

Race drivers fight wind, dust Sunday night

By MIKE HUGHES

Oberlin Speedway crowned track champions six divisions during a gusty season finale on Sunday, with some of the categories coming down to the final race.

Strong south winds and sprinkles on and off during the evening forced track officials to change the program throughout the night, but they were able to get all the races in.

Four drivers were within 3 points of each other for the IMCA Modified track championship as the green flag fell on a 14-car field. John Fose led the opening lap, trailed by David Murray and Brice Riley.

Five cars tangled in turn 2 on the second lap, bringing out a caution. Murray took advantage on the restart to drive around Fose to take a lead he would not relinquish. A couple more cautions kept the field close, but hometown driver Murray picked up his fourth win of the season at Oberlin and 39th overall to tie an IMCA record.

Brice Riley and Marty Clark finished second and third to tie for the track championship. Doug Holzmeister and Nick Tubbs rounded out the top five. Murray and Riley won the two heat races.

The IMCA Stock Car title was also up for grabs, as four cars were within 5 points when the evening began. Jay Hachmeister of Lenora led all 12 laps to pick up his first ever feature win. Kelly Ford was second, followed by Jason Davis and heat race winners Jason Schoenberger and Josh Hudson. Schoenberger, Russell, won the points title by 2 points over Davis.

All Cory Struckhoff of Kensington had to do was take the green flag in the IMCA Hobby Stock feature to clinch the track championship. He not only did that, but drove underneath Justin Wagner on lap 3 to take the lead and go on to score his third feature win of the season on the 3/8-mile oval. Heat 2 winner Kelly Karnopp finished second, trailed by Wagner, Brian Conness and Robert Rutherford. Struckhoff

won the other heat.

Donald Dodds of Kensington led from green to checkers in the caution-free 8-lap Bomber feature. Duane Wahrman, Matt Giesenhagen, Lynn Wright and Blaine Buchholz rounded out the top five. Jeromy Wagner, also of Kensington, finished sixth, good enough to claim the points title. Giesenhagen took the checkers.

The Cruiser feature also went caution free as Ron Watson and Jim Carter of Russell led from start to finish, winning the main event. Heat race winners Wes and Chuck Eagleburger of Norton finished second to claim the track crown.

Larry Pollmann of McCook won his second feature in as many nights in the Classic Modified division. Pollmann took the point from Devin Allen on lap 4 and led the remaining 8 laps to seal the victory, his third of the season. Heat 2 winner Karl Wickizer was second, followed by Allen and Duke Ebert. Ebert, from Culbertson, Neb., won the track championship. Pollmann won the other heat race.

Here are the results:

CLASSIC MODIFIEDS

Heat 1: 1. Larry Pollmann, 2. Devin Allen, 3. Duke Ebert, 4. Brandon Anderson.

Heat 2: 1. Karl Wickizer, 2. Loren Pollmann, 3. Gerald Halouska, 4. Jason Gallentine.

Feature: 1. Larry Pollman, 2. Wickizer, 3. Allen, 4. Ebert, 5. A.C. Werner, 6. Loren Pollmann, 7. Gallentine, 8. Halouska, 9. Anderson, 10. Duke Werner (DNS), 11. Matt Cardillo (DNS).

BOMBERS

Heat: 1. Matt Giesenhagen, 2. Duane Wahrman, 3. Jeromy Wagner, 4. Donald Dodds.

Feature: 1. Dodds, 2. Wahrman, 3. Giesenhagen, 4. Lynn Wright, 5. Blaine Buchholz, 6. Wagner, 7. Caleb Peters, 8. Travis Branum.

IMCA HOBBY STOCKS

Heat 1: 1. Cory Struckhoff, 2. Justin Wagner, 3. Brian Conness, 4. Dave Meitl.



WAITING HIS TURN and writing up a short history of his car, 22 Jr., Rick Salem was ready to race Sunday at the Oberlin Speedway. The car was built in 1970, he said, by Bob Ream, Duane Roesch and his father, Bob Salem. The car was only raced for two years but won 90 percent of its runs, including

Rick's first race, back when he was 17 or 18. It's now owned by John McDermott of Colby. Mr. Salem has returned to Oberlin and has opened a T-shirt, sign and billboard shop on U.S. 36, Graphix by Salem.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Heat 2: 1. Kelly Karnopp, 2. Les Janousek, 3. Robert Rutherford, 4. John Jensen.

Feature: 1. Struckhoff, 2. Karnopp, 3. Wagner, 4. Conness, 5. Rutherford, 6. Laura Hinger, 7. Meitl, 8. Jensen, 9. Janousek (DNF).

IMCA STOCK CARS

Heat 1: 1. Jason Schoenberger, 2. Tyler Hahn, 3. Dan Lauer, 4. Robert Hoing.

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

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

IMCA MODIFIEDS

Heat 1: 1. David Murray, 2. Don Hagan, 3. Marty Clark, 4. Jeff Tubbs.

Heat 2: 1. Brice Riley, 2. Doug Holzmeister, 3. John Fose, 4. Jerry

Teel.

Feature: 1. Murray, 2. Riley, 3. Clark, 4. Holzmeister, 5. Nick Tubbs, 6. J. Tubbs, 7. Hagan, 8. Jay Schilling, 9. Jim Arnold, 10. Fose, 11. Milo Lippelmann, 12. Robby

Haines, 13. Teel, 14. Rick Schwab (DNF), 15. Doug Shearer (DNS).

CRUISERS

Heat: 1. Wes Eagleburger/Chuck Eagleburger, 2. Ron Watson/Jim Carter, 3. Rhona Annon/Josh Won-

derly, 4. Jeff Doty/Mike Doty.

Feature: 1. Watson/Carter, 2. Eagleburger/Eagleburger, 3. Annon/Wonderly, 4. Doty/Doty, 5. Bret Marietta/Jason Thomas, 6. Jeremy Jensen/Rick Touslee (DNF).

Concert group wants members

The McCook Concert Association has started a membership drive for the four concerts this season.

The first concert will be the Barbary Coast Dixieland Band on Monday, Oct. 4.

Pianist Angela Jia Kim will perform on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

The third offering will be the Boni Pueri Czech Boys Choir on Satur-

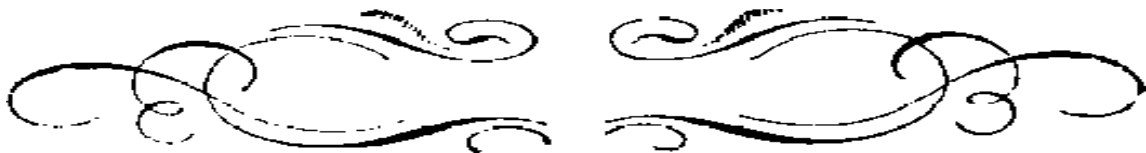
day, Feb. 19.

The final concert Tuesday, April 26, will be the Synergy Quintet Brass Ensemble.

The drive is underway through Friday with membership tickets available until the first concert. They are \$30 for adults, \$10 for students and \$65 for family memberships. Admission to the concerts is

by season tickets only. Tickets will also allow holders to attend concerts in Cozad and North Platte, Neb., and Holyoke, Colo., through a reciprocity agreement.

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