

Car races kick off in Thomas County

Sunday marked the kickoff for the car races this summer at the Thomas County Speedway. Here are the results:

Econo Class: Ryan Baalman took first place and Alex West took second. Other racers were Rocky Baalman third, Joey Foster fourth, Ron Baalman fifth, Levi Jones sixth, Eric Clayville sixth, Bryan Guyer seventh and Cody Berg eighth.

Hobby Stock Class: Cody Graham came in first place, and Richard Boon got second. Behind them, Raymond Dechant got third, Jason McIntyre fourth, Shelby Stapel fifth, Brian Stich sixth, Eric Ross seventh, Colton Pfeifer eighth, Curt Kennedy ninth, Mike Giesenhagen 10th and Daniel Irwin eleventh. Tommy Fose (12th), Jeff Anderson (13th) and Tanner Moss (14th) did not finish.

Sport Modified Class: Clay Money took first place and Andy

Barton came in second. Other racers were Clay Sellard third, Jason Brees fourth, Gage Coen fifth and Jason Gray sixth. Ryan Wark (seventh) did not finish, and Dustin Daniels (eighth) did not start.

Stock Car Class: Jason Rogers took first place and Jeff Tubbs got second. The other racers were Tyler Tipton third, BJ Wagoner fourth, Nick Tubbs fifth, Perry Misner sixth, Bruce Plumisto seventh, Tyrel Smith eighth, Brent Moss ninth, Wheat Lippelmann 10th and Austin Janousek (11th). Brett Ollie, (12th) did not finish.

Modified Class: Michael Wadel took first and Nate More took second. Behind them, Jeremy Frenier came in third, Brady Coen fourth, Jesse Taylor fifth, Darren Deloach sixth, Adam Morris seventh, Jason Haug eighth, Matt Morris ninth, Wheat Lippelmann 10th. John Fose (11th) and Milo Lippelmann (12th) did not finish.



Two cars took a turn at the race tracks during the Econo Class car racing season started. There will be another race this coming Sunday. SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press

Golden Plains attends track meet in Hill City

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The Golden Plains Bulldogs had numerous boys place in events at the Hill City Invitational track meet on May 6.

The meet was not originally on Golden Plains' schedule, but due to the numerous meet cancellations this season, the coaches were glad that Hill City allowed them to compete. It helped the boys prepare for the upcoming league and regional competitions.

The 100-meter dash is a competitive race at most meets and this one was no exception as Jose Bermudez ran a 12.15 and Domonic Luna ran 12.5 with neither placing in the top six. In the also-competitive 200 meter Andrew Luna placed third (24.62) along with brother Domonic finishing sixth (25.37). Andrew also placed first in the 400 meter with a season best time of 53.37. Jesus Garcia ran the 400 meter (58.02) along with Domonic (58.56). Freshman Cole Ziegelmeier specializes in the long distance races and ran a season best 5:19.26 in the 1600 meter for fourth place.

Grant Spresser finished fourth in the 110 meter hurdles (18.34) and Josh Barnhart ran a 19.12. Joseph Koerperich placed sixth in the 300 hurdles with his season best run of 47.72 and Barnhart ran a 50.59.

In the relays, the 4 x 100 meter team of Spresser, Bermudez, Shane Ryburn and Andrew Luna ran a 47.93 – good for fifth place. The 4 x 400 meter relay team changed their lineup to Jesus Garcia, Koerperich, Domonic Luna,



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Golden Plains junior Shane Ryburn landed in the sand of the long jump pit at the Western Kansas Liberty League Track Meet. He finished fifth in triple jump at the Hill City Invitational and has jumped a season best of 38' 3.5" in triple jump and 18' 3.5" in long jump so far this season.

and Andrew Luna who placed third with a time of 3:50.62.

"Changing the lineup seemed to work for us at this meet," said Andrew Luna. "We got our best time so far this season."

Out on the field, Jacob Antholz and Tristan Schwarz each improved their distances with Schwarz placing sixth with a 39'4" throw and Antholz increasing his distance to 34'11.5". Braden Korte also threw the shot 31'3.5". Schwarz also placed fourth in discus with a 124'1" throw. Antholz threw the discus 94'5" and Koi Wessel threw it 79'11".

Both Grant Spresser and Braden Korte increased their distances in the javelin to 106'11" and 106'8" respectively. Joseph Koerperich jumped 5'6 to second place in high jump and Zach Spresser long jumped 18'10" for third place. Additional long jumpers were Shane Ryburn (17'8") and Jose Bermudez (17'3"). Zach also jumped 38'11.25" in the triple jump for third place. Ryburn triple jumped to fifth place at 27'1.25" and Kade Wessel jumped 29'5.25".

The boys will compete in Hays Friday, attempting to qualify for the state meet.

Softball team beats Goodland, falls to Pratt

The Lady Eagles varsity softball team beat their rival Goodland in the regionals, but came up short in their effort to go to state.

Colby started the regional play with a 4-2 victory over the Cowgirls, Wednesday afternoon in Ulysses, but fell 9-0 to the Pratt Lady Greenbacks that night. They had won their first regional game here against Ulysses, 11-0 on Monday, and would have gone on to state in Salina next Thursday.

The first regional game started off with the Lady Eagles and Cowgirls both picking up 2 runs in the first inning. Then the

two teams' defenses took over. Colby shut the Goodland team down, keeping them scoreless for the rest of game. Colby's Kenzie Curry, a senior, took the mound the whole game, striking 12 batters out, twice as many as Goodland pitcher Stephanie De-laRosa.

Colby scored once in the bottom of the third and again in the sixth inning for the win. Curry got 3 hits and Shull 2. They both batted one runner in.

But in their second game against Pratt, the Lady Eagles could not overcome the Lady Greenbacks, who scored big in several innings late in the game.

Both teams kept each other scoreless for the first three innings. Curry and Greenback pitcher Britnee both took the mound all game and matched each other with 8 strikeouts each.

But Pratt finally got on the board in the fourth inning in one run, then picked up a whopping 6 runs in the fifth and finally 2 in the sixth. Hill and Bailey Gillig both got two hits, and the Lady Eagles got 3 hits between them.

Both teams were scoreless in the seventh, bringing Colby's softball season to a close for the year.

Denver player forgets playoffs

By Arnie Stapleton
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ENGLEWOOD, Colo. – Trindon Holliday quickly put his historic playoff performance behind him just as he did all those gasping defenders scattered in his wake.

The former college track star dashed across TV screens in January, Denver's diminutive returner racing right into history when he piled up an NFL-record 248 yards in returns against the Baltimore Ravens. He became the first NFL player ever to take back both a punt and a kickoff for TDs in a playoff game. Moreover, those touchdowns were the longest punt (90 yards) and kickoff (104 yards) returns for scores ever in the post-

season.

Holliday's breakout, however, was relegated to a footnote by Rahim Moore's big blunder on Jacoby Jones' long TD catch in the waning seconds of regulation that led to Denver's stunning double-overtime loss to the Ravens.

If not for that, it might have been Holliday and not Jones putting his fingerprints on the Lombardi Trophy in New Orleans, appearing on Jimmy Kimmel's late show and prancing across the floor this off-

season with Karina Smirnoff on "Dancing With The Stars."

"I mean, I don't really look at it like that. It happened for that guy," Holliday said Tuesday in his first comments since that historic and heartbreaking night in Denver four months ago. "They did what they had to do to win it and he got a chance to be a part of that. It's not nothing major to me. I just have to work at it this year to try to do the same thing they did."

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