

## 5-17-24: Lakeside Speedway

Whenever I'm traveling for any external reason, I always look for tracks that I can count while in the area. I was in Kansas City for a wedding and found Lakeside Speedway running on the Friday night before. It was only a little ways out of the city, and I passed by Kansas Speedway on the way there, a track I fully intend to visit before too long.



I got there while they were still doing track packing. There's different philosophies regarding track packing and the direction that it's done in, and I'm not sure if there's any science behind any of them in particular, but I did find it interesting that this track had the racecars on the track packing in the reverse direction, something I don't think I've seen before.





It was close to a half mile, maybe a big  $\frac{3}{8}$  mile in length, very dark clay that seemed to have quite a bit of moisture through hot laps. Multiple cars spun.





There weren't a ton of people in the stands, but they were pretty large and afforded a good vantage point. I could see the whole track easily and had a top row seat without an issue, though it didn't really matter with the sightlines how they were.

There were decent car counts for the full fender classes, 16 E-mods, 18 USRA B-mods, and 19 USRA stock cars, but a disappointing 6 305 sprint cars.

The heats had single file restarts, which was surprising. The stock cars were really lifting the left front wheel which was fun to watch.

The pure stock main was only 12 laps but it was pretty decent with no cautions. There was actually an E-mod that flipped in their feature, which I was not expecting.



The stock car main was probably the best feature of the night. It was good racing all over the track, a tight pack with close racing.

There was only the tiniest bit of dust for the modifieds, nothing that caused any issue throughout the event. It was a solid midwestern big track and nice to count while I was in the area, but nothing to make it really stand out.