



Racer takes first in two main events

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Thomas County Speedway

Thomas County Speedway fans were treated to two fantastic nights of racing last week during the county free fair.

On Friday and Saturday, the drivers participated in the Thomas County Speedway-F&M Insurance Store and IMCA Modified Summer Shootout at the fairgrounds. The track was very different for both nights of racing to allow for differing setups and driving styles.

The Modifieds were the only class racing both nights and had two completely different track surfaces to deal with. Friday was a classic dry-slick track with rubber from the bottom to the top of the track. Saturdays track was a tacky track providing more grip especially in the heats.

Will Brack had the best setup for both styles and he won both nights main events. He was the only car that made the top four on both nights.

Four-time IMCA National Champion David Murray took second in Friday night's main event and Matt Brack finished third. Jason Schoenberger, driving a new car and wearing a new number, had strong run for fourth. Darren Deloach finished fifth with Brady Coen coming in sixth.

Will Brack started in last place during Saturday's main events after having to pit for a flat tire on his third lap.

As he was making a run for the front Jach Schultz held the lead from the pole and Dylan Sherfick was fighting hard for the lead. As the laps progressed John Hanson found the high groove and grabbed

the lead with Darren Deloach closing in towards the lead. A yellow bunched up the field and made the restart interesting as Brack had made it all the way to fourth place. Hansen, Deloach and Brack had a great race for the lead for a couple of laps with Brack and Deloach pulling away to decide the finish for themselves.

Brack got to the checkered flag first and Deloach finished second. Hansen came in third and Cody Gerhart made it to fourth, just getting past Dylan Scherfick. Coen came in sixth.

Michael Williams won his first ever Sprint Car main event. This is third year The WaKeeney driver has been racing sprint cars. Raymond Seeman came in a close second after dodging a spinning Ty Williams on a restart with two laps left. Zach Blurton finished third. Blake Bogenhagen came in fourth and Judd Sheaffer finished fifth. There were 20 Sprint Cars on hand.

The Sportmods put on a good show with first and second never more than two car lengths separating them. Chris Heim got the win with Blain Walt holding the lead for the first several laps and just trailing for second at the finish. Rance Schindler came in third Tom Nelson placed fourth and Lance Linthacum finished fifth after suffering a rollover during his heat race.

Dustin Daniels and Jason Rogers put on a great show swapping the lead for several laps with Daniels holding the lead in the final laps. Rogers took second and Nick Tubbs ran a great race, finishing third in a borrowed car. Lloyd Meeske just got past Bruce Plumisto for fourth and Plumisto



Will Brack, driving car 15W, took the lead in a modified heat race on Friday at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. He ended up winning the heat. Brack won the main event modified races on Friday and Saturday.

took fifth.

Rod Bencken held on to sixth and Brandon Clough came in seventh. Seventeen Stock Cars were on hand.

Josh Latka had to endure a great battle with Richard Boon to get the win in the Hobby Stock class. Austin Carter had a great first run in Colby and ended up taking

third. Michael Schamberger came from the back of the pack to finish fourth.

Cody Ghumm grabbed fifth and Eric Munoz finished sixth. Thirteen Hobby Stocks started the main.

Jason Gray finally was able to wrestle a win away from Jeff Tubbs in the Econo class. The two

had a great battle for several laps until Tubbs got tangled up with lap traffic and brought out a caution.

Gray still had a fight on his hand as Chad Normandin was fighting him for the lead actually spinning Gray out before the checkered flag. After reviewing the action Gray was given the win and Normandin was moved to 10th place.

Bryan Guyer finished second with Jorey Freisen in third. Dylan Hageman placed fourth and Tubbs moved up to fifth before the laps ran out for him. Thirteen cars started the main.

Come be a part of the excitement at the next races which will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at the fairgrounds.

Colby golf course vandalized

Vandals struck the Meadow Lake Golf Club either Saturday night or Sunday morning, said Colby Police Chief Randy Jones, smashing golf clubs and joyriding with a couple of golf carts, causing more than \$6,000 in damage.

He said several golf clubs were damaged and two golf carts were taken from an unlocked shed and

driven around the course. One of the carts was thrown off the bridge of hole No. 8, the chief said.

Jones said the damage to the course was \$3,635, plus the cost of the cart that was thrown off the bridge. He said cost represents the theft of the clubs and the damage done to the greens, signs, golf clubs, the other golf cart and

the controls used to regulate the course's sprinkler system.

The price of the other cart has yet to be figured, Jones said, but once its added in, he estimated the total cost at between \$6,000 and \$6,500.

The chief said officers are investigating the incident.

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Included are several stocked ponds, hunting areas for deer, turkey and quail, a 50-by-60-foot metal storage building and a self-contained apartment.

The donor remained nameless.

Bears shut down course

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A newly opened paintball course in Montana had to shut down because odor from disintegrated paintballs was luring possibly dangerous guests: bears.

Big Sky Marketing Director Dax Schieffer says the resort tried to find an environmentally friendly paintball, but it turned out that

the one selected contains a vegetable oil that can attract grizzly and black bears that roam the region.

A wildlife official says that some bears were even eating unexploded paintballs.

The resort, on the side of a ski hill, opened earlier this summer.

It shut down in mid-July after the bear problem arose.

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