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A slick track made for some interesting racing Sunday at the Thomas County Speedway, with cars slipping and sliding around. Ray West in the 31R (above)

spun out and landed on the barrier. He was OK, but his car had to be lifted off the wall. Lucas Miller in the 33 (below) wound up going against traffic briefly before he got himself headed the right direction. That's Paul Donovar facing him in the 9.

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Slippery track makes for fun racing

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The pits were full, with 80 cars for the second race of the season. New drivers pulled in from as far north as North Platte and as far south as Sublette. The track quickly slicked off and made for some great racing throughout the night.

In the Road Runner Manufacturing Econos, Billy Turner jumped out to the early lead while Alex West and Rocky Baalman worked their way through the field. Just after the halfway mark, Ron Baalman got to high coming out of turn four and clipped the front stretch wall, making his car roll several times. Once we got back to green, Rocky Baalman was able to grab the No. 1 slot. The top four: Rocky Baalman, West, Ryan Baalman, and Bryan Guyer.

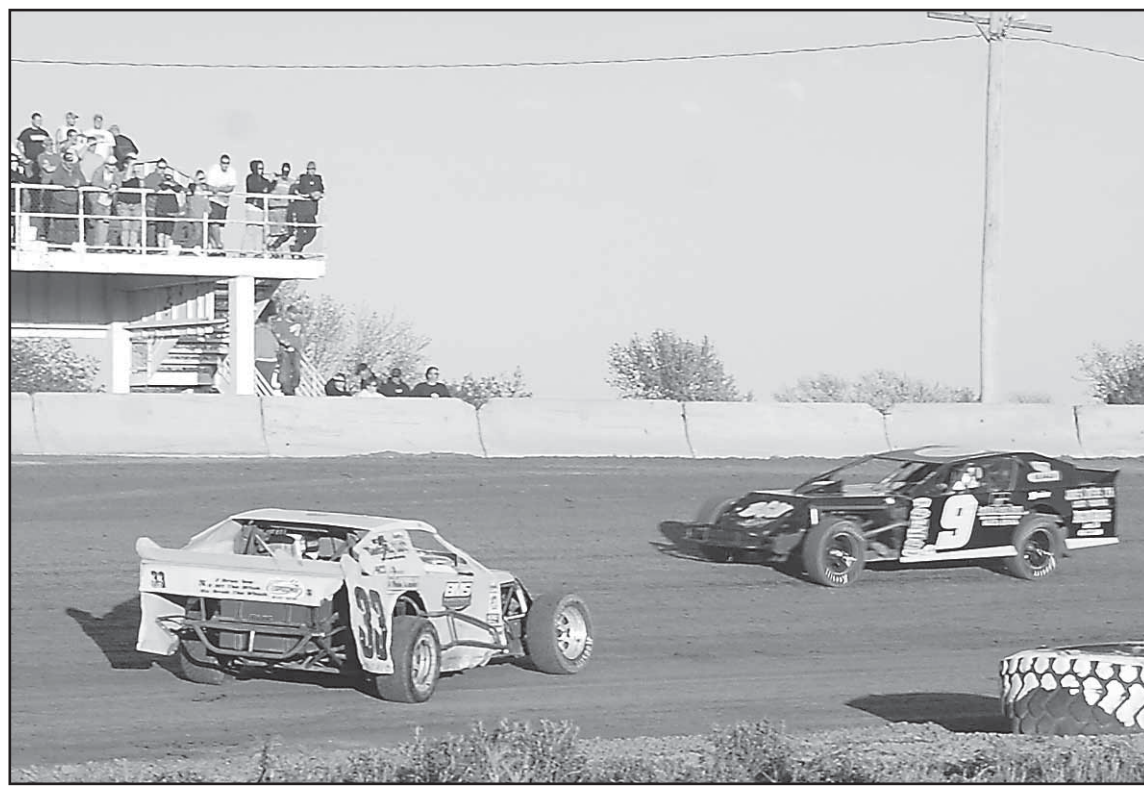
The Imca Sunoco Hobby Stocks started with several cautions, but pole sitter Daniel Irwin was able to grab the early lead. Irwin had to restart with Mike "The Flying Goose" Giesenhagen on his back bumper several times. Towards the end of the race, Richard Boon rolled his car several times with Robert Emmons involved as well.

Cody "Bam Bam" Graham was able to take advantage of the restart by moving into the lead position. His patience and fast car allowed him to grab back-to-back feature wins from the 10th starting position. The top four were Graham, Irwin, Toby Schield, and Jason "Racin'" McIntyre.

In the IMCA Karl Chevrolet Sportmods, Dustin Daniels took advantage of his pole starting spot to jump out to an early lead. Clay Sellard and Jason Brees quickly moved up to the front to battle for the second spot. Clay Money and Daniels Gottschalk worked their way into the top five.

Just after the halfway mark, Daniels pulled into the infield, giving the lead over to Sellard. Brees and Money ran side by side for about eight laps, battling over the runner-up spot. Top four: Sellard, Brees, Money, and Gottschalk.

The fan favorite IMCA Sunoco Stockcars did not fail to disappoint. Brent Moss took the early lead until Bruce "The Moose" Plumisto made a move on the top side for the lead. Cars were three and four wide several rows back for a good portion of the feature. Perry Misner was able to work his way up to the front by lap 5



Racers contest econos, stocks

There was another round of races Sunday at the Thomas County Speedway:

Econo: Rocky Baalman came in first and Alex West second, Ryan Baalman third, Bryan Guyer fourth, Levi Jones fifth, Cody Berg sixth, Ray West seventh, Joey Foster eighth. Ron Baalman and Eric Clayville did not finish.

Hobby Stock: Cody Graham was first and Daniel Irwin second, Toby Schield in third, Jason McNityre fourth, Mike Giesenhagen fifth, Tommy Fose sixth, Eric Ross seventh, Jake Blackhart eighth, Brian Stich ninth, Joey Snethen 10th, Colton Pfeifer 11th, Matt Giesenhagen 12th, Tanner Moss, 13th. Adrienne West, Shelby Stapel, Richard Boon, Robert Emmons, Emanuel Young, Mar-

shall Carson, Curt Kennedy and Michael Johnson did not finish.

Sport Modified: Clay Sellard was first and Jason Brees second, Clay Money third, Daniel Gottschalk fourth, Brandon Clough fifth, Ryan Wark sixth, Andy Barton seventh, Robbie Kasmacek eighth, Paul Donovar ninth, Ryan Stevenson 10th. Lucas Miller, Jasen Gray and Dustin Daniels did not finish, and Warren Harkness did not start.

Stock Car: In first place was Jeff Tubbs, with Tyler Tipton second, Perry Misner third, Jason Rogers fourth, B.J. Wagoner fifth, Wheat Lippelmann sixth, Brent Moss seventh, Kyle Clough

after Plumisto cut a tire. Jeff "The Gambler" Tubbs and Tyler Tipton worked high and low to get around Moss for the second spot.

Once Tubbs got around Moss, he battled Misner for the top spot. Coming out of turn four with the white flag waving, the leader had Tubbs, Tipton and Jason "The

Flying Farmer" Rogers trying to get around him. Tubbs led coming out of two, with the second spot still up for the taking. Tipton was able to get a good enough run out of four to steal the runner-up spot Misner. The top four: Jason Tubbs, Tipton, Misner, and Rogers.

To close out the night was the Xtreme Motorsports IMCA Modifieds, with John Fose and Milo Lippelmann leading the field to green. John Fose jumped out to the lead with Mike Wadel and Adam Morris charging up hard through the field behind him. Within four laps Wadel and Morris were able to get around the leader Fose. As the front two cars left the rest of

the pack, Jason Schoenberger and Nate Moore were moving to the front after starting in the rear of the field. With only four nights in a modified, Mike Wadel looked like a natural, picking up his second win of the season at the reconfigured 3/8-mile high-banked oval. Top four were Wadel, Morris, Schoenberger, and Moore.

The next races will be at 7 p.m. June 9 with hot laps starting at 6 p.m. Thomas County Speedway will also be bringing in the CDM Northern Series Late Models. Once again, kids will have a chance to win a free bike from Wal-Mart.

Track squad takes 8th

College runners 1, 2 in the 10,000 meters

The Colby Community College men's track and field team finished eighth in the final team standing at the National Junior College Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Hutchinson with 38 points.

The Trojans had 14 athletes compete at the championship, led by the duo of Juan Pacheco and Peter Koskey. Pacheco and Koskey began by finishing first and second place in the men's 10,000 meter run May 16 as Colby ended day one leading in the team standings with 18 points.

"It was exciting starting with a national champion and runner-up and to know you're leading the national meet," said Coach James Ortiz, "but we knew there were plenty of events remaining."

On day two, Koskey finished fourth in the men's 3,000-meter Steeplechase. The men's 4x800-meter relay team, Gabriel Johnson, Ashley Riley, Robert Monticone and Josh Quiroga, finished sixth, breaking the school record for the event. Gennard Paul also finished eighth in the men's javelin as the Trojans ended day two in a tie for third.

On the final day, Pacheco and Koskey stepped up again and finished third and fourth in the men's 5,000 meter run as the Colby men finished eighth in the final standings.

"Our team is built to score in the early events," Ortiz said. "We knew we had to hold on to our spot as long as we could. We had our ups and downs but these guys did a great job of fighting all three days."

The eighth marks the best outdoor team finish in the college's Division I history. The previous best for the Trojans was last season, when the men took 10th with 30 points. The Trojan men finished the 2012-13 year with top-10 national finishes in all four running sports - cross country, fourth; half marathon, sixth; indoor track and field, 10th; and outdoor track and field, eighth.

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