

Norton speedway... ...up and ROARING Frost Fest ushers in 2007 season

By MIKE HUGHES

After a one day delay due to rain, the annual Frost Fest took place at Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton Sunday afternoon, March 25, with over 80 cars in competition. Drivers from four states were on hand, including the BST Modified Series from Colorado.

The event was scheduled for Saturday, but rains Friday night and Saturday forced track officials to postpone the event one day.

David Murray Jr. of Oberlin took home the biggest paycheck of the day as he led 24 laps in the 25-lap IMCA Modified feature. After the initial green flag, Brandon Blochlinger took the top spot, followed by Murray, hometown drivers Mitch Kline and Rick Schwab, and Lonnie Schriener. But Murray powered into the lead on lap 2, a lead he would not relinquish. By lap 5, Blochlinger and Jordan Grabouski were in a heated battle for the runner-up spot that lasted the entire race. Following Murray, Blochlinger and Grabouski at the checkers were Corey Lagroon and Kline. Heat race winners were Brian Calhoon, Schriener, Murray, Dustin Daniels and Grabouski. Jeremy Frenier and Mike Petersilie were victorious in the two B-features.

The best feature of the day was the IMCA Stock Cars that saw several lead changes among several drivers. Twenty cars took the green for the 20-lap race with Jason McCartney grabbing the early lead, only to spin on the second lap to bring out a caution which sent him to the back of the line. Cory Struckhoff then led the field back to green, but was passed on the following lap by Lloyd Meeske of Champion, Neb.

Travis Towns, Josh Hudson, Geoff Jermark and Jared Remus were also in the hunt for the top spot. The caution waved on lap 8 when Nathan Glendening spun, and again the top 6 pulled away. Hudson then powered his way to the front on lap 12, but Meeske retook the lead on lap 16. Yellow flags on laps 17 and 18 kept the field bunched for the finish, but Hudson's shot at the win went awry on lap 18 when he spun to cause the caution. Meeske then led the field back to green and hung on for the victory over Remus, Brett Behrends, Struckhoff and McCartney. James Brower, Towns and Struckhoff were heat race victors.

The 'Old Man from Athol'

showed the young guns how to drive in the 15-lap IMCA Hobby Stock feature. Wade Wagenblast charged to the front on the opening lap, trailed by Jerry Hudson, Mike Shriver and Kelly Karnopp. Hudson though worked his way past Wagenblast on lap 5 to take the top spot. At the halfway mark, Hudson led Wagenblast, Dustin McClurg, Shriver, and Brent Schoen. Caution flags on laps 10 and 13 bunched the field, but on both occasions, Hudson pulled away to a commanding lead. Heat one winner B.J. Dauer got past Wagenblast for second with a couple of laps to go but could not gain any ground on Hudson. Wagenblast held on for third, followed by Austin Davis and Schoen. Gene Sneath won the other heat race.

The 'Young Gun' Sport Compact class made their debut at the half-mile oval. Heat race winner Alex Loveless of Lincoln led all 6 laps to claim the checkers, followed by Tyрил Smith and Lloyd Schoen. Heat race winners Joe and Jim Carter of Russell took the lead on lap 3 of the Cruiser feature to claim the win. Tyler Windholz and Josh Pillant finished second.

Racing returns to Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton on Saturday evening, April 7. The regular five divisions will be in action, and there will be a candy toss for the kids. The green flag will wave at 6 p.m.

RESULTS

IMCA Hobby Stocks

Heat 1: 1. B.J. Dauer, 2. Jerry Hudson, 3. Mike Shriver, 4. Kelly Karnopp.
Heat 2: 1. Gene Sneath, 2. Wade Wagenblast, 3. Austin Davis, 4. Tim Horn.

Feature: 1. Hudson, 2. Dauer, 3. Wagenblast, 4. Davis, 5. Brent Schoen, 6. Sneath, 7. Deric Funk, 8. Dustin McClurg (DNF), 9. Shriver (DNF), 10. Karnopp (DNF), 11. Jason McClurg (DNF), 12. Jacob Krone (DNF), 13. Horn (DNF), 14. Jim Buss (DNS).

IMCA Stock Cars

Heat 1: 1. James Brower, 2. Lloyd Meeske, 3. Terry Cunningham, 4. Nathan Glendening.

Heat 2: 1. Travis Towns, 2. Dan Lauer, 3. Jason McCartney, 4. Geoff Jermark.
Heat 3: 1. Cory Struckhoff, 2. Jared Remus, 3. Josh Hudson, 4. Jason Davis.

Feature: 1. Meeske, 2. Remus,

3. Brett Behrends, 4. Struckhoff, 5. McCartney, 6. Lauer, 7. Towns, 8. Cunningham, 9. Davis, 10. Bob Rutherford, 11. Hudson, 12. Jermark (DNF), 13. Glendening (DNF), 14. Jason Rogers (DNF), 15. Brower (DNF), 16. Chad Wulf (DNF), 17. Casey Werkmeister (DNF), 18. Caleb Peters (DNF), 19. Jay Hachmeister (DNF), 20. Kyle Werkmeister (DNS), 21. Wayne Walker (DNS), 22. Martin Newlin (DNS).

IMCA Modifieds

Heat 1: 1. Brian Calhoon, 2. Rick Schwab, 3. Brandon Hagan, 4. Jeremy Frenier.

Heat 2: 1. Lonnie Schriener, 2. John Fabrizius, 3. Dave Jewett Jr., 4. Doug Shearer.

Heat 3: 1. David Murray Jr., 2. Brandon Blochlinger, 3. Angel Munoz, 4. Dominic Ursetta.

Heat 4: 1. Mitch Kline, 2. Bob Zoubek, 3. David Garmann.

Heat 5: 1. Jordan Grabouski, 2. Corey Lagroon, 3. Ronnie Wallace, 4. Jason Schoenberger.

B-Feature #1 (top 4 transfer): 1. Frenier, 2. Schoenberger, 3. Matt Brack, 4. Randy Porter, 5. Larry Stukey, 6. Dick Brack 7. Will Brack, 8. Jason Gallentine, 9. Randy Wilson (DNF), 10. Ursetta (DNS), 11. Eddie Delec (DNS), 12. Jeremy Zorn (DNS).

B-Feature #2 (top 4 transfer): 1. Mike Petersilie, 2. Dustin Daniels, 3. Nate Schaben, 4. Mark Zorn, 5. Wes O'Bannon, 6. Marty Clark, 7. Devon Housh, 8. Hunter Hembree, 9. Shearer, 10. Dan Carl (DNF), 11. Barry Maupin (DNS), 12. Jim Bell (DNS).

A-Feature: 1. Murray, 2. Blochlinger, 3. Grabouski, 4. Lagroon, 5. Kline, 6. Wallace, 7. Schriener, 8. Hagan, 9. W. Brack, 10. M. Zorn, 11. Schwab, 12. Schoenberger, 13. Frenier, 14. M. Brack, 15. Clark, 16. Petersilie (DNF), 17. Fabrizius (DNF), 18. Daniels (DNF), 19. Zoubek (DNF), 20. Munoz (DNF), 21. Calhoon (DNF), 22. Jewett (DNF), 23. Schaben (DNF), 24. Garmann (DNF), 25. Porter (DNF).

Sport Compacts

Heat: 1. Alex Loveless, 2. Tyrel Smith, 3. Lloyd Schoen.

Feature: 1. Loveless, 2. Smith, 3. Schoen, 4. Levi Kiser, 5. Jason Schwarz (DNF).

Cruisers

Heat: 1. Joe Carter/Jim Carter. Feature: 1. Carter/Carter, 2. Tyler Windholz/Jacob Pillant, 3. Macy Thomas/Kimberly Thomas (DNS)

Baseball facilities here improved

By DICK BOYD

Donations continue to come in to upgrade the Norton American Legion and K-18 baseball facilities. It was announced in *The Norton Telegram* recently that a new scoreboard at John Ryan Field has been financed by local businesses and that the Legion team will also receive new uniforms.

According to head coach Joe Durham, more assistance is on the way. "Players and coaches from the American Legion team have been out in force getting donations for the upcoming season so the K-18 and Legion teams will have a new batting cage," he said. "The old batting cage is gone since the net was old and torn and unable to be repaired.

"Hitting is so important and not being able to have our pitchers practice their pitching and our hitters practice their hitting with live pitching really can affect your team.

"As coaches, we can break down the hitting more precisely in the batting cage and correct the mistakes we see."

Not only is a new scoreboard being purchased by local merchants and a new storage shed being built by the Norton Correctional Facility but the City of Norton is replacing burned out lights on the field, building a bullpen for the pitchers to warm up

in and fixing the backstop area behind home plate.

"This is one of the reasons I moved back to Norton," said coach Durham. "Only in a town like Norton where the city takes pride in having the town look nice and clean and the merchants and towns people get behind their sports teams could this be accomplished.

"Not only will these upgrades benefit the Legion team but also

the K-18 team that made it to the playoffs. Both teams use the same playing facility. In fact, we'll both open the season on May 30 when we host Cambridge, Neb.

"With the improvements at Ryan Field, both Legion and K-18 teams will be able to improve their skills."

Coach Durham said all young men from area communities are welcome to play on the Norton Legion team.

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• **February 15**, Norton Junior High wrestling vs. Hill City and Trego:
95 lbs.: Brett Terrell/Norton won by pin in 2:52 over Matt Craig/Hill City.
100 lbs.: Troy Bainter/Norton won by a pin in 2:04 over Jerry Isaakson/Hill City.
110 lbs.: Landon Keiswetter/Norton won by a pin in 2:34 over Adam Pfeifer/Hill City.
120 lbs.: Spencer Shirk/Norton won by a pin in 3:54 over Colten Gideon/Trego.
132 lbs.: Luke Ninemire/Norton won by a fall in 2:55 over Dylan Anderson/Hill City.
132 lbs.: Kaid McKenna/Norton won by a 2-1 decision over Casey Sedbrook/Trego.
138 lbs.: Brennon Salem/Norton lost by a 2-5 decision to Monte Schmidt/Trego.
160 lbs.: Jeremy Sproul/Norton won by a pin in :20 over Reggie Jordan/Hill City.
175 lbs.: Casey Timmel/Norton lost by a fall in 1:57 to Eric VanLoenen/Hill City.
275 lbs.: Terrell Lane/Norton won by a 13-2 decision over Tyler James/Trego.
80 lbs.: RJ Ellis/Norton won by a pin in :27 over Kristian Tuttle/Trego.
84 lbs.: Andy Nickell/Norton lost by a 0-2 decision to Joey Richmeier/Trego.
96 lbs.: Troy Bainter/Norton won by a pin in 3:26 over Matt Craig/Hill City.
100 lbs.: Robert Blecha/Norton lost a 3-9 decision to Jerry Isaakson/Hill City.
110 lbs.: Kurt Douglas/Norton lost by a fall in 2:10 to Adam Pfeifer/Hill City.
132 lbs.: Kade McKenna/Norton won by a pin in 2:56 over Dylan Anderson/Hill City.
138 lbs.: Luke Ninemire/Norton lost a 3-15 decision to Casey Sedbrook/Trego.
120 lbs.: Spencer Shirk/Norton won by a pin in 2:54 over Jamie Ikenberry/Trego.

138 lbs.: Brennon Salem/Norton won by technical fall over Dustin Stefan/Trego.
152 lbs.: Casey Timmel/Norton lost by a fall in 3:21 to Nathan Hanna/Hill City.
175 lbs.: Jeremy Sproul/Norton won by a pin in:48 over Eric

VanLoenen/Hill City.
275 lbs.: Terrell Lane/Norton won by a 9-6 decision over Kyle Slattery/Hill City.
96 lbs.: Chance McMullen/Norton won by a pin in :05 over Matt Craig/Hill City.
100 lbs.: Tye Nickell/Norton won by a pin in 2:37 over Jerry Isaakson/Hill City.
84 lbs.: Andy Nickell/Norton lost by a 1-11 decision to Eli Sherwood/Trego.
80 lbs.: RJ Ellis/Norton lost a 7-12 decision to Richmeier/Trego.
115 lb s.: Landon Keiswetter/Norton won by a pin in 3:28 over Kasey Patterson/Hill City.
138 lbs.: Luke Ninemire/Norton lost by a fall in 2:56 to Monte Schmidt/Trego.
138 lbs.: Brennon Salem/Norton lost a 6-11 decision to Nolan/Hill City.
160 lbs.: Jeremy Sproul/Norton won by a 7-4 decision over Nathan Hanna/Hill City.
84 lbs.: Andy Nickell/Norton won by a pin in 2:33 over Kristian Tuttle/Trego.
120 lbs.: Spencer Shirk/Norton won by a pin in 2:38 over Tiffany Bess/Hill City.
132 lbs.: Kaid McKenna/Norton won a 14-4 decision over Monte Schmidt/Trego.
80 lbs.: RJ Ellis/Norton lost by a fall in 1:31 to Eli Sherwood/Trego.
110 lbs.: Kurt Douglas/Norton won by a pin over Kasey Patterson/Hill City.

• **February 8**, Norton vs. Smith Center and Plainville (Norton wrestlers listed first):
88 lbs.: Colby Poage lost by a fall to Clay Pickel/SC
92: Tye Nickell won by a fall over Anden Hughes/SC
100: Troy Bainter won by a fall over Connor Anderson/P
100: Chance McMullen lost by a fall to Truitt Kuhlman/SC
105: Kurt Douglas won by a fall over Monroe Schmidt/SC
100: Brett Terrell won by technical fall over Robert Blecha (Norton)
105: Billy Broeckelman won by a fall over Dillon Wilson/P
100: Justin Waggoner won a 6-3 decision over Trey Molzahn/SC
110: Landon Keiswetter won an 18-16 decision over Kale Eastes/SC
115: Caleb Campbell won by a

fall over Nicholas Wanner/SC
110: Kegan Vanover lost a 2-6 decision to Spencer Kirchoff/SC
120: Spencer Shirk won by a fall in 2:32 over Chris Wanner/SC
132: Brennon Salem won a 9-6 decision over Nathan Thyfault/P
125: Kaid McKenna won a 7-5 decision over Aaron McNary/SC
125: Luke Ninemire lost a 2-4 decision to Kaden Roush/SC
132: Rylee Stanley won a 13-5 decision over Derek McNary/SC
145 Robert Blecha lost by a fall to Willie Overmiller/SC
152: Casey Timmel won by a fall over Cole Smith/P
152: Anthony Wentle lost by a fall to Van Tucker/SC

Round 2:
84: Andy Nickell won by a technical fall over Brandon McDowell/SC
92: Tye Nickell won by a fall over Monroe Schmidt/SC
96: Brett Terrell won by a technical fall over Aden Hughes/SC
100: Troy Bainter won by a fall over Truitt Kohlman/SC
105: Justin Waggoner won an 18-16 decision over Kale Eastes/SC
110: Landon Keiswetter won by a fall over Louis Frazier/SC
110: Kegan Vanover lost to Nicholas Wanner/SC
115: Caleb Campbell won by a fall over Spencer Kirchoff/SC
120: Spencer Shirk won by a fall over Brady Johnson/P
132: Brennon Salem lost by a fall to Derek McNary/SC
125: Kaid McKenna won by a fall over Kaden Roush/SC
132: Rylee Stanley won by a fall over Bryce Standley/SC
132: Luke Ninemire lost by a fall to Brock Baxter/SC
145: Ryan Blecha won by a fall in 3:30 over Jameson Klein/P
152: Anthony Wentle lost by a pin in 2:02 to Willie Overmiller/SC
160: Jeremy Sproul won by a fall over Van Tucker/SC

88: Colby Poage lost a 0-12 decision to Cole Werner/P
100: Robert Blecha won by a fall over Aden Hughes/SC
100: Troy Bainter won by a fall over Monroe Schmidt/SC
105: Billy Broeckelman won by a fall over Trey Molzahn/SC
105: Justin Waggoner won by a fall over Dillon Wilson/P
105: Kurt Douglas lost by a fall to Louis Frazier/SC
115: Caleb Campbell won a 13-11 decision over Kale Eastes/SC
120: Trey Millan won a 6-4 decision over Spencer Kirchoff/SC
120: Spencer Shirk won by a fall over Aaron McNary/SC
125: Kaid McKenna won by a fall over Nathan Thyfault/P
132: Brennon Salem won by a fall in 3:45 over Bryce Standley/SC
132: Rylee Stanley won by a fall in 2:05 over Kaden Roush/SC
145: Ryan Blecha lost a 3-12 decision to Brock Baxter/SC
132: Luke Ninemire won by a fall over Grady Brooks/SC
152: Casey Timmel lost by a fall to Josh McDowell/SC
152: Anthony Wentle lost by a fall to Cole Smith/P.

Blue Jay '07 wrestling banquet Sunday event

Wrestlers, coaches, parents and fans are invited to attend the 2007 Norton Community High School Wrestling Awards Banquet at 6 p.m. on Sunday at the American Legion Hall.

The Norton Blue Jay 2006-07 Wrestling Team, who placed third in the Class 3-2-1A State Tournament, will be honored during the banquet.

Those attending are asked to bring your own table service, a main dish and a salad, vegetable or dessert. Drinks will be provided.

Following the dinner, the coaching staff will honor the wrestling team and present several team awards.

"We invite anyone who wants to help honor the accomplishments of this fine team and the 2007 senior class," said head wrestling coach Bill Johnson.

"There is no way for us to send invitations through the mail to everyone who supported us throughout the season.


"So, consider this an invitation for all to attend."

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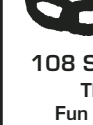
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