

# Hartford Track Now Open

by TOM SAVAGE

SIOUX FALLS, S.D.—And now there are two, Sioux Falls and the surrounding area represents over 100,000 people. Whether or not two speedways both running on the same night can draw enough support from that populace is a matter of conjecture, Husets Speedway, located five miles east of Sioux Falls, has been a hotbed of racing activity for nearly 20 years. Since its inception the speedway has run exclusively on Sunday nights and holidays. They feature super modified and

six cylinder modifieds plus late models and street stockers on the 3/8-mile dirt oval. It is a good and entertaining show and worth the price of admission.

Hartford Speedway is located two miles west of Hartford, S.D. or approximately 15 miles west of Sioux Falls. It is a brand new operation with their two shows being held July 4 & 5 on the half-mile dirt oval. They will run on Sunday nights featuring sprint cars and late models. It is a good and entertaining show and worth the price of admission. Now that you have read

this far you know that I will take a middle of the road position. The last thing I want to do is get involved in the 'politics' of the conflicting nights. I will always be 100 percent for ANYBODY involved in our sport. Hell, lets face it. Me, along with who knows how many others, are racing fans. If some one cared out an oval in the middle of a cornfield and showed up with two cars to race each other I would be there to watch. Because they are racing. Folks who will really suffer in this kind of a confrontation are the ones who foot the bills in the first

place. The fans. There are many, many who would like to attend both.

Sunday night the 4th of July I attended Husets. It was a terrific show with good close races, a full field of cars and another new winner in the super modified main. But in the back of my mind all night I was wondering how the sprinters were making out in Hartford. I have a lot of friends involved with the sprints and I wanted to be with them. Monday night I attended Hartford. It also was a good show, well run with the aid of volunteer and some super fast events. But once again I felt left out of some racing action wondering how the boys were making out at Husets. And on both nights I wasn't alone. There were others who wondered out loud to me about how things were going out east or out west.

It is kind of like the story that many of you have probably heard before. There was this enterprising fellow who wanted to stage races. His rules were simple. Each car could be

propelled by one rubber band, but you could wind it as tight as you wanted. Everything was just great, the guys would show up each week, wind their bands and go racing. Then one night a guy towed through the pit gate and changed the whole picture in one fleeting moment. His car was equipped with two rubber bands.

Basically that is the situation presently in Sioux Falls. A LEG IN IT ... glad for good friend Jim Matthews getting his first super win at Husets July 5...Jim's first this year and the eighth different winner at Husets...have not heard from Joe Moller for over a year...Joe the flagman at Watertown's Casino Speedway a good race booster...you still out there Joe?...possibly two of the guliest race cars seen this season are Darryl Dawleys No. 25 sprint and Jerry Gronewold's No. 58 late model Ford...BUT BOTH OF THEM WON THEIR FEATURES SATURDAY NIGHT JULY 3...Dawley at Jackson and Cronewold at Madison...whoever said that beauty is skin deep was right...two sure ways to make all the enemies you could possibly want is to be either a flagman at a race track or an umpire at a little league baseball game

...but the umpire job is the worst...those mothers really get hostile. ...flying lawn chairs and language that would make a sailor blush.

Hats off to Curt Anderson in his win at Husets July 5 ... finally got that No. 68 Chevrolet perking...must be that new pit man...ditto to the youngster Cal Hanson in winning the six cylinder feature...his first and you drove a fine race Cal just can't help but be impressed by the performance of Jack Trigg and his No. 24 sprint... this guy in his first year with the little bombs is running with the leaders at both Jackson and Hartford... others have noticed also Jack...Duane Strausser a visitor in the stands at Jackson July 3 and looking good... Duane injured in that nasty sprint car spill at Fairmont earlier this year...good to have Clayt Granum back at Husets with the new Doc Jensen No. 79...no truth to the rumor that Doc uses a shoehorn to slip Clayt into the cockpit...till next time don't forget...Adam and Eve never got married...know what that makes all of us??? WE GOT THE HAMMER DOWN A E. 12th Street... Sioux Falls, S.D. 57103... and we gone.

## McDonald, Mid-Season Champ

Corry VanMil and Jack McDonald posted feature wins before a packed grandstand at the West Fargo Fairgrounds and then were called to the trophy stand again to receive Minn-Kota mid-season championships in their respective classes.

VanMil, from Dilworth, won both the consolation and feature races in the modified stock events to rate as the overall modified point winner. Second to VanMil in overall points was Dave Flink of Fargo, who also finished second to Van Mil in the feature event.

McDonald claimed the trophy dash and went on to take first in the late model feature, despite a 25-minute delay which occurred when five cars collided in the No. 1 turn and had to be pulled apart.

No injuries resulted.

McDonald, from Eldridge, was the overall point winner in the late model class, with Joe Jacobson of Fargo second. Jacobson shadowed McDonald all evening, with a second-place finish in the trophy and feature events won by McDonald.

### Modified Stocks

First heat — 1, Dennis Wheeler, Casselton. 2, Jerry Campbell, Grand Forks. 3, Dick Hanson, Fargo.

Second heat — 1, Bob Sagen, Moorhead. 2, Rod Palmer, Fargo. 3, Dave Flink, Fargo.

Third heat — 1, Mickey Kvien, Valley City. 2, Dan Warner, Mapleton. 3, LeRoy Rheault, Fargo.

Trophy dash — 1, Warner. 2, Kvien. 3, Rheault.

Consolation — 1, Corry



VanMil, Dilworth. 2, Howard Richardson, Fargo. 3, Brett Wiltse, Lisbon.

Feature — 1, VanMil. 2, Flink. 3, Warner. 4, Gary Breske, Valley City. 5, Larry Compson, Valley City.

### Late Model

First heat — 1, Chuck German, Ludden. 2, Darrell Heuer, Chokio, Minn. 3, Rich Swangler, Grand Forks.

Second heat — 1, Wayne Kluver, Alexandria, Minn. 2, Bob Simmers, Jamestown. 3, Ernie Brookins, Fargo.

Trophy dash — 1, Jack McDonald, Eldridge. 2, Joe Jacobson, West Fargo. 3, German.

Consolation — 1, Dave Knott, Wabaso, Minn. 2, Joe Salner, St. Cloud, Minn. 3, Joe Andrews, Moorhead.

Feature — 1, McDonald. 2, Jacobson. 3, Heuer. 4, Mike Bruns, Fargo. 5, Brookins.

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7:00 p.m. STATE FAIR TRACTOR PULL
- Friday, September 3
- 1:30 p.m. STATE FAIR HORSE RACING PROGRAM  
Chariot & Running Races  
8:00 p.m. R.C.A. RODEO - Chuck Wagon Races
- Saturday, September 4
- 10:00 a.m. DRAFT HORSE PULL  
1:30 p.m. SUPER MODIFIEDS - roaring action  
Huset's Speedway
- 8:00 p.m. R.C.A. RODEO - with Chuck Wagon Races
- Sunday, September 5
- 1:30 p.m. R.C.A. RODEO - with Chuck Wagon Races  
7:00 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. - IT'S COUNTRY - Tanya Tucker, Minnie Pearl and Jerry Reed - STAGE SHOW
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### Monday, September 6

- 10:00 a.m. STOCK CAR RACES - SDMA  
1:30 p.m. DEMOLITION DERBY - SDMA
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