

# Final race of the season at Elmwood Park Speedway

By Mike Hughes

Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton, KS, wound up the regular season Saturday evening, August 20.

Hometown driver Kelly Karnopp drove by Anthony Martin on lap 2 of the 8-lap IMCA Hobby Stock feature to drive away and pick up his fifth feature win and another track championship at his hometown track. Martin finished second. Karnopp also won the heat race.

The IMCA Stock Car division also wrapped up their season on the one-half mile oval which saw heat race winner Bob Rutherford lead the field the first 10 laps of the 12-lap race before Logan's Dustin McClurg took the lead and held on to the checkers for his second victory at Norton this season. Rutherford finished second, and Jason

Davis' third place finish gave him the point title at his hometown track for 2011. John Annon and Chase Conaway completed the top five.

The IMCA Sport Mod feature had a wild finish. Heat race victor Ben Hobbs took the early lead and looked to have things well in hand. Then on lap 10, point leader Brian Conness of WaKeeney passed Hobbs in turn four, but contact was made, sending Conness spinning and bringing out the only caution during the four feature races. Hobbs was sent to the back for contact, and Conness led the field back to green for a green-white-checked finish. Conness was first to the checkers for his fourth victory at Norton this season. Hobbs charged from the back on the restart to take second, followed by Dan Lauer

and Jason McCartney.

Darren Berry of McCook led all 12 laps of the IMCA 305 Sprint Car feature to make his third trip to the winner's circle at Elmwood Park Speedway. Tommy Williams, Randy Bantam, Troy Edwards and Greg Reiners completed the top five. Berry also won the heat race.

The 2011 season at Elmwood Park Speedway wraps up on Saturday & Sunday, September 3-4. The URSS 305 Sprint Cars will be on hand both days. They will be joined by the IMCA Sport Mods and vintage cars. Race time is 7:00 p.m. each evening. At the conclusion of the Sunday program, track champions will be crowned in both the sprint car and sport mod classes.

## RESULTS

### IMCA Hobby Stocks

Heat: 1. Kelly Karnopp, 2. An-



The Sports Mod were one of the classes of cars that raced at the Elmwood Park Speedway's final races held Saturday. Brian Conness in number 21 pulls ahead to win his race in a car owned by Rick Schwab. — Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

thonny Martin, 3. Theron Martin, 4. Dana Morgan (DNF).

Feature: 1. Karnopp, 2. A Martin, 3. T. Martin (DNF), 4. Morgan (DNS).

### IMCA Sport Mods

Heat: 1. Ben Hobbs, 2. Brian Conness, 3. Jason McCartney, 4. John Lashell (DNF).

Feature: 1. Conness, 2. Hobbs,

3. Dan Lauer, 4. McCartney, 5. Frank McClurg (DNS), 6. Lashell (DNS).

### IMCA Stock Cars

Heat: 1. Bob Rutherford, 2. John Annon, 3. Dustin McClurg, 4. Jason Davis.

Feature: 1. McClurg, 2. Rutherford, 3. Davis, 4. Annon, 5. Chase Conaway, 6. Corey

Menagh, 7. Jay Hachmeister (DNS).

### IMCA 305 Sprint Cars

Heat: 1. Darren Berry, 2. Randy Bantam, 3. Tommy Williams, 4. Troy Edwards.

Feature: 1. Berry, 2. Williams, 3. Bantam, 4. Edwards, 5. Greg Reiners, 6. Mike Madden (DNF), 7. Ron Hadley (DNS).

# The State of Kansas Sports Hall of Fame announces honorees

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The State of Kansas Sports Hall of Fame has announced the 50th Anniversary Class of 2011 who will be enshrined in ceremonies on October 2 at the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame in the Wichita Boathouse.

The members of the KSHOF Class of 2011 are: Marysville's Kansas State University All-American basketball player Kendra Wecker, K-State All-American linebacker, Mark Simoneau of Smith Center, Kansas University All-American basketball player Raef LaFrentz, former Emporia State track star John Camien, former University of Kansas athletic director Bob Frederick, University of Kansas basketball coach Dick Harp, Wichita State All-American baseball pitcher Don Heinkel, Wichita State football coach Willie Jeffries and Pittsburg State football All-American Ronnie West. Frederick and Harp will be inducted posthumously.

The induction ceremony will be held on Sunday, October 2 in Wichita. The nine-person class raised the total of inductees to 210 in the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

### Kendra Wecker

Marysville's Wecker was a three-time first-team All-Big 12 Conference selection at K-State, Big 12 Player of the Year

and consensus first-team All-American in 2005. She played from 2002-05 and ranks No.1 in points scored (2,333) and rebounds (1,087). Wecker averaged 18.2 points and 8.5 rebounds a game for her career and her No. 53 was retired by K-State in 2005.

A three-time consensus first team all-state selection at Marysville High School, Wecker scored 2,305 points and grabbed 1,051 rebounds, becoming the first Kansas female prep player to accomplish the 2000/1000 feat. In 2001, she was named "Miss Kansas Basketball" by the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association and the Kansas Player of the Year by the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame.

In track and field, she set the national high school record in the javelin and was a three-time state champion. Kendra was also a first team All-State volleyball player and won the national Punt, Pass and Kick competition as a middle school student. Wecker's athletic stardom in every sport has earned for her the reputation as Kansas' greatest all-around female athlete. She was also a three-time first team Academic All-Big 12 choice.

### Mark Simoneau

Simoneau, a consensus first team All-State football star from Smith Center, was one of the best linebackers ever to play at Kansas State. He played for

the Wildcats from 1996-99 and currently ranks No.3 all-time in tackles (400) and in tackles for losses. He played in four bowl games for K-State and led the team in tackles as a junior and senior.

In 1999, Simoneau was named first-team All-American, the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year and the runner-up for the Butkus Award. He was also named the Big 12 Defensive Freshman of the Year in 1996.

Jeff played 10 seasons in the National Football League for Atlanta, Philadelphia and New Orleans and had 370 tackles. He was also the state 3A shot put champion at Smith Center in 1995 with a mark of over 60 feet.

### Raef LaFrentz

LaFrentz was a two-time consensus first team All-American basketball player at the University of Kansas, Big 12 Player of the Year and three-time all-conference player. The Iowa native played for the Jayhawks from 1994-98 and still ranks No.3 all-time in scoring (2,066 points) and second in rebounds (1,186), one behind all-time leader Danny Manning. His jersey was retired by KU in 2003.

Raef, the third player picked in the 1998 National Basketball Association draft, played 11 seasons in the NBA with the Denver Nuggets, Dallas Mavericks, Boston Celtics and Portland Trailblazers.

### John Camien

Camien was a track and cross country standout at Emporia State, where he competed from 1961-65. He was a two-time National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national cross country champion and All-American and three-time cross country conference champion.

In indoor track, he won eight conference championships alone. During the outdoor competition, John won eight conference crowns and five NAIA national championships, including the 1,500 meters four straight years.

He is a member of the NAIA Hall of Fame and the Helms Foundation Hall of Fame.

### Bob Frederick

Frederick was athletic director at the University of Kansas from 1987-2001 when the Jayhawks won 32 conference championships and had 41 Academic All-Americans. He served on the NCAA basketball tournament's selection committee from 1992-96 and was the chairman in 1995 and 1996.

He played at KU in 1960-61 and was a former high school coach. The Senior Scholar Athlete Award at KU is named in his honor and, in 2010, the NCAA created the NCAA Bob Frederick Sportsmanship Award, which annually honors an NCAA administrator who shows the highest respect for

intercollegiate athletics.

### Dick Harp

Harp was the head basketball coach at the University of Kansas from 1956-64 and posted a 121-82 record. His 1957 team, led by sophomore All-American Wilt Chamberlain, finished second to North Carolina, losing in triple overtime in the national championship game. The 1960 Jayhawks won the Big Eight Conference title but lost to Cincinnati in the Midwest Regional.

Harp was an assistant coach under Phog Allen from 1948-56 and a starting guard on KU's 1940 team that finished second in the NCAA Tournament. He later served as an assistant coach under Dean Smith at North Carolina from 1986-89.

### Don Heinkel

Heinkel was one of the greatest pitchers in Wichita State University's rich baseball history, setting an NCAA record with 51 victories during his career from 1979-82. He was named All-Missouri Valley Conference three times and was a first-team All-American in 1982 when he helped the Shockers to their first appearance in the College World Series with a 16-5 record.

He set WSU records for games started, complete games, innings pitched and earned run average. Don pitched in the major leagues with Detroit and St. Louis and, just last year, became the fourth WSU player inducted

into the College Baseball Hall of Fame.

### Willie Jeffries

Jeffries was named the first African-American head football coach at the NCAA Division I level at Wichita State in 1979 and is the only coach ever to coach against both Eddie Robinson of Grambling and Bear Bryant of Alabama.

He coached at Wichita State, Howard and South Carolina State, posting a 179-132-6 record and is also a member of the South Carolina Sports Hall of Fame. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2010. He coached for five seasons at WSU from 1979-83.

### Ronnie West

In 1991, West was the first receiver to win the Harlon Hill Trophy, signifying that he was the best player in NCAA Division II. He led Division II in punt return average as a junior in 1990 and totaled 2,070 all-purpose yards and 18 touchdowns.

As a senior, he caught 50 passes for 1,044 yards and 12 touchdowns and helped lead Pittsburg State to the national championship with a 23-6 victory over Jacksonville, Ala. A two-time NCAA Division II first-team All-American and MIAA Player of the Year, West played two seasons in the NFL with the Minnesota Vikings.

# Norton volleyball season to start this Friday

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The Norton Community High School volleyball team will open their 2011 season on Friday versus Northern Valley, Plainville and Lakeside, beginning at 2 p.m. in Almena.

Matches will be in the following order: Plainville vs. Northern Valley, Northern Valley vs. Lakeside, Lakeside vs. Norton, Norton vs. Plainville, Plainville vs. Lakeside and Norton vs. Northern Valley.

The Lady Jay volleyball team has a new head coach this year although he is not new to Norton Community High School sports. New head coach Kevin Jilka has never coached volleyball but has been the head girls high school basketball coach at Norton Community High School for the past 29 years.

Coach Jilka has greeted a

squad of 19 young ladies with 11 returning letter winners. They are Mariah Farber, 5'4"; Kylie Nuzum, 5'4"; Caren Thomson, 5'6"; Erin Terrell, 5'10"; seniors; Juliana Miller, 5'3"; Katherine Boteler, 5'3"; Rachel Slipke, 5'5"; Alec Melvin, 5'8"; Teslee Nickell, 5'6"; juniors; Johnnye Ruder, 5'5"; Baily Ambrosier, 5'8"; sophomores.

Other squad members are: Bri Karnopp, 5'7"; Antjelica Pfannenstiel, 5'10"; juniors; Elizabeth Saulsbury, 5'5"; sophomore; Sheridan Dillehay, 5'4"; Adrienne Hager, 5'4"; Kenzie Esslinger, 5'4"; Kaitlyn Bohl, 5'10"; Morgan Farber, 5'4", freshmen.

Erin Terrell is a two-time All-Mid-Continent League player, having been chosen honorable mention by vote of the league coaches her sophomore and ju-

nior seasons.

Erin was the leading passer and digger on last year's Norton team. She served 84 percent and had 3.42 kills per game. Erin was 41 percent on kills with 212 kills out of 517 total hits.

Coach Jilka's assistant coaches this season will be Traci Uehlin and Jodi Ward.

Returning as student manager is Alyssa Boser.

"It is a difficult transition whenever an entire coaching staff is brought in but our girls have handled it great," said coach Jilka.

"They have been working hard and doing what we have asked of them. Right now, we are trying to be very simple and are working hard on the fundamentals of the game with a goal of becoming better by October.

"Our plan is to play a lot of different combinations so that

we coaches can determine who will play when October rolls around.

"As of right now, we are just concerned with our team and improving each day.

"We have two great assistant coaches in Traci Uehlin and Jodi Ward and they have done an outstanding job.

"Coach Uehlin is a former head volleyball coach at Golden Plains and coach Ward is a former Norton Community High School player who went on to play basketball at the University of Nebraska at Kearney so you can see the coaching help that I have had has been tremendous!"

Coach Jilka said he expected the league to be very competitive again with Phillipsburg and Smith Center leading the way.

## Norton Volleyball Schedule

### VARSITY

Fri., Aug. 26 - N.Valley w/Lakeside, Plainville at N. Valley 2 p.m.

Tues., Aug. 30 - Osborne w/Colby at Osborne 4:30 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 6 - N. Valley and Phillipsburg Here 5 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 15 - Goodland Here 4:30 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 20 - Hill City and Hoxie Here 4:30 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 27 - Colby w/Atwood at Colby 4:30 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 29 - Hays Quad at Hays 4 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 1 - Decatur Invite w/Hoxie, St. Francis, Atwood at Oberlin 9 a.m.

Tues., Oct. 4 - Smith Center w/Trego at Smith Center 5 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 8 - Scott City Invitational at Scott City 9 a.m.

Tues., Oct. 11 - Golden Plains and Logan Here 4 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 13 - Mid-Continent League Play-in TBA

Sat., Oct. 15 - MCL Tourney at Hill City 9 a.m.

Tues., Oct. 18 - Goodland w/Ulysses at Goodland 5 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 22 - Sub-State Volleyball TBA

Fri., Sat., Oct. 28-29 State Volleyball TBA

### JUNIOR VARSITY

Tues., Aug. 30 - Osborne w/Colby at Osborne 4:30 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 6 - N. Valley and Phillipsburg Here 5 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 10 - Quinter JV Tourney at Quinter 9 a.m.

Thurs., Sept. 15 - Goodland Here 4:30 p.m.

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### FRESHMEN

Mon., Sept. 19 - Smith Center w/Phillipsburg, Russell at Smith Center 4:30 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 24 - Hill City w/Ellis, Oakley, TMP, Phillipsburg, Osborne at Hill City 8:30 a.m.

*Wishing the Blue Jays  
a successful sports season!*