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### HARLEY-DAVIDSON® SCREAMIN' EAGLE® V-ROD® DESTROYER™ NATIONAL SERIES IN NAPIERVILLE, QUEBEC, JUNE 22-23, 2013

#### **ROUND 4 – FOX HARLEY-DAVIDSON® WINS BIG!**



**CONCORD, Ontario (June 25, 2013)** – Any optimism that carried over from Friday's open practice sessions was quickly washed away during what should have been Saturday's qualifying sessions. Napierville Dragway was awash with steady rain for most of the day, transforming the weekend event into a compacted one-day race on Sunday.

Any of the tuning and practice set-ups done prior to Sunday were quickly thrown out the window when riders awoke to thick, hot, and humid air that was most problematic. They would need to get creative if they had any hopes of slicing through the heavy atmosphere.

Qualifying rounds started early with a dry track and wet air. After two difficult rounds, Eastern champion and Rocky's Harley-Davidson® sponsored rider Pete Thomson came out on top with the best run of the morning. Thomson posted an ET of 9.263 seconds and a top speed of 141.35 mph. Fox Harley-Davidson® rider Chris Fox was the next fastest with an ET of 9.340 seconds and a top speed of 140.07 mph. Midnight Sun/Pido Productions racer Jeff Pitre made the trip all the way from Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, to place third in the morning sessions. Pushing the top three racers all the way were teammates and Fox Harley-Davidson® backed Mitch McCallum and Steve "Goose" Gosselin. Newcomer Dave Hodare continued to improve with some consistent runs, while Ray Philp continued to struggle a bit, failing to takeover where he left off after a good season last year.

In round one of eliminations, it was Pete Thomson who was up first after earning a bye run. Thomson posted an ET of 9.269 seconds and a top speed of 141.95 mph. Next up was Chris Fox who faced off against Ray Philp. Philp gave it his best shot, but despite getting the best reaction time of the day, he fell victim to Fox who ran an ET of 9.290 seconds to send Philp packing. Jeff Pitre then dispatched Dave Hodare with an ET edge of only 99 thousandths of a second (0.099 s). Mitch McCallum then moved into the next round by besting teammate "Goose" Gosselin; both riders were noticeably slower as the track conditions continued to deteriorate.

A healthy dose of rain then delayed proceedings for a while. Due to safety concerns, the decision was made to shorten the racing to one-eighth of a mile. As the four remaining riders cooled off in the pits as best they could while waiting for the showdown, the hot humid air continued to beat down on Napierville.

In the second round of eliminations, Chris Fox lined up with Jeff Pitre. Pitre got a better jump at the light, but Fox moved ahead of him by the 60-foot mark. With an eighth of a mile ET of 5.877 seconds, Fox came out on top, sending Pitre to go sit with the spectators. Pete Thomson then had to deal with a hard charging Mitch McCallum who has rebounded quickly after missing most of last season. This one was almost too close to call, as Thomson struggled for traction and only edged McCallum out by ten thousandths of a second (0.010), sending the reigning champion to the final.

With daylight at a premium, Fox Harley-Davidson® rider Chris Fox faced off against Rocky's Harley-Davidson® sponsored Pete Thomson. Thomson got a great jump at the tree, with a low reaction time of 0.033 seconds, but his struggle to find traction continued. By the 60-foot mark, Fox had done what he had come to do. He squeezed by Thomson to take the win – his first of the season. His ET of 5.883 seconds was just enough to win over Pete Thomson, who posted an ET of 5.926 seconds.

Despite the difficult conditions and unbearable heat and humidity, the Harley-Davidson® Screamin' Eagle® V-Rod® Destroyer™ Eastern Series racers put on a great show for their appreciative Quebec fans.

***The next event of the CMDRA Harley Davidson® Screamin' Eagle® V-Rod® Destroyer™ Eastern Series will be at Grand Bend Motorplex in Grand Bend, Ontario, July 20-21.***

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