

PCR hosts High Plains Havoc

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The sun was out and the wind was howling Saturday, June 8 to start the afternoon at Phillips County Raceway, but when the moon came up and the dust settled, it was John Hansen who ended up blowing away the competition. He doubled down by winning the CDM/BST Late Model 20-lap A-Main and then the \$1,000-to-win Forty9 Designs/BST Promotions 30-lap modified feature.

Hansen wins; Lewis Racing places 3 of top 4

Steve Lewis (19) started in pole position for the 20-lap CDM/BST late model main event, but it was John Hansen (10) who worked his way through the field from ninth to first that picked up the win. Scott Lewis (99), who started eighth, battled with his father, Steve, early in the race for the lead before Hansen joined the party shortly before the mid-way point.

After Hansen got around Steve and Scott Lewis, it was his race to lose, as he definitely had the fastest car on the track Saturday night. The Lewis family put on a good show for second place before Scott finally took it over from his father.

Jonathon Lindberg (199), started 11th, made a late race charge passing Bob Goetschel (37) and Steve Lewis to finish third. Dave Garmann (4) went from 10th to fifth after making some moves late in the race as well.

Gibbs holds off all challengers

Colt Gibbs (51) piloted his hobby stock from the third starting position to victory lane after substantial challenges from Jim Moore (54) and Ron Edge (3r). Late in the race it was Edge who was putting up the biggest fight, as Moore had his hands full with Rocky Ford resident Rhett Proctor (65) battling for third.

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In the end, it was Edge going wreckers or checkers who lost control in the final corner and let Gibbs get away for the win. Edge ended up finishing fifth after all was said and done. Proctor didn't have quite enough to get by Moore, who ended up finishing second.

Proctor ended up taking home third, and Greg Dannett (22G) kept his nose clean as the finisher in fourth.

Bussells wins IMCA stock car slugfest

Justin Bussell (11b), Jeff Whiting (16), Kelly Yutterman (12), Johnny Yutterman (18) and Gregory Gutt (620) all put on one heck of a show Saturday night at PCR, and any one of them looked capable of bringing home the first-place trophy at some point in the race.

Kelly Yutterman jumped out to take the lead from the start, leaving Bussell, Whiting and Johnny Yutterman battling for the second position. These guys were door to door, swapping positions and paint through every corner early in the first few laps of the feature, with Gutt not too far behind.

Johnny Yutterman then seemed to slow with mechanical failure, right as Gregory Gutt made things interesting with Bussell and Whiting. Johnny eventually brought out a yellow with his car issues, and the rest of the field was bunched up again. Kelly Yutterman led the restart with Bussell, Whiting, Gutt and Kurt Trusty (20B) in tow.

Immediately after the restart, Kelly Yutterman decided to work the low line and Bussell chose to push the cushion up top. Each lap they went by, Yutterman was able to lead at the line, but Bussell would get even and draw ahead on the high side. Whiting and Gutt were also side-by-side for third place while the two up front were putting on their show.

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Eventually Whiting would break free of Gutt and put some pressure on the top two of Yutterman and Bussell, making it a three-way battle for the lead once again. There was a caution on lap 13 and Bussell was the one leading the pack to the stripe on the restart. He made the smart decision to take away Yutterman's low line, to which Yutterman had to make a last gasp effort in turn three on the final lap.

Bussell deflected the challenge and took home the win. Yutterman finished second after his heroic dive into turn three. Whiting would finish third after passing Gutt in the final two turns and Kurt Trusty (20b) rounded out the top five.

Mike Lininger capitalizes in lap traffic

Mike Lininger (X) passed Jacob Fehler (29) in lap traffic late in the race on lap 20 to take the lead and eventually win in the SportMod main event Saturday night at PCR.

Fehler had built up a large lead early over Lininger and the rest of the field, but Lininger eventually reeled him in and took advantage of the moving barricades of lap traffic. Jacob Adler (18A) also took advantage and moved in to second from starting fifth on lap 21. Fehler would have more tough luck and succumb to a flat tire on the final go-round, finishing in eighth.

Tom Quint (14) would finish third after starting on the pole. Trevor Geist (10) stayed even at fourth and Kyle Cuckow (97c) finished fifth.

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John Hansen (8H) led from lap seven until the halfway stoppage, and then from the second segment restart to the finish he ran away with the race.

It was Flyin' Ryan Gaylord (15) and Beau Speicher (73) putting on a show up front early before Hansen showed up. Jeremy Frenier (17J) wasn't far behind Hansen on his way to the front from his eighth starting position. At the halfway stop it was Hansen, Gaylord, Frenier, Speicher and Fast Eddie Belec (3b) coming all the way from the 19th starting position.

The second segment saw more of the same out of Hansen, as he checked out flying around the top side of PCR. Frenier eventually got by Gaylord and Belec moved into fourth after getting around Speicher.

Belec went from 19th to fourth in the feature, mainly working the bottom line where few chose to go Saturday night.

Belec also received the Hard Charger Award of the night presented by Brandon Bennett Photography.

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