

Puterbaugh wins No. 3 at Lincoln Park Speedway
Shoulders, Griffin and Bryan also win features
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PUTNAMVILLE: A steamy Lincoln Park Speedway played host to thirty-three sprint cars and a total of 89 race cars in four classes. The fans in the stands were treated to a full slate of thrills and spills during the evening's card.

Keith Bloom Jr. and Kent Christian made up the front row of the sprint car feature with Russ Harper and Billy Puterbaugh Jr. lining up behind them.

The first several laps of feature action had its share of mishaps as Mark Perry III and Mike Spencer got locked up coming out of turn two on the first lap. Spencer's right front tire got entangled with Perry's left side nerf bar and the two came to a halt. On the restart, Jason Holt and Joss Moffatt got tangled up out of turn two ending both drivers' evenings. The next attempt at a start didn't fare any better as it was James Bradshaw that brought out a red flag with a tumble heading down the frontstretch. Bradshaw was uninjured in the crash, but his night was also over.

With just six laps into the books, the field took the green once again with Kent Christian holding the early advantage ahead of Puterbaugh and Bloom, Beauchamp and Harper.

Puterbaugh dove to the bottom and gassed the Green's Truck and Auto, Church Bros., Zore's, Creative Design Embroidery sprinter deep into turn two and came out ahead of Christian.

As the laps ticked off, Casey Shuman settled into sixth-place

behind Harper and just ahead of Thomas Meseraull.

Puterbaugh began to inch away from Christian before Todd Kimmell took a tumble while riding the rim of turn three. Kimmell was unhurt in the accident, but escaped a brief fire that was put out with fire extinguishers as the car laid on its side.

When the green flew once again, Puterbaugh jumped out to a growing lead with Christian holding down second ahead of Bloom, who had Shuman all over his tail tank. Shuman would eventually get past Bloom and Brent Beauchamp for third. Puterbaugh wasn't about to let his lead dissipate, cruising to his third feature win at LPS this season followed by Christian, Shuman, Bloom, and Meseraull. Beauchamp held down sixth ahead of Chase Stockon. Shane Hollingsworth came forward from 14th to take eighth followed by Kenny Carmichael Sr. and Kenny Carmichael Jr.

Critter Malone won the B-main with Spencer, Meseraull, Beauchamp and Perry winning heat races.

Dickie Gaines was suited up and took hot laps, but broke his thumb while working in the pits and wasn't able to return to racing that evening.

In the UMP Modified feature, Paul Bumgardner's stranglehold on the top spot was finally broken after a three-race win streak. However, the winner was pretty familiar with victory lane himself.

Travis Shoulders masterfully worked through traffic and held off a very fast Marty O'Neal throughout the feature.

Clint DeMoss and Paul Bumgardner re-visited their battle from the week before, this time for the third spot in the feature. Kenny

Carmichael Sr. and Richie Lex were close behind in the chase.

Shoulders held on to claim his third win of the season in the Cardinal Contracting, Durabuilt Racing, Eubank & Sons, Ottawa Instant Homes and Still Here Liquors sponsored modified.

Second-place went to O'Neal followed by DeMoss, Bumgardner, Carmichael and Lex. Phil VanSant took seventh ahead of Harold Grayless, C.J. Bryan and Doug Bryant Jr.

The second heat race of the night was marred by an accident that saw Scott Ricketts get upside down in turn three. He was also able to climb from the car without injury.

Slick Griffin has been knocking on the door for his first feature win of the year in the super stock class and on Saturday he broke through.

Griffin, sponsored by Griffin Auto Salvage, GT Collision and Hoosier Towing, held off Doug McCullough and Greg Amick to take the victory. Michael Conner and Mark Dickerson rounded out the top-five. Travis Heramb, Dennis Morgan, Kris Starks, Jamie Adams and Jerry Brunner wrapped the top-10.

In the bomber feature, C.J. Bryan battled through an early challenge from Ron Smith and then fought to the wire with Ryan Freeland, Dustin Shoulders and Ron Wallen Sr. down the stretch.

Shoulders and Freeland raced side-by-side with Bryan in a three-wide struggle to the checkers, but Bryan won this round for his second win of the year. Freeland claimed second ahead of Shoulders, Wallen Sr. and Josh Fagg. Ron Wallen Jr. took sixth ahead of Marlin Burns, Chuck Walden, Dale Lewis and Art Heminger, who came back from an

accident that saw him get upside down in his heat race.

This Saturday there will be a regular racing card with sprints, modifieds, super stocks and bombers along with the LPS Annual Fireworks Extravaganza.