

Taliya Knight wins Wally at nat'l drag-racing event

Drag racer Taliya Knight recently won a "Wally", a national racing award received at the NHRA Northwest National Open Series in Medicine Hat on July 27 and 28.

Both Taliya and her sister Alaina competed at the national open series. For this race, the junior classes were split into Storm, (eight to nine years old), Thunder (10-12 years old) and Lightning (13-16 years old). Taliya raced in the Storm class, and Alaina in the Thunder class.

The girls struggled with their reaction times on July 27, and both went out in the first round.

Then on July 28, Alaina went out in the first round, due to a poor reaction time, but Taliya won her first race with a double breakout win. Taliya won with a great reaction time in the semifinal and ran only 7/100 off her dial in.

This win put Taliya in the final against the previous day's winner of the class. In the final race, she had a good reaction time and ran 12.968 on a 12.96 dial in, while her competitor red lit and broke out. This win gave Taliya her first win ever, and the Wally award.

In previous drag-racing events, Alaina and Taliya were in Saskatoon for points races on July 13 and 14.

The July 13 race was rained out, but the July 14 race was a beautiful sunny day and the race went off. Alaina unfortunately went out in the first round, but Taliya went made it to the semi final, where she lost.

Previously, during the month of June, the feature race at Sas-

katchewan International Raceway (SIR) was rained out. Both drag racers headed out to Medicine Hat for the Big Buck Shoot-out on the July 1 long weekend.

On the Sunday, Alaina made it to the semifinal, winning \$50. That was pretty much the best they did for that weekend in the three days of 30-plus heat.

Next scheduled races for Taliya and Alaina are August 10-11 in Saskatoon, and August 24, which is the Alcohol Funny Car feature race, again in Saskatoon.

Alaina is the oldest daughter of Adam and Ester Knight. She attended the Cosby Motorsports Jr. Dragster School on May 1, 2011. After learning to race a Jr. Dragster she became the driver of the Knight Motorsports Jr. Dragster in May, 2011.

She attends Assiniboia Park Elementary School. Outside of school and drag racing her interests include reading, computer games and riding horses. During the winter months Alaina figure skates with the Weyburn Skating club.

Taliya is the second daughter of Adam and Ester Knight. She attended the Cosby Motorsports Jr. Dragster School on May 6, 2012. After learning to race a Jr. Dragster she became the driver of the Knight Motorsports Jr. Dragster in May, 2012.

She attends Assiniboia Park Elementary School. Her other interests include figure skating, softball, riding horses and piano.

The SIR is the oldest drag strip in wester Canada. The season goes from May to September. The season final is set for Sept. 15.



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Taliya Knight wins the 'Wally' award at the NHRA Northwest National Open series for drag racers, held in Medicine Hat on July 27 and 28. Both Taliya, and her sister Alaina, compete provincial for drag racing. Their next schedule race is Aug. 10 to 11 in Saskatoon.

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