



Jered Sloan brought the house down on several occasions with his thunderous dunks in the All-Star Basketball Classic on Sunday in Colby. Sloan scored 12 points in the contest between Northwest Kansas seniors.

— Telegram photos by Dick Boyd

Speedway holds annual Frost Fest

By MIKE HUGHES

Elmwood Park Speedway hosted its second Annual Frost Fest on March 14 with almost 50 cars on hand in the IMCA modified, stock car and hobby stock divisions.

The first main event up was the hobby stocks, which got off to a wild start at the drop of the green. Jamie Reiman of Blue Hill, Neb., got out of shape coming out of turn four for the green flag and spun in front of the grandstands. In the process, he collected Treva Patterson of Norton, and Bill Clanton of Salina slammed hard into the inside guardrail.

While all three cars were retired for the day, none of the drivers were injured. Luke Wassom of Deshler, Neb., led the first three laps, before Cory Struckhoff of Kensington took the top spot. Several cautions forced race officials to cut the feature race from 12 laps to 10, and Rex Bonnett stayed on top of Struckhoff's bumper the last two laps but could not make the pass. Wassom held on for third, followed by B.J. Dauer and Terry Shearer. Only seven cars of the 18 starters were able to finish Heat 1. Race winners were Kelly Karnopp, Rex Bonnett and Bill Bonnett.

Hometown driver Jason Davis led from start to finish in the 20-lap stock car feature. Davis, who competed in the bomber division last year, started outside front row and took the point at the drop of the green, followed by Mark Zorn, Jeremy Christians, J.R. McCreery and Jason Schoenberger. A couple of caution flags kept the field close, but each time Davis was able to pull away on the restart. As the field came out of turn four to the white flag, second place Damon Murty got caught up behind a lapped car, allowing Randy Clydesdale to take the runner-up spot. Murty finished third, fol-

lowed by Schoenberger and Zorn. Christians, Clydesdale and Zorn won the three heat races.

The modified feature was shaping up to have an exciting finish, but with five laps to go, a caution flag waved and changed what could have been an interesting finish. At the drop of the green, polesitter R. Alan Dix of Stockton appeared to have something break on the right front of his race car, sending him hard into the turn one guardrail, bringing out a caution.

On the restart, outside front row starter David Murray Jr. motored to the front, chased by Bill Brack, Jason Friesen, Tim Watts and Brian Calhoon. Several cautions kept the field close, but each time Murray was able to pull away from his competitors, that is until a caution for Will Brack on lap 18.

On the restart, Friesen stayed right on Murray's bumper and pulled alongside the two-time national champion. As the two came out of turn four on lap 21, the two made contact which sent Friesen spinning. Officials deemed Murray the cause, sending him to the back and giving Friesen the lead. Watts, who started 14th, stayed close to Friesen but was not able to make a pass and settled for second, trailed by Bill Brack, Marty Clark and Rick Schwab. Following the race, both Murray and Darin Schartz pulled into the claim area. Both drivers wanted to claim Friesen, so both names were put into a hat and Friesen drew out Murray, who got to claim the powerplant of the 1F car. Friesen, Calhoon and Murray were heat race victors.

The regular season opener will be 6 p.m. Saturday, April 3.

RESULTS

IMCA Hobby Stocks — Heat 1: 1. Kelly Karnopp, 2. Jason Kreft, 3. Bill Clanton, 4. Austin Davis, 5. Kale Shank (DNF). Heat 2: 1. Rex Bonnett, 2. Terry Shearer, 3. Luke Wassom, 4.

Jamie Reiman, 5 B.J. Dauer. Heat 3: 1. Bill Bonnett, 2. Cory Struckhoff, 3. Laura Hinger, 4. Dave Meitl, 5. Levi Gunn (DNS).

Feature: 1. Struckhoff, 2. R. Bonnett, 3. Wassom, 4. Dauer, 5. Shearer, 6. Hinger, 7. Kreft, 8. Davis (DNF), 9. Karnopp (DNF), 10. Meitl (DNF), 11. B. Bonnett (DNF), 12. Treva Patterson (DNF), 13. Clanton (DNF), 14. Reiman (DNF), 15. Shank (DNS), 16. Gunn (DNS), 17. Joe McDole (DNS), 18. John Annon (DNS).

IMCA Stock Cars — Heat 1: 1. Jeremy Christians, 2. J.R. McCreery, 3. Jason Schoenberger, 4. Jason Davis, 5. Eric Stanton. Heat 2: 1. Randy Clydesdale, 2. Jason Rogers, 3. Kelly Ford, 4. Josh Hudson, 5. Phil Hinger. Heat 3: 1. Mark Zorn, 2. Damon Murty, 3. Dan Lauer, 4. Robert Hoing, 5. Bruce Eskew.

Feature: 1. Davis, 2. Clydesdale, 3. Murty, 4. Schoenberger, 5. Zorn, 6. Christians, 7. McCreery, 8. Hudson, 9. Ford, 10. Rogers, 11. Hinger, 12. Hoing (DNF), 13. Stanton (DNF), 14. Lauer (DNF), 15. Eskew (DNS).

IMCA Modifieds — Heat 1: 1. Jason Friesen, 2. Rick Schwab, 3. Darin Schartz, 4. Mike Petersilie, 5. Justin Basart (DNS). Heat 2: 1. Brian Calhoon, 2. Marty Clark, 3. Will Brack, 4. Bill Brack, 5. Tim Watts. Heat 3: 1. David Murray Jr., 2. Joe Bellm, 3. R. Alan Dix, 4. Jim Arnold, 5. Roger Boland.

Feature: 1. Friesen, 2. Watts, 3. B. Brack, 4. Clark, 5. Schwab, 6. Calhoon, 7. Schartz, 8. Bellm, 9. Boland, 10. Petersilie, 11. Murray, 12. W. Brack (DNF), 13. Basart (DNF), 14. Arnold, 15. Dix.

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Players hit the mark in All-Star game

By DICK BOYD

Senior girls and boys basketball players from the Northwest Kansas area provided exciting action for fans in the 11th annual All-Star Basketball game on Sunday evening in the Community Building in Colby.

The girls dark jerseys rallied to win 70-66 and the boys light jerseys led most of the way in producing a 104-91 victory.

GIRLS

Val Jackson from Logan, and Abby Ream Oberlin, were members of the dark jerseys team. They led 38-33 at half-time but Kayla Beckman, a guard from Grinnell who had hit just 3 points in the first half, swished four baskets and a free throw early in the second half to fuel a light jerseys rally that gave them a 43-40 lead. The light jerseys were on top 54-44 with ten minutes left in the contest but Jackson helped narrow their advantage. With 3:15 left, Jackson scored to bring her team within two points at 60-58. After Trego's Erin Locke hit a free throw for the light jerseys it was 61-58 but Jackson scored again with 2:33 left to make it a 61-60 contest. The dark jerseys had the momentum, tied the score at 63-all and went on to win by four points.

Jackson ended with 6 points, 4 of them coming at a critical time.

Leading scorer for the dark jerseys was Sheena Kuntzsch, Scott City, with 13. Scoring 12 points each were Ivy Ramsey, Colby, Erin Bixenman, Grinnell and Tanya Beckman, Grinnell. Kim Torluemke, Hoxie, tallied 4 points.

Kayla Beckman, Grinnell, led the light jerseys with 14 points, followed by Jenna Wilson, Smith Center, 13; Jessica Osborn, Goodland, 12; Brooke Inlow, Oakley, 6; Sara Moore, Cheylin, 5; Amanda Seeman, Colby, 5; Molly Kuhlman, Ness City, 4; Lindsay Gaschler, Ellis, 4; Erin Locke, Trego, 3.

Rose McFarland, Trego, coached the dark jerseys team and Shelly Hoyt, Hoxie, was the light jerseys coach.

BOYS

Jered Sloan, 6-foot, 4-inch



Logan's Tyson Triplett hit three baskets from three-point range and ended with 11 points.

Norton center; Grant Bailey, 6-foot Jennings guard and Tyson Triplett, 6-foot, 2-inch Logan forward, were members of the victorious boys light jerseys team. Egan Grafel, 6-foot, 7-inch Oberlin center, played for the dark jerseys.

Sloan's dunk broke an early 6-6 tie and the light jerseys went on to a 23-18 lead with ten minutes left in the half and a 44-38 advantage at intermission. The light jerseys continued to hold the advantage in the second half.

Sloan had a number of dunks, much to the pleasure of the large crowd, and ended the game with 12 points. Triplett scored 11 points, 9 of them coming from beyond the arc.

Bailey played a good floor game

all night but did all his scoring in the second half when he hit a three-point shot, two two-point baskets and two free throws for 9 total points.

Other scorers for the light jerseys were Curt Stramel, Hays, 19; James Newman, Hoxie, 12; Garrett Levin, Kensington, 12; Trevor Blackwill, Quinter, 10; Lance Tedford, Goodland, 8; Lance Basgall, Herndon, 5; Curtis Snodgrass, Atwood, 4.

Grafel led scoring for the dark jerseys with 21 points. He was followed closely by Sage Hemmert, Quinter, who tallied 18 points. Other scorers for the dark jerseys were Brian Crittenden, Greeley County, 12; Caleb Wick, Smith Center, 10; Kent Packard, Wheatland, 9; Mike Raile, St. Francis, 7; Laran Steele, Weskan, 5; Brian Sulzman, Colby, 4; Cody Sattler, Oakley, 3; Joel Hrabec, Plainville, 2.

Dick Ahlberg, Oberlin coach, was coach of the light jersey team and John Crist, Quinter, coached the dark jerseys.

Shane Stover, Colby, who was injured late in the season in a game with Norton, was an honorary player and received a standing ovation from the crowd when he was introduced.

Three-point contest

Wick and Tedford tied with 13 three-pointers each and Wick won the shootoff to win the boys three-point championship.

Wilson defeated Bixenman 8-7 to win the girls three-point contest.



Delayed telecasts of both games over KSNK-TV are scheduled. The girls game will be telecast at 10:35 p.m. Sunday and the boys game will be telecast at 10:35 p.m. on Sunday, April 4.



Logan's Val Jackson, a six-foot center, blocks out for a rebound during the All-Star Basketball Classic.

Norton wrestlers Topeka bound

Norton seniors James Annon and Jordon Haussermann have been chosen to compete in the Senior Classic Wrestling Dual which will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday in the Kansas ExpoCentre at One ExpoCentre Drive in Topeka.

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