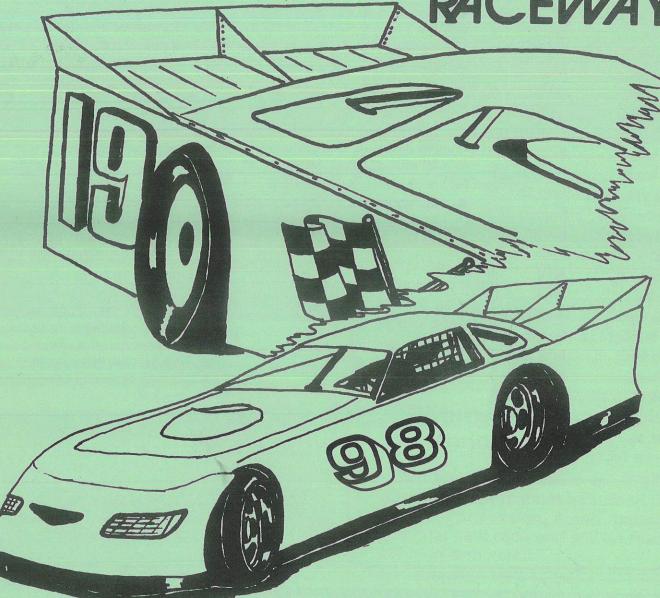
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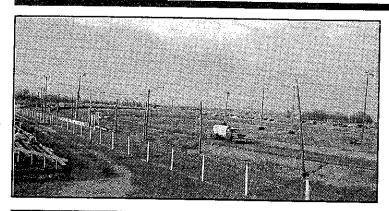
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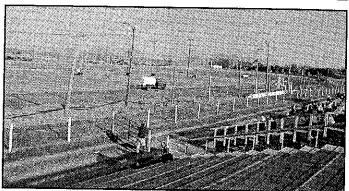
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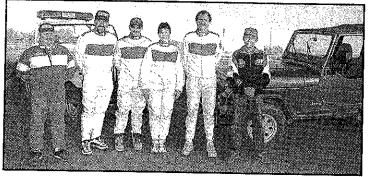
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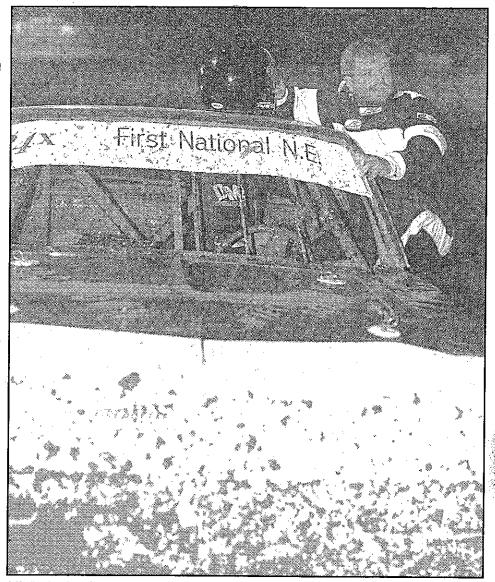




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Nick Opfer (34x) climbs from his Street Stock after winning the "A" feature. It was his first this year.

Opfer overcomes spin for first win

He may have had a slow start this season, but Nick Opfer of Hartington continues to work hard and it paid off with an "A" feature win Saturday night.

Opfer has finished in the top five six times this year and the last five nights he has finished in the top four.

Opfer said he only changed a few things from the last few weeks, but said working with the carburetor has helped the most. He also said going to headers may have helped, as well.

Riviera Raceway promoter Russ Haase announced the previous week that the state championships will be running headers this year and said to help the drivers, Riviera will now allow headers to be run.

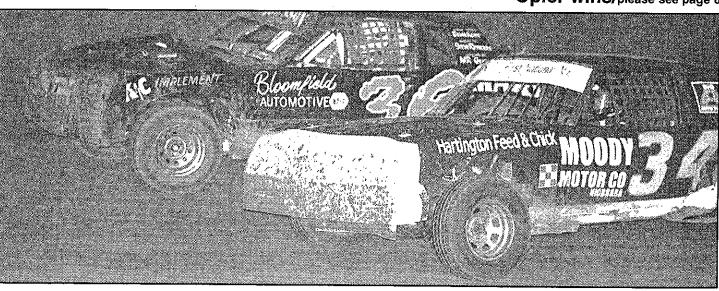
So with the headers, not only were the cars louder, but more horsepower was created.

Their was plenty of action in the first six laps of the 15-lap race. Four caution flags flew in the those six laps. The first two were for a scuffle for position in the back of the field as the big guns of Jim Johnson of Osmond and Travis Loecker of Bloomfield tangled with each other.

The two would continue to bump each other as they worked their way through the field

The last caution flew when Opfer got

Opfer wins/please see page 8



Nick Opfer (34x) gets to the underside of Scott Fredrickson (38) in the closing laps of the "A" feature. The pass turned out to be the winning pass. Fredrickson paced the field from the drop green until Opfer got by on lap 13 of the 15-lap race.

Wagner Orives to first Grand Nat

He has driven all types of stock cars and he has won in all types of divisions. Saturday night at Riviera Tom Wagner of Norfolk won his first Grand National race of his career.

It was patience that Wagner said won the race for him.

Unlike the Street Stock "A" feature, the Grand National "A" feature went uninterrupted.

Bill Wells of Norfolk grabbed the early lead with David Hille of Norfolk running second.

Wagner quickly got by Hille for second and then settled in behind race leader Wells.

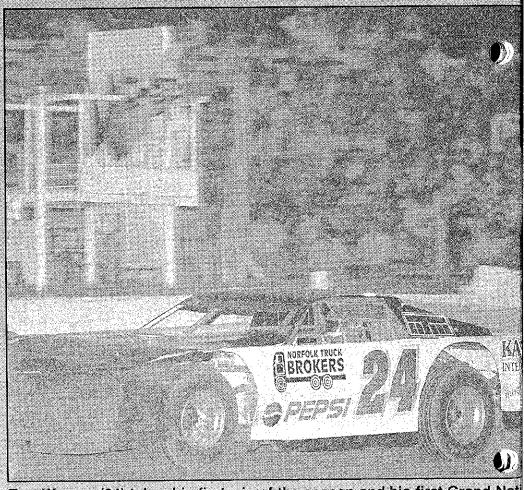
The former track champion would not have to wait long before moving into the top spot. On lap six, Wells had to check up in turn three allowing Wagner to slip by on the high side.

Wagner would set it on cruise and slowly pull away from the 15-car field.

What was going on in his mind?

"I was waiting for Robert (Osborne)" said Wagner after races. "I knew he had to be coming. I just didn't want to screw up."

He would be able to keep the momentum and kept the car on the bottom, which several drivers said was the fastest way around the track



Tom Wagner (24) takes his first win of the season and his first Grand Nat victory of his career.



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this week.

This is Wagner's first year back after taking a break for a couple of years to work on his new home.

"I want to thank Russ (Wilken) for the ride," said Wagner. Wilken has had Travis Dickes of Madison drive the car and made a switch this year to go with Wagner,

Wells would have to settle for second place holding off Raymond Haase of Norfolk, who was third. Mark Henery would be back in the top live in Mike Kruse's Grand National. He finished fourth. Rounding out the top five was another substitute driver. Todd Vollbrecht of Stanton who took Jay Smith's car to a fifth place showing.

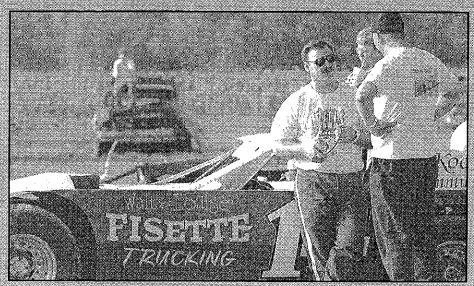
Chad Jensen of Norfolk won the "B" feature over Mike Beckman of Creighton and J.R. Clausen of Norfolk.

Winning heat races were Dickes, Wells and Osborne.

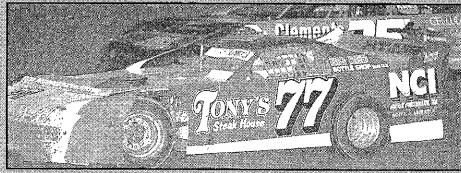
In the points standings, the top four drivers stay the same. Osborne leads, Smith second, Vic Lovejoy of Meadow Grove third and Jeff Haase fourth.

Raymond Haase's strong run moved him up three positions to take over the fifth spot. Dickes remains at sixth, Bob Milander of Norfolk dropped two spots and sits seventh.

Wagner made the biggest jump. He was 12th and now is eighth. Kruse's car stays ninth, while Steve Matthies suffers again, falling three spots to 10th.



Bill Wells (left) and Chad Jensen (73J) talk before the races.



Todd Vollbrecht (77) subbed for Jay Smith and brought home a top five finish placing fifth.

Opfer wins

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sideways between one and two, but he was straighten out when both Dennis Martz of Norfolk and Ned Bertschinger of Creighton ran into the side of him.

The caution however was not for the three cars, as cars behind him checked up and finally Terry Walker of Norfolk was turned around bringing out the caution.

"I felt awful bad about it," said Opfer, who talked with both Martz and Bertschinger after the race.

The mix up in some ways helped and in other ways hindered Opfer.

Opfer said it messed up his front end, which helped him corner the car, but made it difficult for him to travel down the straightaways.

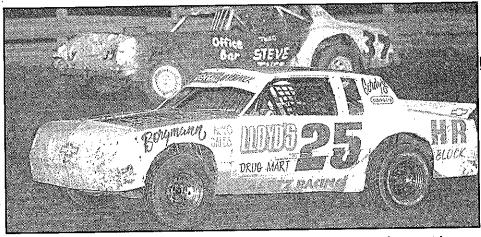
Opfer was sitting third at the time, with Scott Fredrickson of Carroll leading Brian Wagner of Creighton second.

Wagner and Opfer battle for three laps, before Opfer made the pass. It would take another three laps to catch Fredrickson and with three laps remaining Opfer made the bid for the lead and got it.

Opfer went on to win, making it his fifth top four finish in the last five weeks.

Martz powered his way to second, his fifth top five of the season.

Consistent Chris Johnson cross the line the third. It was the Bloomfield native's



Ned Bertschinger drifts high allowing Dennis Martz (25) to get by on the inside during the "A" feature.

fourth third-place finish and his eighth top five of the nine nights out.

Fourth went to Brian Wagner his first top five finish and Jim Johnson picked up fifth place his seventh top five finish.

Darrell Doerr of Plainview won his third "B" feature over Nick Cautrell of Bloomfield and Pat Herley of Norfolk, who were second and third respectively.

In the "C" feature it was Mike Timm of Pierce taking the win despite losing his power steering. Herley was second and Jason Throener of Pilger was third. Herley went on to run the "A" feature were he finished 14th.

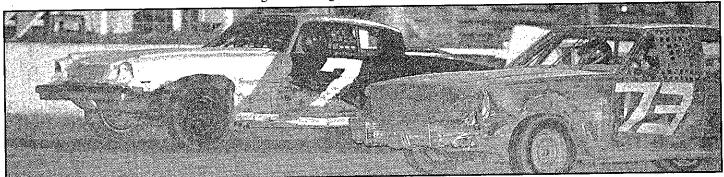
In the points, Chris Johnson pulled a slight advantage over his brother, Jim

Johnson, who stands at second in points.

Loecker had yet another night of bad luck. He will drop to fourth, while Martz jumps to third with his second place finish.

Doerr, who lost his motor last week, was able to make it back. However, motor problems continued to plaque him. Despite winning the "B" feature and moving up to the seventh position in the "A" feature, Doerr was shuffled back to finish 10th and dropping him to sixth in the points. Opfer's win moved him to the fifth spot ahead of Doerr.

Timm and Greg Johns of Osmond remain at the seventh and eighth positions. Wagner's best finish of the year moves him to ninth, as Walker falls to 10th.



Jerry Ketelsen and Josh Jensen (73) drag race Steckelberg and Chris Harris (7) back to the yellow flag, which turned out to be the end of the race. Ketelsen and Jensen were credited with the win, while Steckelberg and Harris grabbed their fourth straight second place finish.

Drivers from Norfolk unless noted

GRAND NATIONAL: (A feature) 1. Tom Wagner; 2. Bill Wells; 3. Raymond Haase; 4. Mark Henery; 5. Todd Vollbrecht, Stanton; 6. Vic Lovejoy, Meadow Grove; 7. Travis Dickes, Madison; 8. Robert Osborne; 9. Bob Milander; 10. Chad Jensen; 11. David Hille; 12. Jeff Haase; 13. Mike Beckman, Creighton; 14. J.R. Clausen; 15. Keith Hansen. (B feature) 1. Jensen; 2. Beckman; 3. Clausen. (Heat 1) 1. Dickes; 2. Wagner. (Heat 2) 1. Wells; 2. Raymond, Haase. (Heat 3) 1. Osborne; 2. Hille. STREET STOCK: (A feature) 1. Nick

Opfer, Hartington; 2. Dennis Martz; 3. Chris Johnson, Bloomfield; 4. Brian Wagner, Creighton; 5. Jim Johnson, Osmond; 6. Ned Bertschinger, Creighton; 7. Jim Kimmel; 8. Travis Loecker, Bloomfield; 9. Scot Fredrickson, Carroll; 10. Darrell Doerr, Plainview; 11. Nick Cautrell, Bloomfield; 12. Pat Herley; 13. Ryan Rohde, Carroll; 14. Terry Walker; 15. Thad Fox, Page. (B feature) 1. Doerr; 2. Cautrell; 3. Herley. (C feature) 1. Mike Timm, Pierce; 2. Herley; 3. Jason Throener, Pilger. (Heat 1) 1. Martz; 2. Walker, (Heat 2) 1. Loecker; 2. Bertschinger. (Heat 3) 1. Jim Johnson; 2. Opfer. (Heat 4) 1. Chris

Johnson; 2. Fredrickson.

CRUISERS: (Feature) 1 Jerry Ketelsen and Josh Jensen; 2. Steckelberg and Chris Harris; 3. Joel Steckelberg and Chris Beltz; 4. Jeremy Kerber and John Uttecht; 5. Jeremy Hanson and Scott Gray; 6. Justin Golter and Cory Jensen; 7. Jeremy Brabec and J. Steffensmeier; 8. Dan Lauck and Jerry Beaudette; 9. Kent Behmer and Andy Priester; 10. M. Kersten and Jarred Smith. (Heat 1) 1. Kersten and Smith. (Heat 2) 1. Jeremy Kerber and John Uttecht. (Heat 3) 1. Steckelberg and Harris.





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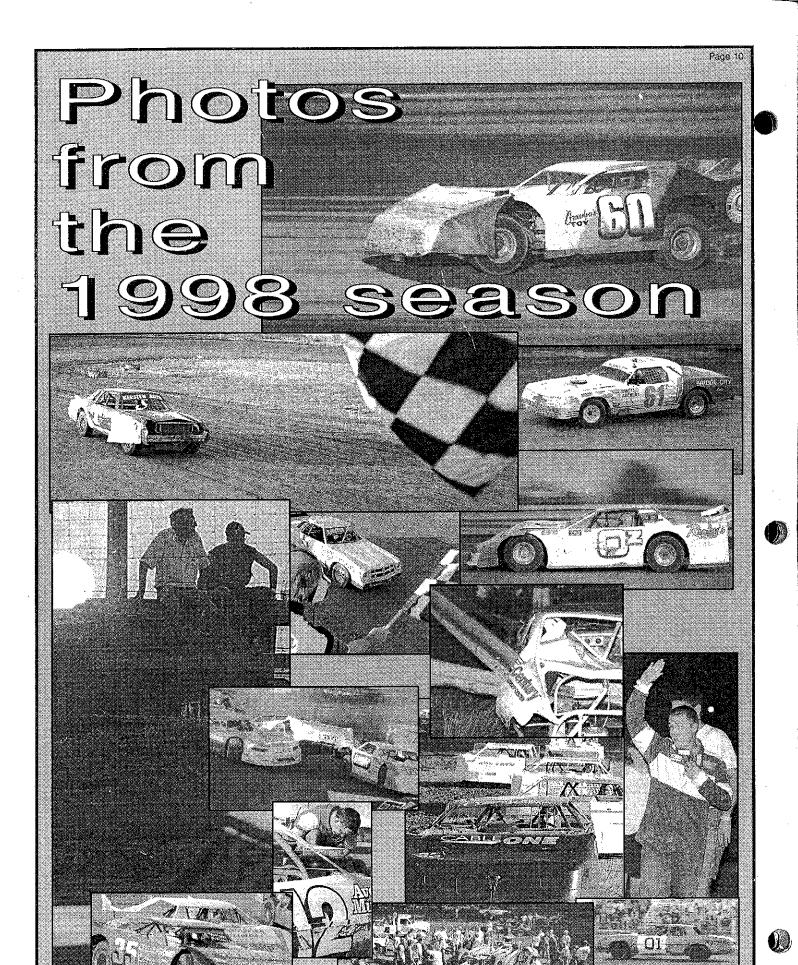
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