

Late race passes secure victories for Elmwood drivers

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Wichita's Bryan Lariviere and Mark Zorn of Russell believe in the saying "you don't have to lead every lap, just the last lap to win" as both drivers made late race passes to win the feature events in their respective divisions at Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton this past Saturday evening.

It was a Thunder Series event for the IMCA Stock Cars, and 13 drivers took the green flag for the 20-lap feature event. Adam Balthazor led the first 4 laps before Dustin McClurg took the lead. But McClurg's lead was short-lived as series point leader Travis Sherfick took over the top spot on the following lap. Sherfick led through lap 14 when Lariviere drove around Sherfick in turns three and four on lap 15 for the lead. Lariviere held on for the win, while Terry Cunningham finished second, followed by Dustin McClurg, Jason Davis, and heat one winner Sherfick. Jay Hachmeister won the other heat race.

The IMCA Modified feature went caution free all 16 laps. Brett Behrends took advantage of his outside front row starting spot to jump to the lead at the drop of the green. Several drivers gave chase but Mitch Kline stayed closed to Behrend's back bumper most of the race. But "The Z Man" made his move in turns 3 and 4 coming to the white flag and led the field to the checkers. Following Zorn at the finish were Behrends, Mitch

Kline, Marty Clark, and Gary Kline. Heat race winners were the Kline brothers.

The IMCA Hobby Stock feature got off to a wild start. Jason Gross led the opening lap before cash dash winner Rhett Kingsbury rolled in turn 3 on the following lap, bringing out the red flag. Kingsbury was okay but done for the night. After the green flew once again, leaders Gross and Ricky Runnion tangled, bringing out a caution. Runnion had to pit for a flat tire, while Gross was sent to the back on the restart. That gave the lead to hometown driver Kelly Karnopp. Karnopp was able to hold off the field through two more caution periods to make it a three-peat at the half-mile oval. Heat one winner Jerry Hudson placed second, followed by Jeremy Wagner, heat two victor Troy Robinson, and Gross.

The GOTRA (Good Ol' Time Racing Association) made a special appearance, and trophy dash winner Butch Lavicky of David City, Neb., led all 8 laps for the victory. Ken Ganskow finished second and Larry Aldrich third. Heat race winners included Chad Aldrich and James Sylvester.

Norton's Dusty Eagleburger led from green to checkered in the 4-cylinder Young Gun feature. Heat race winner Loyd Schoen was second, followed by Art Herzog. United Northwest Kansas Federal Credit Union of Norton was the evening's Cash Dash sponsor.

It was 'Schwabie T-Shirt Night' with all race fans wearing Rick Schwab racing T-shirts admitted free.

The next race at Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton will take place Saturday evening, May 31, at 7 p.m. with the regular four divisions in competition. It will also be Boy Scout/Girl Scout night. Scouts wearing their uniforms will be admitted free with an adult paid admission. Scouts will also help with the trophy presentations and receive a souvenir.

RESULTS
IMCA Hobby Stocks
Heat 1: 1. Jerry Hudson, 2. Jeremy Wagner, 3. Jason Gross, 4. Kaid Calhoon.

Heat 2: 1. Troy Robinson, 2. Ricky Runnion, 3. Rhett Kingsbury, 4. Kelly Karnopp.

Cash Dash: Kingsbury.
Feature: 1. Karnopp, 2. Hudson, 3. Wagner, 4. Robinson, 5. Gross, 6. Calhoon, 7. Michael Thummel, 8. Laura Hinger, 9. Runnion (DNF), 10. Kingsbury (DNF), 11. Matt Christensen (DNS).

IMCA Stock Cars
Heat 1: 1. Travis Sherfick, 2. Jason Davis, 3. Michael Zajic, 4. Bryan Lariviere.

Heat 2: 1. Jay Hachmeister, 2. Dustin McClurg, 3. Cory Struckhoff, 4. Terry Cunningham.

Feature: 1. Lariviere, 2. Cunningham, 3. McClurg, 4. Davis, 5. Sherfick, 6. Adam Balthazor, 7. J.R. McCreery, 8. Pat Bedore, 9. Hachmeister (DNF), 10. Zajic (DNF), 11. Struckhoff (DNF),



No. 9 IMCA Stock Car Robert Rutherford tried the Guard Rail out at the Elmwood Park Speedway Saturday night in Norton.

— Photo courtesy Jim Myers

12. Robert Rutherford (DNF), 13. Ozzy Kenney (DNF).

IMCA Modifieds
Heat 1: 1. Mitch Kline, 2. Barry Maupin, 3. Brett Behrends, 4. Mark Zorn.

Heat 2: 1. Gary Kline, 2. Josh Hudson, 3. Marty Clark, 4. Rick Schwab.

Feature: 1. Zorn, 2. Behrends,

3. M. Kline, 4. Clark, 5. G. Kline, 6. Brian Calhoon, 7. Hudson, 8. Maupin, 9. Schwab.

4-cylinder Young Guns
Heat: 1. Loyd Schoen, 2. Art Herzog, 3. Andrew Soderlund.

Feature: 1. Dusty Eagleburger, 2. Schoen, 3. Herzog, 4. Soderlund.

GOTRA

Heat 1: 1. Chad Aldrich, 2. John Ferguson, 3. Dennis Witthuhn.

Heat 2: 1. James Sylvester, 2. Ken Ganskow.

Trophy Dash: Butch Lavicky.

Feature: 1. B. Lavicky, 2. Ganskow, 3. Larry Aldrich, 4. C. Aldrich, 5. Ferguson, 6. Sylvester (DNS), 7. Chris Lavicky (DNS), 8. Witthuhn (DNS).

Kansas State Fair announces line-up

Jeremy Camp brings his award-winning contemporary Christian pop-rock sound to the Kansas State Fair 2008 Sprint Grandstand in September, the fair announced this week. Camp will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 9. Tickets for his concert are \$20.

Camp joins an eclectic lineup of artists including country stars, a teen idol and classic rockers. Tickets for the 2008 concerts are available at the Kansas State Fair ticket office, by calling 800-

362-3247, or by visiting www.kansasstatefair.com.

Unless otherwise noted, ticket prices include gate admission.

Fair visitors will be able to purchase a 2008 Kansas State Fair season pass for admittance to all 10 days of fun for \$30, a savings of \$50 off the regular adult ticket price.

For more information on the season pass, visit www.kansasstatefair.com.

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State Fair ticket office and at www.kansasstatefair.com.

2008 Sprint Grandstand Events

• Styx with Kansas – Friday, Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m. (\$30)

• Gary Allan with Blake Shelton – Saturday, Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m. (\$30)

• Poison – Sunday, Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m. (\$30)

• Demo Derby – Monday, Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m. (\$6 adults*, Children 12 and under free*)

• Jeremy Camp – Tuesday, Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m. (\$20)

• FreestyleMX – Wednesday, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m. (\$15 adults*, Children 12 and under \$5*)

• Puddle of Mudd – Thursday,

Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m. (\$25)

• Alice Cooper – Friday, Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m. (\$25)

• Joe Nichols with Jason Michael Carroll – Saturday, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m. (\$25)

• Corbin Bleu – Sunday, Sept. 14, 4 p.m. (\$15*)

* Gate admission not included. They say the best songs come from personal experience and Jeremy Camp's music certainly comes from a very personal place, according to information provided by Lori Mulch, of the Kansas State Fair office.

A unique brand of rock and progressive pop, his music was born out of a heart that's been broken and a faith that's been tested.

Scam: Letter sets the stage

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ties. The recipient was advised to keep the winning notification "to yourself until you get your final Winning price."

A letter explaining the check, which began "Attn: Sir/Madam" gave all kinds of detail for securing the prize money, but all that had to go through an attorney who, as soon as the recipient contacted him, "would immediately resume the process of Securing your Winning."

The letter continues: "Note that this winning is time sensitive therefore, a little fraction of your total winning has been deducted automatically to expedite the process of processing your total money and to avoid out of pocket expenditure."

"Enclosed therefore is a check for \$4,950. You tax amount is \$3,847 to be paid through Money Gram or Western Union. You can find Money Gram at any Wall Mart store or Post Office nearest you."

And how did they get the name of the area resident upon which this scam was intended? The so-called lottery corporation explained it this way:

"All participants were selected through a random name pull, electronically referred to as Name Date Base Computer Ballot System (NDBCS). Name are electronically stored in (NDBCS) when you make an order using your credit card on the internet and or through your telephone company amongst other sources. This is a secure database and can only be accessed by authorized companies like (NAGCS) and other accredited lottery agencies."

Don't be fooled. All anyone needs to do is read the letter accompanying the check and it becomes readily apparent someone is trying to get into your pockets.

Caution: There's a lot of that going on right now. Don't become a victim.

Surprise: 'Happy Mother's Day'

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I want to wish Pat Ambrosier a Happy Mother's Day in Almena, Kansas. Happy Mother's Day, Mom!"

A call to the Ambrosier home to obtain a little more information on the soldier revealed that M/Sgt. Baker is the son-in-law of Darrell and Pat Ambrosier.

He has been stationed in Afghanistan for 12 months with the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan, Detention Capabilities Directorate. They mentor and train Afghans on detention operations of enemy combatants at the Afghan National Detention Facility at Pol-e-Charki, Afghanistan.

They operate a detention facility that houses enemy combatants both Taliban and Al Qaeda. Most are awaiting trials.

Additionally, they train the Afghans on leadership aspects of

running a Battalion and Brigade. M/Sgt. Baker mentors the operations section, which is responsible for the orderly running of the facility, and mentors and trains the G2 section, which is responsible for the intelligence gathering at the facility and conducting investigations when a detainee violates an institutional rule.

He has 13 years of service with the U.S. Army, and is the son of Michael Baker and Gail Thiel, both of Long Island, N.Y. He lives in Platte City, Mo., with his wife, Wende (Luchinske) Baker. The master sergeant will be home June 1.

"His family and friends are extremely proud of him and grateful for keeping us all safe. We appreciate everything he and his fellow soldiers do for us every second of every day," the family said in a statement. M/Sgt. Baker will celebrate his birthday May 21.

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