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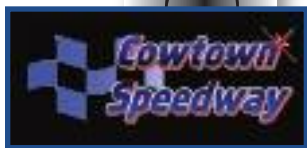
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Kennedale Speedway Park



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Katie Plemmons



Beka Mercadel



Chad Pearce



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Sprint Series of Texas Return to KSP

by Tony Hernandez, Marr Brothers Inc.

Smiley Sittons 2008 Sprint Series of Texas Tour comes back to Kennedale Speedway Park on Saturday, August 16th to try once again to tame the tricky 1/4 dirt oval. This is the 11th stop for SST in 2008, that has produced 8 different winners.

The SST uses a tool to do everything possible to insure we have a good show. If you are at an SST and see a "yellow ribbon" tied to one the Sprint Cars, you'll know that driver won the last event Feature race, and he will be starting at the rear of that. The highest finish an SST driver has when having that yellow ribbon to date is 4th! That's some competitive racing. Sprint Cars are now a frequent visiting division of car at KSP, and nothing to find three wide racing all throughout the field as the track has a lot of racing room, prepped weekly by Richard Snider, one of the best in the business.

Previous SST A-Feature winners at Kennedale Speedway Park are #20 Chad Wilson, #51 Phil Harris, and most recent from June 18th this season, #67 Ryan Beechler.

Come check out the Sprint Cars at KSP, you can't get a better show at any facility! Weather they are on their lid, or on all four's, it's a wild ride.

KSP SCHEDULE

- 8/2 Mansfield Night sponsored by CDI-Casting Designs; Regular Race Program
- 8/9 Cleburne Night; Regular Race Program sponsored by Hodges Auto Sales; There will be Trophies for Feature Winners in every class, T-shirt give-a-ways, bicycle give-a-ways and Candy Call for the kiddos
- 8/16 Regular Race Program plus Sprint Series Of Texas; \$1.00 Hot Dog Night
- 8/23 Burluson Night sponsored by RayMac Race Engines; Regular Race Program
- 8/30 Kennedale Night sponsored by Performance Motors; Regular Race Program plus Chain Race

Jr Mini Stocks at KSP

Photo by Debbie Rush



13 year old Dillon Landers from Princeton driving the John McNeil owned #ksp1 sits in stage lanes awaiting his warm up laps.

What is a Jr Mini Stock? Jr Mini Stocks at KSP are rear wheel drive sub-compact for drivers 12 to 16 years of age.

Most competitors in this division are racing 70's models Ford Pinto's, or even later model Ford Mustang. These are 4 cylinder gasoline engines governed by a tight rules package that helps keep them at safer speeds than their fathers may drive in other classes of Mini's. These cars can be found at a number of different tracks around the North Texas area, but you will not find a track where the racing has more chances for more different winners. KSP regulars Devin Burgess, C.W. Wright, and Amerin Betteridge are a few that have their fair share of wins this year.

This division of racer is a great way to teach many skills needed in life such as Sportsmanship, and respect for other drivers behind the wheel, and the plus of it, it keeps them off the mean streets! At Kennedale Speedway Park, you'll get the best of treatment found in racing, this division, or any!



Driver Profile:
Tom and Sheri
Shideler

Hometown: Red Oak Tx

S/ST4662 S/PRO

Cars / Motorcycles:

2006 hhr, 2008 chevy 3500 dually, 1993 nissan 4x4, 1980 monza dragracer, 2005 yamaha gas golfcart, 1993 honda pit bike and a electric scooter

Relationship Status: Married to the best woman of all fo 35+ years

About Me: I wanted to let you all know what I race here in Texas. It is a 1980 Chevy Monza in S/ST and brackets. It's got a 388 sbc, pg w/brake, dana 60 w/ 4.56 gear, ladder bars & coilovers, 10 point cage that runs low to mid 10's @128. We

did run S/C for years in a digger but have slowed down to s/st. We don't get to race as often as we would like but we try to when possible. We did win the 1988 Div 4 Bracket

Finals Championship along the way with a couple of track championships back in Albuquerque NM.



JR. DRAGSTER NATIONALS

Texas Raceway Team 2nd

Rocky McLain beat Madison Evilsizer in the final of 8-9 year olds. Great to see two Killer Bees in the final!! Congrats to them both. Darrel Galle got the Semi's in 16-17 year olds. TxR

Team 2 finished in 2nd place after one of the Bandimere teams. Great job to all the drivers! It was another great year on the mountain.



Jake Pitt - It's a Family Tradition

Drag racing at Texas Raceway is in my blood. My Father Jimmy Pitt raced there before and after I was born, along with my Aunt Debra Ridenhour and Grandfather H.B. Pitt. My Mom Sandra Pitt also raced there in the past and currently races there with me every weekend the track is open to us bracket racers. The obvious would tell you that racing is deep in my family and our racing team is called Family Tradition Racing. I have currently been going to Texas Raceway all of my 25 years of age and have no plans on ever stopping. I have raced there since I was legal to drive a car starting out in Trophy Street and winning the very first race I ever competed in. After winning some five out of eight Trophy Street races I felt the need to pursue a tougher challenge and moved up to No Electronics. At this time I was racing my Mom's street car a V6 powered Dodge Intrepid. Needless to say I wasn't very competitive in that car. I would soon inherit the Family Tradition Challenger that has been in my family for over 25 years and has been a race car for all of those.

This is the current car I race today. It is a 1972 Dodge Challenger with a big block Mopar built by Pitt's Poison Racing Engines; which is my little Mopar only race and performance engine shop that I run. I also race on occasion a newly acquired 1974 Dodge Dart Sport. My Mom runs a little 1975 Plymouth Duster with a Pitt's Poison small block Mopar. She was voted Most Improved Driver at Texas Raceway

last year. I am currently leading the points in two very tough classes at Texas Raceway, which are No Electronics and No Electronics Quick. I have been the Champion of No Electronics Quick three times to date and hope to be able to end this year with a fourth Championship. I have also been in the top five in No Electronics class points 8 of the 9 years I have raced for points. Racing to me can not be beat, it is the thing I feel God put me on this earth to do. I am consumed by it. I would like to thank my Wife Brandi, my Mom, my Grandfather, Bill Boon at Texas Trailer Man, Rusty Allen, Jackie Deaver at LenMar Motorsports, Walt Zschirnt, Cindy McMillen, all the Killer Bees, and God.

Jacob Pitt Family Tradition Racing/Pitt's Poison Racing Engines



Texas Raceway

Rebekah Mercadel Heating up Junior Dragsters

Rebekah Mercadel, or Beka to her friends, is a New Orleans native who now hangs her hat in Texas thanks to Hurricane Katrina.

She is also a junior drag racer and pilots a Top Alcohol Jr. Dragster for Mercadel Motorsports. She is one of about 8,500 National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) junior drag racers and one of a very few licensed minority top alcohol junior drivers in the country.

With her dad and crew chief - Michael, mom, Kelly, and brother and sister, Gabrielle and Joshua Beka has a solid base to explore her drag racing dreams. The family team has been lighting up the asphalt from Florida to Texas racing in 30-40 events a season.

While the tragedy of Katrina slowed her racing efforts as her family was forced to temporarily split up for nine months, sending her dad who is employed by American Airlines to Dallas/Fort Worth, while the rest of the family stayed in Springfield, Illinois with family.

"My wife and I were more worried about our children's mental

state than our home in New Orleans," said Michael. "Gabrielle (12), and Joshua (9), seemed to have taken things a little better than Beka. Even though racing was not high on the priority list, we knew a few weeks after the hurricane that this is exactly what Beka needed. That cockpit was the only normal thing to her, and we had to get her back into her race car."

For Beka nothing was more therapeutic than getting back in her race car.

"How many girls get to drive a race car from ZERO to 85 MPH in just seven seconds?," said Beka. "Besides, there's not a sport out there that you can't get injured in (i.e. gymnastics, volleyball, softball, basketball etc.) It's especially cool beating the boys!"

Katrina, in a way, has made Beka more active in her community



and raised her awareness of what is going on outside of school and drag racing. Recently, the entire Mercadel racing team took part in the 2008 Walk Now for Autism event presented by Autism Speaks at Arlington Stadium in Arlington, Texas. Part of the event was so that Beka could unveil her new paint scheme dedicated to autism awareness.

The paint scheme was done in honor of her little brother, Josh, who has Asperger's syndrome, a form of autism.

By Linda Przygodski
Contributing Editor
AskPatty.com

TEXAS RACEWAY SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug 2 Arlington Motor sports presents Motorcycle Mania - gates open at 7pm \$10 to get in and \$5 more to race Safety gear is required if racing; long pants, helmet, gloves, bike jacket, shoes or boots to cover ankle.

Friday August 8 Outlaw Pro Mods

Saturday, Aug 9 - Run for a Wally Bracket race + BTE Torque Converter to the Winner of Top Dragster

Saturday and Sunday, Aug 15 & 16 - Jr. Dragster E.T. Finals - Kids from 4 states vieing for the Win to take home the Wally.

Friday Aug 15 Texas True 10.5's

Friday Aug 22 - King of the Hill - Outlaw 10.5 W

Saturday, Aug 23 - Dr. Performance presnts DIESEL PLAY DAY Gates open at 7pm

Friday, Aug 29 - \$5 Dollar Friday Dragpalooza

\$5 to get in + \$5 to race \$20 a car load Gates open at 6pm Forget the gas remember the past!

Every Sunday - Hot Street Street Wars and Match Race Mania Gates open at 4pm (open 5pm on August 17 only) Street tires run from 4:30 to 8pm Slicks run from 4:30 - 9:45pm \$10 to watch + \$5 more to race Ladies after 4pm and Kids 12 and under are FREE

Racer Profile

Chad Pearce

DIVISION: Bomber

TRACK: Cowtown Speedway

AGE: 26

CITY: Burlleson

MOTORS: HP Racing Engines, Wes' Machine

TEAM: HP RACING (bombers 5, 81, 82)



YEARS RACING: 2 **SPOUSE:** Carrie

SPONSORS: ABC Tires, Tim's I Buy Junk Cars, HP Racing

CREW: Jon, Jeff, Anthony, Scott, Dad, Ricky, Dennis

SPECIAL THANKS: Mom, Dad, Jon, Carrie, Smitherman Racing

BEST FINISH: 2nd on July 12, 2008 & 6 career heat wins

RACING HEREOS: Curtis Pearce, Troy Taylor, Darrell Waltrip, Sammy Swindell, Greg Biffle, & Kyle Busch

RACING LIFETIME GOAL: World of Outlaws

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: (2007) My rookie season i finished 7th in points, with 2 heat wins, and 4 top fives. (2008) So far during 2008 i have 4 heat wins, 9 top fives, 15 top tens, and my best career finish of 2nd in 18 starts.

INTERESTING FACTS: My dad (Curtis Pearce) raced for over 20 years, mostly at Cowtown Speedway in figure 8, winged modifieds, and in the hot stock class in the early 90's. My dad also was track promoter of Cowtown for 2 seasons 1986, and 1987. Ive been going to Cowtown Speedway since i was about a month old, all if wanted to do my whole life was race at Cowtown Speedway. Now that im 26 and im finally getting to do what i love, i realize how hard and demanding this sport really is. It takes alot of hard work during the week, and alot of time and support from people that dont even get to race your car. If also made alot of friends, that ill never forget the past few seasons (Smithermans & Birmingham) they have thought me alot and if it wasnt for them i wouldnt be running in the top five on a weekly basis. My brother will also be racing some this season, and i think its gonna be really cool to race against him, and watch him race. Besides racing, i love and watch all sports, but #1 im a huge Green Bay Packers fan, when racing season is over its all about the Packers.



COWTOWN SPEEDWAY SCHEDULE

Aug 2	No Mods - Dwarfs
Aug 9	No Jr. Bombers - Demo Derby
Aug 16	No Winged 600's & No Jr. Bombers - Dwarfs & Winged Mods
Aug 23	No CT Sprints - Topless Mods \$750 to Win
Aug 30	All Classes - Waco/Cowtown Winged 600's

Cowtown Speedway

Featured Driver Hayli Renfro

Hayli Renfro is 13 years old and is driving the number 26 600 Wing Mini-Sprint at Cowtown. This is her first year in a mini-sprint. Hayli first started out in racing at the age of 5 as a pit crew member on her Uncle Ken Grants Dirt Work's team. Her Uncle Ken Grant raced regularly at 281 Speedway in Stephenville. Then her brother Stephen Renfro started racing at 281 and Hayli then join his race team as a pit crew member. In 2005, Stephen was the IMCA Sport Mod Champion at 281 Speedway and Hayli was right along side of him in victory lane.



In 2005, Hayli Renfro started racing Go Karts at KAM Kartway in Rhome, Texas. Her first season racing go karts, she won the Summer Series Pure Stock class. During the summer racing season in 2006 at KAM Kartway, Hayli won the Hot Stock championship. She then advanced into the Super Stock class and in the fall of 2006 she won that championship.

Hayli and her race team decided that it was time for her to move up and it was then that she started racing at Kennedale Speedway in March of 2007. Hayli raced Junior Mini-Stocks and loved racing the big cars just like her brother Stephen. Her brother Stephen started in the mini-stock class at 281 Speedway. At the end of the season, Hayli and her race team decided that it was, once again, time for a change. It was time for the mini-sprint class at Cowtown Speedway.

Hayli has played soccer for over 9 years and her soccer team has won their division for the past 2 season. Hayli also plays volleyball, basketball and soccer for Fossil Hill Middle School in Keller, Texas. She is an outstanding student and is active with her youth group at Alliance Baptist Church in Keller, Texas.

Hayli Renfro loves to compete whether it is on a soccer field, classroom or a race track. Her two favorite female drivers are Sarah Fisher and Milka Duno. She relates to them being the underdog in the Indy world. She is the underdog in the mini-sprint class this season. Her goal is to win the track championship just like her brother Stephen. Hayli's ultimate dream is to drive a 305 Sprint car when she turns 16 years old.

Clement Wins Cowtown

by Tony Hernandez, Marr Brothers Inc.

When Shane Clement left home Saturday, July 19th for Cowtown Speedway, he had yet to hit Victory Lane in the 2008 Sprint Series of Texas season. On about lap 14 of said Saturday nights A-main event, that would change.

Through the early laps of the 20 lap race, Clement, driving the #2 Glen Polk Construction Sprinter raced nose to tale, side by side with eventual third place finisher #1 Shane Carson, and the #8 Swofford car of Corey Minor, settling into fourth in a late race caution.

On the restart, Clement found plenty of real estate on the dubbed "Fastest Little Dirt Track In Texas", middle of the track and set sail on those in front. Just a couple laps later Clement found himself taking the lead coming out of turn for from teammate Ron Beechler in the #5 Glen Polk owned Sprinter. Clement stayed on the high part of the track the rest of the race followed by Beechler, and Carson to round out the Top 3. Clement also holds more top 5 finishes than any SST regular for the year. He also had a surprise waiting back north. His nephew, 13 yr old Mitchell Clement won the Mini Stock A-main, and brother Kevin Clement won the IMCA Modified A-Main, both at Paris Motor Speedway. Maybe we can get'em to feed us dinner...?! Next up for SST, Boyd Raceway on August 1st.



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