

Kinsley man top driver at speedway on Saturday

Elmwood Park Speedway hosted the Prairie Dog 305 Sprint Car Association and some vintage cars on Saturday.

While 32 vintage modifieds, caged sprints, midgets, and uncaged sprints put on exhibitions for the crowd, the 305 guys were all business.

At the end of the night, Darren Bowman, Kinsley, was able to exhibit the bulk of the purse, as he took the A feature win.

The sprinters began with time trials. The top seven were separated by only .35 seconds of a sec-

ond. Tommy Lee Williams, North Platte, Neb., got his car around the big 1/2 mile the fastest, turning a lap in 21.59 seconds. Ray Seemann and Don Stieben, Jetmore, set the next fastest times, as Seemann ran a time of 21.69 seconds, and Stieben came across the line only .13 of a second slower. Bart Boyd, Wright, rounded out the top four with 21.84 seconds.

Randy Bantam, Norton, did not time in as his car careened hard

into the corner four guardrail, ripping the wheels and wings off. Fortunately, Bantam stayed intact.

The top four qualifiers then ran a trophy dash. Tommy Lee Williams paced the entire race, followed in line by Seeman, Stieben and Boyd.

The time trials aligned two heat races. Williams appeared to have the first heat wrapped up when he spun in corner one with only two laps to go. Bart Boyd inherited the lead and held on for the victory. Attrition took its toll on the second

heat race before the first lap was even run, as only half of the field started the race. Darren Bowman led the entire race.

The top three in the heat races qualified for a large cash dash, while drivers who finished further back ran a dash for half of the 50/50 raffle. Ray Seemann started on row two of the big dash, but dashed himself to the front and garnered the money. Brian Herbert of Dodge City laid down the law in the 50/50 dash to take that money.

The 18 lap A feature had a clean start, but only a lap could be completed before the caution came out after Tommy Lee Williams blew an engine, sending smoke everywhere.

On the restart, the drivers got into a good groove, led by Darren Bowman. He was closely followed by Brian Herbert and Ray Seeman, and they got closer when Bowman began to get into slower traffic. Bowman briefly lost the lead to Herbert going by a slower car on lap 10, but managed to sneak by the car first and quickly regained the lead. During that lap, Tom Belsky, North Platte, came up on the car of Dennis Fair, Manhattan, quickly on the front stretch. Fair was going much slower than

Belsky and appeared to check up in front of the Nebraska driver. Belsky went up and over Fair's right rear tire, then somehow kept it out of the wall. Fair was not so lucky, as his car veered right into the outside guard rail, damaging his car and ending his night. On the restart, Bowman took off like a rocket and pulled out to a near straightaway lead on Herbert by the end of the race. Herbert held off Seemann for second place. Belsky finished in fourth place, while Don Stieben rounded out the top five.

The next races at Elmwood Park Speedway will be Saturday, Sept. 17. **305 Sprint Cars**

Time Trials
29T-Tommy Lee Williams 21.59 seconds.

72-Ray Seemann 21.69
6-Don Stieben 21.82
1B-Bart Boyd 21.84
28-Tom Belsky 21.91
79-Brian Herbert 21.94
9B-Darren Bowman 21.94

82-Mark Bantam 22.44
24R-Doug Roth 22.53
74-Justin Dietz 22.95
8-Dennis Fair 23.6
5R-Randy Bantam No Time
Trophy Dash
29T-Tommy Lee Williams
Heat 1
1B-Bart Boyd
72-Ray Seemann
6-Don Stieben
Heat 2
9B-Darren Bowman
82-Mark Bantam
8-Dennis Fair
Cash Dash 1
72-Ray Seemann
Cash Dash 2
79-Brian Herbert
A Feature
9B-Darren Bowman
79-Brian Herbert
72-Ray Seemann
28-Tom Belsky
6-Don Stieben
1B-Bart Boyd
8-Dennis Fair (DNF)
82-Mark Bantam (DNF)
29T-Tommy Lee Williams (DNF)
24R-Doug Roth (DNS)
74-Justin Dietz (DNS)
5R-Randy Bantam (DNS)

Junior Jays score 47-0 victory in season opener

The Norton Junior High School seventh and eighth grade football team dominated Plainville in the season opener Thursday in Norton, winning 47-0.

Scoring in the first quarter for the Junior Jays were Landon Hamel and Terrell Lane. Hamel ran the ball 46 yards into the end zone for a touchdown, while Lane dashed 16 yards to score. After making his touchdown, Lane ran in the extra points. No points after were made on the first score.

In the second quarter, Hamel rushed 74 yards to score. Lane kicked for the extra point.

Lane scored a second time on an 11-yard run and then kicked again for the point after.

Hamel then made one more touchdown before half-time on a 15-yard run. The kick for extra point fell short.

Connor Pfannenstiel made a 3-yard dash in the third to score. Lane kicked for the extra point.

In the fourth, Justin Chandler intercepted the ball and ran 70-yards for a final Norton touchdown. Troy Bainter ran in the extra points.

"This is a good start to the season," said Coach George Rossi. "Plainville only had 15 players, but they played hard the entire game."

"Our offensive execution, for the most, was good. On the defensive part, we lacked the intensity that we have had in practice, but it picked up later in the game."

"We need to cut back on silly penalties, and work on little things so we can be better in games to come. Overall, I am proud of the team's effort."

The Junior Jays rushed for 203 yards to Plainville's 35.

Hamel led rushing for Norton with 151 yards on five carries, followed by Lane, 27 on two; J.D. Gall, 17 on five; Pfannenstiel, three on two; Sproul, five on one.

Pfannenstiel completed two of four passes for 38 yards. Plainville had three uncompleted passes. Receiving for Norton were Gall, one for 15 yards; and Ronne Tafoya, one for 23.

On defense, Tafoya, Lane, Casey Robison and Hamel led tackles with five apiece.

Other members of the team are eighth graders Kaenon Keiswetter, Adam Myers, Andrew Soderlund, Marcus Herman, Ashton Draper, Caleb Vanover, Jake Romey, Tyler Cook, Grant McClymont, Dakota Roes, Robert Derauf, Christopher Maddy; and seventh graders — Brett Terrell, Spencer Shirk, Bill Broeckelman, Landon Keiswetter, Kaid

Norton Junior High Football Schedule

Thursday, Sept. 8 — WaKeeney, there, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 13 — Southern Valley, seventh grade, here, 5 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 15 — Stockton, here, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 19 — Phillipsburg, seventh grade, here, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 22 — McCook, there, seventh grade, 4:30 p.m., eighth grade, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 29 — Phillipsburg, there, seventh grade, 5 p.m., eighth grade, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 6 — Osborne, there, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 13 — Smith Center, seventh grade, 5 p.m., eighth grade, 7 p.m.

McKenna, Cole Archer, Justin Griffith, John Koch, Brady Riggins, Isaiah Lucero, Andrew Otter, Luke Ninemire, Jesse Gallentine, Rylee Stanley, Dakota Dreher, Ryan Blecha, Tyler Esslinger, Jacob Nuzum.

The team's managers are Cole Peterson, Tanner Morel and Matt Pollock.

Doug Reusink and Clayton Cox are the assistant coaches.

The Junior Jays will play

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