



**Heartland Park Topeka**

- This is race #17 on the 2012 Season for the BriggsAuto.Com Super Saturday Showdown Series.
- Spectator gates open at 5:30 p.m. - Hot Laps begin 6:45 p.m. - First race goes green at 7:30 p.m.!
- Adult Tickets \$10, kids 12 and under are \$5 and Military with ID FREE!
- Parents don't forget to take the little ones over to the KIDS ZONE! Back for the 2nd straight year, games and a whole lot of fun await those that head to the KIDS ZONE!
- Make sure you get some race themed school supplies when you come in the gate.

**HPT On The NET**

**www.hpt.com**

- The official website of Heartland Park Topeka and you will find everything related to HPT here. Schedules, results, pictures, videos, buy tickets and a whole lot more.
- **PIT PASS** - Catch it live or listen to the download. Pit Pass 7 to 9 Wed. night. Listen in at www.hpt.com. Click the media tab, then click on Pit Pass Podcast!

Volume 12 - Issue 18 "Back To School Night At The Races!"

**SCHOOL & ROOT BEER FLOATS!!!!**

Topeka, KS - This Saturday night will be a sad night for some. On the other hand Saturday night will be a great night for joy and excitement.

Some kids will realize as the folks at Heartland Park Topeka start handing out race themed school supplies, that school is right around the corner. For some kids school is a form of Kryptonite!

Sadness will be overcome by joy for those fans waiting for the best promotion of the race season; \$1.00 Root Beer Floats!!!!

You can take down as many as you like, while supplies last at the HPT concession stand.

The excitement portion of



4 Wide racing at it's best!



How many root beer floats are you going to be able to down this Saturday Night for just a \$1.00?



the night will be in the racing action that has been on display since the beginning of the season.

29 different winners have been crowned in just 66 races. The competition level at BriggsAuto.Com Speedway is 2nd to none in 2012.

There have been an average of 82 competitors

during the current season. That gives fans of the Super Saturday Showdown Series plenty to root for.

Come out this Saturday night and have some fun! Pick up some school supplies, grab a six pack of root beer floats and then sit back and watch the best dirt track racing in the Midwest.

The gates open at 5:30 p.m., hot laps are at 6:45 p.m. and racing starts at 7:30 p.m. sharp!

### Washburn Tech Modified Top 10 In Points

1. Darron Fuqua
2. Steven Bowers Jr.
3. Kerry Davis
4. Cody Agler
5. Josh Everhart
6. Ryan Phillips
7. Grant Junghans
8. Tom Grist
9. Tim Karrick
10. Jared Rogers

### Super 8 at Forbes Landing Factory Points

1. Terry Schmidt
2. Zach Henery
3. Steve Herrick
4. James King
5. Frank Jaynes
6. Dustin Sievers
7. Eric Weyer
8. Leif Weyer
9. Tyson Young
10. Bob Troutwine

### WHAT TO WATCH FOR THIS SATURDAY NIGHT:

The final 6, possibly 7 races (if there is a makeup) complete the final stretch of the 2012 season. What should you look for:

- Right now Darron Fuqua has a 137 point lead in the Modifieds, Ethan Isaacs has a margin of 115 points in the B Mods, Terry Schmidt's point lead is 82 in the Factory Stocks and Randall Schifflbein Jr. is leading the Pure Stocks by 110 points! Look to see if any of these drivers have a major catastrophe before the year is up. It will be the only way they aren't crowned the 2012 Champs.

- New Faces. Look for new faces to possibly show up at the track in the next few races. Jimmy Hernandez has been on the shelf most of the year he came out a couple of weeks ago. Look for more people that didn't want to race the 1st half or people that might have had financial troubles etc. When other tracks shut down for the season they might head to HPT to race.
- For the record, Jr Lowrey made a huge mistake last week. Mr. Know it All announced that there were now 28 different winners this season at the track. WRONG! There

have been 29 winners. 10 in both the Modified and B Mod classes, 5 in the Pure Stock division and then there have been 4 winners in Factory Stock! That equals 29 by my count.

- Zach Henery raced to his 4th win of the season last week in the Factory Stock division. He now has 20 wins in the last 2 seasons. An average of 10 wins per season. If he keeps this avg up he will have 100 features wins in no time at all.
- I am predicting that HPT will have 30 winners after this week and winner #30, will be a 77.

### AS A FAN DO YOU GET EXCITED WHEN A RACE GOES DOWN TO THE WIRE?

We have had a few this season. When a race goes down to the wire, two cars finish so close at the stripe fans can't tell who won or lost.

Ethan Isaacs was in on one earlier in the year and he was in on another one with Brian Murphy in the B Mods last

week. For the 2nd straight time he came up just short.

Fans were pumped to watch the two go side by side for the final couple of laps. It was great racing mixed in with a great show of sportsmanship. Neither driver leaned on the other and it gave the fans a reason to climb to their feet

as the two came out of 4. The lead switched back and forth on the last lap until, Murphy got just enough push on the high side to take the win.

To watch the reaction of the fans, I would have to say that you like it when it's that close or you just like to get on your feet at that point in time!



## Reed Bros. Racing Photos



## THE WASHBURN TECH MODIFIED FIELD IS GETTING TOUGHER EVERY RACE NIGHT!

BriggsAuto.Com Speedway has seen many firsts this year. They have had a ton of different winners, more Pure Stocks than you can shake a stick at and they have had 10 feature winners in the Modified division.

The Modified division at the track has seen about 5 to 7 different winners on avg. over the past few years. This season it has shot to 10 in just 16 races.

It could be said that the Modified division is one of the most competitive divisions in

the U.S. Last season only at HPT, Darron Fuqua won 11 features by himself. This year he might be on pace for 6 or 7.

Josh Everhart is the latest face that walked into victory lane. He recently commented on the Pit Pass Podcast that the competition level at HPT is about as tough as you'll find at any race track in the area or Midwest for that fact. He might be right.

Drivers don't just start up front and win, drivers have been starting all over the



Washburn Tech Modified competition level has elevated in 2012.

board and driving their way to wins. It has been a nice addition to the Super Saturday Showdown Series. More new drivers will have a chance with a lot of races still left on the season.

### Whiteline CDL Training B Modified Points

1. Ethan Isaacs
2. Lucas Isaacs
3. Terry Bivins
4. Dustin Thulin
5. Brian Murphy
6. Dave Samuels
7. Mike Higley
8. Steven Goodman
9. Mike Eisenhut
10. Heath Murry

### Casey's General Store Pure Stock Points

1. Randy Schiffelbein
2. Jesse Shotts
3. Darren Davenport
4. Tyler Garst
5. AJ Christian
6. Byron Glotzbach
7. Lafe Garst
8. Randy Kohn
9. Tyler Hinrichs
10. Scott Garcia

## SMILE YOU ARE ON CANDID CAMERA

Working for the track, I have the opportunity every week to go home and watch every feature event over again. One of my weekly jobs is to produce tapes for each one of the features and upload them to the internet.

This past week, I was amazed by all the videos from last week's event at

BriggsAuto.Com Speedway that were already up. Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Ustream and more places are hosting videos of the same race that I have, but from different perspectives and different angles.

Terry Bivins and Curtis Dreasher have had some great in car camera footage.

New GoPro cameras have given drivers a new way to promote themselves and their cars.

If you have a chance go to YouTube, HPT.Com, Facebook and look for all the different videos you can find from this upcoming week and see what you find. You just might be amazed.

## HOW NICE IS IT TO HAVE A DIRT TRACK?

Over the year, Race Night Notes has received some emails from fans. There are those that we published and some we haven't.

This week we got an email and basically the whole point of the readers email was about how thankful he was that he has a dirt track in his back yard. The back yard being Topeka!

A few weeks back Orville Dreasher had a retirement party and a gathering of the folks that used to frequent Topeka Raceway. The came out in droves on a 100 degree day to remember and talk about the good old days.

Just like that! Poof! It can all be gone just like Topeka Raceway. Fans, racers, sponsors, etc. all need to be thankful that we have a place we can go and race on

Saturday nights. Not everyone shares the passion that most of us do for dirt track racing. Heartland Park Topeka gives us a beautiful facility to continue the heritage of dirt track racing in the capital city.

I am sure that there are fans today at the track that either sat and watched a race or even raced a one of the tracks that aren't hear anymore. Those people love racing and will continue to love the sport.



## THIS WEEK'S DRIVERS TO WATCH!

Each week Race Night Notes gives you a few drivers to keep an eye on. Here's this week's:

**Robert Shepard #51**  
Ogden, KS - Washburn Tech Modified - Robert Shepard hasn't had the season that he wanted in 2012. The former feature winner showed some glimpses of his prior self last week driving to a top 10 finish. If he strings together a good heat with a good starting spot, don't count this guy out of any big race. He is definitely a crafty veteran.

**Brett Heeter #05x**  
Kansas City, KS - Super 8 At Forbes Landing Factory Stocks - Last week's spin after leading early in the Factory Stock feature is behind Heeter. He is going to race the remaining portion of the season at HPT, due to a new job. I have seen this kid run before and he will be somewhere toward the front. He is not afraid to stand on the gas, so keep an eye on the #05x.



Robert Shepard #51 Ogden, KS - Modified



Brett Heeter #05x Kansas City, KS - F Stock



Heath Murry #7 Tonganoxie, KS - B Mod



Randy Kohn #17 Topeka, KS - Pure Stock

**Heath Murry #7**  
Tonganoxie, KS - White Line CDL Training B Mod - The Reed Bros. seem to have a bro crush on Heath's goatee, but after last week's 3rd place finish everyone should take notice that this kid is getting better! This week if he continues to improve from last week, Murry will be fighting for his 1st win at BriggsAuto.Com Speedway!

**Randy Kohn #17**  
Topeka, KS - Casey's General Store Pure Stock - What do you mean this guy hasn't been up front since the 3rd week of the season? I know. I still have faith in his abilities. He had 3 wins last year in his sophomore season, but this year just hasn't been kind to him. He has 6 more chances to get his new car figured out. The car is fast, Kohn is a good driver and it's time that another new face show up at the front of a Pure Stock A Main.