

Points series heats up at SIR

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Is it almost late July already?

I know people say time flies when you're having fun, but I'm starting to realize that applies even more to working full time as well.

Being later in July means several things: We still (hopefully) have another full month and a half of summer left in front of us, the crops will soon be turning from green to gold and the Saskatchewan International Raceway points series is getting interesting as the track will be entering the second half of the season this weekend.

SIR is again running three straight days of racing this weekend starting off last night with the ever popular Friday Night Street Legal event.

Though a full month has passed since the summer solstice, we are still fortunate to have long hours of sunlight each day which of course means more racing on Friday nights.

For those of you in the Saskatoon area who've never been to the track on a Friday night, you can expect to see a wide variety of machines ranging from daily driven Camaros and motorcycles to drag race specific machines that arrive at the track on a trailer.

It's all heads up racing to see who's got the fastest machine around. For only \$25 and a vehicle technical inspection, you can see how your ride stacks up against the rest of the competition.

Today will be the start of another back-to-back points race weekend where a number of drivers will have the chance to extend their points leads or watch it slowly slip away from their grasp should any of these racers bow out in the first few rounds.

Saturday's racer gate opens at 9 a.m. with time trials going at noon. Racing eliminations will get going at around 5 p.m. and will run well into the evening. Just like two weeks ago, racers and staff will get a very minimal break as gates open at 8 a.m.

Sunday morning with time trials starting at

9 a.m. and racing getting underway at 1:30 p.m.

As previously mentioned, some drivers will be in position to put a dominant grip on their points lead this weekend by going some rounds or even winning another race.

Walter Fernets of Biggar is one such driver who is currently leading in super pro by almost 100 points over Fred Schwab of Saskatoon.

While Fernets has the biggest lead over second place out of all SIR classes, that lead could quickly evaporate if he goes out early and Schwab or third place Don Kittle have a very successful weekend.

Rounding out the current points leaders are last year's champion Brian Hebert of Regina in pro, Remi Weeks of Saskatoon in sportsman, Shawn Kvass of Pitt Meadows, B.C., in Sport Compact, Mark Rawson of Asquith in street legal and Blayz Verge of Prince Albert in Jr. dragster.

All of the aforementioned drivers in these classes have a much tighter points race on their hands

and any mistakes could land them in second or third place after the weekend is finished.

Next action for SIR after this weekend will be Aug. 6, 7 and 8 and will feature the Centennial Big Bucks Jackpot race on the Saturday with the biggest payout in SIR history for the winner.

More information will be provided prior to that weekend's race. Best of luck to all racers again this weekend!

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