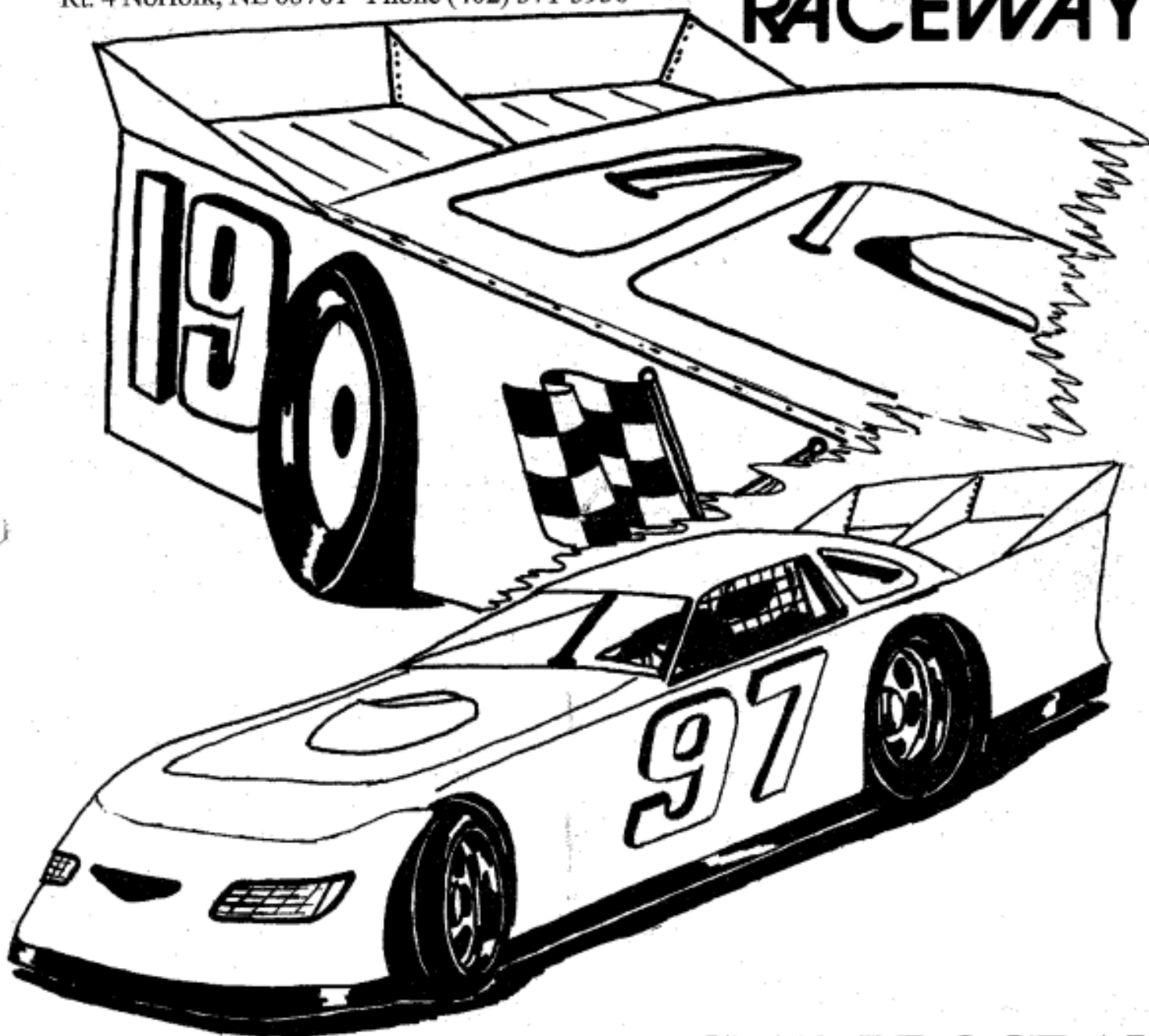


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# Roth wins first feature of season

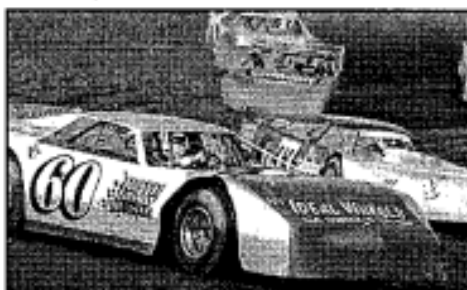
## Osborne, Roth are GN winners

For Bancroft's Reggie Roth, it was a long wait following his heat race and trophy dash win April 19, before claiming the "A" feature last Saturday, as rain halted the first night of action early and did not allow a second night to happen. It was two weeks later before he was able win the first "A" feature of the season.

It was a night of catchup, plus a regular night of racing Saturday, as the Grand Nationals, as well as the Street Stocks, had a double feature night.

Roth winning the makeup feature and Norfolk's Robert Osborne taking the second "A" feature.

Roth started his feature win bid from the pole and never dropped out of the lead the



**Jay Smith (77) gave Reggie Roth (60) a race early in the feature.**

entire 25 laps. Jay Smith of Norfolk applied plenty of pressure, but was never able to pass Roth.

While Smith was working on Roth, Curt

Zuhlke of Bancroft was able to sneak up on Smith and on lap 14 Zuhlke got by Smith. The top three stayed the same throughout the next nine laps, before Osborne slid by Smith for third. Smith hung on for fourth and Steve Matthies of Norfolk finished out the top five.

Roth did not quite have the same luck in the second "A" feature of the night, as he watched the last 18 laps from infield after his rear suspension broke.

Osborne, who started in the inside of row three had to work his way through the field and on lap 11 he cracked the top three by getting by both Vic Lovejoy of Meadow

**GN winners/**please see page 6

# Defending champion



nearly makes it  
two in a row

## Johnson claims first feature, Baumert wins the second one

Riviera Raceway's defending points champion Jim Johnson of Bloomfield looked like he may win the first two "A" features of the season, but a stubborn Lee Baumert of Neligh held him off, last Saturday night to spoil Johnson's sweep.

It was a double feature night at the track due to rain on April 19 during the first night of racing, when a wet track stopped the action on the fourth lap of the Street Stock "A" feature. The next Saturday was rained out completely.

Last Saturday, the Street Stock "A" feature began where it left off with Norfolk's Bill Wells leading the pack, Johnson second and Shannon Buenning of Norfolk third.

Wells had won both his heat and the trophy dash and looked to have the "A" feature in hand on April 19, but it was a different story Saturday.

Just after the postponed race resumed, a

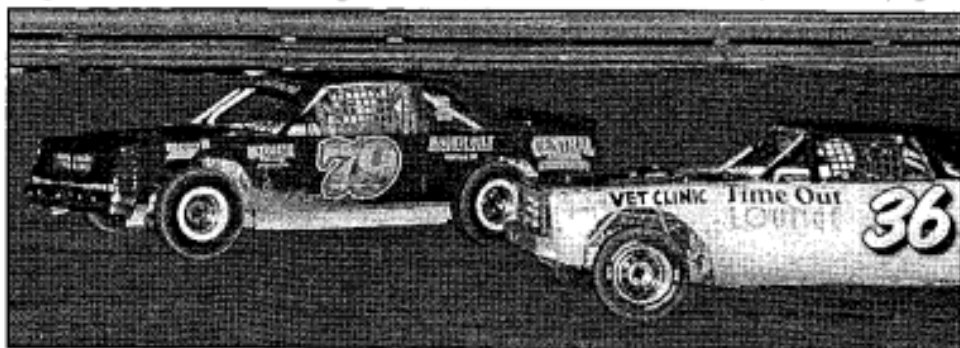
spark plug in the Wells machine went soar leaving him on only seven cylinders. That allowed Johnson to get by on lap nine of the 15 laps. Johnson checked out on the field and took the first "A" feature win of the season.

Wells was able to hang onto second, despite his ill motor, Buenning was third,

Dennis Martz of Norfolk fourth and Jeff Thelen of Stanton, who was penalized two positions after failing the post race inspection, finished fifth.

In the second "A" feature of the night, Johnson had to battle from his 10th place

**Street Stock/**please see page 6



Lee Baumert was able to hold off the hard charging Jim Johnson late in the "A" feature. Baumert picked up his first win of the season.

# Gnat and company dominate



## C r u i s e r s

# Two-person class debuts at Raceway

It almost appeared to be a demolition derby, as radiators let go, tires fell off, smoke filled the air and vehicles sat strained nearly everywhere.

What was it? It was Riviera Raceway's newest class of cars — the Cruiser class.

A two-person operation where one person drives and another controls the accelerator and brake, which are located on the passenger side of the vehicle.

Who drives them? Flagmen, drivers from other classes and even local law enforcement officers made up the field last Saturday night.

Flagman for the track Jeremy Gnat seemed to have the edge on the field, as he took both feature races.

In the makeup feature from April 19, Gnat defeated Jason Wilkenson of Oakdale and Grand National driver Robert Osborne of Norfolk.

Nine specially rigged cars started the

second feature, the last event of the evening. The race is started from a standing still start, which caused at least one vehicle to stall before the race began, which occurred several times.

Once all nine cars were moving at the start, Osborne grabbed the early lead from his fourth starting position. Norfolk Police Officer Ned Hodgeson was running sec-

ond.

By lap four of 10, Russ Wilken of Norfolk and Gnat passed Hodgeson. By the next lap Gnat was on top of Osborne and Gnat took over the top spot for the final five laps. Wilken then got by Osborne on the next lap to finish second. Osborne finished third.

Six cars finished.



Russ Wilken loses a tire and heads for a bigger one.

## GN winner/

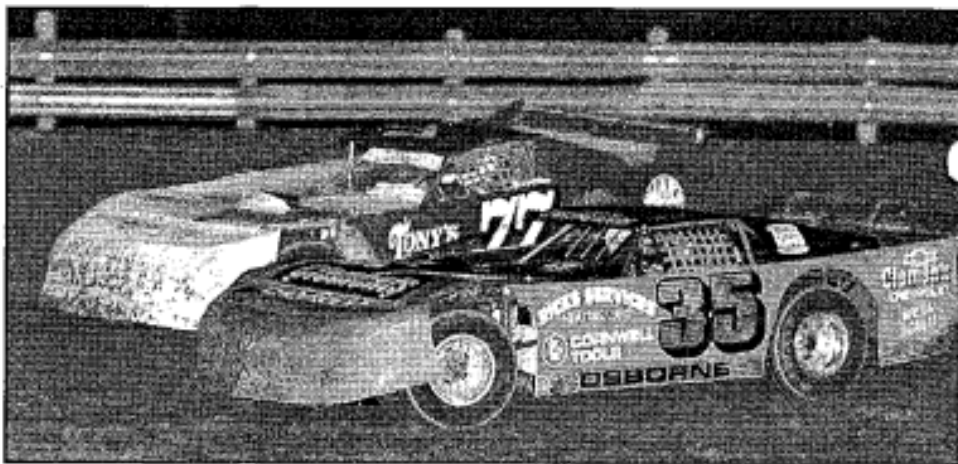
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Grove and Matthies to take over the second spot behind defending Grand National champion Raymond Haase of Norfolk. Haase started from the outside pole and followed polesitter Lovejoy for the first eight laps.

Haase led the next 12 circuits, before Osborne was able to get by going down the back stretch on lap 21. Osborne went onto win and Haase took home second.

Matthies, who ran in the top three all race, finished third. Zuhlke was forced to the back of the field after the first of two cautions. He battled back to take fourth and Mike Goldfuss of Sutton finished fifth.

In the heat races, Osborne sprinted to the front on the first lap of the first heat race from his second row starting position



**Robert Osborne (35) gets to the inside of Jay Smith (77) early in the "A" feature.**

to pick up his first heat race win of the season. Keith Smith was second and Goldfuss third.

The heat second race had Zuhlke picking up his second heat race win of the sea-

son. Matthies was second and Lovejoy third.

Haase made quick work of the third heat, grabbing his first of the year. Smith was second and Roth third.

## Street Stock/

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starting position to get to the front of the 14-car field.

After five laps were completed, the first caution flag came out when Brian Wagner of Winnetoon blew a tire in three and four. Johnson had moved up to the sixth spot.

Two laps later Jim Kimmel spun bringing out the final caution and allowing the field to close up behind Baumert, who started on the pole and was pulling away from the field.

Johnson, who was sitting fourth after Kimmel's spin, moved around Dan Titus of Norfolk on the restart. Two laps later he passed Travis Loecker of Bloomfield, who was running second up to that point.

Johnson was able to run down Baumert and make several attempts to move into

the lead, but Baumert hung on to win the 15-lap event. Johnson settled for second, Loecker was third, Titus fourth and Wells, with a new spark plug, finished fifth.

Advancing into the "A" feature from the "B" feature was race winner Martz, Joel Carlson and Patrick Jensen of Stanton.

Martz used his front row position to lead from the drop of the green. Jensen ran second for nine of the 10 laps, but on the last lap a quick Carlson came from the last position to get by Jensen in the final corner to take second.

Only one of two drivers who qualified for the "B" feature showed from the "C" feature. Eric Haase of Norfolk finished second in the "C" feature advanced, but winner Brad Brabec of Norfolk did not make the second event.

Haase led the first three laps, before Brabec took over and on the second to last

lap, Brabec blew something in the water line loosing all his coolant. Unable to fix the problem in time, Brabec's night ended.

In the heat races, Plainview's Darrell Doerr won the first race, but again the car was trailered with a problem. Two weeks earlier, Doerr had won his heat race, but a valve and piston problem at the end of the race sent him home early.

Mike Timm of Pierce was second to Doerr and Wagner was third.

The second heat race was won by Baumert, his first of the year. Jon Haase of Plainview was second and Kimmel was third.

Johnson was winner of the third heat race. Thelen was second and Titus was third.

Picking up his second heat race win, Bernie Berck took the final heat race. Loecker was second and Wells was third.

### Drivers from Norfolk unless noted

**GRAND NATIONALS:** (A feature, postponed from April 19) 1. Reggie Roth, Bancroft; 2. Curt Zuhlke, Bancroft; 3. Robert Osborne; 4. Jay Smith; 5. Steve Matthies; 6. Raymond Haase; 7. Keith Hansen; 8. Bob Milander; 9. Dean Wilkenson, Oakdale; 10. Scott Phillips. (A feature) 1. Osborne; 2. Haase; 3. Matthies; 4. Zuhlke; 5. Mike Goldfuss, Sutton; 6. Smith; 7. Vic Lovejoy, Meadow Grove; 8. Milander; 9. Roth; 10. Wilkenson. (B feature) 1. Wilkenson; 2. Milander; 3. Haase. (Heat 1) 1. Osborne; 2.

Hansen. (Heat 2) 1. Zuhlke; 2. Matthies. (Heat 3) 1. Haase; 2. Smith.

**STREET STOCK:** (A feature, postponed from April 19) 1. Jim Johnson, Bloomfield; 2. Bill Wells; 3. Shannon Buening; 4. Dennis Martz; 5. Jeff Thelen, Stanton; 6. Bernie Berck; 7. Brian Wagner, Winnetoon; 8. Dan Titus; 9. Travis Loecker, Bloomfield; 10. Patrick Jensen, Stanton. (A feature) 1. Lee Baumert, Neligh; 2. Johnson; 3. Loecker; 4. Titus; 5. Wells; 6. Martz; 7. Jon Haase, Plainview; 8. Joel

Carlson; 9. Mike Timm, Pierce; 10. Patrick Jensen. (B feature) 1. Martz; 2. Carlson; 3. Jensen. (C feature) 1. Brad Brabec; 2. Eric Haase; 3. Jason Throener, Pilger. (Heat 1) 1. Darrell Doerr, Plainview; 2. Timm. (Heat 2) 1. Baumert; 2. Jon Haase. (Heat 3) 1. Johnson; 2. Thelen. (Heat 4) 1. Berck; 2. Loecker.

**CRUISERS:** Driver names only - (Feature postponed from April 19) 1. Jeremy Gnat; 2. Jason Wilkenson, Oakdale; 3. Robert Osborne. (Feature) 1. Gnat; 2. Russ Wilken; 3. Osborne.

# Riviera Raceway Point System

First Appearance.....20pts

at Race

1st.....20pts  
2nd.....15pts  
3rd.....10pts  
4th.....5pts

\*A - Feature

1st.....50pts  
2nd.....45pts  
3rd.....40pts  
4th.....35pts  
5th.....30pts  
6th.....25pts  
7th.....20pts  
8th.....15pts  
9th.....10pts  
10th.....8pts  
11th.....6pts  
12th.....4pts

\* 1 Point Per Lap In Grand Nationals

B - Feature

\*1st.....20pts  
\*2nd.....15pts  
\*3rd.....10pts  
4th.....9pts  
5th.....8pts  
6th.....7pts  
7th.....6pts  
8th.....5pts  
9th.....4pts  
10th.....3pts

\* Moves to A-Feature

C - Feature

\*1st.....15pts  
\*2nd.....10pts  
\*3rd.....9pts  
4th.....8pts  
5th.....7pts  
6th.....6pts  
7th.....5pts  
8th.....4pts  
9th.....3pts  
10th.....2pts

\* Moves to B-Feature

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