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Sam Anderson, a graduate of Apple Valley High School and CEO of Bay & Bay Transfer in Rosemount, won the AIM Pro Walleye Fishing Tournament on Lake of the Woods in August.

Winning one for his dad CEO of Rosemount company first in fishing tournament

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Sam Anderson won this one for his dad.

The CEO of Bay & Bay Transportation in Rosemount and son of longtime tournament fisherman David B. Anderson caught nearly 100 pounds of fish during the final leg of the AIM Pro Walleye Series on Lake of the Woods to place first.

It was a bittersweet win for Sam Anderson, whose dad died unexpectedly in December 2009.

“Fishing tournaments have been a little tough since my dad passed away,” Anderson said. “Both days of the tournament I thought of him a lot. He was in the boat with me and gave me a lot of energy on day two to really work hard and stay focused on winning. Sometimes, you can get distracted or second guess things. He was there like an angel on my shoulder the whole time encouraging me to push forward.”

Sam Anderson, an Apple Valley High School graduate, has not only taken over the reins of his

father’s company, which he did in 2005, but also followed in his father’s fishing footsteps.

David Anderson, who had lived in Apple Valley from 1982-2007 before moving to Inver Grove Heights, has been described as a walleye fishing tournament legend, having competed since the early 1980s and won many tournaments and awards.

For winning the Aug. 16-18 tournament in Baudette, Minn., Sam won a \$35,000 fishing boat.

Sam, who was fishing in only his second tournament since his father died, won by nearly 16 pounds, registering 14 fish that totaled 98.82 pounds – an average of over 7 pounds per fish.

Anderson was the leader entering the final day of the tournament – it was shortened from three days to two due to extreme winds on Thursday, Aug. 16 – leading by nearly 14 pounds after catching seven fish that weighed 57.75 pounds, including a number of fish over 28 inches. He easily

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pounds and totaling 41.07 pounds Saturday.

“I believed I would win. I just didn’t know when,” said Sam, who lives in Inver Grove Heights with wife Tiffany and sons Zac and Max. “I really felt confident about winning mid-morning on day two after I boated my first fish over 10 pounds that day and the camera crew was filming. They seemed impressed and said that I clearly had a dif-

ferent program than the rest of the field. It was a fun feeling to know that things could pan out if I stayed patient and worked my plan for the day.”

He told the Baudette Region newspaper that he gave credit for the win to his dad for teaching him patience and spending quality time taking him fishing, and expressed he will do his best to equal that time spent on the water with his sons.

“All glory goes to the good

Lord for giving me the patience and confidence to stay the course,” he said. “I give a lot of credit to my dad and the guys I’ve traveled with for many years on technique and tactics – Mark Brumbaugh, Mike Goffron, Ross Grothe (from Apple Valley) and Scott Duncan. They have all taught me a tremendous amount.”

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