



Brothers Take the Wheel in High-Octane Derby Action

From the mat to the metal: Stanton County brothers turn family rivalry into demo derby domination

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For brothers Carson and Cooper Tomasek, competition goes beyond the wrestling mat or football field—they take it to the derby track. The pair have embraced one of Stanton County's most thrilling traditions, demo derby, where drivers intentionally crash old, refurbished cars, and the vehicle that survives the longest claims victory.

The Derby, a staple of the county fair, draws crowds from across the state, all eager to witness the high-octane spectacle. Carson Tomasek first took the plunge three years ago, and now competes in roughly five derbies annually. Reflecting on his debut, he recalls the energy of the crowd and the support of the derby community. "It was crazy, but one of the best derby moments," Carson Tomasek said. "Everyone helped me through it, and the crowd's energy was unforgettable."

Following in his older brother's tire tracks, Cooper joined the scene this year,

participating in about two derbies. His most memorable experience came in just his second derby, where he had the chance to compete alongside Carson. "Carson inspired me to start derby, and being out there with him was incredible," Cooper said.

Despite the high stakes and inevitable collisions, nerves don't seem to faze the Tomasek brothers. Carson explains, "When I get out there, my mind goes into a blur." Both brothers approach each heat with a mix of instinct and survival: Carson focuses on driving around and making smart hits, while Cooper simply aims to keep his car running as long as possible.

Whether dodging crashes or aiming for that perfect hit, the Tomaseks are living proof that demo derby is more than just a test of endurance—it's a family affair, fueled by adrenaline and healthy competition.



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