

Mayberry, Miller and Dissinger win features at Grandview

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Tom Mayberry closed the regular Saturday night modified racing season at Grandview Speedway, Bechtelsville, on a winning note. The former point champion chalked up his fifth 30-lap modified feature win behind the wheel of the A&T Chevrolet/Long Insurance No. 712.

Craig Von Dohren, the newly-crowned modified point champion, wasted no time to put the Mrs. T's Pierogies No. 114 ahead of defending champion and polesitter Jeff Strunk to set the pace for the 28-car starting grid.

While Von Dohren and J. Strunk mixed it up, Donny Erb, Jon Kellner and Jack Hartnett jockeyed for third through fifth.

The lead changed hands on the ninth lap restart needed when John Willman stopped in turn two. This time Strunk overtook Von Dohren as he motored the K.L. Haring Transportation No. W9 into the number one position.

While Strunk showed the way around the 1/3-mile oval, Von Dohren, Mayberry, Kellner and Kevin Hartnett battled for the remaining positions.

Mayberry moved into the runner-up spot on lap 13 and set his sights on Strunk who was gaining some distance between himself and his fellow competitors.

Kellner, who ran in the top five since the drop of the green, spun along the backstretch to bring out the yellow with 22 laps in the books.

The lead was exchanged for the third time on the restart as now Mayberry was in the top seat trailed by J. Strunk, Kevin Hirthler, K. Hartnett and Glenn Strunk.

Chip Slocum set up a one lap shoot out when he slowed his pace in turn three with mechanical problems. He made every possible

effort to pull into the infield, but before he could the yellow was thrown.

Mayberry pulled away quickly on the restart to remain in front.

Mayberry never faltered and went on to claim another victory. Following Mayberry across were J. Strunk, Hirthler, K. Hartnett and G. Strunk. Sixth through tenth were Von Dohren, Kerry Kratz, Doug Pannepacker, Barry Readinger and John Willman.

The heats were won by J. Strunk, Von Dohren, Donny Erb and J. Hartnett. Hirthler and Dan Hiline won the consies. The 3-lap Automotive Machining Services Cash Dash went to J. Hartnett.

Late Model Action
Since Jason Miller, a rookie this season, found victory lane there is no way of keeping him out.

In the last three outings of the late model division, at the drop of the checkered it was Miller in victory lane and this week was no different.

John Durling, the 2001 late model point champion, set the pace for two laps before Luke Hoffner took over the top spot on the third lap restart needed for debris along the homestretch.

Dicing for positions behind Hoffner were Durling, Miller, Sammy Schlosberg and Randy Stoudt.

Miller moved into second on the fourth lap and began to challenge Hoffner for first.

Barclay Wilson brought out the yellow when he spun between the third and fourth turn on the 11th lap. On the restart Miller put the Jalini's Steaks & Subs No. 44 into the lead to become the new pacesetter.

The battle for second through fifth was hot and heavy between Hoffner, R. Stoudt, Schlosberg and Dean Stoudt.

Once Miller found his way to the front he never looked back and pulled into the winner's circle once again. Finishing second was R. Stoudt trailed by Hoffner, Schlosberg and D. Stoudt. Durling, Chris Wojnar, Buddy Wharton and Ron Kline completed the top ten.

Durling and Hoffner won the heats.

Sportsman Feature
The PA Sportsman made their final appearance of the season in an accident-filled 20-lap feature.

Dave Dissinger, the 2001 Big Diamond PA Sportsman point champion, overtook Richie Pratt for the lead on the 10th lap and went on to pick up the checkered for his second win in four outings at the oval. Following Dissinger across the line were Tom Brennan, LeRoy Long, John Dixon and Keith Fleming. Rounding out the top ten were Jeff Paulson, Billy Moyer, Andy Fayash, Shawn Fitzpatrick and Lance Hoch.

Pratt, Brennan and Dissinger were the heat winners.

Upcoming Events
Saturday, October 20, 6 p.m. NAPA Thunder On The Hill Show featuring modifieds, late models, KARS sprints, ARDC midgets and 410 sprints will be held.

Saturday, October 27, the annual auto racing flea market will be staged on the speedway grounds.

Saturday, November 17 Annual Grandview Speedway Awards Banquet, will be presented at the Gilbertsville, PA Fire Hall starting at 6 p.m. Doors open at 4 p.m.

Grandview Speedway is located on Passmore Road, just off Route 100 in Bechtelsville, PA, 10 miles north of Pottstown.

For racing information telephone 610.754.7688 or visit their website at www.grandviewsspeedway.com.

Bowling results from Keystone

High Bowling Scores at the Keystone Fire Company bowled on 9/22/01.

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A.M. Jr/Sr Boys
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High Game: Tiffany Hahn 177

High Series: Tiffany Hahn 434
P.M. Bantam Boys
High Game: Evan Carey 98

High Series: Evan Carey 249
P.M. Jr/Sr Boys
High Game: Adam Reinert 212

High Series: Adam Reinert 568
P.M. Jr/Sr Girls
High Game: Christine Hahn 173

High Series: Christine Hahn 474

Chuck Sennott fatally injured in Delaware

Chuck Sennott, a veteran campaigner in late model stock car racing at NASCAR sanctioned Grandview Speedway, was fatally injured in a multi-car late model stock car racing accident at Delaware International Speedway on Saturday night.

The 46 year old Gilbertsville, PA resident passed up the open competition show at Grandview Speedway to test his talents at the popular Delaware racing facility. Sennott enjoyed the opportunity, once the regular point race season was over, to get out and travel to other speedways.

Details about the accident are sketchy other than, "There was a multi car accident that Chuck got caught up in. He just had no place to go," said a witness to the accident who preferred to remain anonymous.

In a recent interview with Sennott, he was asked about why he enjoyed racing late models at Grandview Speedway? "I loved the interacting within the pits. And I enjoy helping other drivers tune their chassis," said the father of two who was considered one of the top talents in late model stock car racing at the Berks County clay oval.

"I do like to get out and be competitive at other tracks following the Grandview season with a 410 motor."

The sixth place finisher in this season's NASCAR Late Model

point chase at Grandview owned and maintained his own racing equipment, the #61.

Sennott got his start in auto racing at Holland, NY Speedway running in Figure 8 competition. During his years spent in Upstate New York he was able to win at a number of different speedways including Stateline, Eriez, and Perry Speedway. The highlight of his career had been a win in a 100 lap race at Perry, NY Speedway back in 1993, the same year he won the track Limited Late Model championship.

Chuck also won the Street Stock title in 1984 running the Stateline/Eriez Speedway circuit.

It did not take long for the popular racer to catch on at Grandview Speedway. He won his eighth time out in his first season of competition, 1997. During his years at Grandview Sennott won eight late model features.

"Sennott was a very competitive racer at Grandview Speedway. He told me that Dale Earnhardt and Dale Jr. were his favorites. And in some ways you could see traits of Dale in Chuck. He had an aggressive, but respectful, driving style," said Ernie Saxton, long time announcer and public relations person at Grandview Speedway.

Chuck Sennott is survived by his wife Kathy, a son Steve (19) who served as his crew chief, and a daughter Jenny (17) a student at

Boyertown, PA High School.

"It is quite a shock. Chuck was a very good racer. He seemed to like our track and was quick to be successful. All of us involved with Grandview Speedway will miss him and the excitement he added to the late model competition. Our sympathies go out to his family and friends," said Grandview Speedway owner Bruce Rogers.

SOME QUICK FACTS ABOUT CHUCK SENNOTT:
* 46 years old (September 14, 1955)
* 5'11"
* 200 pounds
* Brown hair
* Brown eyes
* Married to Kathy
* Son, Steve (19)
* Daughter, Jenny (17)
* Employed as Sr. Account Manager with Ecolab
* Resident of Gilbertsville, PA

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