

Racers rack up points from placing in races

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The Thomas County Speedway released the current point standings for all of the summer car racers as of Monday.

In the econo class, Jory Friesen leads the pack with 229 track points. Joe Harper is in second place with 223 points, Bryan Guyer third with 221, Ryan Baalman fourth with 218, Ron Baalman fifth with 201, Rocky Baalman sixth with 198, Krista Pummer seventh with 162, Billy Turner eighth with 154, Jeremy Blackwill ninth with 111, Alex West, Joe Austin and Adrienne West tied for 10th with 98, Ray West 13th with 94, Joey Foster 14th with 92, Mark Singer 15th with 89, Jason Schawarz 16th with 68, Alex Crossland 17th with 63, Jay Murray 18th with 57, Mike Meyer 19th with 38, Eric Clayville 20th with 32 and Kevin Delano 21st with 30.

Darren DeLoach is in first place in the modified class with 221 points followed by Nate Moore in second with 215. Adam Morris is in third with 214, John Fose fourth

with 208, Wheat Lippelmann fifth with 176, Milo Lippelmann sixth with 130, Allen Kurth seventh with 124, Brady Coen eighth with 102, Matt Morris ninth with 74, Jason Haug 10th with 70, Chris Remetes 11th with 66, David Solberg 12th with 36, Scott Saunders 13th with 34 and Bill Albin 14th with 32.

In the stock-car class, Jeff Tubbs is the frontrunner with 229 track points. Jason Rogers is in second with 224, Nick Tubbs third with 222, Bruce Plumisto fourth with 216, B.J. Wagoner fifth with 210, Wheat Lippelmann sixth with 209, Allen Snethen seventh with 185, Austin Janousek eighth with 183, Mike Meyer ninth with 173, Tyler Tipton 10th with 140, Rich Beesley 11th with 89, Angel Munoz 12th with 72, Jason Stevens 13th with 59, Brandon Clough 14th with 36, Rodney Wadel and Austin Carter tied for 15th with 35, Michael Pepper, Cody Zimmerman and Eric Kinderknecht tied for 17th with 33, Travis Towns 20th with 31, Keith Riley 21st with 30, Mike Kennedy 22nd with 29 and Darin Racek 23rd with 28.

Michael Wadel leads the sport modified class with 217 points.

Jason Brees is second with 209, Jason Gray third with 198, Dustin Daniels fourth with 181, Jacob Adler fifth with 177, Ethan Zwegardt sixth with 158, Blaine Walt seventh with 70, Cody Pancak eighth with 64, Trevor Gray ninth with 62, Clinton Hockersmith 10th with 35, Darren Crouch and Clay Sellard tied for 11th with 33 and Donnie Strecker 13th with 31.

In the hobby-stock class, Tyrel Smith is in first place with 226 points, with Daniel Irwin following in second with 221. Richard Boon is third with 206, Mike Giesenhagen fourth with 201, Brian Stich fifth with 197, Joey Snethen sixth with 172, Jason McIntyre seventh with 165, Michael Johnson eighth with 160, Drew Drennan ninth with 144, John Lukert 10th with 140, Matt Giesenhagen 11th with 105, Jason Blackhart 12th with 101, Emanuel Young 13th with 94, Jason McClung 14th with 93, Curt Kennedy 15th with 59, Raymond Dechant 16th with 38, Jeremy Couse 17th with 36, Jake Eicher 18th with 31, John Peden 19th with 30 and Cody Williams 20th with 29.



DEWAYNE CHRISTENSEN

Chiraag Shetty of Yorktown, Va., hit the ball during the Boys 18 tennis singles division of the Sunflower State Games this year. He won the division and in the final match, he defeated Payton Hays of Parsons in two sets, 6-0 and 6-1.

Sunflower Games sets participation records

Participation records were set in nine of events during the first weekend of competition at the Sunflower State Games held in Topeka.

Sports that set records include archery, 124; baseball, 350; BMX, 40; disc golf, 125; indoor soccer, 156; tennis, 150; track/field, 466; volleyball, 696; and wrestling, 405.

The 23rd Annual Olympic-style sports festival continued Friday to Sunday last week with an additional 17 events headlined by youth basketball tournament that includes a record 113 teams.

The games will then wrap up Friday to Sunday with 18 more events.

Although pre-registration is closed, many events accept last-minute entries. For information, visit www.sunflowergames.com.

The games is open are all Kansas residents, including military personnel and college students. The nonprofit organization is based in Topeka. The games, held annually in July, aim to promote physical fitness and an active lifestyle for all Kansans through participation in sports.

Royals roll over Angels 4-1

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — When Will Smith was drafted in 2007 by the Angels, he dreamed of taking the mound at Angel Stadium one day and having a game like this. It didn't occur to him that it would be in a different team's uniform, though — and against former minor league teammate Garrett Richards.

Smith pitched two-hit ball over seven innings in the longest of his five major league starts, and the Kansas City Royals beat Los Angeles 4-1 on Tuesday night. The 23-year-old left-hander was dealt to the Royals along with reliever Sean O'Sullivan for third baseman Alberto Callaspo in July 2010.

"At first, I didn't know how to take it because I was so young," Smith said. "But people kept telling me it was a good thing for me. I'm very happy in Kansas City. We've got a great young core here, so I'm excited. It always feels good to win, going against a buddy of yours like Garrett."

Smith (2-3) allowed a run, struck out four and walked four against an all-righthanded lineup that included switch-hitters Kendrys Morales and Callaspo. The Angels' only hits against their former farmhand came in the first inning — a line-drive single through the box by Torii Hunter and an RBI single by Mark Trumbo that

followed a walk to Albert Pujols.

Trumbo and rookie Mike Trout gave their teammates a crash course on Smith before the game, so they could have a clue as to what he throws and when.

"Trout and Trumbo spoke up and gave us a little insight on what this guy was featuring. They were right on point, but we just couldn't get anything going," Hunter said. "He has an over-the-top delivery, like an Iron Mike (pitching machine). He has a little cutter, a changeup, a slider and a curve ball. He threw everything by the kitchen sink."

Jonathan Broxton allowed two singles during a scoreless ninth for his 23rd save in 27 chances.

Garrett Richards (3-2) gave up four runs, five hits and three walks in five innings, including a two-run homer by Lorenzo Cain. The 24-year-old right-hander, who is trying to secure the fifth spot in the Angels' rotation, got the nod this time around after Jerome Williams went 0-5 with a 7.53 ERA in his previous five starts and was relegated to the bullpen.

Williams took over for Richards and scattered four hits over four scoreless innings in his second relief appearance this season.

Richards, who bounced back from two straight rough outings against Toronto and Baltimore

with seven innings of three-hit ball in an 11-0 win at Detroit last Tuesday, gave up Cain's third homer of the season after Alex Gordon opened the game with a bloop double inside the left field line.

"I'm trying to get my mentality down to a point where instead of waiting for something to happen, I turn it on. And that's only going to come with more experience and more starts," Richards said. "But I feel like I'm getting better every time out, and I thought I did a pretty good job tonight of not letting this one unravel too much."

Kansas City pushed across two runs in the second. Gordon hit an RBI single, and Chris Getz scored when Alcides Escobar beat second baseman Howie Kendrick's relay throw to first on a potential inning-ending double-play grounder to shortstop.

Angels outfielder Mike Trout was 0-for-3 with a walk as his franchise-record streak of consecutive games with a run scored ended at 15, leaving him tied with Roy Hartsfield of the 1950 Boston Red Sox for the major league-record among rookies. Trout came up three shy of the overall AL mark set by Red Rolfe of the Yankees in 1939 and equaled by Kenny Lofton of the Indians in 2000.

only four points with less than 2½ minutes left.

This one turned out much easier once the U.S. controlled the final three quarters.

"It was a good test for us tonight, but the exhibition games are over, the friendlies are over and we look forward to the real challenge of going to London," James said.

Pau Gasol scored 19 points and Oklahoma City forward Serge Ibaka, a native of the Republic of Congo who became a Spanish national last year, had 16.

Both teams have been weakened by injuries, with the U.S. missing Dwyane Wade, Dwight Howard and Chris Bosh, all key contributors in Beijing, along with Derrick Rose.

The Spaniards are without point guard Ricky Rubio, and All-Star center Marc Gasol, Juan Carlos Navarro and Rudy Fernandez have battled injuries this year.

They're still the best two teams in the world and favored to meet again in the Aug. 12 gold-medal game. Spain would have a different look, as Marc Gasol was held out of this one while recovering from a left shoulder injury and backup point guard Sergio Rodriguez also sat out.

It may not matter if the Americans play like this in the games that count.

Spain's players said Monday that while they would try to win this tuneup, the bigger priority was preparing for London. The Americans responded that the Spaniards, playing in front of their

home fans, would be compelled to go all out in hopes of a victory.

Spain seemed to be playing for real, but was simply overmatched and the Americans eventually ran away for the victory.

"Well, it was definitely a game that we would have loved to play better as a team," Gasol said. "We made too many mistakes which they capitalized and they played their game. They're a quick unit, very athletic and once they were able to convert a few fast-break opportunities due to our turnovers, it was hard for us."

The Americans, who would have had Howard, Bosh and Blake Griffin on this roster, believe their quickness and versatility will overcome their size problems, and that's what happened in this one.

Spain's size advantage was evident early, especially once Tyson Chandler, the only center on the U.S. roster, went to the bench with two quick fouls.

The Spanish pounded the ball inside to Ibaka, who accounted for three straight Spain baskets on dunks, and the Americans were forced to use a timeout — that never happened 20 years ago when the Dream Team ruled Barcelona — after Victor Sada's jumper made it 22-13 with 1:40 left in the opening period.

But though Gasol and Ibaka had an obvious advantage inside, neither could deal with Anthony on the perimeter. He made five 3-pointers in the first half while often appearing unguarded behind the arc.

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