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Colby's Lissa Mazanec prepared to throw discus during the state track meet last weekend. Mazanec, a sophomore, won the event with a distance of 135-5.

## Coen wins first race of the year

By Eric Gaede

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The weather did not play a factor for the May 21 racing at Thomas County Speedway. After a very tacky track the first race of the season drivers had to setup for a dry, slick track.

### Modifieds

In heat one, Doug Holzmeister was running to the front only to lose a motor and was not able to return for the main. In heat two, Nick Tubbs was gunning for the lead but then smoke started to appear from his car with him dropping to the rear on the final lap.

Heat three saw two former super stock drivers chasing down the checkered with Ronnie Hill outdistancing Justen Beakley.

Twenty-two cars started the

main. Brady Coen took the lead and never looked back to get his first victory of the year. KB Murphy was a close second the whole race with Justen Beakley and Wheat Lippelmann both showing what they can do after moving up a class this year.

### Stocks

The heat race for the stocks was interesting as Jason Rogers, making his first start of the season at Colby, went from the rear to front.

In the main, Jason Rogers was looking for the clean sweep but could only get to second before Mike Meyer and Travis Towns got around on the outside. They were all chasing Randy Tipton who got a great start and a great finish.

### Bombers

Heat one found Travis Branum

getting the win with a new car after destroying his original car in the first race of the year.

Heat two was a dogfight with Matt Giesenhagen using a lap car as a pick to get around Ron Haremza for the win.

In the main, Travis Branum tried to hold off Jeremy Blackwill but once Blackwill found the high groove he got past him for the win.

### Econos

Marshall Hoppe used the extreme top groove to take the lead and the win in the econo main. Justin Colby came in second and Alex West finished third. Brandon Nemecheck and Josh Colby rounded out the top five.

The next races are at 7 p.m. Sunday. Check out [www.thomascountyspeedway.com](http://www.thomascountyspeedway.com)

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