

## MODIFIEDS TEAR UP GREENSTONE PARK

Brilliant sunny West Coast weather, a quality field of Modifieds and great racing were all part of the Tony Stanton Electrical sponsored N.Z Modified Grand Prix at Greenstone Park Speedway on Saturday. Development West Coast also assisted with sponsorship. Thirteen of the winged warriors arrived in town to contest the event and at the end of the meeting it was youth that shone through with Luke Keegan of Christchurch taking away the first major speedway title of his career. A exceptional greenstone trophy was donated for the winner of this event by Percy Whyte.

Two heats were run with points from each going towards grid positions for a 25 lap, winner takes all final. Former 1NZ John Jackson of Stratford and current 3NZ Glen Leech from Christchurch were heat winners while good drives from Keegan and Paul Ward saw them near the front for the final. There was bad luck for the Christchurch pairing of Natasha Rodgers and Maurice Headly with Rodgers breaking a dry sump belt and Headly suffering terminal engine problems which saw both cars out of the meeting. Local hero Brandon Parkinson also had issues with driveshaft vibration meaning he was only able to collect one point from the first heat. Parkinson made up for it in the second heat with a great drive to come home sixth from the back of the field. Jackson and Keegan were on the front row for the final and when the green flag dropped the green machine of Jackson shot to the lead with Keegan chasing in second. Jackson's lead didn't last long however with Keegan making the pass early in the race to take a lead he wouldn't relinquish. Jackson stayed in second with Leech not letting anyone past him to take third. The drive of the race came from Parkinson though who started from the back to finish fifth and pass more cars than any other driver.

In support racing the stockcars provided some great action in their three races. Mark Buckman and Aaron Klempel were the main stirrers and were picking on anyone they could lay a bumper on. Jamie Routhan also did some stirring and put Graham Nelson hard into the wall which ended his meeting. Tony Stanton, Routhan and Dwayne Honey had a win each with Stanton the overall points winner. There was a rollover in race two when Jason Tasker put Honey up the wall but the move backfired with Tasker also riding the wall and ending up on his side.

The ministocks weren't quite as rough as their bigger brothers with less contact and more racing. The best in the adult division were former N.Z. champion Glen Redmond who won twice with Shannon Evans picking up the other checkered flag. Overall though Dave Houston scored the most points which was helped by the fact that Redmond failed to finish race one. In the youth division Ryan Smith picked up two wins and a third to take the overall honours while other race winner Jamie Collins who wound up second.

Nick Petch had it all his own way in the small streetstock field with a perfect three from three. A lack of contact made it easy for Petch to pick his way through with Pete Campbell and Rob Petch completing the top three on points.

The production saloons were the sixth and final class on the programme. Steve Shearer won first up then it was all Lex Cummings from then on as he took the other two races with ease to finish two points ahead of Shearer. Ricky Dense had dramas in race one when he hit the wall hard which saw his right rear wheel part company with the car then in the last race Kevin Arnesen and Violet Cummings collided resulting in major damage to both cars.  
Report by Daniel Neville

## Results

### Modified

1 <sup>st</sup>	871 C	Luke Keegan	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	71 S	John Jackson	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 NZ	Glen Leech	
4 <sup>th</sup>	55 S	Paul Ward	
5 <sup>th</sup>	5 GM	Brandon Parkinson	

### Stock Cars

1 <sup>st</sup>	11 GM	Tony Stanton	33 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	= 4 GM	Jamie Routhan	27 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	= 38 GM	Tony Oliver	27 points

### Youth Ministock

1 <sup>st</sup>	43 GM	Ryan Smith	31 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	23 C	Jamie Collins	27 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9 GM	Vinny Sparrd- Parsons	26 points

### Production saloons

1 <sup>st</sup>	38 C	Lex Cummings	25 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	98 GM	Brent Shearer	23 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	64 GM	Steve Shearer	64 points

### Ministocks

1 <sup>st</sup>	44 GM	Dave Houston	34 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	14 GM	Sean Brown	31 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	17 C	Redmond ? McNally	30 points

### Street Stocks

1 <sup>st</sup>	89 GM	Nick Petch	18 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	= 15 Gm	Pete Campbell	10 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	= 86 Gm	Rob Campbell	10 points