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Finals from Horseshoe Valley

What a season! It all wrapped up over the Easter long weekend up at the Horseshoe Valley Ski Resort. Three, action packed days of racing on the ski hills of this great facility. Each day the CSRA crew designed and built the racers a new track, one better than the next that would make for great entertainment for the thousands of race fans that attended the weekend. Mother Nature must love the Easter Bunny as we had perfect weather for all 3 days, capped off by bright, blue skies and warm temperatures on Sunday.

Let's start off by announcing our newest Champion, #117 Isaac St. Onge!! Isaac dominated both the Junior 1 and Junior 2 Classes this season, earning the Championship in each. By far the most consistent rider on the team, if not on the entire circuit this year. In fact he earned an impressive sixteen - 1st place finishes and only twice did not step on to the podium this season. Rider of the year, if we do say so ourselves! It was great to have the St. Onge crew join our team this year, they are a great family, running a successful business, always there to give their support to the team. Congratulations Isaac!



When asked about his season, this is what Isaac had to say; " Well another amazing season over! Throughout the season I've learned a lot and met some amazing people and bonded with friends and family. I achieved my personal goals and I worked hard to earn the junior championship! My fellow racers have been amazing keeping me on my toes and pushing hard! I'd like to thank Roy and Jordan. They did amazing this year and I am proud of both of them. I'd like to thank everyone who has supported me throughout this amazing season and a special thanks to my Dad, the whole team at Bailey Motorsports and Ski Doo for helping me achieve my goal!"



In his rookie year as a Pro Lite racer, #729 Ryan Hunt proved he belonged, stepping on to the podium multiple times with 2 wins to his credit. With those wins in mind, he was always pushing himself for more all season long. At just 17 years old, and with multiple championships behind him, this young rider has time and experience to help think about his season and plans for the future. One thing is certain, that no matter what path he takes it will be a successful one. "As a Dad, I couldn't be more proud of Ryan. He really stepped up his riding this year, often on the podium and showing speed that some Pros don't even possess. I can't wait to see what next year may bring for him"



This is what Ryan had to say about his year;

“This final weekend of the season didn't go how I planned at all, still frustrated with a call that was made on me during Saturday's races that took me out of the final. Had solid rides in my Motos and was ready to go for podium until the news I was DQ'd.

Stepping up to Pro Open I was excited to get into a new class and just ride. I really liked the mod and I had experience in the class last year and my best finish was a 7th in a Moto, so I was trying to do better. First Moto I had a solid ride and took 7th and ready for the next one I waited! The second Moto went Awesome taking 3rd! It was a good feeling to know I can stay consistent and pound out laps on a mod. Going into the final I had a great ride and would end the day on a good note. Sunday didn't go much better as I was still not 100% mentally after the events that occurred Saturday. I had some good rides and tried to end the year happy. I would like to thank everyone that backed our team this year and make it possible for me to ride. I wish I could have done better but I still had some Awesome races and was up on the podium even more than I thought I would have been for my first year of Pro Lite. Going into next year I don't know if I'm going to make the jump to Pro Open or stay in Pro Lite, but for sure the summer will be filled with lots of Moto and training as next year I want to be on top! Thanks again to everyone! “



Another rider to step up his game this year was #959 Christian Sarracini. It was almost like a shock to us that he found the speed to run out front. We said, “almost”! Chris has always had the speed, but this year he nailed down some outright impressive rides. Selfishly we wish he wasn't so dedicated to his schooling as that kept him away from a few events this season as he closed out his final year of studies. We hope he lands a job that allows him to take long weekends next year, watch out if he does! With multiple trips to the podium this winter, Chris was still able to finish in the top 10 in the Sport Classes, with a 7th in Sport 1 and 8th in Sport 2.

“I would like to thank all our sponsors for backing us up this year and to Doug for always helping me on the line. I had a fun year and hope to be back at it again next year.”



Mitch King #18 is the second Pro rider to join the team and quickly became part of the Bailey Motorsports family. The fitness and conditioning of this young rider is amazing, his dedication to staying fit is what earned him a spot on the team. His performance on the track is what impressed the team. Mitch started the season with some great results, often taking moto wins, setting fast lap times and kept the series points leaders honest every time he was on the track. Unfortunately, Mitch would suffer an injury mid-season and have to sit out all but the last round. After sitting out 6 weeks, he would jump back in the mix, right where he left off. It was amazing to see, he had not lost any of his speed and would find himself fighting for top five finishes all weekend long. On the last day of the weekend, in the final race of the

season, Mitch would jump out to a mid pack start and battle hard to make his way up to 5th by about lap 4, he then charged hard to hold the position for most of the race. Unfortunately, with only 2 laps to go his sled gave out, the front suspension collapsing as a result of an aggressing collision earlier in the race. A tough way to end the season, but the reassurance of knowing he belongs at the top of the Pro field has to feel good.



Here is what Mitch had to say about his season;

"A roller coaster ride is the best way to describe my season as it was filled with a lot of ups and downs. After starting off the season with some strong rides I was sitting 4th in points before a crash in Valcourt as the result of a broken belt sidelined me with a few broken bones. I was not going to sit back and just call it quits on the season after working so hard all summer long to get to where I was. I went to work recovering my injury and keeping my cardio up as soon as I could and I was able to come back and race the season finale this past weekend. I was just super happy to be out there doing what I love racing snow machines again and didn't have any expectations about my results. My Bailey Motorsports machine was grabbing great starts all weekend and I had some strong rides. I was able to come away with my best finish of the year in Saturdays final finishing with a 5th, which I was happy with because I know that is where I belong up there fighting for the top 5 spots. This past season has been the most fun I have had racing snow cross, the Bailey Team took me in like family and I can't thank everyone enough. I'm ready to put my head down this offseason and get to work! I may not be the most talented racer in the pro class but I can certainly prove I will be the hardest working."



In just his second year on the CSRA circuit, #799 Ståle Eggen is quickly becoming a fan favourite. Our Pro rider from Norway has a style all to himself on and off the track. That style also comes with blazing speed and at times this weekend the crowd witness it first-hand. Winning motos and then ending the season with a 3rd place finish on Sunday. The season would start off great for Ståle, racing in the finals of the Dominator in Duluth, he would find himself lined up against the fastest rider in the World. Ståle faced Tucker Hibbert and go head to head in round two, a great way to start the season. Unfortunately an injury earlier in the day would keep Ståle from doing even better and would be an injury that would nag at him for most of the season. A well-kept secret, helped hidden by his determination and often impressive rides. Still a successful season in anyone's books, Ståle would wind up the year with 3rd overall on the season. We are looking forward to Ståle's return next year.



Here are a few words from #799:

“Season 2016 is over! This season has had everything. Everything from getting hurt and getting back up again. A lot of ups and downs but we have been working hard and it ended good! We were aiming higher than what we got but we still going strong and I'm really looking forward to a new season with Bailey Motorsports! I know for sure if we would have had more snow this season it could have been looking different on the overall standings in the CSRA. The Ski Doo has been amazing this year, they have done a great job with the 2016 sled and my mechanic Derek at Flybyu Motorsports have been fine adjusting the sled so it would fit me perfectly so I could defend my 3rd position overall in the Pro Open class.



I'm so grateful for the opportunity I got from Stuart Hunt to join his team! I also need to say thanks to all my team mates, the team crew and all of our sponsors! Thanks for everything this season!”

It is a little awkward to write about myself in these reports, but I wanted to take the opportunity to write a few words, now that our season is over.



“I will look back on this season as being one of the best. As always, I had a blast racing and captured 2 more championships in the process, but found that I had an even better time in the pits and on the line with our riders. One rider in particular, my son Ryan. He will now fill my need for the adrenalin rush racing provided me with. I got to witness our team really come together this year, in a way that often overwhelmed with emotion. I am so proud of each of our riders and our crew. Thank you for making this, one to remember! I have been at this for 16 years, time now to call it quits and give some time and attention back to my wife and family, who have always been there to support me. Thanks to all our sponsors, especially those there since day one, you know who you are. Thanks to the entire CSRA crew and to those I have raced against over the years. One last special thanks to the man who got me into this great sport, the one and only Doug (Pit Boss) Hass. “



It has been a great season, Ski Doo gave us an awesome sled to work with. The updates made to the 2016 600RS made it the best sled we have ever raced. That combined with the amazing support we received from the Ski Doo X Team, helped us get our riders to the Podium. Our team mechanics, Glen Goodale, Derek Uttley and Luke Tavaligni all put in some serious hours to prepare and keep our equipment in top condition, thanks guys.

To our sponsors, thank you for the continued support of the team and the sport of Snowcross. We wouldn't be where we are if not for the high quality products and services you supply. Aligning ourselves with first class partners has definitely been a key to our success.

Please stay tuned during the off season, we will keep you posted on our summer activities and update you on our plans for the 2017 season. Out soon will be our 2016 video re-cap, highlighting our season with some action packed footage captured this year.

Until then, thanks for following us....

For more information on the team, check out our web site at www.baileymotorsports.ca

