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Jason Schoenberger talked to announcer Gary Walker after winning the modified main event race on July 11 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Jeff Tubbs won the econo class, Michael Schamberger, hobby stock; and Jason Rogers, the stock class.

# Thomas County Speedway driver continues to win econo class races

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Thomas County Speedway

Jeff Tubbs continued his winning ways last week in the econo class day on a Sunday that featured great weather for the fans and drivers.

While Tubbs is still managing to win races, his competition is getting stiffer. Jason Gray was right on his bumper in the heat, cash dash and feature races July 11 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds, but he had to settle for second in all three.

Jory Friesen, in his second race at Colby, ran third and Krista Pummer finished fourth. Eight Econos were in the main.

Michael Schamberger won in the Hobby Stocks, Jason Rogers grabbed the win in the Stock class and Jason Schoenberger was tops in the Modifieds.

Schoenberger avoided wrecking and was able to maintain the lead as a slowing car made a sudden move to the pits two laps from the checkered flag. That sealed his victory in the Modified main event.

Marty Clark couldn't run Schoenberger down and had to settle for second. Keith Stegman held off a hard-charging Dwayne Dechant for third and Chris Remetes came in fifth. Milo Lippelmann finished sixth and Nate Moore seventh. Thirteen Modifieds were on hand.

Jason Rogers used a great starting spot to get an early lead in the Stock class main event. Bruce Plumisto gained several car lengths and made it to Rogers' back bumper, but couldn't pull out for the pass. Three laps from the checkered flag, Dustin Daniels started making the low side of the track work and got just ahead of Plumisto at the finish line. He couldn't get past Rogers, who picked up the win. B.J.

Wagoner was not far behind in fourth, Allen Snethen finished fifth and Joe Austin sixth.

Schamberger wasted little time in getting from the sixth starting spot to the front of the field, where he was able to maintain a four-to-five-car lead the rest of the race. Josh Latka had to start behind Schamberger and was matching his lap times, but was unable to attempt a pass and finished second. Richard Boon also started toward the back of the field and moved up nicely to finish third. Dalton Dolan and Jason McIntyre battled for fourth with Dolan eventually winning the battle and McIntyre finishing fifth. There were nine Hobby Stocks on hand.

The next races will be at 7 p.m. Friday, July 30, and Saturday, July 31, during the Thomas County Free Fair. Hope to see you at the races!

# Unknown South African wins golf open

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP) – The South Africans have a new soundtrack of success. The drone of the vuvuzela has been succeeded by the skirl of the bagpipe.

One week after beaming in pride at its historic hosting of soccer's World Cup, the nation torn apart by apartheid just a generation ago had another reason to stick out its chest: Louis Oosthuizen won the British Open in a dominating romp. On Nelson Mandela's 92nd birthday, no less.

A white Afrikaner with a black caddie on his bag crossed over the Swilcan Bridge, tapped in the last putt and lifted the claret jug.

Oosthuizen (WUHST'-hy-zen) just wanted to celebrate the moment with family and friends. Others realized there was something more significant going on at the Old Course, another instance of sports transcending a societal divide.

"It's fantastic," said Gary Player, the most prominent golfer to come out of South Africa. "Won-

derful things are happening to South Africa. I went back for the final match of the World Cup, and they did a way better job than people imagined."

Of course, soccer's biggest event won't solve the everyday problems and racial tensions that still linger in South Africa. Nor will one man winning a golf tournament.

But there's no denying the pride felt by those who cheered on Oosthuizen while waving the post-apartheid colors of their nation – red, blue, green, yellow and black – or wearing jackets and shirts bearing the words "Bafana Bafana," the nickname of South Africa's soccer team.

"It is a great event for all South Africans, especially because it is the birthday of Nelson Mandela," said caddie Zack Rasego, who usually converses with Oosthuizen in Afrikaans, the language despised by blacks during apartheid as a symbol of the ruling white minority. "It's a great day for us."

It was a great week for Oosthuizen, who started the week as such an unknown that the R&A felt compelled to put out a fact sheet with 11 things one needed to know about the 27-year-old from Mossel Bay.

Did you know the Stormers are his favorite rugby team back home? Or that he lives on a farm next door to his parents when he's in South Africa? Or that when he won for the first time on the European Tour in March, he couldn't get the trophy through airport security because it was deemed a "dangerous object?"

None of those tidbits was as compelling as his golf game, which was rock-solid for all four rounds and never gave anyone a chance to make it close. He led over the final 48 holes of the championship, closing with a 1-under 71 that left him at 16-under 272 overall.

No one else was within seven strokes.

Oosthuizen, who had made the cut only once in eight previous

majors, claimed the lead for good way back in the second round. Some figured he was the beneficiary of a fortuitous tee time – in the morning, before the wind started gusting more than 40 mph – and would surely falter in the spotlight of the weekend.

Indeed, Oosthuizen bogeyed his first hole of the third round, and everyone waited for the collapse. It never came.

He turned in 13 pars and four birdies on Saturday, giving him a commanding four-stroke lead going into the finale.

He started Sunday with seven more pars before his bogey-free streak finally ended with a 6-foot miss at No. 8.

Oosthuizen drove the green at the par-4 ninth, a tempting 352 yards away, and rolled in a 50-foot putt for eagle.

"I needed one putt to really get my rhythm going," he said. "And that eagle on 9, that got me started."

# Baseball team wins two of three

The Colby K-18 baseball team won two of three games at Oberlin on Thursday.

The boy's slipped by Oberlin 7-6 in a suspended game, which continued where it had left off. Colby was leading 4-3 after three innings when the game was suspended June 21 because of rain.

Oberlin picked up two runs in the fourth to go up 5-4. Colby managed to get a runner across home in the fifth, tying the game.

The boys added two more runs in the top of the seventh to make it 7-5. Oberlin was only able to pick up one run in the bottom half of the inning, and Colby prevailed 7-6. Even though the score was close, the Colby boys outthit their opponents 12-3.

Luke Cox went two for two with a double and Zach Stones went two for three with a triple. Brady Rose went two for three with a double. Keegan Morgan struck out three in four innings and Stones pitched three innings.

Colby clobbered Oberlin 12-0 in the first full game of the day, outthitting the Red Devils 14-2.

The boys jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first, then added two more runs in the third. The boys got another runner across in the fourth to go up 7-0.

Colby put together a five-run inning in the bottom of the fifth and won the game 12-0.

Treck Keck and Cox were both swinging hot bats, going a combined six-for-six. Marc Bremen-camp went two-for-two. Dalaan Organ threw all five innings.

Colby suffered a 13-9 loss in the last game. Oberlin scored five runs in the top of the first. Colby cut into the lead by scoring two in the bottom.

Oberlin ticked off five more runs to go up 10-2. The boys cut the lead to four by picking up four runs in the bottom of the second. Colby got two more runs in the bottom of the third, narrowing the gap to 10-8, but Oberlin scored three to make it 13-8. Oberlin went on to win 13-9.

Colby will be the No. 1 seed for the regional tournament when the first game starts at 4:45 p.m. Saturday at Hays. Their opponent was not known as of press time.

Coach Russell Rodenbeck said his team should be where they need to be after a week of practice. He said the boys still needed to work on their base running and pitching.

"We're finally starting to hit consistently," the coach said.

# Colby swimmers honored for points

Ten swimmers on the Colby Swim Club team earned high-point trophies this summer in the Northwest Kansas Swim League.

The 10 were Emiline Hutton, Kory, Travis and Emilea Finley, Brennon Overton, Aaron, Mark and John Faber, Christina Ostmeyer and Kalen Rasmussen.

High point awards go to the top six point-earners in each age group for all the meets in the season.

Travis Finley took first overall in the boys 11-12 division with 107 points. Three other boys earned trophies in 11-12: Overton, second with 98; Aaron Faber, fifth with 57; and Mark Faber, sixth with 54.

Hutton finished fifth in the girls 8-and-under division with 43 points and Kory Finley took second in boys 9-10 with 75. Rasmussen snagged third in boys 15-18 with 84 and Emilea Finley came in third in the girls 15-18 with 86. John Faber finished fifth in the boys 13-14 with 66 and Christina Ostmeyer took fifth in the girls 15-18 with 52.



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