

SPORTS

EMO SPEEDWAY

Depiero wins his first feature in 2014

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

After being rained out a week earlier, the Emo Speedway's second night of racing for 2014 took place Saturday with repeat feature winners in two of the three classes.

The WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds had a new feature winner when Matt Depiero held off Brady Caul for the top spot. In the two heats leading up to the feature, Caul won his heat, while Chuck Lambert bested Depiero in the other heat.

Jamie Davis remained perfect this season in the WISSOTA Modifieds by once again winning both the heat and the feature.

Kendal Gamsby picked up another feature victory

in the Street Stocks, besting runner-up Tyler Wilson, and also won the heat. Racing is scheduled to resume at the Emo Speedway this coming Saturday at 7 p.m.

Emo Speedway

June 7 Results

SUMMARY

WISSOTA Modifieds

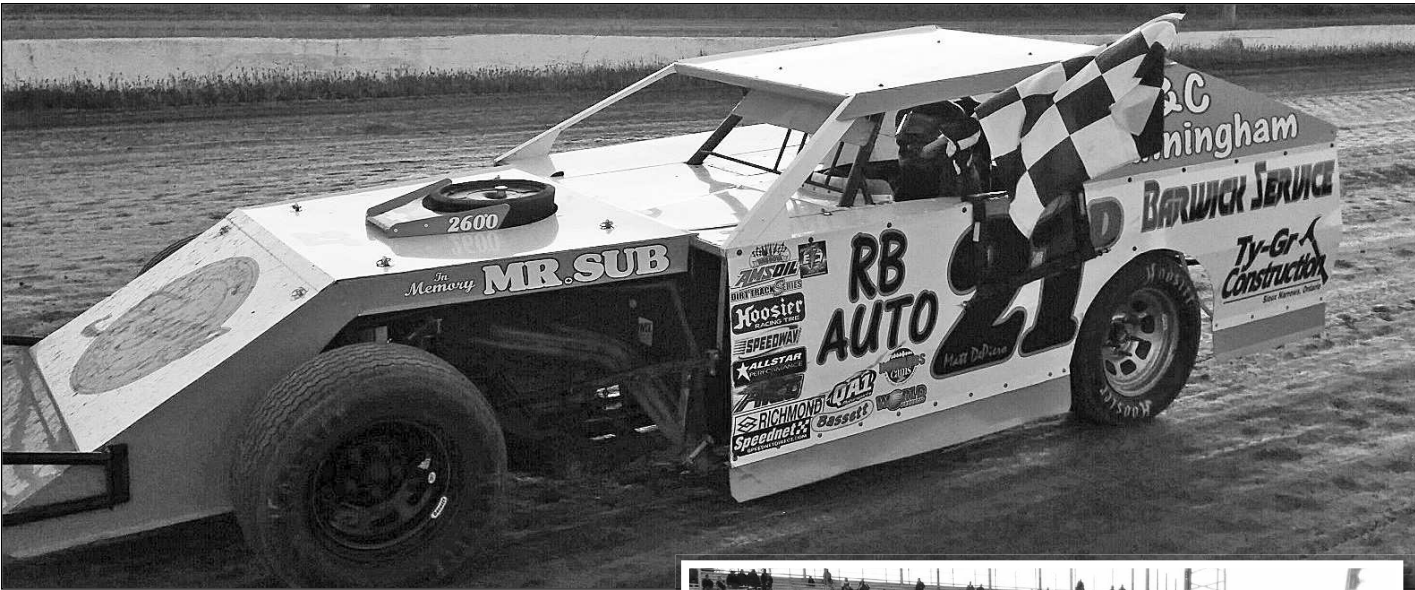
**Feature** – Jamie Davis, Steve Nordin, Jeff Davis, Brian Nelson, Tyler Brown, Ron Korpi, Garrett Gamsby, Gavin Paull.

**Heat** – Jamie Davis, Nordin, Brown, Jeff Davis, Nelson, Korpi, Gamsby, Paull.

WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds

**Feature** – Matt Depiero, Brady Caul, Christopher Leek, Jake Rea, Kenny Perry, John Hettinga, Chuck Lambert, Cody Ossachuk, Brody Strachan, Jeff Davis.

**Heat 1** – Caul, Leek, Ossachuk, Davis, Perry.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

**Top:** Matt Depiero (21D) held off Brady Caul on Saturday for his first Emo Speedway feature win of 2014 in the WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds.

**Right:** Kendal Gamsby (33) won Saturday's feature in the Street Stocks in a close race with Tyler Wilson.

**Heat 2** – Lambert, Depiero, Hettinga, Rea, Strachan.

Street Stocks

**Feature** – Kendal Gamsby, Tyler

Wilson, Chris Shine, Devin Brown, Dean Kellar.

**Heat** – Gamsby, Wilson, Brown, Shine, Kellar.



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seniors, it was tough for her to relax when throwing," Erickson said. "Although Savannah's prior experience at the state meet was evident, she had a lot of pressure on her and it didn't throw as well as she had hoped to.

"Both of the girls were a little disappointed after the event but it only took a few hours before they were already setting their goals for next year."

St. Clair senior Katelyn Weber repeated as the state champion with the top throw of 43-2.75, the only competitor to throw farther than 40 feet.

Falls senior Hailey Fentem earned a medal in the 100 hurdles for the second year in a row by placing eighth in 15.8, six-hundredths of a second slower than her preliminary time.

"Hailey Fentem ran a great race in her 100 hurdle prelims, but was thrown off in finals when a girl next to her had a wild trail leg arm that crossed over into her lane," Erickson said. "She did catch a hurdle with her trail leg during the race, almost causing her to fall and lost those few tenths of a second that determines an eighth place over a third or fourth place.

"She had a great ending to her career with another state medal in an event most athletes are afraid to try because of the fear of falling."

Fentem, a three-time state qualifier in the 100 hurdles, placed seventh last year.



PHOTO BY ERIC KRAUSHAR OF THE CHASKA HERALD

**The Broncos' Amy Auran competes in the pole vault Saturday during the State Class A Track and Field Meet at Hamline University.**

Staples-Motley senior Jaelin Beachy finished first in the 100 hurdles for the third year in a row with the top time of 14.9.

Broncos freshman Lexi Erickson picked up the first medal for the Falls on Friday when she placed eighth in the 3200 run (11:41.17), besting her section time by 36 seconds and also setting a personal record and becoming Falls High School's third-best girls runner of all time in that event.

"I wasn't as nervous as (in the Section 7A Meet)," said Lexi Erickson, who also noted she was "mentally prepared" to run at state.

At the end of the race, Lexi Erickson said she made a dash to the finish and thought she passed up Luverne seventh-grader Gabrielle Ferrell for seventh place, but ended up six-hundredths of a second behind her.

"Lexi was another one who saved her best race for the state meet, dropping 22 seconds from her previous best time," Jen Erickson said. "Being the

underdog in her event was an advantage for her and really helped her to stay relaxed and focused before her event. She knew who she had to run with if she wanted to run her best time.

"She ran a smart race getting out fast and setting a pace she was able to keep each lap. She moved up to the No. 3 spot on the (Bronco girls) all-time top-10 list for the 3200 meters with her state meet time. The weather wasn't what most distance runners hope for, but at least the cloud cover moving in before her race helped with the hot temps."

Cannon Falls senior Emi Trost won the 3200 run in 10:56.3.

The Falls had two first-time state qualifiers in the pole vault, senior Amy Auran and freshman Claire Herzig, but neither recorded a height in Saturday's finals.

"Amy and Claire came really close to clearing (the) opening height in (the) pole vault," Jen Erickson said. "The event was moved indoors be-

cause of the rain, and the smaller indoor competition area with spectators lined up close to the runway put extra pressure on the girls that is hard to deal with, especially when it's a first-time state appearance."

BOLD/BLH junior Josie Lilja finished first after clearing 10-9.

The Broncos' state-qualifying 4X100 relay team comprised of Shofner, senior Lexi Owen, Gilbert and freshman Valandre Butler missed out on advancing to Saturday's finals after having the 12th-fastest preliminary time of 51.74.

"The 4x100 relay team ran a good race finishing in the spot they were seeded coming into the event and stayed ahead of the other northern team (Esko) competing from our section," Jen Erickson said.

Minneapolis Edison won the team title with 40 points. Half of the Broncos' 14 points had been picked up by underclassmen who could return to the state meet next year.

"Overall, the girls had a great meet and competing in the Minnesota State Track and Field Meet is an accomplishment few track athletes earn in their high school careers," Jen Erickson said. "You will see most of these girls back again next year, faster and stronger, with new goals set for the 2015 season.

"Three of the seniors graduating, Hailey, Lexi (Owen) and Breanna, may be at the end of their high school track careers, but they will be moving on to compete in track at the college level."



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

**The Falls' Nathan McRoberts delivers a pitch in the first game of Monday's Junior League doubleheader at Scheela Field against the Virginia No. 2 team. McRoberts allowed only one hit over five innings in Falls' 8-0 victory.**

BASEBALL

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Falls after allowing a run on two hits and four walks while striking out five.

The Falls scored its first two runs in the bottom of the first without a hit.

Harala walked, stole second, advanced to third on a sacrifice by Barrett Kalar and then scored the first run on a ground out by Beck.

Virginia then had the opportunity to get out of the first inning with the score tied at 1-1, but a two-out infield pop fly by Butler landed safely between the shortstop and the third baseman. Maruk, who reached base on a walk, stole second and advanced to third on the

error, then scored on a wild pitch.

The Falls didn't record a hit until the fourth inning when Garrett Koenig and Butler each singled with Butler driving in two of the four runs. The Falls sent nine batters to the plate, four of whom walked on base.

The doubleheader sweep gives the Falls a record of 1-0 in the Iron Range League and 2-0 overall going into today's home doubleheader against Fort Frances.

"I think we have to do the little things better – pick-off moves, holding runners, leading off properly, better execution on bunts," Josh Koenig said. "The small parts of the game, I would say, are what we really need to focus on going forward..."



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**Game 1**  
**I. Falls 8, Virginia 0**  
**Virginia 0-0-0 0-0-0 0 1 1**  
**I. Falls 0-3-1 4-X-8 6 0**  
**WP-Nathan McRoberts**

**Game 2**  
**I. Falls 6, Virginia 1**  
**Virginia 1-0-0 0-0-1 2 1**  
**I. Falls 2-0-0 4-X-6 2 2**  
**WP-Trimble Butler**

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