

Sprint cars will highlight race

With speeds hitting 110 mph, the hottest thing on four wheels at the Sherman County Speedway on Saturday will be the Outlaw Mini Sprint cars.

The Colorado 1200 Outlaws will make their only scheduled appearance this season. Last year, the Colorado group brought 15 cars to Goodland, and Alex West, Speedway Association president, said he expects to have at least the same number or hopefully a few more this time.

Mini Sprint cars are a traditional driver-behind-the-engine, upright, open-wheel race car using 1,200cc engines. The mini sprints have been called "the Welterweight Sprint Car for 'Squirtin' Dirt," West said.

Nic Sutton (car 15) of Arvada, Colo., won the 1200 Outlaws main race last year, hitting 110 mph on his fastest lap. Alan Davis of Colorado Springs (11) was second with a top speed of 99 mph.

West said he plans races in the mini-stock, econo, bomber and modified classes. He said there won't be any stock races. The last

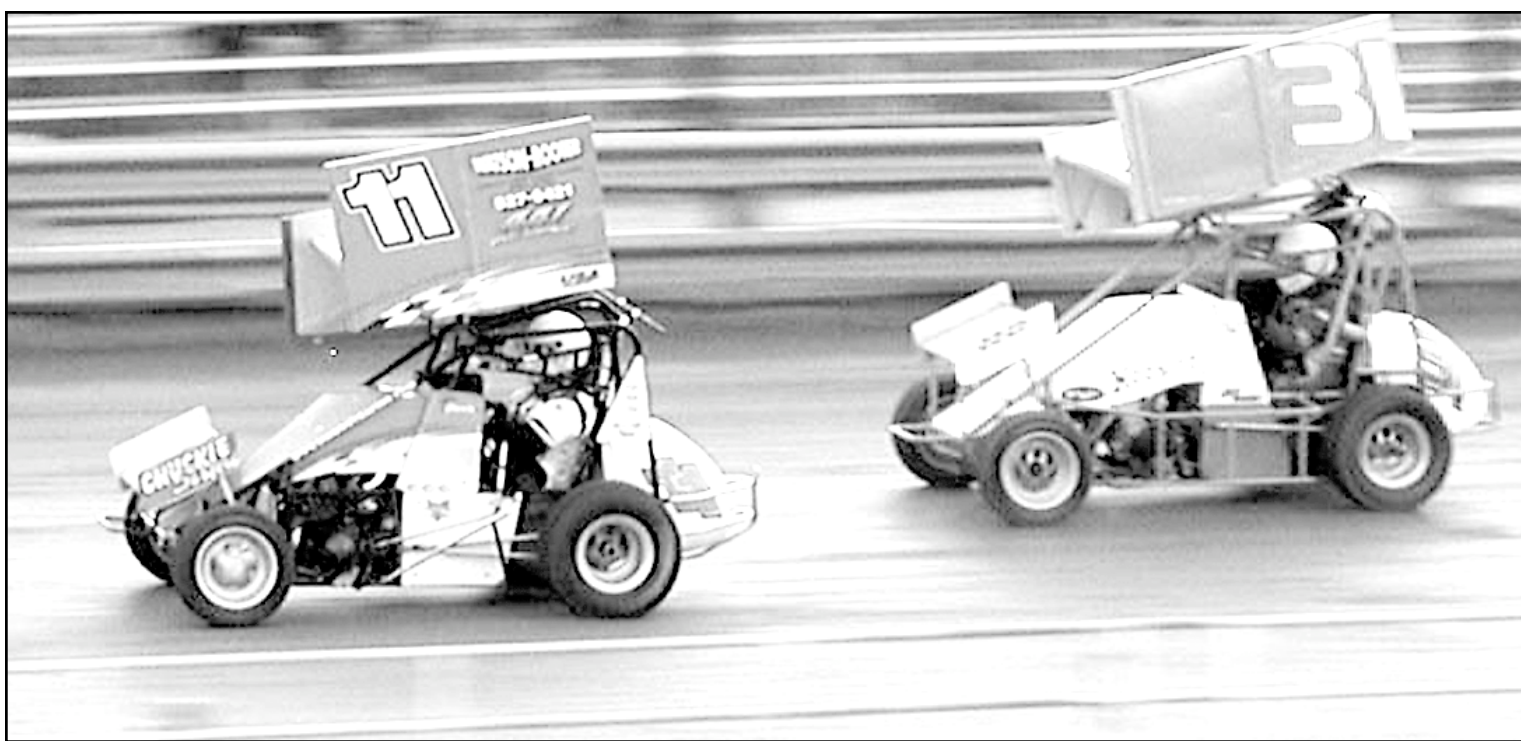
two race nights, the number of stock cars has dwindled down to one or two, he said.

Saturday, the pit gate opens at 2 p.m. Cars are expected to begin hot laps about 5 p.m., and the first race should be at 6:30 p.m., West said.

Race trophies for Saturday are being sponsored by Culligan Water of Lamar, Colo., owned by Jim DeLoach. His son Darren (21) has been a track favorite in the modified class and leads the track standings after winning four main races this season.

Christopher Kleine (11) of Las Cruces, N.M., won the last mini stock main, but Josh Frecks (5) of Stratton, Colo., has a one-point lead (167-166) over Tyrel Smith (12) with Kleine third with 142.

In the bomber class, the top racer is Raymond Dechant (00), but he was upset in the main race on July 7 by Adam Morris (27). Both drivers are from Lamar. Dechant with 180 points leads Matt Morris (21M) of Lamar by seven points at 173. Joey Snethen is third with 166 points.



The Colorado 1200 Outlaws, which burned up the Sherman County Speedway at speeds up to 110 mph last year, will make their only appearance of 2007 on Saturday. Mini Sprint cars are a traditional driver-behind-the-engine, upright, open-wheel race car using

1,200cc engines. Alex West, president of the Sherman County Racing Association, said he expects about 15 Colorado cars this weekend.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Lee Hageman (4) of Goodland will be seeking to continue winning in the econo class main. Track econo point leader Roger Snethen (\$5) of Goodland will be trying to rebound to stay on top. Hageman is tied for second with Donovan Nichols (44) with 178 points.

Snethen leads with 196 points.

DeLoach won the modified main, but Jeff Tubbs (37) of Colby is a close second and will try to break DeLoach's win streak. DeLoach leads the point standings with 185 and Tubbs (37) is second at 166. Angel Munoz (2M), who was win-

ning the stock class in his 95N car is now fourth in the modified standings with 142 points.

Four more nights of racing are scheduled, on Saturdays Aug. 18; and Sept. 1, and the weekend of Sept. 28 and 29. The races at the Sherman County Speedway are

sponsored by the Sherman County Stock Car Association, Coors and Coke.

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.

Slammers overrun Sweet Thunder, 14-0 and 20-6

The Goodland Slammers 12-and-under fast-pitch softball team won both games, 14-0 and 20-6, against Colby's Sweet Thunder on Wednesday, July 11, at Centennial Park.

The Slammers outbatted the Sweet Thunder in both games, and Colby walked lots of batters who eventually scored.

In the top of the first inning of the first game, Colby went three up and three out. Hope Cochran led off for Goodland, and she hit a double. Stephanie DeLaRosa walked, as did Brianna White. Paige Phillips

struck out. Shyanne Austin walked, Lindsay Bauman walked and Miranda Hernandez walked.

Hernandez was out when the catcher threw to the shortstop but earned two RBIs. Amber Smith walked. Cochran hit a single, DeLaRosa walked and Berkley White was hit by a pitch. Brianna White struck out. Berkley had an RBI. Scoring were Cochran, DeLaRosa, Berkley and Brianna White. Austin, Bauman and Smith. Goodland led 7-0.

Colby's first batter in the top of the second inning grounded to

short. The next three batters walked but were left on base after the next two batters struck out.

Phillips, the first batter for the Slammers, walked. Austin hit a single and both of them scored. Bauman was hit by a pitch. Hernandez and Smith struck out. The score at the bottom of the second was Goodland 9-0.

In the top of the third, Colby has three batters strike out and left two runners on base. DeLaRosa struck out and Berkley White grounded to second. Brianna White also struck out. The score remained 9-0.

Colby remained scoreless in the top of the fourth. Phillips walked and came in when Austin hit a triple. Austin also scored. Bauman and Hernandez scored. Selena Acosta struck out. Cochran hit a single, scored and earned an RBI. DeLaRosa struck out. Berkley White walked but was left on base when Brianna White grounded to the pitcher. Goodland won 14-0. DeLaRosa got the win.

The first batter for Colby in the first inning of the second game hit a single but was left on second with the third strike.

Phillips led off for the Slammers with a single. The next nine batters walked. Phillips, Berkley White, Austin, Bauman, Kyndell King, Kate-Lynn King, Acosta, Keegan Nothdurf, Jessica Johnson and Phillips all scored. Berkley White hit a single, earned an RBI and scored when Austin, Bauman and Kyndell King walked and also scored. Goodland scored 14, making the score 14-0.

In the top of the second, the first batter for Colby struck out. The next batter hit a single and that was followed by walk. The next batter

struck out and was followed by a single, followed by a walk and two singles. Colby scored six runs. The last batter popped out to center.

Goodland scored four more runs by Cochran, Kyndall King, Kate-Lynn King and Smith in the bottom of the second. Goodland led 18-6.

Colby had five batters in the top of the third, leaving two on base. In the bottom of the third, Hernandez and Kyndell King scored. The game was called with Goodland winning 20-6. Phillips pitched the first two innings and Acosta the third.

Legion team splits with Norton, prepares for zone tournament

The Goodland American Legion team split a doubleheader with Norton on Wednesday in the final games of the season, with the Zone 7 tournament here Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Coach John Dautel said the Goodland team won the first game against Norton 13-3 but lost the second 6-2.

He said he feels the team's 6-15 record is not very impressive.

"We were in a lot of games," Dautel said. "I can think of six games we lost by one run. We played some tough teams."

He said it did not help that a couple of teams who were supposed to play in Goodland didn't show. Burlington had to cancel Saturday because of the Colorado state tournament.

Dautel said the zone tournament has dropped a bit in size because

Ulysses isn't coming. The four teams in the double-elimination tournament will be Goodland, Colby, Scott City and Norton.

"I have to wait until this weekend to get the final records to determine who fits where in the bracket," Dautel said.

He said after talking to coach Richard Miller of Norton, it appears that may be the top team in the zone. Dautel said Miller told him the team's record is 26-18, and Miller is hoping to play three more double-headers this weekend.

Zone play will begin with two games at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Friday, Dautel said. There will be games at 2, 4 and 6 p.m. on Saturday, with the finals at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The winner will advance to the state American Legion AA tournament Aug. 3-7 in Pratt. The winner

from the state tournament will play in the Mid-States Regional Aug. 15-10 in Beulah, N.D.

Members of the Goodland American Legion team include Preston Dautel (12), Teather Dautel (18), Tyler Hillmer (13), Rory Kling (16), Vance Johnson (20), Derrick Fenner (21), T.J. Freeman (2), Brandon Rome (9), Kevin Amthor (30), Dustin Zelfer (3), Tory Elder (10) of Sharon Springs and Brian Plummer (1) of Russell Springs. Coaches are John and Wyatt Dautel and Jake Johnson.

The American Legion Class AA program is for players 19 or younger on Jan. 1. A team may be recruited from one or more high schools, provided total enrollment does not exceed 500 students. The Goodland American Legion Post sponsored the team.

Elks K-18 to play in Colby

The Goodland K-18 youth baseball team was to play Phillipsburg at 5:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) Thursday night in WaKeeney.

The winner of that game will go into the brackets for the West Regional Tournament on Friday and Saturday at Colby.

The winner of the Goodland-Phillipsburg game will play the Colby No. 1 team at 6:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) today at Colby. Hays will play Russell at 3 p.m. The winner of those two games will play at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Ellis will play WaKeeney today at 11 a.m. and Oberlin will play Plainville at 1:30 p.m. The winners of those two games will play Saturday at 11 a.m.

The championship game will follow the consolation game for third and fourth place at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

The top four teams will advance to the state tournament at Lucas on Friday to Tuesday, July 27 to 31. The games will be played with regular high school rules.

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The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

June 4 — Xuesu Wang, \$114 for speeding.
Amanda M. Ware, \$144 for speeding.

June 5 — James A. Barnett, \$366 for first conviction of driving while suspended.
Richard V. Greeves, dismissed for no liability insurance.
Quentin A. Lowe, \$132 for speeding.

June 6 — Carole L. Bradley, \$132 for speeding.
Rodney D. Kanler, \$183 for speeding.
Marcus A. Krieger, \$126 for speeding.



Crop Production Services, Inc. (CPS), headquartered in Galesburg, Illinois, has announced the purchase of Agronomy and Petroleum assets from ADM in Kansas and Oklahoma. Tom Warner, President of CPS, states, "We are continuing our objective of growing our retail crop input business and remaining the largest Direct to Farmer agricultural retailer in the United States. Most importantly, we strive to be the premier crop input supplier in each of the markets that we participate."

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