

## **6/26 - Hesston Speedway Press Release by Christy Miller**

### **“DIXON, JR. SCORES FIRST-EVER CAREER VICTORY!”**

Hesston Speedway was back in action on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> with a 5 division show. The Penn-Mar Vintage cars made their first appearance in the 2010 season along with the Street Stocks, Limited Late Models, Hobby Stocks, and the 4-cyl Mini Stocks. 62 cars signed in the pits to do what they do best -- “Hang On ‘til the Checkered Flies”.

With 7 cars competing in the heat event, Fred Krickbaum took the checkered in the Penn-Mar Vintage heat event. The line-up for the feature was set and the class was excited to run its first feature in the 2010 season at Hesston. The action that this division shows is one of a kind. 2 feature winners were crowned at the cross of the checkered. Larry Felty (#46f) and Fred Thompson (#911f) were victorious. The staff and fans of Hesston Speedway would like to thank the Penn-Mar drivers for the great event.

The bounty was up for grabs in the street stock division as the #50 of Bill Henney arrived to try for his consecutive 4<sup>th</sup> victory. Dave Brown (#110) and Jesse Snyder (#22x) began their night with heat event victories. The 20-lap feature even began with Harry Smith (#5) and Snyder on the front row. Snyder took the advantage at the drop of the green. He was in command as Brown and Henney made their way thru the field. Snyder began to feel the pressure from Brown. Snyder would lead lap 6 but then relinquish his lead on lap 7 as Brown would never look back. Henney was up to 5<sup>th</sup> but on lap 13, he slowed out of turn 2 with a flat right rear. On the restart, Brown was tailed by Snyder and Wayne Hawbaker (#6). Henney charged from the rear to the 6<sup>th</sup> spot by lap 18 as the yellow waved again. A 2 lap dash rounded out the event with Brown taking the victory. He also claimed the bounty and hard charger awards. Snyder, Hawbaker, Sager, and Smith rounded out the top 5.

**Lap Leaders:** Snyder (#22x) 1-6, Brown (#110) 7-20

**Cautions:** laps 3, 13, 18

**Hard Charger:** Brown (#110)

The limited late models put on a great show with 22 drivers coming to compete. Brad Kling (#11), George Dixon, Jr. (#77), and Rance Garlock (#19) took the checkered in the heat events. As the top 9 drivers redrew at the scales for their starting position, one driver didn't know how great this night was going to turn out. Dixon and Kling set the front row as the green dropped, however a lap would not be completed. Kling slowed in turn 4 and retired for the night. On the double file restart, Dixon and Dave Dunkle (#1) set the pace as Dixon pulled away for the lead. Garlock and Dunkle had a heated battle forming for the 2<sup>nd</sup> spot. Lap 4 was doomed by a yellow for Barry Welch (#88), Curtis Heath (#71), and Brian Lesley (#5z) losing the handle in turns 1&2. Dixon took command again as Garlock, Dunkle, and Rick Singleton (#99\*) tried to decide who was going to move into the 2<sup>nd</sup> spot. Lap 17 brought another yellow as Heath again came to a stop in turn 1. Dixon again restarted the field and came home with his first-ever career victory. An emotional interview with family and friends concluded the event. Hesston Speedway is proud to congratulate Dixon on his sweet victory. Garlock, Singleton, Wible, and Dave Leidy (#21a) rounded out the top 5.

**Leaders:** Dixon, Jr. (#77) 1-20

**Cautions:** laps 1, 4, 17

**Hard Chargers:** Smith, Jr. (#39) and Kann (#66)

After 3 attempts at a double file start, we had to line the hobby stock field up single file to finally drop the green. Derek Graybill (#01) lead the filed to the line. Numerous cautions doomed the event. Graybill was in command with Terry Norris (#73) and Joe Dearmitt (#21) gaining ground. By lap 7, Chad Gambol (#13x) had maneuvered his way up to the 6<sup>th</sup> spot. Dearmitt took the 2<sup>nd</sup> spot from Norris and was beginning to put the heat on Graybill. Dearmitt was close to making the pass on lap 8 but the yellow was waved. On the restart, it was Graybill, Dearmitt, and Norris respectively. Feeling the pressure from Dearmitt, Graybill was still in command as they crossed the line to begin the 20<sup>th</sup> circuit. Going into turn 3, Dearmitt chose the high grove and was able to pull off the victory by inches. Graybill, Norris, Gambol, and Brad McGinnis (#13) rounded out the top 5.

**Cautions:** 3 on the start, laps 1, 4, 4, 6 ,8

**Leaders:** Graybill (#01) 1-19, Dearmitt (#21) 20

**Hard Charger:** Gambol (#13x)

The mini stock class ran a very tight event. No cautions were brought out but the racing action was tremendous. Ron Beam (#41) and Gary Newell (#0) took the field to the green. By lap 8, Beam was in command with Newell and Larry Duvall (#11) trailing. With 5 to go, Beam was still your leader as Newell began to put pressure on the top spot. The top 3 drivers were putting on a great show. With 1 to go, Newell drove hard into turn 3 and took the lead along with the victory. Shawn Moore (#97), Duvall, Beam, and Phil Boden (#28) rounded out the top 5.

**Cautions:** 0

**Leaders:** Beam (#41) 1-19, Newell (#0) 20

**Hard Charger:** Travis Semple (#56)

Please join us on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> for the first appearance of the super late models as the Three State Flyers invade Hesston. We will also have limited late models, street stocks, hobby stocks, and 4cyl mini stocks.