

# Rooting for the upset



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Life in the  
Fast Lane

I hope this column makes it in time for the usual Friday edition as I have written a new whole new column for this week, and I hope Darrel and TD understand the delay. Doc Kasselman and I had a good visit while he was fixen' my fiancée's toe today. As us gear heads know, there is never a bad time to bench race, and lie to one another about racing, if you know what I mean. I will return to this later, as I want to talk about some other items before I get on my toolbox for a minute or two.

Last Sunday's race at Sonoma had me on the edge of my seat towards the last of the race. I was truly rooting for Jerry Nadeau in the #44 Brawny Dodge to pull off an upset, and prove to the racing world that he is a winner. When my favorite drivers are so far back that it will be the next day before they finish, I really enjoy someone out of the blue pulling off a win, and Jerry almost pulled it off for himself and the Pettys, which would have been fantastic. Jerry fell just two laps short with a busted rear-end gear, and you could see the disappointment in his face when he let the window net down. I know his feelings as I have in the past been in competition and got that close to winning it all riding cutting horses at a major event and almost pulling off the out of the blue win myself, it just devastates you when you come that close and can't ring the bell. Anyhow I got to give major Fosdick kudos to Jerry and the Pettys for the great effort, and the almost win, it was fantastic.

As us race fans know there is no Winston Cup race this weekend, which gives the teams time to get back to Charlotte, unload the road race cars and equipment, and load up super speedway cars and equipment and head to Daytona for the Pepsi 400 during the Fourth of July weekend. What makes this okay for this writer is that Kyle Petty and his gang of merry people is having their charity ride from Sonoma back to their home bases back east. We here in Colby and the surrounding area were part of Kyle's Charity ride a few years ago, and as for

myself, I thought it was a fantastic, and I will always remember that evening. As you know Kyle and his gang are trying to raise money for a camp that they are starting to build back east, and also for some of the regular charities that they support on a yearly basis. I just think it's a great deal that Kyle and his family and friends do each year, as I know they try to give back to their fans and other race fans that may never have the opportunity to get that close to a real racecar driver, or may never make it to a race other than on TV. I give them major Fosdick kudos for all their hard work and effort, as this is no ride in the park for the support people to pull this ride off as well as they do.

Okay, now back to the session that Doc Kasselman and I were having which was really enjoyable. It is a real tragedy that we will be losing such a GREAT DOCTOR, and FINE PERSON, but I'm not going to go there. Anyhow Doc was giving me the business about the last time I put him in my column, and the comment of stay with me Doc on this one. Short story, Ole Doc Kasselman knows a whole lot more about racing than he leads you to believe; I think he's a real gear head deep down, which is a good thing when it comes to fixen' things. Ya know our bodies are like cars, just different terminology, give or take a few items. Any way we were discussing who are the favorites for Daytona next week and other items. And then we started talking about Ricky Rudd and his July 15 deadline on what he was going to be doing for next year, and I made the comment about Dale Jr. stating in Sports Illustrated about he would retire when he was 40 in 2016 or somewhere in there, and how there seemed to be a lot of complaining, period. Then I made a comment about that I wished Dale was still around, (Big E) and we both chimed in at the same time repeating what we had heard Dale saying in an interview numerous years ago, which at that time pertained to 200 plus mph and safety, and other issues at the time. Dale's comment went something like this; either you want to race or you don't, and if you don't, go home, I want to race every chance I get. So if Doc knew that he's one of us, and I will miss him. Good luck Doc Kasselman in all your adventures.

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## World Cup, Colby-style



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Stuart Aiken, left, and Ryan Davis, both of Colby, squared off at the second annual Oasis Cup 3-on-3 soccer tournament held last Saturday at the Colby soccer fields. In all, 12 teams from Colby, Oakley, Norton, and Phillipsburg participated in the event.

# Deadline approaching for camp

The Colby Eagle football camp will be from July 22-25 this year. Seventh and 8th grade camp will be from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and the high school squads will work out from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Registration deadline is June 30. For sign-up forms or more information, contact head coach Brad Wildeman at the high school weight room from 6 to 9 a.m. or 6-9 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays or call him at 462-7815.

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## Fall football league still has plenty of room for players

There is still room on the rosters, so any 5th or 6th graders interested in playing Federation football (similar to Pop Warner) this fall need to contact the following people: 5th grade-Chris

Erickson at 462-3890 after 5 p.m.; 6th grade-Brian Wolf at 443-2407. Team size is limited to 22 players per team, so interested players are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible.

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