

Race season opens at Elmwood Park Speedway

By Mike Hughes

Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton opened the 2012 racing season Saturday night, with the regular five classes in action.

The IMCA Hobby Stocks were the first to hit the track and Anthony Martin of Wilcox, Neb. led from green to checkered in the 12-lap main event. Cody Graham stayed close and tried to make a pass on several occasions but could not get by and had to settle for the runner-up spot. Jason McIntyre finished third, followed by Cody Williams and Jason Grabast. Heat race winners were Martin and Tyrel Smith.

Beloit's Geoff Jermark echoed Martin's feat as he led all 10 laps in the IMCA Modified feature. Tim Watts was second, followed by heat race winner David Brack.

Liberal's Ty Williams was a man on a mission in the IMCA 305 Sprint Car feature. Williams, the heat race winner, started fourth in the seven car field but had the top spot at the end of the first lap of the 15-lap race. Williams pulled to over a half-lap lead on the half-mile oval when the lone caution waved on the final lap when Kaden Taylor's ride broke. Williams led the field back to green for a one lap shootout and held on for the win. Darren Berry finished a distant second, with Mike Saathoff, Ron Hadley and Greg Reiners rounding out the top five.

Wade Wagenblast led the first two laps of the 20-lap IMCA Stock Car feature before Lenora's Jay Hachmeister took over a lead he would not relinquish. The lone caution waved on lap 14 when Kyle Clough and Jason Davis did a double spin. Heat two victor Hachmeister led the field back to green and led the remaining distance to the checkers. Dustin McClurg, Pat Bedore, heat one winner Jason Davis and Bob Rutherford completed the top five.

The IMCA Northern Sport Mods was the final class to take the track for their main event and did not disappoint the crowd. Brian Conness took the early lead in the 20-lap event with Cory Struck-

hoff close behind. The third and final caution waved on lap 11 when Ty Rogers had problems, and Conness led the field back to green. Then Struckhoff made his move to the front under Conness in turn three to take the lead. Then with two laps to go, the two drivers made contact on the front straightaway and both bobbed, but Conness took advantage to regain the lead and hold on the last couple of laps for the victory. Struckhoff held on for second, trailed by Tanner Portenier, Kaid Calhoon and Rogers. Heat race winners were Dan Lauer and Conness.

The regular five classes return on Saturday, April 21 with the green flag flying at 7 p.m.

IMCA Hobby Stocks

Heat 1: 1. Anthony Martin, 2. Cody Graham.

Heat 2: 1. Tyrel Smith, 2. Jason Grabast, 3. Theron Martin, 4. Jason McIntyre.

Feature: 1. A. Martin, 2. Graham, 3. McIntyre, 4. Cody Williams, 5. Grabast, 6. T. Martin, 7. Smith (DNF), 8. Ray Caldwell (DNS).

IMCA Sport Mods

Heat 1: 1. Dan Lauer, 2. Kaid Calhoon, 3. Jason McCartney, 4. Derrick Pfannenstiel.

Heat 2: 1. Brian Conness, 2. Tanner Portenier, 3. Jason Nelssen, 4. Troy Attwood.

Feature: 1. Conness, 2. Cory Struckhoff, 3. Portenier, 4. Calhoon, 5. Ty Rogers, 6. McCartney, 7. Austin Walker, 8. Lauer, 9. Tyler Watts, 10. Jay Weigel, 11. Jedediah Ewing, 12. Attwood (DNF), 13. Nelssen (DNF), 14. Pfannenstiel (DNF), 15. Frank McClurg (DNF).

IMCA Stock Cars

Heat 1: 1. Jason Davis, 2. Austin Carter, 3. Pat Bedore, 4. Wade Wagenblast.

Heat 2: 1. Jay Hachmeister, 2. Dustin McClurg, 3. Brandon Clough, 4. Bob Rutherford.

Feature: 1. Hachmeister, 2. McClurg, 3. Bedore, 4. Davis, 5. Rutherford, 6. Darin Racek, 7. Wagenblast (DNF), 8. Kyle Clough (DNF), 9. Carter (DNF), 10. B. Clough (DNF).

IMCA 305 Sprint Cars



Ron Hadley of Norton runs his sprint car down the track at Elmwood Park Speedway over the weekend during the first races of the year. He placed fourth overall in his division Saturday night. This is Ron's second year of racing, second of many more seasons to come.

—Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Heat: 1. Ty Williams, 2. Darren Berry, 3. Kaden Taylor, 4. Mike Saathoff.

Feature: 1. Williams, 2. Berry, 3. Saathoff, 4. Ron Hadley, 5. Greg Reiners, 6. Taylor (DNF), 7. Tom Belsky (DNS).

IMCA Modifieds

Heat: 1. David Brack, 2. Tim Watts, 3. Geoff Jermark.

Feature: 1. Jermark, 2. Watts, 3. Brack.

Taking a pass



The Norton Recreation Commission sponsored a boys 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at the East Campus Gymnasium on Saturday, March 24. Coleton Frack and Matt Willour of Norton play defense as Bailey Sides of Almena looks to pass.

—Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

BOWLING

Stardust League

Standings as of March 19

- FSBT 1- 29.5 wins, 14.5 losses
- FSBT 2- 28 wins, 16 losses
- Little People Daycare- 24 wins, 20 losses

- The PC's- 23.5 wins, 20.5 losses
- Bumble Bees- 21 wins, 23 losses

High Line: Cindy Linner-179, Bev Miller-176, Becky Williams-169, FSBT 1-331, The PC's-315, FSBT 2-310.

High Line Handicap: Cindy Linner-219, Peggy Sevier-214, Janet Manning-214, FSBT 1-421, FSBT 2-407, The PC's-407.

High Series: Bev Miller-480, Cindy Linner-466, Becky Williams-454, FSBT 1-923, The PC's-909, FSBT 2-895.

High Series Handicap: Janice Russell-600, Peggy Sevier-599, Janet Manning-599, FSBT 1-1193, FSBT 2-1186, The PC's-1185.

Stardust League

Standings as of March 26

- FSBT 2- 31 wins, 17 losses
- FSBT 1- 30.5 wins, 17.5 losses
- The PC's- 27.5 wins, 20.5 losses
- Little People Daycare- 25 wins, 23 losses
- Bumble Bees- 21 wins, 27 losses

High Line: Becky Williams-172, Janet Manning-167, Janice Russell-161, FSBT 2-320, FSBT 1-304, The PC's-294.

High Line Handicap: Janet Manning-219, Becky Williams-216, Janice Russell-214, FSBT 2-417, FSBT

1-394, The PC's-386.

High Series: Becky Williams-474, Janet Manning-446, Cindy Linner-442, FSBT 2-908, FSBT 1-887, The PC's-874.

High Series Handicap: Becky Williams-606, Janet Manning-602, Janice Russell-593, FSBT 2-1199, FSBT 1-1157, The PC's-1150.

Tuesday Housewife League

Standings as of March 20

- Lenora Nutrition Center- 31.5 wins, 16.5 losses
- Moffet Drug- 29 wins, 19 losses
- BEB & Assoc.- 18.5 wins, 29.5 losses
- Amateurs- 17 wins, 31 losses

High Line: Cheri Brooks-191, Jacque Griffey-177, Kathleen Berlier-163,

Lenora Nutrition Center-422.

High Line Handicap: Cheri Brooks-227, Jacque Griffey-219, Kathleen Berlier-216, Moffet Drug-599.

High Series: Cheri Brooks-440, Kathleen Berlier-437, Jacque Griffey-434, Lenora Nutrition Center-1186.

High Series Handicap: Kathleen Berlier-596, Carol Ross-578, Jennifer Isernhagen-564, BEB & Assoc.-1708.

Tuesday Night Mens League

Standings as of March 20

- Don's Floor Coverings- 54.5 wins, 44.5 losses
- D & M Service- 54 wins, 45 losses
- WGAHA- 46 wins, 53 losses

Cox, Matt Florence, Trey Hall, Cody Land, Eli Lowry, Dalton Smith, Ryan Thraikill, and Adam Woomer

NVJH GIRLS

TRACK TEAM

6th Grade-Katie Johnson, HaLee Linner, Chaylee Lowry, Makensy Schroeder, Nicole Thraikill, and Morgan Wright

7th Grade-Kylie Kinderknecht, and Brittany Wright

8th Grade-Brooke Baird, Sarah Baird, Allison Keith, Talia Lowry, and Shayna Vincent

The junior Huskies will be competing in six meets this spring.

Track season approaches

Northern Valley Junior High School has 33 students on the 2012 track team. The junior Huskies team is comprised of 20 boys and 13 girls. The boys are coached by Jim Cole, the girls are coached by Kirsten Baird and the assistant coach is Lisa Miller.

NVJH BOYS

TRACK TEAM

6th Grade-Caden Kinderknecht, Turner Linner, Cooper Mussman, Brady Rogers, Keegan Smith, and Briely Yocum

7th Grade-Drake Shearer, Johnathan Towery, Carson Wallace, and Damian Wellman

8th Grade-Colten Bach, Jesse Courtain, Camden

NORTHERN VALLEY JUNIOR HIGH TRACK SCHEDULE

April 3

Norton Inv.

6-7-8

Norton

10:30 a.m.

April 23

Hill City Inv.

6-7-8

Hill City

10 a.m.

May 3

Logan Inv.

6-7-8

Logan

10 a.m.

April 13

Husky Inv.

6-7-8

Logan

10 a.m.

April 27

Quinter Inv.

7-8

Quinter

10 a.m.

May 8

GNEC/Pike Trail

6-7-8

Mankato

10 a.m.

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