



Darren DeLoach (car 21, left in left photo) of Lamar, Colo., took over first place by passing Ronnie Hill (41) of Sharon Springs in a modified preliminary at the Sherman County Speedway. Josh Frecks (5, above) of Stratton, Colo., had a tough night, finishing fifth in the mini main. A pair of Air Force F-16 fighters flew over the fairgrounds, circled and flew west about 5:30 p.m.
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Race fans surprised by pair of F-16 fighters

Early race fans and those in the pits at the Sherman County Speedway were surprised about 5:30 p.m. Saturday when a pair of Air Force F-16 fighters came out of the west, did a low pass over the fairgrounds, circled and flew back over the track heading west.

Saturday was the fifth night of racing for the summer, and with the temperature in the 90s, the stands and pit area were a bit slow to fill up. The racing began about 6:30 p.m., and some familiar drivers were back on top.

Christopher Kleine (car 11) of Las Cruces, N.M., returned to win the mini stock main. Dalton Dolan (3D) of Oberlin was second in his mini pickup. Josh Frecks (5) of Stratton, Colo., who had won the

mini stock race on June 16 to lead the point standings, finished fifth.

"I'm proud of my grandson, Dalton Dolan," said Bonnie Dolan in a note to The Goodland Star-News. "He is 15, and was his first race in Goodland. He came in second with his mini-truck. He was told he was disqualified because he went to the pits after the main race was over. He was told he should have had his car weighed after the race."

"They never check trucks in McCook, Oberlin or Culbertson. He assumed that since he was second he went to the pits. The track people did pay him for second, but took away his points."

"He does all this on his own as he lives with me. He just didn't know

that he was in the wrong.

"He loved the race track there, but I doubt we will be back as it is a long way to go to race."

Adam Morris (27) outran Raymond Dechant (00) (both of Lamar) to win the Bomber main. Dechant had been leading the point standings and Morris was in fifth place. His win should tighten up the bomber point standings.

Darren DeLoach (21) of Lamar won his fourth modified main to stay ahead of Jeff Tubbs (37) of Colby, who finished second. DeLoach came from the back of the field to win the modified preliminary, and won the modified cash dash.

Lee Hageman (4) of Goodland won the econo class main, with

point leader Roger Snethen (S5) of Goodland taking third. Andy Potterf of Goodland was second.

Angel Munoz (95N) of Lamar won his fifth stock main. Munoz, who leads the stock class, was the only stock driver to finish on Saturday.

Five more nights of racing are scheduled, on Saturdays July 21; Aug. 18; and Sept. 1, and the weekend of Sept. 28 and 29.

The 1200 Outlaw Sprints will appear next week, and the 305 Sprint cars are expected for the 15th annual Bill Gray Memorial on Aug. 18. The 18th annual Flatlander Fall Classic will be Friday and Saturday, Sept. 28 and 29.

**Sherman County Speedway
Race Results July 7, 2007**

- Mini Stock**
- 1 11 Christopher Kleine, Las Cruces, N.M.
 - 2 3D Dalton Dolan, Oberlin
 - 3 6 Cory Navarro, Burlington
 - 4 12 Tyrel Smith, Goodland
 - 5 5 Josh Frecks, Stratton, Colo.
 - 6 88 Chris Dawdy, Goodland
- Bomber**
- 1 27 Adam Morris, Lamar, Colo.
 - 2 00 Raymond Dechant, Lamar
 - 3 8 Brian Morris, Lamar
 - 4 S98 Joey Snethen, Goodland
 - 5 21M Matt Morris, Lamar
- Modified**
- 1 21 Darren DeLoach, Lamar
 - 2 37 Jeff Tubbs, Colby
 - 3 10 Chris Rementes, Denver
 - 4 86 Justen Beakley, Lamar
 - 5 41 Ronnie Hill, Sharon Springs
 - 6 3 Brady Coen, Lamar
 - 7 2M Angel Munoz, Lamar
 - 8 3R Kyle Rohleder, WaKeeney

- 9 11 Troy Plummer, Oakley
 - 10 25 Scott Saunders, Colorado Springs
 - 11 2J Jim Gronewold, Wray, Colo.
 - 12 6S Joe Shoup, Lamar
 - 13 33L Chris Lueck, Stratton.
- Econo**
- 1 4 Lee Hageman, Goodland
 - 2 8 Andy Potterf, Goodland
 - 3 S5 Roger Snethen, Goodland
 - 4 86 Dan Blair, St. Francis
 - 5 44 Donovan Nichols, Goodland
 - 6 01 Chad Normandin, Goodland
 - 7 44D Bradley Davis, Goodland
 - 8 43 Cory Ballentine, Goodland
 - 9 81 Diann Ross, Goodland
 - 10 31 Neil Normandin, Goodland
 - 11 7 Adrienne West, Goodland
 - 12 11 JR Wolfrum, Goodland
 - 13 57 Kevin Delano, Goodland
 - 14 14 Emmanuel Young, Goodland
- Stocks**
- 1 95N Angel Munoz, Lamar

Too many Homecoming games could be sign of being picked on

Nearly every college football team will play in at least one homecoming game, and many will play in two, since each game needs an opponent.

However, when a team ends up playing more than two homecomings in one season, you have to think maybe that team is being picked on.



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for the Gorillas' homecoming.

Fort Hays State is coming off a 1-10 season, following a 2-8 season in 2005. Two bad seasons is not enough to create a losing reputation, as the Tigers went 6-5 in 2003 and 2004, but another bad one

might.

October will be tough for the Tigers. Last year, they lost on the road to the Griffons of Missouri Western 24-10. The teams' one win came against Missouri Southern, 10-0 at home, but this year the Lions will be playing in front of their alumni.

October could be a bad month for Fort Hays football, but if the team can win two of four, it has a chance for a decent season and won't end up playing in four or five homecoming games in 2008.

I don't believe the Tigers are being picked on this season. I think the three homecoming games were the result of normal scheduling that just didn't look good at first glance.

My real gripe is this: when are the Tigers going to have a good season? I went to Fort Hays State for three years and sat through three seasons of which the best was a 5-5 showing in 2000.

The last good season was 1996, when the team went 7-3. It's about time for another.

A team that has a reputation for losing could end up being the designated victim to thrill alumni who came to see their alma mater victorious on one of the most celebrated weekends of the school year. It's possible that some school officials purposely schedule such a team, hoping that happy alumni would open their wallets wider.

A team playing four or more homecoming games would definitely be in that situation, but I haven't found one (yet) this season. Playing in three might or might not fit that scenario. Due to scheduling, some teams might only play in their own homecoming, which means others will have to pick up the slack.

That may be the case this season with Fort Hays State University. The Tigers are playing in their own homecoming game on Oct. 6 against Missouri Western. A week later, the team heads to Joplin to face Missouri Southern in the Lions' homecoming. Two weeks after that, the Tigers travel to Pittsburg State

Elks K-18 baseball team beats Burlington at Memorial Field

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The Goodland Elks K-18 baseball team beat the Burlington All Stars 14-11 on Sunday, July 1, at Memorial Field. The second game was not played due to wind.

In the top of the first inning, the first batter for Colby hit a triple and scored on a wild pitch. The next three batters walked, with the fourth striking out. The next was out on a line drive, with one of the runners on base tagged for the last out.

Austin Avelar, up first for Goodland, struck out. Michael Pettibone walked but was tagged out at second. Ryan Hillmer, Dallas DeLaRosa, Laine Herl were left on base when Reed Bellamy struck out. The score was Burlington 1-0.

In the top of the second, the first batter walked and the second made it to first on an error by the third baseman. The third batter struck out and the man on first was thrown out trying to steal second. Burlington was able to score before popups to center fielder Reed Bellamy ended

the inning.

With Goodland up, Garth Helton was out on a ball fielded by the second baseman. Kelly Pearson struck out. Nathan Deeds walked and stole second, then third, but was left on base when Avelar struck out. Burlington led 2-0.

Burlington went three up and out in the top of the third. Pettibone led off for Goodland, striking out. Hillmer walked, then stole second and third. The next batters, DeLaRosa and Herl, struck out.

In the top of the fourth, Burlington scored three runs. Bellamy led off the batting for Goodland and walked. Helton and Pearson struck out. Deeds walked. Bellamy and Deeds scored when they stole home. Burlington led 5-2.

Burlington scored three more runs after the first two batters were out in the top of the fifth. The first three batters for Goodland walked, then Herl hit a single, driving in Hillmer. Pettibone scored on a stolen base. DeLaRosa was driven in

by Helton, who also scored with Herl, Helton and Pearson. The score was tied at 8.

In the top of the sixth, Burlington was unable to score. The first batter for Goodland, Herl, flied out to center. The next five batters, Bellamy, Helton, Pearson, Deeds and Avelar scored on hits by Pettibone and Hillmer. Hillmer also scored. The score was Goodland 14-8.

Colby scored three more runs in the top of the seventh but still lost to Goodland, 14-11.

The K-18 western Kansas regional will be Friday to Sunday at Colby.

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