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Elko Speedway hosted an Eve of Destruction on Saturday night over the Labor Day weekend.

Two 25 lap feature events were held in the Interim HealthCare staffing Late Model division.

The first Late Model feature had #50 Steve Anderson Jr from Farmington (MN) leading every lap and winning his second race of the season at ELKO, but that does not tell the whole story. Anderson had to fight back the hard charges from the man who is second place in the point standings #52 Chad Walen who drove up from the 7th starting position and raced side by side with Anderson for numerous laps before finally settling for second place, he finished 0.329 seconds behind the winner. Anderson won, Walen finished second, #3 Chris Marek has been very fast as of late, he finished third followed by #42 Ryan Kamish and fast qualifier #72 Jacob Goede in fifth place. Current point leader #19 Jake Ryan was 6th of the 16 cars entered in this caution less race.

The second NASCAR sanctioned Late Model feature had 10-time ELKO Champion #72 Jacob Goede from Carver (MN) passing #18 Michael Ostdiek for the lead on lap 6 and holding on through three caution periods including a green-white-checkers finish to win by 0.553 seconds. It was the second win of the season for Goede who is racing ELKO part-time this season. Ostdiek hung with Goede the entire race and finished second, #3 Chris Marek was third again, #19 Jake Ryan was fourth and #52 Chad Walen finished fifth. The race was marred by a very dramatic crash and lengthy delay on lap 15 that resulted in the car of #99 Tommy Peterson stuffed into the wall and the car of #42 Ryan Kamish also crashed but it also landed on top of the Peterson car in corner #4.

Jake Ryan now only has a 16-point lead over Chad Walen in the race for the 2024 Late Model Championship at ELKO with only 3 more race nights remaining in the season.

The NASCAR sanctioned Thunder Car division raced two 20 lap feature events Saturday night. The first race had #18 Eric Montour leading the first lap and then #8 Taylor Goldman from Dennison (MN) grabbed the top spot, extended the lead, but then had to hold on after a caution tightened up the field mid-race. Point leader #99 Brent Kane charged up late in the race from his 8th starting position to challenge Goldman on the last lap but he came up 0.082

second short of the win. It was the first win of the season for Taylor Goldman. Brent Kane finished second, #83 Julie Jorgenson was third, #29 Tommy Sorem fourth and #9 Adam Wiebusch fifth of the 11 cars entered.

The second Thunder Car feature event had #16 Jim Omeara take the lead off the start, he lost the lead after a restart to #5 Todd Kamish, but just for one lap, Omeara then had the race under control until #99 Brent Kane from Lonsdale (MN) took over the top spot on lap 14. Kane is having an incredible season; he has won on every race night so far in 2024 at ELKO. This night was no different, after he took the lead, he never looked back and won by 1.399 seconds, it was the ninth win of the season for Kane in just 13 races so far this year at Elko Speedway. Omeara finished second, #29 Tommy Sorem was third, #83 Julie Jorgenson fourth and #8 Taylor Goldman fifth. Only 7 cars finished this race of attrition, the last of whom was long-time Nashville (TN) resident and Grand Ole Opry performer Gary West #27 who was making his first ever start at Elko Speedway.

Brent Kane now has a 51-point lead over Tommy Sorem in the hunt for his fifth Thunder Car Championship at Elko Speedway.

The NASCAR sanctioned Power Stocks raced two feature events Saturday night during Eve of Destruction at ELKO.

Gary Stokvis #45 is winless so far in 2024, he got out to a big lead and dominated a majority of this first 20 lap Power Stock race. Defending Champion #83 Julie Jorgenson started the race ninth but was on a mission to the front, she passed cars three wide at one point and ran down Stokvis during this caution less race, she finally caught him coming to the white flag, faked high and dove low under the Stokvis car down the front stretch. The two drivers stayed wheel to wheel the final lap and Jorgenson edged Stokvis by 0.081 seconds at the finish line, it was the third win of the season for Jorgenson. Stokvis was second, Jimmie Jorgenson #3 was third, Zeke Oppegaard #22 fourth and #57 Jesse Fischer finished fifth of the 12 cars entered. Mike Stoer #08 crossed the line third but was disqualified in post-race technical inspection.

The second Power Stock feature event had #14 Brock Westermeyer leading the first handful of laps until #57 Jesse Fischer blasted through on the high side to take the lead on lap 6. Fischer had the point, but the race was not over, he had quite the intense side by side battle with #08 Mike Stoer from Prior Lake (MN) the last few laps of the race with Fischer crossing the line just 0.067 seconds ahead. Fischer was disqualified in post-race inspection, so the win was awarded

to Mike Stoer, it was his division leading 4th victory of the season at ELKO. Julie Jorgenson #83 was second, #3 Jimmie Jorgenson third, #45 Gary Stokvis fourth and Brock Westermeyer fifth. Only 7 cars finished this race with numerous cars dropping out with mechanical problems.

Jimmie Jorgenson took over the point lead at Elko Speedway on his 24th birthday, he now leads his sister Julie Jorgenson by 20 points in the race for the Championship in the Power Stock division. Jesse Fischer is 35 points behind, and Mike Stoer is 44 out of the lead with three race nights remaining at ELKO.

A huge field of 24 cars raced two 20 lap features in the Legends division at Elko Speedway on Saturday night. Mark Anderson Jr #8 led the first half of the first race, he was passed by #13 Ayden Brockhouse on lap 12 who was able to battle back numerous challenges for the lead. 15-year-old Ayden Brockhouse from Shakopee (MN), the older brother of 2024 5-time ELKO winner Ayrton Brockhouse, held on through a green-white-checkers situation to win by 0.365 seconds at the line. It was the first career Legends win at Elko Speedway for Ayden Brockhouse. Father Tim Brockhouse #57 finished second, a spinning #2 Rob Thurston, who earned the fast-time award earlier in the night, crossed the line in third. Cameron White #38 who traveled up from Florida to race at ELKO was fourth and #87 Robby Carter finished fifth. Ayden now becomes the fourth member of the Brockhouse family to win at ELKO. Tim and Jaycen are Elko Speedway Champions, Ayrton and now Ayden Brockhouse are winners.

The second INEX sanctioned Legends feature event was just as exciting with #27 Riley Goodwin leading the first lap, #51 Justin Henry leading laps two and three before #75 Baiden Heskett from Hastings (MN) took over the top spot on lap 4. Point leader Heskett could not run away with the win though, as #12 Ayrton Brockhouse grabbed the lead for a lap after a restart but Heskett then retook the lead with a bold move and never let it go again. Heskett was able to win by 0.551 seconds, it was his third win of the season at ELKO. Ayrton Brockhouse was second, Robby Carter #87 finished third, Cameron White #38 was fourth and Justin Henry finished fifth in this wreck filled race.

Baiden Heskett now has a 68 point lead over Ayrton Brockhouse in the race for the 2024 Legends title at Elko Speedway with three race nights remaining.

18 race cars in the Bandoleros division raced two 12 lap feature events during the Eve of Destruction at Elko Speedway.

Mason Westphal #32 led the first three laps of the first race, five cautions slowed the pace of this race. Christopher Flynn #5 led the field on laps four and five until #9 TJ Moon, originally from Maine but now residing in Taylorsville (NC), passed him on the low side for the lead. Moon was then able to manage the restarts and stay ahead of the pack to win by 1.209 seconds. It was the fourth win of the season at ELKO for Moon in the 5 races he has competed in. Gerald White III #38 from Florida finished second, #57 Rev Hietkamp third, Westphal finished fourth and Flynn was fifth.

The second INEX sanctioned Bando race at ELKO was slowed by just 3 cautions and had only 1 leader. Mandi Lee #41 originally from Canada now living in Granite Quarry (NC) led every lap but had to weave through lapped traffic and fight back some close competition to win for the first time ever at Elko Speedway. Lee won by 0.303 second over #9 TJ Moon with #38 Gerald White III finishing third, Mason Westphal #32 was fourth and #57 Rev Heitkamp was fifth.

Colton Roe Pershall #32 had mechanical problems and did not finish the first of the two feature events, he rebounded for a 7th place finish in the second race. With that result Christopher Flynn #5 is now just 11 points and #75 Logen Carter is just 15 points behind Roe Pershall in the race for the 2024 Bando Championship at ELKO.

NOTE*

With Mandi Lee winning in the Bando's, Julie Jorgenson in the Power Stocks and Taylor Goldman winning in the Thunder Cars. A female competitor won in three consecutive races at Elko Speedway.

All results and points are unofficial at this point, go to ElkoSpeedway.com for updates.

Rob Nesco from Richfield MN won the spectator drags in his 2024 Tesla model 3.

Sawyer and Shannon Schmidtman entertained the crowd with their Motorcycle stunts.

Josh Baumgartner and Brad Shippert crushed cars with their monster trucks named Mechanical Mischief and Against the Grain.

MAW wrestling thrilled the crowd with some heart-pounding wrestling matches on the concourse.

Coming up next at Elko Speedway is an Eve of Destruction on Saturday September 14th presented by the MN professional towing association. You can expect some special spectator drags, racing in all 5 divisions of cars, a petting zoo, ATV big air stunts, Monster Trucks and much more. Gates open at 4:30pm, action begins at 5:15pm. Get more information at ElkoSpeeday.com
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Elko Speedway is a NASCAR sanctioned 3/8th mile high banked asphalt oval race track with stadium seating located just 30 minutes South of the Twin Cities in Elko/New Market MN.