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This CSRA Snowcross season got under way this past weekend at the International Snowcross Grand Prix in Rouyn Noranda, Quebec where the crowds were entertained by Snowcross racers from three different race circuits, making this one of the biggest events on the 2016 schedule. Mother nature hasn't been too generous with the snow this year, but there was plenty on hand for the CSRA and the crew at the International Grand Prix to build a first class track. It snowed all day long on Saturday, making visibility tough for the racers but it didn't stop thousands of race fans from showing up to witness first-hand the exciting sport of Snowcross.

The level of competition was outstanding, with fast paced action in every class that took to the track over the 2 days of racing. Our team of riders have been waiting for this day for a long time. It was now their chance to show the competition what they can expect the rest of the season. It didn't take long for the team to start racking up podium finishes. Early Saturday morning, team rider Isaac St. Onge #117 took his first moto win of the season in his Junior 1 class. Isaac is new to the team this season but not to the sport, with the obvious connection to St. Onge Recreation in Barrie. Isaac will be racing towards a championship in both Junior classes this season. The young rider got some seat time on his new Ski doo 600RS at the ISOC season opener in Duluth, where he placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in his class. Isaac was clearly ready this weekend, he rode with confidence and determination and ended up with 4 podium finishes. On Saturday he won the Junior 1 class and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Junior 2. Sunday finished with the win in Junior 2 and a 2<sup>nd</sup> in Junior 1! A definite highlight for the team this weekend, watch for this kid to make an impact this year!



Racing his rookie season in the Pro Lite class, Ryan Hunt #729 finished the weekend with on a high, winning the overall on Sunday! Hunt rode smart all weekend long, pounding off lap after lap, always moving forward, gaining confidence in his ability and his 600RS. It was a huge win for the 17 year old, coming from behind to pass several riders and chase down the leader. A great back and forth battle ensued between Hunt and #459 Weir for 4 or 5 laps and in the last lap with only 2 corners to go, Hunt made the pass for the win! "My new Ski doo works awesome! Thanks to my mechanic Glen, my team



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Adding to the podium finishes this weekend would be Vet and Master riders, Adam Goodale #475 and Stu Hunt #29. Goodale made the move to the Pro Vet class this year and showed he could keep pace with the field of riders, finishing the day on Saturday with 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Still not ready to retire, Stu Hunt took to the track in the two Masters classes and rode well, finishing up with a 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pro Master and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Sport Master. On Sunday, Hunt would go 1-1 in his motos and take the win in Sport Masters and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pro Masters.

Mixed into the morning schedule is the Sport 1 class, where team rider Christian Sarracini #959 took to the track. Chris rode amazing for just the second time on the sled this year. He pulled off a 5<sup>th</sup> in moto 1 and 6 place in moto 2, getting a gate for the final. There he would race hard working his way up to 8<sup>th</sup> by the finish of the race. The Sport class is one of the largest on the circuit, to qualify for the final riders need to collect enough points in their motos to beat out 15-20 other racers. As the race weekend progressed, Sarracini became more and more comfortable on the sled, bring his lap times down each time he took to the track. On Sunday in his Sport 2 class, Chris would have stellar rides! In moto 1 he left the line and came out of corner #1 with around 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> position, lap after lap he picked off rider after rider, finishing with 2<sup>nd</sup>. In moto 2 he put his head down once the green light went and took the holeshot, he would never LOOK back and took the win in convincing fashion, a huge moment for Chris and the team, showing he has the speed. With not a great start in the final, Chris would need to work from the back of the pack and by the end, finish with 8<sup>th</sup> overall.



For the first time in years the Pro Open class would have well over 20 riders competing for a spot on the starting line. This made for some intense racing all weekend long. This year the team has two Pro riders, returning for his 2<sup>nd</sup> season is Ståle Eggen #799. Eggen raced with us last year, earning 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the Pro Open Championship. Joining the team this year, just off his rookie season as a Pro in 2015 is Mitch King #18. Having the 2 riders in the Pro class is going to allow us to progress and advance the sled set up much quicker and help us give our riders the best equipment possible. The two riders came into the weekend feeling fit and ready to do battle. Our Mod sleds have been hand built by team mechanic, Derek Uttley with BRP Factory supplied parts. “These sleds work great, the new clutch is easy to work with. Ski doo has done a great job and given us good support.” (said Uttley).

Both Pros turned in some impressive moto results. On Saturday, King went out and raced hard pulling off 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each of his motos, great results considering this weekend was the first time King had got to ride his new BRP mod! In the final, King jumped out to a great start and held on to 6<sup>th</sup> position for several laps before he crashed in the rhythm section, he would re-mount and finish the race in 14<sup>th</sup>. For #799 Eggen, the day would start off with two 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes in his motos, an awesome way to start the weekend, showing he has the speed to run with the best. In the final,



things did not go as planned and Eggen would have to fight hard all race to eventually end up in 7<sup>th</sup> on the day.

On Sunday the boys were back at it, with great conditions to work with, milder temps and a sunny sky over head. King improved his moto results, going 2-2 in each! Mitch jumped out front of the pack off each start and make some passes to allow him to settle in to his rhythm and hold off the rest of the field each moto. In the final, King got off the line with a decent start but heading through the whoop section for the first time he got tangled up with another rider, ejecting him off the sled. The sled would cartwheel end over end and wind up in rough shape. King was able to finish the race and thankfully not injured. "Looking to build off my qualifying results and put that Bailey Motorsports Ski Doo on the box next weekend in St. Alexis des-mount!" (King) For Eggen, the motos went 4-4, putting him in the back row for the final. From there, he was able to battle his way through the pack and wind up in 9<sup>th</sup> by the end of the race. "My only job this week is to find back to the old me!" (Eggen)



The team is off to race the International Snocross at Saint Alexis des Monts for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Triple Crown this weekend. 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.

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