

SPORTS

Leek, Davis and Wall are Rea Memorial champions

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A beautiful two days of weather during the Rainy River Valley Agricultural Society's Annual Fall Fair led to some great double-header action at the Emo Speedway by hosting the annual Rea Memorial Weekend, a two-day points affair in the WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds, WIS-SOTA Modifieds and Emo Street Stocks.

All three classes had large fields with the WIS-SOTA Midwest Modifieds maxing out their fields both nights at 21 cars.

The only double winner for both feature events was in the Street Stocks with Winkler, Manitoba, native Cody Wall taking checkered each night.

The WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds saw Brady Caul come from the ninth position on Friday to take a last lap pass over rookie James Wall for the win. Wall and Leek finished second and third.

On Saturday, Jamie Davis took the early lead and while he continued to look behind him during cautions to see who was behind him, Leek was unable to get around. Caul finished third.

In the WISSOTA Modifieds, Gavin Paull started third and gained a substantial lead over Darian Boyce who finished second. Justin Jones of Bemidji was the



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Cody Wall of Winkler, Manitoba, took home both feature wins in the Street Stocks last week at the Emo Speedway during the Rea Memorial Weekend.

hard charger having come from the tenth position to finish third.

On Saturday, Jamie Davis worked his way through seven cars after starting eighth and passed Steve Nordin with eight laps to go to claim the victory. Nordin finished second while Danny Staff claimed third.

The presentations for the Rea Memorial Champions took place soon after. Leek narrowly beat Caul for the points total at 109, with Caul receiving 108 points in the WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds.

In the Street Stocks,

the two feature wins gave Cody Wall 110 points to Ron Westover's 108 points.

The closest race was in the WISSOTA Modifieds as Jamie Davis overcame the deficit from Friday to take the championship over Gavin Paull by one point (106) to Paull's 105 and Danny Staff's 104.

Thousands of people attended the two days of the Emo Fall Fair during the racing action. Racing resumes this coming Saturday for the Keith McNally Memorial and Season Championship with hot laps at 7 p.m. and rac-

ing at 7:30 p.m.

AUG. 16 SUMMARY

WISSOTA Modifieds

**Feature** – Gavin Paull, Darian Boyce, Justin Jones, Jamie Davis, Danny Staff, Ward Imrie, Brian Nelson, Aaron Holton, Greg Ferris, Gary Wilson, Dwayne Pelepetz, Ian Rousseau, Tyler Brown, Denny Trimble, Steve Nordin, Glen Strachan, Lindsay Bourre, Ron Korpi.

**Heat 1** – Imrie, Boyce, Nelson, Jones, Nordin, Brown.

**Heat 2** – Ferris, Davis, Trimble, Pelepetz, Korpi, Wilson

WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds

**Feature** – Brady Caul, James Wall,

Christopher Leek, Matt DePiero, Jeff Davis, Chuck Lambert, John Hettinga, Cody Ossachuk, Anthony Visser, Paul Veert, Jake Rea, Jamie Smart, Terry Martin, Scott Bruce, Bill Reimer, Ken Perry, Brody Strachan, Jamie Davis, Dwayne Pihulak, Brendan Veert, Kenny Perry.

**Heat 1** – Jamie Davis, DePiero, Hettinga, Ken Perry, Visser, B. Veert, P. Veert.

**Heat 2** – Leek, Wall, Davis, Kenny Perry, Strachan, Martin, Bruce.

**Heat 3** – Caul, Ossachuk, Lambert, Smart, Pihulak, Rea, Reimer.

Street Stocks

**Feature** – Cody Wall, Ron Westover, Darryl Deserre, Tylar Wilson, Don Mitchell, Wes Morrisseau, Chris Shine, Libby Wilson, Andy Trimble, Devin Brown.

Brown, Terry Henry, Dean Kellar, Rick Bourre.

**Heat 1** – Westover, Brown, Morrisseau, Trimble, L. Wilson, Henry.

**Heat 2** – Wall, Desserre, T. Wilson, Bourre, Mitchell, Shine.

AUG. 17 SUMMARY

WISSOTA Modifieds

**Feature** – Jamie Davis, Steve Nordin, Danny Staff, Justin Jones, Gavin Paull, Brian Nelson, Denny Trimble, Ian Rousseau, Tyler Brown, Glen Strachan, Dwayne Pelepetz, Gary Wilson, Lindsay Bourre, Ron Korpi, Garrett Gamsby.

**Heat 1** – Staff, Jones, Davis, Paull, Nelson, Trimble, Pelepetz, Wilson.

**Heat 2** – Nordin, Rousseau, Korpi, Strachan, Brown, Gamsby, Bourre.

WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds

**Feature** – Jamie Davis, Christopher Leek, Brady Caul, Matt DePiero, Kenny Perry, Chuck Lambert, James Wall, Cody Ossachuk, John Hettinga, Dwayne Pihulak, Ken Perry, Bill Reimer, Brody Strachan, Scott Bruce, Glenn Godin, Jamie Smart, Jake Rea, Brendan Veert, Anthony Visser, Jeff Davis, Paul Veert.

**Heat 1** – Leek, Hettinga, P. Veert, Caul, Visser, Reimer, Pihulak.

**Heat 2** – Kenny Perry, Jeff Davis, Lambert, Rea, Strachan, Ken Perry, Bruce.

**Heat 3** – Jamie Davis, DePiero, Ossachuk, Wall, Smart, Godin, B. Veert.

Street Stocks

**Feature** – Cody Wall, Ron Westover, Darryl Desserre, Tylar Wilson, Rick Bourre, Libby Wilson, Chris Shine, Dean Kellar, Don Mitchell, Wes Morrisseau, Terry Henry, Andy Trimble, Devin Brown.

**Heat 1** – Bourre, Kellar, Trimble, Mitchell, L. Wilson, Henry.

**Heat 2** – Westover, Desserre, Wall, Shine, Morrisseau, Brown, T. Wilson.

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senior setter Savanna Stratton, senior defensive specialist Marissa Meyer and senior outside hitter Hillary Fox.

The strengths of this year's team, Shikowsky said, include having "a strong core of returning athletes and a very competitive team altogether."

"We have athletes that want to grow, learn, compete and work hard," she said. "We also have some height at the net, which will allow us to bring some tough offense and big blocking."

A possible team weakness, Shikowsky said,

"is communication and being vocal on the court at all times."

Shikowsky said the Broncos ended the first week of practice with a couple of defensive players sustaining ankle injuries.

"Hopefully their time on the injured list will be brief," she said. "Until then, a couple teammates will have to step up their defensive game."

Shikowsky said the Falls' goals this season include finishing in the top four in Section 7AA and hosting a match in the first round of the playoffs.

"We've already agreed that we are going to push ourselves to the next level, physically, mentally

and as a team," she said. "I'm so excited to see this team improve their individual skills, along with team play."

"After the first week of practice, I can safely say that Bronco volleyball fans will not be disappointed."

Shikowsky said the teams to watch out for this season include Littlefork-Big Falls, Hibbing, Greenway, Virginia and Eveleth-Gilbert.

The Broncos open the season at home Thursday at 7 p.m. against Mountain Iron-Buhl, before playing their first road match Monday at Two Harbors and then facing nearby rival L-BF in Littlefork on Aug. 29.

ally looking forward to such high level of competition."

Bradley said L-BF's games to watch this season include matches Aug. 27 at Cherry, Sept. 19 at North Woods and Sept. 26 at home

against Lake of the Woods.

The Vikings open the season at home Thursday at 7 p.m. against Mesabi East and also host nearby rival International Falls on Aug. 29.

Frazier says Adrian Peterson will play Sunday

EDEN PRAIRIE (AP) — Adrian Peterson has been cleared for takeoff.

The reigning NFL MVP will make his preseason debut against the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday, Minnesota Vikings coach Leslie Frazier said.

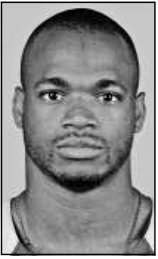
Peterson sat out the first two games against Houston and Buffalo and hasn't played in an exhibition game since 2011. The Vikings held the star running back out of all four games in the preseason last year while he worked his way back from reconstructive surgery on his left knee.

Frazier wasn't ready to divulge exactly how much Peterson will play at San Francisco, but there is no question that his mere presence should be a boon to a starting offense that looked awfully ragged in its first extensive playing time of the preseason at Buffalo last week.

"Without Adrian Peterson in our scheme, it im-

pacts our offense tremendously because he's the focal point," Frazier said. "Yeah, it definitely makes a difference. That will be obvious when we open up the season. It's obvious if you look at us from a season ago and it showed on Friday night."

After playing just two plays in the exhibition opener against Houston, Christian Ponder and the rest of the starting offense sans Peterson played five series against the Bills. Ponder went 5 of 12 for 53 yards, was sacked on the first play of the game and also took a 14-yard loss when center John Sullivan fired a shotgun snap when Ponder wasn't looking. The offense failed to get a first down on four of the five pos-



Adrian Peterson

sessions while Ponder was in the game and managed just three points.

For a young quarterback who is throwing to a new look set of receivers and has been dubbed as the single biggest factor in the team's hopes to return to the playoffs for a second straight season, it did little to show he was poised for a breakout season. The Vikings also dropped several passes and the offensive line looked completely unprepared for the Bills' exotic blitzes, so there was plenty of blame to spread around.

"There's a lot of things we're going to be able to learn from the tape, and I think next week in San Francisco is going to be the big barometer of where we are as a team," Ponder said after the game. "I think the starters will play the first half and a little bit into the second half. So we'll learn from this one and move on to the next one."

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