

SPORTS

EMO SPEEDWAY



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From left, Justin Jones (69), Jerome Guyot (48) and Scott Greer (5G) ran together in a WISSOTA Modified heat race on Saturday.

Rea Memorial features two nights of racing

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For The Journal

The weather was beautiful late last week for two days of racing in Northwestern Ontario when the Borderland Racing Association hosted the annual Rea Memorial Races at the Rainy River Valley Agricultural Society's 114th annual Fall Fair.

WISSOTA Modifieds, WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds, and Emo Street Stocks took to the track in the biggest fields of 2014 as drivers from Manitoba, Thunder Bay, and the United States centered their sights on the biggest prize of the year, the two day point total of the Rea Memorial Championship.

The defending champions, Jamie Davis in the WISSOTA Modifieds, Christopher Leek in the WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds, and Cody Wall in the Emo Street Stocks, were all on hand to race it out once again.

On Friday night, Davis set the tone like usual at the event with a clean sweep for the evening by winning the heat and feature. While the heat race was relatively easy, Davis had to make a pass on Justin Jones of Bemidji on the last lap and won by only a couple feet in an exciting side-by-side battle.

In the WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds, Brady Caul marched quickly to the front from his outside pole position to repeat his Friday



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In front at left, Paul Veert of Winnipeg, Manitoba, finished third in the WISSOTA Midwest Modified feature on Friday and then took home the feature win on Saturday to claim his first Rea Memorial championship.

win from 2013. Defending champion Leek broke the right front ball joint forcing his first Did Not Finish of the year and conceding the season points lead to Chuck Lambert for the first time in 2014.

In the Street Stocks, Tylar Wilson passed five cars and held off a hard-charging Kendal Gamsby to claim victory on day one. Defending Rea champion Wall was forced to retire early due to overheating issues.

On Saturday night, Davis won his WISSOTA Modifieds heat again coming from the fifth position. Starting ninth in the feature, Davis moved up to the

second spot but was unable to mount a charge on Jones for back-to-back wins. Ward Imrie made the pass for second about halfway through the race but was unable to get to the leader in time as 25 laps caution-free were completed.

In the WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds, Winnipeg driver Paul Veert started in the eighth position and moved up to the lead about halfway. Matt Depiero, who started 15th, got within a car length of Veert, but ran out of time with 19 laps of caution-free racing to settle for second. Rea Memorial defending champ Christopher Leek finished third

and reclaimed the points lead in the season standings.

In the Street Stocks, Ron Westover held the high line over Tylar Wilson for the majority of the race, but Wilson did not give up and was able to squeak back-to-back wins at the Emo Fair.

The 2014 Rea Memorial champions are Paul Veert in the WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds, Justin Jones in the WISSOTA Modifieds and Tylar Wilson in the Emo Street Stocks.

The Keith McNally Memorial and Season Championship is this Saturday. Hot laps begin at 7 p.m. with racing at 7:30 p.m.

Emo Speedway
August 15 Results
WISSOTA Modifieds
Feature – Jamie Davis, Justin Jones, Ward Imrie, Gavin Paull, Dustin Wahl, Jerome Guyot, Jeff Davis, Greg Ferris, Jake Rea, Gary Wilson, Ron Korpi, Glen Strachan, Steve Nordin, Garrett Gamsby, Eric Guyot, Brian Nelson.
Heat 1 – Strachan, Nelson, Ferris, Brown, Korpi, Wilson.
Heat 2 – Imrie, Jamie Davis, J. Guyot, Wahl, Gamsby, Nordin.
Heat 3 – Paull, Jones, E. Guyot, Jeff Davis, Rea.

WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds
Feature – Brady Caul, Dwayne Pihulak, Paul Veert, James Wall, Cody Ossachuk, Matt Depiero, Chuck Lambert, Jeff Davis, Don Craig, Brody Strachan, Rob Ranttalo, Jake Rea, John Hettinga, Anthony Visser, Ken Perry, Brendan Veert, Kenny Perry, Christopher Leek.
Heat 1 – P. Veert, Leek, Wall, Rea, Ken Perry, B. Veert.
Heat 2 – Caul, Lambert, Craig, Ossachuk, Visser, Kenny Perry.
Heat 3 – Depiero, Pihulak, Ranttalo, Davis, Strachan, Hettinga.

Emo Street Stocks
Feature – Tylar Wilson, Kendal Gamsby, Ron Westover, Don Mitchell, Libby Wilson, Kyle Godin, Chris Shine, Devin Brown, Mike Christianson, Wes Morriseau, AJ Kellar, Jeff Wickstrom, Cody Wall, Dean Kellar, Terry Henry, Andrew Trimble, Tyler Wickstrom, Darrin Rea.
Heat 1 – Westover, J. Wickstrom, Shine, Henry, Morriseau, AJ Kellar, Godin, L. Wilson, Brown.
Heat 2 – T. Wilson, Gamsby, Kellar, Godin, L. Wilson, Brown.
Heat 3 – Wall, Mitchell, Trimble, Christianson, T. Wickstrom, Rea.

August 16 Results
WISSOTA Modifieds
Feature – Justin Jones, Ward Imrie, Jamie Davis, Scott Greer, Greg Ferris, Jerome Guyot, Gavin Paull, Brian Nelson, Jake Rea, Eric Guyot, Glen Strachan, Tyler Brown, Ron Korpi, Steve Nordin, Jeff Davis, Garrett Gamsby, Gary Wilson.
Heat 1 – Jones, J. Guyot, Greer, Brown, E. Guyot, Jeff Davis.
Heat 2 – Jamie Davis, Ferris, Nelson, Strachan, Gamsby, Wilson.
Heat 3 – Imrie, Paull, Korpi, Rea, Nordin.

WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds
Feature – Paul Veert, Matt Depiero, Christopher Leek, Dwayne Pihulak, Brody Strachan, John Hettinga, Chuck Lambert, Cody Ossachuk, Strachan, Rob Ranttalo, James Wall, Jake Rea, Ken Perry, Don Craig, Glenn Godin, Brendan Veert, Kenny Perry, Jamie Smart.
Heat 1 – Leek, Craig, Ken Perry, Ranttalo, Godin.
Heat 2 – Strachan, Ossachuk, Davis, Wall, B. Veert.
Heat 3 – Lambert, P. Veert, Hettinga, Depiero, Rea.
Heat 4 – Pihulak, Kenny Perry, Visser, Smart, Caul.

Emo Street Stocks
Feature – Tylar Wilson, Ron Westover, Kendal Gamsby, Dean Kellar, Kyle Godin, Jeff Wickstrom, James Wall, Chris Shine, Mike Christianson, Libby Wilson, AJ Kellar, Tyler Wickstrom, Don Mitchell, Andrew Trimble, Terry Henry, Darrin Rea, Devin Brown.
Heat 1 – Trimble, Wall, AJ Kellar, Westover, T. Wickstrom, Henry.
Heat 2 – J. Wickstrom, D. Kellar, Brown, Shine, Christianson, Rea.
Heat 3 – T. Wilson, Gamsby, Godin, Mitchell, L. Wilson.

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son.”

Shikowsky said the team goals this season include “winning 75 percent of our games, stay together as a

team and always be prepared to give 110 percent at every game and practice.”

She said this year’s Broncos “have the potential to achieve great things, and I’m ready to guide them along their way.”

Shikowsky said she is

looking forward this season to watching the players “grow stronger as individuals and as a team.”

“They have talent and energy, and I’m excited to see them play like Broncos,” she said.

Shikowsky said the teams

to watch out for this season include Hibbing, Greenway and Littlefork-Big Falls.

The Broncos open the season Thursday at Mountain Iron-Buhl. Their first home match is Monday against Two Harbors before they host L-BF on Aug. 28.

COACH

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down from coaching basketball at the college to have more time watching his own children in grades 7-12 play sports.

Rotar, whose coaching experience includes the Toledo Elite AAU, Lourdes University and Colorado College, has a master’s degree in Exercise and Sports Science from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

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