

Sprint cars will highlight races

The United Rebel Sprint Series will highlight the 14th Bill Gray Memorial race bill Saturday night as the winged cars visit Sherman County Speedway for the first time.

The racing night is named in honor of the late Bill Gray, a former member of the county fair board, and was a staunch supporter of the speedway, said Doug Hilty, who used to drive a race car before a farm accident that put him in a wheel chair.

Hilty said the memorial used to be held during the fair, but with scheduling problems it got moved later in August. He said it is a way the Sherman County Racing Association honors the help they received from Gray.

Association President Alex West said this is the first appearance of the larger Sprint cars on the Goodland track, and he expects some high-speed racing this weekend.

The mini-sprint cars ran on June 3 at speeds around 100 mph. West said the series cars run on 305 Chevy engines.

The new traveling Sprint car series will bring drivers from Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado to attack the three-eighths-mile oval, said Rick Salem of Oberlin, founder and promoter for the series.

Leading the Rebels into town will be points leader Jon Johnson (car 86) from Utica. Johnson, who returned to racing this year after being burned two years ago in a fire at Hutchinson, has won six events this season.

He is a five-time National Cham-



The sprint car driven by Jon Johnson from Utica. Johnson is the points leader in the United Rebel Sprint Series.

pionship Racing Association champion and a three-time International Motor Contest Association national champion in the Sprint car division.

Among the drivers attempting to catch Johnson will be Goodland Sprint car driver Mark Bantam, (car 82) currently running eighth in points with 12 points separating him from sixth place. Bantam's best finish this season was a third in Oberlin on July 16 when he led for over half of the feature race before being passed by Johnson and Travis Decker of WaKeeney. Decker worked his way passed Johnson on the 17th lap only to have the veteran ace drive around him coming out of turn four on the last lap to take the win.

Also coming to race will be Justin Schwien from Russell, currently second in points with three second-place finishes this year. Schwien is hungry to get his first win. Other drivers include Randy Bantam, Billy Smith and Kyle Fields from Norton; Hill City's hard-charging Larry Radcliffe; Smokey Fairbanks from Ransom; Deckers, Colo.'s, Tim Perkins; and Nebraska's Tommy Williams and Doug Roth, just to name a few.

The series has developed into one of the most exciting forms of Sprint car racing in the area, Salem says. The race format used by the traveling series inverts the top 10 qualifiers in the feature, ensuring a lot of passing and close wheel-to-wheel

action for the fans.

Also on tap Saturday night will be the regular race classes for mini-stocks, econo stocks, bombers, stocks and modifieds. The pit gate opens at 3 p.m. and racing starts at 6:30 p.m.

The night should provide fans some of the best dirt-track action this season, West said. The price for admission is \$5 for kids 7 to 12 and \$10 for adults 13 and up. Children 6 and under are free. The trophies for the night are being sponsored by Goodland's Super 8 Motel.

Salem said he drove Sprint cars for 30 years, and started the United Rebel Sprint Car series to bring the price of fielding a Sprint car low enough so the average person can afford to race them.

"Engines alone for the average 360 Sprint car (the largest engine Sprint car series) are in the \$20 to \$30 thousand dollar range," Salem said. "With the rules on the 305 Sprint car class a driver or racing team can field a complete car that is capable of winning for around \$5 to \$10 thousand.

"These cars are evenly matched. Money doesn't win these races. Drivers and pit crews do. By controlling the costs it makes it affordable for promoters and tracks in towns with smaller population to offer their fans a first class full size Sprint car program for less than one-third of a 360 Sprint car purse.

"This is the first year, but I feel this is the way we are going to keep true Sprint car racing alive in this part of the country."

Getting into the swing



Senior Jillian Parker, daughter of Lauren and Geralyn Parker, practiced her swing during girls tennis practice on Wednesday afternoon. Student athletes started practice on Monday at Goodland High School. Coach Wallace Hansen said their first match is Thursday in Cimmaron.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Broncos coach appreciates fan support from Kansas

By Jim Merriott

The Oberlin Herald

With sweaty brows, the Denver Broncos prepared for their first preseason game against the Detroit Lions last Wednesday.

The 95-degree temperature did not seem to matter. The Broncos went about their morning practice in a business-like, no-nonsense yet spirited manner before about 1,000 fans who cheered the good plays.

Mike Shanahan, in his 12th year (122-74-622) as head coach for the Broncos, was only heard once during practice, commending free-agent running back Mike Bell (6-0, 220), who went undrafted during this



Shanahan

ing games.

Bell's quickness, speed and his hustling attitude have landed him in the starting lineup after just three weeks of practice.

spring's NFL college draft. Bell played college football at Arizona, where he was the fourth all-time leading rusher in school history with 3,163 yards on 678 attempts (4.7 average), scored 17 touchdowns in 46 games and posted 11 career 100-yard rush-

Shanahan has had a keen eye over his coaching career to be able to spot running backs who have been able to fit into the Broncos' running game.

Shanahan has developed runners such as Terrell Davis, Olandis Gary, Clinton Portis, Reuben Droughns and Mike Anderson, all of whom have rushed for more than 1,000 yards a season during their Broncos careers. Shanahan has also had high praise for fourth-round rookie wide receiver Brandon Marshall (6-4, 222) from Central Florida, who has caught just about everything thrown to him in camp.

He said the Broncos' No. 1 draft pick (the

11th overall pick) this spring, quarterback Jay Cutler from Vanderbilt, is coming along quite nicely. Broncos quarterbacks must learn over 1,000 plays and know where each player lines up for each play in the book, he noted. Cutler threw for 192 yards and one touchdown in his first NFL exhibition game Saturday against the Detroit Lions.

Who's hot: David Kircus (6-2, 192), free agent wide receiver, third year, Grand Valley State; and Domonique Foxworth (5-11, 180), second-year cornerback, Maryland.

Who's not: Ashley Lelie (6-3, 200), fifth-year wide receiver, Hawaii, camp holdout;

Bradlee Van Pelt (6-2, 220), second-year quarterback, Colorado State; Courtney Brown (6-4, 285), seventh-year defensive end, Penn State, knee surgery; and Todd Sauerbrun (5-10, 215), twelfth-year, punter, West Virginia, four-game league suspension.

"I would just like to say that all of us who work for the Broncos appreciate the fan support from the northwestern Kansas and western Nebraska area," Shanahan said. "We consider that area to be part of the Broncos Nation."

Three college teams among top 25

Three teams from the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference were among the top 25 in this season's preseason poll by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

The poll, released Wednesday, has Tabor College ranked No. 21, Friends University at No. 22 and Kansas Wesleyan University No. 23.

Tabor went 11-1 last season, losing in the quarterfinals of the national playoffs.

Although the Bluejays were the top-ranked Kansas team in the na-

tional poll, they finished third in the conference coaches' poll released last week.

The Falcons of Friends were the coaches' pick to win the conference title this season, getting four of eight first-place votes cast. Kansas Wesleyan got the other four first-place votes and finished second in the coaches' poll.

The Coyotes were 8-2 last year while Friends went 7-3.

All 10 teams of the conference open their season on Saturday, Sept. 9, with Kansas Wesleyan traveling to Hillsboro to take on Tabor for an

early battle between top-25 teams. Friends opens against Bethany College in Lindsborg, Bethel College takes on Southwestern College in Winfield, Sterling College visits McPherson College and the Braves of Ottawa University travel to Leavenworth to face the University of St. Mary.

Each team will play a 10-game schedule during the regular season facing all nine conference opponents in addition to one nonconference game.

Montana's Carroll College finished No. 1 in the national pre-

season poll, getting 15 of the 16 first-place votes.

The Saints will be looking for their fifth straight national title when they start their season on Saturday, Sept. 2, against Black Hills State University in Spearfish, S.D.

Other Kansas teams receiving votes in the preseason poll were MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe and Benedictine College in Atchison. Both belong to the Heart of America Athletic Conference.

matters of record

Real Estate

The following real estate transactions were reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds:

Gary Lovelace and Linda Lovelace to Craig Orlovski N115' of Lots 1 and 2, Block 23, First Addition to the City of Goodland.

Carol Ward and Kenton Ward of Teller County, Colo. to Craig Orlovski N115' of Lots 1 and 2, Block 23, First Addition to the City of Goodland.

Judy Mann and Terry Mann to Craig Orlovski N115' of Lots 1 and 2, Block 23, First Addition to the City of Goodland.

Steven C. Huebert and Greta S. Huebert to Jeff Soper an undivided 1/4 interest to Lot 4, Block 59, Original Town of Goodland.

Steven C. Huebert, administrator

of the estate of David J. Huebert, to Jeff Soper an undivided 1/4 interest to Lot 4, Block 59, Original Town of Goodland.

Stan Basgall, administrator C.T.A. of the estate of Doris J. Huebert, to Jeff Soper an undivided 1/2 interest to Lot 4, Block 59, Original Town of Goodland.

Connie K. Masters of St. Louis County, Mo. to Connie K. Masters and Lawrence R. Masters, trustees or successor trustees of Connie K. Masters revocable living trust Sec. 35, T9S R37W.

Jacob W. Wilkening and Gladys D. Wilkening to Jacob and Gladys Wilkening Trust NE/4 and SW/4 Sec. 5, T7S R41W; N/2 NE/4 Sec. 8, T7S R41W; and E/2 Sec. 6, T7S R41W.

Jacob W. Wilkening and Gladys

D. Wilkening to Timothy Wilkening and Samantha Wilkening NW/4 Sec. 5, T7S R41W.

First National Bank to John G. Coumerilh and Mary Ellen Coumerilh Lots 1 and 2, Block 47, Second Addition to the City of Goodland.

Clifford E. Smith and Marcia K. Smith to David W. Goodwin and Mellanie M. Goodwin a tract of land in NE/4 Sec. 10, T10S R39W.

Marshall E. Cook and Tracy A. Cook to Clifford E. Smith and Marcia K. Smith a tract of land in W/2 Sec. 31, T8S R39W.

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