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Stock cars of every shape and size hit the revamped race track at th Seward County Speedway Friday during the first event of a full slate of races that are expected to bring the track back to life after years of fair-only races.

Track promoter Glen Thompson has added safety features to the track and widened it 20 feet.

The additional width made an immediate impact on the ability of cars to pass, adding a more thrilling event for the fans in the stands.

In one heat race of Hobby Stock cars, Edwin Elliot was able to move form the last row at the start of the race all the way to the front, and on the final lap he passed Dan Rogers to take the checkered flag.

The track has also seen some rule changes according to Elliott.

## Racing returns to Liberal with two-day event

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“In the Hobby Stock the rules have changed,” he said. “We have regular Hobbies running against IMCA Thunders. Right now it is fairly even. This should be a good long year with the same people battling night in and night out.”

Those that will find their way to the front of the pack returned to the track Saturday for the second night of the two-day event that has a \$2,500 payout.

In the Hobby stocks, the track changes, as well as rule changes to the cars, will make the inside lane one to watch in 2013.

“With these Hobby Stocks lower side will be better since we are down on power,” Elliott said.

Scores were kept for both days, and winners will be announced in Monday’s Leader & Times.