

🏁 CRANDON RACE WEEKEND RECAP 🏁

Sept 3-6, 2026

What a weekend at **The Big House!** Beautiful weather, great racing and an incredible atmosphere made for another memorable weekend in Crandon. Rodney and Owen VanEperen had a busy weekend, competing in both **Ultra4 and Pro SXS**, with plenty of highs, lows and hard-fought racing along the way.

ULTRA4 – FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHT

In addition to their Pro SXS racing, Rodney and Owen both got behind the wheel of **CFMOTO Z10s** for Ultra4 competition Friday and Saturday night.

The Ultra4 course brought a completely different challenge, combining a demanding **rock section with short-course racing** and putting both the drivers and machines to the test.

Friday night was a tough start for both cars. **Axle issues ended both Rodney and Owen's races early**, leaving the team with some work to do before getting another shot at it Saturday night.

After making changes overnight, the **setup was much better for Saturday**, and both cars showed improvement.

Unfortunately, Owen experienced another axle issue. He was able to make it farther into the race than Friday night, but the issue eventually ended his run.

Rodney was able to put together a strong race and **make it all the way to the finish**, bringing his Z10 home **4th overall and 2nd in his class!** It was a great result and a strong finish after the challenges both drivers faced the night before.

Then it was time to turn the focus back to Pro SXS.

SATURDAY – PRO SXS

Saturday started off strong with **20 cars** in the Pro SXS field. Rodney and Owen showed great pace right out of the gate in qualifying, with **Owen qualifying 4th and Rodney 5th**, both just **0.7 seconds off the top qualifying pace**.

When the green flag dropped, Rodney had a great holeshot and quickly made his way into **4th place**. Unfortunately, his strong run was cut short by an electrical gremlin that caused his CFMOTO to shut down. Despite efforts to get it refired, the issue ultimately sidelined him from the race, resulting in an **18th-place finish**.

Owen was also putting together a strong run and working his way toward the front. While **making a pass for 6th place**, another UTV spun directly in front of him. Owen

locked up the brakes to avoid a collision, and in the process his CFMOTO stalled. Unfortunately, he was **unable to get the car restarted**, bringing his race to an early end and resulting in a **17th-place finish**.

Saturday's finishing positions certainly didn't tell the whole story. Qualifying **4th and 5th**, running at the front and showing great race pace proved both Rodney and Owen had the speed to contend. Unfortunately, two separate issues ended promising runs for both cars.

SUNDAY – PRO SXS

Because of Saturday's results, **both Owen and Rodney had to start at the back of the field on Sunday**, giving them plenty of work to do.

Owen wasted no time charging his way forward. Starting from the back, he steadily picked his way through the field and worked himself **all the way up to 3rd place**.

With just **one lap to go**, high temperatures caused the car to begin slowing down. Owen did everything he could to hang onto the position, but ultimately slipped back one spot and crossed the finish line in an impressive **4th place**.

Going **from the back of the field to 3rd and ultimately finishing 4th** was a great drive and an awesome way to rebound from Saturday's disappointment.

Rodney's Sunday race once again tested his perseverance. Early in the race, the **same electrical gremlin that sidelined him on Saturday returned**, forcing him to pull off the track. Fortunately, this time he was able to get the CFMOTO restarted and rejoin the race.

Despite losing valuable time, Rodney went back to work and began making his way through the pack. Unfortunately, his comeback was cut short when he **blew a belt**, ultimately finishing **12th out of 18 cars**.

It was one of those weekends where the final results only tell part of the story. Between **four races over three days**, Rodney and Owen faced just about everything Crandon could throw at them.

There were definitely some tough breaks, but there were also plenty of positives—strong Pro SXS qualifying pace, Owen charging from the back of the field all the way to 3rd on Sunday, and Rodney putting together a great Ultra4 run to finish **4th overall and 2nd in class**.

Most importantly, it was a **beautiful weekend in Crandon** filled with great racing and the atmosphere that makes The Big House such a special place.

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Until next time, Crandon! 🏁

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