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With the area's earliest opener quickly approaching, Seymour Speedway's 2009 track champions are busy preparing for their title defenses when the gates swing open Saturday, April 10 at high noon at the high-banked, third-mile, clay oval.



Luxemburg's Benji LaCrosse will be back to defend his IMCA modified crown. Last season LaCrosse nailed down his second straight track title, and his third in the last four seasons. LaCrosse beat out hometown favorite Brian Mullen by eight points last year. In all 55 different modified drivers earned points in weekly racing.



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Seymour's Shawn "Lunchbox" Wagner netted the IMCA stock car crown last year, beating out veteran Jeremy Christians of Horicon on the final night of racing. Wagner's last title prior to that came in the street stock class back in 1998. Wagner bested a field of 67 stock car contestants who waged battle on points nights last year.



Hortonville's Travis Van Straten topped the 46 car field last year to win the title in the IMCA northern sportmod class. The crown was his first ever in the division at Seymour. With more than two dozen rookie drivers throwing their hat in the ring in the ever-expanding fenderless class this year, it's virtually anybody's guess who could be named a favorite in the sportmod class.



Green Bay's Todd Everard was the class of the street stocks, dominating the field by winning

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seven features and the points battle over Appleton's Dave Hoerning and Green Bay's Jeremy Wittala. Everard will compete in the street stock division one more season this year. Last year's street stock field saw 59 different participants.



Krakov's Kevin Birr won back-to-back 4 banger titles in 2008 and 2009. Birr beat out 58 other competitors in the four cylinder class.

Friday night, April 9 an open practice session will take place for race teams planning to participate in the first ever Spring Thaw. Seven divisions will take part in Saturday's racing, including late models, IMCA modifieds, stock cars, northern sportmods, street stocks, 4 bangers and the first ever appearance of the grand national division. The event will pay state and

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national IMCA points, and will feature more than 200 laps of feature racing.

The complete driver payoff, along with additional information in a downloadable flyer, can be found at the track's website seymoursuperspeedway.com. Gates open at 10 a.m. Saturday with racing at noon. On Friday night an inspection, test and tune will commence from noon to 7 p.m. Grandstand admission is free to the public Friday night.

Seymour Speedway is located 15 minutes west of Green Bay off state highway 54 at the [Outagamie County Fairgrounds](#)

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