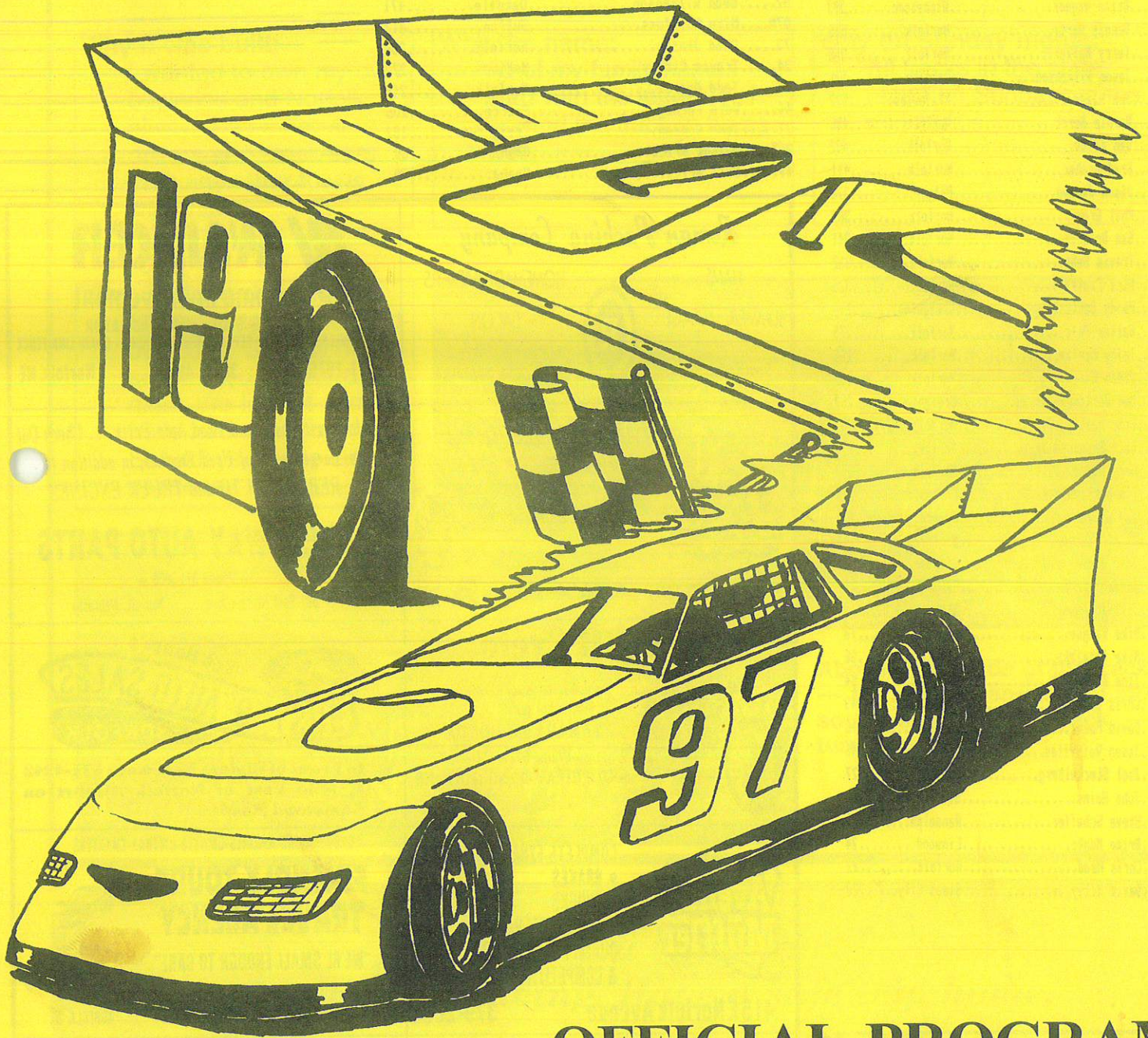


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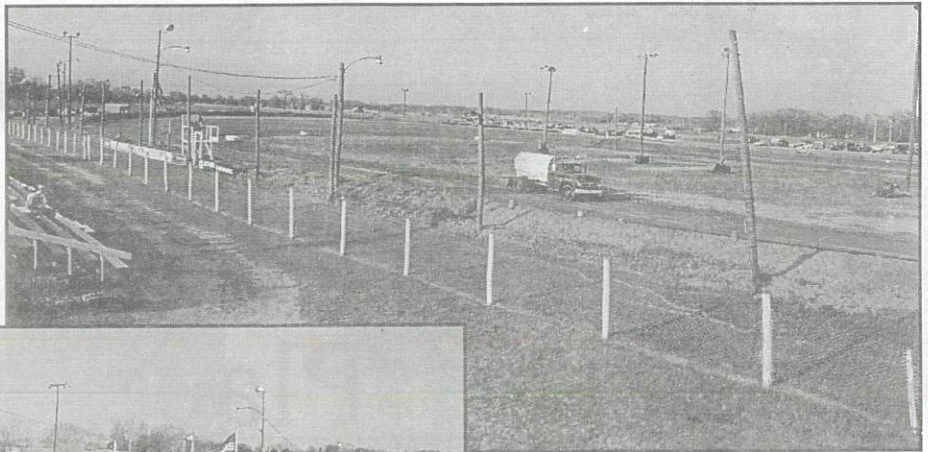
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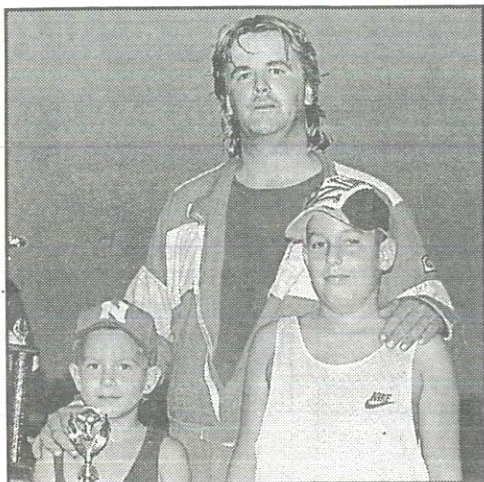


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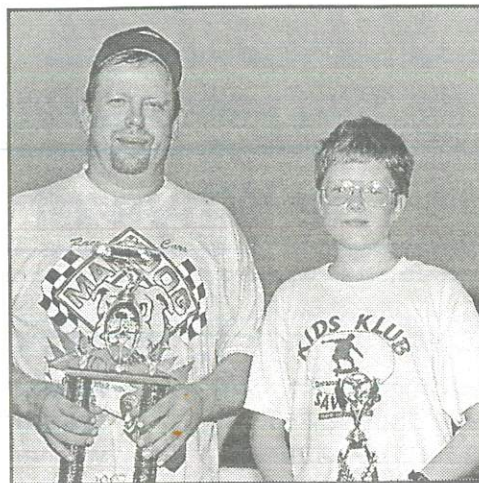
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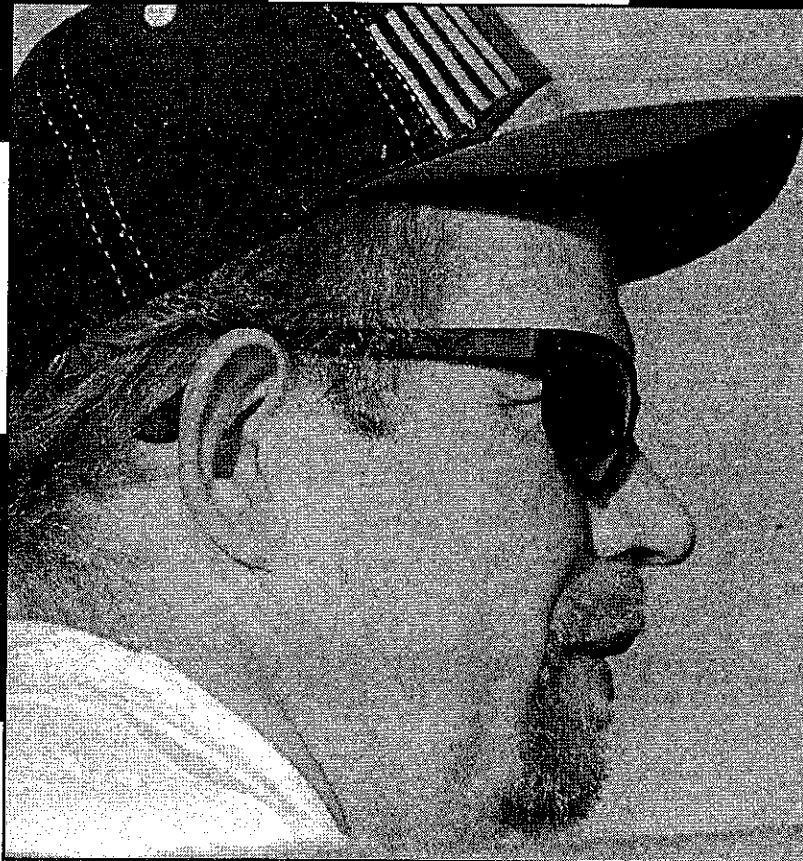
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Zuhlke grabs fourth win

Feature win pushes Zuhlke back to second in points

After 14 nights of racing, it was bound to happen. A night where fans left at midnight.

After 13 nights of fairly smooth racing, last Saturday night it was a night for things to go wrong.

Curt Zuhlke of Bancroft overcame most of the delays to sweep the Grand National division, winning his fifth heat race, third trophy and his four "A" feature of the year.

The night was slowed by three red flags totalling over an hour in length. The first red flag period came during hot laps for the Cruiser cars when a car went through the guard rail in turn two, taking out two poles.

Track officials, track safety crews, car

drivers and racing crews worked together and replaced the guard rail in just over a half hour.

The second red flag came in the Grand National "A" feature as defending points champion Raymond Haase of Norfolk was involved in an incident in turn three and four. The field was red flagged to allow safety workers to attend to Haase, who suffered a cut to his hand. Haase continued and finished fifth.

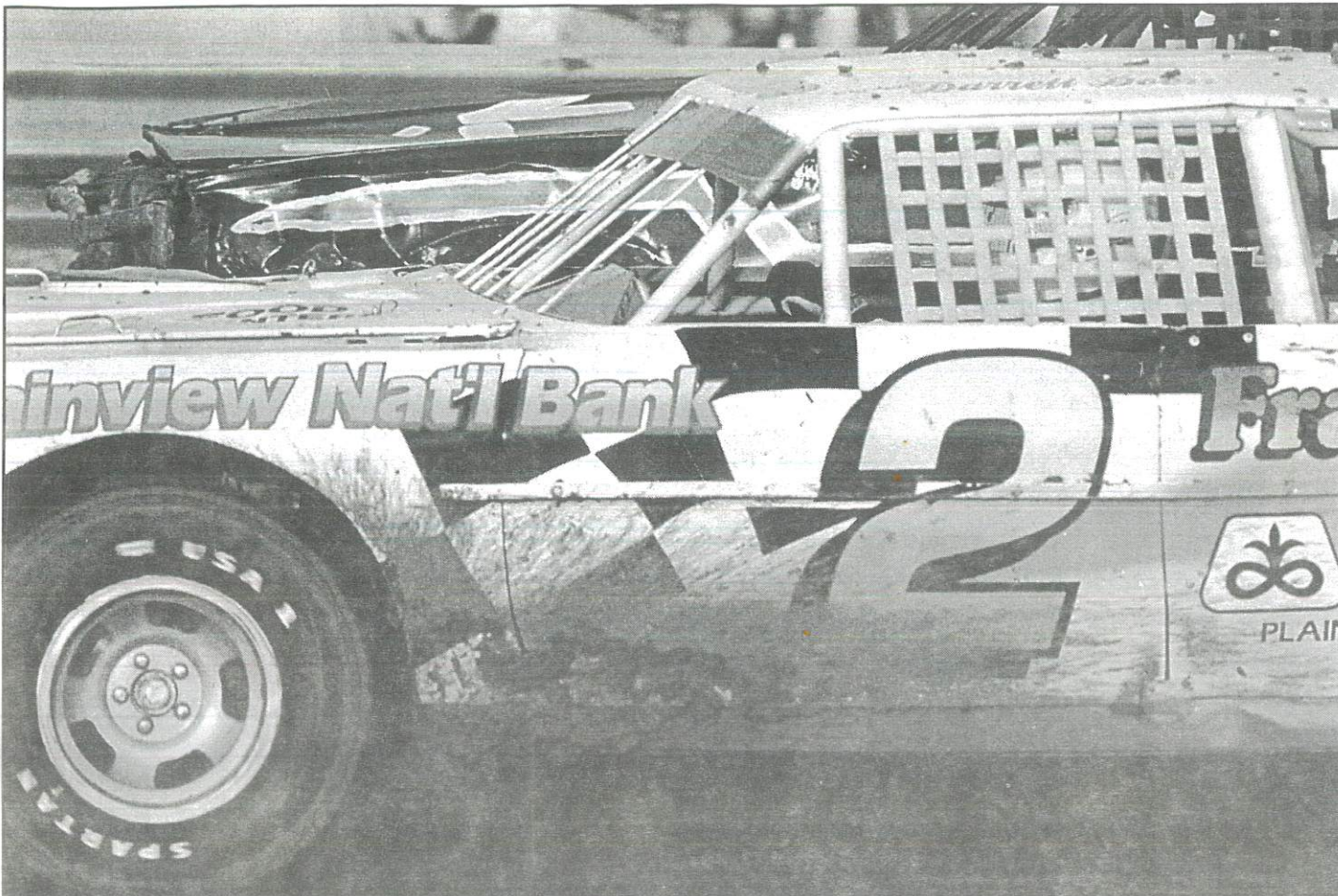
The third and final red flag flew in the first race of the Cruisers when one car got sideways and another car struck the driver's door hard. The driver of the vehicle struck was able to exit the vehicle, howev-

er, the passenger suffered a hip injury, which required the assistance of the Norfolk Fire and Rescue squad.

Haase's incident occurred on the first of three restarts in the main event, as several cars got bunched up and a chain reaction occurred with Haase and Reggie Roth of Bancroft in the middle.

Steve Matthies of Norfolk led the first lap after zipping for his inside second row starting position to take the lead in turns one and two. However, Jay Smith of Norfolk took advantage of Matthies when he pushed high in the turn four on the next lap and picked up the point.

Zuhlke wins/please see page 8



Two machine makes it three

Having only finished in the top five five times this year in 14 nights of racing, Darrell Doerr of Plainview won his third race of the season, the most wins so far in the Street Stock division.

Doerr has had motor problems most of the year, but when it runs, he takes it to the front. Doerr has three wins, a second and a third on his 1997 resume.

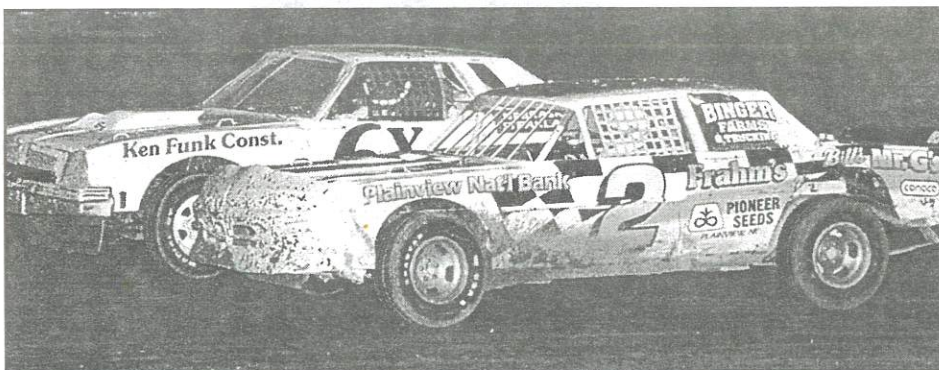
But the talk has shifted to the points race, as Bloomfield drivers Jim Johnson and Travis Loecker are separated by less than 10 points.

Johnson at one time had more than a 100-point lead on second, but three DNFs in the last four weeks have closed the gap quickly.

After the July 3 race, Johnson held a 95 point advantage over Loecker. Johnson then started his bad streak. On July 12, the margin fell to 74, on July 19 it gained to a 79-point margin and on July 26 it decreased to 54.

Following Loecker's second place "A" feature last Saturday, Loecker is within 10.

Chris Johnson drove the car for J. Johnson Saturday night. C. Johnson gained



Darrell Doerr (2) gets to the inside of Phil Green (6x) during the Street Stock "A" feature.

20 points winning his heat, but a broken axle in the main event, sideline the team, gaining no points.

The Street Stock "A" feature packed plenty of action. Cory Haase of Norfolk would lead the 15-car field for the opening laps of the race. Phil Green of Norfolk would power his way around Haase on lap three, but Haase came back to lead lap four.

Green retook the lead the following lap and was able to keep Haase behind him. The battle between the two drivers kept the

field bunched and the action close.

Terry Walker of Norfolk moved past seed Haase and David Hille of Norfolk to run second, before Doerr moved into second on lap seven of the 15-lap "A" feature.

A caution on lap 11 set up the run to the finish. Green was leading with Doerr second and Loecker third. Doerr had passed Green for the lead, but the lap was not completed and Doerr was sent back behind Green for the restart.

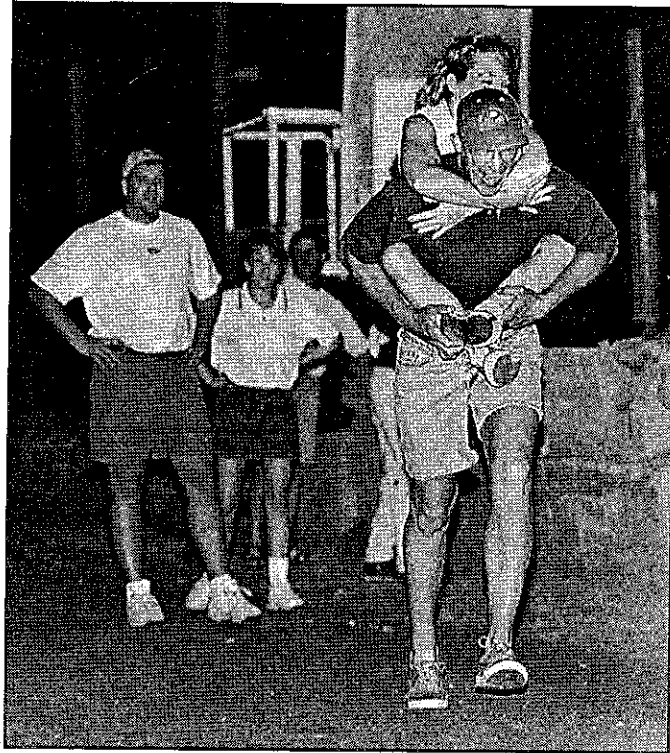
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Neesens champions

The Nebraska State Wife-Carrying competition was held Saturday evening at Riviera Raceway with Norfolk's Pat and Kim Neesen claiming the top prize. Pat Neesen with his wife on his back cruised the loop course in a time of 25 minutes flat. Second place went to Jay and Sandy Prauner, also of Norfolk. Their time was 26:12.



Pat and Kim Neesen of Norfolk



Wife-Carrying champion Pat Neesen (left) heads out with his wife, Kim, on his back, as runner-ups Jay and Sandy Prauner (background) wait their turn.

CRUISERS



Race 1 — Winners of race one were Don Weyrich and Bob Hoppe (above). Second went to Tony and Junior Coover. Third was the husband-wife duo of Jeff and Jennie Ronspies.

Race 2 — Winners of race two were Steve Reynolds and Brian Koch (top right). Second went to Ned Hodgson and Travis Loecker. Third was Jeff and Kevin Hoffart.

Race 3 — Winners of race three were Tom Davis and Nick Stookey (bottom right). Second went to Joel Steckelberg and Chris Beltz. Third was John Dunklau and Shane Austin.



Zuhlke wins

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Zuhlke, who started seventh, followed suit and passed Matthies for second on the same lap. Wilkenson then brought out a caution for a spin in four to slow the field.

Haase incident brought out caution period two, before the next 19 laps would go by without incident.

Smith led the field down for the restart with Zuhlke second and Matthies third. Points leader Robert Osborne of Norfolk popped into the top three passing Matthies.

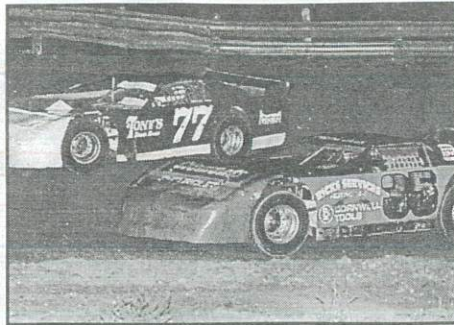
The top three would stay the same through 11 laps, before Zuhlke got a run on Smith and took over the lead, dropping Smith to second in front of Osborne.

On lap 22, the field was slowed for a stopped Travis Dickes of Madison in turn four bunching the field, which the leaders had begun to over lap.

On the restart, Zuhlke was able to pull away from Smith, but Smith was unable to get away from Osborne and on the next

lap, Osborne took over second and attempted to catch Zuhlke. Osborne closed the gap, however he needed a few more laps to battle for the lead.

Zuhlke picked up his fourth win of the



Robert Osborne (35) dives inside to go around Jay Smith (77) during the "A" feature.

season — his 12th top five in 14 nights of racing. Osborne's second was his 11th top five. Smith tallied his eighth top five with a third place finish and Matthies hung on for fourth. Rounding out the top five was Haase, despite his injuries.

Bob Milander of Norfolk won his second "B" feature leading Jeff Pendergast and Jeff Haase, both of Norfolk, to the checkered flag. Milander led all 10 laps from his pole position start.

After winning the trophy dash, the driver has to sit out of the race for several weeks. Zuhlke managed to claim his third trophy, defeating the three-car field. Hansen contended with Keith Hansen of Norfolk, who finished second, and Dickes, who finished third in the four-lap sprint.

Heat races went to Zuhlke, Smith and Osborne. It was Osborne's ninth win, Smith's sixth and Zuhlke's fifth.

In the points race, Osborne's lead increases slightly. Osborne entered the night with a new motor, after blowing his motor in Albion the night before. Osborne captured the points title in Albion last Friday night, despite the motor problem.

Reggie Roth of Bancroft, won the race in Albion, but suffered enough damage to need his frame repaired. He finished sixth Saturday night at Riviera, which was not enough to hang onto second place. Zuhlke grabs the second spot back with his win.

Doerr wins

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Doerr was able to duplicate his earlier pass and grabbed the lead again on lap 11. Loecker managed to get by Green with four laps remaining, but was not able to catch Doerr in time.

Doerr won his third race of the year. Loecker's second was his ninth top five. Green finished third, his second top five outside of his win.

Fourth and fifth went to Bill Wells of Norfolk and Jason Wilkenson of Oakdale, respectively. Both drivers came from the "B" feature to race in the "A" feature. Wilkenson took the win and Wells was second. Also qualifying from the "B" was Jon Haase of Plainview.

The "C" feature was won by Jim Kimmel of Norfolk. Shannon Buenning was second in the "C." Kimmel nearly made it to the "A" feature, but a flat tire on lap seven of 10 dropped him from the "B"

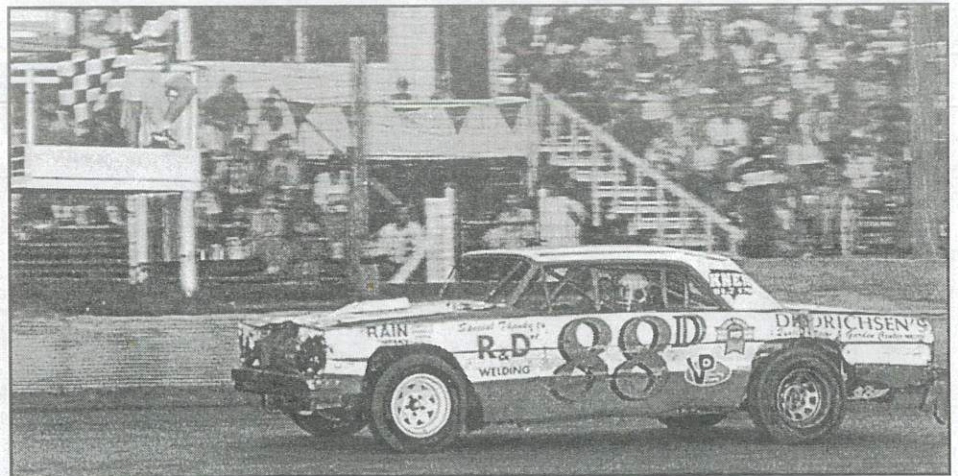
feature. He was running third, the final transfer spot to the "A."

David Hille of Norfolk dashed to the trophy win — his first of the year. He led from start to finish.

In the heats, Dennis Martz of Norfolk, Loecker, Doerr and C. Johnson were win-

ners. Martz led his entire race to pick up his third heat win. Loecker took over the lead on lap three and won his third.

It took Doerr and C. Johnson half the race to grab the lead and win. It was Doerr's seventh and the racing team of Johnson's third.



David Hille takes the checkered flag in the trophy dash.

Drivers from Norfolk unless noted

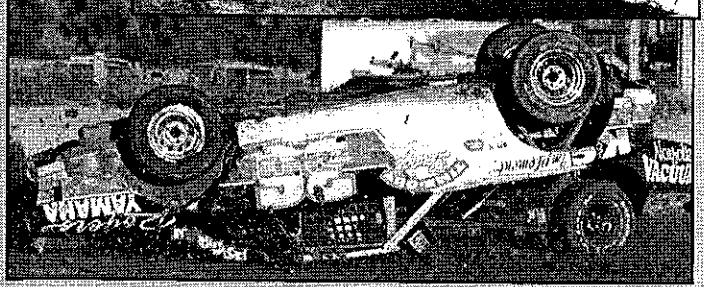
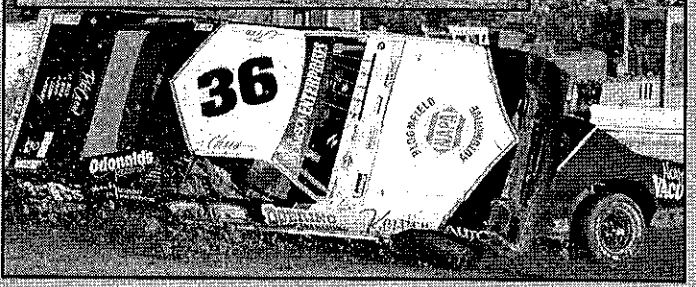
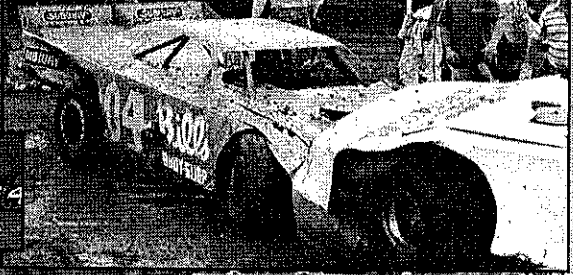
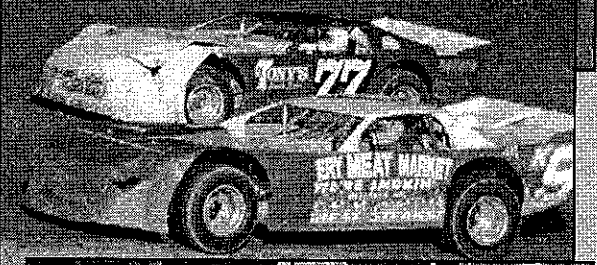
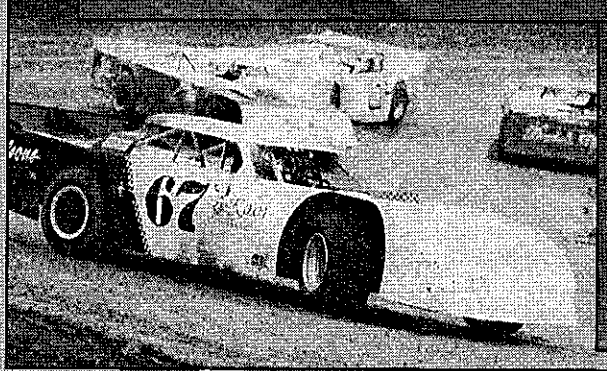
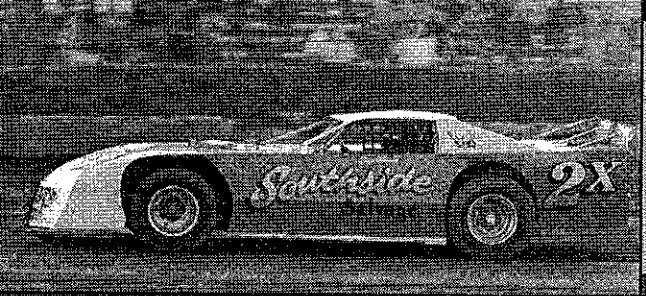
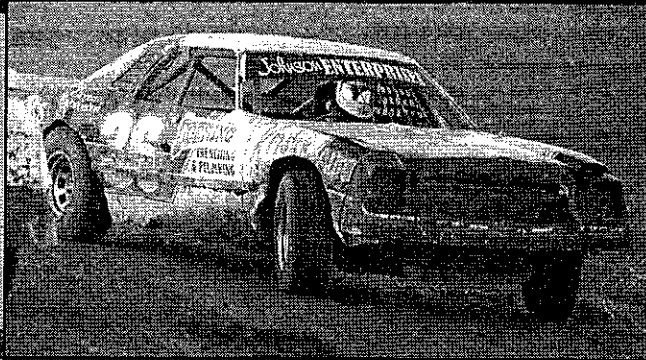
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STREET STOCK: (A feature) 1. Darrell Doerr, Plainview; 2. Travis Loecker, Bloomfield; 3. Phil Green; 4. Bill Wells; 5. Jason Wilkenson, Oakdale; 6. Cory Haase; 7. Randy Bertschinger, Creighton; 8. Patrick Jensen, Stanton; 9. David Hille; 10. Terry Walker. (B feature) 1. Wilkenson; 2. Wells; 3. Jon Haase, Plainview. (C feature) 1. Jim Kimmel; 2. Shannon Buenning; 3. Travis Suhr. (Trophy Dash) 1. Hille. (Heat 1) 1. Dennis Martz; 2. Joel Carlson, Winside; 3. C. Haase. (Heat 2) 1. Loecker; 2. Hille; 3. Jensen. (Heat

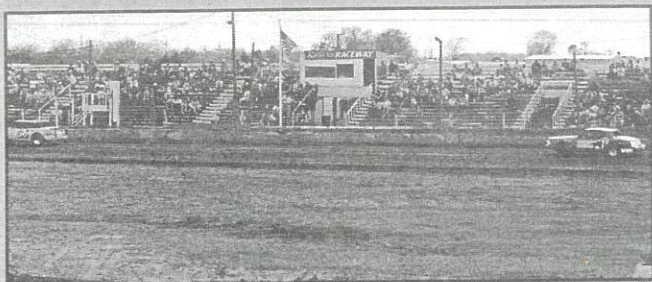
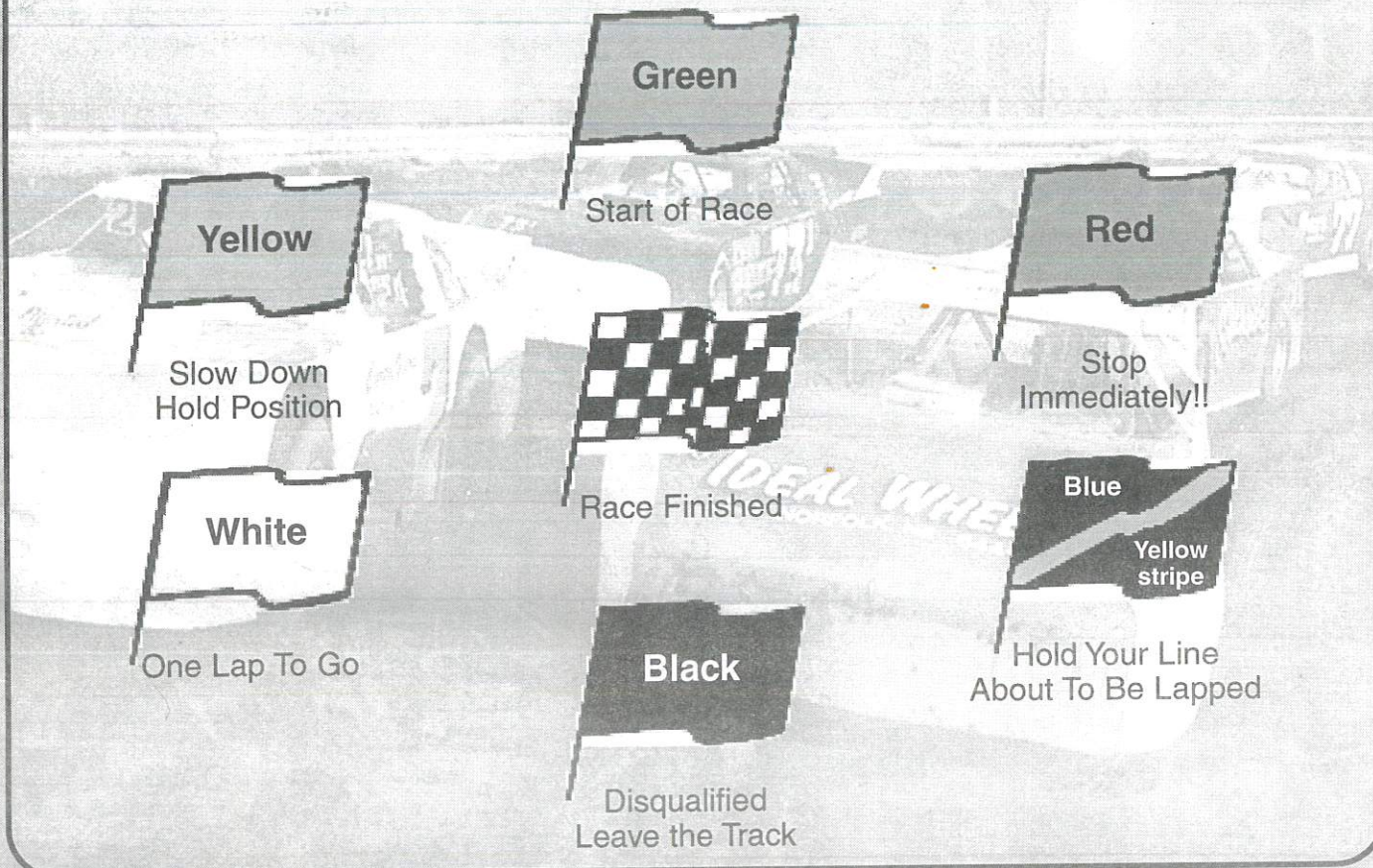
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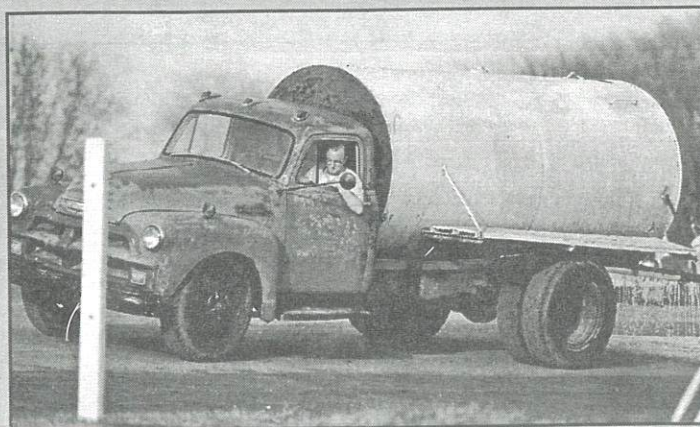


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7th.....20pts
8th.....15pts
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