

Two Logan athletes excelled in Eight Man All-Star game

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Brady Tien and Mark Pakkebie, recent Logan High School graduates, played their final high school football game on Saturday in the Division II Eight Man All-Star Game at Trojan Field in Beloit and both young men exceeded all expectations in the roles they played for their West team.

Tien is a 6'1", 185 pound running back, linebacker who played solely on defense in the game and Pakkebie is a 6'1", 250 pound offensive lineman who played offensive left tackle.

Both Trojan athletes played the entire game, which was evidence that the all-star coaches liked what they saw from the sidelines.

Tien was aggressive from his linebacker spot, making tackles from sideline to sideline. Tackle statistics were not available after the game but this reporter witnessed as Tien made numerous tackles and sacked the East quarterback a number of times! He also covered well in pass defense.

Pakkebie was equally as impressive from his offensive tackle position where he used the strength in his 250 pound body to power defensive players back from the line of scrimmage.

Pakkebie made the linemen's play of the day during one West possession when he came off the line of scrimmage, charged like a runaway bull into an East defensive player and drove him from the middle of the field, out of bounds on the sideline, allowing his West running back to make a big gain!

Tien is the son of Patty and Scott Tien, Prairie View and Pakkebie is the son of Becky and Kenny Pakkebie, Densmore.

Both young men will attend Fort Hays State University in Hays. Tien will major in chemistry and will pole vault for the Tiger track and field team. Pakkebie will study athletic training.

Cody Hilburn was the head Logan football coach.

Cory Rahjes, Thunder Ridge lineman, was also a member of the West squad.

Game summary

It was a high scoring game which ended with the East winning 74-30, which set a record for the highest score by a winning team and the highest combined score.

Former Quivera Heights quarterback Gunner Phelan was on target all day in the passing department for the East squad. He had 346 yards passing and connected for six touchdown passes!

The East scored first when Phelan hit Kenny Steinle, Wilson, on a 51 yard touchdown pass. Tyler Mudd, Hope, ran for two extra points and it was 8-0 with 8:05 left in the first period.

Mudd ran for the East's second touchdown. His 14-yard carry with 4:34 left and a two-point pass to Connor Hynek from Phelan made it 16-0 after one quarter.

The West tied the score at 16-all with two touchdowns to start the second period. Ervin Swonger, Ashland, ran 23 yards to score and Dominic Trapp, Otis-Bison, caught a pass from Rilee Spreser, Golden Plains, for two extra points with 11:52 left in the half. Dylan Kuhn, Victoria, scored from three yards out with 9:20 remaining and Chase Laffery, Natoma, caught a two-point pass from Caleb Keltz, Cheylin, to knot the score at 16-all.

The opportunistic East offense scored twice more before intermission to make it 30-16. Austin Steinfeld, Hanover, ran six yards to score and the run for extra points failed with 5:03 left in the half. Hynek caught a 5 yard scoring pass from Steinford with no time left on the clock. Tyler Heiman caught a pass from Steinford for two extra points to make it 30-16.

The East really dominated in the second half, scoring 22 points in each quarter while limiting the West to one touchdown in each period.

Phelan completed three touchdown passes in the third quarter. He connected with Heiman for a 25-yard score and passed to Hynek for two points with 10:40 left. Next, he completed a 45 yard

scoring pass to Heiman with 8:09 left in the third. The pass for extra points failed.

With 1:53 remaining, Phelan passed 23 yards to Hynek for another score. Phelan then passed to Hynek for two extra points.

The West got on the scoreboard with a 50 yard pass from Spreser to Swonger. A run for two points failed, making it 52-22 with 1:02 left in the third period.

The West tallied first in the fourth quarter when Benjamin Fox of Ashland ran 35 yards to paydirt. Michael Hlavaty, Otis-Bison, ran for two extra points and it was 52-30 with 9:39 left in the game.

Phelan continued to fill the air ways with footballs. He passed 16 yards to Hynek to score with 8:31 left and Heiman ran for two extra points. Travis Sipe, Waverly, caught a 4 yard pass from Phelan for another East touchdown. Hynek caught a pass from Phelan for two extra points, making it 68-30 with 4:19 remaining.

The East scored one more time when Alex Davis, Caldwell, found the end zone from 8 yards out with 1:55 left. The run for the extra points failed but the East had an impressive 74-30 victory.

Division I game

The West was victorious in the Division I game in the afternoon by a 26-12 score.

Pretty Prairie's Taylor Pittman had two long touchdown runs for the West in the first quarter and his teammate Daniel Krebbiel added a score in the fourth quarter to help the West victory.

Evan Kreger, Hodgeman County, scored the final West touchdown on a one yard run.

Among the West players from this area were Tyler Bess, tight end, defensive end, Hill City; Eric VanLoenen, center, defensive end, Hill City; Jakob DeMars, linebacker, fullback, Osborne; Ben Webb, offensive lineman, defensive end, Osborne; Dillon Salmans, noseguard, Hoxie; Joe Simon, defensive back, quarterback, Quinter; Same Leighton, noseguard, offensive tackle, Quinter.

Logan's Brady Tien met an East blocker head-on, stopped him in his tracks and sent the East running back airborne and onto the turf with a thud during action in the Division II Eight Man All-Star Game in Beloit on Saturday. Tien was all over the field from his linebacker position, making tackles for the West from sideline to sideline.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Logan Trojan offensive tackle Mark Pakkebie was a powerful blocker for the West squad in the Division II Eight Man All-Star Game in Beloit on Saturday. He is shown here making the offensive linemen's play of the game when he drove an East defensive player from the middle of the field all the way to the sidelines, allowing a West running back to make a big gain!

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Races at Elmwood Park Speedway

By Darin Racek

The weather finally co-operated so that on the third try, Elmwood Park Speedway finally had its first race of the year. There was a concern about the weather, so officials tried to run the races in a timely manner, finishing the event in about two hours. Darren Berry of McCook, Nebraska, Wade Wagenblast of Deshler, Nebraska, Dustin McClurg of Logan, and Kelly Karnopp of Norton took the opening night A Features.

Bill Hays of Edison drew the pole of the IMCA 305 Sprint Car A Feature after winning the split the pot raffle, but it was Darren Berry who jumped to the lead at the start of the main event. At one point, the McCook driver had nearly a straightaway lead on Hays and heat race winner Howard Van Dyke of Clay Center. Once Van Dyke got by Hays, he began to close the gap to less than half of what it was. After newcomer Mike Madden of Norton hit the corner four guardrail with four laps to go, the caution flag waved, bunching the field even closer. On the restart, Van Dyke tried the low side in corner one to no avail. On the next lap, Berry went to the bottom, shutting the door on the Clay Center driver and driving off with the victory. Hays finished in third place, ahead of Randy Bantam of Norton and Troy Edwards of McCook, Nebraska.

Wade Wagenblast passed heat race winner Ben Hobbs of Red Cloud, Nebraska for the lead of the IMCA Northern SportMod A Feature after the rookie driver pushed high into corner three. While Wagenblast drove out to a comfortable lead, Hobbs and Troy Attwood of Gaylord created a great race for second place. They swapped the spot many times in the last half of the race while Wagenblast pulled away for the win in "The Mystery Machine", as the vinyl wrap on his car pays tribute to Scooby Doo. Hobbs was able to make the last pass for his SportMod-best second place

finish. Rounding out the top five behind Attwood were Brian Connors of WaKeeney and Jason McCartney of Smith Center.

At first, the IMCA Stock car A Feature appeared to be a runaway win for heat winner Jay Hachmeister of Lenora, who took the lead on lap one and moved ahead of the pack for a huge lead. However, on lap eight, the left front rotor broke on his car, freezing the left tire up, and sending him for a spin in corner one. That handed the lead to Dustin McClurg on the restart, but also bunched the pair of Jason Davis of Norton and Pat Bedore of Stockton with him. The final eight laps involved Davis and Bedore working on both each other and McClurg for position. With two laps to go, Davis was able to cross the scoring line with the top spot, only to have the Logan driver take it back one lap later. McClurg was able to hold Davis and Bedore off on the last lap, in that order, to take the opening night win. John Annon of Norton, who almost didn't start the race but for the determination of Jason Davis to get Annon's driveshaft properly connected on the car, brought the racecar across the finish line in fourth place. Chase Conaway of Smith Center finished in fifth.

Anthony Martin of Wilcox, Nebraska made his first IMCA Hobby Stock appearance at the big 1/2-mile track, and was amazed by it, as he won the heat race for the class. In the A Feature, he passed Kelly Karnopp on lap two for the lead, and it appeared for a time he would pick up his second feature win in two nights. Karnopp, who was celebrating his birthday, would have none of it on his home track, regained the lead, and would fight Martin tooth-and-nail to the final lap to gain the best present he could give himself, and A Feature win. Jason McIntyre of Colby and Rick Maynard of Woodston finished in third and fourth places. Ray Caldwell of McCook, Nebraska was credited with fifth place.

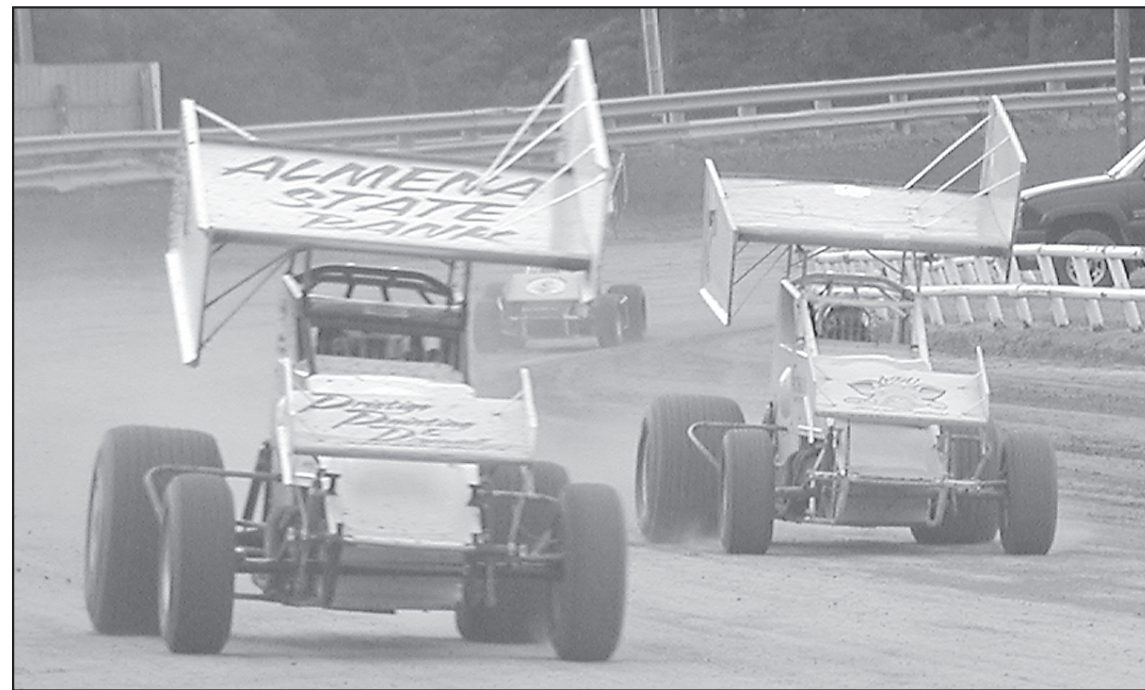
Elmwood Park Speedway's next race will be on Saturday night, July 2, beginning at 7 p.m. There is hope the IMCA Modifieds will join the activities and the other four classes that night.

Results for the IMCA 305 Sprint Cars Heat

74-Howard Van Dyke, 2H-Bill Hays and 12-Darren Berry.

A Feature

12-Darren Berry, 74-Howard Van Dyke, 2H-Bill Hays,



Racers finally were able to hit the track at the Elmwood Park Speedway this past Saturday. The first two races of the season were re-scheduled. Randy Bantam in car number 5 and Ron Hadley in car number 47 take their warm up lap for the night. - Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

5R-Randy Bantam, 99-Troy Edwards, 47H-Ron Hadley, 22-Mike Madden (DNF) and 29S-Mike Saathoff (DNF).

IMCA Northern SportMod Heat results

76-Ben Hobbs, 797-Wade Wagenblast and 97-Troy Attwood.

A Feature

797-Wade Wagenblast, 76-

Ben Hobbs, 97-Troy Attwood, 21C-Brian Connors, 1-Jason McCartney, 1T-Ted Kutsch and 21K-Frank McClurg (DNS).

IMCA Stock Cars Heat results

08-Jay Hachmeister, 99B-Pat Bedore and 26-Dustin McClurg.

A Feature

26-Dustin McClurg, 76-Jason Davis, 99B-Pat Bedore, 8SK-John Annon, 1-Chase Conaway,

9C-Bob Rutherford and 08-Jay Hachmeister (DNF).

IMCA Hobby Stocks Heat

9A-Anthony Martin, 3N1-Kelly Karnopp and 6M-Jason McIntyre.

A Feature

3N1-Kelly Karnopp, 9A-Anthony Martin, 6M-Jason McIntyre, 62-Rick Maynard and 24-Ray Caldwell (DNF).



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