

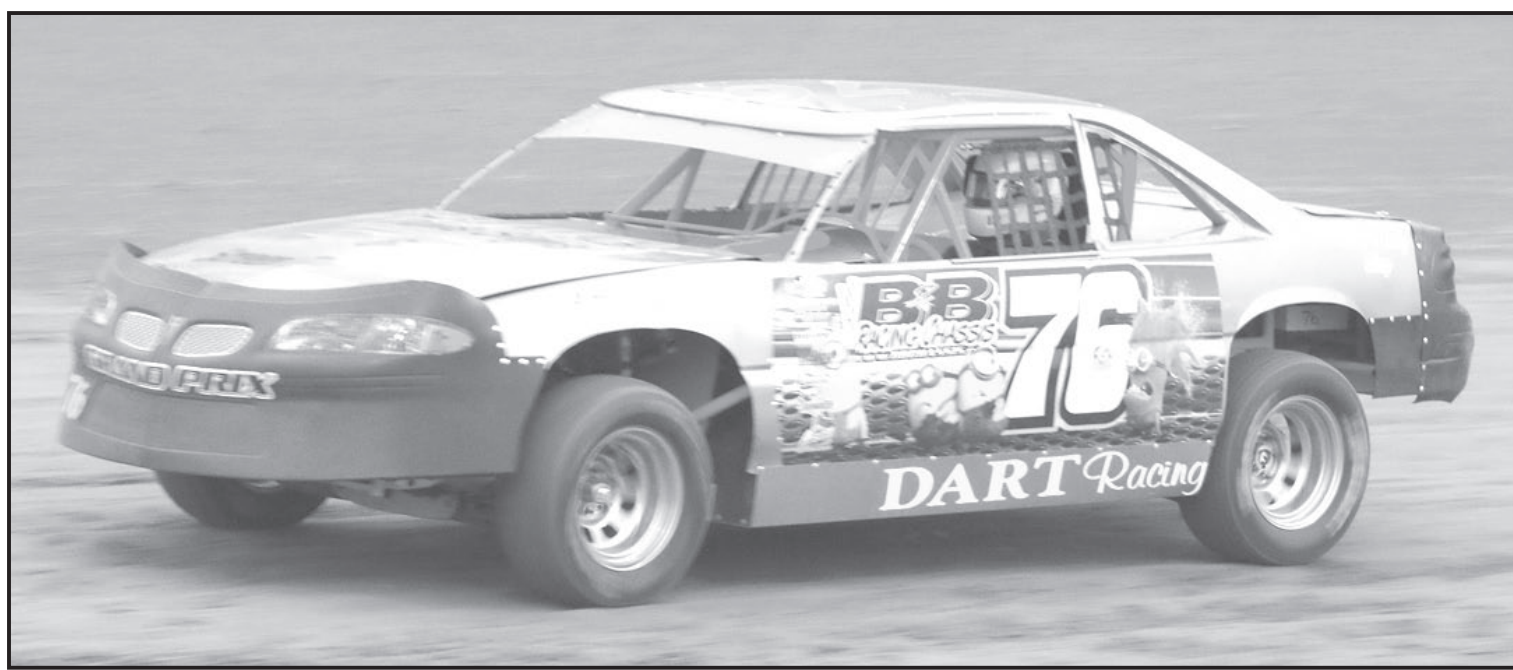
# Elmwood Park Speedway opens 2014 season

By Mike Hughes

Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton, KS, kicked off the 2014 racing season Saturday night, April 5, with four divisions in action.

Hometown driver Jason Davis took advantage of his pole starting position to take the early lead in the 15-lap caution free IMCA Stock Car feature. Dustin McClurg and Wade Wagenblast followed. At the halfway mark, McClurg continued to chase Davis, and Mikey Dancer, now third, made it a three car race. The three raced side-by-side and nose-to-tail the remainder of the race with McClurg ahead at the checkers on lap 13. But Davis regained the lead on the white flag lap and held off McClurg and Dancer for the win. Eric Kinderknecht and Wagenblast rounded out the top five. Heat race winners were Davis and McClurg.

A large field of IMCA Hobby Stocks was on hand and Brock Beeter of Minot, ND, made the long haul worthwhile as he made his way to victory lane in the 15-lap event. Beeter led at the drop of the green with 'Bam Bam' Cody Graham in tow. The lone caution waved on lap 9 for debris and bunched up the field. But Beeter was up to the task to



Local driver Jason Davis is seen here flying around the Elmwood Park Speedway track during the first race of the year. Holding the lead the entire fifteen laps won him the

take the win. Graham chased Beeter the entire distance but had to settle for second, followed by Travis Coop, heat 3 winner Brian Stich and first heat winner Anthony Martin. Jamie Songer of Ankeny, IA, won the other heat race.

'The Frye Man' Tyler Frye of Belleville led all 15 laps in the caution free IMCA Northern

Sport Mod feature. Second heat race winner Frye pulled away from the remainder of the field to make his way to victory lane, with Brian Conness a distant second. First heat winner Chad Dolan was third, followed by Daniel Gottschalk and birthday boy Cory Struckhoff.

Darren Berry of McCook, NE, took the lead from home-

trophy and first place honors. Be sure to come see him race again on May 31.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

scheduled.

## RESULTS

### IMCA Stock Cars

Heat race winners: Jason Davis, Dustin McClurg.

Feature: 1. Davis, 2. D. McClurg, 3. Mikey Dancer, 4. Eric Kinderknecht, 5. Wade Wagenblast, 6. Robert Rutherford, 7. Frank McClurg, 8. Darin Racek (DNF), 10. Kyle Werkmeis-

ter (DNS), 11. Chase Conaway (DNS).

### IMCA Northern Sport Mods

Heat race winners: Chad Dolan, Tyler Frye.

Feature: 1. Frye, 2. Brian Conness, 3. Dolan, 4. Daniel Gottschalk, 5. Cory Struckhoff, 6. Joe Couse, 7. Paul Donovan, 8. J.R. Ewing, 9. Dan Lauer, 10. Eric Pfeifer, 11. Troy Attwood, 12. Pat Bedore, 13. Jeremy Couse, 14. James Stewart, 15. Clay Money (DNS).

### IMCA Hobby Stocks

Heat race winners: Anthony Martin, Jamie Songer, Brian Stich.

Feature: 1. Brock Beeter, 2. Cody Graham, 3. Travis Coop, 4. Stich, 5. Martin, 6. Songer, 7. Jeremy Wagner, 8. Travis Thelander, 9. Colton Pfeifer, 10. Darren Unrein, 11. James Pittman, 12. Brett Henke, 13. Joe Copeland Jr. (DNF), 14. Andrew Sebastian (DNF), 15. Russ Specht (DNF), 16. Justin Meserve (DNF), 17. Garrett Hager (DNF), 18. Irvin Earl (DNS), 19. Ray Caldwell (DNS).

### 305 Sprint Cars

Heat race winner: Ron Hadley.

Feature: 1. Darren Berry, 2. Randy Bantam, 3. Hadley, 4. Jed Werner, 5. Aaron Ploussard (DNF), 6. Howard Van Dyke (DNS).

# Norton Junior Varsity teams compete in first meet

By DICK BOYD

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The Norton Community High School track and field athletes opened the 2014 season by competing in the Smith Center JV Track Meet on Monday.

The junior varsity boys placed fourth and the girls finished in seventh place.

Boys team scores were: Belleville, 111; Northern Valley, 83; Beloit, 78; Norton, 67; Russell, 45; Phillipsburg, 43; Smith Center, 36.

Scores of the girls teams were: Phillipsburg, 96; Russell, 96; Smith Center, 50; Beloit, 40; Belleville, 37; Northern Valley, 27; Norton, 7.

"Our athletes did a nice job

of handling themselves and competing very well in their first meet of the season," said Norton head coach Jason Jones. "They were able to establish some solid opening marks.

"We are excited about the future for these athletes as they continue to compete throughout the season.

"Their next meet will be our home meet on Friday."

## BOYS:

Freshman Koby McEwen won two gold medals and placed third in another event. He won the high jump by clearing 5'8" and the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 49.84. He was also third in the triple jump with a distance of 33'11.5".

Junior Breven Sondergaard placed runner-up in the javelin with a throw of 124'6". Freshman Cruz Leon was also runner-up in the 400 meter dash with a clocking of 1:04.89.

Other third place finishers for Norton were: junior David Smith, 3:15.97 in the 800 meter run; sophomore Cameron Heikes, personal record of 106'2" in the discus and freshman Trenton Wright, 1:08.80 in the 400 meter dash.

Heikes also placed fourth in the javelin with a throw of 120'7".

Wright finished fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 30'3.75". Sondergaard placed sixth in the shot put with a

heave of 34'10".

Also competing for the Norton boys and their performances were: Cameron Heikes, personal best 34'2", seventh; freshman Maverick Engel, 20'6", 22nd; sophomore Trei Burns, 14'8.5", 24th, shot put; Breven Sondergaard, 65'4", 20th; Trei Burns, 41'9", 23rd; Maverick Engel, 38'4", 24th, discus; Trei Burns, 46'9", 15th; Maverick Engel, 41'9", 16th, javelin; junior Gin Lee, 13.92, ninth; freshman Harrison Woodyard, 14.97, 12th, 100 meter dash; Cruz Leon, 27.75, ninth; Trenton Wright, 29.40, 13th; Gin Lee, 30.09, 14th; Harrison Woodyard, 30.32, 15th, 200 meter dash.

## GIRLS

Freshman Macayla Kent placed third in the 1600 meter run in 7:30.39 and freshman Josie Otter finished sixth in the shot put with a distance of 25'.

Also competing for Norton and their performances were: freshman Kira Robertson, 24'10", seventh; senior Abbie Smith, 12'3.5", 20th; freshman Starla Tishhauser, 10'10.5", 21st, shot put; Josie Otter,

45'2", 15th; Kira Robertson, 44'8", 17th; Starla Tishhauser, 23'4.5", 19th, discus; Josie Otter, 52'10", ninth; Kira Robertson, 40'2", 10th; Starla Tishhauser, 16'10", 11th, javelin.

## Next action

The Norton varsity and junior varsity track and field teams will both compete in the annual Norton Invitational Track Meet here on Friday, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

# Seniors honored

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Norton Community High School senior guards Drew Schrum and Johnnye Ruder have been honored by the coaches of the Mid-Continent League for their play this past season.

Both received honorable mention by vote of the coaches.

Named to the boys first team were Hadley Gillum, sr., Plainville; Shane Jones, sr., Hill City; Brendan Brenner, sr., Ellis; Darius Herl, sr., Oakley; Mason Buckmaster, jr., Smith Center.

Chosen for the second team were Reed Stephens, sr., Stockton; Jaden Williams, jr., Stockton; Brent Gehring, sr., Plainville; Taylor Zabel, sr., Smith Center; Grant Wickham, sr., Phillipsburg.

Receiving honorable mention in addition to Norton's Schrum were Deric McKeever, jr., Hill

City; Logan Frederking, sr., Plainville; Mason Scheetz, sr., Oakley; Trey Ellis, sr., Phillipsburg.

Selected to the girls first team were Laura Dennis, sr., Oakley; Mattison Dusin, sr., Phillipsburg; Drew Mann, jr., Smith Center; Alexcia Deutscher, so., Ellis; Lexie McDowell, so., Hill City.

Second team selections were Marlee Rath, jr., Oakley; Morgan Beougher, jr., Stockton; Shania Wilkison, sr., Phillipsburg; Kaleigh Soneson, sr., Ellis; Madysen Frantz, sr., Phillipsburg.

Receiving honorable mention in addition to Norton's Ruder were Brittany Dinkel, sr., Ellis; Kim Junkermeier, jr., Plainville; Tatum Bartels, fr., Phillipsburg; Colbie Decker, sr., Smith Center.

# All-State basketball team members chosen

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Ten girls and nine boys from Northwest Kansas have been chosen to the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association All-State Team for the 2013-14 season.

## GIRLS

Carly Heim, Hoxie junior, was chosen to the Class 1A first team.

Selected for the Class 1A second team were Caitlyn Miller,

Osborne senior; Kiristina Farber, Hoxie senior and Jessica Princ, Osborne senior.

Named to the third team was Kristin Huser, Victoria senior.

Receiving honorable mention were Gabriel Spresser, Hoxie senior; Kristen Burger, Thunder Ridge sophomore and Rachael Kuhlman, Sharon Springs junior.

Receiving honorable mention from Class 2A were Laura Den-

nis, Oakley senior and Alexcia Deutscher, Ellis sophomore.

## BOYS

Kade Spresser, Hoxie senior and Luke Eilert, Beloit-St. John's senior, were named to the Class 1A first team.

Trey Dubbert, Beloit-St. John's junior, was chosen to the second team.

Honorable mention went to Brandt Wolters, Osborne junior; Cayden Daily, Sharon Springs

senior and Hayden Walker, Weskan senior.

Hadley Gillum, Plainville senior, was the only area boy chosen from Class 2A and he is on the first team.

Payton Vetter, Beloit senior, was chosen to the first team from Class 3A and Bailey Vetter, Beloit sophomore, was named honorable mention.

# Norton golf team takes fourth in season opener



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The Norton Community High School 2014 golf team opened the season on Tuesday with a fourth place tie in the Smith Center Invitational.

Phillipsburg won the championship with a 352, followed by Beloit, 396; Osborne, 396; Norton, 465; Smith Center, 465; Stockton, 469.

Leading golfers for Norton were senior letterman Garret Otter and sophomore Quinton Porter. Otter shot a 56/55-111 and Porter carded a 58/53-111. They were followed by junior Derek Rowh, 61/58-119 and Freshman Landon Porter, 64/60-120. Also playing for Norton were sophomore Skylar Johnson, 64/63-127 and sophomore Nick Peterson, 61/68-129.

## Coach's comments

"We knew coming into the season that we were very young and inexperienced and

today brought that out," said Norton head golf coach David Stover. "As will be the case for much of the season, many of our golfers were playing a difficult course for the first time.

"As the season progresses, I am confident that, from what I saw today, we will see a great deal of improvement with this group of golfers."

## Individual medalists

Individual medalists were: Michael Dusin, Phillipsburg, 82; Jaron Kellerman, Phillipsburg, 83; Devon Freeman, Rock Hills, 88; Lucas Jacobs, Phillipsburg, 92; Justin Burch, Osborne, 93; Sam Pahls, Beloit, 95; Samuel Flinn, Rock Hills, 95; Keaton Orr, Phillipsburg, 95; Caleb Conway, Osborne, 96; Gage Grauerholz, Beloit, 97.

## Next action

The Blue Jay golfers' next tournament will be on Tuesday in the Goodland Invitational, beginning at 2 p.m.

Norton's only returning letterman, senior Garret Otter hits the golf ball onto the green during action in the Smith Center Invitational on Tuesday. Otter tied for the Blue Jays' top golfer during this season opening tournament.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

# Northern Valley Huskies start their track season

## Smith Center JV Track Meet

Northern Valley Boys - 83 points, 2nd place

100m - Anderson - 12.25 (1st), Seals - 13.04, (5th)

200m - Anderson - 25.17 (1st)

800m - Towery - 2:24.42 (1st)

1600m - Camden Cox - 5:45.01 (1st), Wellman 5:56.22 (2nd), Towery - 5:57.4 (3rd)

3200m - Camden Cox - 13:05.78 (1st), Wellman - 14:48.75 (4th)

Long Jump - Seals - 15'5" (5th)

High Jump - Seals - 5'2" (3rd)

Pole Vault - Anderson - 8'0" (3rd tie)

## Coach's comments-

"We took seven boys to Smith Center on Monday. The weather was not great but we had several athletes set personal records. All of our distance runners, Camden Cox, Damian Wellman, and John Towery had personal bests in their events. In the high jump Jarell Seals set a new person record at 5'2". We were very hap-

py to see Gabriel Anderson run well in the sprints. This should give our young athletes some confidence going into the rest of the season."

Northern Valley Girls - 27 points, 6th place

100m - Talia Lowry - 14.91 (2nd)

200m - Talia Lowry - 31.31 (2nd)

Shot Put - Sarah Baird - 25'11" (4th)

Javelin - Sarah Baird - 77'6" (3rd), Martin - 58'0" (6th)

## Coach's comments-

"We only took three girls to Smith Center, but they were all able to place. Talia Lowry had a nice day with two second place finishes in the 100 and 200. Sarah Baird was able to pick up some points for us in the Shot Put and Javelin. It was good to see Brianna Martin place in the javelin in her first high school track meet. Overall, this was a good meet for the girls."