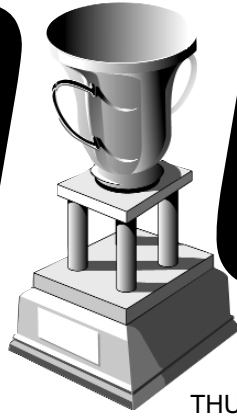


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"Reporting the latest news of the fastest four days in the Golden State"

Three California champions join Gold Cup court

The 56th annual Gold Cup Race of Champions is less than a week away and the entry list for this \$50,000 fall classic has a number of storylines within it. While the World of Outlaws will bring national recognition to Handy Racing Promotions' Silver Dollar Speedway, California is due to be well represented as well.

As the annual Gold Cup Race of Champions takes place at the conclusion of many weekly tracks regular season, the three richest days of 410 cubic inch sprint car racing in California will draw a strong local contingent all looking to test their skill against the nation's best open wheel pilots. Among the long list of locals will be four recently crowned champions looking to earn a piece of the California Gold.

Topping the list of recently crowned champions will be one driver that is very familiar with the Silver Dollar clay, Bobby McMahan of Elk Grove. Just two weeks ago McMahan was crowned the newest champion to Silver Dollar Speedway. Following a several year absence from the sport, McMahan returned to the driver's seat during the 2008 Gold Cup Race of Champions aboard a car owned by Steve Harris.

After a successful debut aboard a 360 powered machine, McMahan was quickly back into the sport he dominated in the late 80's and 90's while racing with the Northern Auto Racing Club, the Golden State Challenge and the USAC Western States campaign. Driving fulltime for Harris in 2009, McMahan drove his way to his first career championship, claiming the Silver Dollar Speedway Feather Falls Casino 410 Sprint Car championship.

"I'm looking forward to coming back to the Gold Cup this year," said McMahan. "For me it's not really any different after winning the championship.

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Three dollar beer, classic films on tap tonight

Tonight the 56th Annual Gold Cup Race of Champions will add a brand new post-race event to his list of activities that is sure to draw a huge crowd to the Silver Dollar Pavillon.

It's being bannered as "Fantastic Finishes, a tribute to the Gold Cup" featuring historical highlight footage of past Gold Cup events for nearly three decades. This historical highlight film has been assembled by



veteran videographer Mike Doyle. Doyle's talents behind the camera have been capturing action at Silver Dollar Speedway for many years and most recently he has assumed the role of the Golden State Challenge Series' videographer.

Among the many highlights is early footage of legendary drivers including Doug Wolfgang, Brad Doty, Steve Kinser and many more.

The documentary is an awesome
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Sean Becker of Oroville drove to his first Civil War Pacific Sprint Cup Wednesday night to open the Gold Cup Race of Champions. -Steve Lamothe photo

Becker drives to first career Pacific Sprint Cup

The 2009 Gold Cup Race of Champions officially opened Wednesday night at Silver Dollar Speedway in Chico with the annual Civil War Sprint Car Series \$3000 to win Pacific Sprint Cup and the Wingless Sprint Car Invitational event.

The Winged Sprint Car portion of the program is the crown jewel of the traveling Civil War Sprint Car Series and draws the top 32 drivers in the present Civil War Series point standings. The Wingless Sprint Car portion of the program drew 29 entrants to the event that paid \$1000 to win.

In the Civil War Sprint Car "Pacific Sprint Cup" a lengthy series of

caution flags delayed the A-feature. When the checkered flag eventually flew, Oroville's Sean Becker added a Pacific Sprint Cup victory to his already successful racing resume.

"I knew early on that tires were going to be a concern here tonight," said Becker. "We had rubber down on the track early and in those final laps I was pretty much half throttle out there just saving my tires. Fortunately everyone else had to do the same thing.

Wednesday's event saw the red flag immediately after the green flag as a multi car melee occurred in the second turn. The incident involved pole sitter

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Civil War; Becker raced final laps half throttle saving tires

Shane Golobic, Willie Croft, Kyle Hirst and Kenny Allen. Hirst went on his side in the incident that greatly adjusted the line up for the restart.

After another pair of failed starting attempts the event was aligned single file putting series point leader Sean Becker on the pole ahead of Auburn's Andy Forsberg who clipped the tire on the latest version of the opening lap to fall out of contention.

Once the green flag eventually waved and stayed out, Becker assumed the lead position where he was challenged as early as the opening lap by former Civil War champion Greg DeCaires who was aboard John Taylor's #35 sprint car for this one particular night.

With one lap complete, Becker distanced himself from the field while third place runner Colby Wiesz moved to the inside of turn four to take the second position from DeCaires. With four laps complete the yellow flag flew once again when RC Smith spun into the infield on the backstretch with damage. The incident then became an open red flag to allow teams to fuel up due to the lengthy series of laps under caution.

When the race restarted, Weisz fell out of the second position to draw a caution flag and allow DeCaires to resume the bridesmaid position behind Becker for the restart. Becker distanced himself once again when the race resumed and tire wear became a concern for every competitor as the track became extremely dry due the high temperatures and excessive caution laps.

With 14 laps complete, DeCaires fell out of second place due to lost right rear tire. Bishop fell out of third place at the same time and tried to veer off the track as fourth place runner Mike Henry went to the outside to avoid a collision. Henry struck the pit side wall and tire barriers head on to draw a red flag.

With curfew nearing and tire wear a concern, track officials shortened the event to a 20-lap distance on the restart. During the final six laps Becker held off Sacramento's Herman Klein in the closing laps. Stephan Allard held off the challenges of Steven Tiner and Kyle Larson to the finish line to claim third place. Larson finished fourth followed by Tiner at the checkered flag.

In preliminary Civil War action on Wednesday, Andy Forsberg of Auburn was the fastest lap of the night with an 11:893 second lap.

The first heat race of the evening was won by Placerville's Jimmy Trulli who slid below Chico's Kenny Allen in turn four of the second lap. Trulli finished ahead of Allen, Kyle Hirst, Brett Rollag and Colby Wiesz.

Herman Klein led all 10-laps of the second heat race of the night. Klein was followed across the line by Myles Bishop. Bishop, however, was penalized for not reporting to the scales following the finish and put to the rear of the finishing order. Justyn Cox was officially scored in the second position followed by Andy Gregg, Shane Matthews and Stephen Allard.

Mike Henry claimed the win in the third heat of the night. Henry was trailed by Shane Golobic, Mike Benson, Kyle Larson and Greg DeCaires. The final heat of the night was claimed by Steve Tiner who took the lead at the waving of the green flag and maintained it until the checkered flag. Point leader Sean Becker claimed second followed by R.C. Smith. Willie Croft made a final lap pass on Mason Moore to steal the fourth transfer position.

Wednesday's B Feature was claimed by former four time Civil War Champion Andy Forsberg of Auburn. Forsberg was chased to the finish line by Greg DeCaires, Colby Wiesz, Myles Bishop and Bradley Terrell.

In the Joe Hunt Magnetos wingless cup event, Mason Myers of Brown's Valley led the first 24-laps of the race. After taking the white flag, Myers felt the pressure of newly crowned Silver Dollar Speedway Champion Jimmy Pettit of Chico. Pettit moved in on Meyers in turns one and two to slip beneath the leader to take the lead and steal the checkered flag. Pettit was followed across the line by Myers. The hardcharger of the night was Bobby McMahan of Elk Grove who drove from 15th to third. Cody Myers finished in fourth followed by Scott Hall.

"I really used my patience out here tonight," said Pettit. "I had a chance to get by Myers earlier and I decided not to take the chance. Later he gave me about two inches too much and I was able to get by him."

In preliminary action in the wingless division, Marc Mackay of Cameron Park posted the fastest time of the night with a 14:506 second lap. In the first heat of the night Cody Myers held off Kody Smith, Marc Mackay, Brett Youngman and Jay Youngman

Tom Dupont held off a hard charging Terry Schank Jr. in heat two followed by Tim Sherman Jr, Josh Bates and Doug Hardy Heat three was claimed by Bobby McMahan followed by Jimmy Pettit, Taylor Simas, Billy Wallace and James Sweeney BJ Martin won the final heat of the night followed by Devon Ostheimer, Jason York, Mason Myers, Josh Viera

The B feature was claimed by BJ Martin who held off the efforts of Devon Ostheimer, Jason York, Mason Myers and Josh Viera.

Champs; three guys & a gal

I've had a lot more track time under me and this time I will have a 410 motor rather than a 360 under the hood."

McMahan will be joined by one of California's most recognized champions this year as Tyler Walker of Los Angeles returns to the famed race as a new champion. Walker made a record breaking run to the 2009 Golden State Challenge Series title last month aboard the NMI Industrial #24. With a record nine wins to his name during the season, there is no doubt that Walker knows his way to the front of 410 sprint car racing in the Golden State and will surely be one to watch next week as he will go head to head one more time with his season long rival Jonathan Allard of Chico, the 2008 Golden State Challenge champion who too will be on hand.

Joining the fast boys of California 410 sprint car racing will be Penngrove native Alissa Geving. Geving recently won her second straight Petaluma Speedway All Pro Sprint Car Championship aboard her family owned #3x Sprint Car. Geving is the youngest female two time sprint car champion in the nation and is ready to roll onto the Chico clay, a track that is now in her hometown as a student at CSU Chico. In addition to the weekly series at Petaluma, Geving has had successful runs in the Civil War Series throughout the year and made her debut in the USAC Western States Sprint Car Series.

Colby Wiesz of Colfax has logged an entry in Chico's great race. Wiesz was just crowned the 2009 Placerville Speedway track champion. Wiesz earned his second Placerville title aboard John Taylor's #35 car. During the year, Wiesz has competed in Friday night competition aboard his family owned #21, the car in which he will compete in throughout the entire Gold Cup, including the Pacific Sprint Cup on Wednesday night.

Video; classic footage featured

tribute to California's biggest race. Tonight, a giant jumbo-vision flatscreen will be erected in the Silver Dollar Pavillion following the waving of the checkered flag and it is then that the party will begin. Race fans can enjoy a "Happy Hour" atmosphere with \$3 Coors Light and soft drinks on tap along with appetizers while they enjoy the historic videos and camaraderie of fellow race fans and drivers.



Schedule of Events 2009

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Silver Dollar Sunrise Breakfast open 6am to 11am
Hall of Fame Golf Classic 8 a.m.
Gold Cup ticket office open 9am to 4pm
Hoosier Tire Novelty Booth open 9am to 11pm
Coca Cola Refreshment Center open 11am to 11pm
Coors Beer Garden open Noon to 11pm
Pit Gate opens 2pm • Front Gate opens 5pm
GOLD CUP Preliminary Night - T.T., Heat Races,
Non-Qual. race, B & A Main events ñ 6:30pm
Gold Cup Fantastic Finishes, Happy Hour
in the Pavillion after the races!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Silver Dollar Sunrise Breakfast open 6am to 11am
Gold Cup ticket office open 9am to 4pm
Hoosier Tire Novelty Booth open 9am to 11pm
Coca Cola Refreshment Center open 11am to 11pm
Coors Beer Garden open Noon to 11pm
Pit Gate opens 2pm • Front Gate opens 5pm
GOLD CUP Preliminary Night - T.T., Heat Races,
Non-Qual. race, B & A Main events ñ 6:30pm
Joe Hunt Magnetos Chili Festival,
Bikini Contest after the races.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Silver Dollar Sunrise Breakfast open 6am to 11am
Gold Cup ticket office open 9am to 4pm
Hoosier Tire Novelty Booth open 9am to 11pm
Coca Cola Refreshment Center open 11am to 11pm
Coors Beer Garden open Noon to 11pm
Alan's Rib Roast Noon to 2pm
Pit Gate opens 2pm • Front Gate opens 5pm
GOLD CUP RACE OF CHAMPIONS
Finals Night - F, E, D, C, B & A Main events 7pm
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