

# Thomas County Speedway heats up as county fair approaches

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Weeks and months of intense heat have not kept cars or crowd from the track this season.

On Sunday there were good numbers of both to witness another fine night of dirt track racing at the Thomas County Speedway.

The next races are Aug. 3-4., when the Fourth Annual, \$5,000-to-Win Thomas County Speedway Modified Shootout comes in for the Thomas County Fair.

All tickets will be general admission and may be purchased at the ticket office in front of the grandstand.

Hot laps will begin at 6: p.m. and races at 7 both nights.

In the Bomber Division, heat race winners were #11m Shawn Mohler, Scott City and #L7 Michael Wasson, Oberlin. Wasson came back to win the Cash Dash money.

Poised to make a sweep of the night, Wasson's luck did not hold in the feature race. Jarod Smades, Goodland, in the #47m car, and Wasson started the feature in the ninth and tenth positions, respectively.

They finally battled their way to the front at mid-race. The pair took the lead from #11m Mike Giesenhagen, Colby, who was racing hard with #78 Gene Sneath, Plainville.

Wasson held the lead for a few laps and then went too high in turn three and tagged the wall, cutting down a rear tire. This left Sneath and Smades to battle it out with the lead changing al-

most every lap.

Sneath, in his Ford Torino, managed to cross the finish line first by half a car length.

The Super Stock Heat races were won by #A1 Bill Albin of Gove and #8 Ryan Wark of Colby. Both of these racers had come from a back row start to win their heats.

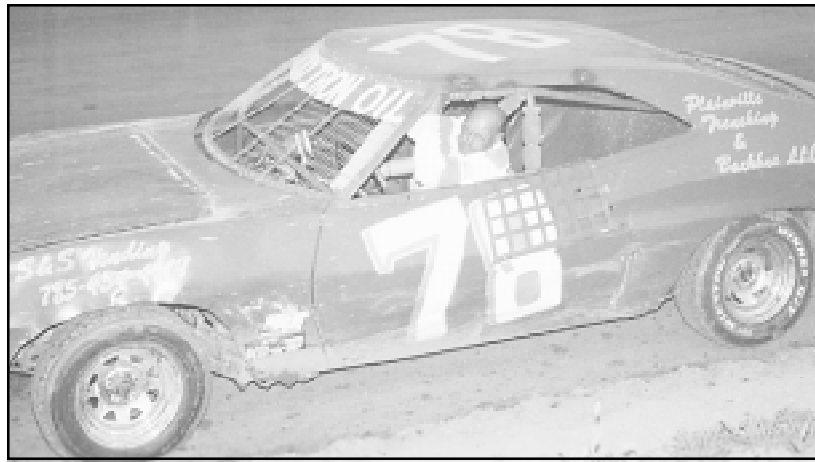
Albin also won the Cash Dash money setting him up to be a possible sweep winner for the night. However, it just wasn't to be. Starting the feature race mid-pack, Albin was making good progress toward the front when he pushed the cushion a little to high out of turn one and slid off the track.

Wheat Lippelman, Colby, driving his #55 Ford Mustang was also having a good run and led the first ten laps of the feature when he also had the same misfortune.

Ronnie Hill, Sharon Springs, in the #41 car, #15 Brad Wagoner, Colby, #3 Travis Towns, Monument and Ryan Wark were all determined to take over the lead Lippelman relinquished.

After much slicing and dicing among the four front runners, Hill was the winner.

In the Modified division, #23X Jeff Hartwell, Colby burnt a piston in pre-race hot laps and was unable to continue for the night. The Heat 1 winner in the Modifieds was #37 Jeff Tubbs, Colby who held off hard charges from both #9 Monty Nordyke of Holly, Colo. and Darren DeLoach. Brady Coen, Wiley, Colo., #3 was the only sweep winner of the night,



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Gene Sneath headed for the winners' circle to collect his trophy in the Bombers class at the Thomas County Speedway on Sunday night. Next races are Friday at the Thomas County Fair. Hot laps start at 6 p.m. and racing starts at 7 p.m.

Starting the feature in the outside pole position, Coen jumped into an early lead and easily held it in a caution free, very fast race. Picking their way through the pack, #21 Darren DeLoach of Lamar and #34H Doug Holzmeister of Colby made it to second and third, respectively.

In the Cruiser division, where the driver has control of the brakes and the passenger controls the gas pedal, some impressive teamwork has developed. Winners of the Cruiser Heats were #01W Dwayne and Bruce Plumisto, Colby and #00 Jake Haines and Dwight Allenbaugh, Colby.

The #54U car of Scott Urban and Nathan Wright of Atwood was the

Cash Dash winner. In the Cruiser Feature, #01W, the father and son Plumisto team started in the pole position and handily won the right to go home with the first place trophy.

Though they had to endure numerous restarts, the two had almost lapped the entire field at the finish.

Here are the results from Saturday's races:

**Bombers Heat 1**

1. 11m Shawn Mohler, Scott City; 2. 11m Mike Giesenhagen, Colby; 3. 43J Jarod Smades, Goodland; 4. 33 Wayne Williams, Wiley, Colo.; 5. 10b Ben Meitl, Norton; 6. 24b Brendon Beesley, Gove; 7. 87M Johnny Orhman, Colby

**Heat 2**

1. L7 Michael Wasson, Oberlin; 2. 78 Gene Sneath, Plainville; 3. 14 Justin Meitl, Colby; 4. 25 Jeremy Blackwill, Quinter; 5. 99 Scott Waterman, Colby; 6. 11 Larry Rogers, Colby; 7. 31 Alex West, Goodland

**Cash Dash**

1. L7 Wasson

**Feature**

1. 78 Sneath; 2. 43J Smades; 3. 111

## Two golfers get first place finishes

Two Colby athletes were first place medalists in the Northwest Kansas Junior Golf Association Finals at the Smoky Hill Country Club in Hays on Monday.

Christopher Finley was first in the 14-15 boys division with an 85. Ryley Haas had a 37 in the 8-9 boys division, also taking first.

The two were the only medalists out of 18 Colby golfers qualifying for the final meet of the season.

Other participants included:

**Boys 8-9**

Haas, 37; Dylan Stithem, 47; Casey Wiens, 51; Jeremy Harter, 57; Garrett Roger, 57; Rocque Russell, 59.

**Boys 10-11**

R.J. Ladenburger, 62.

**Boys 10-11**

Ethan Stover, 54; Stephen Dinkel, 58; Levi Schlick 61; Mikel Ladenburger, 72.

**Boys 14-15**

Finley, 85; Jared Helin, 104; Derek Elliott, 108; Sean Mengel, 110; Jordan Cranston, 111. Jared Dinkel also com-

peted.

**Boys 16-17**

Deni Wieland, 90.

Here are the results of the Goodland Tournament on July 19.

**Boys 8-9**

Dylan Stithem, 1st, 52; Jeremy Harter, 2nd, 53; Rocque Russell, 3rd, 55; Casey Wiens, 56; Garrett Rogers, 57; Tyler Bates, 74; Thane Bulmer, 82.

**Boys 10-11**

Mikel Ladenburger, 2nd, 59; Kyle Molstad, 62; Mitchell Toma, 63; Brent Luedke, 73; Taylor Pool, 75; Erick Blanton, 79; Breck Arnberger, 85; Brandon Harlow, 86.

**Boys 12-13**

R.J. Ladenburger, 52; Scott Blanton, 52; Jesse Hawk, 57; Joey Melnyk, 58; Brett Harter, 71; Ryan Hansen, 80; Chance Bulmer, 86; Nicholas Harlow, 94; Reagan Coulter, 98.

**Boys 14-15**

Christopher Finley, 1st, 79; Sean Mengel, 2nd, 93; Jordan Cranston, 3rd, 93; Brian Sulzman, 98; Jared Helin, 99; Jordan Sharp 108; Tyler Knipp, 110.



Ethan Stover lined up a putt for the Colby 10-11 boys at the division meet at Smoky Hill Country Club in Hays. Stover's 54 led the Colby team in his division.

## Area Briefs

**Shrine Bowl televised**

Area fans can watch the 28th Kansas Shrine Bowl on KLBV television, channel 6, or listen on KLOE radio, 102.5 FM at 7 p.m. Saturday night. The game will feature 66 of the state's top graduated football players, including Colby High School's Zach Brown at wide receiver and defensive back. The game will also feature performances from some of the best instrumentalists in the state performing in the bands, including Colby High School's Theo Kleinsorge on tuba and Karen Higerd

on percussion.

**New football league being formed**

Mike Gottsch is organizing a full-contact football team for kids entering 5/6th grades to participate in a league beginning in mid-August. Seven games will be played, one each Sunday, beginning in early September. Call Gottsch at 462-7177 or log onto www.wksl.net for more information.

**Wrestling camp Monday**

The Colby Eagle State Champion-

ship Wrestling Camp, hosted by Class 4A State Champion head coach Mitch Beims, will be Monday and Tuesday at the Colby Middle School wrestling room. Sessions for kids entering grades K-6 will run from 5:30-7 p.m. and for those entering grades 7-12 from 7:30-9 p.m. Cost is \$20. For information, call Beims at 462-7631.

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Giesenhagen; 4. 25 Blackwill; 5. 11 Rogers; 6. 33 Williams; 7. 14 J. Meitl; 8. 87m Orhman; 9. 99 Waterman; 10. L7 Wasson, did not finish; 11. 24b Beesley, did not finish; 12. 31 West, did not finish; 13. 11m Mohler, did not finish; 14. 10b B. Meitl, did not finish.

**Super Stocks Heat 1**

1. A1 Bill Albin, Gove; 2. 55 Wheat Lippelman, Colby; 3. 15 Brad Wagoner, Colby; 4. 6T Randy Tipton, Weskan 5. 14U Jay Nichol, Colby 6. 103 Dan Lauer Norton.

**Heat 2**

1. 8 Ryan Wark, Colby; 2. 23X Dr. A. J. Warta, Colby; 3. 27 Todd Schwarz, Rexford; 4. 3 Travis Towns, Monument; 5. 41 Ronnie Hill, Sharon Springs; 6. 54S Earl Shannon, Atwood.

**Cash Dash**

1. A1 Bill Albin

**Feature**

1. 41 Hill; 2. 15 Wagoner; 3. 8 Wark; 4. 3 Towns; 5. 6T Tipton; 6. A1 Albin; 7. 103 Lauer; 8. 14U Nichol; 9. 23x Warta, did not finish; 10. 27 Schwarz, did not finish; 11. 55 W Lippelman, did not finish; 12. 54s Shannon, did not finish;

**Modifieds Heat 1**

1. 37 Jeff Tubbs, Colby; 2. 9 Monty Nordyke, Holly, Colo.; 3. 21 Darren DeLoach, Lamar, Colo.; 4. 383 Milo Lippelman, Oberlin, 5. 21 John Icke, Colby 6. 9d Paul Donovan, McCook, Neb.

**Heat 2**

1. 3 Brady Coen, Wiley, Colo.; 2. 34H Doug Holzmeister, Colby; 3. 2d Dwayne Dechant, Lamar, Colo.; 4. 38 K. B. Murphy, Sharon Springs; 5. 3G

Gary Dechant, North Glenn, Colo.; 6. 23X Jeff Hartwell, Colby.

**Cash Dash**

1. 3 Coen

**Feature**

1. 3 Coen; 2. 21 DeLoach; 3. 34H Holzmeister; 4. 2D D. Dechant; 5. 37 Tubbs; 6. 21 Icke; 7. 38 Murphy; 8. 3G G. Dechant; 9. 9 Nordyke; 10. 383 M. Lippelman; 11. 9d Donovan, did not finish; 12. 23x Hartwell, did not start.

**Cruisers Heat 1**

1. 01W Bruce Plumisto/Dwayne Plumisto, Colby; 2. 7AC Shawn Anderson/ Jason Cook, Colby; 3. 17 Chris Herra/Jarrod Smith, Colby; 4. 16 Brett Glassman/ Jim Glassman, Oakley; 5. H20 Tanner Tuttle/Aaron Packard, Gove; 6. 07P Jason Panka/ Michael Panka, Healy.

**Heat 2**

1. 00 Jake Haines/Dwight Allenbaugh, Colby 2. 54U Scott Urban/Nathan Wright, Atwood; 3. 24 Brian Smith/Kevin Hatfield, Colby; 4. 01 Michael Meyer/Jutin Berry, Colby, did not finish;

5. 6T9 Johnny Orhman/Ed Wright-Colby, did not finish.

**Cash Dash**

1. 54U Urban

**Feature**

1. 01W Plumisto/Plumisto; 2. 7AC Anderson/Cook; 3. 00 Haines/Allenbaugh; 4. 16 Glassman/Glassman; 5. 54U Urban/Wright; 6. 17 Herra/Smith, did not finish; 7. 07P Panka/Panka, did not finish; 8. 01 Meyer/Berry, did not finish; 9. H20 Tuttle/Packard, did not finish; 10. 6T9 Orhman/Wright, did not finish; 11. 24 Smith/Hatfield, did not finish.

**AUCTION**  
Saturday, August 4 • 10:00 a.m.  
**Law Enforcement Center Impound - 225 N. Court Colby, Kansas**

Abandoned and Seized Vehicles to be sold by Thomas County Sheriff's Office:

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Lot 8 - 1982 Chevy Camper Special, dually PU	

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Lot 16 - 1993 Hyundai hatchback, 2 dr.	Lot 17 - 1991 Olds. Cutlass Ciera SI, 4 dr.
Lot 18 - 1995 Toyota Tercel, 4 dr.	Lot 19 - 1993 Chevy Blazer, 4 dr.

Also for sale will be the usual miscellaneous tools and other items.

Vehicles may be viewed at the Thomas County Law Enforcement Center Impound lot between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 3, 2001. All items subject to prior redemption.

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