

A great day for racing in Colby at the Speedway

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Sunday June 16, was a pleasant day for racing at the Thomas County Speedway in Colby, with temperatures in the low eighties and a light south breeze. The track was quite smooth.

In the Cruiser division the heat race winners were #W2-Tony Wagoner/Brad Wagoner and #73-Adam Meitl/Justin Meitl. Both teams are from Colby. #73 Meitl/Meitl came back to sweep the division by winning the Cash Dash and the Feature.

The Meitl brothers took the lead early in both races and held off hard challenges from #01W-Plumisto/Plumisto, #88 Fabrizious/Schlageck and #W2-Wagoner/Wagoner.

Great competition in the Bomber division produced 3 different winners for the night.

Winning the Heat races were #43-Jarrold Smades of Goodland and #111-Mike Giesenhagen of Colby. #25-Jordan Blackwill of Quinter won the Cash Dash and #111-Giesenhagen came back to win the Feature.

The Super Stock Heat race winners were #55-Wheat Lippelman of Colby and #27-Todd Schwarz of Menlo. After two years of racing in the Super Stock division persistence and determination paid off big for Todd Schwarz who came back to sweep the division

winning the Cash Dash and a first Feature win as a Super Stock.

Todd held off many hard charges from #41 Ronnie Hill and #55 Wheat Lippelman in both races.

Nineteen modifieds made the show to produce three different Heat race winners. They were #2i-John Icke-Colby, #21-Darren DeLoach—Lamar, Co., and #38-K. B. Murphy-Sharon Springs. #21-Darren DeLoach came back to win the Cash Dash. #42-John Fabrizious from Holyoke, Co., started the race in the outside pole position and jumped out to an early lead. #38-K. B. Murphy starting 7th and #21 Darren DeLoach starting 11th had worked their way to the front to challenge the #42 in the final laps of the race. Fabrizious was able to skillfully outmaneuver all attempts to pass and won the feature by one-half of a car length over #38-K. B. Murphy and #21 DeLoach was close behind to finish third.

Thomas County Speedway's next scheduled race will be Sunday July 7 at 7 p.m. central time.

Pit gates will close at 6 p.m. and hot laps begin at 6:15. Hopefully, harvest and Fourth of July 2002 will be a safe one for everyone.

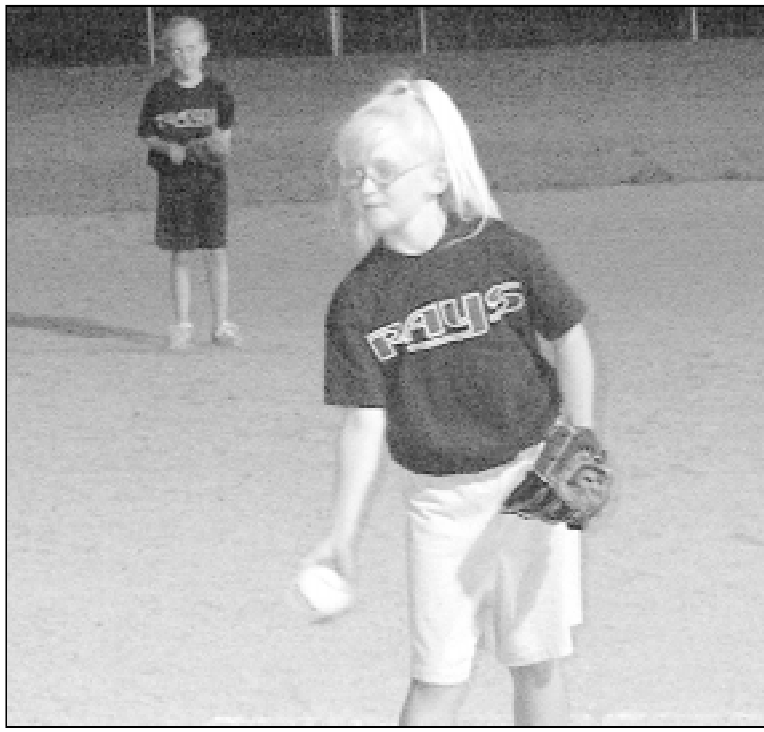
Please remember large heavy vehicles are hard to stop. We hope to see you on July 7 at the high banks of the Thomas County Speedway in Colby.

Steelers sign ex-Lion Batch

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers signed oft-injured quarterback Charlie Batch to a one-year contract, bringing some experience to the cadre of backups for Kordell Stewart.

Batch was reportedly willing to accept something near the league minimum salary of \$525,000. Batch also becomes the Steelers' only backup quarterback to have started in the NFL in the past four years.

Future big-leaguer?



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Eight-year old Sadie Bolze of Colby pitched for the Devil Rays against the Mariners Monday night during rookie girls league play at the Colby Recreation Complex.

Cup highlights

MIYAGI, Japan (AP) — Turkey broke Japanese hearts with a 1-0 victory that knocked the co-host out of the World Cup early Tuesday.

Umit Davala, rising unmarked in the penalty area, scored on a header off a corner kick in the 12th minute, putting Turkey in the quarterfinals against Senegal.

KOBE, Japan (AP) — Four-time champion Brazil defeated Belgium 2-0 with second-half goals from Rivaldo and Ronaldo, advancing to the quarterfinals of the World Cup.

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Williams sisters seeded 1 and 2 at Wimbledon

LONDON (AP) — Venus and Serena Williams were seeded 1-2 for Wimbledon, setting up the chance of another Grand Slam final between the two sisters.

Seven-time champion Pete Sampras, meanwhile, was installed at No. 7, his lowest seeding since 1991 when he was No. 8. Australia's Lleyton Hewitt was seeded No. 1.

On the women's side, Jennifer Capriati is No. 3, followed by Monica Seles, Kim Clijsters, Justine Henin and Jelena Dokic. Sandrine Testud, Amel Mauresmo and Silvia Farina Elia round out the top 10.

Hospital golf tournament extends entry deadline

There are still openings left to participate in this year's Harvest For Health Golf Tournament, sponsored annually by Citizens Foundation, said Tama Unger, director of fund development.

The tournament is Friday at the Colby Country Club and the deadline for entry has been extended until Thursday, she said.

The cost of the tournament is \$75 per person or \$85 for those wanting to rent a golf cart. For questions or to register, call Unger at 462-1214 or 462-7511.



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