

Eastern Destroyer Update

EASTERN CANADIAN DRAG RACING SERIES – ROUND 3

Harley-Davidson® V-Rod® Destroyer™ Motorcycles Heat It Up in Grand Bend on F&C CONCORD, Ontario (June 19, 2012) – Grand Bend Motorplex, Grand Bend, Ontario

With the thermometer cozying up to 30 degrees Celsius, conditions were ideal for the Destroyer™ motorcycles in their third outing of the season at the beautiful Grand Bend complex in Ontario. The exciting all-motorcycle weekend slated for both the drag strip course, rolled along smoothly under a mix of thunderstorms and brilliant sunny skies and temperatures.

Just as in the previous two rounds of action of the Eastern Harley-Davidson® V-Rod® Destroyer™ motorcycles elbowed their way through Saturday's qualification rounds, the motorcycles would be pitted against each other for Sunday's final elimination contests.

Once again, Rocky's Harley-Davidson® rider, Pete Thomson, came out on top of the pack with an ET of 9.453 and a top speed of 137.40 mph in his very first charge up the track in front of the rest of the Destroyer™ motorcycle riders. After the third round of qualifying, Owen Harley-Davidson® found himself in second place after improving his runs each time. Harley-Davidson®-backed Jeff Pitre continued to hold a hot hand, riding to the third place with an ET of 9.549 and a top speed of 140.75 mph, the best top speed of the day. Fourth place went to charging Fox Harley-Davidson®-sponsored Ray Philp, who used the final session to take the final qualifier, Rocky's Harley-Davidson® rider, Dan Thomson. Western rider, Jamie Moench Harley-Davidson®, made a huge come-back to grab the sixth spot with a healthy ET of 9.71. Thunder Road Harley-Davidson® rider, Paul Guerrieri. MotoSport Plus of Kingston-sponsored rider continued to improve in his rookie season and with the help of MotoSport Plus co-rider "Goose" has the makings to become a strong contender in the series.

Storm clouds rolled in Saturday evening bringing with them heavy rains. Thunder and lightning and there was some question as to whether the thunder would impact the Sunday final but it did an excellent job getting the track prepped and the racing went on as scheduled.

In the first of the elimination heats, points leader, Pete Thomson, removed "Goose" (Goose) with a 9.641 and a top speed of 137.50 mph. Fellow westerners, Jeff Pitre and Jamie Moench Pitre's V-Rod® motorcycle grabbed hard, bogging down while Moench shot into the lead and was awarded the win. Rocky's Harley-Davidson® rider, Dan Thomson, ran a close battle with Thomson taking a narrow margin of victory over Philp, pitting the younger Thomson against his father, Thomson, going into the next round – a fitting battle for a Father's Day weekend. In the second elimination contest, Chris Fox sent Paul Guerrieri to the sidelines with a healthy ET of 9.61 and a top speed of 135.41 mph.

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Father and son lined up for the first of the elimination heats in round two. Dan refused to be present and ran neck and neck with Pete Thomson, until the latter stages of the race when his motorcycle limped through the finish with a suspected electrical problem. The elder Thomson took the win with an ET of 9.509 and a top speed of 137.74 mph, earning himself a spot in the final. In another

bested Edge Harley-Davidson® rider, Jamie Moench, with an ET of 9.559 and a top speed of 100.0 mph, setting the stage for what would be one of the closest battles of the weekend.

With the threat of rain in the air once again, Thomson and Fox lined up to renew the win. When the start lights flashed, both riders got great starts. Fox had the better start with a 0.064 against Thomson's 0.064, but it was not enough. Thomson crossed the line with a 9.482 with Fox posting a 9.513. Fox commented after the race, "I didn't know it was that close, I really thought I had him." An ecstatic Thomson was thrilled with the win. "It was close, I sure am happy to get that one in the books. Once again, it was a great week for Rocky's and Deeley Harley-Davidson® Canada for making all this possible."

The next event of the CMDRA V-Rod® Destroyer™ National Series will kick off July 20-21 at North Nitro Nationals in Ashcroft, British Columbia while the Eastern Series resumes July 21-22 at Grand Bend Motorplex in Grand Bend, Ontario on July 21 and 22.

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