

Fire it in there



Andy Heintz/Colby Free Press
Morgan Vap, an eighth grader at Colby Middle School, played catch with Tatym Rundel, also an eighth grader, at Fike Park on Thursday afternoon. The girls were spending some early-summer time in the park.

Drivers increase leads at County Speedway

By Eric Gaede
Thomas County Speedway

Darrin DeLoach and B.J. Dauer both increased their points lead in the Modified and Hobby Stock classes Sunday at the Thomas County Speedway.

Jason Rogers took the points lead with his win in the Stock Car class, and Adrienne West picked up her first win in the Econo Class.

DeLoach, driving car No. 21, had to work for his win, starting in the ninth position and getting past front runners Jeff Tubbs driving car No. 37 and car No. 737 driven by Nick Tubbs, who had starting positions at the front of the field.

Car No. 6 driven by Jason Schoenberger made it through the field quicker than DeLoach and had the lead for several laps before DeLoach used the top groove to get past Schoenberger a couple laps from the end.

Nick Tubbs finished third and his brother Jeff was right behind him in fourth.

Car No. 8X, driven by Adam Morris, finished fifth and the David Solberg's No. 7 car came in sixth. Car No. 27 driven by John Fose placed seventh and Nate Moores No. 7 car finished eighth. There were 16 total Modifieds on hand.

The Stock Car class put on another great show, with Rogers' No. 37 car having to run down the No. 8 car driven by Ryan Wark. Wark worked past No. 11h Marshall Hoppe and Wheat Lippelmann's No. 44 car, and started stretching out the lead until Rogers found a great line on the top side of the track and ran down Wark to pass him with a few laps still to go.

Rogers kept the lead after a late-race restart, and he survived a challenge from the No. 3 car driven by Travis Towns, with Towns finishing third. Hoppe ended up fourth and car No. 49 driven by Dan Lauer was fifth.

Lippelmann came from the back on a restart to finish sixth and the No. 68m car driven by Rod Magley came in seventh.

Ten cars started the main. The Dauer, in Car No. 33, contin-

ued his streak of great finishes with another win. Travis Glassman made it hard on Dauer by getting out to a pretty large lead in his No. 26 car at the start of the race, and challenging on a couple of restarts, but he had to settle for second place.

In the No. 3B car, Brett Oelke had a better outing than his first race, finishing third.

Richard Boons' car No. 33 came in fourth and car No. 96 driven by Josh Latka was right behind him in fifth.

The No. 2c car, driven by Matthew Crowell, finished sixth and Brett Glassman's No. 16 car placed seventh. There were 15 cars in the Hobby Stock class.

West's No. 7 car became a main-event winner for the first time in her career with a top finish in the Econo class. John Lukert tried

several times to get around West in his No. 37 car, but just couldn't get the pass completed and came in second.

Car No. 27, driven by Alex Crossland, was third while Dale Smith's Car No. 81 came in fourth and Car No. 07, driven by Joe Austin, was fifth.

First-time racer Danny Carman drove his No. 37x car to a sixth-place finish. Twelve cars started the main.

The next races will be on Sunday, June 14.



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