

PRESS RELEASE

The 2013 Harley-Davidson® Screamin' Eagle® V-Rod® Destroyer™ National Series – Round One Western Results

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NI'akapxm Eagle Motorplex – Western Results – Round One

CONCORD, Ontario (May 31, 2013) – The 2013 Harley-Davidson® Screamin' Eagle® V-Rod® Destroyer™ National Series got off to a great start at the NI'akapxm Eagle Motorplex in Ashcroft, British Columbia. A total of five V-Rod® Destroyer™ motorcycle riders were looking to get off to a good start at the onset of a new season that has the potential to deliver some of the closest racing in years.

Saturday's qualifying sessions showed just how close the racing promises to be this season, with just over half a second separating the top qualifying time from the lowest one. The season is already heating up, with both of last year's main contenders, Nick Allen and Jeff Pitre, already throwing down the gauntlet in the first round. By the end of the qualifying session, only 16 one thousandths of a second (0.016 s) separated the two racers.

Stephane Crete of Crete Performance® assisted in the pits this weekend, helping Jeff Pitre of Yellowknife finish on the top rung of the qualifying ladder. Pitre, who is sponsored by Trails End Harley-Davidson® and Pido Racing, posted an impressive ET of 9.374 seconds and a top speed of 139.70 mph. Despite having registered a faster top speed while going through the quarter-mile trap, National Champion Nick Allen had to settle for the second fastest qualifying time. Backed by Redline Racing, Allen ran a close second to Pitre despite his top speed of 144.44 mph – the best of the session. The Edge Harley-Davidson® riders were left to compete for the final three spots, with Rick Adams besting teammates Kelly McCuaig and Dan Ramage with the third fastest qualifying time.

Sunday's elimination rounds got off to a quick start, when Jeff Pitre made a solo run with an ET of only 9.436 seconds. Next up, Rick Adams sent Kelly McCuaig to spectator status, by clocking an ET of 9.503 seconds, compared to McCuaig's 9.855. Dan Ramage was then left the daunting task of lining up against the cagey champ, Nick Allen. The pressure must have taken its toll on Ramage, because he fouled at the light and handed Allen the win. Despite having the race in hand, Allen still treated the fans in attendance to an impressive ET of 9.384 seconds and a top speed of 142.11 mph, showing the rest of the racers that he means business.

In the second round of eliminations, Pitre lined up against Edge Harley-Davidson® racer Rick Adams. Adams was faster on the trigger, but Pitre did what he had to do and passed through the traps with an ET of 9.551 seconds, just ahead of the struggling Adams. Nick Allen, who had a lonely race around the track with a bye run, posted an ET of 9.373 seconds and a top speed of 142.42 mph, which set the stage for what would be a nail-biting final round.

As the western sky started to dim, Nick Allen would once again have to fend off a hard charge by Jeff Pitre. Both riders posted almost identical reaction times at the tree, with a slight edge going to Allen. By the 60-foot mark, nothing had been decided. Only after the white winner light flashed at the finish line did the fans know that Allen had once again taken the win. With only 73 one thousandths of a second (0.073 s) between them, Pitre had lost by only the length of a tire. To score the win, Allen needed his best run of the weekend: an ET of 9.349 seconds and a top speed of 143.19 mph, using every bit of it to dispatch Pitre.

All told, a great weekend was run by the Destroyer™ motorcycle racers, and the battle for the West looks like it is going to be a close one.

The next event of the CMDRA 2013 Harley-Davidson® Screamin' Eagle® V-Rod® Destroyer™ National Series will be at the Grand Bend Motorplex, in Grand Bend, Ontario, during the "Harleys By The Beach" Father's Day event on June 15 and 16.

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