

# Two racers win for the first time

Racing action wrapped up for the Norton County Fair on Sunday August 1, at Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton, KS. All five regular divisions were in action with Casey Werkmeister of North Platte, NE, and Howard Van Dyke of Clay Center making their way to victory lane at the one-mile oval for the first time this season.

Werkmeister's win came in the IMCA Stock Car division. Pat Bedore led the first three laps of the 20-lap feature before Cory Struckhoff took the top spot for a couple of laps. Werkmeister, the first heat race winner, then took the lead on lap six and never looked back on his way to the winner's circle. Point leader Dustin McClurg won the battle for second in the caution free event, followed closely by Struckhoff, heat two winner Bedore, and Rod Bencken.

Van Dyke's victory came in the 305 Sprint Car feature as he led all 15 laps. The lone caution came on lap six when some fans made their way to an unsafe area in turn four. Heat race winner Darren Berry made a charge on the restart but Van Dyke pulled away for the win. Berry settled for second, with point leader Randy Bantam, Bill Hays and Shelby Stapel rounding out the top five.

The wildest finish of the night came in the IMCA Hobby Stock feature. Rick Maynard led the opening lap before Jerry Hudson took command. Hudson continued to lead through lap 12 in the 15-lap race before point leader and hometown driver Kelly Karnopp got by Hudson for the lead. However, the caution flag waved before the lap was completed and Hudson would lead the field back to green. Hudson, Karnopp and Rhett Kingsbury ran nose-to-tail and side-by-side the last three laps, and as the trio came out of turn four to the checkers, they were only separated by inches at the finish line with Karnopp getting his fifth

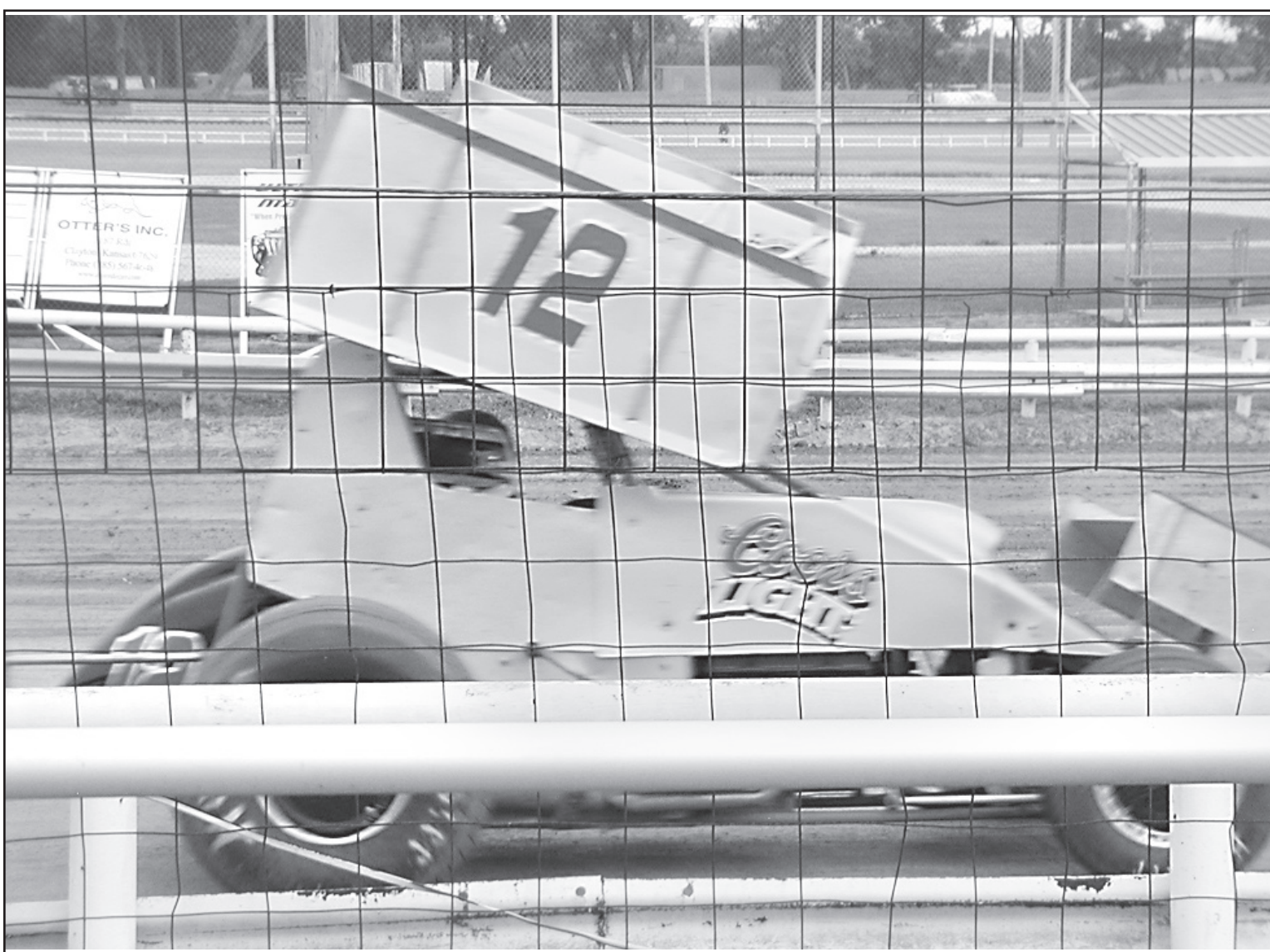
win of the season, followed by Hudson and Kingsbury. Contact between the three drivers sent Hudson and Kingsbury crashing into each other going into turn one after the checkers. Both cars were heavily damaged but the drivers were okay. Cody Graham finished fourth and G.W. 'Cheeseburger' Fuller fifth. Heat race winners were Graham and Hudson.

The IMCA Northern Sport Mod feature was a battle of attrition as only three drivers finished the race out of the seven starters. Wayne McAfee led the first lap before heat race winner and point leader Brian Conness took the lead. Conness tangled with Matthew Crowell on lap five to bring out a yellow, but Crowell was charged with the caution and sent to the back with Conness getting his top spot back on the restart. Wade Wagenblast of Deshler, NE, then got past Conness to take the lead on lap eight in the 15-lap event. Wagenblast was able to hold off the field, even after a late race caution, to score his third win of the season at Elmwood Park Speedway. Conness finished second and McAfee third.

Fourth starting David Murray Jr. of Oberlin shot to the high side to drive around front row starters Jerry Teel and Tim Watts to take the lead on the opening lap of the 20-lap IMCA Modified feature and never looked back in route to his second Norton win of the season. A couple of cautions gave the field a chance but Murray was dominant and pulled away for an easy win. Teel finished second, followed by new point leader Rick Schwab, 'Smokin' Joe Cleveland and 'Taz Man' Tyler Hahn. Murray and Jeremy Frenier were victorious in their heat races.

Racing action returns to Norton on Saturday, August 21, at 7:00 p.m. with all five regular divisions in competition.

## RESULTS



Darren Berry flies by in his Sprint car during the races that were held during the Norton County Fair last Saturday.

—Telegram photo by Vicki Henderson

### IMCA Hobby Stocks

Heat 1: 1. Cody Graham, 2. Dalton Dolan, 3. Josh Latka, 4. Rick Maynard.

Heat 2: 1. Jerry Hudson, 2. Kelly Karnopp, 3. Rhett Kingsbury, 4. G.W. Fuller.

Feature: 1. Karnopp, 2. Hudson, 3. Kingsbury, 4. Graham, 5. Fuller, 6. Latka, 7. Jason Stephens, 8. Blaine Buchholz, 9. Dolan, 10. Jason McIntyre, 11. Maynard, 12. Ray Caldwell.

### IMCA Northern Sport Mods

Heat: 1. Brian Conness, 2. Wade Wagenblast, 3. Kenny Schmidt, 4. Mathew Crowell.

Feature: 1. Wagenblast, 2. Conness, 3. Wayne McAfee, 4. Tyler Watts (DNF), 5. Crowell (DNF), 6. Schmidt (DNF), 7. John LaShell (DNF).

### IMCA Stock Cars

Heat 1: 1. Casey Werkmeister, 2. Bob Rutherford, 3. Chase Conaway, 4. Rod Bencken.

Heat 2: 1. Pat Bedore, 2. Dustin McClurg, 3. Cory Struckhoff, 4. Michael Zajic.

Feature: 1. Werkmeister, 2. McClurg, 3. Struckhoff, 4. Bedore, 5. Bencken, 6. Jay Hachmeister, 7. Rutherford, 8. Conaway, 9. Kyle Clough, 10. Zajic, 11. Brandon

Clough, 12. Travis Hahn (DNF), 13. Jason Davis (DNS).

### IMCA Modifieds

Heat 1: 1. David Murray Jr., 2. Tyler Hahn, 3. Tim Watts, 4. William Miller.

Heat 2: 1. Jeremy Frenier, 2. Joe Cleveland, 3. Jerry Teel, 4. Dave Pederson.

Feature: 1. Murray, 2. Teel, 3. Rick Schwab, 4. Cleveland, 5.

Hahn, 6. Pederson, 7. Miller, 8. Frenier (DNF), 9. Watts (DNF), 10. Jason Gallentine (DNF).

### 305 Sprint Cars

Heat: 1. Darren Berry, 2. Howard Van Dyke, 3. Randy Bantam, 4. Bill Hays.

Feature: 1. Van Dyke, 2. Berry, 3. Bantam, 4. Hays, 5. Shelby Stapel, 6. Cody Kieswetter (DNS).

# Winner repeats at Elmwood Speedway

All four feature winners made a return appearance in the winner's circle at Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton, KS, Saturday evening, July 31, during the Norton County Fair.

Darren Berry of McCook, NE, made it three feature wins in a row at the one-mile oval in the 305 Sprint Car division. Howard Van Dyke led the field the first half of the 15-lap race when a caution came out at the halfway mark for a spin by Shelby Stapel. After the green replaced the yellow, Berry made his move around Van Dyke on the following lap to take a lead he would not relinquish. Van Dyke held on to second, followed by heat race winner Bill Hays and Randy Bantam.

Lenora's Jay Hachmeister led all 15 laps of the IMCA Stock Car feature to score his third win of the season at Lenora. Hachmeister was chased all the way by Jason Davis, Pat Bedore and Dustin McClurg. On the final lap, Davis slowed to bring out a caution and set up a one lap shootout to the checkers. Hachmeister managed to hold on for the victory, followed closely by Bedore, McClurg, Cory Struckhoff and Bob Rutherford. Hachmeister also won the heat race.

After winning the heat race, Wade Wagenblast of Deshler, NE, led the first 2 laps in the 12-lap IMCA Northern Sport Mod main event. Troy Robinson took

the lead on lap 3, only to spin on lap four to bring out a caution and go to the back of the line on the restart. On the restart, point leader Brian Conness got hung up on the guardrail but was able to return to race. Wagenblast led the rest of the way for his second win at Elmwood Park. Conness charged his way back through the field to finish second, followed by Tyler Watts, Wayne McAfee and Kenny Schmidt.

Dalton Dolan led the first three laps of the 12-lap IMCA Hobby Stock feature, only to bring out a caution on lap four when he stopped on the track with a flat tire. That gave heat race winner and point leader Kelly Karnopp of Norton the lead, and he was able to hold off a determined Cody Graham the last few laps for a close win, his fourth of the season at his hometown track. Rhett 'The Rocket' Kingsbury finished third, trailed by Dolan and Blaine Buchholz.

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Feature: 1. Karnopp, 2. Graham, 3. Kingsbury, 4. Dolan, 5. Blaine Buchholz, 6. Jason Stephens (DNF).

### IMCA Northern Sport Mods

Heat: 1. Wade Wagenblast, 2. Brian Conness, 3. Troy Robinson, 4. Wayne McAfee.

Feature: 1. Wagenblast, 2. Conness, 3. Tyler Watts, 4. McAfee, 5. Kenny Schmidt, 6. Robinson (DNF), 7. John LaShell (DNF).

### IMCA Stock Cars

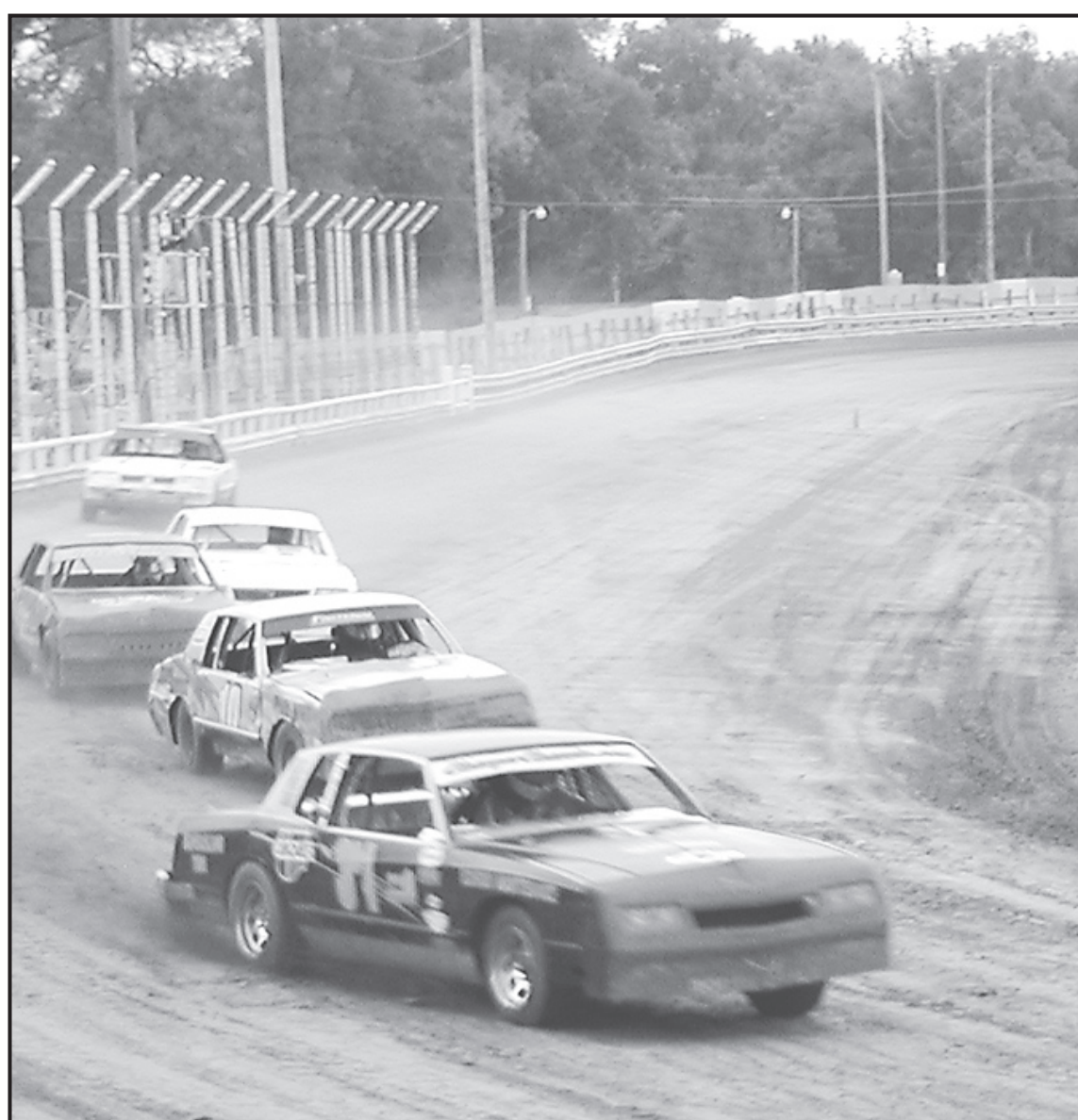
Heat: 1. Jay Hachmeister, 2. Pat Bedore, 3. Jason Davis, 4. Bob Rutherford.

Feature: 1. Hachmeister, 2. Bedore, 3. Dustin McClurg, 4. Cory Struckhoff, 5. Rutherford, 6. Michael Zajic, 7. Davis (DNF).

### 305 Sprint Cars

Heat: 1. Bill Hays, 2. Shelby Stapel, 3. Howard Van Dyke, 4. Darren Berry.

Feature: 1. Berry, 2. Van Dyke, 3. Hays, 4. Randy Bantam, 5. Stapel (DNF), 6. Cody Kieswetter (DNF), 7. Thomas Belsky (DNS).



The Hobby Stock cars among three other classes raced again last Saturday during the Norton County Fair. Turn two shows a close bunch rounding the turn.

—Telegram photo by Vicki Henderson

# Bowlers post season's last statistics

## Ladies Inter-City League 2009-2010 Year End Report

Winner 1st half: Nelson Bros; Winner 2nd half: Nelson Bros.

Team members of Nelson Bros.: Lynn Nelson, Beth Reeves, Judy Luft and substitute Dawn Rise-wick.

Final Standings: Nelson Bros, 95 wins and 45 losses; BEB and Assoc., 75 wins and 65 losses; Animal Health, 56 wins and 84 losses; Geezeretts 54 wins and 86 losses.

Team High Game Scratch: BEB and Assoc. 499.

Team High Game Handicap: Animal Health 692.

Team High Series Scratch; BEB and Associates, 1330.

Team High Series Handicaps (tie) Animal Health and Nelson Bros. 1826.

Individual High Game Scratch: Laura Leidig, 203.

Individual High Game Handicap: Laura Leidig, 262.

Individual High Series Scratch: Donna VanKooten, 502.

Individual High Series Handicap: Donna VanKooten, 706.

Achievement Award Most Improved: Lee Mapes, plus 13 and Beth Reeves, plus 9.

Individual High Average: Beth Reeves, 139 and Laura Leidig, 136.

## USBA Awards:

125 Magnet: Judy Luft, 125 average, 76; Lee Mapes, 126

average, 73.

159 Magnet: Margaret Thomas, 153 Average 98; Vendla Tacha, 162 average, 108; Jean Johnson, 150 average, 105.

120 Patch: Dawn Risewick, 120 average, 77.

175 Magnet: Jackie Wright, 179 average, 129; Donna VanKooten, 179 average, 119.

200 Magnet: Laura Leidig, 203 average, 130; Sharron Smith, 200 average 142.

500 Series: Donna VanKooten, 502.

Perfect Attendance: Beth Reeves, Vendla Tacha, Laura Leidig and Donna VanKooten.

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  - S & R Ready Mix for Sport Mods
- McMullen and Wyatt Auction for the Stock Cars
- Prestige Painting and Drywall for the Sprint Cars on Sunday

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