



Aaron Daniels, No. 13, who singled earlier in the inning, scores one of six Norton K-18 tallies in the second inning of the Blue Jays' 13-4 win over Plainville in Norton on Tuesday evening. Norton trailed 4-1 to start the inning and turned it into a 7-4 advantage. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

K-18 is fifth in sub-regional tourney

By DICK BOYD

The Norton K-18 baseball team placed fifth in the Sub-Regional Tournament held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Stockton and advanced to the Regional Tournament, which will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Smith Center. Norton played No. 1 seed Russell on Friday and lost 6-2. Next, they beat Ness City 9-5, lost to Smith Center 11-8 and defeated Ellis 12-7.

RUSSELL

Russell scored two in the bottom of the first, one in the second, two in the fifth and one in the bottom of the sixth.

Norton's only two runs came in the top of the sixth when Todd Bolt, Logan Keiswetter, Todd Zink, Blake Wolf and Travis Ray all walked and Bolt and Keiswetter scored.

Winning pitcher was Augustine. Norton had just three hits. Two of Norton's hits were by Aaron Daniels who was 2 for 2. Eight Norton batters walked and 10 struck out.

Chris Davis was the losing pitcher. He pitched five innings, gave up seven hits, walked three and struck out six. He was relieved by Bolt, who pitched one inning, gave up one hit, walked two and struck out two.

NESS CITY

In the 9-5 win over Ness City, Norton scored three runs in the bottom of the first. Davis and Bolt both singled, Zink got on base via an error and all three scored. Ness City scored all five of its runs in the top of the third to take a 5-3 lead.

Three more Norton runs in the bottom of the third put the Blue Jays ahead for good. Zink and Daniels walked, Pat Burton doubled and David Counter singled. Zink, Daniels and Burton scored.

Norton extended their lead to 7-5 with a single run in the bottom of the fifth. Blake Wolf singled, Daniels walked and Burton singled and Daniels scored.

The Blue Jays made the final 9-5 with two more runs in the bottom of the sixth. Davis walked and Bolt singled and both tallied.

Winning pitcher was Bolt, who gave up three hits, walked four and struck out four in four innings. Logan Keiswetter pitched the final three innings. He gave up three hits, walked one and struck out five.

Losing pitcher was Colby Ganz. He gave up eight hits, walked four

Teams combine to play in Ellis tournament

Norton's 12 and under and 13 and under baseball teams have been combined for the rest of the season and will play in a tournament in Ellis on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

and struck out one. Leading hitters for Norton were Burton, Davis and Bolt. Burton was two for three including a double while Davis and Bolt hit all singles and were also two for three at the plate.

SMITH CENTER

In the loss to Smith Center, Norton took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first when Keiswetter singled, Zink walked and Keiswetter scored.

The Redmen tied the score with one in the bottom of the inning.

Norton made it 2-1 in the top of the second when Travis Ray and Burton both singled and Ray scored.

Smith Center tallied two in the bottom of the second to take a 3-2 advantage.

Norton tied it at 3-all in the top of the third when Keiswetter singled and scored on a double by Ray.

The bottom of the third was a big one for Smith Center as they ran six across home plate to take a 9-3 lead. They added two more in the bottom of the fourth to make it 11-3.

Norton scored four runs in the top of the fifth to narrow the Redmen's lead to 11-7. Keiswetter and Zink both singled, Wolf doubled, Daniels walked and Burton singled. Keiswetter, Zink, Wolf and Daniels all scored.

The Blue Jays tallied their final run in the top of the sixth when Davis walked and Keiswetter knocked him home with a single.

Winning pitcher was Kuhlmann. He gave up 11 hits, walked five and struck out three. Losing pitcher was Keiswetter who allowed 17 hits, walked three and struck out one.

Keiswetter proved to be a hitting pitcher. He was a perfect four of four at the plate. Ray went three for

four, including a double and Burton was two for four at the plate.

ELLIS

Norton took a 4-0 lead in the top of the first inning in its 12-7 win over Ellis. Davis walked, Bolt tripled, Zink and Ray both singled and Davis, Bolt, Zink and Ray scored.

Ellis scored a single run in the bottom of the second to make it 4-1.

Norton tallied one in the top of the third when Zink doubled and Wolf singled him home.

Ellis tallied three in the bottom of the third to narrow Norton's lead to 5-4.

Four more Norton runs in the top of the fourth made it 9-4. Burton and Counter walked, Davis belted a triple, Bolt walked, Keiswetter smashed a triple, Zink and Ray both walked. Burton, Counter, Davis and Bolt all scored.

Ellis scored its final three in the bottom of the fourth to make it 9-7. The Blue Jays scored one more in the top of the sixth when Zink singled and scored.

The final two Norton runs came in the top of the seventh when Burton tripled, Davis singled and Bolt walked and Burton and Davis scored.

Davis was the winning pitcher. He hurled two innings, giving up three hits, two walks and striking out one. Keiswetter relieved him and pitched five innings. He gave up eight hits, walked two and struck out two batters.

Losing pitcher was King. He gave up 9 Norton hits, walked seven and struck out one.

Leading hitters for Norton were Zink, Davis and Burton. Zink went three for three, including a double. Davis was three for four, including a triple and Burton was two for three, including a double.

County fair special set at local speedway

By BILL MARTIN, I.M.C.A. public relations

A \$1,000 to win feature race for I.M.C.A. Sunoco Modifieds headlines two nights of racing Saturday and Sunday, July 31 and Aug. 1, at Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton.

I.M.C.A.-sanctioned modifieds, stock cars and hobby stocks, plus the local cruiser class run both nights, starting with the regular weekly program Saturday.

Pit gates will open at 5 p.m., hot laps are at 6 p.m. and racing starts at 7 p.m. Saturday evening.

The same four classes take to the track for Sunday's Big Bud Shoot-Out program, during the Norton County Fair and sponsored by Western Distributing of Norton. The second Shoot-

out is part of I.M.C.A.'s national modified and stock car special events schedule, with \$2,700 in product certificates to be awarded to eligible drivers.

I.M.C.A. sponsors giving the special events contingencies include Belleville Motorsports, Big Dog Chassis, Brinn Transmissions, Design 500 Racewear, Harris Auto Racing, Hurricane Race Cars, Impact Racing, Isky Racing Cams, JC Dubil, KSE Racing Products, Midwest Motorsports, Randy's Racemart, Racing Optics, RCI, Real Racing Wheels, Ringers Gloves and Schoenfeld Headers.

Gates to the pit area open at 4 p.m. Sunday, with 5 p.m. hot laps and 6 p.m. racing. More information is available from promoter Don Bolt at (785) 678-2416 or 678-8037.

Elmwood Park Speedway fans treated to make-up features

By MIKE HUGHES

Race fans were treated to double features in three of the four divisions at Elmwood Park Speedway July 17, as make-up features were run in the IMCA-sanctioned Hobby Stock, Stock Car and Modified classes after rain moved in during the last race program, postponing these three feature races.

The IMCA Hobby Stock make-up feature was the first on the track for their 15-lap race. Rhett Kingsbury of Smith Center took the lead at the drop of the green, but 8th starting Cory Struckhoff of Kensington got by Kingsbury on lap 3 to take the lead. Point leader Wade Wagenblast of Deshler, Neb., worked his way to second by lap 5 and challenged Struckhoff for the lead but cut a tire down and stopped on the track on lap 9, bringing out a caution. Struckhoff held the point the remaining distance for the win with Kale Shank finishing second, followed by Kelly Karnopp, Wagenblast, and Kingsbury.

The regular feature had a harder time getting underway. On the opening lap, a three car tangle brought out the caution. On the restart, several cars got together coming out of turn 4, sending Struckhoff hard into the inside guardrail, ending his night. Track officials then lined up the field single-file, hoping the third time was a charm. Norton's John Annon led the first 2 laps of the 15-lap main event before Plainville's Gene Sneath took charge and powered by. Sneath drove away for the win with Wagenblast holding off Shank and Barry Schoen for second. Annon rounded out the top five. Following the race, Rhett Kingsbury claimed Wagenblast, with Wade accepting the claim.

Heat race winners were Brady Schoen, Karnopp, and Barry Schoen.

Jason Davis of Norton led all 20 laps to score the win in the IMCA Stock Car make-up feature. Nathan Glendening made a late charge but settled for the runner-up spot, followed by J.R. McCreery, Jason Schoenberger and Kelly Ford.

The regular feature had a bizarre ending, and earned Athol's Josh Hudson the 'Hard Luck Award.' The first half of the 20-lap race saw Davis, Dan Lauer and Hudson exchange the lead on several occasions. However, Hudson took command on lap 7 and built up a big lead before Phil Hinger hit the inner guardrail in turn 4 on lap 13, bringing out a caution. Hudson again pulled away on the restart, but a loose bumper on his race car finally came off after Hudson took the white flag, bringing out a yellow. Since the leader had taken the white flag, race officials then reverted back to the last completed

lap and put Hudson to the back as the cause of the caution since it was his debris that halted the race. Then, since the leader had taken the white flag, the checkers were thrown while under the caution, ending the race and giving the win to Russell's Jason Schoenberger. Davis, Mark Zorn, McCreery, and Randy Clydesdale rounded out the top five.

Schoenberger and Hudson won the two heat races.

Oberlin's David Murray picked up career wins No. 297 and No. 298 as he scored victories in both the IMCA Modified make-up feature and regular feature.

Brian Calhoun of Beloit led the first 9 laps of the make-up feature before Murray, who started scratch in the 15-car field, worked his way to the front. Murray drove away for the win, with Calhoun holding on for second. Justin Basart was third, followed by Marty Clark and Jim Arnold.

In the regular feature, Brice Riley of Indianola, Neb., led the opening lap before Colby's Doug Holzmeister took over. Holzmeister led through lap 7 when Murray finally got past. Holzmeister chased Murray to the checkers but had to settle for second, trailed by Tim Watts, Clark and Riley.

Murray, Chad Sterling and Clark were victorious in their heat races.

The Cruisers, who got their feature event in two weeks ago before the rains came, lined up 12 cars strong for their main event. Jeremy Jensen and Rick Touslee of Oberlin led the opening lap, but Wes and Chuck Eagleburger took the point on lap 2, with Joe & Jim Carter of Russell in hot pursuit. A blown motor on the final lap by Macy and Kimberly Thomas put the field under caution. Again, since the white flag was displayed to the leaders, the race ended under caution with the Eagleburgers picking up their second win of the season. Point leaders Kirk Persinger and Justin Graham finished third behind the Carters. Heat race winners were Jensen & Touslee and the Carters.

Carquest of Norton was the sponsor for the make-up features, while Plum Creek Motors of Lexington was the evening's sponsor the regular race program.

Also, prior to the racing festivities, stock car driver Randy Clydesdale, with the assistance of several fans in the grandstand, took the opportunity to propose marriage to his girlfriend, Teresa Hartzog. After the almighty question (will you marry me?) was asked, Teresa answered with a 'yes.'

Racing returns to Elmwood Park Speedway as part of the Norton County Fair on Saturday and Sunday, July 31 and Aug. 1.

Saturday evening will be a regular race program with the four divisions in action starting at 7 p.m. Sunday evening, the track will host the 2nd Annual Bud Shootout, sponsored by Western Distributing of Norton. This will be a special event for both the IMCA Modified and IMCA Stock Car divisions, with cars from several states expected to compete. The IMCA Hobby Stocks and Cruisers will also be in action, with the green flag waving at 6 p.m.

RESULTS:

IMCA Hobby Stocks
Make-up Feature: 1. Cory Struckhoff, 2. Kale Shank, 3. Kelly Karnopp, 4. Wade Wagenblast, 5. Rhett Kingsbury, 6. Danny Bricker, 7. Gene Sneath, 8. Adam Balthazor, 9. Kyle Hice, 10. Justin Wagner, 11. Brent Schoen, 12. Laura Hinger, 13. Brady Schoen (DNF), 14. Robert Rutherford (DNF), 15. John Annon (DNF), 16. Bret Hagan (DNF), 17. Tim Colburn (DNF), 18. Garrett Brown (DNS), 19. Jared Remus (DNS), 20. Brent Riley (DNS), 21. Dave Meitl (DNS), 22. Brandon Naasz (DNS).

Heat 1: 1. Brady Schoen, 2. Hinger, 3. Annon.
Heat 2: 1. Karnopp, 2. Hagan, 3. Wagner, 4. Colburn.

Heat 3: 1. Barry Schoen, 2. Wagenblast, 3. Struckhoff, 4. Sneath.
Feature: 1. Sneath, 2. Wagenblast, 3. Shank, 4. Brady Schoen, 5. Annon, 6. Hagan, 7. Karnopp, 8. Barry Schoen, 9. Balthazor, 10. Colburn, 11. Kingsbury, 12. Hice, 13. Hinger, 14. Ricky Gitchel, 15. Wagner (DNF), 16. Struckhoff (DNF), 17. Rutherford (DNF), 18. Bricker (DNF).

IMCA Stock Cars
Make-up Feature: 1. Jason Davis, 2. Nathan Glendening, 3. J.R. McCreery, 4. Jason Schoenberger, 5. Kelly Ford, 6. Jason Rogers, 7. Mark Zorn, 8. Phil Hinger, 9. Randy Clydesdale, 10. Jay Hachmeister, 11. Tyler Hahn (DNF), 12. Josh Hudson (DNF).

Heat 1: 1. Schoenberger, 2. McCreery, 3. Ford, 4. Zorn.
Heat 2: 1. Hudson, 2. Clydesdale, 3. Davis, 4. Rogers.

Feature: 1. Schoenberger, 2. Davis, 3. Zorn, 4. McCreery, 5. Clydesdale, 6. Ford, 7. Rogers, 8. Dan Lauer, 9. Hahn, 10. Glendening, 11. Hachmeister, 12. Troy Attwood, 13. Michael Zajic, 14. Hudson, 15. Hinger (DNF), 16. Bruce Eskew (DNF).

IMCA Modifieds
Make-up Feature: 1. David Murray, 2. Brian Calhoun, 3. Justin Basart, 4. Marty Clark, 5. Jim Arnold, 6. Tim Watts, 7. Jeff Walters, 8. Steve Reedy, 9. Blake Smith, 10. Barry Maupin, 11. Brian Garrett, 12. Brice Riley (DNF), 13. Doug Holzmeister (DNF), 14. Rich Watts (DNF), 15. Rick Schwab (DNF), 16. Tyson Garrison (DNS), 17. Matt Kasson (DNS).

Heat 1: 1. Murray, 2. Holzmeister, 3. T. Watts, 4. Garrett.
Heat 2: 1. Chad Sterling, 2. Riley, 3. Walters, 4. Roger Boland.

Heat 3: 1. Clark, 2. Basart, 3. Mike Moore, 4. Reedy.
Feature: 1. Murray, 2. Holzmeister, 3. T. Watts, 4. Clark, 5. Riley, 6. Walters, 7. Sterling, 8. Boland, 9. Schwab, 10. Chris Bragg, 11. Garrett, 12. Basart, 13. Reedy, 14. Calhoun, 15. Arnold, 16. Maupin, 17. Moore (DNF), 18. R. Watts (DNF), 19. Doug Shearer (DNF), 20. Smith (DNS).

Cruisers

Heat 1: 1. Jensen/Touslee, 2. Persinger/Graham, 3. Thomas/Thomas.
Heat 2: 1. Carter/Carter, 2. W. Eagleburger/C. Eagleburger, 3. Wentz/Bailey, 4. Mariman/Mariman.

Feature: 1. W. Eagleburger/C. Eagleburger, 2. Carter/Carter, 3. Persinger/Graham, 4. Kleen/Goebel, 5. Hockemeier/Ellis, 6. Horn/Horn, 7. D. Eagleburger/D. Eagleburger, 8. Mariman/Mariman, 9. Jensen/Touslee, 10. Thomas/Thomas, 11. Annon/Wonderly, 12. Wentz/Bailey.

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