

BAR'S LEAKS/RISLONE RACING

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ELIMINATOR, DEFENDER MONSTERS REACH FINALS IN MINNESOTA

(Brainerd, MN) In two days of match races this past weekend at North Central Raceway in Brainerd, MN, the Bar's Leaks Eliminator and the Rislone Defender both made final-round appearances, in addition to performing crowd-pleasing, high-flying freestyle sessions each day.

For the first time ever, the infield of North Central Speedway was carved into a monster truck event course, featuring a straight-line drag race track for side-by-side exhibition races and a number of freestyle obstacles, including a van pyramid and slap wheelie hills. The weekend's event format featured monster truck action on Friday night and Sunday afternoon featuring the Truk Wurks monster trucks, as Saturday night was scheduled to feature the track's normal stock car racing program.

Friday night's match races saw Greg Adams in the Bar's Leaks Eliminator stalk through the brackets to face off with Rodney Tweedy in the Firestone Bigfoot in the final round. Both drivers and trucks clawed furiously at the loose racing surface, which was comprised primarily of a sand/silt mixture. As the trucks crossed the finish line, the slightly more aggressive tire cut on the Bigfoot truck would make the difference, as Tweedy eeked out the win by a narrow margin against Adams and his Bar's Leaks machine.

After a rare but appreciated break on Saturday, the teams returned to the track for a sunny afternoon of competition. The racing would be fast-paced once again, with some notable storylines. Young Zach Adams, driver of the all-new Rislone Defender monster truck, would face off against his father Greg, driving the Bar's Leaks Eliminator truck. The lights went green and both Fords roared to life, spinning furiously in search of traction, the hole shot going to the elder Adams. Although races can and often are won at the starting line, that would not be the case in Brainerd, as the younger Adams kept his Rislone monster lower to the ground and nosed down to a win, despite a strong charge on the big end by his father. Needless to say, the hierarchy of family bragging rights had changed some within the Truk Wurks team.

That victory in the semi-finals would send Zach Adams to the finals to face off with the Firestone Bigfoot of Rodney Tweedy. After defeating his father, a

veteran of 20 years in monster trucks, Zach Adams set his sights on the other veteran driver in the field, Tweedy and his Bigfoot machine. Tweedy and Adams would leave dead even as the lights turned green, but the more aggressive tires on the Bigfoot machine combined with being in the better of the two lanes would once again show Bigfoot to the finish line first, but not without Adams in the Defender charging hard at the big end of the track.

Racing would not be the only course on the menu in Brainerd, as each day of competition also included the fan-favorite monster truck freestyle event. As usual, Greg Adams treated the crowd to his trademark combination of momentum, fluidity, and big air. Zach Adams truly began to come into his own in freestyle as well, flogging the new Defender truck hard for the first time since the team made major adjustments to the truck's experimental rear shocks.

"I really enjoyed the weekend up in Brainerd" said Eliminator driver Greg Adams. "It was strangely relaxing to have a day off between shows, which is rare to say the least. I was a proud racer on Friday night, making it to the finals against Rodney [Tweedy] in Bigfoot. Rodney's been around a long time and has one of the best trucks in the Bigfoot fleet under him. And of course I was a proud dad on Sunday, seeing Zach make it all the way to the finals. I know he wanted to beat Bigfoot in his first ever final-round appearance, but he really has nothing to hang his head about. That might have been his first trip to the finals, but it won't be his last!"

Zach Adams was equally pumped about the weekend. "I actually made my driving debut in the Rislone Defender just over a month ago in Elko, MN, so it was neat to come back to Minnesota so soon, but with a bit more experience under my belt," he explained. So what of the adjustments made to the new shock setup on the rear of his Defender truck? "Well, the first few events were pretty rough, to say the least. And that's taking into account these things are rough on a good day," said Adams. "After we pulled them apart and opened up the self-adjusting pistons in them a bit, it was like a night and day difference. Needless to say, my neck likes me a lot more now than it did a few weeks ago at the LaPorte, IN event!"

The Truk Wurks team will take a brief break in lieu of the 4th of July holiday, then its back on the road for an extensive 7-stop tour over the month of July, beginning with a Monster Nationals event in Columbus, NE on the 11th. "We haven't had a chance to run a Monster Nationals event in a few months," said Greg Adams. "So we are definitely looking forward to that event. There will be some great trucks and drivers there, so we'll make sure to pack our 'A' game."

For more information on the Truk Wurks monster truck team, visit them online at www.trukwurksoffroad.com .

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