

Lady Cougars, Brooks shines bright at Crater Classic

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On Saturday at the Crater Classic the Lady Cougars finished 18th with seven points but displayed the kind of potential that will be a major factor during the regionals next month.

Lady Cougar sprinter Aarika Brooks had her best individual

performance of the season on Saturday, setting season records in both the 100 meters and 200 meters. Brooks finished fifth in the 100 meters with a time of 13.04 and sixth in the 200 meters with a 27.08. Brooks also placed 12th in the javelin preliminaries with a 95-09.

The 4x400 relay team of Haleigh Freitas, Meig Peters, Hannah Evans and Isabella Idoine

were 12th overall with a time of 5:14.03. Idoine also had a personal record 1:14.59 in the 400 meters individual race, finishing 17th overall.

Strong showing by Cougars

The Cougars 4x400 relay team of Kai Montoya, Isaiah Rodriguez, Ryland Thornhill and Caleb Hess did not register a time at the meet. They did however

display improvement with a few strong showings during the shotput preliminaries where Rodriguez came in 43rd with a 31.01.00, Spencer Wiles 48th with a 29-05.00, Ian Binker with a 28-02.00 and Thornhill 51st with a 25-10.00, respectively.

Binker and Wiles also threw well during the discus preliminaries with a 78-02 and 68-00,

respectively.

The Illinois Valley High School track and field programs will be hosting North Valley High School and Klamath Union High School Wednesday at 4 p.m. followed by the 69th annual Grants Pass Rotary Invitational Saturday morning at Grants Pass High School.

A season of excitement planned at Southern Oregon Speedway

The 2018 Southern Oregon Speedway schedule has been released, and it signals an exciting season from start to finish at the 23 year-old racing facility. All of the divisions the people enjoyed watching last season, all of the special visits and more are planned for the coming season.

Once again, the season includes IMCA sanctioned Modifieds and Sport Modifieds, the Kendall Oil Winged Sprint Cars, Late Models, Valley Store-All Late Model Lites, Mini Stocks, JOAT Labs Hornets and the Southern Oregon Dwarf Cars. Special visits are also planned for the Outlaw Pro Stocks, Northwest Focus Midgets and the Streets Stocks.

Hays Oil has returned to support Southern Oregon Speedway this year, providing the official racing fuel of the speedway, Sunoco Racing Fuels. Also, Kendall Oil will again be the title sponsor for

the popular Winged Sprint Cars. Valley Stor-All will be the title sponsor for the Late Model Lites and JOAT Labs, who built several of the cages for cars in the Hornets division last year, will return to sponsor that division. Other announcements may be forthcoming.

The Modifieds and Sport Modifieds are down for 11 visits each, and it starts with the season opener on April 28th. The Late Models and Southern Oregon Dwarf Cars will join them as we kick off the new season. The Kendall Oil Winged Sprint Cars open their 10 Race season on May 5 with another packed show that will include IMCA Modifieds and Sport Modifieds, and the season opener for Mini Stocks and JOAT Labs Hornets. On May 12, the Late Models return with a show that also includes the Valley Stor-All Late Model Lites in their opener, Mini Stocks and JOAT Labs

Hornets. The night also includes the first of four scheduled Demo Derbies.

With the season in high gear, the special events begin on May 19 with the Road To The Iron Giant 50 lap race for the Street Stocks. Late Models, Mini Stocks and Valley Stor-All Late Model Lites will be there along with the Southern Oregon Dwarf Cars. The Open Wheel Showcase returns on Memorial Day Weekend (May 26th), headlined by the Northwest Focus Midgets along with Kendall Oil Winged Sprint Cars and Southern Oregon Dwarf Cars.

The excitement just keeps on coming on June 2 with the 6th annual Roger Haudenschild Tribute Race, featuring IMCA Modifieds and Sport Modifieds, Southern Oregon Dwarf Cars, Late Models, Pro Stocks and JOAT Labs Hornets. The Malicious Monster Truck Tour makes an appearance at

Southern Oregon Speedway on June 9 with the Southern Oregon Dwarf Cars racing in support.

The IMCA Modified Wild West Speedweek Tour is back on June 23 with the IMCA Sport Modifieds, Southern Oregon Dwarf Cars and JOAT Labs Hornets also on the card. One of the highlights of July is Kids Bike Giveaway Night on July 14. The Kendall Oil Winged Sprint Cars and Late Models will be in action along with the Mini Stocks and JOAT Labs Hornets.

By the time August rolls around, it's a non-stop month of excitement at Southern Oregon Speedway that begins with the two-day Western States Dwarf Car Nationals event on Aug. 3 and 4. On the 4th, Kendall Oil Winged Sprint Cars and Valley Stor-All Late Model Lites will also be on the card. Aug. 11 will be the big \$2,000 to win Iron Head Winged Sprint

Car Nationals. Joining them will be the Southern Oregon Dwarf Cars, JOAT Labs Hornets and Mini Stocks.

The track will continue its new tradition of honoring past Southern Oregon racing greats with Hall Of Fame Night on Aug. 18. The Stock Car extravaganza will include IMCA Modifieds and Sport Modifieds, Late Models, JOAT Labs Hornets, Mini Stocks and OTRO Hardtops, who will be at Southern Oregon Speedway six times this season. August ends with the \$3,500 to win Herz Precision Parts Wingless 360 Cascade Sprint Car Challenge. Joining the Wingless Warriors that night will be the Late Models, Mini Stocks and JOAT Labs Hornets.

On Labor Day Weekend, the R Charles Snyder Salute is back. The two-day event on Sept. 1 and 2 features IMCA Modifieds and Sport Modifieds and Southern Oregon Dwarf Cars as we

honor the memory of the voice of Southern Oregon racing. Pro Stocks will run on the 2nd. Championship Night 1 on Sept. 15 closes the point season for Late Models, Mini Stocks, JOAT Labs Hornets, Valley Stor-All Late Model Lites and Southern Oregon Dwarf Cars. Championship Night 2 on Sept. 22 will close the season with Kendall Oil Winged Sprint Cars, IMCA Modifieds and Sport Modifieds and OTRO Hardtops.

It will be 23 nights of pure excitement on the Jim Rodgers prepared 3/10 mile clay oval. The track will hold championship seasons for seven divisions this year. Stay tuned for more news about the coming season in the weeks ahead. For further information, go to www.southernoregonspeedway.com.



(Photo by Laura Mancuso, Illinois Valley News)

Rex Denham (right) takes a new putter for a spin in the I.V. Golf Club Pro Shop while Andy Secret (left), Debbie Day, Dave Muswieck and Vincent Becker cheer him on Wednesday, April 11.



(Courtesy photo for the Illinois Valley News)

Bruce Reese IVHS athletic director (left) receives an award of merit from the Oregon Athletic Directors Association (OADA) Sunday, April 15 in Bend. The award was presented by Tim Sam, athletic director and asst. principal of North Valley HS, as well as the president of the OADA.

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