

**STATEPARK
SPEEDWAY**

SPEEDWAY NOTES

FOR JUNE 15, 2023

SPS

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1/4-mile asphalt stock car racing oval located in Wausau in the Town of Rib Mountain

Racing primarily on Thursday nights with selected Friday or Saturday specials
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This week:

20th annual

Flip Merwin Memorial

Annually one of SPS's biggest events, the Flip Merwin Memorial headlines this week's racing program and will again honor a former racer and friend of racing lost in 2003. The night's show will include super late models, pure stocks, mini mods, mini stocks and Bandoleros.

Pit gates open: 3 p.m.

Fan gates: 4:30 p.m.

Qualifying: 6 p.m.

Racing begins: 7 p.m.

Ticket prices:

Adults (13 & over): \$18

Kids 6-12: \$5

Kids 5 & under: FREE

2023 State Park Speedway Driver Point Standings

Auto Select Super Late Models presented by C-Tech

Pos.	Car #	Name	Hometown	Points
1	52	Brock Heinrich	Wausau	144
2	44	Justin Mondeik	Gleason	128
3	76V	Travis Volm	Mosinee	126
4	20	Jevin Guralski	Wausau	126
5	76W	Jason Weinkauff	Merrill	122
6	02	Rayce Haase	Wausau	107
7	12	Mark Mackesy	Wausau	90
8	7	James Swanson	Pembine	77
9	40	Jeremy Lepak	Wausau	60
10	93	Dillon Hammond	Grand Marsh	46
11	9	Jerry Brickner	Wausau	40
12	02C	Carter Christenson	West Salem	39
13	10	Noah Gajewski	Marathon	39
14	11	Mike Cox Jr.	Hazelhurst	34

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Super Late Model Notes: The second night of racing at State Park Speedway included a feature race with a late twist for the second straight week which resulted in Travis Volm earning his first feature win of the season. Volm was running third with less than 10 laps left when leader Jason Weinkauff and Justin Mondeik were battling for the top spot. Mondeik spun going into turn 1 but Weinkauff also was called for contact resulting in the spin, sending both to the back with nine laps left in the 50-lap race. Volm took over the top spot and held off Brock Heinrich and Jevin Guralski for his fifth-ever feature win in the class in weekly racing at SPS... Guralski overtook Heinrich for second shortly after the final restart, resulting in the rookie's best-ever super late model feature finish of second... Heinrich, who set a track record in qualifying and won the feature in the opener May 20th, got off to a slow start in qualifying last week but won the first heat and then finished third in the feature... Rayce Haase set fast time last week, his second-ever fastest qualifying effort in the class at State Park. He also was quickest in qualifying May 26th, 2022.



State Park Speedway 2023 © QCWill

Advance Auto Parts Pure Stocks

Pos.	Car #	Name	Hometown	Points
1	74	Dave Cabelka	Wausau	157
2	19	Brett Breitenfeldt	Wausau	131
3	47	Jeff Spatz	Wausau	127
4	37	Brian Plisch	Athens	123
5	01	Kyle Kluetz	Schofield	106
6	15	Steve Schilling	Ringle	94
7	33	Kyle Check	Shantytown	62
8	13	Alex Volm	Mosinee	55
9	29	Dustin Ochodnicky	Ogema	49



Pure Stock Notes: Dave Cabelka won his second straight feature to start the season, getting by Jeff Spatz on the outside after a six-lap battle last week to continue his success in the former Butchie Schramm car. Cabelka also set fast time last week and finished second to Spatz in the second heat... Spatz finished second in the feature, rebounding after finishing sixth on opening night... Kyle Check won the first heat last week for his first-ever pure stock race win at State Park. He then led the first eight laps in the feature and finished third for his best-ever pure stocks feature finish... Check, Alex Volm and Dustin Ochodnicky all made their season debuts in the class last week.

Snap-On Mini Mods

Pos.	Car #	Name	Hometown	Points
1	31W	Josh Willhite	Wausau	139
2	27	Tim Anderson	Auburndale	129
3	31K	Joe Kuehn	Wausau	126
4	93	Jim Lietz	Mosinee	121
5	48	Branden Sischo	Stratford	112
6	40X	Mike Meharg	Auburndale	110
7	92	John Lietz	Mosinee	101
8	40M	Brian Marquardt	Weston	86
9	38K	Kamren Hill	Marshfield	56
10	24	Shawn Kemnetz	Hancock	47
11	6	Brad Abt	Schofield	45
12	38T	Travis Hill	Arpin	41
13	17	Keagen Benz	Wausau	40
14	64	Anna Malouf	Rhineland	38
15	78	Tyler Muller	Sun Prairie	37
16	88	Mike Jaeger	Wausau	6
17	18	Kevin Lewis	Wisconsin Rapids	1



Mini Mod Notes: Josh Willhite led all but two laps to take the 20-lap mini mods feature last week. Willhite started in the second row and got to the lead by the third lap, then fended off a mid-race challenge by Jimmer Lietz to pull away. Willhite also added a win in the second heat... Mike Meharg finished second in the feature to cap a big night. Meharg also set fast time to start the evening, his first-ever fast qualifying effort at State Park... Opening night feature winner Tim Anderson finished fifth in the feature last week, while defending class champion Snappy Joe Kuehn came in third in the feature to back up a fourth-place finish to start the season.

Ropa's Pizza Bandoleros pres. by E.H. Wolf & Sons

Pos.	Car #	Name	Hometown	Points
1	101	Penn Sauter	DeForest	79
2	88	Cohen Henze	Juda	74
3	10	Derek Meyer	Michigamme, Mich.	57
4	11	Ben Meyer	Michigamme, Mich.	55
5	70	Mason Oleson	Mosinee	54
6	5	Paxton Benz	Wausau	54
7	29	Axel Oldenhoff	Lake Mills	46
8	22	Bentley Thompson	West Salem	46
9	76	Oliver Weinkauff	Merrill	43
10	85	Cole Kurth	Wisconsin Rapids	41
11	24	William Carpenter	Marshfield	39
12	8	Jaxon Berndt	Wausau	6



Bandolero Notes: The first Bandos feature of the season last week was won by Penn Sauter, who has been dominant in the class around the state early this year. Sauter won his fifth feature of 2023 and nearly scored a clean sweep of the night, also setting fast time and finished second to Cohen Henze in the second heat by a nose... Sauter also won driving with the number 101 instead of the familiar Sauter family No. 5. The 101 was in honor of Curt Tillman, a longtime super late model racer from Rockton, Ill., who passed away in his sleep June 3 at age 65. Tillman used both numbers 40 and 101 as a racer, and was an occasional visitor to central Wisconsin including State Park Speedway as recently as the 2020 season opener... Brothers Derek and Ben Meyer made their first appearance at State Park Speedway and finished third and fourth, respectively. The Meyers come from Michigamme, Mich., in the northern Upper Peninsula of Michigan west of Ishpeming and Marquette... Mason Oleson finished fifth in the feature last week for his best-ever feature finish at State Park.



Rockstar Energy Drink Mini Stocks

Pos.	Car #	Name	Hometown	Points
1	14B	Eric Breitenfeldt	Wausau	145
2	77	Garret Strachota	Wausau	128
3	12	Tom Lecher	Wausau	111
4	03	Ashley Schoone	Gleason	110
5	57	Tyler Custer	Stratford	102
6	55	Zach Budleski	Wausau	94
7	14R	Amanda Rowe	Mosinee	94
8	47	Joey Blaschka	Wausau	92
9	10	Brad Lecher	Wausau	87
10	33	Mark Schoone	Gleason	72
11	715	Sam Sheahen	Auburndale	71
12	3B	Kendra Baumann	Wausau	70
13	73	Daniel Lashua	Wausau	62
14	23	Dawson Knutson	Almond	50
15	7	Luke Mikula	Wausau	44
16	24	Heidi Cuff	Endeavor	39
17	17	Levi Wiesman	Merrill	38
18	85	Hunter Landwehr	Stratford	33
19	33 1/3	Mike Lashua	Wausau	32
20	48	Abby Kohn	Wausau	32
21	3H	Dylan Henry	Gleason	31
22	12P	Pat Literski	Wausau	1



Mini Stock Notes: The second mini stocks feature of the season went to Garret Strachota last week. Strachota got by Ashley Schoone late and went on to the win with Eric Breitenfeldt finishing second. Dating back to 2021, either Strachota or Breitenfeldt has won 17 of the last 26 feature races for points in the class... Breitenfeldt has finishes of first and second in the opening two features this season. The only other driver with two top-5 finishes is Tom Lecher, who was fourth last week and fifth in the opener... Season debuts last week included Luke Mikula, Heidi Cuff, Hunter Landwehr-back in the mini stocks after racing with the mini mods last year-and Abby Kohn, a Wausau West High School student who raced at SPS for the first time.

Legends

Pos.	Car #	Name	Hometown	Points
1	12	Ayrton Brockhouse	Shakopee, Minn.	75
2	64	Tyler Ledbetter	Stillwater, Minn.	75
3	01	Elliott Weiler	Marshfield	67
4	51	Rose Borntreger	Elroy	57
5	15	Andrew Borntreger	Elroy	56
6	18	Ayden Brockhouse	Shakopee, Minn.	52
7	89	Russ Weiler	Marshfield	50
8	7	Braxton Paul	Wausau	45
9	38	Travis Paul	Wausau	41
10	21	Daden Barclay	Marshfield	39
11	11	Matt Schecklman	Marshfield	39

Legends Notes: The Legends cars returned for the first of four appearances at State Park this year. Ayrton Brockhouse was the champion for the class's limited appearances last year, and he won the feature last week, inheriting the top spot after leaders Rose Borntreger and Elliott Weiler were involved in an incident racing for first... Tyler Ledbetter set fast time, won his heat and finished second in the feature... Rose Borntreger led the first 11 laps and rallied to finish fourth after going to the back after contact with Weiler, who also came back to finish third.

June 8 SPS Winners

Auto Select Super Late Models pres. by C-Tech

Fast Qualifier: 02-Rayce Haase, 13.700 sec.
 First Heat: 52-Brock Heinrich
 Second Heat: 44-Justin Mondeik
 Feature: 76-Travis Volm

Advance Auto Parts Pure Stocks

Fast Qualifier: 74-Dave Cabelka, 15.232 sec.
 First Heat: 33-Kyle Check
 Second Heat: 47-Jeff Spatz
 Feature: 74-Dave Cabelka

Snap-on Mini Mods

Fast Qualifier: 40-Mike Meharg, 15.858 sec.
 First Heat: 48-Branden Sischo
 Second Heat: 31-Josh Willhite
 Feature: 31-Josh Willhite

Rockstar Energy Drink Mini Stocks

Fast Qualifier: 57-Tyler Custer, 16.304 sec.
 First Heat: 47-Joey Blaschka
 Second Heat: 03-Ashley Schoone
 Feature: 77-Garret Strachota

Legends

Fast Qualifier: 64-Tyler Ledbetter, 15.647 sec.
 First Heat: 81-Russ Weiler
 Second Heat: 64-Tyler Ledbetter
 Feature: 12-Ayrton Brockhouse

Bandoleros

Fast Qualifier: 101-Penn Sauter, 15.941 sec.
 First Heat: 5-Paxton Benz
 Second Heat: 88-Cohen Henze
 Feature: 101-Penn Sauter





Flip Merwin

The Flip Merwin Memorial race started in 2003 in honor of Philip (Flip) Merwin, a former snowmobile racer, pit crew member, race fan and even stock car driver who was killed in a snowmobile racing accident in January 2003. Flip was a dear friend of State Park Speedway owner Scott Wimmer and the Wimmer family and the kind of guy everyone wanted to be around. The race in his memory quickly became one of the track's signature events, and this year marks the 20th annual race in his honor.

Past Flip Merwin Memorial Winners

2003: Wayne Breitenfeldt	2013: Mark Mackesy
2004: Jeremy Lepak	2014: Tim Sauter
2005: Chris Weinkauff	2015: Tim Sauter
2006: Neil Knoblock	2016: Derek Kraus
2007: Jesse Haase	2017: M.G. Gajewski
2008: Chris Wimmer	2018: M.G. Gajewski
2009: No race	2019: M.G. Gajewski
2010: Chris Weinkauff	2020: Justin Mondeik
2011: Mark Mackesy	2021: Justin Mondeik
2012: Mark Eswein	2022: Justin Mondeik

Upcoming State Park Speedway Events:

Thursday, June 22

Super Late Models, Pure Stocks, Mini Mods and Mini Stocks

Thursday, June 29

7th annual Dave Lashua Memorial for Pure Stocks
Super Late Models, Midwest Dash Series + Mini Stocks
Fireworks

Thursday, July 13

WCAR Gifts From Heaven
Super Late Models + support divisions



2015 Flip Merwin Memorial winner Derek Kraus

This week in State Park Speedway history

June 14, 1973: Larry Detjens won the 25-lap late model feature, becoming the first driver of the season to pick up two feature wins at State Park Speedway. Dick Trickle finished second with Tom Reffner, Jim Back and Neil Callahan rounding out the top five. Heat winners included Ron Beyer, Dan Berge and Trickle with Wausau native Berge also winning the semi-feature ahead of Bob Mackesy. Roger Vanish of Mosinee was best in the hobby stocks, setting fast time and winning the class's heat race, and Darrell Tesch of Wausau won the spectators' race.

June 13, 1985: Bryan Reffner was a feature winner at State Park Speedway for the first time, as the 21-year old held off Greg Holzhausen in the final laps for his second win in as many nights after also having won the feature at La Crosse Speedway the night before. Late model heat winners included Allen Check, Royce Rossier and Tom Reffner, and Rossier also won the semi-feature. Another young driver winning was 15-year old Wayne Breitenfeldt taking the hobby stock feature for his second straight feature win in the class. Dave Tushoski won the hobby stock second heat and semi-feature.

One year ago this week: Justin Mondeik won his third straight Flip Merwin Memorial, joining M.G. Gajewski as the only three-time winners of the race. Mondeik led 58 of the 75 laps on the way to the victory with Jason Weinkauff second and Jeremy Lepak third. Other winners on the evening included Mitch Stankowski in the pure stocks, George Seliger in mini mods, Eric Breitenfeldt in mini stocks and Penn Sauter won his first-ever SPS Bandoleros feature.