

My buddies will catch one if I don't



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Few fishers get more fired up than Oakie (above right) who was ready to jump in and catch a few crappies hopping around the surface at Colby's Villa High Lake on Thursday evening. Yet owner Ron Vrbas (above) knew the experience would be more relaxing without a wet and potentially smelly chihuahua, so 2-year-old Oakie stayed on his leash while keeping those eyes on the water. Well, except for the occasional rest break on the back of Ron's chair (right). Weather was cool and mostly dry across Colby on Thursday, leading to some excellent conditions for several fishers at Villa High. Grandson Stephen Slater (above) and wife Linda Vrbas also enjoyed the sport, as Stephen got a few tugs on his fishing line.



I-70 motorcycle tour hits Colby Saturday

Jump on your cycle and join in! Promoter Mark Ostmeyer has been sharing this message as the Interstate 70 Flattrack Motorcycle Series prepares to visit Colby on Saturday.

"Our goal is to keep the tradition of flattrack racing alive in western Kansas," Ostmeyer said. "One way to do that is get younger people interested."

That's why the tour stop at Thomas County Fairgrounds will feature amateur divisions and kiddie races on Saturday.

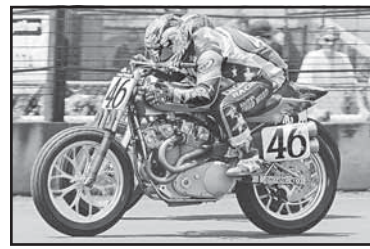
Basically, all motorcycle enthusiasts are encouraged to bring the bike and give it a try.

Ostmeyer knows motorcycles, so both he and the I-70 crew will make any adjustments to cycles that are needed for flattrack racing.

The I-70 Series racers begin their practices at 2:30 p.m.

Hot laps are scheduled for 4 p.m. followed by 7 p.m. main events.

Motorcycle Hall of Famer David Aldana and 14-time Pikes Peak champion Davey Durrelle were mentioned as two of the most famous motorcycle racers visiting Colby.



AMA PRO RACING

Aaron Lindfors from Salina should be one of the top Kansas competitors arriving with the Interstate 70 Flattrack Series when it visits Colby on Saturday.

Mark Gibson of Chromo, Colo.; Australian Peter Lee and possibly John Kockinski from Beverly Hills, Calif., are other well-known tour racers.

Several top Kansas competitors expected include Manhattan's Colt Chebultz and Aaron Lindfors from Salina along with Goodland "veteran" motorcyclist Larry Dickey.

There's even a Bill Snyder from Manhattan listed in the official I-70 Flattrack Series program, but — unfortunately for all good Wildcat fans in attendance — that will not be the Kansas State University football coach.

Broncos win opener

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Denver linebacker Shaun Phillips powered the Broncos' 10-6 exhibition win against the San Francisco 49ers on Thursday night, scooping

up D.J. Harper's second-quarter fumble and returning it 9 yards for the game's lone touchdown.

Both teams showed little offense in this pre-season opener.

Final Speedway title push will draw plenty of traffic

Only one major class at Thomas County Speedway features more than a nine-point lead with one week remaining in the 2013 season.

Clay Money and his 226 points can probably take a Sport Mods title to the bank with another solid performance on Sunday, Aug. 18. He's 22 points ahead of top challenger Andy Barton (204) according to the current standings found at thomascountyspeedway.com

However, every other leader could be feeling some pressure as 10 points can turn during just one race.

A glance at the top 10 in all five top divisions entering those Aug. 18 season finales:

Econos: 1. Alex West 232, 2.

Ryan Baalman 223, 3. Rocky Baalman 220, 4. Ron Baalman 209, 4. Levi Jones 209, 6. Eric Clayville 203, 7. Joey Foster 198, 8. Bryan Guyer 176, 9. Ray West 167, 10. Billy Turner 164.

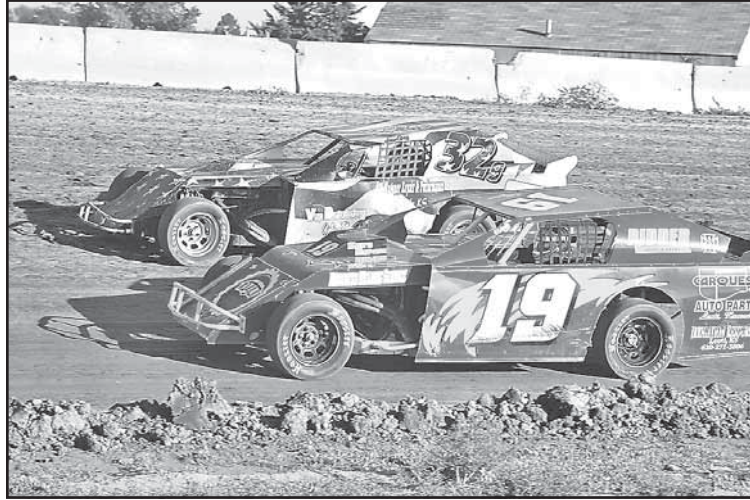
Hobby Stocks: 1. Richard Boon 218, 2. Cody Graham 213, 3. Colton Pfeifer 212, 4. Mike Giesenhagen 201, 5. Daniel Irwin 200, 6. Curt Kennedy 193, 6. Tanner Moss 193, 8. Matt Giesenhagen 150, 9. Jason McIntyre 134, 9. Jake Blackhart 134.

Sport Mods: 1. Clay Money 226, 2. Andy Barton 204, 3. Jasen Gray 190, 4. Dustin Daniels 178, 5. Ryan Wark 170, 6. Jason Brees 146, 7. Clay Sellard 142, 8. Ryan Stevenson 135, 9. Warren Harkness 122, 10. Gage Coen 104.

Stock Cars: 1. B.J. Wagoner 221, 2. Jeff Tubbs 212, 3. Jason Rogers 211, 4. Nick Tubbs 206, 5. Bruce Plumisto 202, 6. Wheat Lippelmann 197, 7. Tyler Tipton 182, 8. Mike Meyer 173, 9. Brent Moss 163, 10. Austin Janousek 161.

Modifieds: 1. Michael Wadel 230, 2. Adam Morris 227, 3. Nate Moore 223, 4. Darren DeLoach 213, 5. Wheat Lippelmann 186, 6. Milo Lippelmann 183, 7. Matt Morris 173, 8. Todd Schwarz 130, 9. Brady Coen 103, 10. Jason Haug 96.

Several special races are also being planned to go with the Jeff Hartwell Memorial on Aug. 18. More details will be featured next week.



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As these two Modified racers showed on July 21, there's little distance to see between leaders and closest pursuers in this season's Thomas County Speedway season title chases.

Shriners announce golf event

The Rick Schroeder Memorial Tournament will be open to all golfers on Saturday, Aug. 31, at Meadow Lake Golf Course.

High Plains Shrine Club members made the announcement this week and "invites all to join in a day of golf fun."

The four-person scramble will feature an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$240 per team with proceeds being used to help shriners assist children in need.

Limited golf carts are available, so participants need to make their own arrangements.

Coffee and pastries will be provided to begin the day. Hamburgers will be served after play.

Golfers can sign up at Meadow Lake or by calling any of these four tourney organizers: Lou Hines at (785) 443-0614, Albert Rall at (785) 694-2791, Robert or Leon Schroeder at (785) 586-2258 and Ken Christiansen at (785) 694-2644.

Another upcoming Meadow Lake Event is the Colby College Men's Basketball tournament next Friday.

Rampaging Royals stomp on Sox for latest victory

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Bruce Chen had the Boston Red Sox popping up and out.

Chen outdueled Jon Lester and the Kansas City Royals defeated the Sox 5-1 Thursday night.

The Royals won for the 16th time in 20 games since the All-Star break. The Red Sox, who have the best record in the American League, lost for only the third time in 10 games.

Chen retired 15 on fly-ball outs. "Movement on the ball," Chen said of the high number of fly outs. "They see it and at the last moment, it cuts or sinks or they're a little bit out in front. I think, also, the combination of different

pitches, not repeating the same pitch or same pattern has to help. Brett (Hayes, the catcher) did a really good job of reading the hitters."

Hayes, who was just called up from Triple-A Omaha, had not caught Chen since spring training. "Bruce was being Bruce," Hayes said. "He kept hitters off balance, throwing all of his pitches for strikes, making them chase and out in front."

Luke Hochevar got the final four outs for his second career save.

Lester (10-7), who came into the game with a 6-2 record and 1.64 ERA in nine starts against the

Royals, needed 41 pitches in the first inning when Kansas City sent eight men to the plate and scored three runs.

Jonny Gomes' fielding error on Alex Gordon's fly to left made two of the runs unearned. Lorenzo Cain, who opened the inning with a double, scored on Gomes' misplay.

Mike Moustakas' two-out single to right with the bases loaded scored Billy Butler and Gordon to make it 3-0.

Rubby De La Rosa replaced Lester in the eighth and Butler hit his first pitch out to center for his 10th home run. Justin Maxwell homered with two outs to make it

5-0. Lester, who was roughed up for six runs and 11 hits in 4 1/3 innings by Arizona in his previous start, shut down the Royals after the first, allowing just two more singles in seven innings.

"I thought he righted himself and did a tremendous job to go seven and give us an opportunity to win," Farrell said.

Stephen Drew, who had two hits to extend his hitting streak to a season high nine games, singled home Gomes in the ninth for the only Red Sox run.

"Bruce is the star of the game," Butler said. "He absolutely pitched his game."

The Royals have been rolling since returning from their All-Star Break.

They started with series triumphs over American League Central division leader Detroit and playoff contender Baltimore.

The Royals then delivered their finest nine-game road trip in more than 40 years of existence, going 8-1 while winning series with the Chicago White Sox, Minnesota Twins and New York Mets.

Yet their success has been somewhat stymied by Detroit's own 12-game winning streak. K.C. still faces an 8 1/2 game deficit and is 4 1/2 games from an American League wildcard spot.

Jayhawks anticipate great matchups

LAWRENCE (AP) — Waiting to see Kansas phenom Andrew Wiggins and Oklahoma State All-American candidate Marcus Smart on the same floor?

You can now start counting the days.

Oklahoma State will travel to Allen Fieldhouse on Jan. 18 for

a nationally televised showdown on CBS, just one of the games unveiled Thursday when the Big 12 released its conference basketball schedule.

The return game in Stillwater will come on Saturday, March 1, an game that could serve as an appealing matchup for ESPN's

"College GameDay" show.

On Wednesday, the Big 12 announced that KU would appear four times on ESPN's "Big Monday" telecasts. Those games, along with the two Oklahoma State contests, should provide plenty of the usual exposure for Bill Self's young Jayhawks.

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