Demo Derby puts on great entertainment

The Cheyenne County Fair demolition derby is one of the biggest in the area. This year was no exception when 28 cars showed up for the competition on Saturday, Aug. 8.

The grandstand and pit area were full. The fair board had brought in extra seating on either side of the grandstand and there were people sitting there as well as an area in front of the grandstand where chairs had been set up.

This was the first year for the three-derby point system. Cheyenne County had joined with Thomas and Sherman counties' derbies and points were acquired by the participants. David Rose, St. Francis, came into the fair derby with the highest number of points, over 80 points. His derby car was damaged in the first heat and he had to scratch from the rest of the derby. However, he still earned the title of "high point" man and took home \$500. Keaton Frewen, St. Francis, was second with \$300 and Neal Thornburg, Goodland, was third with \$200.

Ron Neitzel, St. Francis, raked in the first prize derby money that night and earned \$1,500. Second prize went to former St. Francis resident, Larry Steinbeck, who now lives in McCook; Third prize went to Kelley Faylor and fourth went to Denis Vandike. Mr. Vandike also earned the Mad Dog award of \$500.

Top winners and winners of the heats were also awarded custom-made trophies by John Guthmiller, Ross Manufacturing, and Mr. Zimbelman.

Lawn mower pull contest

This was the second year for the lawn mower pull contest. Thomas Douthit took first in the stock class, and Jakob Church, second in the modified class. Both are from St. Francis.



When the dust settled at the Cheyenne County Fair Derby, Ron Neitzel, car #42, from St. Francis was the winner.

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Kids participated between derby heats in the lawn mower tractor pull

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