

# Friday night race action heats up

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On Friday, the Cruiser Classic at the Thomas County Fair got underway, with three heats.

The winners of those heats were the teams of #88 Pete Schlageck and Mark Fabrizius, Colby, #11 Troy Plummer and Rod Benken, Oakley and #01 Michael Meyer and Justin Berry.

The top two finishers from each heat participated in a pole dash for starting positions in the feature race. This pole dash was won by Plummer/Benken.

The #54U of Scott Urban and Nathan Wright blew their engine while leading their heat race. #H20 Tanner Tuttle and Arron Packard of Gove were also eliminated from the night's competition with mechanical problems.

Seventeen teams started the feature but only six would finish, mostly due to mechanical failures or flat tires.

The front runner teams of Schlageck/Fabrizius and Plummer/Benken treated fans to a door to door duel throughout the race. The lead changed many times with many smooth moves from these two teams, diving low and passing in the turns only to be passed again.

Plummer and Benken managed to pull off the win with Schlageck/Fabrizius close behind and the #73 father/son team of Adam and Dennis Meitl, Colby taking third. The #01 Meyer/Berry car edged out #00 Allenbaugh/Jake Haines, Colby for fourth place.

In the Bomber Classic, the three heat race winners were #11m Shawn Mohler, Scott City, #L7 Michael Wasson, Oberlin, and #11 Larry Rogers, Colby.

Wasson came back to edge out the #43J Jarod Smades, Goodland in the pole dash.

Then the 1-2 finish of Wasson and Smades made a repeat performance in the feature with #111 Mike Giesenhagen, Colby and #87M Johnny Ohrman, Colby both making good runs from a mid pack start to finish third and fourth respectively.

Mohler in the lead at the first of the race spun out shuffling him to the back of the pack. Both Rogers and #90 Scott Waterman, Colby fell victim to separate mishaps that took them both out of the race.

Five laps from the finish #25 Jeremy Blackwill of Quinter was making a hard charge and running well in the front pack when he was sent out of control by another car and hit the turn four

wall.

The race was red flagged at this point in order to clean up the wreck. Blackwill was only shaken up in the mishap, but his car didn't fare as well.

A total of 37 Modifieds from ten different states then took to the track for the \$500-to-win practice race.

The five heat race winners were #21 Darren DeLoach, Lamar, Colo., #7 Ron Jones, Zimmerman, Minn., #2T Troy Bayne, North Platte, Neb., #99 Jerry Phillips, Galva and #UFO Wayne Brooks, Baldknob, Ark.

The top two cars of each heat were automatically qualified for the A-feature but also ran in a pole dash to determine starting order of the first five rows.

#21 Darren DeLoach won the pole dash. The remaining cars then ran in two B-features with the top seven from each transferring to the A-main.

The winners of the B-features were, #38 K.B. Murphy, Sharon Springs, edging out #2x Lyle Shepard, Manhattan and #2R Mark Robe, Wichita with #46 Joe Mullins, Boulder, Colo. in second.

Since this was a practice race many teams were trying out experimental set-ups. It also gave the racers an opportunity to get a feel for the fast 34-degree banking of the Thomas County Speedway. The top four in the order of finish were, Jones, the defending champion of last year's shootout, Wayne Brooks, a two time previous shootout winner, DeLoach, tied for the points lead for the speedway's season track championship and the other points leader, #34H Doug Holzmeister

The winner of the Friday A-main race was automatically guaranteed a spot in the A-main for the Saturday night Shootout race.

Track officials worked hard into the night and part of the next day completely reworking the track to a perfectly smooth state for the next days big \$5000.00 to win Modified Shootout and the \$750-00 to win Super Stock Classic. Look for more coverage of this event, and results in future installments.

### Modified results from Friday.

#### Heat 1

1. #21 Darren DeLoach-Lamar, Colo.; 2. #9 Monty Nurdyke, Holly, Colo.; 3. #56 Greg Killingsworth, Austin, Texas; 4. #777 Jared Landers, Benton, Ark.; 5. #38 K.B. Murphy, Sharon Springs; 6. #19J Jim Mlady, North Platte, Neb.; 7. #81 Chris Remetes, Denver; 8. #24B Chris Bragg, Springtown, Texas.

#### Heat 2

1. #7 Ron Jones, Zimmerman, Minn.; 2. #34H Doug Holzmeister, Colby; 3. #8 Frank Perez, Lamar; 4. #31 Neal DeBoard, Amarillo, Texas 5. #3 Brady Coen, Wiley, Colo.; 6. #2

Tommy Wieder, Woodward, Okla., did not finish; 7. #421A Randy Knipshild, Las Vegas, N.V., did not finish; 8. #49C Michael Daut, Watkins, Colo., did not finish.

#### Heat 3

1. #2t Troy Bayne, North Platte, Neb.; 2. #23x Jeff Hartwell, Colby; 3. #23K Joey Kates, Kansas City; 4. #55 Tony Schultz, North Platte, Neb.; 5. #21n Neal Neisler, Loveland, Colo.; 6. #2D Dwayne Dechant, Lamar, Colo., did not finish; 7. #57 Brian Killingsworth, Austin, Texas, did not finish.

#### Heat 4

1. #99 Jerry Phillips, Galva; 2. #383 Milo Lippelman, Oberlin; 3. #46 Joe Mullins, Boulder, Colo.; 4. 47K Kevin Wark, Colby; 5. #70 Bobby Jo Scott, Liberal; 6. #2I John Icke, Colby, did not finish; 7. #5R Radar Bell, Deschler, Neb., did not finish.

#### Heat 5

1. #UFO Wayne Brooks, Baldknob, Ark.; 2. #3G Gary Dechant, North Glenn, Colo.; 3. #2x Lyle Shepard, Manhattan; 4. #2R Mark Robe, Wichita; 5. #61 Larry Jackson, Brighton, Colo.; 6. #19 Charles Striker, Eddyville, Neb.; 7. #44 Kevin Hoerne, Hays, did not start.

#### Pole Dash

1. DeLoach; 2. Jones; 3. Phillips; 4. Brooks; 5. Holzmeister; 6. Bayne; 7. G. Dechant; 8. Hartwell; 9. Nurdyke; 10. Lippelman.

#### B-Main #1

1. Murphy; 2. Shepard; 3. Neisler; 4. G. Killingsworth; 5. Wieder; 6. B. Killingsworth; 7. Jackson; 8. Wark; 9. Deboard; 10. Icke; 11. Remetes; 12. Kates; 13. Daut, did not start; 14. Bragg, did not start.

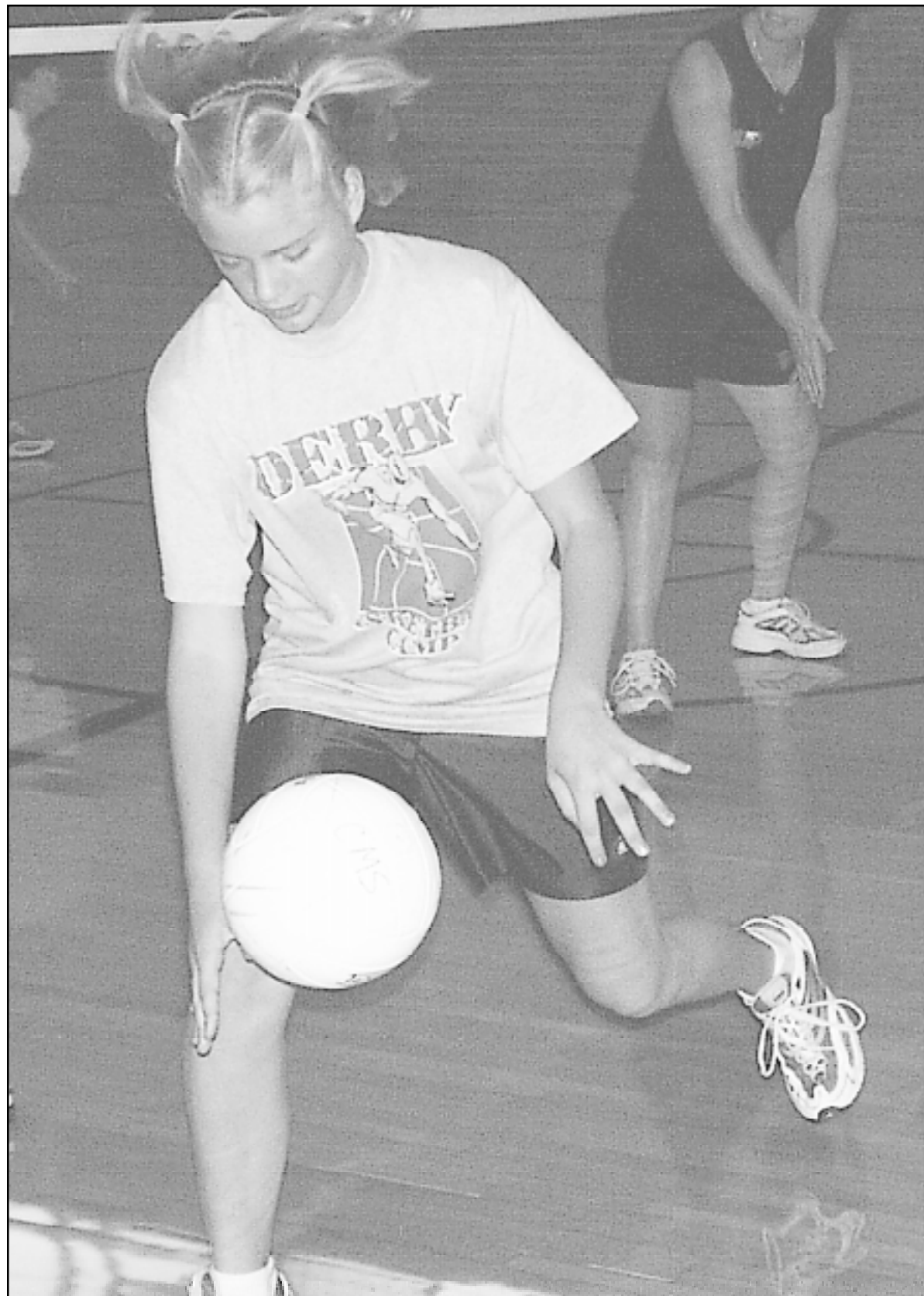
#### B-Main #2

1. Robe; 2. Mullins; 3. Coen; 4. Perez; 5. D. Dechant; 6. Scott; 7. Mlady; 8. Schultz; 9. Striker; 10. Bell; 11. Knipshild, did not finish; 12. Hoerne, did not finish; 13. Landers, did not finish.

#### A-Main

1. Jones; 2. Brooks; 3. DeLoach; 4. Holzmeister; 5. Phillips; 6. Bayne; 7. Robe; 8. G. Dechant; 9. Nurdyke; 10. Mullins; 11. Shepard; 12. Murphy; 13. Coen; 14. Perez; 15. D. Dechant; 16. Hartwell; 17. Scott; 17. B. Killingsworth; 19. Mlady; 20. G. Killingsworth; 21. Jackson; 22. Lippelman; 23. Wieder, did not finish; 24. Neisler, did not finish.

## Volleyball camp



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Lauren Cox ran after a stray ball at a volleyball camp for 5/6th grade girls on Monday at the Colby Middle School gym. Colby High School volleyball coach Lesley Wagoner taught the girls fundamentals and basic techniques.

## Area Briefs

### Volleyball meeting

There will be a meeting for Colby High School girls and parents interested in volleyball on Thursday at 6 p.m. in the high school commons area. The first day of practice is Monday. Call coach Lesley Wagoner at 462-7959 for more information.

### Football gear checkout

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