

Close competition featured at State Fairgrounds track

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State Fair Speedway of Huron has, over the years, developed a reputation for having top-notch, super competitive auto racing. And while the 1976 season has had its discouraging moments, the Sunday night program definitely was a bright spot.

A total of 35 cars, including a late model field of 20, were on hand for the weekly show with Harrold's Sheldon Reding and Huron's Joel Horn escaping with victories in the grueling main events.

Reding, the winningest late model driver this year with four main event victories, had to battle Dennis Selting of Faulkton for the front running spot. Reding coasted on in for the checkered flag and Selting had little trouble taking runner-up honors.

Nineteen late model cars started the main event and one of the biggest battles was for third place. As many as five cars were involved in the fight for third, with defending track champion Roger Saathoff of Bruce eventually nailing down the position.

Don Zilverberg of Holabird finished fourth and Ron Droog of Aberdeen took fifth to round out the top five.

Reding, Selting and Aberdeen's Rich Wendt were all winners in the late model heat races with Droog taking the trophy dash and Gettysburg's Randy Schilling the consolation.

Schilling was one of four new late model cars on hand to help bolster the division. Another Gettysburg driver, Gary Nagel, along with Lynn Arment of Aberdeen and Rick Reber of

Groton, made their first appearances at State Fair Speedway. Fifteen cars took the green

flag in the hobby stock main event and the fans were treated with one of the most competitive hobby stock races ever

seen. Horn edged out Dennis Moser of Aberdeen and Ronnie Muth of Wolsey in a wild scramble to the finish line.

Joel Horn, filling in for his vacationing brother Lowrance Horn, hadn't driven a car since he won the hobby stock track championship two years ago. And after the victory, the two brothers may not be in agreement on who should be the driver.

Horn took over the lead on the third lap and built up a slight lead, only to have Moser and Muth join him in an all-out scramble for the win. Moser took the runner-up honors and Muth was third.

Rounding out the top five finishers were Kent Wilson of Mitchell in fourth and Mike Mareska of Miller in fifth.

Moser, Mareska and Brookings' Kevin Telkamp were heat winners while Huron's Randy Winegar won the trophy dash, his first such win of his career.

Regular season racing action continues next Sunday night at 8 p.m.

The USAC National Championship Midget Auto Race is

set for Tuesday night with warm-ups starting at 6:30 p.m. and heat races at 8:30 p.m.

The results:

HOBBY STOCK

First heat: 1. Mike Mareska (111), Miller; 2. Duane Beckman (22), Platte; 3. Brad Paul (48), Cresbard; 4. Mel Wagner (16), Wolsey; 5. Curtis Haskell (5), Conde.

Second heat: 1. Kevin Telkamp (292), Brookings; 2. Randy Winegar (74), Huron; 3. Kevin Willis (116), Wolsey; 4. Jack Haigh (72), Huron; 5. Joel Horn (818), Huron.

Third heat: 1. Dennis Moser (63), Aberdeen; 2. Joe Weinzirl (177), Miller; 3. Ronnie Muth (37), Wolsey; 4. Ronnie Kopfmann (31), Alpena; 5. Kent Wilson (02), Mitchell.

Trophy dash: 1. Winegar; 2. Beckman; 3. Weinzirl; 4. Moser; 5. Mareska; 6. Telkamp.

Main event: 1. Horn; 2. Moser; 3. Muth; 4. Wilson; 5. Mareska; 6. Weinzirl; 7. Beckman; 8. Winegar; 9. Telkamp; 10. Haigh; 11. Paul; 12. Wagner; 13. Kopfmann; 14. Willis; 15. Haskell.

LATE MODEL

First heat: 1. Dennis Selting (18), Faulkton; 2. Kim Wheeler (8), Woonsocket; 3. Doug Myers (02), Pukwana; 4. Jim Rawden (69), Northville; 5. Don Zilverberg (10), Holabird; 6. Del Shields (04), Pukwana; 7. Bob Krueger (12), Huron.

Second heat: 1. Sheldon Reding (11), Harrold; 2. Dennis Gross (60), Huron; 3. Ron Droog (X), Aberdeen; 4. Roger Saathoff (85), Bruce; 5. Don Berner (1), Woonsocket; 6. Wayne Diede (67), Huron; 7. Willie Hasart (33), Ree Heights.

Third heat: 1. Rich Wendt (70),

Aberdeen; 2. Rick Reber (44), Groton; 3. Lynn Arment (5), Aberdeen; 4. Gary Nagel (44), Gettysburg; 5. Bud McMillin (21), Aberdeen.

Trophy dash: 1. Droog; 2. Reber; 3. Reding; 4. Selting; 5. Wendt; 6. Wheeler.

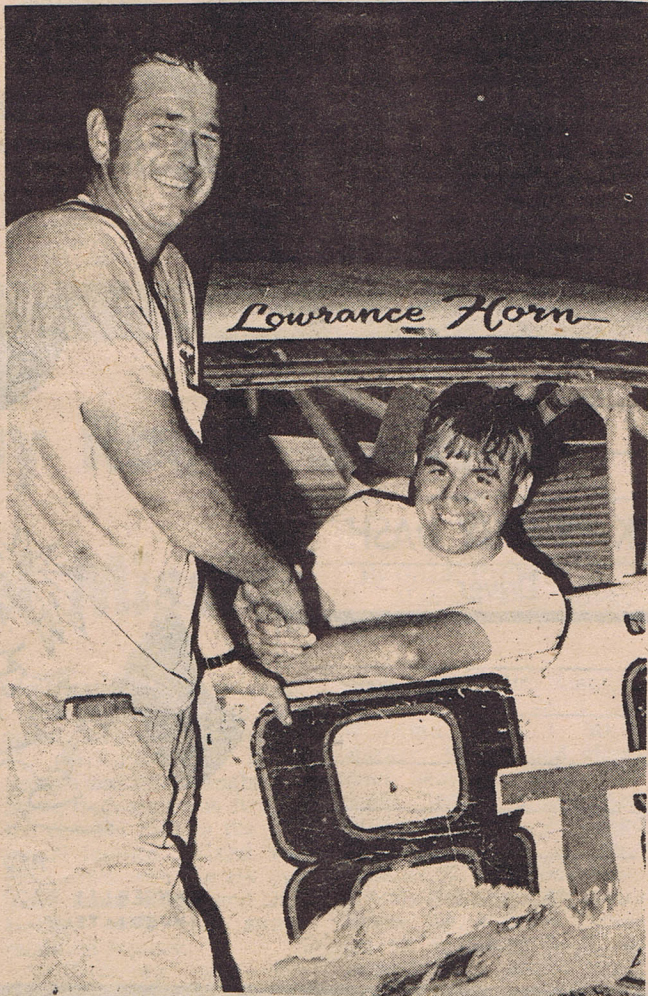
Consolation: 1. Randy Schilling (22), Gettysburg; 2. Hasart; 3. Diede; 4. Zilverberg; 5. Berner; 6. Shields.

Main event: 1. Reding; 2. Selting; 3. Saathoff; 4. Zilverberg; 5. Droog; 6. Rawden; 7. Reber; 8. Nagel; 9. Diede; 10. Krueger; 11. Wendt; 12. Shields; 13. Myers; 14. Schillings; 15. Berner; 16. McMillin; 17. Hasart; 18. Arment; 19. Wheeler.

6 Mile Skid

Can you imagine going so fast that when you lock up the brakes on the vehicle, you go into a violent skid FOR OVER SIX MILES.

Well, that's exactly what happened to Craig Breedlove in 1964. According to the Guinness Book of World Records, Breedlove was shooting for the land speed record at Bonneville Salt Flats when the car suffered mechanical problems and he had to get it stopped.



SHELDON REDING of Harrold, left, the winningest late model driver of the season at State Fair Speedway with victories in four main events, congratulates Huron's Joel Horn, who won the hobby stock main event. Both were victorious Sunday night at the Huron track. Joel Horn, who hadn't driven a race car since he won the hobby stock track championship two years ago, was filling in for his vacationing brother Lowrance Horn. (Plainsman Photo)

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