

River City Speedway results from next to last race of the season

by Mike Weber

Five of the six Columbia County Racing Association main event winners had one thing in common at the August 21 Wilcox and Flegel-sponsored race: It marked their first win this year at River City Speedway. It was a particularly notable occasion for Woodland's Devon Reed, Stan Asanovic of Forest Grove and Vancouver's John Fordyce, who each won their first-ever main events.

For longtime standout Jere-

my Martin of St. Helens, his modified main event victory was nothing new for him, as he's recorded numerous wins in the series the last seven years. Nevertheless, Martin's win was as sweet as could be, as it marked his first since he replaced the car's V-8 motor four weeks ago.

Martin took the lead on the second lap after passing Portland's Dale Holland on the back straightaway. Martin led the remainder of the 30-lap race to take the checkered flag with his

Reser's Fine Foods/Wayne Martin Floor Covering Inc. sponsored open-wheel style racer.

"My sponsors are really the people who are most responsible for allowing me to continue racing, especially after I had to replace the motor four weeks ago," said Martin, 38, a former series champion (2007), who notched his third win this year. "The track was a little rough, but it wasn't as bad as it looks and we're fortunate to usually have a pretty smooth track surface every week. Ed Brasmer, Charlie Rigdon and Sam Brittain always do a great job in preparing the track."

Reed took the lead on lap 16 in the sportsman main after passing leader Frank Elwess of Portland, who had a flat tire on his Chevrolet Nova. Reed held onto the advantage throughout the 40-lap race, which was delayed by four caution flags. By lap 25, Reed was being challenged for first place by Jereld Strawn of Deer Island and division points leader Bud Russell of St. Helens.

Reed managed to hold off both local drivers in his Floors & More Chevy Monte Carlo and won by nine car-lengths over Strawn, in his 1978 Pontiac Firebird. Russell maneuvered up from an 11th place starting position to take third place in his Competitive Edge Sign & Design Monte Carlo. Lisa Liner of St. Helens, who was competing for the first time this year, took fourth in her Liner Racing Chevy. Her dad Paul, of Olympia, took seventh in his Chevy and it marked the first ever competitive racing action between a father and daughter at the speedway.

"There were a few guys who were driving a little rough, but that's all just part of stock car racing," said Russell, who posted a sixth consecutive top-five main event finish. "At some points during the race, it almost seemed like a demolition derby. I had a good day though and I'm glad that I got third. As long as I continue having good luck, then I think I'll have a good chance to win the division championship."

Jenelle June Harrison of St. Helens, started on the pole position of the 16-car mini stock main and led the opening lap around the quarter-mile clay

oval with her Past Time Tavern 1981 Datsun 210. Longview's Jerry Winchester moved in front after passing Harrison on the outside lane of the front straight on lap two.

"It was fun having the early lead, but I sure felt nervous," said Harrison, who is the only woman driver in the mini stock class. "It seemed like a strange night with all the caution flags and the rough track conditions. Everything turned out OK though because my car is very reliable and it's been running good all season. This is an affordable class of motorsports to compete in and I'm having a lot of fun this year."

Winchester continued leading in his Ford Mustang, but was unable to get around lapped cars and Adam Beehler zoomed past him on lap 18 to take the lead. Beehler and Winchester battled for the lead for the next 10 laps until both frontrunners were sidelined on lap 29. Beehler, the division leader from St. Helens, exited to the pits with a broken left rear wheel component and Winchester had a radiator problem.

"When I was leading, I felt like I had a good shot at winning five in a row," said Beehler, who had won the previous four mini stock mains with his Triple X Archery/Dan Garrison CPA Honda Civic. "My car was running good and I'm still leading the point standings over my nephew (Joel Beehler), so I really can't complain. It would've been nice to get another victory, but you can't win every race."

Asanovic, 30, took over first place on the lap 29 restart and stayed ahead the next 11 laps to get his first-ever CCRA win with his Meyer's Auto Body Dodge Neon. John Oyler of St. Helens, was second, "Hollywood" Gary Meyer of Vernonia took third and Harrison had a season best fourth place.

Vancouver's Stacey Fordyce, the defending champion along with co-driver Linda Holland of Deer Island, who was competing for the first time this year, won the 20-lap women's division main with her D & S Light Truck sponsored Chevy Nova. Division leader Kathy McMullen of Deer Island, was trying to notch a fourth straight win, but her win streak ended as she was runnerup in her Mc-

Mullen Water Systems Chevy Malibu.

"It was nice having more cars than we've had in other races and that sure makes it a lot more fun," said McMullen. "As long as nothing happens to my car, then I think I'll have a good chance to win the women's division championship. Stacey is a very good driver and it's always nice to have more competition."

Stacey's husband John, overtook Gresham's Brad Nusom on lap 19 of the street stock main and led the last six circuits to get the win in his 1975 Nova. The two cars were very close at the conclusion with Nusom's Camaro bumper-to-bumper with Fordyce as they crossed the finish line. It marked the first-ever street stock win for Fordyce. It was also the first time that a husband/wife duo have won main events at the speedway while driving the same car.

Scott Reed of Toledo, who was competing in his first race this year, led from start-to-finish to capture the Pacific Mini Sprint 25-lap main with his Sign Pro open-wheel winged sprint car.

The next race is the Reser's Labor Day Weekend races September 4-5 at the Columbia County Fairgrounds facility.

RIVER CITY SPEEDWAY AUGUST 21, 2010 RESULTS

Sportsman – Fast Time: Clyde White, Longview 14.53. Trophy Dash: Devon Reed Woodland. Heat 1: Bob Berg, St. Helens; Dennis Munger, Vancouver; Matt Taylor, St. Helens. Heat 2: Bud Russell, St. Helens; Paul Liner, Olympia; Lisa Liner, St. Helens. Heat 3: Tricia Brittain, St. Helens; Curt Nusom, Gresham; Reed. B Main: Taylor; Berg; Munger; Justin Davis, Portland. A Main: Reed; Jereld Strawn, Deer Island; Russell; Lisa Liner; Brian Vaughn, Longview; Chris West, Vancouver; Paul Liner; Berg; White; Stephen Kaptur, St. Helens.

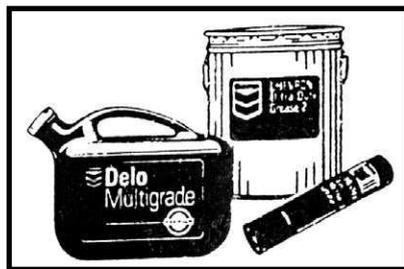
Street Stock – Fast Time: Aaron Prettyman, St. Helens 15.97. Trophy Dash: Brad Nusom, Gresham. Heat 1: Robert Jenner, Vancouver; Mike Crase, Portland; David Crawford, Portland. Heat 2: R.T. Cut-

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