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Press Release Timmins Race Weekend – March 4 - 5, 2017

Bailey Riders on the Top of the Podium 6 times in Timmins

After weeks of record breaking mild temperatures, we arrived in Timmins for the Eclipse Financial Snowcross Pro Challenge. We woke up to a -35 degree day on Saturday, thankfully the sun was out and temps steadily rose to -14 by mid-afternoon. This is always a great event, promoted in large by former Pro Woman Champ Angela Vacchino. The CSRA crew had their hands full turning the city snow dump into a Snowcross track for the racers. In the end we had an awesome track, tight enough that the crowd could see the entire race but challenging enough to keep the racing intense.

Some of the team had the opportunity to do some Free-riding on Friday afternoon just outside of town, an experience they won't soon forget. It's not often our racers get a chance to ride anywhere but the race or practice track. This time they found themselves in the middle of what seemed like an endless sand pit, tons of peaked up man made dunes, cliffs, drifts, and open flat spaces to let it rip. Thanks to Angela V for putting us in contact with Gary Carnovale who gave us a guided tour of the area, Thanks Gary! We will be back to see you next year!

Back to the job at hand, the team was ready to race this weekend and once the day got underway, the results started pouring in. In the morning Sport Class, Isaac St. Onge would go out and put down incredibly fast laps, after tangling for the lead, he would go off the track and be penalized for not stopping. Starting from the back row in the final Isaac would fight hard all race to finish 5th. In the afternoon class, St. Onge would go 1-1 in his motos and then in commanding fashion, win his final, sweet way to end his day.



In the Pro Lite class Ryan Hunt had some inspired motos nailed down going 2-2 and earning a great pick on the line for his final later in the day. Off the line, a false start by one of his competitors would entice our rider into jumping the start, forcing Hunt to have to drop to the back of the field before he could begin his charge to the front. Hunt would make up several positions by the end of the race, finishing 9th.



In the Pro Open class both our riders would fight hard to find the fast lines around the track. For Mitch King, that would come with some minor incidents but no serious injury to body or sled. When asked King described his day like this, "The tight track in Timmins challenged me all weekend. I struggled to find a flow on the track, no excuses though it was all on me. My sled was working great". For Eggen, there was some tight racing all day, just needing to find a way to pull it all together in the final to get back on the box.



In the Snowbike class, the team's premier rider Nathan Bles went out and absolutely destroyed the competition, in fact Bles ran lap times faster than many of the Pro racers competing on the day. Super impressed to see how Nathan has taken his motocross skills and applied them to the New class, we are very fortunate to have found this young rider willing to work with us as we help develop the bikes and the class here in the CSRA. Needless to say Bles took the win, not only on Saturday, but Sunday as well!



Sunday would bring in warmer temps but the wind chill would still make it feel blistering cold out there. Thankful we are racing though, so we'll take it. It isn't often that St. Onge doesn't win, let alone not make podium, so after Saturday he had some extra motivation to have another winning day. Isaac dominated the class going 3-1 in his morning motos before winning the Sport 1 class. In the afternoon he pounded out 1-1 motos in Sport 2 and took the win after a good battle from behind. Check out our Facebook page for the video of his entire race.

Hunt had a good day in his motos on Sunday, this class is full of riders that can find a way to make it to the front and on a tight track make it difficult to get to the front. Knowing he had points to try and make up for, Ryan focused on his final. Here is how he saw it unfold, "I had a good start and wound up 3rd and wasted no time making the pass for 2nd and then being smart waited for the right time to take the lead as I



knew I still had plenty of laps to get it done. I got by the leader fast and started to go as fast as I could to get away from the pack. Seeing my dad and Glen cheering me on from the side of the track and seeing how intense they were cheering for me I knew I needed to dig hard and the white flag came out and going around that last corner knowing I had the win was so rewarding after all the bad luck! Really like to thank everyone that supports me and the team!"

In Pro Open the day would shape up better for both our racers, getting some good flow going in their motos and have them pumped for the final. There it would be King to get off the line in 3rd and hold that position for several laps before making a bobble and losing some time, King would finish a strong 6th and show he had the pace to hold on to the front runners. For Eggen, he would not get the start he was looking for and had to fight all race to make up positions, moving all the way from dead last after almost leaving the track in the first corner up to 7th by the end of the race.

Back with us this weekend was Hailey Belanger, one of our novice girl riders. Hailey was out there ripping it up on the 2011 MXZ550 fan that once won a couple championships for teammate Ryan back in his novice days. Hailey pulled off some sweet rides, showing that all her practice time up at The Compound in Muskoka really pays off. We asked Hailey for a highlight, "My biggest highlight of the weekend would have to be getting 3rd overall both days in transition girls, 4th and 3rd overall in junior girls this weekend!" Go Hailey Go!

The 3 girls from KSR all hit the track in Timmins and had great showings. Here is a portion of the KSR press release... "Overall, Brooklyn had a stand-out weekend with multiple moto wins and highest number of laps led (in more than one class) in a weekend for Laps for Muscular Dystrophy. In addition to those achievements, this weekend saw race winners interviewed by the announcer, Dave Bell, giving Brooklyn many opportunities to promote young girls in racing. Winning a couple Novice B moto's, as the only girl left in the class, was the perfect opportunity to show race fans and future little girls in the stands that a racer is a racer no matter what gender. It was also a chance to represent Ski-Doo as the only Ski-Doo amongst a class full of Arctic Cats."

"Timmins saw Zoe bring her best racing yet! Although she didn't sweep the podium, it was clear she elevated her riding capabilities on her Brigg's sled with her best finishes to date. Zoe also drove her Polaris 120 Stock 2 to its absolute max, finishing 4th"



“Saturday saw Dakota on the losing end of some rubbing in Transition girls that sent her over a berm yet the next moto she was able to move past the incident and finish 3rd. The same class saw her obtaining a 2nd on Sunday.”

“I spent some extra time watching these 4 girls, over the course of the weekend and was reminded why I love this sport so much. It’s that special feeling you get deep inside, the one that makes you feel good. It has been 14 years since I brought Ryan into all of this and it’s that special feeling I got back then, the one that makes you as a parent go Ahhhhh. That feeling came rushing back when I saw how these young racers interacted with their parents. The bond there is on the starting line, the emotion given as Mom and Dad waved on the girls to give it their all and as they cross the finish line, running to join them after the race and congratulate them on a job well done. Thanks for reminding me what is really important out there on the track” S.Hunt.

We now head into a 3 week break before heading to Kitchener and then on to the season finale at Horseshoe Valley Resort. The team will head to The Compound in Muskoka to practice and prepare for the final events. Come check it out, still lots of snow and for those fellow Ski Doo owners, check out our 2 Day Garage Sale on all our current and not so current parts and accessories.

Check out our Facebook page for lots of video footage from our weekend.

Thanks to all our amazing partners for the support.

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