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Valcourt Race Weekend

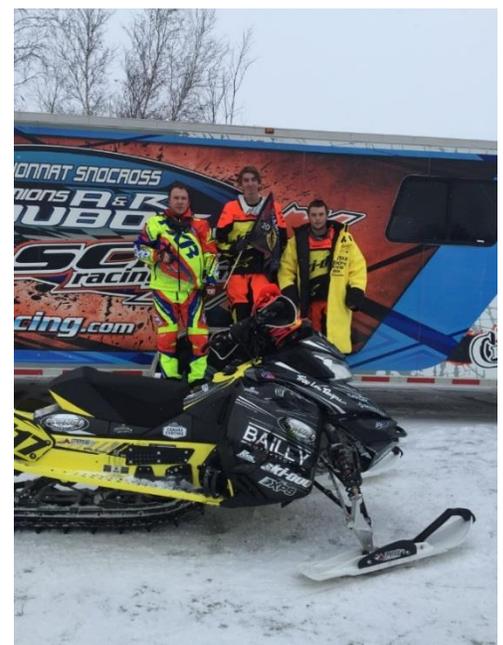
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The team is back from 3 days of intense racing the Grand Prix du Valcourt, home of BRP Ski Doo and one of the most famous snowmobiling events in the world. Over the course of the three days, race fans would get to enjoy several forms of snowmobile racing, everything from Drags, Ice Ovals, and of course, Snowcross. We always love going to this event, seeing thousands of race fans get so into the sport we love so much.

All of Ski Doo's Factory Super Teams were there, so was a prototype 2018 Snowcross race sled, being tuned and tested all weekend in the Pro Open Class, piloted by the veteran, Dany Poirier. Could this be the sled our racers ride next season? Time will tell, it looked and sounded tough out there!

With the Barrie event weekend being rescheduled, Valcourt would be our 3rd round of racing for all the Sport, Pro Lite and Pro Open riders. The level of competition would be amped up here, with teams from the ISOC and SCMX Snowcross series showing up to compete alongside our CSRA racers. Hitting the track first would be Isaac St. Onge in the Sport 1 class. This kid was on fire all day, never losing a race! He looked smooth and confident in both his motos and then proceeded to stomp the competition in the final, definitely turning some heads with his convincing wins.

When looking back on the weekend Isaac had this to say, "This weekend went amazing starting off Friday winning all my qualifiers and finals for sport 600 1. Saturday I went 1 and 1 in my qualifiers and the Sunday finally I got out mind pack in the hole shot and managed to reel them in and win the final for sport 600 2. Overall an amazing weekend couldn't go any better thank you to everyone who made this possible



and who has been supporting me this whole time.”

On Saturday, Isaac would go out and rip his 600RS, looking to repeat his performance from the day before, he would not disappoint. Going 1-1 in his motos with his final to be run Sunday afternoon. In the final, Isaac would not get off the line like he normally does and would need to fight his way to the front from about 5th position. In less than 2 laps he would put his Ski Doo out front and never look back until the checkered flag. This would be the second year in the row that he would claim 2 Valcourt Flags on the weekend, truly a remarkable achievement.



The snowcross track at Valcourt is always set up in the center of the ice oval track, with a ton of snow, the race organizers were able to shape us an awesome track, filled with tough whoops and a massive finish line table top. It would keep our riders honest as they tried to battle it and the other racers all weekend long. Ryan Hunt, racing in Pro Lite had a good weekend, finishing it strong on Sunday placing 4th in moto 1 and then in moto 2 taking the holeshot to lead the entire race for the win. In his final, Hunt would get a decent jump off the line and sit in a top ten position by the end of the first lap. Ryan charged hard all race long and would pick off riders lap after lap, working his way up to a solid 5th place overall. Showing the speed needed in this tough class to belong at the front of the pack.

Ryan mentioned that it was a, “weekend of ups and downs at Valcourt. Going to the hometown of Skidoo was always cool and brings lots of pressure with it, as usual it was very cold in the track conditions were rough and hard to see but it's the same for everybody and I was excited to get to racing. I made the decision to ride the mod on Friday for some practice for the weekend, it's always so much fun to get on the mod and lineup aside some of the greatest names in Snowcross like Tim Tremblay especially running third for a lap or two behind them. Saturday came along and there was so many people in my class I went on to having to top-five finishes and going to the LCQ ended up having tons of bad luck in the LCQ and didn't even make the final on Saturday. Sunday I was determined to do better after practice I felt a lot more comfortable on the track and went out for my first Moto and got a fourth and then my second Moto I put my head down and lead from start to finish taking the win. Feeling good about the final I lined up very far outside unfortunately didn't get a good start and found myself in 11th Pl. behind the whole pack charging through the snow just making passes everywhere I could to get as close to the top five as possible. After getting lucky with a big pile up I found myself and fifth and charged for the whole race and gain some well needed points. I just like to thank all my sponsor supporting me and for Skidoo obviously for backing us up and putting us on the best sled!”



On to Pro Open, where we would find over 30 riders all competing for a chance to line up in the final, where only 15 spots are available. No easy task with the stacked field present, names like Tremblay, Ishoel, Renhiem, and Lemieux all here to win. Our two pro riders had their hands full to say the least. When asked to recap his weekend, this is what Mitch King had to say...



"I would be lying if I said I was not a little bit nervous to go back to Valcourt this season. Not to mention riding against huge names like Ishoel and Tremblay, but this was also the track that I was injured at last year. My goal was to ride smart and make the finals. On Saturday we were able to change our gearing set-up slightly and it made huge improvements on the start, my Ski-doo 600 RS was pulling awesome starts all weekend with the help of our Stud Boy traction products. After okay finishes in the heats I was forced to the lcq, but a great start later I finished third earning a back row spot for the final. The 20 lap main event was a tough one, I held 8th for 16 laps but eventually lost two spots to finish a respectable 10th place finish and 3rd out of all CSRA riders! Sunday brought some crazy weather and very difficult conditions for visibility, big thanks to Scott Motorsports my goggles were a saving grace all day. Unfortunately after a hard fought battle in the LCQ I ended up 6th missing the final by one position. However I'm happy with my results and to come out of the weekend healthy and super excited for one of my favourite races of the year at Georgian Downs this weekend!

For #799 Eggen, the weekend wouldn't go the way he had planned. Not making the finals was hard to accept, now time to focus on Barrie and make up some valuable points. Looking back on the weekend Stale said, "My ski doo race sled was fast this weekend. Me and my mechanic at Flyby Motorsports was trying a lot of different setups on my suspension and we figure out some new stuff. My results didn't come this weekend but I feel it's not far away! Next race is in Barrie and I'm looking forward to it! Thanks to all the people and sponsors that are backing us up this year!"



The team is headed to Barrie this weekend for the Royal Distributing Cup, sponsored in part by our key sponsor, St. Onge Recreation. Check out their store just minutes from the track or come see us there to check out some BRP sleds, ATV's and Side by Sides.

In other exciting news, we will be helping the crew from the TV show, Tougher Than It Looks, film an episode where host Andrew Younghusband tries to race one of our Yeti



Snowbikes and Ski Doo Race Sleds. Should be interesting, at the very least good for a couple laughs. Check out a promo on the series at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FNQQm113nPw>

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