

Saturday opens racing season for speedway

The wind was stiff out of the south, but about 70 cars and a good crowd were on hand for the opening night of racing Saturday at the Sherman County Speedway.

There were a few bangs and bumps, especially with the 31 modified cars that came to race in the BST (blood, sweat and tears) International Motor Contest Association race for season points. In the preliminary heats the yellow caution flag was out frequently.

There were some new drivers in the classes, and some familiar names who took the spotlight.

Christopher Kleine (car 11) of Las Cruces, NM., was the winner in the mini stock class. He was from Burlington last year, and was not expected to race this year.

Roger Snethen (car S5) was the winner of the econo class.

Raymond Dechant (car 00) of Lamar, Colo., was the winner in the bomber class.

Angel Munoz (car 95N) of Lamar was the winner in the stock class.

David Murray (car 97M) of Oberlin was the winner of the IMCA modified class final.

The next night of racing will be Saturday, May 19 with the pits opening at 3 p.m. and the first race starting at 6:30 p.m.

Sherman County Speedway Race Results
May 5, 2007

- MINI STOCK**
11 Christopher Kleine, Las Cruces, NM
21 Don Kleine, Burlington
5 Joshua Frecks, Stratton, Colo.
12 Tyrel Smith
9 Tim Frecks, Stratton
6 Cory Navarro, Burlington
- ECONO**
S5 Roger Snethen

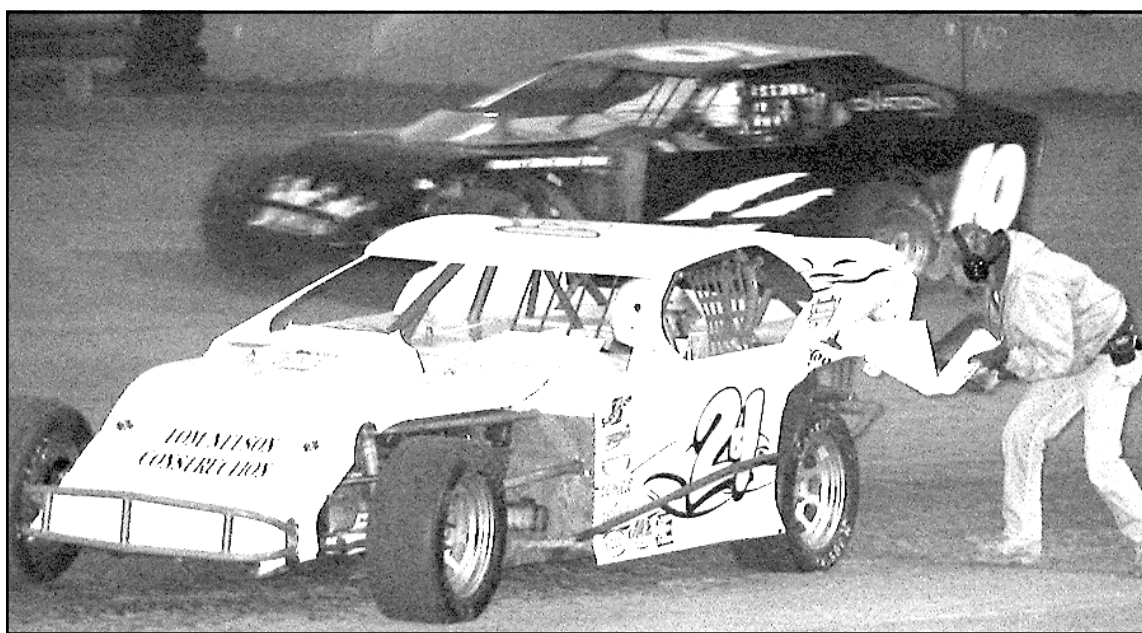
- 99 Dusty Knox
13 Richard Pummer
40 Cody Pancake, Sharon Springs
00 TJ Yarger
44D Brad Davis
86 Dan Blair, St. Francis
79 Hollister Jones
4 Lee Hageman
7 Adrienne West
44 Donovan Nichols, Brewster
43 Cory Ballentine, Wallace

BOMBER

- 00 Raymond Dechant, Lamar, Colo.
21M Matt Morris, Lamar
11X Ron Haremza, Colby
16 Brett Glassman, Oakley
S98 Joey Snethen
8 Brian Morris, Lamar
87 Joshua Rohrbough, Scott City

STOCK

- 95N Angel Munoz, Lamar
32 Lloyd Meeske, Champion, Neb.
8 Ryan Wark, Colby
100 Mike Maddox, Aurora, Colo.
34N Tom Nelson Jr, Aurora
05 Jesse Taylor, Fort Morgan, Colo.



William McKnight, Sherman County Speedway worker, bent up a section of fender on Jason Brees' (21B) modified car during a yellow caution in a modified preliminary Saturday. Brees from Westminster, Colo. got his fender tangled with another car and once the fender had been bent up Brees continued to race.

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MODIFIED

- 97M David Murray, Oberlin
9R Robby Haines, Benkelman, Neb.
9 Cliff Lawson, Arvada, Colo.
02 Troy Plummer, Oakley
2M Angel Munoz, Lamar, Colo.
17J Jeremy Frenier, Fort Morgan, Colo.
41 Ronnie Hill, Sharon Springs

- 21Z Mark Zorn, Russell
33I Chris Luecke, Stratton, Colo.
1XS Dan Schwartz, Wray, Colo.
7S David Solberg, Burlington
15W Will Brack, Mead
21 Darren Deloach, Lamar, Colo.
37 Jeff Tubbs, Colby
62 Matt Fabrizius, Wakeeney

- 737 Nick Tubbs, Colby
16M Matt Brack, Mead, Colo.
3E Ricky Erickson, Peyton, Colo.
16Z Jeremy Zorn, Russell
2J Jim Gronewold, Wray, Colo.
27 John Fose, Wakeeney
42 John Fabrizius, Wakeeney
21B Jason Brees, Westminster, Colo.

Goodland Cowboys lose three, win one at classic

The Cowboys won their last game of the regular season Saturday, but lost the three other games they played at the Western Diamond Classic in Hays.

The Cowboys finish the regular season with a 4-14 record, and will face Colby on Monday at 5 p.m. in the first round of regional Class 4A play.

Last Thursday the Cowboys were stomped by Salina Central, 14-3. Friday the Cowboys lost to Hays High 7-1, and lost to Liberal 5-2. Saturday the Cowboys defeated Word of Life 10-4.

Coach Devlin Mull said the team had trouble getting into scoring position, and then getting that next hit to score a run.

He was glad they were able to win one of the four, and felt they should have defeated Liberal.

Against Salina Central senior Andrew Pettibone was the starting pitcher, but sophomore Brandon Rome came in the fifth inning with the score 9-3. Rome gave up five runs in the fifth to give Salina Central a 14-3 win.

In the game the Cowboys had 3 runs on 6 hits, 1 error and left 4 on base. Salina Central had 14 runs on 11 hits, 4 errors and left 6 on base.

The Cowboys had back-to-back singles in the first inning from

Baseball team finishes season on a winning note

The Cowboys baseball team finished the regular season on a winning note beating the Word of Life Traditional School of Wichita 10-4 Saturday at Hays.

The Word of Life baseball team is the defending state champion in the Kansas Christian Athletic Association, said Fire Coach Bob Adamson.

The Cowboys won one of four games in the Western Diamond Classic held in Hays last week. The Cowboys lost to Salina Central 14-3, Hays High 7-1 and to Liberal 5-2.

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and will face Colby at 5 p.m. on Monday in Colby in the first round of the Class 4A playoffs. Colby is the No. 1 seed and Goodland is seeded No. 8.

Coach Devlin Mull said the team played well Saturday, and was pleased to get the win. He said they had expected Word of Life to be a tougher team, but he was told they had graduated a lot of their good players last year.

"Any win is a good win," Mull said. "I hope it gives us a lift going into the playoffs. We have played close games with Colby, but they have beaten us three times."

The Cowboys fell behind 2-0 in the first inning against the Fire as Cowboy senior Andrew Pettibone struggled a little giving up a single and then advancing the Fire's lead-off runner to third on a passed ball and a wild pitch. Pettibone gave up two more singles before striking out the sixth batter to end the inning down 2-0.

The Cowboys broke through in the third inning making it a 2-1 game. Junior Josh Doke was hit by a pitch, and scored when Pettibone was picked off at second.

In the fourth the Cowboys took

a 6-2 lead scoring 5 runs on 2 hits. Junior Tanner Smith got a walk to leadoff the inning, advanced to second with sophomore Rory Kling got a walk. Smith advanced to third on a balk by the Fire pitcher, and scored on a wild pitch to tie the game at 2-2 with no outs.

Sophomore Brandon Rome drew a walk, and Kling advanced to third on another wild pitch. Freshman Kevin Amthor hit a double to drive in Rome and Kling. Amthor and junior Preston Dautel scored on an RBI single by senior Tyler Hillmer to make it 6-2.

The Fire scored two runs in the

fifth to close to 6-4, but the Cowboys added two runs to stretch the lead to 8-4. Kling and Amthor scored on a two-run single by Dautel.

Neither team scored in the sixth inning, and the Cowboys added two more runs in the seventh on a single by Kling that scored Smith and a single by Amthor that scored Kling.

The Cowboys changed pitchers in the sixth inning with Hillmer coming in to relieve Pettibone.

The Cowboys had 10 runs on 6 hits, 1 error and left 3 on base. The Fire had 4 runs on 10 hits, 4 errors and left 6 on base.

Rome and junior Tanner Smith, but were unable to score. Senior Tyler Hillmer and Pettibone had singles in the second, and Pettibone scored on a fielder's choice.

Sophomore Rory Kling had a two-run double in the sixth inning scoring Rome and junior Forrest Trachsel. Rome had reached base on a walk and Trachsel had a single before Kling's double scored them both.

Against Hays High the Cowboys had a 1-0 lead after the third inning, but Hays got 3 runs in the fourth, 1 in the fifth and 3 in the sixth to win 7-1.

The Cowboys had 1 run on 3 hits, no errors and left 8 on base. Hays 7 runs on 8 hits, 3 errors and left 2 on base.

Hillmer kept his hitting average up with a single in the third, and the

other two Cowboy hits were a single by Smith in the fourth and Rome had a single in the fifth.

Hillmer pitched the game against Hays giving up one hit in the first three innings before the Indians got three hits in the fourth, one in the fifth and three in the sixth. He struck out two, gave up one walk and a two-run home run to the Indians' Jacobs in the sixth inning.

Against Liberal Friday afternoon the game was scoreless through the first four innings and Cowboy pitcher junior Preston Dautel gave up two hits including a double in the second and a single in the third. Dautel gave up a single in the fifth and four singles in the sixth to give Liberal a 5-2 win.

Hillmer had a single in the sixth, advanced to second on a passed

ball, and scored on a RBI single by Smith. The Cowboys second run came in the seventh when Trachsel scored on a sacrifice by Kling.

The Cowboys had 2 runs on 5 hits, 1 error and left 3 on base. Liberal had 5 runs on 6 hits, no errors and left 5 on base.

Saturday the Cowboys defeated the Word of Life Traditional School 10-4.

Golfers took home four medals at Ulysses

By Sharon Corcoran
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The Cowboys had four medalists and took second place at the Ulysses Invitational golf meet Saturday, while the junior varsity team took sixth at the Oberlin Invitational.

Goodland had a team score of 334 at Ulysses. The host won the meet with 326, and Garden City was third with 372. Fourth was Liberal with 376, followed by Meade, Scott City and Hugoton, each with 394. Ulysses B with 413 and Larned with 465.

Mikey Doll was third individually, finishing in 80 strokes. Andrew Taylor was fifth in 83, Nathan Linn sixth in 84 and Darrick Ihrig ninth in 87. Joel Weis finished in 95 and Ryan Gausman in 97.

"Mikey and Andrew have really started to play better in the last couple of weeks," said Coach Jon McLean. "This really helps our team score."

"It is always good to have four kids place. Darrick Ihrig is getting better as well."

Goodland was sixth at Oberlin

with a team score of 380. Phillipsburg won with 329, Colby was second with 354, Oberlin third with 355, Tribune fourth with 354 and Sharon Springs fifth with 373.

Behind Goodland were Rawlins County with 383, Trego with 385, Quinter with 400 and Southwest with 424.

Brandon Douglas finished in 87 strokes, Andrew Miller in 93, Drew Raile in 97, Nelson Bergemann in 103, Ross Townsend in 111 and Jace

Mosbarger in 113.

This can be a tough course, McLean said; you have to be able to hit the ball straight. Brandon played well and just missed medaling, the coach said.

The Cowboys' next competition is the Northwest Kansas League meet at 2 p.m. today at Oakley. Regional golf will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday at Russell. State golf will be at 8 a.m. Monday, May 21.

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District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

March 24 — Lacey N. Doherty, \$138 for speeding.

Kimberly K. Kilgore, \$126 for improper parking.

Alexander J. Lewis, \$165 for speeding.

March 25 — Thomas J. Fuller, \$156 for speeding.

Bryan A. Hileman, dismissed for no liability insurance.

March 26 — Gary L. Anderson, \$126 for speeding.

March 27 — Judith A. Bailey, \$126 for speeding.

March 29 — David L. Buck, \$96 for speeding.

Donald R. Clemons II, \$126 for improper parking.

David S. Meredith, \$138 for speeding.

March 30 — Aaron D. McClintock, \$126 for speeding.

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