

# Local Drag Race Results

Thousands of fans and over three hundred race cars enjoyed clear weather for the seventh annual Windsor Weekend at the Grand Bend Motorplex Sept. 15-17.

Friday's Real Street class winner was Ken Daudlin over Jim Pollier.

Saturday's race action saw Tecumseh's Dante Antonel take his 1980 Camaro to the Quick 8 win over Dave Sinasac. Quick 8 Outlaw champion was Windsor's Andrew Lennon. His 1987 Mustang ran 8.53 seconds at 158 mph in the quarter mile to defeat Tony Veresuk.

Cody Smith from Windsor defeated Nikki Gignac from Amherstburg in Junior Dragster competition.

In the Bike class it was Tim Pare out of Amherstburg over Ryan Joinville.

Trophy class went to Kingsville's Steve Whitney over Harrow's Derek Hedges.

In Bracket 2 Louie Chiarappa's Maidstone-based 1984 Camaro took out Shane Decarlo's Mustang out of Amherstburg.

Bracket 1 saw another classic Ford versus Chevy battle with the 1967 Nova of Amherstburg's Tim Ferguson winning over the Mustang of Ken O'Keefe from Cottam.

On Sunday, Codey Smith won the King of the Hill title running 7.94 seconds at 84

mph in the eighth mile in his junior dragster.

Ryan Joinville took his 1997 Ski Doo to the Bike/Sled championship over Leamington's John Lynn.

Wheatley's Kipp Cobby won Trophy Street over Dwayne Shepley from Lasalle.

The Bracket 2 title went to Dan Arnew running his 1978 Malibu out of Harrow. Windsor's Scott Haverkamp was runner-up.

Andrew Brown was the Bracket 1 winner. His Tecumseh based 1985 Camaro beat Kingsville's Steve Whitney.

Mark Gubinski from Essex took the X16 Box/No Box championship over Allan Ball. Gubinski's 1972 Ford Gran Torino was also in the finals of the Allstar race but had to settle for runner-up honours to the 1974 Mercury Comet of Harrow's Joe Piper.

This past weekend, Windsor's Jade Atkinson won Top Eliminator over Steve Doornbosch from Forest at the Grand Bend Motorplex. Atkinson's Ford-powered dragster ran 7.95

seconds at 168 mph in the quarter mile. Mark Gubinski took his Essex-based 1972 Ford Gran Torino to a 6.88 second win in the No Box eighth mile class.

# Midget Minor

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Captain Danny Vivier netted the first goal, with assists by Derek Vivier and Kevin Boggs.

Boggs also nabbed the second goal, assisted by Danny Vivier.

Danny Vivier then scored his second of the night, with assists by Boggs and Jesse Breault.

Windsor scored six goals, making the final score 6 to 3.

Matt Lachine made many great saves for Essex.

With Lachine in net on Saturday night, the Ravens came out hard with a strong first period against Tecumseh.

At the end of the second period, Essex was down 2 to 0. But they came back to tie the game in the third with a goal by Quinton Rossini, assisted by Doug Lambier and Derek Vivier. Danny Vivier also scored with assists by Breault and Boggs.

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Let's put away the gloves, bats and soccer balls and let's focus on the Essex Ravens PeeWee "A" 2006-2007 hockey team. It's time to drop the puck in Hockey Town.

Congratulation to the players who made the Ravens. This year's coaching team consists of Head Coach Drew Mulcaster, assisted by Shawn Davidson, Erik Burden, Ryan Bradt, Aaron Mulcaster and Team Manager Shawn Carswell. The players are: Brady Heil (30), Dustin Ridley (1), Justin Melo (2), Luca Acchione (3), Mitchell Carswell (4), Zachery Heil (5), Tyler Bellaire (6), Eric Lee (7), Evan Bechard (8), Chase Rossini (9), Joshua Davison (10), Kyle Tremblay (13), Jonathon Spidaliere (14), Cody Spitse (16), Brandon Flood (17) and Johnston Armstrong (18).

The team showed their talents during a few exhibition games, posting a record of two wins and one loss.

# Pee Wee A Tim Hortons

The true test would be the start of the regular season, especially the game against the 2005-2006 All Ontario Champions, the Riverside Rangers.

On Friday, Sept. 22, the highly anticipated game against the Rangers brought the fans to watch. After a few minutes of play, you could already tell the Ranger team was very disciplined, could handle the puck in any situation and could take advantage at any time if their opponents made mistakes.

Our boys tried to play the Rangers' game but, with the new enforced rules taking effect, the Rangers capitalized on our penalties and scored many times. Mentions go to Kyle Tremblay for his checking, meeting each Ranger in his area of domain and taking the body to the ice. Great scoring chances did pay off when Justin Melo dumped the puck in the Rangers corner, as an aggressive Eric Lee forced and continued the play in the Rangers end,

drawing the puck to an awaiting Raven forward, Chase Rossini, who scored the only Essex goal. Brady Heil showed he had heart, not giving up, as he saw much black rubber throughout the night. The final score was Riverside many, Essex 1.

Our next battle was on Sunday night against the LaSalle Sabres. Great goaltending by Dustin Ridley from the start kept Essex in the game. We had our chances to score but faced a similar goalie at the other end, making great saves on Brandon Flood's and Johnston Armstrong's wrist shots.

Once again our aggressive play, as well as LaSalle's, kept the men in stripes busy calling many penalties due to the enforced rulings. Tremblay used his force, meeting head to head with the Sabres forwards. Mentions go to Cody Spitse, Chase Rossini, Jonathan Spidaliere, Eric Lee and Tyler Bellaire who showed that their size on the ice doesn't matter, but their hearts do, as they checked and forced the Sabres into making errors.

Late in the third our team efforts paid off on a rush by Josh Davison down the right side of the ice. He carried the puck into Sabres territory, passing it to the front of LaSalle's goal. With a rush of players from both teams, the Ravens line of Eric Lee, Chase Rossini and Brandon Flood forced the puck into the Sabres net. Final score, LaSalle 4, Essex 1.

# Dresden Raceway's final program draws crowds

Dresden Raceway presented the season's final program Sunday and it proved to be exciting and rewarding for local teamsters.

Raconteur, a three-year-old gelding owned by Mike Langlois of Maidstone, picked up the win in the final event of the afternoon. With Dresden dash champion Brad Forward in the

sulky, Raconteur set a new lifetime mark of 200.1, capturing an \$8,000 conditioned race over Dimes Dividends (Al Cullen) and Dr Sharkey (Essex driver Mark Williams).

C Lulu Trompeur, owned, trained and driven by Pat Barr of Essex, had to settle for fourth place money after a tough trip from the fifth

post position. Pilars Emerson, owned by Roy Boggs is always a great competitor on the Dresden half mile surface but, boxed in most of the way, had to settle for show position with Essex reinsman Gene Piroski at the controls. Trainer of the year honours went to Leon Mansfield with over \$55,000 in 45 starts.

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