

Cross country team ready for first race of season

The Decatur Community High cross country team will start its season at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the Norton Invitational.

Coach Dick Ahlberg's 17 runners include three-time letter winner Teryn Grafel, a senior; two-time letter winners Whitney Beinke, Lora

Marietta and Kellen Doeden, seniors, and Aaron Helm and Andy Leitner, juniors; and letter winners Zeke Ruzicka, Brent Stallman and Scott Miller, seniors, and Rebecca Helm, sophomore.

Other runners are seniors Danica May, Nikki Lincoln and Anne

Wasson; junior Cameron Nedland; and sophomores Corbin Sherlock, Cody Haas and Andy Dempewolf.

The 37th annual Oberlin Invitational will start at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, at the Oberlin Country Club.

Track champions crowned

By MIKE HUGHES

Oberlin Speedway crowned 2005 track champions at its final regular-season race Saturday evening, with the top spot in six of the seven divisions still up for grabs that night.

David Murray Jr. of Oberlin was the only driver to have locked in a title, but he won his race anyway.

After winning the second IMCA Modified heat race, Murray worked his way past leader Don Hagan Jr. on lap 9 of the 20-lap feature race and drove away for the win. Hagan, who won the first heat race, held on to the runner-up spot, trailed by Robby Haines, Brandon Hagan and Marty Clark.

Six drivers still had a chance at the IMCA Stock Car championship.

Unfortunately for point leader Jason Rogers, he broke a motor in his heat race and fell out of contention.

McCook drivers Bill Matson and Bob Chalupa ran 1-2 the first five laps of the 20-lap feature before Josh

Hudson of Athol got by for second at the halfway mark. Hudson then took the lead on lap 12 and led the remaining distance for the win.

Matson finished second, followed by Cory Struckhoff, Chalupa, and Jason Schoenberger.

When the points were tallied, Hudson and Struckhoff tied for the track championship. Matson and Jason Davis won the two heat races.

Aaron Koch of Cambridge, Neb., picked up the checkers in the IMCA Hobby Stock feature. Justin Wagner

chased Koch the entire distance, even leading one of the 15 laps, but settled for second. Adam Balthazor

was third, followed by Kelly Karnopp and Todd Pankonin. Brady

Schoen of Downs finished sixth, good enough to clinch the track title. Phil Hinger and Koch won the two

heat races. Brent Moss of Menlo won both the Bomber heat race and feature,

but Donald Dodds of Kensington claimed the track championship with a second-place run. Kyle

Rohleder finished third. Joe and Jim Carter of Russell did

the same in the Cruiser division by taking the checkers in both the heat

race and the main event. Wes and Chuck Eagleburger of Norton finished

second in the main event to claim the championship. Rex and Jeanette McClain ran third in the

feature.

Max Pollmann of Trenton, Neb., led nine of the 10 laps in the Classic Modified feature, including the final lap, to get the victory. Duke Ebert placed second, followed by Devin Allen, John Werner and track champion Larry Pollmann of McCook. Ebert and Karl Wickizer were first to the checkers in the two heat races.

Andrew Richards of Oberlin picked up his first win at his hometown track in the Mini Truck main event. Sarah Murray finished second, good enough to claim the track title. Bruce Hagan ran third.

Budweiser sponsored a King of the Hill event for the IMCA Stock Car class. Josh Hudson won the event to claim the \$100 first prize.

RESULTS

Cruisers

Heat: 1. Joe Carter/Jim Carter, 2. Wes Eagleburger/Chuck Eagleburger, 3. Jeff Doty/Brad Doty, 4. Bret Marietta/Brent Stallman.

Feature: 1. Carter/Carter, 2. Eagleburger/Eagleburger, 3. Rex McClain/Jeanette McClain, 4. Marietta/Stallman, 5. Doty/Doty, 6. Jeremy Simmons/Drew Eagleburger.

Bombers

Heat: 1. Brent Moss, 2. Donald Dodds, 3. Kyle Rohleder.

Feature: 1. Moss, 2. Dodds, 3. Rohleder.

Classic Modifieds

Heat 1: 1. Duke Ebert, 2. Max Pollmann, 3. John Werner, 4. Larry Ayers.

Heat 2: 1. Karl Wickizer, 2. Loren Pollmann, 3. Michael Brenning, 4. A.C. Werner.

Feature: 1. M. Pollmann, 2. Ebert, 3. Devin Allen, 4. J. Werner, 5. Larry Pollmann, 6. Ayers, 7. Wickizer, 8.

Loren Pollmann, 9. Brenning, 10. Tony Miller, 11. A.C. Werner (DNF).

IMCA Hobby Stocks

Heat 1: 1. Phil Hinger, 2. Gene Sneath, 3. Kelly Karnopp, 4. Brian Conness.

Heat 2: 1. Aaron Koch, 2. Justin Wagner, 3. Dustin McClurg, 4. Adam Balthazor.

Feature: 1. Koch, 2. Wagner, 3. Balthazor, 4. Karnopp, 5. Todd Pankonin, 6. Brady Schoen, 7. Conness, 8. P. Hinger, 9. Laura Hinger, 10. Brent Schoen (DNF), 11. McClurg (DNF), 12. Sneath (DNF).

IMCA Stock Cars

Heat 1: 1. Bill Matson, 2. Caleb Peters, 3. Jason Schoenberger, 4. Tyler Hahn.

Heat 2: 1. Jason Davis, 2. Bob Chalupa, 3. Josh Hudson, 4. Bryan Lariviere.

Feature: 1. Hudson, 2. Matson, 3. Cory Struckhoff, 4. Chalupa, 5. Schoenberger, 6. Davis, 7. Lariviere, 8. Kelly Ford, 9. Hahn, 10. Peters, 11. Jason Rogers (DNS).

IMCA Modifieds

Heat 1: 1. Don Hagan Jr., 2. Brad Wagener, 3. Brice Riley, 4. Doug Holzmeister.

Heat 2: 1. David Murray Jr., 2. Brandon Hagan, 3. Jason Schoenberger, 4. Robby Haines.

Feature: 1. Murray, 2. D. Hagan, 3. Haines, 4. B. Hagan, 5. Marty Clark, 6. Schoenberger, 7. Rick Schwab, 8. Jay Schilling, 9. Tyson Garrison, 10. John Fabrizius, 11. Wagener, 12. Milo Lippelmann, 13. Holzmeister, 14. Riley (DNF).

Mini Trucks

Heat: 1. Sarah Murray, 2. Andrew Richards, 3. Bruce Hagan, 4. Chad Brenning.

Feature: 1. Richards, 2. Murray, 3. Hagan, 4. Elliott Conard, 5. Brenning, 6. Delbert Redenour.

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