



When the dust settled, Keaton Frewen, with the star, was the winner of the demolition derby on Saturday night of the fair. The steering went out of Frewen's vehicle on the second hit but he just kept moving and eventually pulled off the win.

# Demo derby puts on great fair entertainment

The Cheyenne County Fair demolition derby is one of the biggest in the area. This year was no exception even though there were only 13 cars on Saturday, Aug. 4.

Adam Peter, head of the Fair Derby Committee, said compared to other derbies, the Cheyenne County derby had a good turnout of cars. Colby, he said, had two derby cars and Benkelman had four.

The Cheyenne County derby has a larger payout than most of the surrounding derbies which also helps bring the drivers in.

The old heavy cars the drivers use are getting scarce and the newer cars just don't stand up to the derby hits. There was only one pickup that came for the pickup derby so there was no pickup derby.

Again, the grandstand and pit area were full.

People were standing and there was a handful who were looking over the fence at the ice cream parlor.

There was lots of encouragement as fans cheered for their favorite drivers. In between the demolition action to keep the crowd entertained, there were lawnmower pulls and a special piece of equipment shot T-shirts into the audience. Over 100 people went home with a T-shirt.

It seemed like there was some dead time between the events, Mr. Peter said. I would welcome any suggestions to fill that time.

Keaton Frewen, St. Francis, raked in the first prize derby money that night and earned \$1,500.

Keaton, Mr. Peter said, was remarkable. His steering went out with the second hit but he was able to maneuver his derby car and came out the winner.

Second prize and \$800 went to Casey Vandike. David Stephens was the third place winner and took home \$500 and the third-place trophy. The fourth place money of \$250 went to Troy Meyer. Austin White earned the Mad Dog award of \$500.

There were some young, first time derby participants including Trevor Reed, David Stephens, Casey Vandike and Austin White.

Admiring the way they hit and wanting to encourage them, Keaton Frewen and David Rose pooled their money and made a donation to Casey Vandike calling it the "Rookie Award."

The fair board will be meeting at 7 p.m. on Sept. 6 in the commissioners' room in the courthouse. The board is open to any suggestions people might have.



*Thank you for attending the fair!!!*

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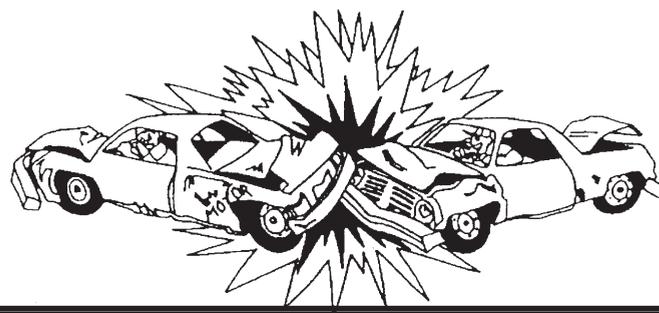
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