

Crowd enjoys watching older cars perform

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The old crossed paths with the new at the historic half-mile Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton on Saturday and Sunday, August 30-31 when the United Rebel Sprint Series 305 Winged Sprint Cars raced for point standings and the Vintage Racers from the Kansas Antique Racers, Colorado Vintage Oval Racers and Big Car Racing Association roared around the track during exhibitions that brought back fond memories to the large crowd of fans.

In two nights of fast paced action, fans saw legends from the past as well as legends in the

making.

When it was all said and done, Quinter's C.J. Johnson took the checkered flag to win the winged sprint features both nights and pad his point totals. On Saturday, Johnson was followed across the finish line by Ken Lutters, his father Jon Johnson, Ray Seemann and Craig Jecha in the top five. Norton's Randy Bantam was 13th. Heat race winners were Paul Flynn, Cody Salem and Craig Jecha.

The Weld Racing Wheels "Hard Charger Award" went to Justin Schwien, who fought his way through the field from his 22nd starting spot to finish in the ninth

position.

In Sunday's feature, C.J. Johnson was followed to the finish line by Seemann, Jon Johnson, Smokey Fairbank and Schwien to round out the top five. Bantam placed tenth. Heat race winners were Schwien, Seemann and Jon Johnson.

The Weld Racing Wheels "Hard Charger Award" went to C.J. Johnson, who came from his tenth starting spot to claim the win.

The Vintage Cars showcased the best of the 1930s, 1940s, 1950s and 1960s race cars as they were raced at county fairs on countless weekends across the United States. Many of the cars were built

by area racers and campaigned at tracks throughout the region in their hey days.

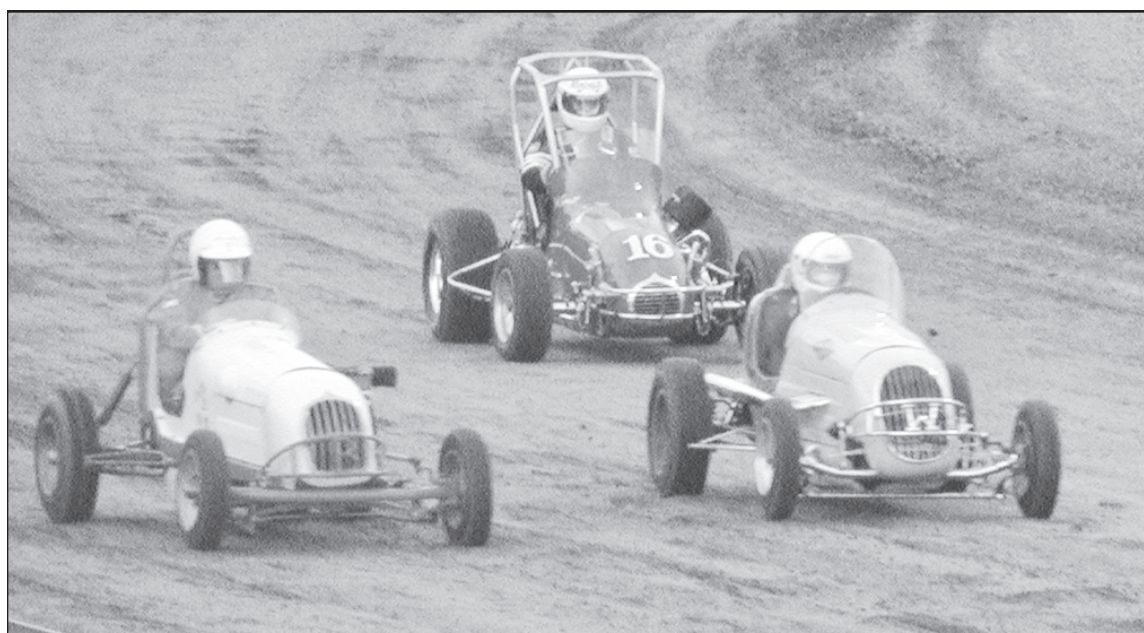
In addition to Kansas, vintage cars were present from Colorado, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas.

Local organizers Jerry Bantam and Don McMullen thanked the City of Norton, Norton Volunteer Fire Department, Norton County EMS, Whitney Construction and all other volunteers for making the two nights of racing and vintage exhibitions successful.

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Vintage midgets competing in an exhibition race at Norton's Elmwood Park Speedway on Aug. 30 were, from left: Curtis Bartell, Denver; Dick Surratt, Littleton, Colo.; and Pete Brandenburg, Eagle, Colo.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Randy Bantam, Norton, competed in his 305 winged sprint car in the races on Aug. 30-31 on the fast half-mile track at Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Leading the pack in the early sprint car and rails exhibition race on Aug. 30 at Norton's Elmwood Park Speedway was Dallas McMullen, Norton, driving the legendary #81 sprint car owned by Don McMullen and Jerry Bantam of Norton. The car was built by the late Francis Schulze.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Tennis team busy in two places

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Half of the Norton Community High School tennis team competed in the Goodland Varsity Tournament on Tuesday.

"We had two varsity tournaments today so half of the team went to Phillipsburg and we added junior varsity players to make two complete varsity teams," said Norton head coach Marianne Wicker, who was with the team at Goodland.

"Our junior varsity girls were nervous and excited because they knew the competition was going to be extremely tough. I was impressed with how well our girls handled the competition.

"Goodland chose to use two different courts in different locations so we had to run back and forth between courts. I'm proud of all our girls today. Everyone stepped up and gave 100 percent. We didn't get many wins but I know our girls had a lot of fun and gained lots of experience today."

In addition to Norton and Goodland, teams from Colby, Trego Community, Scott City, Tribune and Ulysses were present. Garden City was unable to compete so a

Mixed Team was organized to make an eight-team total.

Emily Juenemann played No.1 singles for the Lady Blue Jays and placed fifth. She lost 6-1 to Olivia Fabrizius, Trego; lost 6-2 to Kayla Hockersmith, Colby; defeated Shannon Blair, Scott City, 6-3 and outscored Sandra Redlin, Goodland, 6-0.

"Emily's first two rounds were tough matches," said coach Wicker. "Her scores don't reflect just how close they were. She really rallied in her third round and played awesome in her final pool play."

No.1 doubles players for Norton were Kelsey Nuzum and Allie Corbin. They lost 6-1 to Jamie Hendrickson and Cala Nowlin, Trego; 6-2 to Lindsay Wilson and Caitlyn Wark, Colby; 6-3 to Christine Chambers and Kaitlin Stockman, Scott City and 6-3 to Kelli Crittenden and Keley Crittenden, Tribune.

"This was Kelsey and Allie's first time playing together in tournament play," said coach Wicker. "They communicated well, both gave 100 percent but weren't able to come away with any wins today."

Ashley Millan was the Lady Jays' No.2 singles player. She lost 6-0 to Rachel Newcomer, Trego; 6-0 to Barbara Bickner, Colby; 6-0 to Shanea McBride, Scott City and 6-3 to Vanessa Esparza, Ulysses.

"Ashley played awesome today," said coach Wicker. "She normally plays No.2 singles for our junior varsity so this was tough competition for her."

"I'm extremely proud of Ashley. Her serving has improved and she really hustled!"

No.2 doubles players for Norton were Morgan Baumann and Kaitlyn Ross. They lost 6-2 to Amelia Fabrizius and Leah Flax, Trego; 6-1 to Lauren Betnell and Kim Gerstner, Colby; 6-3 to Erica Wright and Kaitlin Norman, Scott City and lost a 10-8 tiebreaker to Page Seiger and Michaela Garrett, Goodland.

"Morgan and Kaitlyn were outstanding together today!" said coach Wicker. "They both had some awesome shots and communicated well but weren't able to come away with any wins."

The Norton junior varsity will compete Tuesday in the Goodland JV Tournament, beginning at 3 p.m.

Junior high football disturbs Ellis

The Norton Junior High 8th grade football team rolled over Ellis in a soggy contest last Thursday (Sept. 11), 34-14.

As coach George Rossi said, "This was one of the soggiest games we have played. We were having a hard time keeping Ellis' receivers covered in the first half, and then the rain started and that helped us."

He added, "We were able to move the ball on Ellis all night and our defense was able to stop the run game of Ellis."

"I have to give credit to our cheering section during the heavy rain for really firing up our boys on the field. This is a game our kids will remember for a long time."

Score by quarters
Norton 14 - 8 - 6 - 6 = 34
Ellis 14 - 0 - 0 - 0 = 14

Scoring
1st quarter — Jacob Brooks 20-yd run, PAT Brooks run; John Renner 65-yd pass from Dalton Miller.

2nd quarter — Brooks 15-yd

run, PAT Miller pass to Renner.
3rd quarter — Brooks 23-yd run.

4th quarter — Brooks 7-yd run.

Rushing
Brooks, 19 carries, 150 yards, 3 TD; Austin Hager, 9-84; Miller, 13-12; Lane Archer, 2-7.

Passing
Miller, 3 attempts, 3 completions, 80 yards.

Receiving
John Risewick, 1 for 7 yards; Renner, 1 for 65 yards; Hager, 1 for 8 yards.

Tackles
Hager 5; Treven Rossi 5; Miller 5; Carson McKenna 4; Lane Bigge 3; Cody Ellis 4; Ryan Bainter 3; and Eli Bozarth 3.

7th grade blanks Ellis 22-0
"This was a nice win for the team," said coach Rossi. "The boys started out slowly in the first half, but were able to turn on the gas in the second half and scored some touchdowns. The

boys worked well as a team and continue to work hard."

By quarters
Norton 0 - 0 - 14 - 8 = 22
Ellis 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 = 0

Scoring
3rd quarter — Toby Nickell, 17-yd run; Nickell, 49-yd run, PAT Andrew Ellis run.

4th quarter — Tanner Furbush, 38-yd run, PAT Ellis pass to Marc Miller.

Rushing
Nickell, 9 carries, 117 yards, 2 TD; Furbush, 9-107-1; Lane Archer, 3-10.

Passing
Ellis, 4 attempts, 1 completion, 7 yards.

Receiving
Trever Lewis, 1 catch, 7 yards.

Tackles
Lewis 2; Nickell 3; Kolton Harting 4; Travis Cressler 9; Cole Renner 3; Ellis 4; Garrett Otter 3; Lane Vanover 1; Marc Miller 1; Jordan Hartwell 2; and Lucas Engel 2.

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