

Runners again impressive

Big night at speedway

By MIKE HUGHES

Race fans at Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton, were treated to some exciting feature action in all four divisions Saturday night. The IMCA Modified feature saw "The Wichita Lineman" Randy Wilson, Selden's Nate Schaben and Mitch Kline of Norton hook up in an exciting 20-lap main event. All three drivers led at one time during the first half of the race with Kline in front at the halfway mark. The final caution flag came on lap 19 when Kline went up in smoke, putting Wilson in front for the green-white-checked finish. Wilson was able to hang on for the win, followed by Jason Schoenberger, Tim Watts and Marty Clark. Second running Schaben bobbed on the last lap and finished fifth. Heat race winners were Kline and Schaben.

"The Tazz Man" Tyler Hahn of Stockton was able to hold off Jason Schoenberger in the IMCA Stock Car feature to record his first win of the season at the 1/2-mile oval. Schoenberger pulled even with Hahn on several occasions but was never able to make the pass and had to settle for the runner-up spot. Nathan Glendening finished third, followed by J.R. McCreery and Josh Hudson. Hahn and Jason McCartney were victorious in the two heat races.

Athol's Jerry Hudson and Brady Schoen of Downs swapped the lead several times in the IMCA Hobby Stock feature, but when the checkers fell at the end of the 12-lap race, Hudson was first, trailed by Brady Schoen, Dustin

McClurg, Kelly Karnopp and Brent Schoen. Brady Schoen and Karnopp were heat race victors. Joe and Jim Carter of Russell took the lead on lap 3 from heat race winners Mike Hockemeier and Jim Ellis in the 10-lap Cruiser feature and hobbled to the finish line for their fifth win of the season at Norton. The Carters tagged the guardrail on the final lap and cut down a right side tire but were able to limp across the finish line first. Wes and Chuck Eagleburger finished second, followed by Hockemeier and Ellis.

Coca-Cola (Mid-America Bottlers of Victoria) was the evening's race sponsor.

The final race of the season at Elmwood Park Speedway is Saturday evening, Sept. 23, starting at 6:30. A regular race program will be followed by mechanics and powder puff races in all divisions. It is also 'Fan Appreciation Night' with adult grandstand admission only \$5.

RESULTS

IMCA Hobby Stocks
Heat 1: 1. Brady Schoen, 2. Jerry Hudson, 3. Dustin McClurg, 4. Laura Hinger.

Heat 2: 1. Kelly Karnopp, 2. Adam Balthazor, 3. Brent Schoen, 4. Phil Hinger.

Feature: 1. Hudson, 2. Brady Schoen, 3. McClurg, 4. Karnopp, 5. Brent Schoen, 6. L. Hinger, 7. Balthazor (DNF), 8. P. Hinger (DNS).

IMCA Stock Cars

Heat 1: 1. Jason McCartney, 2. Jason Davis, 3. Jason Schoenberger, 4. Cory Struckhoff.

Heat 2: 1. Tyler Hahn, 2. Nathan Glendening, 3. Josh Hudson, 4. J.R. McCreery.

Feature: 1. Hahn, 2. Schoenberger, 3. Glendening, 4. McCreery, 5. Hudson, 6. Davis, 7. Caleb Peters, 8. McCartney, 9. Travis Sherfick, 10. Struckhoff, 11. Michael Zajic, 12. Dan Lauer, 13. Jason Rogers (DNF), 14. Jay Hachmeister (DNF).

IMCA Modifieds

Heat 1: 1. Mitch Kline, 2. Randy Wilson, 3. Marty Clark, 4. Doug Shearer.

Heat 2: 1. Nate Schaben, 2. Rick Schwab.

Feature: 1. Wilson, 2. Jason Schoenberger, 3. Tim Watts, 4. Clark, 5. Schaben, 6. Schwab, 7. Kline (DNF), 8. Brian Calhoon (DNF), 9. Shearer (DNF), 10. Barry Maupin (DNF).

Cruisers

Heat: 1. Mike Hockemeier/Jim Ellis, 2. Wes Eagleburger/Chuck Eagleburger, 3. Macy Thomas/Kimberly Thomas, 4. Tony Driscoll/Travis Vonfeldt.

Feature: 1. Joe Carter/Jim Carter, 2. Eagleburger/Eagleburger, 3. Hockemeier/Ellis, 4. Norman Wiechman/Milo Lippelmann, 5. Jim Palmer/Joann Ellis, 6. Driscoll/Vonfeldt (DNS), 7. Thomas/Thomas (DNS).

Jayvee tennis ladies

second at WaKeeney

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School junior varsity girls tennis team placed second out of five teams competing in the Trego JV Round Robin Tournament on Thursday in WaKeeney.

Phillipsburg won the championship with 34 points, followed by Norton, 23; Trego, 20; Scott City, 14; Colby, 9.

Both of Norton's No.2 teams placed first and both No.1 teams finished third.

In No.1 singles, junior Valerie Wagoner lost 6-3 to Colby's Laurna Dougherty, defeated Scott City's Tonya Hopkins 6-2, lost 6-5 (9-7) to Phillipsburg's Mary Ann Schremmer and lost 6-0 to Trego's Cala Nowlin to place third.

"Valerie played well despite having a painful ankle," said Norton junior varsity coach Shawnee Branek. "By her last match, she was really struggling with it."

Junior Sara Campbell and senior Gena Myers played No.1 doubles for the Lady Jays. They defeated Colby's Karen Unruh and Dami Baker 6-1, shutout Scott City's Haley Wilcoxon and Emily Bennion 6-0, lost 6-5 (9-7) to Phillipsburg's Kali Asher and Becca Zillinger and lost 6-5(7-4) to Trego's Sheena Schneider and Amanda Gosser to finish in third place.

Norton will compete in the Varsity Trego Invitational this Saturday in WaKeeney, beginning at 9 a.m.

By DICK BOYD

Coach Deyton Hager's Norton Community High School cross country teams continued to perform well on Thursday when the boys won the championship and the girls placed second in the Trego Cross Country Invitational in WaKeeney.

The Norton boys scored 45 points to easily outdistance second place Lakin who had 74. Third place went to Hoisington with 93, followed by Hill City, 105; Ness City, 109; Trego, 142; Quinter, 143; Stockton, 171.

The Thomas More Prep-Marian girls from Hays won the championship with 35 points, edging Norton, who scored 41. Lakin was third with 60, followed by Hill City, 104 and Trego, 114.

"With the wind blowing as hard as it was, we had some boys and girls do some pretty good running on a very tough course," said coach Hager.

Zach Bainter had the best time for the Norton boys in their 3.1 mile run. He placed third with a time of 18:38, just five seconds behind second place finisher Kamen Schneider, Lakin. Kody Cook, Hoisington, was the winner in 18:18.

Logan Keiswetter placed ninth in 19:32 and Kent Mann was right behind him in 19:35 for tenth. Jared Engelbert placed 12th in 19:46.

Norton tennis finishes

eighth at Goodland

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The Norton Community High School girls tennis team split into two teams for varsity competition at two locations on Tuesday, Sept. 12 and one of the results was an eighth place finish at Goodland.

Colby won the championship with 34 points, followed by Goodland, 29; Trego Community, 23; Scott City, 22; Garden City, 19; Ulysses, 14; Tribune, 11; Norton, 6.

Norton's only points came at No.2 singles where Valerie Wagoner went 3-1 and placed third. In pool play, Wagoner defeated Tribune's Jennifer Fuller 7-3, lost 7-6(7-4) to Garden City's Shannon McNeil and shutout Goodland's Sandra Redlin 7-0.

In the finals, she defeated Alyssa Buxman of Ulysses 7-5.

"Valerie had a great day," said coach Jim Green. "She only lost one match, which was very close. Finishing third was a great accomplishment."

In No.1 singles, Kayleigh Brooks lost 7-2 to Tribune's Lindsay Wineinger, was outscored 7-5 by Garden City's Audrey Siebert and lost 7-2 to Goodland's Jillian Parker in pool play.

In the finals, she lost 7-2 to Niki Eveleigh of Ulysses.

"Kayleigh played well in the match with the Goodland player," said coach Green.

Lisa Jones and Tiffany Marx

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"With a 16:57 on a day like today with a 40 mile per hour wind gust in her face, that is not bad."

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Logan junior high loses

26-12 in season opener

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All seven Trojans registered tackles in the game, with eighth grader Brady Tien leading the way with 27 total solo and assisted tackles.

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Husky Jr. High

volleyball loses

The Northern Valley Junior High volleyball team lost its season-opening match against Hill City 10-25, 14-25 on Sept. 7.

Staci Dole led scoring with 8 points and was named the team's super server for the match. Also scoring were Kelsey Raburn and Ashley Constable, 4 points each; Kayla Field and Kenzi Chandler, 3 points each; and Cassie Field, 2 points.

The B-team also took a loss to Hill City 23-25, 3-25.

Kenzi Husted was the super server with 6 points, followed by Kynzie Stevens, 5 points; Kelli Whittenburg, Sarah Whitney and Melissa Hawks, 3 points each; Erika Chandler, 2 points; and Savannah King, Patience Coffman, Olivia Lowry and Regan Simpson, 1 point each.



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