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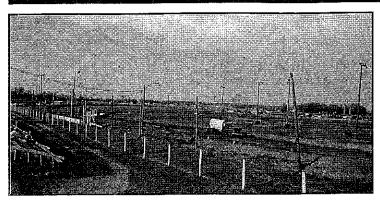
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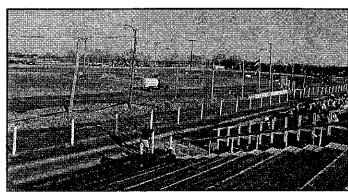
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Wells holds off Roth for first win

to forget last Saturday evening at Riviera Raceway, when a rookie picked up his first feature win and two other drivers took a ride through the back stretch guard rail.

For Norfolk's Bill Wells, it marked the

Raymond and Cory Haase watch the cruisers after their heat races.

It was a night to remember and a night highlight of his racing career by winning the "A" feature in his first year in the Grand National division. In fact, he has only raced four nights.

> Wells said at the beginning of the season, he would have like to compete in the "A" feature on a regular basis, but never dreamed of winning so soon. It took him two years in the Street Stock class to win the main event.

> Wells is in his fourth year of racing. He ran a Street Stock for the first three years. He finished in the top five of points last season, with one feature win. Wells has three overall feature wins.

Before the feature, Wells was concerned with starting on the outside of the front row as the inside groove was where he ran quicker.

He raced pole sitter Jeff Carlson of Wayne for the first lap and was able to grab the lead. He then dropped to the inside line where he stayed.

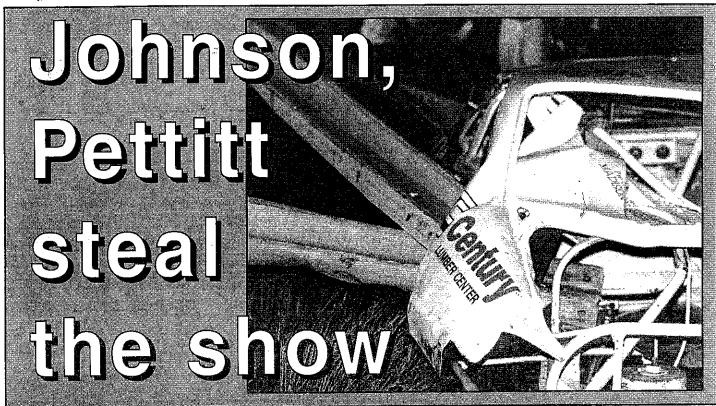
Wells pulled away from the field when Carlson, Travis Dickes of Norfolk and Travis Roth of Bancroft sorted out for position behind him.

Roth finally slipped into the second spot

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Travis Roth had the help of his crew to change a flat tire during his heat race. He finished fourth in his heat and third in the feature.



Younger Johnson grabs feature win

It was the third week in a row for a Johnson to visit victory lane this season, but this time instead of Chris Johnson it was younger brother Jim Johnson, the 1997 Street Stock champion.

Chris has won the last two "A" features at the track and going into last Saturday night's race the Bloomfield duo were tied for the points lead.

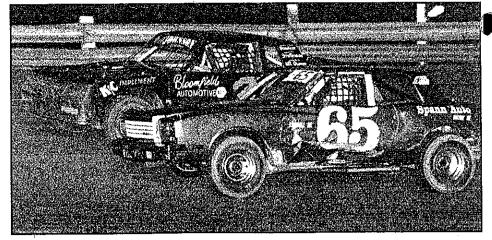
However, the Johnson battle would be over shadowed by an incident on the backstretch that would leave Pettitt out for the night and Darrell Doerr of Plainview driving a bent up race car.

It was on lap six of 15 run in the "A" feature when cars were still running two and sometimes three wide throughout the pack of cars.

Pettitt said he was under Doerr coming out of turn two when he was hit hard in the driver's door. The hit sent him sideways into the guard rail collecting Doerr on his way.

Pettitt plowed the way, folding the guard rail like an accordion. When the safety crews arrived they found no one injured. They did however pull guard rail out of Pettitt's car, which had penetrated just behind the driver's seat. Another section had struck the driver's window, but was deflected away from the driver.

"That is the closest I've come to getting hurt," said Pettitt. "The car did what it was



Jim Johnson goes high around John Dunklau on a restart in "A" feature. Top, guard rail penetrates the Ron Pettitt vehicle. Pettitt escaped without injury.

suppose to do."

Pettitt said the car would be fitted with a new body and repairs would be made to the chassis and he would be back tonight.

Doerr was more fortunate. Outside of a few bars bent up and his front steering towed out, his car still fired.

Doerr said he saw Pettitt coming up the track out of turn two, so he checked up but by that time Pettitt was sideways. Doerr struck Pettitt and then hung on.

He returned to the track with a roar from the crowd. He would finish eighth.

The track was shut down for a lengthy period of time to repair most of the back-stretch guard rail. With the help from drivers, crew members and track personnel, racing resumed.

At the time of the incident, John Dunklau of Carroll was leading the event. On the restart, Jim Johnson was able to get by Dunklau, who told Jim during the break he would hold his line in the middle of the track allowing Jim to go by without an

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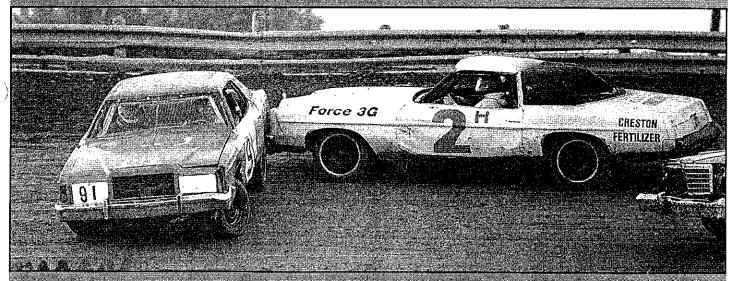
Vogele, Jordan victorious in cruiser feature

Cruser driver Warren Vogele of Platte Center and partner Shannon Jordan of York led from start to finish to win the cruiser feature. Jererny Gnat and Mike Johnson was second, as Ron and Bob Armitage of Norfolk finished third

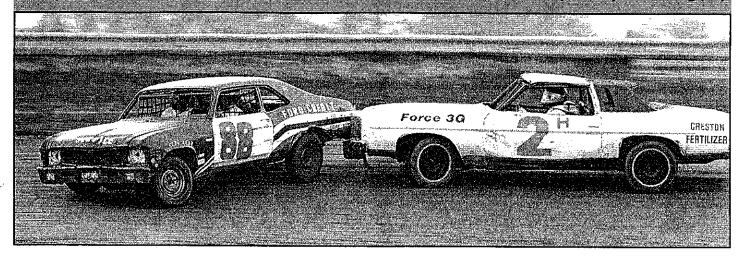
Heat race wins to Ron Armitage and Bob Armitage; Jason Loecker and Jason Hames; J. Overholt and Ryan Davidson and Brian Koch and Steve Reynolds.



Warren Vogele (left) and Shannon Jordan won the Cruiser feature.



Rick Meysonburg and Steve Bellar (2H) try to get the hang of a two-man show during their heat race. First victims were Mike Gasseling and Zeb Heiderman (91). Next were Pat Heriey and Kyle Koerting (88).



Wells wins

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on lap six. Three laps later, he found himself holding off his dad, Reggie Roth of Bancroft.

Reggie said he was patient with Travis and waited to get around him. Eight laps later, he took advantage of an opening and burst into second.

The older Roth was able to close in on Wells before a caution flew on lap 20 of 25 circuits, something Wells said he could have done without.

On the restart, all eyes where on the top

two drivers. However on the restart, Reggie had discovered he had lost his brakes. He would continue to race hard but was unable to get a run on Wells.

Roth said Wells had run a smooth race and only slipped up once, but he was still coming through the field and could not take advantage of it.

The younger Roth was able to keep 1997 Grand National points champion Robert Osborne of Norfolk behind him to finish third.

The previous week's "A" feature winner and points leader, Vic Lovejoy of Meadow Grove rounded out the top five.

Doug Tomka of Norfolk found himself

winning the "B" feature when Bob Milander pulled from the track on the last lap. Milander had led all but the first lap of the race.

Scott Phillips of Norfolk finished second and Jon Haase of Plainview finished third. All three transferred to the main feature.

Lovejoy remains in the top spot in points. Reggie Roth moves past Osborne for second. Jay smith is fourth and Raymond Haase fifth.

The biggest mover was Wells, who double his points in one night. He now is sixth

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incident.

Jim went around Dunklau on the restart and he started pulling away, until he said he developed a push going into the turns. The problem allowed Nick Opfer of Hartington, who had to work his way through the field to catch Jim, but the laps had run out giving Jim his first "A" feature of the year.

His brother finished third, passing

Dunklau with five laps remaining. A hard charging Kim Termansen of Yankton, who came from the "C" feature, finished the night winning the "C" feature, placed third in the "B" feature and fourth in the "A" feature.

Dunklau rounded out the top five.

Terry Walker of Norfolk came home victorious in the "B" feature with Travis Loecker of Bloomfield finishing third.

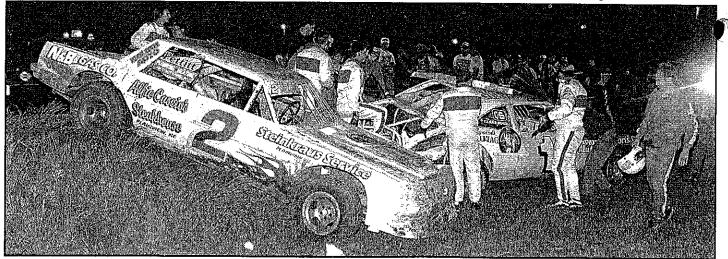
Termansen across the line in the "C" feature it was Pat Jensen of Stanton and Josh Derickson of Hartington, who was

subbing for wife Tina.

There was enough cars to run a "D" feature, as Randy Bertschinger of Creighton won the race. Hans Houfek of Homer was second and Kelly Meilke of Norfolk third.

Winning their heats were Russ White of Norfolk, Pettitt, Bernie Berck and Jim Johnson.

Jim Johnson will take over the points battle with his brother right behind him. Pettitt will remain in the third spot, as does Doerr in the fourth spot.



Street Stock driver Ron Pettitt (far right) looks at the damage of his stock car and that of Darrell Doerr. The two drivers went through the backstretch fence. Both escaped serious injuries.

Drivers from Norfolk unless noted

GRAND NATIONAL: (A feature) 1. Bill Wells; 2. Reggie Roth, Bancroft; 3. Travis Roth, Bancroft; 4. Robert Osborne; 5. Darrell Doerr, Plainview; 6. Keith Hansen; 7. Jay Smith; 8. Raymond Haase; 9. Jeff Haase; 10. Scott Phillips; 11. Travis Dickes; 12. Jeff Carlson, Wayne. (B feature) 1. Doug Tomka; 2. Phillips; 3. Jon Haase, Plainview. (Heat 1) 1. R. Roth; 2. Hansen. (Heat 2) 1. Wells; 2. Raymond Haase. (Heat 3) 1. Jay Smith; 2. Vic Lovejoy, Meadow Grove.

STREET STOCK: (A feature) 1. Jim Johnson, Bloomfield; 2. Nick Opfer, Hartington; 3. Chris Johnson, Bloomfield; 4. Kim Termansen, Yankton; 5. John Dunklau, Carroll; 6. Joel Carlson, Winside; 7. Jim Kimmel; 8. Darrell Doerr, Plainview; 9. Travis Loecker, Bloomfield; 10. Mike Timm, Pierce; 11. Ned Bertschinger, Creighton; 12. Russ White. (B feature) 1. Terry Walker; 2. Loecker; 3. Termansen. (C feature) 1. Termansen; 2. Pat Jensen, Stanton; 3. Josh Derickson, Hartington (D feature) 1. Randy Bertschinger, Creighton; 2. Hans Houfek, Homer; 3. Kelly Meilke. (Heat

1) 1. White; 2. Kimmel. (Heat 2) 1. Pettitt; 2. Opfer. (Heat 3) 1. Bernie Berck; 2. C. Johnson. (Heat 4) 1. J. Johnson; 2. Carlson.

CRUISERS: (Feature) 1. Warren Vogele/Shannon Jordan; 2. Jeremy Gnat/Mike Johnson; 3. Ron Armitage/Bob Armitage. (Heat 1) 1. R. Armitage/B. Armitage; 2. Rick Meysonburg/Steve Bellar. (Heat 2) 1. Jason Loecker/Jason Hames; 2. Nick Worley/James Smith. (Heat 3) 1. J. Overholt/Ryan Davidson; 2. Jerry Ketelsen/Josh Jensen. (Heat 4) 1. Brian Koch/Steve Reynolds; 2. Vogele/Jordan.

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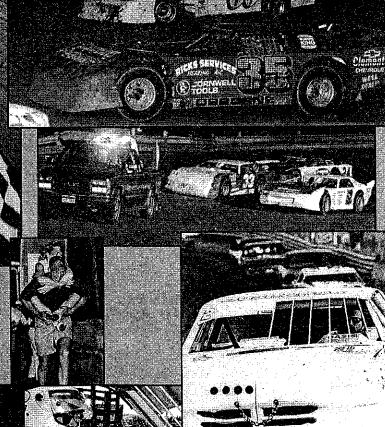
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