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The Amsoil Kawartha Cup took place last weekend at the Fairgrounds in Lindsay, completing round 4 of the CSRA Nationals and marking the mid-way point in the series. The crew at the CSRA and promoters of the event had done a great job stockpiling snow in the weeks leading up to the event and had a great track prepared for the weekend of racing. Unfortunately, Mother Nature decided to bring in extremely mild temps and rain on Friday which melted a ton of snow and making the pits a muddy mess. A ton of attention was given to grooming the track all weekend long, giving racers the best possible conditions to compete in. A Big Thanks to the CSRA and Ric Wilson for working harder than usual out there!



The team had their best weekend of the season, with a total of 13 podium finishes! One of the highlights was watching Ståle Eggen take the win Sunday in the Pro Open, claiming the Amsoil Kawartha Cup! This victory came shortly after Ryan Hunt nailed down an impressive race in Pro Lite and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>. In the very next race, Christian Sarracini rode his Bailey Motorsports, Amsoil Ski Doo to 3<sup>rd</sup> in Sport 600 class!



The team's most consistent racer has to be Junior rider, Isaac St. Onge. This weekend would be no exception as Isaac would clean up on Saturday taking the win in every race, winning both Junior classes. It is great to see Isaac's Dad on the line each and every race, working with their mechanic Tom, prepping the sled and staging the young rider. The pre-race ritual seems to be working awesome for them. At the mid-point in the season, Isaac holds down 1<sup>st</sup> overall in Junior 1 and Junior 2 and with his riding style and determination, his sights are set on these championships.

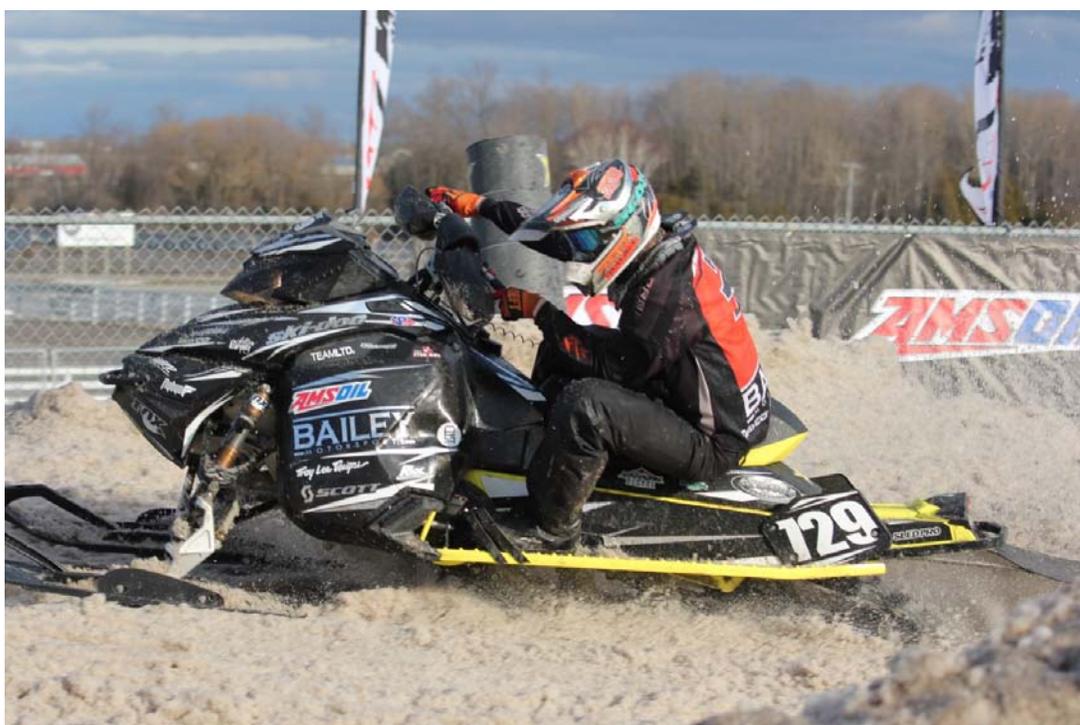


This would be the first time this season we would race in temps well above zero making the team's mechanics fight hard to find the right set up to get our sleds off the line and out front. They would figure out the clutching, working with our Dayco belts and dial in our Fox suspension, giving the racers sleds that would earn the podiums. Good starts were critical this weekend as the soft, wet, dirty snow would wreak havoc with rider visibility. Thankfully, our Scott goggles were set up with tear offs and worked great out there. We are fortunate to be hooked up with Rox Speedfx hand guards this season, definitely needed the extra protection from the roost this weekend.

In the Vet and Master classes, Stu Hunt continued to race his 600RS to the front of the pack. This weekend one of his Masters classes would be combined with the +25 Sport Vet class, making the starting line and first few corners of the races a lot more congested than normal. Hunt was able to keep pace with the younger riders, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> behind the leaders, but leading all of the riders in his Masters class. Stu would finish the weekend with 2 over all wins, three 2nds and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish.

Winning the Amsoil Kawarth Cup on Sunday would be Ståle's first victory this year and couldn't have come at a better time. Rob Hilditch of Amsoil has been a huge supporter of the team the past few years and winning here was a great way to thank them. Eggen has been focused and determined to win this season, four rounds in has finally landed him on the top of the box, a position he wants to claim some more the rest of the year. The win wouldn't come easy, as Eggen would have to fight hard on the first lap, with a mid pack start he would clear a couple riders and race in to 3<sup>rd</sup> by the end of lap one. From there, he would track down the leaders, taking a few laps to get past one into 2<sup>nd</sup> and a lap later would take the inside line before the whoops to take the lead. Once in the lead, Ståle would pull away and put a gap on the rest of the field. It was a great ride by Ståle and a well-deserved win for him, his mechanic and entire team.

Pro lite rider Ryan Hunt had a great weekend. Once he and mechanic Goodale figured out the ideal set up for the conditions, Hunt was able to pound out solid moto finishes, keeping pace with the top racers in the class. On Saturday, Ryan went 5-2 in his two motos and in the final would come from well back in the pack to catch all the way up to 3<sup>rd</sup>, once there he pressured for the pass but would run out of time, finishing in 4<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday he would finish with a 2<sup>nd</sup>



and 5<sup>th</sup> in his motos, giving him a good pick on the line for his final. Feeling good about his sled and the track, Hunt was ready to race. He jumped off the line with a great start, thanks to his Stud Boy traction, almost taking the holeshot. After one lap Ryan was only a couple sled lengths off the leader, for several laps the top 3 racers in the class would only be separated by a couple seconds, making for an exciting race. Hunt would have to hold off a long-time rival, #335 McCoy while trying to make a move on the leader. Ryan would finish with a solid ride to 2<sup>nd</sup> onboard his Ski Doo!

In the Sport 600 class, Christian Sarracini would step on to the podium once again on Sunday afternoon. Chris rode some awesome races this weekend, winning one of his motos and placing 4<sup>th</sup> in one of his other finals. It has been great to see this young rider develop this year, becoming one of the riders to watch in the tough, Sport class. Never one to complain about anything, Chris does insist on using Deft Family gloves when he races, noting “they feel and work the best out on the track, especially in conditions like we had”. Chris has made up some valuable points for the overall national series championships, keeping his eye on that will be key over the next few races.



The team now has a few weeks off before heading to Timmins for the 5<sup>th</sup> round of racing. You can be sure the riders will be out practicing and the mechanics taking some much deserved time off but will all be ready to race the next time the green light goes on! Thank you to our sponsors for the support and helping make this all possible.

For more information on the team, check out our web site at [www.baileymotorsports.ca](http://www.baileymotorsports.ca) and follow the links to the rider blogs, sponsor pages and watch for team give-a-ways.

