



Three of the 28 Vintage Race Cars which were present for the Labor Day weekend races at Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton are shown here at the track. All were on display dur-

ing the weekend and fans really enjoyed inspecting the cars and talking to the drivers about the "good ole days" of auto racing. — Courtesy photo/ Don McMullen

Labor Day brought vintage racing

By DICK BOYD

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Some of the best auto racers from the past to the present gave fans a real show on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 5 and 6 at the historic half-mile Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton as the United Rebel Sprint Series 305 Winged Sprint Cars raced for point standings and the Vintage Racers from the Kansas Antique Racers, Colorado Vintage Oval Racers and Big Car Racing Association roared around the track during exhibitions that brought back fond memories of the 30s, 40s and 50s to the large crowd of fans.

In two exciting nights of auto racing, fans witnessed legends from the past as well as legends in the making.

Norton fans had a hometown driver to cheer for and they were not disappointed. Randy Bantam, driving car No. 5R, was second in his heat and fourth in the A Main on Saturday night and second in

his heat and third in the B Feature on Sunday.

In the A Main on Saturday, C.J. Johnson of Quinter gave Mike Woodruff of Satanta a run for his money but Woodruff held him off to take the checkered flag. Cody Salem was third, Randy Bantam fourth and Ray Seemann fifth.

The Keizer Aluminum Wheels "Hard Charger Award" went to Johnson, who came from his tenth starting spot to grab the runner-up position. Seemann was the B Main winner.

On Sunday, fans enjoyed a perfect evening as they watched the winged warriors slice and dice their way around the oval. The fans were treated to another barnburner as the Rebels lived up to their reputation for keeping them on the edge of their seats.

The A Feature was slightly shortened and Johnson declared the winner after a pileup that involved six drivers. Bantam's car flipped several times during the incident.

The "Hard Charger Award" went to Jeff Radcliffe, who raced his way from his 19th starting sport to finish the race in seventh.

In addition to Kansas, vintage cars were present from Colorado, Nebraska and Texas. The vintage cars raced at county fairs on countless weekends across the United States and many of them were built by area racers during their hey days.

Two local vintage cars were present, a junior modified owned by Bruce Colip and driven by his grandson, Zack Dole, and the legendary No. 81 sprint car built by the late Francis Schulze and owned by Don McMullen and Jerry Bantam.

Local organizers Jerry Bantam, Don McMullen and Rick Schwab thanked the City of Norton, Norton Rural Fire Department, Critical Care Ambulance and Whitney Construction and all other volunteers for making the two nights of racing and vintage exhibitions

successful.

They also thanked the following sponsors: Norton Travel and Tourism, S&R Ready Mix, Ebke's Liquor, Engel's Sales and Service/NAPA, Kansasland Tire, Town and Country Kitchen, Don's Floor Covering, Inc., New Age Industrial Corp, Inc., Western Pest Control, United Northwest Federal Credit Union, McMullen Real Estate, McMullen and Wyatt Auctions, O'Brien's, KQNK Radio, The Norton Telegram, Worden Law Office, Zwickle Accounting, Lawrence Design and Construction, Daffer Construction, Jerry's Body Shop, Almena State Bank, Norton Shop and Save, Brooks Motel, Ag Valley Co-op, Pizza Hut, KN Service, Norton Sports Center, Prestige Painting and Drywall, New Look Body Shop, Norton Auto Supply/Carquest, Farm Bureau Financial Services, Shades by Donna, Nextech/Rural Telephone, Downtown Car Wash.

Norton C-team opened 2009 volleyball season

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The Norton Community High School girls C-team volleyball squad opened their 2009 season on Saturday in the Phillipsburg Tournament.

The young Lady Jays won just one game and did not advance to bracket play.

Plainville 7-25, 19-25
Team statistics: serving 72 percent, 9 aces; passing 1.38 on 3.0 scale; hitting 96 percent, 22 percent kills.

Individual leaders: serving -- Alec Melvin 100 percent, 4 aces; Brooklyn Winkel, 100 percent, 2 aces; Katherine Boteler, 3 aces; Rachel Slipke, 1 ace; passing -- Winkel, 2.33; Brae Bigge, 2.0; hitting -- Melvin, 4 kills; Kay-

leigh Norwood, 2; Slipke, 1.

Smith Center 7-25, 7-25
Team statistics: serving 78 percent, no aces; passing 1.12; hitting 75 percent.

Individual leaders: serving -- Winkel, 100 percent; passing -- Bigge, 1.55; hitting -- Norwood, 1 kill; Boteler, 1 kill.

Ellis 4-25, 10-25
Team statistics: serving 79 percent, 2 aces; passing .81; hitting 82 percent.

Individual leaders: serving -- Winkel, 100 percent, 2 aces; Melvin, Sierra Black, Slipke, Norwood, 100 percent; passing -- Kaitlyn Campbell, Slipke, Bigge, Winkel, 1.0; hitting -- Campbell, 1 kill.

Phillipsburg 25-22, 22-25
Team statistics: serving 82 per-

cent, 5 aces; passing 1.47; hitting 83 percent, 11 percent kills.

Individual leaders: serving -- Campbell, 100 percent, 1 ace; Bigge, Norwood, 100 percent; Boteler, 3 aces; passing -- Alexis Lively, 2.5; Campbell, 2.0; Melvin, 1.79; hitting -- Campbell, Norwood, 3 kills; Boteler, Melvin, 2 kills each.

Coach's comments
"In our first three matches, we lacked intensity, determination and positive thinking," said Norton assistant coach Jill Lively. "We played all three in a row without a chance to regroup."

"When we finally had a chance, we spent a long time in discussion. We talked about making things happen instead of just letting things happen to us. How

we respond to various situations and what lessons we will be important for the future.

"I left them alone to set some team goals and they responded very well and played a good two games against Phillipsburg."

"I was proud of the way our girls responded after our discussion and hope they can keep that attitude and enthusiasm each time they step on the court."

"I was also proud of the girls on the bench. Five girls didn't get into the last match yet they were enthusiastic for their team."

Next action
The Norton C-team will travel to Smith Center on Monday to play Smith Center, Phillipsburg and Russell, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Jays' jv volleyball wins, loses in Quinter Tournament

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity volleyball team defeated Hoxie but lost to Trego Community and Oberlin in two very close matches in the Junior Varsity Tournament in Quinter on Saturday.

In their opener, the Lady Jays defeated Hoxie 25-13, 11-25, 15-11. In their second match, Norton lost 22-25, 23-25.

Their third match in pool play was also a very close one against

Oberlin and they lost 23-25, 21-25.

"We were not very successful throughout the day," said Norton assistant coach Christine Thompson. "We did not advance to bracket play due to our record in pool play."

"As a coach, I feel that we did not grow or continue the great play which we had on September 8 against Phillipsburg and Northern Valley.

"The juniors on our team need to become leaders and take charge

of what is happening on the court to create the positive outcomes we would like."

"As a team, we need to play aggressive, disciplined and smarter in every aspect of our game."

Bekah Streck and Sharrelle Shinn each had 5 kills in the tournament, followed by Brianna Karnopp, Shaylyn Boteler, 4 each; Alexis Henson, 3; Caren Thomson, 2.

Teslee Nickell had 11 setting assists while Mariah Farber had 6.

Nickell led the team in serving aces with 10, followed by Boteler, 7; Farber, 6.

Boteler led the team in digs with 12, followed by Juliana Miller, 11; Kylie Nuzum, 10; Katie Gall, 9.

Next action
Norton will travel to Hoxie on Tuesday to play Hoxie and Hill City in varsity and junior varsity contests, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Jays win over Oberlin

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity football team extended their season record to 2-0 on Monday with a 26-12 win over Oberlin in Oberlin.

Norton scored first on a 30 yard pass from Dalton Miller to Jordan Wahlmeier and ran for two points to make it 8-0.

Still in the first quarter and after a pass interception by Dillon McConney, the Blue Jays scored again when Tye Nickell sprinted 30 yards to the end zone to extend the lead to 14-0.

In the second quarter, Oberlin scored on a 93 yard run after a failed fourth down conversion by Norton.

The Red Devils then scored again on fourth and goal on a 5 yard run. Both extra points run attempts failed and Norton led 14-12 at halftime.

The second half was all Norton, however, as the young Jays scored two more touchdowns and held Oberlin scoreless. Both of Norton's second half touchdowns

came in the third period. Jacob Brooks ran 75 yards for one score. Then, Nickell had a long run to get Norton down to the 1-yard-line and punched the ball into the end zone on the next play.

"We had some ups and downs in the game but had some fight in us after the half when the score was close," said Norton assistant coach Wade Church.

"Our goal for the second half was to keep Oberlin at 12 points and we accomplished that."

"Many different players stepped up for us in the second half. Treven Rossi, Jacob Brooks and Lucas Engel are just a few who come to mind."

"Now, we have to get ready for next week and keep getting better."

Next action
The next contest for the Norton junior varsity football team will be versus Smith Center on Monday evening at Travis Field in Norton.

Starting time of the game has been changed to 6 p.m.

Huskies overtake Trojans 52-20

The Northern Valley Junior High Huskies opened their 2009 season with a 52-20 thumping of Logan there, and then rolled over Quinter 52-22, also on the road!

Vs. Logan
Huskies - 32-8-0-12 = 52
Trojans - 0-12-0-8 = 20

Rushing
Jordan Baird, 9 carries for 127 yards, 3 TDs, 1 2-pt. conversion; Hunter Chandler, 10 carries for 67 yards, 1 TD; Phillip Bryant, 7 carries for 48 yards, 2 TD, 22-pt. conversions; Stewart Whitney, 5 carries for 14 yards, 2 2-pt. conversions; Matt Stutsman, 1 carry for 1 yard; Kobie Uterseher, 1 carry for 1 yard.

Passing
Chandler, 0 for 1; Stutsman, 0 for 1.

Interceptions (2)
Baird returned one for 28 yards for a TD; Chandler picked off one.

Fumble Recoveries
Stevens, 1.

Tackles/assists
Bryant 11-3; Baird 7-1; Whitney 6-3; Stutsman 4-3; Uterseher 4-0; Chandler 3-10; Ian Vincent 3-6; Clint Cole 3-2; Alex Stevens 3-1; Ame Baird 0-1; C. Montgomery 0-1; Gabriel Anderson 0-1.

The Huskies rushed for 258 yards.

"Our defense was aggressive and we did a good job of running our offense. There are areas we need to improve on and we look forward to working hard in practice and improving in our next game," said coach Cole.

Vs. Quinter (at Long Island)
Huskies - 16-22-14-0 = 52
Quinter - 0-0-16-6 = 22

Rushing
Baird, 5 carries for 27 yards, 1 TD, 2 2-pt. conversions; Chandler, 5 carries for 48 yards, 1 TD, 1 2-pt. conversion; Bryant, 9 carries for 183 yards, 3 TD; Whitney, 4 carries for 6 yards; Stutsman, 4 carries for 3 yards; Uterseher, 4 carries for 1 yard..

Passing
Chandler, 2 for 2, 20 yards, 1 TD, 1 2-pt. conversion; Stutsman, 2 for 3, 43 yards, 1 2-pt. conversion.

Receiving
Stutsman, 1 for 17 yards, 1 TD; Cole, 2 for 43 yards, 1 2-pt. conversion; Brant Cox, 1 for 3 yards, 1 2-pt. conversion.

Interceptions
1, Cole

Blocked Punts
1, Chandler

Fumble Recoveries
2, Vincent

Total rushing yards 268; passing, 63 = 331 yards.

Tackles/Assists
Ame Baird 8-1; Chandler 6-4; Jordan Baird 5-2; Bryant 5-1; Whitney 4-2; Cole 4-2; Vincent 3-5; Stutsman 3-2; Uterseher 3-0; Anderson 2-0.

"We really improved from our first game of the season. NV has a very strong defense with many fine tacklers. Our offensive execution was much better this game."

Our line did a great job of blocking and our backs ran hard," coach Cole said.

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