

SPORTS

EMO SPEEDWAY

Paul and DePiero dominate WISSOTA features

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For The Journal

There was no threat of rain for last Saturday night's racing at the Emo Speedway when the largest crowd of fans in the stands for 2014 witnessed an evening of racing in Borderland.

Ten WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds started out the night's racing for AMSOIL Dirt Track Racing Series action.

Split into two heats, the Midwest Modifieds had Matt DePiero start on the outside pole and finish first in the first heat, while Christopher Leek claimed the second spot, beating out veteran Dwayne Pihulak.

In the second heat, Chuck Lambert started on the pole and finished for a win, while Cody Ossachuk finished runner-up and Ken Perry rounded out the top three.

The Street Stocks enjoyed their highest car count of the year with Tyler Wilson in a new car starting dead last at ninth place to take the win. Kendal Gamsby finished second, while Chris Shine finished third.

In the WISSOTA Modifieds, Ron Korpi started on the pole and held on to win over Gavin Paull and Tyler Brown.

The WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds were up first for their feature race. On the pole were Ossachuk and Jake Rea. As the race started, Ossachuk took the early lead, but coming onto the frontstretch, Rea jumped up front.

Ossachuk then had to deal with both Perry and Christopher Leek for second. Perry fell back a spot as Leek took third. Four laps in, Rea continued to lead while Leek took sec-



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**Gavin Paull (16) won his third WISSOTA Modified feature win in a row for 2014 last Saturday at the Emo Speedway. The five-time track champion said his car "keeps getting better and better."**

ond. Coming to turn one, Rea checked up, leaving both Leek and Ossachuk having to brake hard.

Unfortunately, Ossachuk could not stop in time and had nowhere to go. Leek was spun, and sent to the back for causing the caution. On the ensuing restart, Rea had the top spot. DePiero made his move for the lead and Lambert followed.

The battles continued for third place as Rea, Ossachuk and Perry fought sometimes three wide. The top two continued to pull away as another caution came out due to Brody Strachan falling off the track.

On the final restart, DePiero and Lambert continued to pull away but Lambert was unable to mount any challenge. Meanwhile, Leek moved his way back up to third place after having restarted 10th. DePiero claimed his third feature of the year with Lambert and Leek finishing out the top three.

The Street Stock feature was missing a couple cars due to mechanical troubles in the heat race. Kyle Godin and Jeff Wickstrom both suffered from engine problems and were unable to start.

Gamsby passed Shine at the beginning of the feature race and gained a substantial lead, but as Wilson moved up from his starting position of fourth, that lead started to shrink.

Within five laps, Wilson had caught up to the leader and a side-by-side battle took place for many laps. Wilson stated after the race that the power steering went out and that was when the real fun started.

With a handful of laps left, there was a caution for a spin. The restart allowed Gamsby to gain a large lead, but with just a lap to go, the caution came out once more.

Green, white and checkered flags would have to solve this battle. Wilson did everything he could to get by Gamsby, but was unable to do so. Gamsby was quite elated about the win and was out of breath even 30 minutes after the event.

The WISSOTA Modifieds were also missing two cars from the heat as Lindsay Bourre and Jake Rea suffered mechanical issues. Veterans Gary Wilson and Ron Korpi started on the front row.

Wilson took the early jump against the rest of

the field, but lightning fast Gavin Paull had already moved from the sixth starting position into the second spot. It was only another lap and Paull passed Wilson.

From that point on, the five-time track champion never looked back. Even with a late caution, Paull was still able to easily pull away for his third win in a row. Brown finished in the second spot with Steve Nordin taking third.

Racing resumes this coming Saturday night with hot laps starting at 7 p.m. and racing beginning at 7:30 p.m.

More information about the races at the Emo Speedway is available on the World Wide Web at [www.borderlandracing.com](http://www.borderlandracing.com), on Twitter @EmoSpeedway or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/EmoSpeedway](http://www.facebook.com/EmoSpeedway).

**Emo Speedway July 19 Results SUMMARY**  
**WISSOTA Modifieds**  
**Feature** – Gavin Paull, Tyler Brown, Steve Nordin, Ron Korpi, Gary Wilson, Garrett Gamsby, Lindsay Bourre, Jake Rea.  
**Heat** – Korpi, Paull, Brown, Wilson, Nordin, Gamsby, Bourre, Rea.

**WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds**  
**Feature** – Matt DePiero, Chuck Lambert, Christopher Leek, Jake Rea, Cody Ossachuk, Dwayne Pihulak, Ken Perry, Brody Strachan, Terry Martin, John Hettinga.  
**Heat 1** – DePiero, Leek, Pihulak, Martin, Strachan.  
**Heat 2** – Lambert, Ossachuk, Rea, Perry, Hettinga.

**Emo Street Stocks**  
**Feature** – Kendal Gamsby, Tyler Wilson, Chris Shine, Dean Kellar, Terry Henry, Devin Brown, Jon Woodgate, Kyle Godin, Jeff Wickstrom.  
**Heat** – Wilson, Gamsby, Shine, Godin, Kellar, Henry, Woodgate, Wickstrom, Brown.

LEGION

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Sam Ladoux came in to pitch the sixth inning for Taconite and allowed two runs.

The Falls tallied 12 hits, including two apiece from Bergstrom, Dahlin and Ulrich. Miggins led the team with 2 RBI.

**FALLS 6, TACONITE 1**

In game two, Dahlin recorded 18 strikeouts and scattered seven hits over seven innings to pick up the pitching victory as the Post 66 Broncos defeated Taconite, 6-1.

The Falls scored all six of its runs in the first five innings before Taconite plated its only run in the top of the sixth.

Of Falls' 11 hits off Taconite pitcher Matt Wilcox, Jackson Vollom had three of them with Dahlin and Coffield adding two hits apiece.

The doubleheader sweep improved the Post 66 Broncos' season record to 19-4 overall and 10-1 in conference play.

**DISTRICT TOURNEY**

The Falls, which didn't have enough players available Saturday and forfeited its conference finale at Two Harbors, was scheduled to open

the Division II Eighth District Tournament on Tuesday in Marble as the No. 1 seed against No. 7-seeded Moose Lake, which won Monday's play-in game against No. 8-seeded Brookston, 8-2.

The winner between the Falls and Moose Lake advances to the winners' bracket game at 12:15 p.m. Friday in Ely to face the winner of Tuesday's game between No. 4-seeded Taconite and Milaca, the tournament's southern representative.

The losers of those two games Tuesday will face each other in the losers' bracket game at 1 p.m. Friday in Soudan.

The double-elimination tournament concludes Sunday in Ely with the district champion advancing to the state tournament Aug. 1-3 in Luverne.

**Game 1**  
**Int'l Falls 9, Taconite 0**  
**Taconite 0-0-0 0-0-0 0-0 3 3**  
**Int'l Falls 1-2-3 1-0-2 X-9 12 0**  
**WP-Ben Humbert;**  
**LP-Kadin Kalisch**

**Game 2**  
**Int'l Falls 6, Taconite 0**  
**Taconite 0-0-0 0-0-1 0-1 7 4**  
**Int'l Falls 1-1-2 1-1-0 X-6 11 2**  
**WP-Caleb Dahlin;**  
**LP-Matt Wilcox**

VFW

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get out of the inning without giving up a run, but Walker Ulrich reached base safely on a two-out grounder to pitcher Chad Benham, whose throw to first base was off target and brought Tate Promersberger home.

Deer River added three runs in the third inning when Tyler Anttila tripled, Dakota Goggleye doubled and Michael Thuney singled. The Falls prevented more runs that inning by tagging out two players at home who tried to score on the same play.

The Falls got two runs back in the bottom of the third without recording a hit when Darian Erickson and Tyler Coffield scored as Deer River committed three errors.

Erickson and Tyler Coffield recorded Falls' first hits of the game in the bottom of the fifth when no runs scored.

The Falls, which ended up with five hits for the game, picked up its final run in the bottom of the seventh when Erickson singled and scored with Tyler Coffield and Promersberger recording a single apiece.

Given the young team the Falls had this past season, Mike Coffield, who was in his first year as the VFW's head coach, said the team's future looks bright.

"We had a short bench, and the kids that were out gave it their all," he said. "Hopefully they'll come out next year. We only lose three kids that are second-year kids. We had a real young team, and there's a lot of Junior kids moving up next year."

**Greenway 3, Int'l Falls 2**  
**Greenway 0-1-0 0-0-0 2-3**  
**Int'l Falls 0-1-0 0-0-0 1-2**  
**WP-Levi Ingle; LP-Brett Lindvall**

**Deer River 11, Int'l Falls 4**  
**Deer River 3-0-3 0-1-3 1-11**  
**Int'l Falls 0-1-2 0-0-0 1-4**  
**WP-Chad Benham;**  
**LP-Tyler Coffield**

Falls school board approves coaching hires

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls School Board gave formal approval Monday to the assistant football coaches for next fall and also rehired most of the varsity coaches for next spring.

The board, which previously approved elevating assistant football coach Glen Anderson to head coach fol-

lowing the resignation of Jay Boyle, backed the hiring of Ryan Puncochar and Chris Wade as assistant football coaches and Will Awe as the junior varsity coach.

The only head softball coach the Falls has had since becoming a varsity program in 1999 will be returning in 2015. The board rehired Kevin Gordon as head coach and Katie Hamers as an assistant.

Eric Walls, who finished his second season as the Broncos' head baseball coach, was also rehired to return next season.

Longtime head boys track and field coach Paul Hjelle has been rehired for another season along with assistant coach Dan Zika.

Jen Erickson will be returning as the head girls track and field coach along

with assistant coach Sheryl Hendrickson.

The only varsity head coaching position yet to be approved for 2014-15 in the Falls school district is the head golf coach, for which no recommendation has yet to be brought before the board. The position was held this past season by Kelly Blair, who replaced Bill Mason after 18 years.



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