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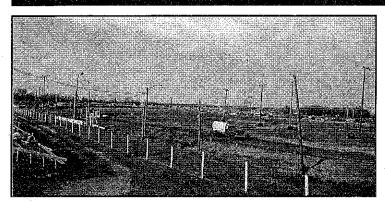
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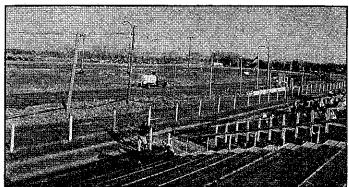
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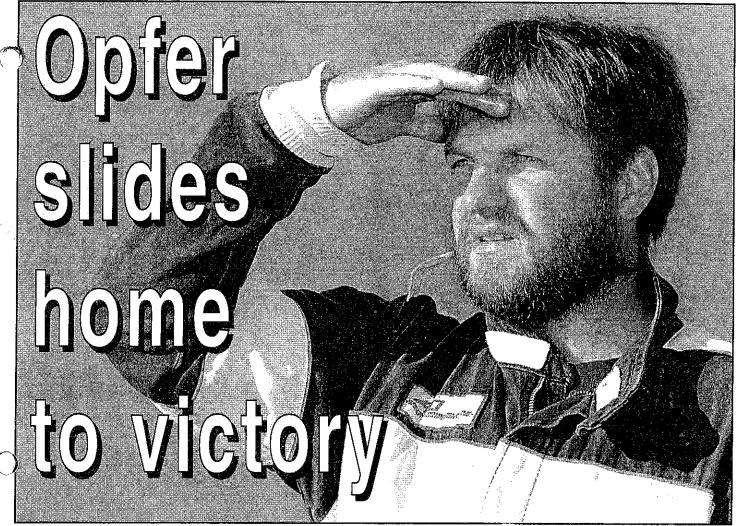
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Rain shortens feature

Hartington's Nick Opfer may have been able to hold off Pierce's Ron Pettitt, last after Riviera officials dropped the Hobby Saturday night during the final laps of the Street Stock "A" feature, but no one will know, as a rain shower ended the main event five laps early giving Opfer his first

Rain started falling five laps into the Street Stock race and continued long enough to end the night. Only two races were postponed, the "A" features in both the Grand Nationals and Cruisers.

Having started the race season slowly, Opfer quickly got his car into shape and put himself into contention through the first four races of the year. He is already credited with two second places, before adding the win to his resume.

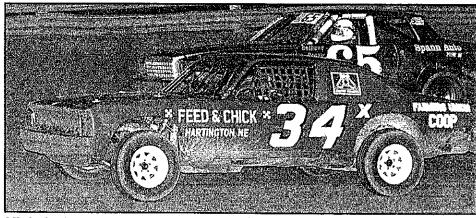
Opfer said he was behind in getting the fcar ready for the season, but it only took a few weeks to get the handle on the car. Before Saturday night's race, he said he thought of changing gears, but because of the track condition he kept it the same.

Opfer, who switched to Street Stock Stock division, raced in Hartington last year and now has returned to the Norfolk

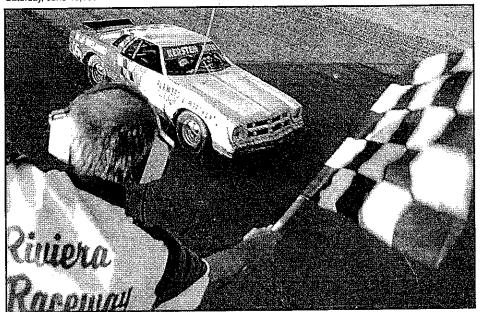
out a month ago, Opfer has gone from 18th in points to fourth.

The Hartington native moved his way through the field during Saturday night's Street Stock race following Winside's Joel Carlson, Race leader and pole sitter Nick Cautrell would drifted high in the corner on After having a poor start the first night lap three allowing several cars go by,

Opfer wins/please see page 7



Nick Opfer (34x) passes John Dunklau (65) inroute to the front.



After having bad luck in the beginning, Bloomfield Nick Cautrell won his first heat race this season and started his first "A" feature. He finished eighth in the event.



Jim Kimmel (17k) sits in his car for hot laps.



Dennis Martz (25) takes his car passed John Dunklau in the "A" feature.

Opfer wins

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including Opfer and Carlson.

Still on the same lap, Opfer got Carlson to grab the lead by the conclusion of the lap third circuit. As traffic sorted out behind him, he was able to put distance between first and second for the next five laps.

Pettitt, who regrouped from last week's accident on the backstretch with the guard rail, past Carlson for second on lap nine.

By then the track was getting soupy. Pettitt was able to close in on Opfer, but cars started slipping and sliding. That is when the race was called giving Opfer the win. Pettitt slipped in second and Carlson slid into third.

Points leader Jim Johnson of Bloomfield was fourth and brother Chris Johnson of Bloomfield was fifth.

Kim Termansen of Yankton won the "B" feature holding off both Travis Loecker of Bloomfield and Jim Kimmel of Norfolk.

Termansen led the final seven laps. He would later finish ninth in the "A" feature.

Loecker finished second to advance to the "A" feature. He also won the "C" feature to make it to the "B." He would wind up seventh in the main event.

Pettitt picked up his fourth heat race of the season out of the five nights run. Dennis Martz of Norfolk won his second, while Cautrell and Carlson got the checker for the first time in their respective heats.



John Dunklau (65) leads Chris Johnson (7j) and Kim Termansen (61t) down the frontstretch during their heat race. Dunklau and Johnson advanced to the "A" feature. Termansen had to advance through the "B" feature.



Weather continues to hamper races

It is uncharacteristic Grand National last Saturday, the Grand National "A" and driver Curt Zuhlke to be this far back in points at Riviera Raceway, but overcoming his engine problems that have plagued him Inded Saturday night as he claimed the the rain started to fall and at the conclusion makeup "A" feature.

Problems have also plagued the race track, as another night of racing ended early when a rain shower was enough to stop the competition.

The June 6th night ended early forcing track officials to run the final two events the Cruiser feature. But that would be all that would be run.

During the first Street Stock heat race the track was too wet to race.

Another problem drivers had to face was the soft track during the make up "A" feature. On a normal night, the Street Stock would work the track in during the heat races setting the track up for the rest of the

However, with the more powerful cars taking the track first, the Grand National cars ripped a hole into turn one and two.

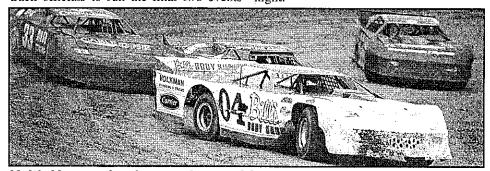
Zuhlke said he had to run each corner different due to the hole and a slick spot in

Zuhlke, who has only run one other feature this year, started on the inside of row three and by lap four he passed Jeff Carlson of Wayne for the top spot.

He would continue to fly until he started overlapping the field. Zuhlke said he normally drives as if the slower cars are not there, but he had to get his nose in some places usually doesn't.

Unaware that he has a healthy lead over second place Jay Smith of Norfolk, Zuhlke mixed it up with three-lapped vehicles. It took several laps to get by the slower cars, as he would win the "A" feature. It would be the fifth different driver to claim a win in as many races.

Smith finished second and point leader Vic Lovejoy was third.



Keith Hansen leads a pack out of four during the "A" feature.

Drivers from Norfolk unless noted

GRAND NATIONAL: (A feature makeup from 6-6-98) 1. Curt Zuhlke, Bancroft; 2. Jay Smith; 3. Vic Lovejoy, Meadow Grove; 4. Reggie Roth, Bancroft; 5. Steve Matthies; 6. Raymond Haase; 7. Robert Osborne; 8. Travis Roth, Bancroft; 9. Jeff Haase; 10. Keith Hansen; 11. Scott Phillips; 12. Chad Jensen; 13. Bob Milander; 14. Travis Dickes; 15. Jeff Carlson, Wayne. (B feature) 1. Vic Lovejoy, Meadow Grove; 2. Jeff Haase; 3. Scott Phillips. (Heat 1) I. Robert Osborne; 2. Raymond

Haase; 3. Travis Dickes. (Heat 2) 1. Reggie Roth, Bancroft; 2. Travis Roth, Bancroft; 3. Jeff Carlson, Wayne. (Heat 3) 1. Jay Smith; 2. Curt Zuhlke, Bancroft; 3. Bob Milander.

STREET STOCK: (A feature) 1. Nick Opfer, Hartington; 2. Ron Pettitt, Pierce; 3. Joel Carlson, Winside; 4. Jim Johnson, Bloomfield; 5. Chris Johnson, Bloomfield; 6. John Dunklau, Carroll; 7. Travis Loecker, Bloomfield; 8. Nick Cautrell, Bloomfield; 9. Kim Termansen, Yankton; 10. Terry Walker; 11. Dennis Martz; 12. Darrell Doerr, Plainview. (B feature) 1. Termansen; 2. Loecker; 3. Jim Kimmel. (C feature) 1. Loecker; 2. Chris Gulovsen; 3. Pat Jensen, Stanton. (Heat 1) 1. Martz; 2. Doerr. (Heat 2) 1. Pettitt; 2. Sam Brachle, (Heat 3) 1. Cautrell; 2. Dunklau. (Heat 4) 1. Carlson; 2. J. Johnson.

CRUISERS: (Feature) Postponed due to rain. (Heat 1) 1. Warren Vogele and Shannon Jordan; 2. Joel Steckelberg and Chris Beltz. (Heat 2) 1. J. Yonamine and E. Shank; 2. Ryan Steckelberg and Ben Kohles. (Heat 3) 1. Steve Reynolds and Brian Koch; 2. Tony Tschirren and Terry Buck.

TWO OLD RACERS WIN AGAIN

The desire to race is hard to suppress. After racing most of its life in the 50s and 60s at tracks in the midwest from skylark raceway in Columbus to sunset speedway in Omaha and into Iowa. A famous 32 ford coupe of Jimmy Wyman and Tom Culbertson was in the winners circle once again at sunset speedway. This time with Jack Hastreiter of Humphrey behind the wheel. That sounds easy enough but the old coupe and Jack could tell many stories between then and now. It set in Lyle Rouchca's, salvage yard in Fremont, Ne. for many years. Then to Al Munsons farm north east of Leigh for untold years. before being brought to Jax Repair in Humphrey in 1991 for eventual resurrection. Many years of collecting parts at swap meets and speed shops, cutting, fabricating, sand blasting, painting and redesigning.

We meet for the first time in Columbus at Skylark Raceway. I think in about 1963 or 1964. Jimmy Wyman was the driver. The car was immaculate, painted white and ran good. As a teenager I could never imagine that we would meet again. I just stood there and observed the beauty of it all. The workmanship on the car was top notch. Then in 1968 we met again, this time at Al Munsons farm. Al had two 32 five windows, I bought the real good one, channeled 32 street rod. that needed to be finished. I remember seeing the white 32 down in the trees. I went down and looked her over, wow! what the years and racing had done to her. She wasn't immaculate anymore, the body was real bad, rolled more then once, chain marks where someone pulled her back over, eight inches deep in mud, corroding what was left of the doors, cowl and side panels. The pretty white paint was now cracked, peeling and gouged from contact with other cars.

In 1991 we met again, Al delivered her to may shop. Told me "you can have her, if you'll turn her back into the lady she once was and maybe race her". At that time no old time cars were racing.

In 1995 I met John Ferguson at a swap meet and I learned of the Good Old Time Racing Association. The coupes were being raced again. I joined the Club and began the resurrection process. I call it resurrection because many of the parts used in her "heyday" are unavailable and in some cases illegal to use in our class of cars because of the rules.

On June 12 I took my two girls (my wife and the 32) to Sunset speedway where we met out three daughters, that had come to watch our first night out. The 32 also had a reunion with some of the other cars that she raced against in her "heyday" and also with the track where she had performed many years before.

Although now she's a bright red and her body shines once again, I want Al Munson to see her this way again, but I'm afraid he'll want her back, but I did what he wanted me to do.

If not for the Old Time Racers Club, she would just set and people could remember how it used to be. Now she had a chance to have wind go through her windows once more and feel the mud flying from other cars. Take more green flags and checkered flags

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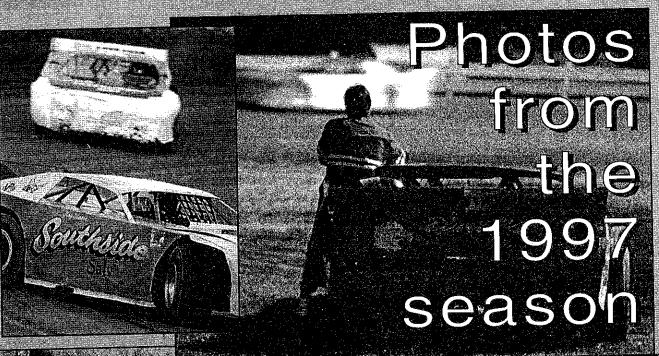
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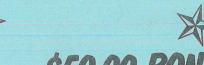




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