

Howie Scannell Jr. finds the touch on CNE track

Lisa Hasselfeldt learns standard transmission just in time to win Powder Puff

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 Flamboro Speedway challengers ruled the roost at the Bud Stocks competition at the CNE on Sept. 27. Racing along with other street

tockers from Delaware, Sauble and other tracks, local Speedway racers were the undisputed champs. The Bell family of Milton was in the thick of it all night racing in a pair of cars. In CASCAR events Scott Wadkins

and Howie Scannell Jr. both had rough rides. Honours for 'thrill of a lifetime' went to Kelly Williams of Brampton. In her second year of racing the petite York University student chose

this night to win her first checkered flag. Leading most of the first heat, she was hard put to contain herself, when commenting on her win. She picked the right night as the track attendance record of more

15,000 was set. Her father Dan Williams, chief fan and master mechanic, was also pleased.

Scott Watkins of Milton led his CASCAR heat start to finish but had a rough ride in the feature. Leading the first 10 laps, Scott hit a patch of oil in the third turn, and spun out. He was forced to the back of the pack when he rejoined the race.

Working his way up through the pack, Watkins was again denied adhesion and lost it in the first corner at the start of the final lap.

Howie Scannell, in only his third week in the division ran his usual steady race and finished third.

Two weeks previously, Scannell had his rough ride in his first race at CNE. He hit an oil patch at low speed in his second lap, hit the wall and sustained some serious steering damage. The hard working crew of Lee and Neil Browning, identical twins, put Scannell back together again for a successful night where he won the consolation race.

The next week Powder Puff racing returned to the Ontario Amateur Racing Club as family and friends of the regular drivers suited up for the second annual race at the CNE.

With 22 ladies prepared to race, the group was split into two qualifying races of 11 cars each.

In the first heat Milton's Lisa Hasselfeldt made winning a family affair, taking the checkered flag in dramatic fashion, as father John has been doing for years.

Secretly hoping to race the Powder Puff, 16-year-old Lisa received her first and only lesson on driving a standard transmission, courtesy of Dad, the previous Thursday.

She picked up the nuances of a manual shift quickly and starting 10th, steadily worked her way through the pack.

Hasselfeldt was set up to pass Wendy Whitehouse as they raced down the back straight in the last lap. As they roared into the tricky hairpin of the final corner Wendy took the high side which allowed Lisa to tuck underneath and take the faster groove.

They both came out of the turn sideways, straightened their cars and raced to the finish line with Hasselfeldt taking the flag. It was another great win for the 1932 Chev, number 66, driven by another winning Hasselfeldt.

In the second heat former Milton resident Yvonne (Telemans) Barton, now of Carlisle, motored husband Brian's beautiful 1929 Hupmobile to a third-place finish.

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