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Screamin' Eagle® V-Rod® Destroyer™ Eastern series is off to a Great Start!

Canadian Motorcycle Drag Race Association
Cayuga, Ontario – Eastern Series – Round 1

Thomson Strikes First at Toronto Motorsports Park

The Harley-Davidson® Screamin' Eagle® V-Rod® Destroyer™ Eastern series got underway this past weekend at Cayuga's Toronto Motorsports Park. The unseasonably cold temperatures created all sorts of tuning challenges for the Destroyer™ motorcycle racers, but records fell even quicker than the on-track temperatures.

Rocky's Harley-Davidson® sponsored racer, Pete Thomson, scored the win in the opening round of the Harley-Davidson® V-Rod® Destroyer™ Drag Race Series. Thomson was atop the leader board for all but one session before Chris Fox on the Fox Harley-Davidson® backed V-Rod® Destroyer™ motorcycle posted a run of 9.274 seconds, edging out Thomson's time of 9.302 seconds. Even in that session, Thomson posted the highest top speed, 141.48 mph, which bested Fox's speed of 140.12 mph. On his way to victory, Thomson also lowered the record for ET, which he already held prior to race day. The new National CMDRA standing record is 9.207 seconds.

During the Saturday afternoon qualifiers, Ray Philp won the Rim's Transport prize package and cash award for the best qualifying reaction time, posting a time of 7 one thousandths of a second (0.007 s).

Attrition took its toll over the two days of championship racing, with Dan Thomson succumbing early to undisclosed engine problems during the morning's pre-qualifying practice runs, and then again with Ray Philp dropping out due to similar woes before the final ladder was posted on Sunday.

On race day, Thomson first faced Mitch McCallum, but quickly disposed of him with an ET of 9.262 seconds versus McCallum's 10.060. Thomson ran through the speed trap at 139.08 mph, compared to McCallum's 125.78 mph. The victory transferred Thomson directly into the championship final via a bye run.

Meanwhile Fox Harley-Davidson® rider, Chris Fox, took on the rookie rider, Dave Hodare, quickly putting him aside with a run of 9.330 seconds at 140.47 mph. Hodare posted a time of 9.821 and a top speed of 134.97 mph. "I'm just studying this game," the rookie from Kingsville explained. "I've never been on a race track until this weekend. The bike is running straight as an arrow and that's good. This is such a thrill for me. The launch is something you have to experience to believe; it's something you can't prepare yourself for. What a rush!"

Fox would next take on Steve "Goose" Gosselin, who got a bye run after Philp dropped out. Gosselin had struggled through the qualifiers, and again had problems on race day with his clutch set-up and shift points.



Although the team made progress, their efforts did not pay off, and Fox dominated the race with an ET of 9.317 seconds versus 10.213 seconds for Goose, and a speed of 138.9 mph, compared to 128.3 mph.

In the championship final, Fox was at his finest. He ran a top speed of 140.47 mph, one of the fastest runs of the weekend, and completed his quarter-mile run in just 9.302 seconds. But it was not enough, as Thomson carried the momentum of a dominating weekend into the final. His top speed of 135.86 mph at race end was lower than Fox's, but the race was decided by ET and Thomson's time read 9.212 seconds.

Chris Fox was gracious in defeat. "I'm very happy even if we did lose," he stated after the race. "We were consistent all weekend, and we recorded our best pass yet, so that's all good. We just need to get the bike a bit quicker."

"It always feels good to win," Thomson confirmed shortly after removing his race helmet. "We didn't have a lot of time to get ready for this season – in fact I'm still waiting on one motor – but this weekend turned out really good. We had some clutch set-up issues early, but worked it out and really stepped it up for the final. What feels really good is knocking that ET national record down again."

The 2013 Harley-Davidson® V-Rod® Destroyer™ Drag Race Series continues on the weekend of June 15 and 16 at the popular Rocky's Harley-Davidson® CMDRA "Harleys By The Beach" National all-bike weekend at Grand Bend Motorplex in Grand Bend, Ontario.

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