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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 Sheckter of Edmonton.

Sheckter 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.

Sheckter 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 roaring 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.

Sheckter's victory in the fifth and final heat of the night was as easy as pie. Sheckter, 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 Sheckter (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.



CHUCK COLLISION — Grande Prairie's Archie Hackwell rig, driven by Kelly Sutherland of the city (right), was hit by the Ray Boris rig of Chilliwack, B.C., in the fourth race at the Calgary Stampede last week. But Sutherland managed to get untangled, ultimately

finishing second in the world championship behind the R.J. Keen rig from Fort Nelson, driven by Grande Prairie's Ralph Vigen. Photo courtesy Roger Pierce, Calgary Albertan.

Hackwell team leading after day one of races

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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.

Scheckter 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 Scheckter to win the race. Janko Brothers followed a close third.

Kelly in Hackwell outfit causes stir

The Archie Hackwell rig, driven by Kelly Sutherland, had the second fastest running time of the night in the chuckwagon races at the Calgary Stampede last night but was penalized four seconds for having late outriders.

The rig was 15th in the night's standings and slipped to fourth position from third in the total standings. Seventeen-year-old Reinsman Kelly Sutherland of Grande Prairie has won admiration and esteem at the stampede for his driving of the Hackwell rig. The soft-spoken son of Max Sutherland, a horse trainer of some note around the Peace River flat track, is the youngest driver in the history of the stampede and veteran chuck observers' eyes have been

opened by his track record up to date.

"We haven't won any trophies yet, but we have been getting a bit of the money," remarked his father, who is instrumental in the upsurge of chuckwagons rumbling out of northwest Alberta.

The Janko Brothers outfit from Red Deer was the fastest rig on the track yesterday as it lengthened its' lead to 3.5 seconds in the chuckwagon events.

John Irwin's rig from Calgary was only 0.56 seconds behind the Janko Brothers' and now has a total time of 7:02.92 for second place.

The Lyle Adams rig from Grande Prairie remained in fifth position with a total time of 7:11.26.

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Hackwell still leads

The Archie Hackwell rig from Grande Prairie is still on top of the Calgary Stampede chuckwagon race heap after four days of gut-bursting competition.

The outfit, with Kelly Sutherland of Grande Prairie handling the reins, posted the second-fastest time Sunday — a torrid one minute, 11.04-second circuit — to boost his four-run total to 4 minutes, 52.35 seconds.

His nearest competitor is the Newall Brothers rig from Rockyford, Alta., driven by Bob Cosgrave, whose 4 minute, 55.97-second total time, leaves him 3.62 seconds back of the frontrunner.

That margin may not seem much, but it's worth quite a bit when applied to the split-second performances of the outfits in this world championship class.

Jack Sheckter of Edmonton holds third place with 4:57:57 and a mere 9-100th of a second separates the next three rigs: Ray

McCullough and Sons of Coronation, Alta., with 5:00:25; Janko Brothers of Red Deer, 5:00:28, and R.J. Keen of Fort Nelson, B.C., who is in sixth spot with 5:00:34.

With the track drying quickly after earlier rains, yesterday's card provided the best racing to date. Less than two seconds separated the top eight wagons on the day's running.

Veteran driver Tommy Dorchester, whose 62 years belie his spryness on the track, posted the fastest mark of the day but had to do some fast talking with officials to keep the honors and the \$442 purse.

Dorchester, the defending Stampede champion, who has won the world chuckwagon championship four times in his long career, posted a running time of one minute, 10.6 seconds with his Stewart Ranches of Airdrie, Alta., rig.

But the judges slapped him with a five-second penalty for what was ter-

med wagon interference.

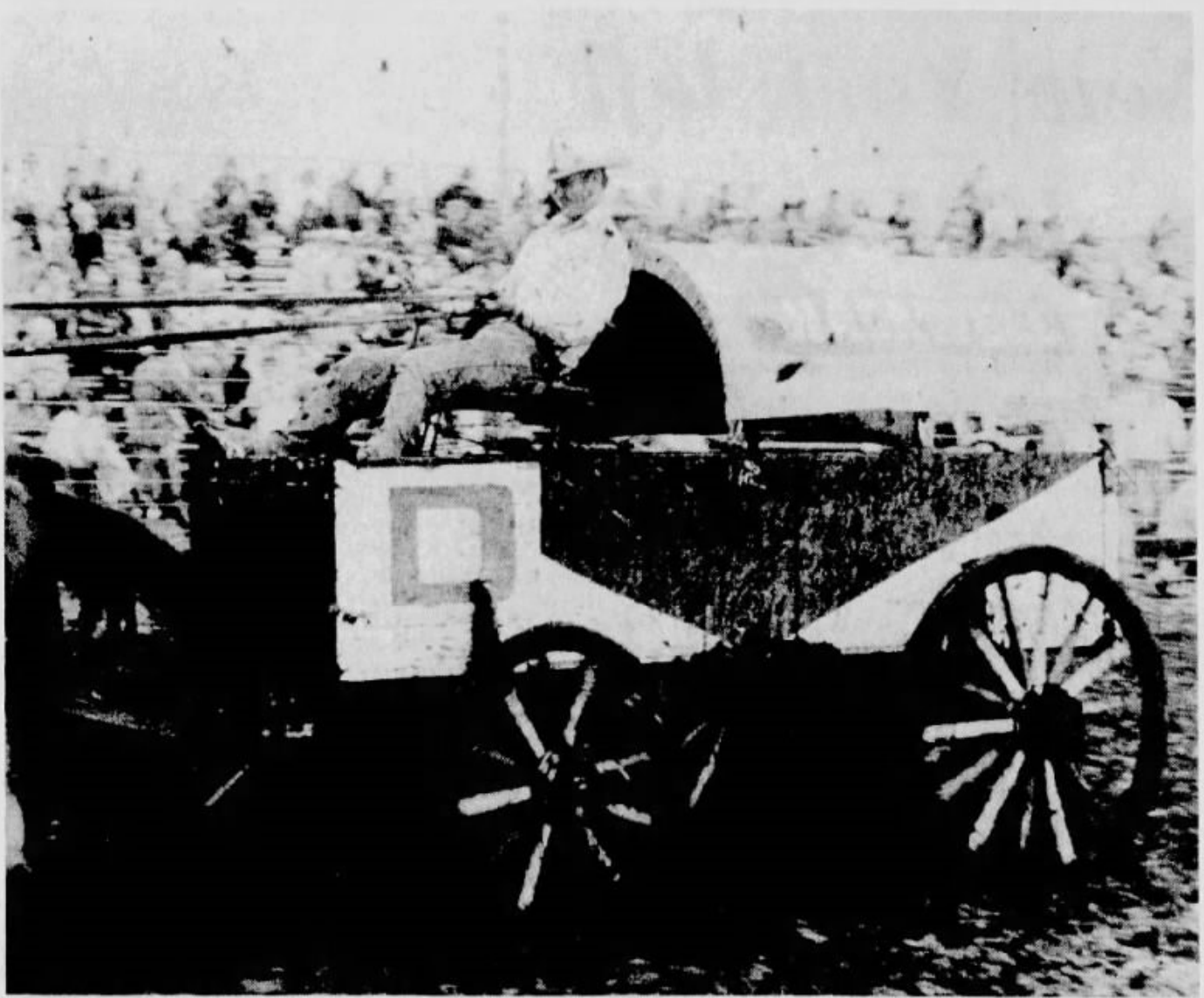
Dorchester protested and after reviewing the films, the judges agreed they had been hasty in their original decision.

The favorable ruling moved Stewart Ranches from 23rd place to the top of the day's standings and left Dorchester still in the running for the over-all title, moving him to seventh position in the averages with a time of 5:01:23.

One of the big losers during weekend action was the Lyle Adam rig from Grande Prairie, which is being driven by Dave Lewis.

Lewis posted an excellent time last Friday, the second day of competition, to move him into third spot, but bad running times Saturday and yesterday dropped him five places in the standings.

He's currently in 8th spot with a total running time of 5:01:25, just 2-100ths of a second off Dorchester's pace and still within reach of the top rung.



Kelly Sutherland's Archie Hackwell rig holds down second spot in the Calgary Stampede chuckwagon races, and Sutherland now holds down the top two positions. Racing ends at the Stampede Sunday.

Sutherland grabs top positions

CALGARY — Kelly Sutherland of Grande Prairie turned this year's \$105,000 Stampede chuckwagon championship into a one-man show last night.

With four nights remaining on a 10-race card, the 25-year-

old Sutherland holds down first and second spots in the 32-wagon field.

He moved his Maclin Ford, Calgary, outfit into first place from third, bumping his Archie Hackwell, Grande

Prairie, rig down to second.

Sutherland, who finished first and third in the world's premier chuckwagon event two years ago and was fourth in the world standings last year, also claimed first and second day money.

Ron David and his Calgary Brasso wagon slipped from second to third place while Dallas Dorchester of Westrose climbed from sixth to fourth place in his Nomac Oilfield, Calgary wagon.

Dave Lewis of Grande Prairie had led the event in the early going and is still in contention while Ralph Vigen of Grande Prairie is all but out of it after having some penalty problems with both of his rigs early in the racing.

The races continue this week with the finals going on Sunday.



Kelly Sutherland, on the Archie Hackwell rig, is always near the top.