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Above - Right • Shannon Brinkley took home three wins this weekend. Vance Lakey red lighted to give Brinkley the win in the Quick Rod final Saturday night. While both Randy Phillips and Brinkley ran 9.908 to a 9.90 dial in, Phillips red lighted 0.003 before Brinkley did, handing Brinkley the win in the Saturday Super Rod Final. Sunday's Super Rod Final would see Brinkley edge out Marcus Skipper for the win.



Above - Left • Both Top Dragster Finals were a showdown between Louisiana boys. Saturday, Eli McGee (Gray, LA) ran an impressive 7.100 on a 7.10 dial in to take the win over Brad Core (Crowley, LA). Sunday, Nick Brenner of Madisonville, LA ran a 7.204 on a 7.02 dial to edge out Core in the final.

By Todd Silvey
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Veteran racers Shannon Brinkley gathered three Ironmen and Russell Marr collects two as multiple winners at State Capitol Raceway. Competition fired up at the IHRA Division 4 Summit Pro-Am Tour presented by AMSOIL, as the first stop of the season featured a double event at the facility near Port Allen, Louisiana. Other winners during the Division 4 opener were Eli McGee and Nick Brenner in Top Dragster, Larry Stewart and John Clegg in Super Stock, Jay Robinson and Jimmy Hidalgo Jr. in Stock, Christopher Dodd in Quick Rod, Reggie Baudoin and Mike Frederick in Hot Rod, Shallon Broussard and Jackson Core in Junior Masters, Jordan Broussard and Ty Casey in Junior Advanced, and Kacee Guedry in Junior Beginner.

GOOD VIBRATIONS TOP DRAGSTER

Brad Core, in his 2006 dragster, was a double bridesmaid for the weekend scoring a runner-up finish on each day. On Saturday, Core, from Crowley, Louisiana, fell to another area racer, Eli McGee from Gray, Louisiana. McGee cut a .029 reaction time and ran dead-on his 7.10 to cover Core's 7.64 on his 7.63 dial-in. In the Saturday semi-finals, McGee defeated Craig Liles who traveled over from Artesia, New Mexico and broke out with a 7.078 on a 7.08 dial-in, while Core took advantage of a bye-run to make it to his first of two final rounds that weekend.

In the Sunday Top Dragster Eliminator, Nick Brenner, from Madisonville, Louisiana, made it to the finals with a 7.23 ET pass in a semi-final bye run. Brenner took the win over Brad Core in the finals, as Core broke out this time with a 7.63 pass on his 7.64 dial, and Brenner ran a 7.204 on his 7.20 dial-in.

GOOD VIBRATIONS TOP SPORTSMAN

Top Sportsman was a weekend of tight reactions and red-lights that brought out very close fast doorslammer action. Russel Marr, from Forney, Texas, came out as the Saturday winner with his 2003 Cavalier over Ricky Vedros from Belle Rose, Louisiana. Vedros ran under his dial with his 632 powered Beretta while Marr got the Saturday win running a 7.48 on his 7.47 dial. Vedros won in the semi-finals against Cody James of Odessa, Texas, when James red-lighted away his chances to the



Above • Saturday's Junior Advanced and Junior Masters finals were a family affair. Jordan Broussard took the win over Mallory Bontrager in the Advanced final while Shallon Broussard edged out Addison LeJeune in the Master's final.

finals. Marr took on Leslie Dugas in the other half of the semis with Dugas, who hails from Grandview, Texas, slowing with problems and giving the easy win to Marr.

In Sunday's Top Sportsman action, Russell Marr continued his hot streak, getting his second win in as many Renegade division races to start 2014. Marr took on Kamron Wright from Odessa, Texas. Wright red-lighted in the finals, while Marr eased his pass while the win light flashed on the scoreboards. Wright made it to the finals via bye-run, while Marr had to take on Jerry Jordan from Longview, Texas. Jordan cut the tree just .009 too quick, to give the win to Marr and allowing him into his second final round appearance.

SUPER STOCK

David Latino had a dominating weekend in Super Stock as he got to the final round on Saturday and the semis in Sunday eliminations. Latino, from Donaldsonville, Louisiana, met up against Larry Stewart of Clinton, Mississippi in the Saturday finals. Stewart dialed-in at 9.69 with his SS/HA Nova and took the win over a red lighting Latino in his SS/GTDA Cobalt. Latino made it to the finals defeating Larry Cummings of Hammond, Louisiana in the semis, when Cummings turned on the red-light. Stewart got past DeWayne Custer of Nacogdoches, Texas in his SS/GTAA Camaro on the other side of the semi-final ladder.

The Sunday half of Super Stock action paired Mike Braswell from Santo, Texas, in his SS/AM Firebird against John Clegg out of Victoria, Texas. Even after Braswell turned on a -.007 red-light, Clegg ran it out with a 8.351 on a 8.35 dial for the Sunday win. Clegg had to take on Saturday finalist David Latino in the semi-finals, while Braswell earned a bye into the final round. Clegg ran a deadly 8.361 on his 8.36 dial to cover Latino's 9.544 on a 9.53 dial-in. Looking at these 2 rounds of stats notes that Clegg ran an impressive .001 above his dial-in on both the semi and final round pairings.



Above • Sunday's Junior Masters Final saw Jackson Core take a win over Bryce Granier.



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STOCK ELIMINATOR

While an impressive 25 car field filled the Super Stock class, it was the Stock Eliminator class that tested all, with a 36 car roster in qualifying each day. The Saturday field ended with Jay Robinson from Santa Fe, Texas, meeting up with David Latino who had also dominated in the day's Super Stock ladders. Robinson dialed an 11.95 with his I/SA Nova, while Latino showed a 10.45 on his dial-in board. Robinson launched with a .008 reaction time on the green side of the 'tree, while Latino red-lighted the final away. In the semi-final pairings, Robinson got past PB Candies in the AAA/FIA entry, when Robinson cut a better light to run a 12.02 on a 11.95 dial over Candies 9.12 on a 9.10 dial-in. David Latino earned a bye into the final round.

Out of the Sunday stack, it was Jimmy Hidalgo Jr. from Donaldsonville, Louisiana, that took his C/FIA GTO to the top. Hidalgo Jr. ran against Slate Cummings from Hammond, Louisiana, in his A/FIA Corvette during the final round. Hidalgo Jr. dialed-in a 10.79, but Cummings red-lighted the final away. Hidalgo Jr. had a bye-run in the semis, while Cummings took on Billy Chiasson from Raceland, Louisiana in a double break-out pairing. Cummings broke out by less with a 10.22 on a 10.27 dial as Chiasson ran a 12.32 on his 12.38 dial.

QUICK ROD

In the category where 8.90 is king, the bids for the weekend crowns were very high. Shannon Brinkley scored the Saturday win over Vance Lakey. Brinkley, traveling in from Highlands, Texas, took his Corvette roadster to the winner's circle when Lakey, from Sylvester, Texas, cut a -.027 red-light. Lakey scored the bye run in the semi-finals, while Brinkley advanced by defeating Paul Kimble from Metairie, Louisiana. Kimble was another victim to the red-light bug of the day, cutting an ever so close -.001 reaction and giving the final round appearance to Brinkley.

The Sunday section of Quick Rod action paired Christopher Dodd from Double Oak, Texas against Tony Farmer from Midland, Texas. Tight starting line reaction times had both dragsters racing for the stripe; Dodd got there first with a 8.91 on the 8.90 index compared to Farmer's 8.86 breakout finish. In the semi-finals, Farmer won against Randy Simoneaux from Rayne, Louisiana. Both racers ran identical 8.915 passes, while the math showed Tony Farmer's starting line reaction of .009 gave him the win, advancing him into the finals. Christopher Dodd earned the bye run in the semis to make it to the finals.

SUPER ROD

Super Rod Eliminator saw only one green light in the late rounds as the final round paired Shannon Brinkley continuing his win streak, taking on Randy Phillips from West Monroe, Louisiana. Double red-lights gave the win to Brinkley who cut the lesser red with a -.002 to Brinkley's -.017 with his '92 Camaro. In a four car semi-final round, Phillips got past Jerry Pollard of Alvin, Texas in his '65 Mustang. Phillips won over Pollard with his

Below • Larry Stewart put on a good show in Saturday night's Super Stock Final, besting David Latino with a 0.27 reaction time and a 9.739 on a 9.69 dial in.



Left • John Clegg put on an impressive run in Sunday's Super Stock Final with a 8.351 on 8.35 dial in to take the win over Mike Braswell.



Above - Right •

While Ricky Vedros put up an impressive reaction time of 0.005 in Saturday's final, it was Russell Marr who would go on to win the Top Sportsman Finals both Saturday and again on Sunday against Kamron Wright.





Right - Jay Robinson and his '73 Nova held off David Latino in his Corvette for the win in Saturday's Stock Final.



Right - Jimmy Hidalgo Jr. was thrilled in the winner's circle after Sunday's Stock final. Slate Cummings red highlighted to help Hidalgo take home the win.



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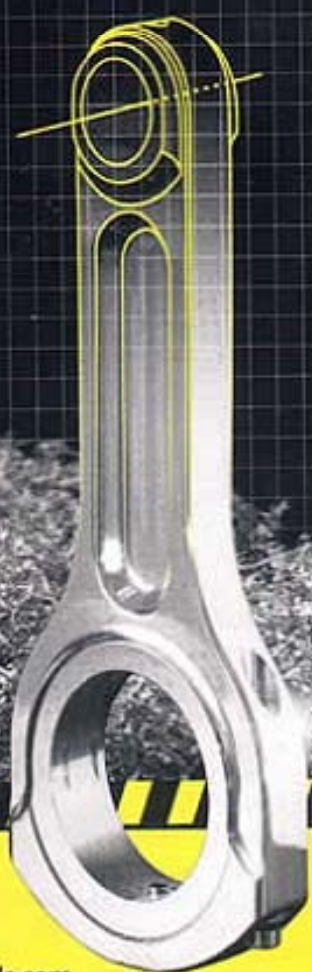
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.011 reaction time and 9.96 pass to Pollard's 9.92. Brinkley took on Keith Rafferty of Lake Charles, Louisiana. Rafferty's -.005 red-light handed the final round appearance to Shannon Brinkley.

In the second day of Super Rod racing it was Shannon Brinkley once again in the Winner's circle, as the Highlands, Texas racer won in the finals, this time against Marcus Skipper from Transylvania, Louisiana, in his 1970 Chevy Nova. Skipper cut the better .002 light, but a double break-out handed the victory to Brinkley who ran a 9.892 on the 9.90 index. In the semis, Brinkley got past Wes Neely, who broke out compared to Brinkley's positive E.T of 9.917. On the other half of the semis, Skipper defeated Keith Rafferty in his second semi-final finish for the weekend. Rafferty, from Lake Charles, Louisiana, broke out trying to overcome Skipper's .004 reaction and 9.91 ET to his own 9.895 pass.

HOT ROD

Reggie Baudoin of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, topped the Hot Rod category in Saturday's competition. Baudoin met up in the final round against Slate Cummings, who was another of the racers having a winning streak weekend. Cummings and Baudoin both broke out of the 10.90 index in the finals, with Cummings running a 10.85 to Baudoin's 10.84 pass. One round earlier, Baudoin got the win light via his bye-run, while Slate made it to the finals by defeating Mark Naron from West Monroe, Louisiana. Naron broke out with a 10.88 to Cumming's almost perfect 10.907.

The Sunday half of Hot Rod competition paired Texas racers Mike Frederick, from Beaumont, Texas, in his '63 Corvette beside Tony Jones from Gimer, Texas. Jones had the starting line reaction advantage, but Frederick made it to the finish line first, running a 10.901 to Jones' 10.93. In the semi-final round, Jones made it past Tommy Costales from Manuel, Texas in his 1966 Corvette. Jones again had the starting line advantage, but this time successfully used it for the win over Costales to gain entry into the finals.

JUNIOR DRAGSTER

State Capitol's Junior Dragster program brought out over 40 young competitors in their three classes. Junior Master class racing came down to a final round between Shallon Broussard from Carencro, Louisiana and Addison Lejeune from Lafayette, Louisiana. Lejeune could not quite run the number as Broussard got to the finish line first with a 7.97 on a 7.90 dial-in. In the Junior Advanced class, Jordan Broussard from Carencro, Louisiana faced down Mallory Bontrager from Wylie, Texas. Broussard took a big starting line reaction advantage to get the win with a 9.08 ET over Bontrager's 8.94 pass. In the finals of Junior Beginner racing, Kacee Guedry from Brusly, Louisiana, faced down Jacob Hickey from Poncahoula, Louisiana. The starting line again was the deciding factor as Guedry took her head start reaction and held off Hickey by running a 12.21 on her 12.10 dial-in.

In Sunday's Junior Master competition, Jackson Core was the champ. The Crowley, Louisiana racer took on Bryce Granier from Labadieville, Louisiana. Core took a starting line reaction advantage to hold off Granier. Grainer ran a 7.94 on his 7.90 dial-in compared to Core's 7.94 on his 7.93 prediction. In the Junior Advanced category, Ty Casey

from Van Vleck, Texas matched up with Aaron Jordan hailing from Fort Worth, Texas. Casey ran almost dead-on his 8.95 dial in to get the class win. Junior Beginner saw Kacee Guedry from Brusly, Louisiana, this time matched against Cole Walker of Denham Springs, Louisiana to bid for the trophies. Walker broke out with a 12.03 on his 12.08 dial to give the win to Guedry. **-DRM**

DAY 1 RESULTS

GOOD VIBRATIONS TOP SPORTSMAN

Russell Marr, Forney, Texas, '03 Cavalier, 7.052, 199.29 def.
Ricky Vedros, Belle Rose, La., '96 Beretta, 7.437, 185.37

GOOD VIBRATIONS TOP DRAGSTER

Eli McGee, Gray, La., dragster, 7.100, 185.26 def.
Brad Core, Crowley, La., dragster, 7.645, 171.91

SUPER STOCK

Larry Stewart, Clinton, Miss., '67 Nova, 9.739, 125.17 def.
David Latino, Donaldsonville, La., '06 Cobalt, foul

STOCK

Jay Robinson, Santa Fe, Texas, '73 Nova, 12.111, 94.34 def.
David Latino, Donaldsonville, La., Corvette, foul

QUICK ROD

Shannon Brinkley, Highlands, Texas, '02 Corvette, 8.877, 167.84 def.
Vance Lahey, Sylvester, Texas, dragster, foul

SUPER ROD

Shannon Brinkley, Highlands, Texas, dragster, foul (-.002) def.
Randy Phillips, West Monroe, La., '92 Camaro, foul (-.017)

HOT ROD

Reggie Baudoin, Breaux Bridge, La., '82 S10, 10.853, 144.64 def.
Slate Cummings, Hammond, La., '66 Nova, 10.843, 139.57

JUNIOR DRAGSTER MASTER

Shallon Broussard, Carencro, La., dragster, 7.975, 80.08 def.
Addison Lejeune, Lafayette, La., dragster, 8.131, 81.49

JUNIOR DRAGSTER ADVANCED

Jordan Broussard, Carencro, La., dragster, 9.087, 69.88 def.
Mallory Bontrager, Wylie, Texas, dragster, 8.942, 74.67

JUNIOR DRAGSTER BEGINNER

Kacee Guedry, Brusly, La., dragster, 12.218, 52.55 def.
Jacob Hickey, Poncahoula, La., dragster, 12.174, 54.39

DAY 2 RESULTS

GOOD VIBRATIONS TOP SPORTSMAN

Russell Marr, Forney, Texas, '03 Cavalier, 14.812, 58.29 def.
Kamron Wright, Odessa, Texas, '10 GXP, foul

GOOD VIBRATIONS TOP DRAGSTER

Nick Brener, Madisonville, La., dragster, 7.204, 185.49 def.
Brad Core, Crowley, La., dragster, 7.634, 174.41

SUPER STOCK

John Clegg, Victoria, Texas, '88 Firebird, 8.351, 169.90 def.
Mike Braswell, Santo, Texas, '66 Nova, foul

STOCK

Jimmy Hidalgo Jr., Donaldsonville, La., '04 Pontiac GTO, 10.869, 106.77 def.
Slate Cummings, Hammond, La., '00 Corvette, foul

QUICK ROD

Christopher Dodd, Double Oak, Texas, dragster, 8.914, 171.52 def.
Tony Farmer, Midland, Texas, dragster, 8.868, 161.95

SUPER ROD

Shannon Brinkley, Highlands, Texas, dragster, 9.892, 154.50 def.
Marcus Skipper, Transylvania, La., '70 Nova, 9.880, 155.89

HOT ROD

Mike Frederick, Beaumont, Texas, '63 Corvette, 10.901, 149.50 def.
Tony Jones, Gilmer, Texas, 10.934, 151.59

JUNIOR DRAGSTER MASTER

Jackson Core, Crowley, La., dragster, 7.941, 78.31 def.
Bryce Grainer, dragster, 7.940, 80.89

JUNIOR DRAGSTER ADVANCED

Ty Casey, Van Vleck, Texas, dragster, 8.957, 71.74 def.
Aaron Jordan, Fort Worth, Texas, dragster, 8.967, 70.68

JUNIOR DRAGSTER BEGINNER

Kacee Guedry, Brusly, La., dragster, 12.123, 53.53 def.
Cole Walker, Denham Springs, La., dragster, 12.034, 52.38

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Above - Right - Reggie Baudoin and Slate Cumming's faced off for Saturday's Hot Rod final. Baudoin and his '82 S10 took home the win.



Above - While Tony Jones had the better reaction time of 0.13, Mike Frederick ran a 10.901 on his 10.90 dial in to take the win in Sunday's Hot Rod Final.

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