there was no way that I could catch Gra-

ham," said Russell, a first year stock car racing driver, whose pit crew chief is his dad, Mike Russell.

"The maintenance crew of Sam Brittain, Ed Brasmer and Charlie Rigdon did a good job working on the track and it was in just perfect condition."

Mark Beehler of Deer Island, led the first 12 laps of the Mini Stock main. Scott McMullen passed Beehler on lap 13 after the two circled the track for five laps while their cars were side-by-side. McMullen led the duration of the 30-lap race with his McMullen Water Systems 1985 Ford Mustang.

McMullen won by a straight-away length over Beehler. Justin McMullen (Scott's son) set the Mini Stock track record of 15.73 seconds in qualifying. Justin, 19, took third in his Skinny's Texaco Mustang for an eighth straight top five finish and he leads the series points.

"The car was dialed-in and it was really running good," said Scott McMullen, who also won the trophy dash. "It took a while to get ahead of Brad Beehler. Once I did get in front, then I was able to move out into a sizeable advantage, especially since it was a caution free race."

Joel Beehler of St. Helens was fourth and he won the heat race with his Subaru Impreza. Joel, 16, a St. Helens High School junior, competed in the Tracers last year and he's second in the point standings

Eddie Farness led the first

four laps of the Street Stock main until Gresham's John Nusom passed him on the fifth circuit. Nusom led until lap 19 when his older brother Curt moved in front and held on for the win.

Vancouver's Robert Jenner passed Vernonia's Doug Davenport on lap 12 of the 30-lap Modified main and held on for his second win with the Discount Race Car Parts open wheel racer. Jenner and Davenport also won heat races. Jenner is second in the division point standings behind his uncle, Don Jenner of Vancouver.

Martin took second in his Reser's Fine Foods racer, followed by Davenport. Martin set the one-lap track qualifying record of 13.65 seconds on the quarter mile clay oval.

Vancouver's Stacey Fordyce won the 20-lap women's main while driving the Recovery Racing 1975 Nova. Collen Winebarger of Corbett, won the Tracer Division (age 13-16 year olds) race. Winebarger, 13, who competes at Sunset Speedway in Banks and St. Helens, has a combined total of six Tracer wins out of seven starts with the Absolute Auto Service Camaro.

Trey Starks of Puyallup, WA, won the 25 lap Micro Sprint car main. Keith Everson, 63, of Marysville, WA, won the Pacific Mini Sprint main with his Kleco Racing open wheel racer. The ninth event of the 12-race CCRA series is the Aug. 29 Pavelcomm.com Race.

RIVER CITY SPEEDWAY August 15, 2009 Results

Sportsman – Fast Time: Jesse Freeman, Wilsonville 14.86. Trophy Dash: Rick Rehanek, Vancouver. Heat 1: Larry Wetzel, Portland; Stephen Kaptur, St. Helens; Rick Graham, Portland. Heat 2: LeRoy White, Portland; John Fordyce, Vancouver; Frank Elwess, Portland. Heat 3: Larry

Lemmons, Toledo; Eric Lindquist, Milwaukie; Matt Taylor, Portland. Main: Graham; Bud Russell, St. Helens; Elwess; Kaptur; White; Fordyce; Rehanek; Jerry Strawn, Deer Island; Lemmons; Freeman.

Street Stock – Fast Time: Mike Harrison, St. Helens 16.31. Trophy Dash: Brad Nusom, Gresham. Heat 1: Mike Crase, Portland; Herb Thomas, St. Helens; Curtis Zelmer, Portland. Heat 2: Brad Nusom; John Nusom, Gresham; Curt Nusom, Gresham. Main: Curt Nusom; John Nusom; Brad Nusom, Eddie Farness, Sandy; Crase; Harrison; Zelmer; Steven Harris, Battleground; Ron Dodge, Vernonia; Thomas.

Mini Stock – Fast Time: Justin McMullen, Deer Island 15.73 (NTR). Trophy Dash: Scott McMullen, Deer Island. Heat 1: Lisa Liner, St. Helens; Rich Gooding, Castle Rock; Jenelle Harrison, St. Helens. Heat 2: Joel Beehler, St. Helens; Tim Oyler, St. Helens; Scott McMullen. Main: Scott McMullen; Mark Beehler, St. Helens; Justin McMullen; Joel Beehler; Oyler; Jenelle Harrison; Barry Lampert, Canby; Devon Reed, Washougal; Jason Scheibel, Longview; Liner.

Modified Division – Fast Time: Jeremy Martin, St. Helens 13.65 (NTR). Trophy Dash: Don Jenner, Vancouver. Heat 1: Doug Davenport, Vernonia; Mark Hill Scappoose; Dennis Blasier,

Scappoose. Heat 2: Robert Jenner, Vancouver; Martin; Don Jenner.

Women's Division – Fast Time: Stacey Fordyce, Vancouver 15.66. Trophy Dash: Jacki Graham, Portland. Heat: Fordyce; Graham; Bobbi Harris, Battleground. Main: Fordyce; Graham; Susan Nelson, Portland; Kathy McMullen, Deer Island; Harris.

Tracer Division – Fast Time: 15.87 (NTR). Trophy Dash: Collen Winebarger, Corbett. Heat: Winebarger; Matt Jenner, Vancouver; Brad Martin, St. Helens. Main: Winebarger; Martin; Andrew Olsen, St. Helens; Jenner.

Pacific Mini Sprints – Fast Time: Scott Reed, 13.19. Trophy Dash: Keith Everson. Heat 1: Everson; Jesse Shannon; Darren Pierson. Heat 2: Owen Olinger; Dan Beck; Cody Higgenbottom. Main: Everson; Pierson; Beck; Higgenbottom; Olinger; Tracey Titus; Shannon; Vern Delaney; Scott Reed; Travis Jarvis.

Micro Sprints – Trophy Dash: Keegan Walmer. Heat 1: Justin McConville; Dylan Westrick; Kady Adelman. Heat 2: Reece Goetz; Trey Starks; Dylan Marsh. Main: Starks; Goetz; Marsh; Mike Vollbrecht; McConville; Westrick; Walmer; Alissa Anderson; Jeff Hatcher; Adelman.

School will use a PE alternative

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description became necessary when they did not fund a PE teacher at the elementary. Organized physical activities will be coordinated by an classified aide.

Much confusion resulted from the inclusion in the agenda of both ARs for the local wellness program and the report and recommendation from the wellness committee. Jim

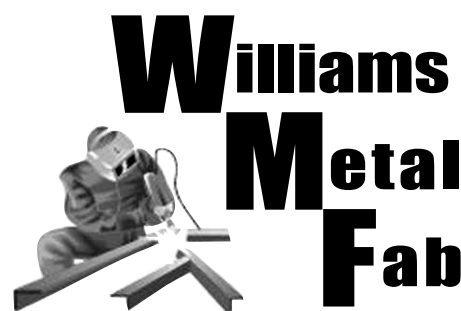
Smith said that a committee involving parents, students, administrators and the public met this earlier this year to review district wellness issues. Sodexo food service manager Lance Heggem was able to furnish most of the technical information. Eventually Smith was able to clarify that the ARs presented, incorporated the work of the committee.

In July and August meetings, the board also:

- Reinstated four certified teachers and four classified employees,

- agreed that board members should attend other community meetings to foster communication with the community;

- approved a bus transportation contract with Mid-Columbia Bus Company.



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