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Unusually warm weather did not keep the fans away on Saturday night, as a huge crowd was in attendance for the ARCA Menards series race at Elko Speedway.

Fifteen year old Max Reaves #18 from Trinity (NC) driving a Joe Gibbs racing Toyota won his first ever ARCA National series race during the Shore Lunch 250 Saturday night at ELKO.

Brenden "butterbean" Queen #28 was the fastest in qualifying with a time of 14.716, he led the majority of the race but had to settle for finishing in second place. Reaves passed #6 Lavar Scott on lap 204 to take the lead and the yellow flag never flew during the final segment of the race. Reaves used lapped traffic to his advantage and Queen was never able to catch the young rising star, Reaves won by 3.786 seconds at the finish line.

NASCAR Truck series regular #20 Lawless Alan finished third, 16 year old hometown hero #25 Ty Fredrickson thrilled the local fans with an impressive ARCA debut finishing fourth and #55 Isabella Robusto rounded out the Top 5. Six cars finished on the lead lap including #97 Jason Kitzmiller followed by #6 Lavar Scott in seventh and #70 Taylor Reimer eighth both just one lap down. Willie Mullins #3 finished 9th and Alex Clubb #03 was 10th in the 24 car field.

13 Rookies took part in this race but the veteran #48 of Brad Smith was recognized for making his 450th career ARCA start.

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The 3 local NASCAR sanctioned divisions also raced on Saturday night before the 250 lap ARCA race. The local drivers impressed the National touring series dignitaries in attendance by racing 100 consecutive laps with no cautions and no wrecks.

The 12 Late Models raced a 40 lap main event with #8 Billy Mohn from New Market (MN) taking the lead early and leading every lap. Mohn won by an impressive 4.027 seconds, a full straight ahead of the nearest competitor. It was the first win of the season for the veteran driver Mohn. Michael Ostdiek #18 raced up from his fifth starting spot to win the hard nosed battle for the second position, Chad Walen #52 finished third, #32 Jeremy Wolff was fourth and #3 Chris Marek was fifth. Dillon Sellner #07 was the fastest qualifier on a slick and hot track with a time of 14.908, he finished the feature event in 9th position. Chris Marek now leads Chad Walen by 12 points in the race for the 2025 Late Model point title at Elko Speedway.

The Eternity Homes sponsored Thunder Cars raced a caution-free 30 lap event at Elko Speedway on Saturday night. Ben Gannon #41 from Dundas (MN) was the winner. Gannon and #88 Jason Novak raced side by side for a handful of laps early in the race before Gannon took control and never wavered. Gannon won by 5 car lengths at the finish line, it was his first win of the season at ELKO. Julie Jorgenson #83 finished second place and #99 Brent Kane hung on for third. Kane had raced up from his 10th starting position and was challenging Gannon for the top spot when his car started overheating and losing power coming to the white flag lap. Kane limped his car across the line to finish in the third position. Tommy Sorem #29th finished fourth and #8 Taylor Goldman was fifth out of the 15 cars in attendance. Kane now has a 20 point lead over Tommy Sorem in the race for the 2025 Thunder Car point title at Elko Speedway.

Five-time Champion #88 Nick Oxborough from Lakeville (MN) won the 30 lap cautionless Power Stock feature during ARCA night at Elko Speedway. Oxborough started the race on the outside pole, took an early lead and never looked back, he won by 12 car lengths at the finish line. It was the second win of the season for Oxborough. The best battle was for the runner-up position as #08 Mike Stoer edged #3 Jimmie Jorgenson by a bumper at the line, #24 Donovan Michaud was fourth and #14 Clayton

Dohrner fifth of the 9 cars in attendance. Title contender #57 Jesse Fischer had mechanical problems and did not finish the race. Mike Stoer now leads Jimmie Jorgenson by a mere 2 points in the race for the 2025 Power Stock point title at Elko Speedway.

Points and results are unofficial at the time of this posting. For more information go to <a href="ElkoSpeedway.com">ElkoSpeedway.com</a> or MyRacePass and search Elko Speedway.

Up next at Elko Speedway is an Eve of Destruction on Saturday June 28th featuring all five divisions of racing plus Monster Trucks, a Jet Car meltdown, Spectator Drags, School Busses, Twin Stunts Motorcycles, A live band and much more. Gates open at 4:30pm, action begins at 5pm. Get advance tickets online and save. Go to <a href="ElkoSpeedway.com">ElkoSpeedway.com</a>