

EDWIN NORTON

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Winners of the Grande Prairie mixed bonspiel on the weekend was this rink. Members are

(left to right) Bruce Hortie, Shirley McLachlan, Mary Rose Mettheese, and Ed Norton.

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Hackwell team leading after day one of races

By DAVE KNOWLER
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From the clapping, cheering and whistling that went on as Kelly Sutherland rode into the infield aboard Archie Hackwell's chuckwagon, it wasn't hard to figure out who the crowd wanted to win.

By the looks of things so far he has the best chance of anyone.

The 18-year-old Sutherland manoeuvred his team through the course last night in a speedy 1:08.1 to edge out second place Jack Sheckter of Edmonton by one-tenth of a second in the first day of the County Fair Days chuckwagon races.

Sutherland didn't have an easy time winning the first day's money as he is competing against some of the top professional and amateur chuckwagon drivers in North America.

In his own heat Sutherland was up against the R.J. Keen rig from Fort Nelson.

Keen has just returned from Cheyenne, Wyo. where he placed first in the chuckwagon races.

Sheckter is the winner of the 1970 Calgary Stampede chuckwagon races, an event in which Sutherland had the misfortune of losing a wheel after setting a track record.

Other top drivers who Sutherland beat yesterday include the 1969 Canadian champion rig, Janko Brothers of Red Deer; Lyle Adams, who set the Calgary Stampede track record at the 1969 Stampede and Les McLaughlin who is in the top 10 money winners so far this year.

In the first heat of yesterday's races Rodacker Sales and Service knocked over the barrel in the infield and had a slow time getting out to the track to lose to the Ray Hill crew of Slave Lake.

SUTHERLAND WON the second heat handily as he set the pace for all others to try and follow with his

speedy exit from the infield out on to the track. As soon as Sutherland had his wagon on the track, yards ahead of anyone else, he did nothing but improve his already impressive lead. He ended up winning over Crestview of Calgary and R.J. Keen by a healthy two lengths.

Les McLaughlin was the first to cross the finish line in the third heat but had five seconds added to his time for taking out a barrel. Stewart Ranches was the second rig to finish and Lyle Adams finished third. McLaughlin's rig, driven by Hugh Greenwood gave the fans a real thrill coming from third spot out of the infield and moving up on the outside to win the race.

John Irwin nipped past **Ed Norton** Construction of Grande Prairie by half a second to win the fourth heat. Norton took the early lead but Irwin poured on the coals on the final turn to win by less than one half a length.

In the last heat of the night Fiesta Farms of Calgary was assessed 10 seconds in penalty points when they missed a barrel all together allowing Sheckter to win the race. Janko Brothers followed a close third.

Hackwell chuckwagon slips to 4th

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Kelly Sutherland's track record still stands but his position in the standings of the County Fair chuckwagon races dropped from first place Monday to fourth place yesterday.

Sutherland, driving the Archie Hackwell rig from Grande Prairie, ran a blazing time of 1:08.1 to set the record on Monday but knocked over a barrel in last night's meet losing his first place position to Jack Shekter of Edmonton.

Shekter burned up the track in 1:09.5 in last night's meet to jump into first, a full 1.2 seconds ahead of Stewart Ranches of Airdrie, Alta.

Shekter and Stewart will be favored in tonight's races as third place Crestview is a full four seconds off the pace.

IN LAST night's first race Rodacker Sales and Service rig driven by Tom Sinclair had trouble getting out of the infield for the second night in a row and was late on the track behind Ray Hill and Sons of Slave Lake.

Two penalties were assessed in the second race, five seconds to Hackwell's rig for knocking over an infield barrel and two seconds to R. J. Keen of Fort Nelson for starting ahead of the barrel.

Hackwell, starting from the hardest barrel position took out the first barrel that he was supposed to round and bolted on to the track yards ahead of Keen and Crestview.

Keen took second place but lost that to Crestview on the backstretch. Crestview moved up on the outside to nip Keen's hope of second place.

RALPH VIGEN of Grande Prairie piloted Stewart Ranches' rig to win the third heat. Stewart Ranches, Les McLaughlin and Lyle Adams all had good times in the infield and hit the track neck and neck. Stewart



AROUND THEY GO — Last Wagon to get on the track in one of last night's chuckwagon races scoots around second

barrel as he heads out on the track. Another wagon can be seen just getting on the track in background.

pulled ahead by the first turn to keep the lead while McLaughlin dropped into third position. McLaughlin turned on the power on the final half of the course to overtake Adams.

The fourth race brought the spectators rearing to their feet as Ed Norton Construction of Grande Prairie and John Irwin of Calgary finished the race neck and neck.

Jokes went through the capacity crowd that the horse with the longest nose would win as judges and timers conversed on their decision. A roar went up when it was announced that Ed Norton had won by a slim two tenths of a second.

Shekter's victory in the fifth and final heat of the night was as easy as pie. Shekter, on the number one barrel position, hit the track and forced Fiesta Farms of Calgary against the fence on the far side. Janko Brothers, the 1969 Canadian chuckwagon champion, was given a three second penalty for his error.

POINTS FOR the chuckwagon races run on a three day total basis with day money being awarded the top driver of each day's competition.

Wagons are racing for the Ed Norton Construction trophy as well as a share at the cash prizes.

Standings for two of the three days with the sponsor, driver, hometown, first day's time, second day's time and total time to date.

1. Jack Shekter (Tom Dorchester) Edmonton, 1:08.2, 1:09.5 — 2:17.7.

2. Stewart Ranches, (Ralph Vigen) Airdrie, 1:09.5, 1:09.0 — 2:18.5.

3. Crestview, (Ed Wiesner) Calgary, 1:11.1, 1:10.6 — 2:21.7.

4. Archie Hackwell, (Kelly Sutherland) Grande Prairie, 1:08.1, 1:14.2 — 2:22.3.

5. Ray Hill & Sons, (Dave Lewis) Slave Lake, 1:12.1, 1:10.9 — 2:23.0.

6. John Irwin, (Daryl Hartley) Calgary, 1:11.2,

1:12.7 — 2:23.9.

7. Les McLaughlin, (Hugh Greenwood) Calgary, 1:13.7, 1:10.3 — 2:24.0.

8. Ed Norton Const., (Denny Dorchester), Grande Prairie, 1:11.7, 1:12.5 — 2:24.2.

9. Lyle Adams, (Dave Lewis) Grande Prairie, 1:12.4, 1:12.1 — 2:24.5.

10. Janko Brothers, (Bill Greenwood) Red Deer, 1:10.5, 1:14.5 — 2:25.0.

11. R. J. Keen, (Larry Kennedy) Fort Nelson 1:13.6, 1:12.9 — 2:26.5.

12. Fiesta Farms (Ed Wiesner) Calgary, 1:19.9, 1:10.7 — 2:30.6.

13. Rodacker Sales (Tom Sinclair) Grande Prairie, 1:23.7, 1:16.1 — 2:39.8.

Sheckter rig top chuckwagon

By DAVE KNOWLER
of our staff

A tired Tom Dorchester left Grande Prairie this morning with a smile and a cheque for \$392.33.

The cheque covers his winnings in the chuckwagon races at the County Fair, an event that he won last night driving the Sheckter rig.

It was nip and tuck who was going to win the top money as Stewart Ranches of Airdrie literally gave Sheckter a run for his money.

Sheckter's three-day total time was just seven tenths of a second ahead of Stewart.

Ralph Vigen, driving the Stewart wagon shouldn't feel too bad as his three day winnings surpassed Dorchesters. Vigen ended up with day money and race money of \$411.55 for his three day efforts.

Along with his money Dorchester claims the Ed Norton Construction trophy as the winner of the meet.

Rodacker Sales had in-field problems for the third night in a row and posted a poor time in the first race losing to Ray Hill and Sons of Slave Lake.

The second race had the fans watching almost breathless as Kelly Sutherland, driving the Archie Hackwell rig, pounded out onto the track first to win the race easily.

It was Sutherland's last chance to get back up to the top of the standings where he was after the first night's record time. Sutherland picked up a five second penalty on Tuesday forcing him out of first place.

THE RACE to the wire for a second place finisher was a nose to nose affair with both wagons picking up identical times. However Crestview had been tabbed with a five second penalty for taking out a barrel. R.J. Keen took second in the race and Crestview had to settle for third.

Stewart Ranches bolted into the early lead in the third race to hold a wide lead until the backstretch when Les McLaughlin of Calgary made a bid to get past him. The bid was unsuccessful and McLaughlin dropped back to finish third ahead of Lyle Adams of Grande Prairie.

John Irwin's wagon,

driven by first year driver Daryl Hartley of Calgary, must have set a new record for the fastest time out of the infield as he whizzed around the barrels.

He fell back slightly on the final turn but still won the race over Ed Norton Construction of Grande Prairie which seemed to be almost standing still in the infield as Irwin darted out.

THE FINAL heat of the night was the race that would determine the winner of the 1970 County Fair chuckwagon races.

Dorchester had to run the race in 1:10.4 or better to stay in the lead. If he picked up penalty points or ran too slow, Stewart Ranches would have first place while Hackwell, the favorite, would get second.

As it was Sheckter did run the course in good time with no penalty points to win the race amid a flurry of cheers, boos, oohs and ahs.

Standings for the chuckwagon races are listed as sponsor, driver, hometown, third day time, three day total, cash won.

1. Jack Sheckter, (Tom Dorchester), Edmonton, 1:10.4 (3:28.1), \$392.33.
2. Stewart Ranches, (Ralph Vigen), Airdrie, Alta., 1:10.3 (3:28.8) \$411.55.
3. Archie Hackwell, (Kelly Sutherland) Grande Prairie 1:11.4 (3:33.7) \$247.05.
4. Les McLaughlin, (Hugh Greenwood), Calgary, 1:11.4 (3:35.4) \$173.30.
5. Ray Hill & Sons, (Dave Lewis), Slave Lake, 1:15.6 (3:37.0) \$59.15.
6. Ed Norton Construction, (Denny Dorchester), Grande Prairie, 1:14.2 (3:38.4) \$29.70.
7. John Irwin (Daryl Hartley) Calgary, 1:14.5 (3:38.4) \$49.50.
8. Janko Brothers, (Bill Greenwood) Red Deer, 1:11.5 (3:36.5) \$117.46.
9. Lyle Adams, (Dave Lewis), Grande Prairie, 1:15.5 (3:40.0) \$19.80.
10. R. J. Keen, (Larry Kenedey), Fort Nelson, 1:15.2 (3:41.7).
11. Crestview, (Ed Wiesner), Calgary, 1:20.2 (3:41.9).
12. Fiesta Farms, (Ed Wiesner), Calgary, 1:13.8 (3:44.4).
13. Rodacker Sales, (Tom Sinclair), Grande Prairie 1:15.6 (3:49.4)



SECOND BEST — Francis Snyders drove the Pay & Save Gas pony chariot to a second place finish as all rodeo and racing events drew to a close at the County Fair

last night. Snyders was two seconds behind Ray Meelin of Dawson Creek who won the event.



Bulldozers at work above the bluff on eastern slopes of Grande Prairie Ski Club's hill overlooking the Wapiti River.

Ski hill under improvement

By GRAEME CONNELL,
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Four bulldozers began a giant attack on Grande Prairie's ski hill on the weekend in one of the largest onslaughts made in a season in the hill's 10 year skiing history.

The work, valued at about \$4000, was made possible by the voluntary contributions of city construction firms, trucking firms and fuel agents.

The main attack by the four machines has been to reshape the lower slopes to form new intermediate and beginner runs.

Grande Prairie Ski Club director Wolf Borman said the work was the most done in any one year. It had been made possible this year by the dry condition of the hill and the contributions of machines, operators and materials.

The men worked from dawn until dusk on Saturday and expected to have the job completely by tomorrow night. Many tons of earth have been moved on the eastern slope to cut and fill a new intermediate run.

This will provide an alternative trail. Big improvements have been made to the original trail which traverses the top of the hill and sweeps through the tree growth east of the clubhouse.

A beginners' slope has been formed from Tower 2 running west towards the Wapiti Road. This run is now 1200 to 1500 feet long. A landing ramp has been built at the tower also.

Mr. Borman said during the weekend the club had decided to spend \$500 on formation work in addition to the voluntary work. This would be utilized on the upper slopes and contouring the expert run.

Machines for the work were donated by Disney Bros. Construction Ltd., Ed Norton Construction Ltd, Hackwell Construction Ltd. and Park Brothers Ltd. Carl Oilund of Oilund Construction operated the Disney machine. Tissington Motors Ltd. and Edgar and Cissel Trucking Ltd. helped to get the machines to the site while fuel was provided by R and H Wilson Distributors and John Neill and Nelson Distributors.

Ed Norton supervised the operation of the four machines.

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Commercial league ready to go

Grande Prairie's popular commercial hockey league, expanded by two teams, opens its 10th season Sunday night.

The eight-team loop has grown by two with the addition of Newcastle Real Estate and Ed Norton Construction clubs this year.

Returning entries are Confor Jacks, ManuLife, City Discount Chiefs, York Hotel Kings, Park Hotel Aces, and Swan Motel Hawks.

The age range for the league runs from 17 to veteran Charlie Turner, 58, a former South Peace Hockey League star still sharp enough to show his heels and his puck-control ability to far-younger players.

Games this season will start at 6, 7:20, 8:40 and 10 p.m. each Sunday. They are straight time affairs and league officials advise that a tight time schedule will be kept so the evening doesn't wear on too late.

OPENING NIGHT

Opening night action in the 19-game schedule pots the Aces against the Hawks at 6 p.m., the Jacks against Newcastle at 7:20 p.m., Ed Norton against the Chiefs at 8:40 p.m. and ManuLife against the Hawks at 10 p.m.

The league runs until April when the final playoff game is scheduled.

Here are the team rosters:

Canfor Jacks — Jack Barton, Bud Peterson, Chuck Stojan, Bob Bonin, Bryan Derocher, Ed McManus, Tom Bowen, Bob Carter, Roy Sirockman, Ron Staple, Wayne Ditchfield, Sandy Loonskin, Murray Howarth, Bob Tyson, Larry McGuire.

ManuLife — Rick Eagar, Dennis Born, Ken Burgess, Ron King, Miles Grumetza, Harvey Hall, Bob Waldenburger, Alec Houssian, Archie Chateanueuf, John Turner, Arne Severson, Nick Proskurniak, John Allen, Al Sandul, Keith Phinney.

City Discount Chiefs — Ken Hebert, Charlie Turner, Jim Bisbing, Percy Britton, Fred Atkinson, Lloyd McKeeman, Dave Martin, Jim McDermid, Roy Tofteland, Gary Naldrett, Rick Baer, Randy Falk, Al Ritchie, Don Lozeron.

York Hotel Kings — Jim Willsey, Darryl Morris, Tom Zasadny, Wally Schmidt, Al Evans, Blair Jeffrey, Bob Cunningham, Greg Gilbertson, Wayne Huston, Dale Klatt, Clarence Wesloski, Al Rufiange, Ray Duplessis, Dale Norton, Kurt Pedersen.

Park Hotel Aces — Garry Robideau, Dave Gabler, Bob Froelich, Bernie Chmilar, Pete Wright, Mel Michaniuk, Fred Heathcote, Wes Lawrence, Cam Campbell, Dave Boyd, Harold Rschny,

Archie Thibert, Jay Duperron, Rick Hryciuk.

Swan Motel Hawks — Lorne Teachout, Ray Stokke, Henry Hof, Brian McDonald, John Merriam, Nolan Crouse, Oscar Blais, Andy Caldwell, Bill McLandress, Jim McCann, Bob Gibney, Ron Brown, John Goodison, Jim Boyd, Dwayne Laycock.

Ed Norton Const. — Gord Shofner, Lew Johnson, Barry Edgar, Bill Brown, Jim Bellika, Dan Kelley, Stan Clark, Gib Popkey, Tom Boyd, Jerry Schmyr, Erik Pedersen, Rick Sirockman, Gary Mitchell, Roger Jewitt, Roger Field.

Newcastle Real Estate — Bill Kennedy, Dave Martel, Len Strynadka, Bob McConkey, Don Bailer, Peter Vogan, Gerry Nykolaychuk, Jim Brackenbury, Ken Cowpar, Clarence Breitreutz, Claude Lagace, Dale Farquhar, Ken Ford, Ron Pfau.

The Newcastle Club is looking for a goalie and interested persons should contact Norm Trepanier at home or at the City Hall. Anyone wanting to play in the league can also get their name on the waiting list since there are invariably dropouts as the season moves along.

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New clubs remain unbeaten

Four teams remain unbeaten in the city commercial hockey league and two of them are the Newcastle Real Estate and Ed Norton Construction expansion clubs.

Newcastle won its second game in a row last night, defeating York Hotel Kings 7-2, while Norton grabbed its first win with a 5-2 decision over ManuLife to go with the tie it got last week.

Swan Motel Hawks and Discount Centre Chiefs also remained unbeaten as they tied 4-4. In the night's other game, Canfor Jacks evened their record at 1-1 with a 6-5 decision over Park Hotel Aces.

Rob McConkey led Newcastle with three goals. Gord Dunkley scored twice while singles went to Gerry Nykolaychuk and Jim

Brackenbury. Greg Gilbertson and Bob Cunningham scored for the Kings, who lost their second straight.

Jerry Schmyr scored twice for Norton with singles from Roger Jewitt, Stan Clark and Gary Mitchell. Ron King and Archie Chateaufort got the ManuLife counters. It was ManuLife's second straight loss as well.

Don Lozeron, Randy Falk, Charlie Turner and Lloyd McKeeman scored for the Chiefs while they were matched on the Hawks' side with two goals from Oscar Blais and singles from Nolan Crouse and Jim Boyd. McKeeman's counter with nine seconds left in the third period evened the score.

Roy Sirockman's second goal of the night with five minutes to go in the game

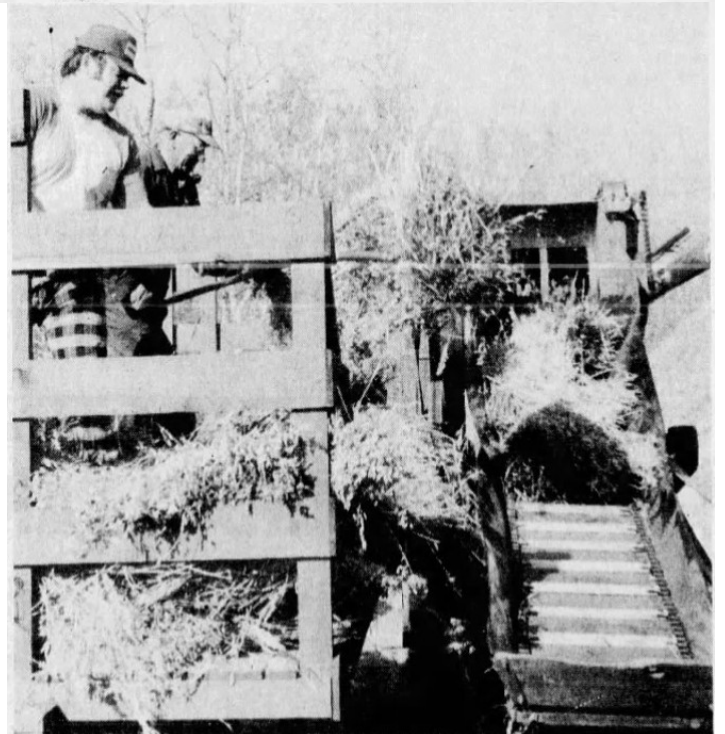
lifted Canfor to its win. Ron Staple also scored twice for the winners with singles from Tom Boewen and Bryan Derocher. Wes Lawrence and Mel Mickaniuk each scored twice for Park Hotel with the single goal coming from Cam Campbell.



Aahhh! Those were the days!

Staff Photo by Peter von Stackelberg

Most harvesting in the Peace Country is now done by one man and a large assortment of highly-specialized equipment, but a few people in the Peace Country do go back to the old days for fun or, with the weather, necessity. A crew at the Ed Norton farm west of the city had Ron Kimble, Murray Norton and Bill Scammell pitching bundles (top photo) while Stu Miller and John Olydam fed the sheaves onto the thrasher from the wagon.



Olive Stewart



Olive Stewart passed away in her home at Pioneer Lodge Thursday morning, June 1, 2006 at the age of 91 years.

She was born Olive Mae Norton January 21, 1915 in Bemidji, Minnesota.

The second of 11 children, she moved with her parents, Lily and Jerome Norton, to homestead in the Bezanson area in 1918.

She attended Lindsay school and was kept busy at home helping to raise her brothers and sisters.

Olive met Howard Morris Stewart and they married in 1938. Together, they farmed in the Glenn Leslie, East Kleskun and Bezanson areas. They raised two children, a son and a daughter. In 1975 they retired, left the Bezanson area, and moved to an acreage west of Grande Prairie.

Olive was a kind and caring person. Her life was full of close family ties and many, many friends.

Olive is survived by her daughter Phyllis (Don) Partlow of Qualicum Beach, B.C. and her son Harvey (Val) Stewart of Grande Prairie.

She is also survived by six grandchildren and three great grandchildren: Eric (Dolly) Partlow and their daughters Claire and Lauren of Victoria, B.C.; Erin Partlow and James Parr and their daughter Zala of Sooke, B.C.; Afton Partlow of Qualicum Beach, B.C.; Ron Partlow of Edmonton, Alta.; Jennifer Stewart of Berkeley, California; and Nancy Stewart of Calgary, Alta.

Olive is survived by her brothers: Earl (Mary) Norton, Ralph (Pauline) Norton, and Ed Norton; her sisters Grace (Wilfred) Menard, Ruby Boyer, Stella (Bob) Kimble, Laura Patterson, and Shirley Boyd; and sisters-in-law Edna Champagne, Barbara Childs, Elsie Norton, Florence Braucht, and Geraldine Stewart.

Olive was predeceased by her husband of 58 years, Morris, in 1997, her brothers Fred and Clyde, sisters-in-law Betty Norton, Muriel Wright, Eva Doan, Billy Kobi and Mary Richardson; and her brothers-in-law Clarence Boyer, Bob Boyd, Ken Patterson, Harry Stewart, Don Stewart and Ken Stewart.

Olive's passing is mourned by many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

At Olive's request, a private graveside memorial will be held by the family.

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