

Sports

Oberlin man dominates modified races

By MIKE HUGHES

Race fans were treated to beautiful weather and great racing action Saturday at the Oberlin Speedway, with Oberlin's Dave Murray dominating the modified race.

Murray picked up his third win of the season in the IMCA Modified division as he easily outdistanced the field in the 20-lap feature.

Murray took the lead from polesitter Milo Lippelmann on lap 4 and pulled away for the win. Marty Clark won the battle for second over Rick Schwab, with first heat winner Doug Holzmeister and Brice Riley rounding out the top five. Clark and Murray won the other two heats.

The IMCA Stock Car feature saw three leaders. Lenora's Jay Hachmeister took the lead at the drop of the green, but gave way to Norton's Jason Davis on lap 3. Hachmeister spun on lap 6 to bring out the only caution in the 20-lap event.

Josh Hudson of Athol, who started ninth in the 10-car field, worked his way to second by the halfway mark, then passed Davis two laps later and drove on to the winner's circle for the third time this season at Oberlin.

Tyler Hahn passed Davis late for second, with heat 2 winner Jason Schoenberger fourth and Dan Lauer fifth. First heat winner Jason Rogers was sixth.

John Annon of Norton won his first ever feature race as he led from start to finish in the 12-lap IMCA Hobby Stock race.

Robert Rutherford, Cory Struckhoff, Kelly Karnopp and Jim Buss completed the top five. Heat race winners were Struckhoff and Jason Koch.

Duane Wahrman of Palco did the same in the Bomber main event as he led from opening green to checkers. He was followed by Matt Giesenhagen, Paul Tally, Jeremy Wagner and Donald Dodds. Wahrman also won the heat race.

Norton duo Wes and Chuck Eagleburger scored their fourth win of the season at Oberlin in the Cruiser class.

The Eagleburgers, who also won the heat race, led all eight laps in the main event.

Joe and Jim Carter finished second, followed by Kirk Persinger and Justin Graham.

After winning the Classic Modified heat race, Devin Allen of Culbertson made it a clean sweep with a win in the main event over Duke Ebert and Pat Miller.

Doug Thompson and crew from the *Jayhawk Racing Journal* were on hand to hand out free papers, and had their IMCA Modified in competition. They also provided their race car for a special match race between Decatur County Sheriff Ken Badsky, KFNF deejay Bruce Arm-

bruster, and head flagman Terry Goscha. Badsky had the best time of the three competitors. The *Journal* made a donation to the Decatur County Seeds of Hope campaign.

The next race will be the season finale at Oberlin Speedway on Sunday, Sept. 19, with all six classes in action starting at 6 p.m.

RESULTS:

Classic Modifieds
Heat: 1. Devin Allen, 2. Duke Ebert, 3. Pat Miller.

Feature: 1. Allen, 2. Ebert, 3. Miller.

Bombers

Heat: 1. Duane Wahrman, 2. Donald Dodds, 3. Jeromy Wagner, 4. Lynn Wright.

Feature: 1. Wahrman, 2. Matt Giesenhagen, 3. Paul Tally, 4. Wagner, 5. Dodds, 6. Wright, 7. Caleb Peters.

IMCA Hobby Stocks

Heat 1: 1. Cory Struckhoff, 2. Kelly Karnopp, 3. Dave Meitl, 4. Les Janousek.

Heat 2: 1. Jason Koch, 2. John Annon, 3. Justin Wagner, 4. Robert Rutherford.

Feature: 1. Annon, 2. Rutherford, 3. Struckhoff, 4. Karnopp, 5. Jim Buss, 6. Wagner, 7. Koch, 8. Janousek, 9. Laura Hinger, 10. Dodds, 11. John Jensen.

IMCA Stock Cars

Heat 1: 1. Jason Rogers, 2. Kelly Ford, 3. Josh Hudson, 4. Jason Davis.

Heat 2: 1. Jason Schoenberger, 2. Tyler Hahn, 3. Dan Lauer, 4. Jay Hachmeister.

Feature: 1. Hudson, 2. Hahn, 3. Davis, 4. Schoenberger, 5. Lauer, 6. Rogers, 7. Hachmeister, 8. Ford, 9. Phil Hinger, 10. Bruce Eskew (DNF), 11. Joe Kasson (DNS).

IMCA Modifieds

Heat 1: 1. Doug Holzmeister, 2. Doug Shearer, 3. Brian Calhoun, 4. Brice Riley.

Heat 2: 1. Marty Clark, 2. Nick Tubbs, 3. Milo Lippelmann, 4. Brandon Hagan.

Heat 3: 1. David Murray, 2. Troy Bayne, 3. Rick Schwab, 4. Robby Haines.

Feature: 1. Murray, 2. Clark, 3. Schwab, 4. Holzmeister, 5. Riley, 6. Shearer, 7. Jim Arnold, 8. Calhoun, 9. Don Hagan, 10. Tubbs, 11. Lippelmann, 12. Danny Keller, 13. Doug Thompson, 14. Bayne (DNF), 15. B. Hagan (DNF), 16. Haines (DNF).

Cruisers

Heat: 1. Wes Eagleburger/Chuck Eagleburger, 2. Joe Carter/Jim Carter, 3. Jeff Doty/Mike Doty, 4. Kirk Persinger/Justin Graham.

Feature: 1. Eagleburger/Eagleburger, 2. Carter/Carter, 3. Persinger/Graham, 4. Jeremy Jensen/Rick Touslee, 5. Bret Marietta/Jason Thomas, 6. Doty/Doty.



AFTER SCHOOL Monday, the Red Devil football team practiced east of the high school, getting ready for the Soap Scrimmage Thursday night. —Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Team is gearing up for football season

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

With 14 returning lettermen and a 48-member squad, fans of the Decatur Community High Red Devils are hoping for a winning season.

The boys will show their stuff off at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Annual Soap Scrimmage and run. For the price of a bar of soap, the community can come out and watch the boys divide into squads and scrimmage.

Coach Trevor Williams said he has high hopes for the team, which has been working on conditioning and execution.

However, he said, the real test of the season will be the Red Devils' first game, which is against St. Francis next Friday, Sept. 3, in Oberlin.

"St. Francis is, without a doubt, one of the best teams in the league," he said.

That's when the coaches will gauge the season, he said, when the boys take to the field for the first game.

Coach Williams said he expects his boys to do well against St. Francis unless they start to make mental errors.

Soap scrimmage set

The town will get its first glimpse of the 2004 Red Devils football squad and cross country team at 7:30 p.m. Thursday during the annual Soap Scrimmage and Run.

The price of admission is just a bar of soap, and that will buy the opportunity to watch both the football and cross country teams show their speed and skill.

The football squad, coached by Trevor Williams, will be showing

that it has learned how to execute and worked to get into condition with twice-a-day practice since the beginning of last week.

The cross country team, coached by Dick Ahlberg, will be running laps on the track and a mile course around town.

Everyone is welcome to come out and cheer the teams. The Red Devils will open their football season against St. Francis at home at 7 p.m. next Friday, Sept. 3.

Last year the Red Devils went 4-5, beating the Dundy County (Benkleman, Neb.) Tigers, 34-0; the Quinter Bulldogs, 48-6; the Osborne Bulldogs, 34-24; and the Goodland Cowboys, 20-19.

The team lost to the St. Francis Indians, 42-12; the Oakley Plainsmen, 38-8; the Atwood Buffaloes, 42-14; the Hoxie Indians, 50-8; and the Norton Blue Jays, 34-14. The Blue Jays went on to take second in the Class 3A State championships.

This is Coach Williams' fourth

season at Oberlin, so he has had a chance to see his senior players come all the way from their freshmen year.

Returning lettermen this year for the Red Devils are seniors David Morris, Gannon Reichert, David Barth, Andy Anderson, Lance Fortin and Jake Padgett, and juniors Denton Bailey, Jason Thomas, Caleb Peters, Josh Fortin, John Richards, Jesse Juenemann, Drew Martin and Bret Marietta.

There are also quite a few fresh-

men and sophomores out this year, Coach Williams said, which is good news for future Oberlin teams.

Among those honored by the Northwest Kansas League last year was Reichert, who was named to the second team on both offense as a guard, and defense as a lineman. He was credited with 76 tackles and two fumble recoveries.

Morris, L. Fortin, and Martin received honorable mention from the league. Morris, a center, had 20 tackles; L. Fortin, a defensive back, had 18; and Martin, a defensive lineman, had 34 tackles and a fumble recovery.

Lost to graduation were Brett Beinke, Matt Coleman, Brett Keck, Chase Juenemann, Chance Harman, Chase McKittrick, Matt Mondero, Ryan Nichols, Scooter Matchett and Darrel Spencer.

Last year, Beinke was named to the first team offense as a running back, to the first team defense as a defensive back and to the special team as a returner for the league.

Harman was named first team defensive end and Keck was first team linebacker.

Coleman received honorable mention.

Young Red Devils ready for St. Francis

The Decatur Community Junior High will have 27 boys ready for the football field next week when the boys play their first game at home against the St. Francis Indians.

The Oberlin seventh and eighth graders again will play most games together, with a fifth quarter to give the younger and less-experienced boys some playing time, Coach Caleb Howland said.

This is Coach Howland's first year for football, but he has been an assistant high school wrestling coach for the last three years.

The junior high will have 15 seventh graders and 12 eighth graders on the team this year, including one eighth-grade student from Jennings,

which is not fielding junior high volleyball or football teams this year.

Of the dozen eighth graders, nine were on the squad last year, one is a transfer student, one will go to school in Jennings and one did not go out last year, Coach Howland said. The team will have its first outing at home at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, against the young St. Francis Indians.

"They've been working real hard," Coach Howland said. "Hopefully, we can have a good, successful season."

Last year the team had a 2-5 record with the younger boys going 6-1 in fifth-quarter play.

Women Coyotes ready to hit the court

The Jennings High School Coyotes will be howling with eight girls, including four seniors, on the volleyball court this season.

Coach Vicki Schmitz said that the team's biggest advantage this year is its senior leadership.

The team has four returning lettermen in seniors Rockie Bochart and Tiffany Wheeler, junior Elise Kinsler and sophomore Kim Coiner.

Other members of the team will be seniors Jody Brooks and Crystal Franco and freshmen Ashley Brown and Crystal Boling.

Both Brooks and Franco have

experience, Coach Schmitz said.

This is Schmitz's second year to coach volleyball in Jennings. The Coyotes ended their 2003 season 7-20.

The Coyotes biggest disadvantage this year, Coach Schmitz said, is their height.

"You might say we're short," she said, adding that she feels the girls can overcome this problem by doing all the little things right.

The Coyotes start their season Saturday at the Healy Tournament. Their first opponent will be the Golden Plains Bulldogs. This will

be the second game of the tournament, and probably will start at 10 a.m., Coach Schmitz said.

The other teams in Jennings' pool will be Sharon Springs and Otis-Bison. Also playing will be Cheylin, Brewster, South Gray and Healy.

Last year, the Coyotes opened their season with a triangular tournament in Almena and then went to the Healy Tournament.

The girls started off by winning the first game of matches against Kensington and Northern Valley, but eventually lost to both the Gold Bugs and the Huskies.

At the Healy meet, the girls lost to the Brewster Bulldogs, beat the Wallace County Wildcats of Sharon Springs and lost to the South Gray Rebels from Montezuma.

The Coyotes lost two players from last year. Sara Kier graduated and one student transferred to another school.

The Coyotes' first home matchup this year will be next Tuesday when the West Plains, Northern Valley and Kensington girls come to town for a quadrangle meet starting at 4 p.m.

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