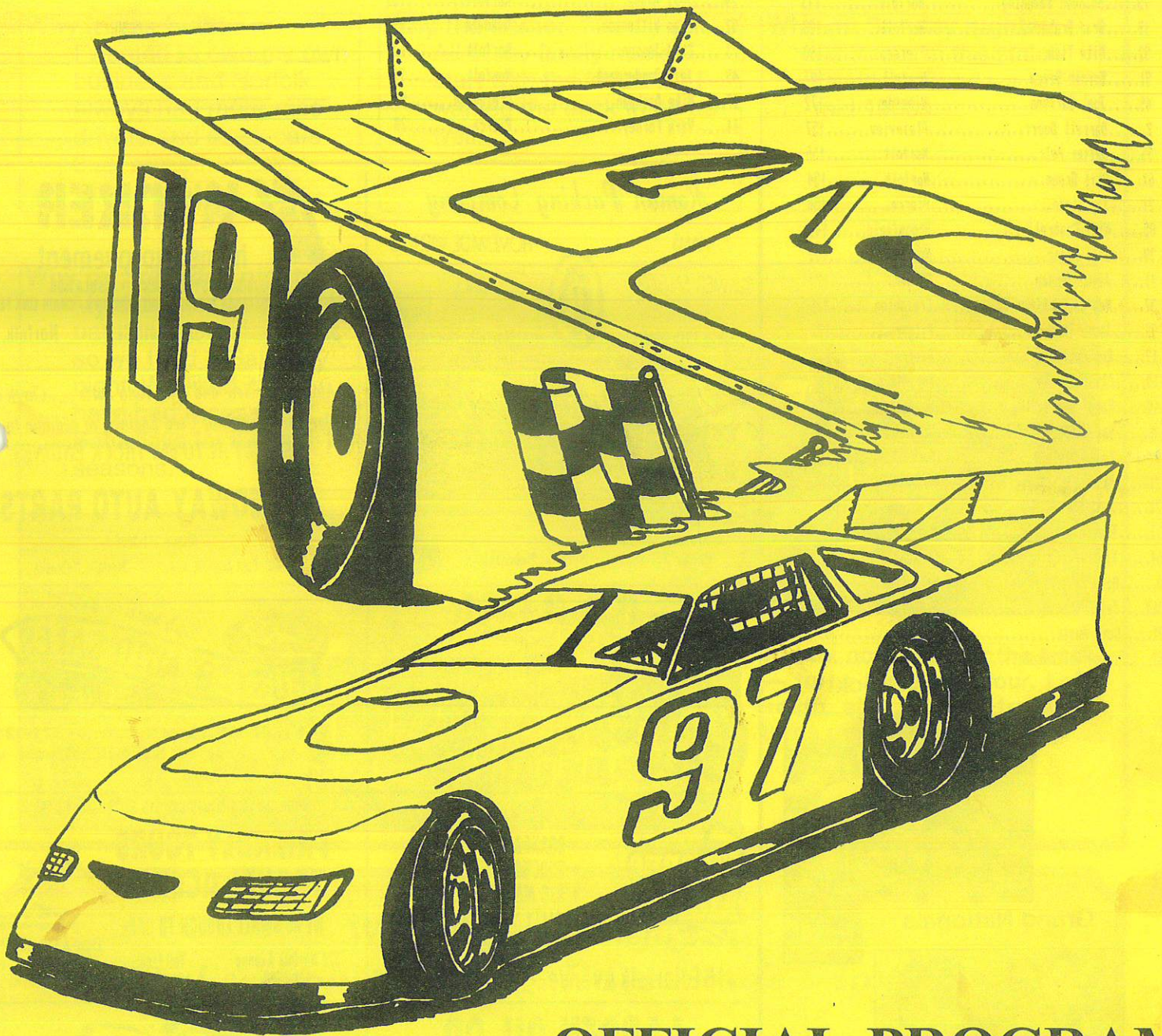


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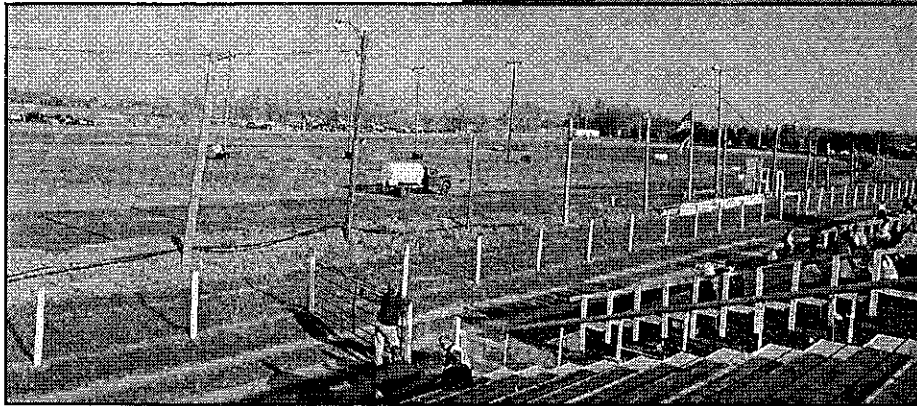
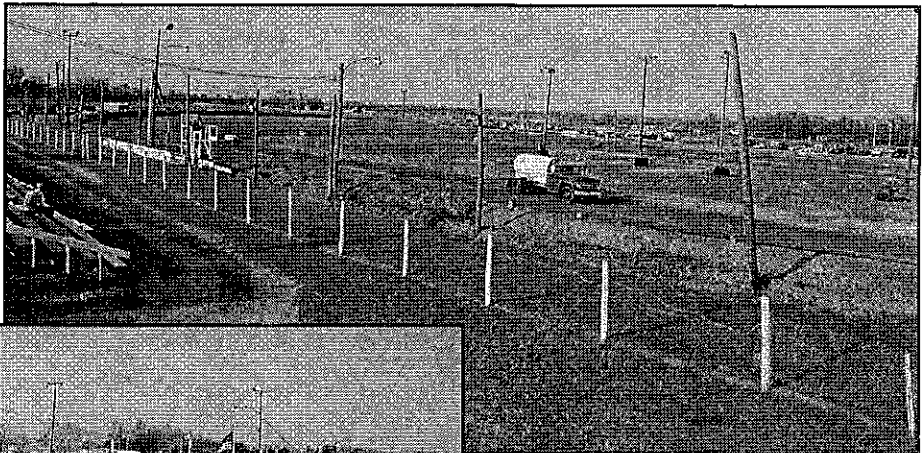
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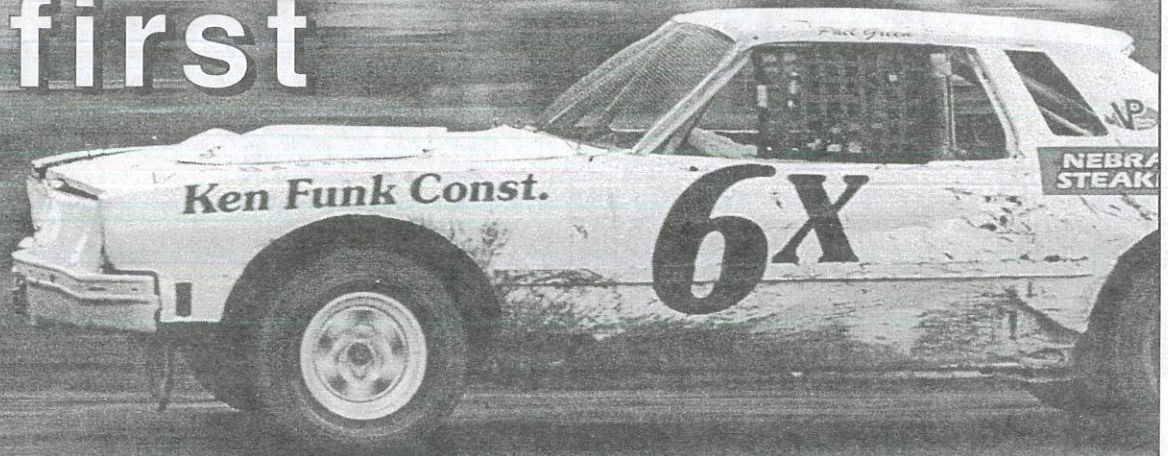
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Green streaks away from field for first win



Norfolk native one lap short of sweeping Street Stock class

Of the 29 laps Norfolk's street stock driver Phil Green run last Saturday night, he led all but one.

After leading his entire heat race, Green raced hard in the trophy dash, but came up short as Jim Kimmel of Norfolk made a last-lap pass to take home the hardware.

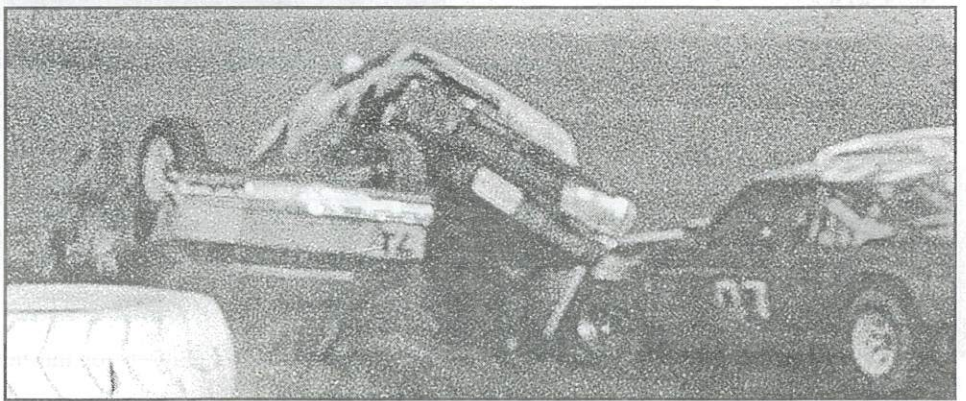
However, Green came back in the "A" feature to lead every lap and pick up his first win of the season and the fourth different winner this year in the class.

Despite the nice weather, it was pretty rough on the track. In the eight races run, 14 cautions flags flew alone in the Street Stock division.

The most serious came when just after taking the green flag in the fourth heat, outside polesitter Jason Jensen of Pilger got side ways in turn one in front of the eight-car field and was flipped onto his roof. Bernie Berck of Norfolk got into the side of Jensen and rode up on top of Jensen as he was flipping.

Also involved was TeJay Mielke of Norfolk. All three drivers were able to exit their vehicles without serious injuries.

Green wins/please see page 8



Jason Jensen car (71) rolls to its roof as Bernie Berck (91) goes over the top. Also involved was TeJay Mielke (07).



The "Oz" picks up number two

Zuhlke first time repeater

In one of the best races of the year, the Grand Nationals saw its first repeat "A" feature winner of the season, as Bancroft's Curt Zuhlke passed Keith Hansen of Norfolk on the final lap to win back-to-back "A" features.

The win also pushed him ahead of Robert Osborne of Norfolk in the points race. Osborne had his worse "A" feature finish of the season when he finished 11th — the first time he has finished outside of the top three this season.

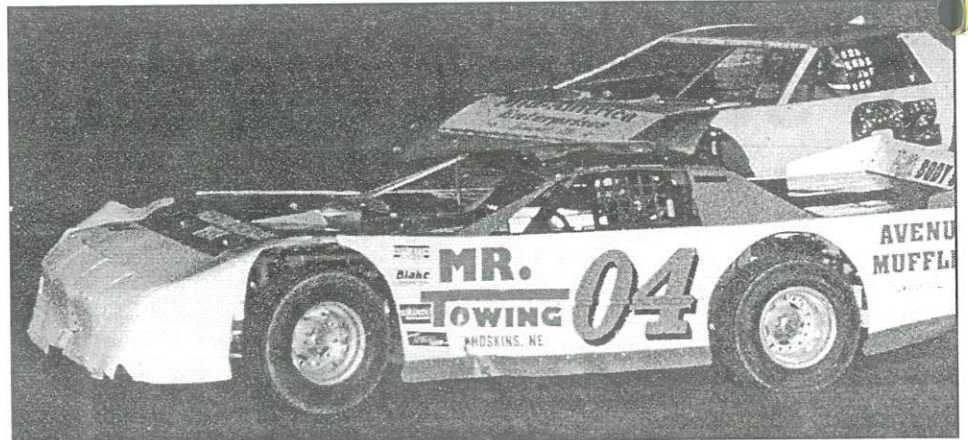
That gives Zuhlke the top spot and Osborne falls to second. Raymond Haase of Norfolk hangs onto third. Steve Matthies of Norfolk surpasses Reggie Roth of Bancroft for fourth.

Also moving up one position was Hansen and Bob Milander of Norfolk. Dropping back one position was Jay Smith of Norfolk and Mike Goldfuss of Sutton.

Zuhlke and Osborne met on the track on lap three when Zuhlke looped it in three and collected Osborne. They both continued, however, Osborne retired several laps later.

Hansen, who sat on the pole, guided the 12-car field through two cautions. Vic Lovejoy of Meadow Grove was the first to bid for the top spot as he struggled to get around for the first nine laps.

Milander snuck by Lovejoy on lap 10



Keith Hansen (04) battles with Curt Zuhlke (0z) in turn two.

and then he attacked Hansen for the next 13 circuits.

Zuhlke, in the meantime, started eighth, fell back to 10th after two laps, was fifth after 11, broke the top three on lap 18, got by Milander for second with three laps left and moved past Hansen on the final lap to take the checkered flag.

Milander followed Zuhlke's path passed Hansen and finished second for his best finish. Hansen was third, Matthies fourth and defending points champion Haase fifth.

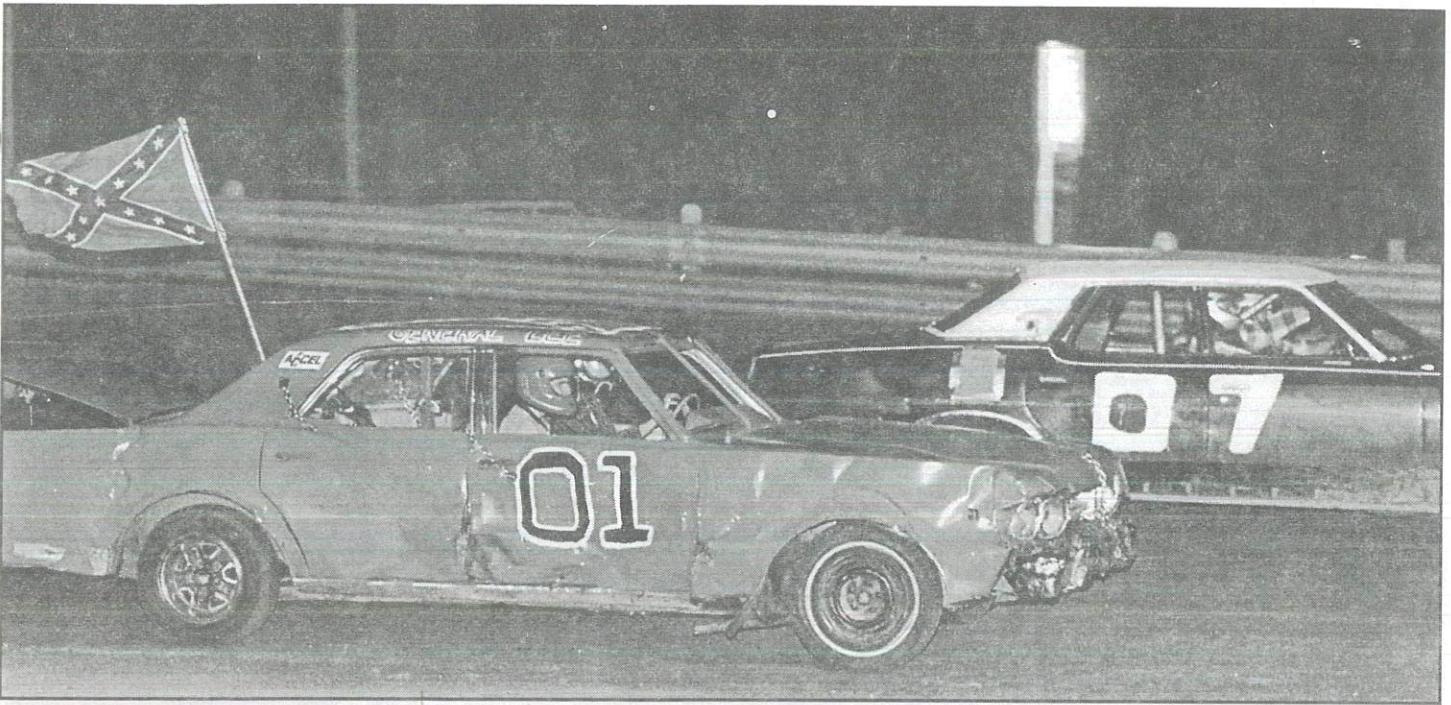
Roth was forced to make it to the "A" feature through the "B" feature. He started

on the outside of the front row and powered his way to the win. Scott Phillips of Norfolk was second and Jeff Haase of Norfolk was third.

Former Hobby Stock driver Vern Forney of Pierce made his debut in his Grand National car. He finished fifth in the "B" feature behind Jeff Pendergast of Norfolk.

Milander earned the trophy through the trophy dash. A last-lap pass around Matthies produced the win.

In the heats, Osborne proceeded to win his fourth heat race of the season. Matthies found his second heat race win and Smith obtained his first one.



Cruiser class continues to grow — now at 24 cars

The cars just keep coming.

Track owner Bob Haase said from the beginning that the Cruiser class would grow throughout the year and last Saturday night 24 cars showed up to race.

Because of the increase in numbers, the cars were divided into two races. They

were also sent to run the track backwards.

The first race went with out a large problem as a good battle between the top three cars keep the stands nearly full. The team of driver Joel Steckelberg of Norfolk and co-pilot Chris Beltz of Yankton battle several laps with driver Dave Titus and co-

pilot John Ogelesby, both of Norfolk. On lap six of 10, Steckelberg-Beltz took the lead from Titus-Ogelesby and won the first race. Titus-Ogelesby was second and driver Chris Head and co-pilot Jim Uttecht, both of Norfolk, brought home third.

The second race was even more jam packed. Several cars were sent in violent spins. The smooth driving team of driver Ed Huxoll and co-pilot Steve Cordis, both



Co-pilot Steve Cordis and driver Ed Huxoll (14) ran a smooth race to pick up race two for the Cruisers.



The Cruiser team of driver Rick Meysenburg and co-pilot Steve Beller.

of Sutton, drove away from the rest of the mayhem to take the easy win.

Second went to the team of driver Rick Meysenburg and co-pilot Steve Beller, both of Norfolk. The team of driver Jason Vaisvilas of Elgin and co-pilot Ben Zegers of Neligh finished third.

A powder-puff was run as well. The winners were driver Jennie Ronspies of Norfolk and co-pilot Kary Beltz of Yankton.

Green wins

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Green finally was able to take the checkered flag, despite being strong most of the early season.

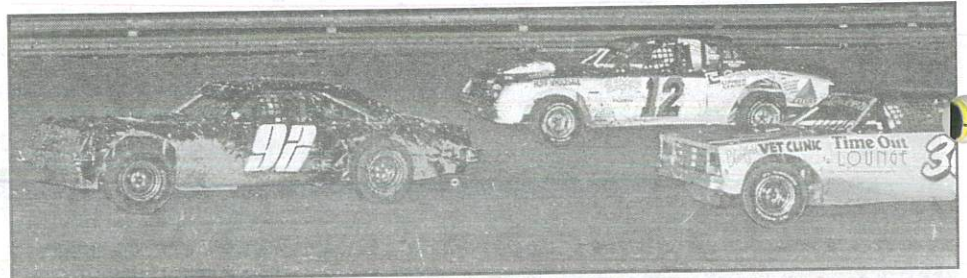
Green had no trouble in the "A" feature, keeping the rest of the field several car lengths back.

The best competition in the race was for second through fourth Ned Bertschinger of Creighton run second for the first 11 laps of the 15-lap main event, before Mike Timm of Pierce got by.

In the closing laps of the race, Timm, like in his heat race, had to hold off the power plants of point leader Jim Johnson of Bloomfield and Ron Pettitt of Pierce to take home second, as Johnson nipped Pettitt at the line for third and fourth, respectively. David Hille of Norfolk took home fifth.

Timm's effort was his best of the year, as was Pettitt's and Hille's. Johnson picked up his fifth top five finish of the season.

Qualifying for the "A" feature from the "B" feature was Bill Wells of Norfolk, Travis Loecker of Bloomfield and Terry Walker of Norfolk. However, only Well's car was ready for the "A" feature.



Mike Timm (92) leads Ron Pettitt (12) and Jim Johnson (36), both former points champions, in the closing laps of the "A" feature.

The "B" feature was marred by four cautions, Several for Jay Sloan, who blew three tires at different times.

Wells, who claimed his second "B" feature, paced the field through the 10-lap race with Loecker and Walker running two and three for the last seven laps.

Walker also had to compete in the "C" feature, where he place second to Brad Brabec of Norfolk.

Brabec came from the outside of the fifth row to sit third after the first of five cautions in the "C" feature. He then found himself in the top spot after taking the green flag after a second caution period.

Walker also had to work his way through the 14-car field. He was running fourth after the second caution and moved

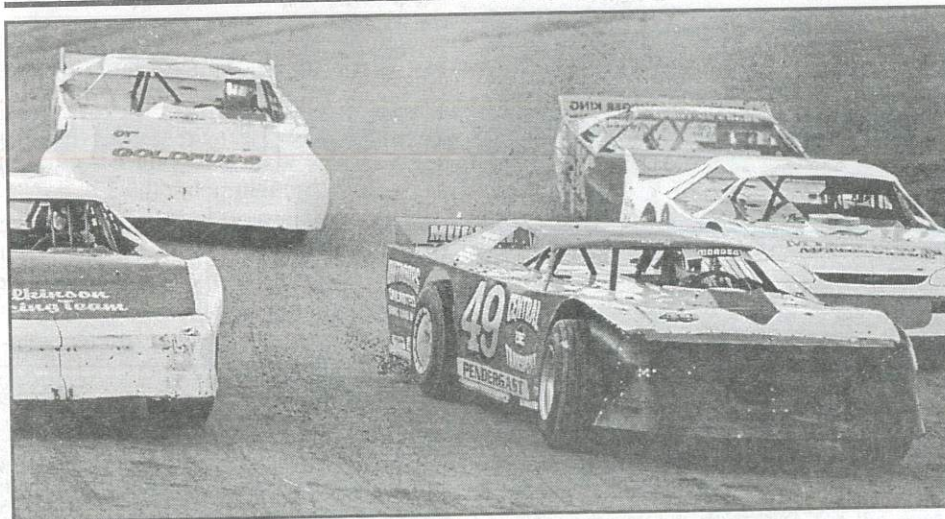
into the second spot on lap four getting around Randy Bertschinger of Creighton.

In the trophy dash, it looked as if Green was on his way to claiming the hardware, as he fought off Kimmel for the final laps, but finally Kimmel nosed out Green by a car length for the win.

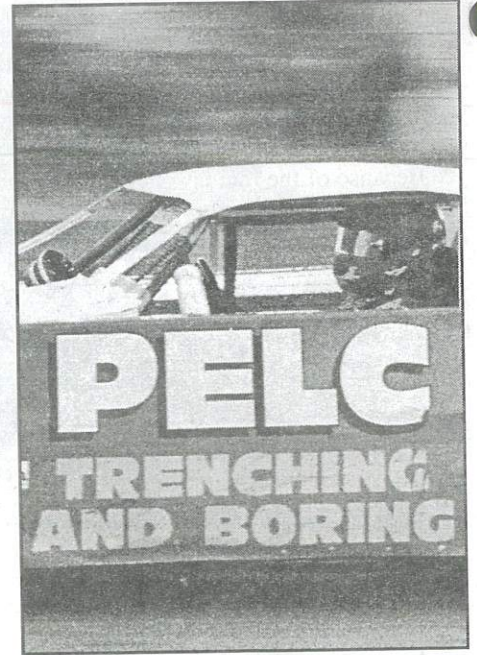
Kimmel and Dennis Martz of Norfolk both gathered their second heat race wins of the season, as Timm and Green won their first of the season.

Martz won the second heat after following Eric Haase of Norfolk through the first seven laps of the eight lap race.

Timm won the fourth heat, after inheriting the lead when Jensen's incident occurred. He then had to hold off Johnson for the final seven laps.



Above — Jeff Pendergast (49) leads the field to the green flag. Following is Dean Wilkenson (far left) Mike Goldfuss (back left) Vic Lovejoy (far right) and Robert Osborne (back right). Right — Steve Matthies flies down the frontstretch during the trophy dash.



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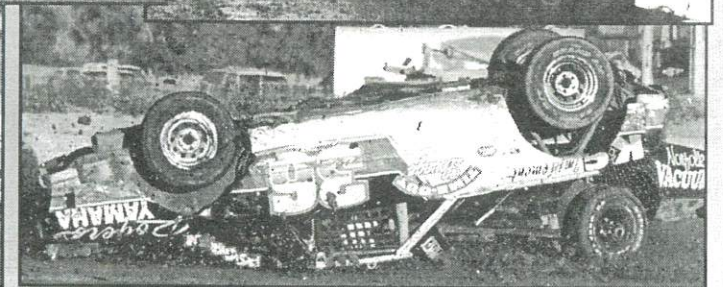
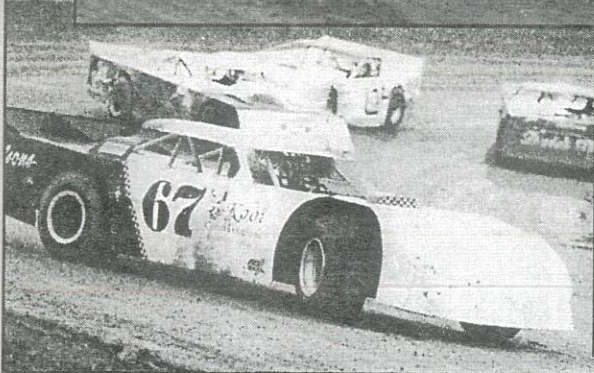
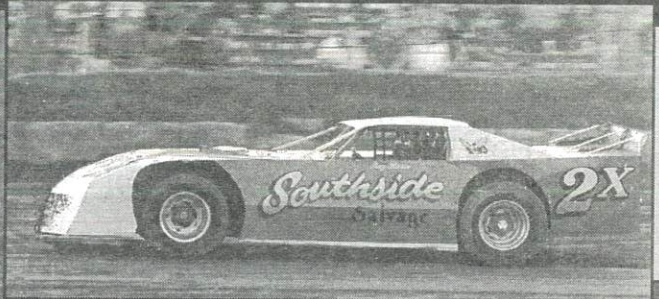
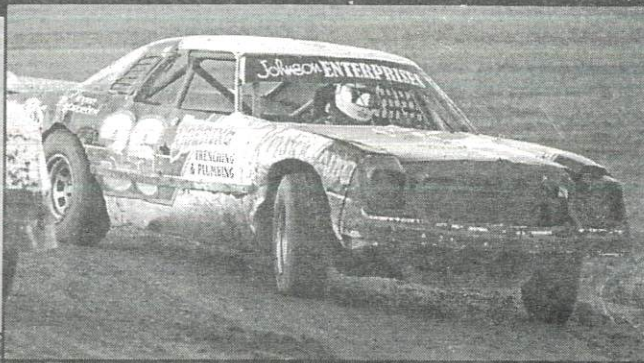
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STREET STOCK: (A feature) 1. Phil Green; 2. Mike Timm, Pierce; 3. Jim Johnson; Bloomfield; 4. Ron Pettitt, Pierce; 5. David Hille; 6. Jim Kimmel; 7. Dennis Martz; 8. Bill Wells; 9. Brian Wagner, Winnetoon; 10. Ned Bertschinger, Creighton. (B feature) 1. Wells, 2. Travis Loecker, Bloomfield; 3. Terry Walker. (C feature) 1. Brad Brabec; 2. Walker; 3. Randy Bertschinger, Creighton. (Trophy Dash) 1. Kimmel; (Heat 1) 1. Kimmel; 2. Hille. (Heat 2) 1. Martz; 2. Eric Haase. (Heat 3) 1. Green, 2.

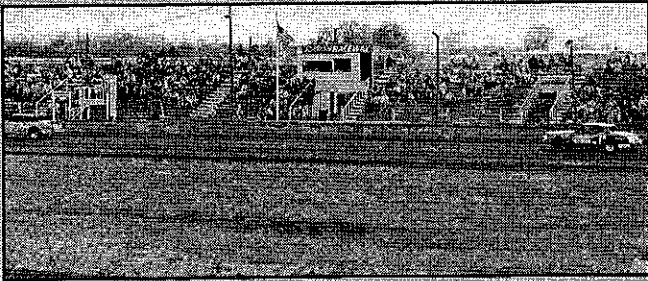
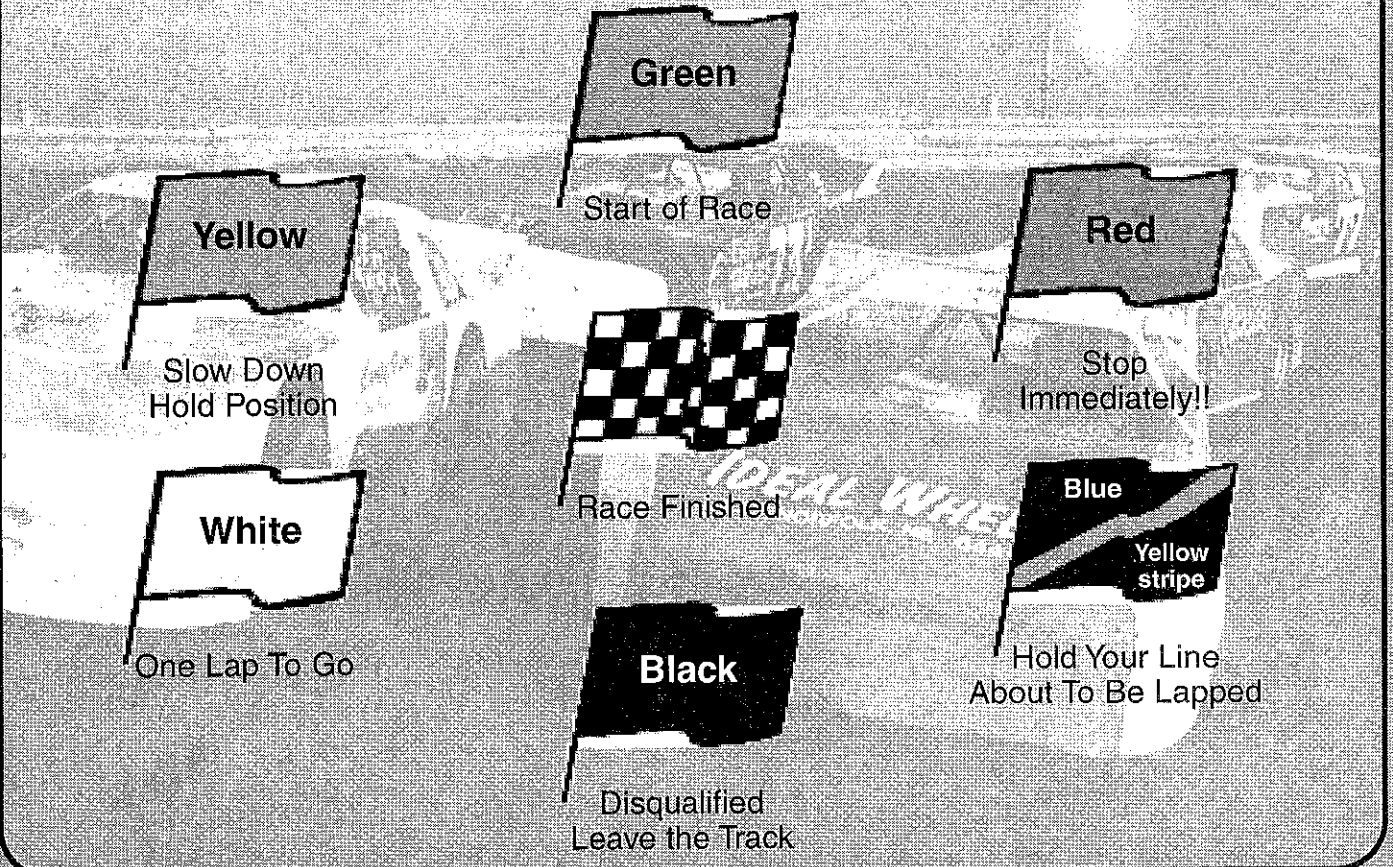
Darrell Doerr, Plainview. (Heat 4) 1. Timm; 2. Johnson.

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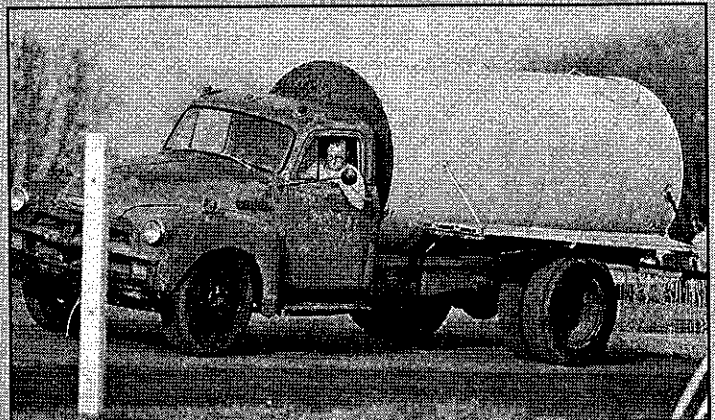


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