

Augie Grill Perfect at GMP Season Opener

Race fans, there was truly a pot-of-gold at the end of the rainbow Saturday night, March 13th, at Gresham Motorsports Park! Augie Grill blistered the ½-mile oval turning a qualifying lap at 111.324 mph! Then, he went on to dominate the race and capture the checkered for the 125-lap CRA feature.

As the top three qualifiers were inverted for the main event ... the Hayden, Alabama driver lined up inside-second-row for the start of the race. Proving to be the patient-veteran, Augie carefully moved to the front, grabbing the lead on lap 16. From that point on, even with a few cautions bunching up the field late, he drove away from the competition.

Jim Gresham said in victory lane, "What an awesome machine!" And friends, the car was untouchable ... the driver was perfect! And being there to witness excellence ... priceless for race fans like me!

The 14-year-old Chase Elliott finished second on this night as Bubba Pollard, Jason

Hogan, and Mike Garvey rounded out the top five. Twenty-seven drivers took the green for this event of which nine finished on the lead-lap. T.J. Reaid, driving for Kyle Bush, was running in the top-five until a fluid leak put him in the pits with 118 laps in the books.

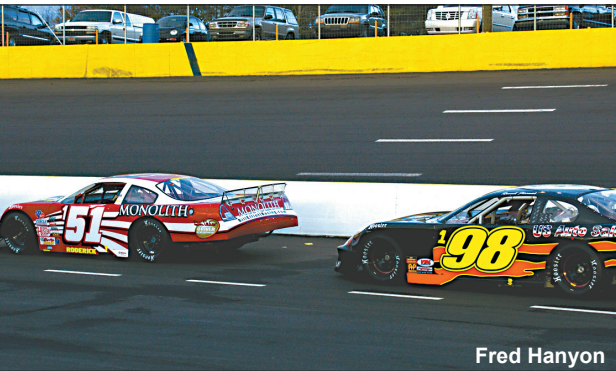
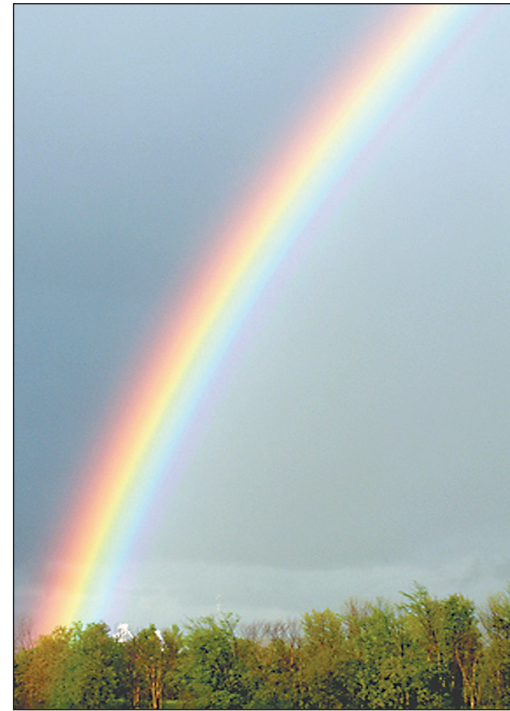
Race fans, Gresham Motorsports Park is a beautiful new racing facility built on the site of the old Peach State Speedway. The owners and operators are excited about their new venture and they are dedicated to providing a first-rate racing establishment for drivers and race fans alike.

I was glad to see single-file restarts after the cautions during this feature event ... proving that there are promoters and race fans that adhere to the fair traditions of racing.

Friends, on a final note ... after rains washed out Friday's practice and threatened the Saturday night show ... as we traveled north through afternoon showers on I-85 ... suddenly a huge, vibrant rainbow formed as the sun penetrated the clouds ... and fittingly we found Gresham Motorsports Park at "the end of the rainbow" ...

Race fans ... I will see you at GMP ...

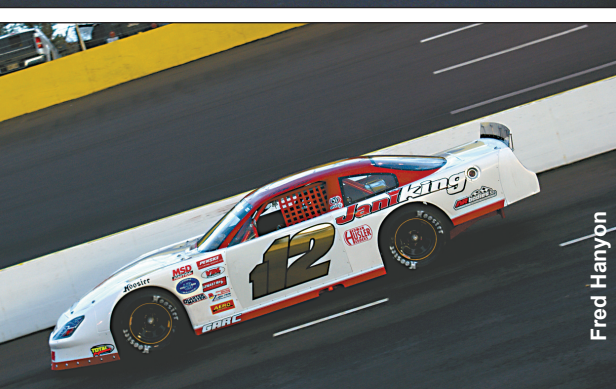
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