

GOLD CUP

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"Reporting the latest news of the biggest little sprint car race in the world"

12 year old aspiring survivor to present National Anthem

When Lainey Moon was born twelve years ago she was faced with a series of serious illnesses long before she could even speak. Now, after overcoming such adversity, the local youngster is setting her sights on a singing career. After making her debut at Placerville Speedway last month, Moon has been presented the honor to sing the National Anthem 57th Annual Gold Cup Race of Champions on the anniversary of 9/11 tonight at Silver Dollar Speedway.

Many youngsters have aspirations of one day becoming a successful performer and behind many of those dreams is a story of trial and triumph that details their journey to success. At only 12 years of age, Moon already has a story of survival behind her. Last month, the resident of Rescue, California brought chills to the spectators at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds with her fabulous rendition of the Star Spangled Banner that garnered her a lengthy standing ovation in the moments thereafter. Her charming personality, combined with her incredible talent at such a young age, one would never imagine the trials and tribulations this young lady and her family went through just a few years ago.

"The wonderful thing about Lainey is that she is a survivor with a strong will and spirit," said Julie Moon, Lainey's Mother. "She absolutely marches to the beat of her own drum and lives with her feet about 2 feet off the ground. When she was a baby her cry was so faint she could barely be heard, she sounded like a kitten. Now look at her."

Shortly after Lainey was born, Julie and her husband Jeff learned the heartbreaking news

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The 57th Annual Gold Cup Race of Champions is tonight. Several California stars will be looking to become the first local winner of the race since 1989 tonight. Steve Lamothe Photo.

Locals to get their shot at California Gold tonight

If there is one race that Northern California winged sprint car drivers look forward to more than any it would certainly have to be the Gold Cup Race of Champions and the 57th edition of the event is set for action with the World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series invading the Silver Dollar Speedway this Thursday through Saturday.

The local charge at the Gold Cup Race of Champions is expected to be led by three former Golden State Challenge Series champions & the current King of California, who have also been some of the winningest winged sprint car competitors in Nor Cal this year, with those being San Jose's Tim Kaeding, Chico's Jonathan Allard, Elk Grove's Kyle

Larson and Oroville native Sean Becker. After spending time on the World of Outlaw tour this year T. Kaeding returned home to California on a pair of different occasions and cleaned house, winning a total of 10 main events, making him tied as the driver with the most victories in Northern California winged sprint car racing so far in 2010.

The driver of the Roth Motorsports, DTR Transport Inc. No. 83 made a start at the Silver Dollar Speedway during Pepsi Championship Night and led all 25-laps for victory in the feature on August 27. "TK" also led the Golden State Challenge Sprint Car Series in the win column by picking up six triumphs with the tour and recently captured \$5,000 at the Johnny Key

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BBQ crew to feed the campground well today

It's become an event that is almost as big as the Gold Cup itself, the annual race fan barbecue on the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds. Today is the day race fans so get in line because it's bigger than ever before.

Thousands of pounds of ribs have been supplied by Gold Cup promoter Alan Handy and the group known as the Placerville Speedway gang will be hard at work behind the grill on the east side of the pavilion preparing the meaty delights along with all the fixin's.

As in the past, the Gold Cup Barbecue will be free of charge and will include ribs, corn, salad and much more. Kronik Energy has jumped into the fanfare and will be offering free samples on site of their incredible Energy Drinks.

Donations will be accepted at the BBQ and will be donated to a local charity that will be announced later in the night. Food will be served beginning at 12 noon but an early arrival to the area is suggested as the line grows quickly for this grand event.

Gold Cup; last California driver to win a Gold Cup was in 1989. This year could be the year a local claims the California Gold once again

Classic on August 28.

Making his first Silver Dollar Speedway start in two months at the Gold Cup Race of Champions will be Allard, who has claimed three wins this season at the Chico based quarter-mile and overall this year has scored eight victories in Northern California, with five of those being Golden State Challenge 410 Sprint Car Series scores.

The former two-time King of California has been very strong at the Gold Cup over the past few seasons, including finishes of fourth last year and third in 2008 at the helm of his Williams Motorsports, Red Line Oil No. 0 mount. Allard also brought home a preliminary night win in '07 and was running third in Saturday's feature that year, until a blown tire took away another possible podium finish.

Larson, the recently crowned Golden State Challenge Series King of California, will be making his first World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series start of the season at the Gold Cup Race of Champions behind the wheel of the Stadelhofer Construction, Peppermill Casino-Reno No. 99 sprinter.

The 18-year-old tallied five GSC wins en route to the title and has also added three other victories with the Ocean Sprints to give him eight overall triumphs so far this season. In his most recent start at the Silver Dollar Speedway on July 4 Larson raced to a flag-to-flag victory with the Golden State Challenge Series and also scored a runner up finish to Shane Stewart during the annual Dave Bradway Jr. Memorial in May at the high-banked quarter-mile.

The most dominating driver at the Silver Dollar Speedway over the final couple of months was Becker, who claimed four victories at the track from July 9 to August 20 at the helm of the Brian



Sperry Racing, Cherry St. Mini Storage No. 51 mount. "The Shark" has been on fire during the second half of the season and in that recent span of wins also added a Golden State Challenge Series triumph at the Santa Maria Speedway on July 10. Overall Becker has scored 10 wins this year.

Becker also brought home a runner up finish with GSC in Placerville on August 21 and comes into this week sitting atop the California Sprint Car Civil War Series standings, as he looks to make it three titles in a row with the 360 tour. Last season the veteran driver brought home a solid ninth place finish in Saturday

Anthem; youngster aspires to one day become professional

of Lainey's ailing health. When she was just three months old, she went in for the first of three major surgeries to have a hole patched in her heart. Lainey returned later to have an artificial heart valve installed and finally received a pacemaker to resolve the series of problems. According to Julie, Lainey will undergo at least one additional open heart surgery in the future. Lainey's condition was so serious at one time, she is a former Make A Wish Foundation recipient and is appreciative of everything that so many people of done for her.



Lainey Moon

A seventh grader and Pleasant Grove Middle School, Lainey has been singing her whole life. Her parents began noticing that she was taking it very seriously when she was about 8 years old. She entered a 4th grade talent show and, according to Julie, she "brought the house down." She later auditioned for the most talented kid contest at the California State Fair.

"When she was finished, my husband and I looked at each other with the same shocked expression. Lainey wasn't kidding, she can sing," said Julie. "We joke around about the fact she runs on batteries due to her pacemaker. She is our own Energizer Bunny."

Lainey has now been taking professional singing lessons for the last couple of years. She has sang at a number of area fundraisers, little league games, contests, church performances and more. Saturday night, Lainey will add the nationally recognized Gold Cup Race of Champions to the top of her list of notable performances, an event where she will be heard by an estimated 12,000 spectators that attend the \$50,000 to win event.

"We are very excited that Lainey has been invited to sing at this race," added Julie. "She's an inspiration that's for sure and Jeff and I really want to thank Alan and Diane Handy for inviting her to do this. We are very grateful and it's something she will always remember no matter where she goes one day."

Local favorite Jason Myers sits on the pole of tonight's 40-lap A-feature. Myers is joined on the outside by Jason Sides. Former track regular Paul McMahan starts on the inside of the second row with Chico's Jonathan Allard starting fourth. Tonight's feature offers one of the best opportunities for a local to capture the California gold for the first time since 1989.

The gates will open to the 57th Annual Gold Cup Race of Champions on Saturday night at 5 p.m. A limited number of tickets are still available for this grand finale that pays \$50,000 to the winner. Tickets can be purchased at the track beginning at 9 a.m. All seating is general admission and tickets are \$50 each.



Schedule of Events 2010

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Silver Dollar Sunrise Breakfast open 6am to 11am
 Gold Cup ticket office open 9am to 4pm
 Novelty Booth open 9am to 11pm
 Pepsi Refreshment Center open 11am to 11pm
 Coors Beer Garden open Noon to 11pm
 Placerville Speedway Rib Roast Noon to 2pm
 Pit Gate opens 2pm • Front Gate opens 5pm

GOLD CUP RACE OF CHAMPIONS

Gates open at 5 p.m.
 National Anthem by Lainey Moon
 WoO Finals Night - F, E, D, C, B & A Main events 7pm

