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## State's Top Drivers Racing Here Today



The Selting racing team, composed of Kenny, left, brother Dennis right and father Butch, center, are shown after winning two feature events at the Huron State Fairgrounds Speedway earlier this season.

Kenny drove the feature victory in the hobby stock division while older brother Denny captured laurels in the modified feature event.

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### Selting Team Packs 1,2,3 Racing Punch

A pair of Faulkton drivers, brothers Kenny and Denny Selting form one of the best one-two punches for a family team on the Fairgrounds Speedway today.

A first-year rookie, Kenny, won the point championship at the Fairgrounds Speedway SDMA races this summer, by edging Miller's Dennis Kenaston in the final race of the point season.

Kenny's 1956 Chevrolet has a 265-cubic inch engine.

Kenny's older brother Denny, has made a strong impression in Central South Dakota both as a modified driver and a superstock competitor.

With a couple of victories over Miller's Willie Yost this season, Denny has proven himself as a top-notch driver in the modified circuit. But when Clayton Theobald was transferred late in the season Denny sat in as a relief driver for the 1969 Dodge Super Bee that Theobald had built and driven.

His success as a superstock driver was tremendous and rumors are out that Selting will

be driving exclusively in the superstock division next season.

Kenny's Chevrolet racer is numbered 128 and he has good chance at taking the feature victory in today's hobby stock main event. The Super Bee that Denny has been driving is number 17 and it will be driven by Theobald today. Denny will be seen in car number 18.

In the background is the proud father of the two youthful drivers, Butch Selting. Butch works in the pits for both of his sons, helping to keep the long success string going strong.



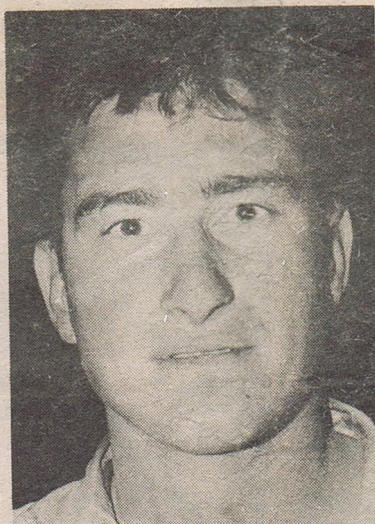
Experience on the South Dakota State Fairgrounds speedway track may come in handy when the 1971 edition of the State Fair Association races begin here today.

Nearly every pre-race favorite has had at least one previous outing on the Fairgrounds Speedway half-mile oval this season. The South Dakota Motorsports Association held regular Sunday night races on the track during the entire summer, giving the State's drivers a chance to log a few extra races on the track.

Some of South Dakota's all-time best automobile racers have assembled for the Association races. Today's event could be the highlight of the racing schedule for the 1971 State Exposition.

Over 80 of the best drivers in each of four events, hobby stock, class A stock, superstock and modified, are here representing race tracks in Huron, Miller, Pierre, Watertown, Rapid City and Aberdeen.

Finding a clear-cut favorite in the field is extremely difficult prior to race time. With the oversized field of cars on hand anything can happen when the green flag starts the races.



LELAND CAIN

Former International Motor Contest Association (IMCA) driver Leland Cain, formerly of Gann Valley and now from Miller, is a heavy favorite for the late model or superstock division title. Cain did minor pre-race work on his 1968 Ford Torino this week in preparation for the races.

Another car that has undergone work to make a few additions in hopes of gaining another spot or two in the final finish is a 1969 Dodge Super Bee with a 383 magnum engine. The car, driven by former Huronian Clayton Theobald, is number 17, and it's known for a fact that if Theobald has it running right it will be pushing for the lead

before the race has ended.

Sheldon Reding, Harrold, is another Central South Dakotan with high hopes in today's superstock feature. Reding's 1967 Chevelle Malibu is a fine-handling machine. Last weekend at Miller's Central Speedway Reding ran a smaller 327-cubic inch mill in his Malibu while his mechanics and him were putting his regular 427-cubic inch powerplant back together.

Other favorites might include Pierre's Allan Gregg in a 1964 Chevy II with a 350-cubic inch mill. Don Bult, in a 1970 Plymouth Barracuda with a 340-cubic inch engine, could easily be a front-runner along with Arnie Meier, Aberdeen in a 350-1969 Chevelle and Richard Mahoney (The Flying Irishman) in his high-powered 1957 Chevrolet. Dale Lafferty, Reliance, has a 427-cubic inch 1964 Ford that has run well on the South Dakota State Fairgrounds Speedway this season.

Class A stock honors are in triple jeopardy when drivers like Red Hartford, Winner, Ron Muth, Huron and the Priebe's of Pukwana are on the track.

Ronnie Muth has been fire-hot the past few weeks but has had problems keeping his car in one piece on the big half-mile track at the Fairgrounds Speedway. Mechanical difficulties have plagued the 23-year old Muth so far this season, but his 361-cubic inch 1967 Dodge R/T will be poised for today's feature race.

Hartford has lost two straight Miller features to Muth, but the bigger track here today could spell a different story.

Lloyd Carroll and Bud Priebe are all capable of winning the Class A feature. The three

brothers from Pukwana got back into the racing game this year after retiring several years ago. Added with two other Pukwana drivers, Clifford Lantz and Ken Hall, the Pukwana racers have an inside track toward bringing home the bacon.



WILLIE YOST

The unpredictable modified racers seem to have another wide-open field, but Mr. Modified himself, Willie Yost, Miller, could easily become the champion of the 1971 South Dakota State Fair.

The veteran from Miller has been fabulous this season, but some other fine race drivers are not ready to call it quits. Dennis Selting, Faulkton, is a leading contender with a few victories over Yost already this year. Gary Sieber, Columbia, has one State Fairgrounds feature win under his belt this season and Watertown's Roger Swenson has been a strong and steady competitor here this summer.

Hobby stock cars are more unpredictable than the modifieds, thus, leaving the field completely open in the division.

### Huset Speedway Has Sunday Racing Show

Over 40 of the best modified cars on the Huset Speedway point list will be running for top honors at the Huset Speedway races at the State Fairgrounds Speedway Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

Forty cars have been entered with several alternates being hauled to Huron in case they might get a chance to run. Friday night the Huset racers ran super modified events without bodies and with the legal use of wings.

Bill Mellenberndt is the current Huset point leader after winning three straight class A

features at the Sioux Empire Fairgrounds half-mile speedway.

Prize money for the three-night racing program went only \$11,000. On the fourth of July the Huset Speedway drivers set an all-time record for a single night purse when they collected \$5,244. The average at Huset's this year has been around \$3,000.

Other previous point leaders this year, Jerry Ross and Earl Thomas, will be in the running along with many more of the Sioux Falls stars. Thomas is a former Huset point champion.

The modified racers are limited to 310-cubic inch engines.