

Elmwood Speedway races finish ahead of weather

By MIKE HUGHES

Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton was able to get in their race program just ahead of incoming weather Saturday evening, June 10, in a program that saw the caution flag wave only three times during the entire evening.

Brian Calhoon of Beloit led all 15 laps of the IMCA Modified feature to score his first win of the season at the half-mile oval. The lone caution flag waved on lap three when Rich Schwab stopped. Calhoon pulled away on the restart and won by a straightaway when the checkers fell. Heat one winner Mitch Kline finished second, followed by Jason Schoenberger, Doug Shearer and Brice Riley. Calhoon won the other heat race.

Hometown driver Dan Lauer led the first three laps of the 15-lap IMCA Stock Car feature before Cory Struckhoff took the lead. Heat two winner Caleb Peters of Oberlin chased Struckhoff most of the race and made the winning pass on lap 12. Struckhoff finished second in the caution free race, while Jason Davis won the battle for third over heat one winner Jay Hachmeister and Josh Hudson.

Gene Sneath of Plainville won his second IMCA Hobby Stock feature of the year at Elmwood Park as he put his Ford in front on the opening lap and drove away from the field in the caution free 12-lap event. Adam Balthazor won the race for second place over Brady Schoen and heat one winner Kelly Karnopp, with Wade

Wagenblast rounding out the top five. Sneath took the checkers in the other heat race.

Cruisers Joe and Jim Carter of Russell also scored their second win of the season at Norton as they took the lead on lap two and held off lap one leaders Wes and Chuck Eagleburger to the finish of the 8-lap caution free race.

The Dwarf Car Racing Association made a special appearance as 3 Dwarf Cars and 9 Mod Lites from Eastern Kansas made the trip out west to the one-half mile oval. Heat one winner Bud Lee of Salina led all 10 laps to win his second feature in as many nights, winning the night before at Red Cloud, Neb., Jeff Raffurty of Kansas City, Mo., finished second, followed by Jim Seichepine of Topeka. Daryl Gabriel of Silver Lake won the other heat race.

Racing action returns to Elmwood Park Speedway Saturday night, June 24, with the regular four divisions. Race time is 7 p.m.

RESULTS

IMCA Hobby Stocks

Heat 1: 1. Kelly Karnopp, 2. Brady Schoen, 3. Dustin McClurg, 4. Brent Schoen.

Heat 2: 1. Gene Sneath, 2. Adam Balthazor, 3. Wade Wagenblast, 4. Phil Hinger.

Feature: 1. Sneath, 2. Balthazor, 3. Brady Schoen, 4. Karnopp, 5. Wagenblast, 6. McClurg, 7. Brent Schoen, 8. Jerry Hudson, 9. P. Hinger, 10. Laura Hinger.

IMCA Stock Cars

Heat 1: 1. Jay Hachmeister, 2. Josh Hudson, 3. Michael Zajic, 4. J.R. McCreery.

Heat 2: 1. Caleb Peters, 2. Jason Davis, 3. Jason Schoenberger, 4. Dan Lauer.

Feature: 1. Peters, 2. Cory Struckhoff, 3. Davis, 4. Hachmeister, 5. Hudson, 6. Schoenberger, 7. Lauer, 8. McCreery, 9. Zajic, 10. Jason Rogers, 11. Tyler Hahn (DNS).

IMCA Modifieds

Heat 1: 1. Mitch Kline, 2. Jason Schoenberger, 3. Doug Shearer, 4. Rick Schwab.

Heat 2: 1. Brian Calhoon, 2. Nate Schaben, 3. Tim Watts, 4. Marty Clark.

Feature: 1. Calhoon, 2. Kline, 3. Schoenberger, 4. Shearer, 5. Brice Riley, 6. Watts, 7. Schwab, 8. Clark, 9. Schaben (DNS).

Cruisers

Heat: 1. Joe Carter/Jim Carter, 2. Mike Hockemeier/Jim Ellis, 3. Jeremy Simmons/Roger Deal, 4. Nick Horn/Tim Horn.

Feature: 1. Carter/Carter, 2. Wes Eagleburger/Chuck Eagleburger, 3. Macy Thomas/Kimberly Thomas, 4. Hockemeier/Ellis, 5. Horn/Horn, 6. Rhona Annon/Joann Ellis, 7. Simmons/Deal (DNF).

Dwarf Cars/Mod Lites

Heat 1: 1. Daryl Gabriel, 2. Mike Sedgewick, 3. Bill Zabel, 4. John Sharp.

Heat 2: 1. Bud Lee, 2. Greg Nellis, 3. Jim Seichepine, 4. Jeff Raffurty.

Feature: 1. Lee, 2. Raffurty, 3. Seichepine, 4. Brandon Gray, 5. Nellis, 6. Gabriel, 7. Zabel, 8. Sedgewick, 9. Bob Powell, 10. Sharp, 11. Danny Lane (DNF), 12. Nick Watts (DNF).

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Northern Valley High School

Fourth Nine Weeks Highest

Seniors: Joey Copper, Cody Lowry, Clarke Nelson, Serena Woodside

Juniors: Jessica Holmes, Jena Jessup, Ashley Kingham, Andrea Lowry, Abigail Ponstein

Sophomores: Hannah Ponstein, Stephanie Tubbs

Freshmen: Stanton Nelson

Honors I

Seniors: Patrick Hammond, Dustin Hillebrand, Cole Kinderknecht, Frans Laubscher, Andrew Sheley, Avery Thalheim, Emily Zillinger

Juniors: Kelli Cole, Maxine Counter, Melody Miller

Sophomores: Jessica Zillinger

Freshmen: Taylor Hammond, Hannah Hawks

Honors II

Seniors: Brynton Anderson, Tom Bartley, Casey Dole, Braden Kersch, Sareley Salazar

Juniors: Henry Griffiths, Jessica King, Jessie Redeker, Alysia

Shearer, Jessica Wenzl
Sophomores: Kylene Hager, Joni Hilburn, Amanda Hopkins, Kelsey Kinderknecht, Bryce

Marble
Freshmen: Drew Britt, Drew Eagleburger, Ethan Hays, Chaim McMillin, Eric Woodside

Northern Valley Junior High

Fourth Nine Weeks Honor Roll

Eighth Grade: Alison Cole, Samuel Field, Miriah Florence, Hutch Gehrke, Amber Sheley, Karen Wenzl

Seventh Grade: Sean Braun, Kenzie Chandler, Matthew Dole, Staci Dole, Kayla Field, Colton

Lowry, Christopher Pinzenscham, Bryant Tharman, Zachary Vincent

Honorable Mention

Eighth Grade: Christina Anderson, Megan Cole, Jacob Gallentine, Jordan Herman, Brandon Towery, CJ Woodmansee

Seventh Grade: Caleb Bach, Dusty Eagleburger

Norton graduate signs track letter of intent with Fort Hays

By DICK BOYD

Chelle Donovan, a four-year letter winner for coach Bruce Graber's Norton Community High School girls track team, has signed a letter of intent to pole vault for Fort Hays State University.

Not only did Donovan letter four years, she also competed four years in the Kansas State High School Track and Field Meet in Wichita. Donovan placed in the pole vault in all but her freshman year. Her best finish was this year when she cleared 9' to place fourth.

"Chelle did a great job all spring," said coach Graber. "Her foot was bothering her the last two years, which limited her

training. But, she fought off the pain to place high both years in the state meet, in addition to her sophomore year.

"She will do well at Fort Hays. They have some excellent training techniques which will help her. They do a great job with their vaulters."

"We are very excited about Chelle and the other student-athletes we have signed for the 2006-07 season," said Fort Hays coach Dennis Weber.

Among the new recruits from



C. Donovan

this area is junior college athlete Brady Maska, throws, Hays, Barton County Community High School.

The high school recruits from this area, in addition to Donovan, are: Rocky Baalman, sprints, Colby; Nate Burgess, hurdles, Hays; Cole Ginther, distance, Hays, Thomas More Prep; Tyler Ginther, distance, Hays, Thomas More Prep; Mitch Sahlfeld, throws, Beloit, St. John's; Andrew Smith, mid-distance, Hays; Brooks Wachs, jumps, Hays; Zanae Baird, distance, Colby; Christa Bergman, throws, Concordia; Brook Hobbs, sprints, Hays; Mallory Joseph, distance, Oakley; Alison Mishler, distance, Arnold, Western Plains.

Norton K-18 baseball wins doubleheader at Phillipsburg

By DICK BOYD

The Norton K-18 baseball team traveled to Phillipsburg on Tuesday evening and returned with two dominant victories.

In the opener, the Blue Jays won 13-2 and, in the nightcap, they prevailed 12-1.

"We had a pretty good night of baseball by our young men," said coach Ward Foley.

OPENER

In the first game, Phillipsburg took a 1-0 lead in the first inning but Norton moved ahead 2-1 in the top of the second. Troy Bainter singled, Breyer Simmons walked and both scored.

Phillipsburg scored once in the bottom of the second to tie the score at 2-2.

Six runs by Norton in the top of the third inning put the Blue Jays ahead for good. Spencer Shirk walked, Zach Bainter tripled, Matt Stanley walked, Zac Dreyer singled, Troy Bainter doubled, Dakota Dreyer walked and Terrell Lane singled. Shirk, Zach Bainter, Stanley, Zac Dreher, Troy Bainter and Dakota Dreher all scored to give Norton an 8-2 advantage.

The Blue Jays added two more runs to their total in the top of the fourth. Zach Bainter and Zac Dreher both tripled and Troy

Bainter singled. Zach Bainter and Zac Dreher both scored to extend the Norton lead to 10-2.

The Blue Jays' final three runs came in the top of the fifth stanza. Kaid McKenna led off the top of the inning with a walk, Landon Keiswetter followed him with a base on balls, Kyle Mindrup singled and all three scored to make the final 13-2.

Lane started on the mound for Norton and pitched two innings. He allowed four hits, walked none and struck out one batter. Zach Bainter relieved him and pitched two innings. He allowed two hits, struck out three and walked none. He was the winning pitcher. Troy Bainter pitched the last inning. He gave up three hits, walked none and struck out one.

Norton had 14 hits in the game. Lane, Zach Bainter and Troy Bainter were all a perfect 3-3 at the plate. Zac Dreher was 2-3 batting.

NIGHTCAP

Norton took a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning of the second game. Shirk singled, Zach Bainter doubled, Dakota Dreher walked and Stanley bunt singled. Shirk, Bainter and Dreher all scored.

Phillipsburg's only run came in the bottom of the first to make it a 3-1 game.

The Blue Jays had a big second inning, tacking on eight more runs to extend their advantage of 11-1. Kaenon Keiswetter walked, Landon Keiswetter singled, Lane singled, Shirk tripled, Zach Bainter, Dakota Dreher, Stanley and Troy Bainter all walked and Kaenon Keiswetter walked for the second time in the inning. Kaenon Keiswetter, Landon Keiswetter, Lane, Shirk, Zach Bainter, Dakota Dreher, Stanley and Troy Bainter all scored.

Lane singled in the top of the third, Shirk doubled, Zach Bainter singled and Shirk scored to make the final score 12-1 in favor of the visiting Blue Jays.

Zach Bainter was the winning pitcher. He hurled one inning, allowing two hits, striking out one batter and walking none. Shirk relieved him and pitched two innings. He gave up just one hit, struck out two batters and walked none.

Norton collected nine hits. Shirk was a perfect 3-3 at the plate, followed by Zach Bainter, 2-2 and Lane 2-3.

Next action

The Norton K-18 baseball team will host Plainville in a doubleheader this evening at John Ryan Field, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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