

Congratulations 1992 Viking Speedway champions



Scott Hillig Retains title



Chris Riley Wins first title



Jeff Hinkemeyer Wins 5th title



Brian Rust excels on snow as well as on dirt track ovals

Brian Rust, 20-year old Viking Speedway NASCAR Modified racer from Maple Grove has been in the thick of the point race the entire 1992 season here at the Viking Speedway.

Racing has been a part of the Rust family for over 20 years with Butch Rust having started the Rust Racing Team. He raced snowmobiles for over 20 years before venturing into race car competition, starting in the Modified Division.

Brian started racing when he was 14 years old, although he started driving snowmobiles when he was about six years old.

"Racing has been in my blood," noted the young Modified chauffeur.

He has enjoyed a good deal of success on the snowmobile racing circuit, driving for Polaris Industries.

Rust was basically unbeaten on his snowmobile in the Junior Division. Once he jumped into the Pro Division, he finished seventh in the standings his first year.

The last two years he finished third both years. Some of the drivers he competes against include Daryl LaPlante, Mike and Steve Houle among others.

The highlight of his snowmobile career was winning back to back titles on his birthday in the Eagle River World Championships in Eagle River, Wisconsin.

This past year he was taken out in the World Championship race by another driver, but it didn't stop him from competing the next week although the doctors wanted him to sit out.

He finished sixth in his division that next week despite racing with a great deal of pain.

Until that mishap, Rust was leading the points and then fell back to third.

The younger Rust noted that he got his start in car racing a couple of years ago here at the Viking when he went out and drove the car in the hot laps. He stayed with the other drivers pretty good and has been staying with them



Brian Rust Two sport star

for the past two and one-half years. He finished fourth in his heat in his debut with the feature being rained out. He came back to place sixth in the feature the next week.

"I was pretty happy about that," recalled Rust.

The Rust's got into stock car racing through Ralph Gaffaney, a former racer at the Viking Speedway.

He says racing is his adrenaline rush.

"I am a younger kid and don't get into drinking and things like that so that's my adrenaline rush," pointed out the young racer.

Highlights of his career have been his feature wins. He has two all total with his first coming in just his sixth week out.

"Having Jim Kellen and the rest of the guys on my back bumper was a nice feeling," he noted as he was able to hold off the competition for the win.

He has been among the top point leaders here at the Viking the entire

1992 season.

"We go into a race with the attitude of doing the best we can do, but now that we are up in third in the points it is hard to stay that way.

"We have had a few tire and chassis problems and motor trouble, but if we can keep going consistent hopefully Scott (Hillig) and I can put on a good show right to the end."

Rust says there is nothing he doesn't like about racing, even working long hours getting the car ready during the week.

"When it is in your blood it is just natural," says Rust. "It gets to be a commitment, it is no different then a dairy farmer," he added.

Rust says he has learned a lot from snowmobile racing that he can apply to stock car racing.

"I learned consistency and to keep myself calm," he noted, adding that he also has learned to give himself compliments instead of putting himself down.

"I think that helps in the race car," pointed out Rust.

Rust has no plans to move up to a Late Model race car in the future.

"Modifieds put on the best show as far as I'm concerned and you can run Modifieds at a lot more tracks," he stated.

Rust says he always takes input on his performance, asking his dad how he did every time out of the car. His dad videos the races and after his heat he watches the video to see what he could do differently.

He plans to run a couple of special races after the season here at the Viking.

He says he likes high banks on a halfmile track over shorter tracks.

"Alexandria has such a beautiful facility as far as if you have to recover. If you feel uncomfortable, drive off the track. Cement walls and I don't agree," said Rust with a smile.

The Rust racing team has been a

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Welcome race fans



Brian Rust (17)

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loyal competitor at the Viking Speedway this summer while many other drivers have not.

" The atmosphere here around Alex is uprising Everybody smiles and you have a lot of fun, you take it serious and yet you have fun doing it. Some other tracks it seems like you can't have fun doing it," stated Rust.

They work on the car out of their two-

car garage in Maple Grove.

- "Mom's car never gets the garage," said Rust with a smile.
- Rust moves Whirlpool appliances for a living.



NASCAR Modified competitors Ray Hoberg Jr. (28) and Irvin Cook (20) battled for an edge while Rich Snyder (1) moved in from the back of the field last Saturday night here at the Viking Speedway.



Butch Stearns (7) and Don Solbreken (60) battled side by side coming out of the fourth turn last Saturday night in one of the NASCAR Sportsman Division heat races. Stearns won his heat and also won the feature race in this division.



Cullen Brown (54) battled with Chuck Kelly (90) in one of the NASCAR Late Model races. Both racers will finish among the top 10 point getters this season.



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The Viking Speedway recently hosted a Stadium Moto Cross and ATV race during the annual Douglas County Fair. Jeff Oldenburg of Browerville led all the competitors with wins in two events.



Jeff Hinkemeyer (4) ducked down on the low side of Chuck Kelly (90) last Saturday night in the first NASCAR Late Model feature race. Hinkemeyer took home first place honors in both main events and in the process wrapped up another track point championship.

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98	Mod.	Mar∨ Hillig	2	100
27	Spts.	Randy Kawlewski	2	100
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22	Spts.	Mike Johnson	2	100

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Rich Snyder	1	192	Alexandria
Irvin Cook	20	100	Osakis
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Ray Hoberg Jr. (28) and Scot Danziesen (5) battled through the 3-4 turn last Saturday night in one of the NASCAR Modified heat races.



Sam Gottwald (14) held the inside groove while Gary Reents (1) drifted high and Shawn Kirwin (10) attempted to work his way down the middle of the track in one of the NASCAR Modified heat races here last Saturday night.

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Todd Soderstrom (63) jumped off to the lead on the waving of C 3 green flag in one of the NASCAR Sportsman Division heat races last Saturday night. Jeff Flaten (37) followed along with Lonny Morrison (77), Larry Crouse (29) and Butch Stearns (7).



Scot Danziesen (5)

Welcome NASCAR race fans

Past Viking Speedway champs

VIKING SPEEDWAY PAST POINT CHAMPIONS

1965 - Gerry Geris (1-2) 1966 - Gerry Geris (1-2) 1967 – Gerry Geris (1-2) 1968 – Gerry Geris (1-2) 1969 – Jim Johnson (82) 1970 – Jerry Wendorf (58) 1971 – Wayne Kluver (9) 1972 – Roy Snyder (49) 1973 – Dave Gilbertson (40) 1974 – Dick Block (33) 1975 – Gerry Geris (1-2) 1976 - Wayne Kluver (9) 1977 — Wayne Kluver (9) 1978 — Wayne Kluver (9) 1979 – Jeff Hinkemeyer (13) 1980 – Buzz Cripe (63) 1981 – Joe Salner (4) 1982 – Dwaine Hanson (1) 1983 – No late model class 1984 - No late model class 1985 - Steve Thorsen (82) 1986 – Steve Thorsen (82)

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- 1973 Jerry Chlian (76) 1974 — Jerry Chlian (76) 1975 — Gary McPhail (20) 1976 – Don Snelson (3) 1977 – Darrel Hadler (77) 1978 – Jerry Chlian (76) 1979 – Jim Nieland (52) 1980 - Richard Klug (28) 1981 - Dave Gilbertson (33) 1982 – Bill Peterson (32) 1983 – Bill Peterson-Gerry Geris (32) 1984 - Bill Peterson (32)
- 1985 No class

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1985 – Tom Feierabend (11) 1986 - Roy Snyder (49) 1987 – Ryan Muzik (23) 1988 – Ryan Muzik (23) 1989 – Ryan Muzik (23) 1990 - Dave Storck (57) 1991 — Scott Hillig (98) 1992 — Scott Hillig (98)

NASCAR FOUR-CYLINDER

1990 - Gary Servatius (1)

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STREET STOCK-THUNDER-SPORTSMAN CHAMPS

1979 – Arnie Bitzan (52) 1980 – Jerry Lorentz (36) 1981 – Dennis Bitzan (52) 1982 - Greg Muzik (18) 1983 – Greg Muzik (18) 1984 – Darwin Sibell (3) 1985 – Greg Muzik (18) 1986 – Jim Koranda-Gary Ott (89) 1987 – Larry Crouse (29) 1988 – Ken Bullick (15) 1989 — Dennis Bitzan (52) 1990 – Bob Richardson (16) 1991 – Jerry Thorstad (34) 1992 – Chris Riley (27)

NASCAR LATE MODELS

- 1987 Roch Johanneck (76) 1988 – Dwayne Clarke (1) 1989 – Jeff Hinkemeyer (4) 1990 – Jeff Hinkemeyer (4) 1991 – Jeff Hinkemeyer (4) 1991 – Jeff Hinkemeyer (4)



Chris Riley (27) held the inside groove while Dan Fuoss (13) attempted to overtake the current NASCAR Sportsman Division point leader in one of the heat races here last Saturday night.



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CAR#	DRIVER NAME	POINTS
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15	Dean Wildung	51
11	Leroy Schuelke	44
19	Dick Klug	34
50	Jeff Wildung	34

NASCAR MODIFIED CHAMPION AUTO HARD CHARGER

CAR #	DRIVER NAME	POINTS
98	Scott Hillig	104
1	Rich Snyder	53
23	Ryan Muzik	52
11	Mike Wold	51
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