

Speedway features action on the track, in the sky

Fans at the high banks of Thomas County speedway on Sunday night in Colby were treated to a belated fireworks display put on by the Colby Kiwanis Club and the Colby Fire Department. The fireworks had been postponed due to rain on July 4. They finally got the fireworks set off following a great night of racing, as the improvements to the track seem to keep getting better. Drivers were running from the top to the bottom on Sunday night.

The Cruiser class was the first feature of the evening and was dominated by the 00 car of Haines/Allenbaugh. They led lap one and never looked back. Vrbas/Vrbas ran the entire race in the number two spot but had constant pressure from Honeyman/Dirks, who made a hard charge for the position late in the race but ran out of laps before getting the job done. The race ended with Haines/Allenbaugh in the winners circle, followed by Vrbas/

Vrbas, Honeyman/Dirks and Doty/Doty. The heat races were won by Haines/Allenbaugh and Vrbas/Vrbas.

Twenty bombers started the feature event with Matt Morris of Lamar, Colo. taking the early lead. Drew Miller of Goodland and David Schemm of Sharon Springs had a good battle going for second until they got together running side by side and Miller hit the guard rail on the back straight away taking him out of the race. The field restarted the feature with Morris and Schemm running side by side for four laps before Schemm took the lead. Morris and Jordon Blackwill of Quinter stayed with him the remainder of the race but could not get in position to make a pass. The race ended with Schemm taking the checkered followed by Morris, Jordon Blackwill and Brent Moss of Menlo in fourth. The heat races were won by Miller, Morris and

Matt Giesenhausen of Colby.

Brad Wagoner of Colby jumped out to the early lead in the Super Stock feature. Wagoner was being pushed very hard by Mike Meyer of Sharon Springs, Justen Beakley of Lamar and Ronnie Hill of Sharon Springs. After a caution on lap 5 the front four ran two wide and two deep for several laps. On lap 11 of the 20-lap race Hill took the lead and never looked back. Wagoner lost his motor soon after and the #7 car of Clinton Hockersmith, Oakley, hit his oil slick going into turn one. His car slid off of the turn and rolled on the back side of the track. Hockersmith was okay but his car will need a little work. The feature ended with Hill in victory lane followed by Beakley, Travis Towns of Monument and Wheat Lippelman of Colby. The heat races were won by Lippelman and Meyer. Fifteen Modifieds took the green flag in their feature race. After a

couple of cautions trying to get the race started, Monty Nordyke of Holly, Colo. led lap one followed closely by Jeff Tubbs of Colby, Doug Holzmeister of Colby and Darren Deloach of Lamar. On lap four Tubbs got by Nordyke for the lead and Deloach overtook Holzmeister for third.

After a good battle Deloach was able to get by Nordyke and Tubbs to take the lead and looked like he may walk away from the field. Holzmeister had other thoughts as he went to the very top of the track and did an incredible job of making his own groove. He slowly reeled Tubbs and took the second position then pulled Deloach in making a gutsy move to pass him on the outside coming out of turn two on lap 18.

Holzmeister took the win followed by Deloach, Jeff Tubbs and Brady Coen of Wiley, Colo. Heat races were won by Deloach and

Holzmeister.

Races return to Thomas County Speedway on July 25 with regular classes.

RESULTS Cruisers

Heat 1: 1. Haines/Allenbaugh, 2. Urban/Wright, 3. Glassman/Glassman, 4. Stones/Tatum, **Heat 2:** 1. Vrbas/Vrbas, 2. Doty/Doty, 3. Honeyman/Dirks, 4. Mariman/Williams.

Feature: 1. Haines/Allenbaugh, 2. Vrbas/Vrbas, 3. Honeyman/Dirks, 4. Doty/Doty, 5. Urban/Wright, 6. Glassman/Glassman, 7. Stones/Tatum, 8. Mariman/Williams.

Bombers

Heat 1: 1. Drew Miller, 2. Raymond Dechant, 3. Doug Bauer, 4. Jordon Blackwill, 5. Tanner Tuttle, 6. Greg Nieman, 7. Mike Giesenhausen, 8. Ron Haremza

Heat 2: 1. Matt Morris, 2. David Schemm, 3. Brent Moss, 4. Travis

Branum, 5. Don Stecker, 6. Nick Keller, 7. Rich Beasley.

Heat 3: 1. Matt Giesenhausen, 2. Allen Kurth, 3. Keith Stegman, 4. Blaine Buchholz, 5. Russ Anderson, 6. Ed Wright, 7. Jeremy Blackwill.

Feature: 1. Schemm, 2. Morris, 3. Jordon Blackwill, 4. Moss, 5. Bauer, 6. Branum, 7. Matt Giesenhausen, 8. Dechant, 9. Jeremy Blackwill, 10. Stegman, 11. Kurth, 12. Tuttle, 13. Beesley, 14. Stecker, 15. Keller, 16. Buchholz, 17. Anderson, 18. Wright, 19. Miller, 20. Nieman, 21. Mike Giesenhausen

DNS, 22. Haremzas DNS.

Super Stocks

Heat 1: 1. Wheat Lippelman, 2. Ronnie Hill, 3. Justen Beakley, 4. Clint Hockersmith, 5. Derrick Braulaway

Heat 2: 1. Mike Meyer, 2. Travis Towns, 3. Brad Wagoner, 4. Jason Stevens, 5. Todd Schwarz DNS.

Feature: 1. Hill, 2. Beakley, 3. Towns, 4. Lippelman, 5. Schwarz, 6. Meyer, 7. Stephens, 8. Braulaway, 9. Hockersmith, 10. Wagoner.

Modifieds

Heat 1: 1. Darren Deloach, 2. Kevin Wark, 3. Nick Tubbs, 4. Dwayne Dechant, 5. K B Murphy, 6. Jay Schilling, 7. Jeff Hartwell, 8. A. J. Warta.

Heat 2: 1. Doug Holzmeister, 2. Brady Coen, 3. Jeff Tubbs, 4. Monty Nordyke, 5. Travis Eggleston, 6. Kevin Hoeme, 7. Brian Kleine.

Feature: 1. Holzmeister, 2. Deloach, 3. Jeff Tubbs, 4. Coen, 5. Hartwell, 6. Dechant, 7. Nordyke, 8. Murphy, 9. Nick Tubbs, 10. Warta, 11. Eggleston, 12. Kleine, 13. Hoeme, 14. Wark, 15. Schilling.

SportsLine

Lady Eagles' team camp underway

The Colby High School Lady Eagles' basketball team camp continues and here is the rest of the schedule for the week:

- Today — Travel to McCook for tournament.
- Thursday — Practice at the high school gym.
- Friday — Team BBQ.

Please call Beckman at 785-687-3785 if you need additional information.

Eagle tennis camp on the agenda

Boys and girls entering the 9th through 12th grades at Colby High School are invited to attend the Eagles tennis camp July 26-30, from 8-10 a.m. daily. The camp includes a boys and girls singles tournament on Friday, July 30. There is a registration fee and that cost long with other information is available by calling Mike Fortkamp at 460-0352.

Football camp reminder

The Colby Eagle football camp will be held July 19-22 from 6-8 p.m. each day. Details were provided in a story in the Friday, July 9 issue of the *Free Press*. Anyone desiring more information can call the coach, Greg Koenig, at 460-0602 or 785-443-0643.

Weight room workouts continue

The summer weight room hours for all Colby School District athletes, 7th through 12th grades, continue and will do so through Aug. 12 at the high school gym. The room is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, with workout sessions from 6-7:15 a.m., 7:15-8:30 a.m., 8:30-9:45 a.m., and 6:30-7:45 p.m. These sessions will include strength training and also flexibility and agility. Athletes will need to attend one session daily, but need to arrive 15 minutes prior to the session they want to attend.

SportsLine contact is colbysports@nwkansas.com to get your item placed in this column. Deadline is 10 am.

K-18 tied for top spot

Almost two-thirds of the way into the season, the Colby K-18 team is tied for first place in the league standings with Quinter. Both teams have incurred only one loss each. Quinter's only loss was to Colby and Colby's lone loss was to Quinter by one run in the first game of the season.

The Ellis game, scheduled for here Sunday, July 11 was canceled.

Monday, the Colby K-18 team traveled to Oakley for a double-header. Colby won both games, 13-4 in the first game with Travis Powell pitching, and 5-4 in the sec-

ond game, Brent Arnberger pitching (two innings played due to time constraints).

The team's next action will be Thursday in Colby vs. Atwood with a 6:30 p.m. start time. There will also be a rainout make-up game, rescheduled for Monday, July 19 in Colby vs. Oakley also with a 6:30 p.m. start time.

Legion falls to McCook

Colby 2, McCook 6

Colby 4, McCook 6

McCook relied on one big inning in each game of Friday night's double-header to earn both victories over the Colby American Legion baseball team in Colby. Colby did not go quietly though, mounting a comeback in the second game of the evening to almost pull out the win.

Brian Sulzman started the rally in the bottom of the seventh with a two-strike double to the left center gap. Chris Gordon then singled Sulzman home and advanced to second on a McCook miscue. Gor-

don moved to third on a ground ball and later scored on a wild pitch, to make the score 6-4.

That is how it ended though, as McCook managed to get the final out with the tying run on second.

Colby is now 14-13 on the summer. They were scheduled to play Ellis here Tuesday night.

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