

Press Release

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What an amazing weekend the team had in Duluth at the ISOC season opener. The best racers from around the world were there to compete on one of the toughest tracks on the circuit. We are very proud of all our riders and crew members, we pulled together as a team and came away with some great results and experience that will make us stronger heading back home for start of our season. Huge thanks to Ski Doo for building an awesome sled, for the support given to the sport and to our team. After a lot of hard work during testing, our mechanics dialed in the suspension with the guidance and expertise of the guys at Enzo suspension. We had no issues with performance, the new sleds have a noticeable horse power increase over the 2017 units. Mixing the Sunoco Surge race gas and Mystik Lubricants Synthetic oil fueled the beast and the sound and power coming from our MBRP exhaust is amazing.

Race report:

For **Brooklyn Karkoulas**, it was her first time racing in Duluth, in fact at any ISOC event. With only a day of practice prior to the event she would go out and hold her own in the Junior girls class with some solid rides, finishing 5th in the final. She finished 3rd in a heat race in her Transition class and made the final. It was great to see the smile beneath her helmet as she came off the track for the first time. After the races, Brooklyn has this to say about the experience;

“I am sad the weekend is over, it was a great time racing at my first ISOC national. The high level of competition made for some great racing and my HMK gear kept me warm and dry the whole time”

Brooklyn Karkoulas



Isaac St Onge

Isaac St. Onge was here to race the Sport class this weekend and man, did he do that! Isaac found his rhythm on Friday and would go out and place well in both his qualifiers, showing he had the speed to be up front with the best. In his final, the pack would get out front of him and he would have to battle his way to the front, making up several positions before the end of the race and ending up in 6th. A great showing for the young rider. Racing on Saturday didn't go as well when he got tangled up with another ride and crashed out of the LCQ. Always in great spirits, Isaac cheered on his teammates the balance of the weekend and had this to say,



"This past weekend at Duluth was a learning curve, it had ups and downs and I learned a lot. I was able to get a few heat wins but no podium finishes in the final. But all in all it was a great weekend."

Next up were our 2 Pro's. **Ryan Hunt and Taylor McCoy** came to Duluth with the intention of racing the Pro Class. This was a huge undertaking for the two teenagers. Can't say it enough, the Best in the World were here! They took them on as rookies and showed well in the class.

With butterflies in their stomachs, they went out and pounded out lap after lap, pushing themselves, learning technique and new lines from those they have looked up to for years.

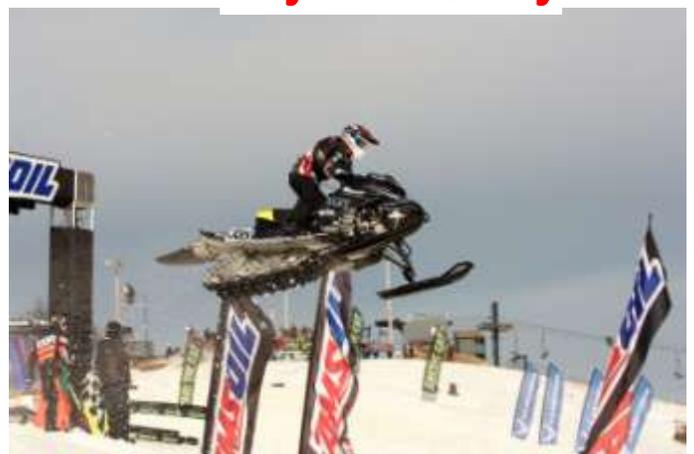


"I couldn't be more proud of our riders, they rode hard all weekend. Showing they have what it takes to compete" S. Hunt

Taylor McCoy

Taylor was able to qualify for the final on Saturday night, coming out of the LCQ and ran a great race, finishing up in 12th. Strong, Strong effort to get himself in to the final at this event! When asked about the weekend Taylor said,

"Duluth was an amazing race for me, I came in too the weekend with my head up high for the my debut in the Pro class. I rode hard and ended up making the final on Saturday which I was pumped about since that's been my goal from when I was a kid riding the 120's. Overall the weekend was great, sled ran awesome and the team as well was great. Looking forward to the Canadian season starting in January!"



Ryan Hunt

Hunt rode smart all weekend and pushed hard to keep pace with this talented group of racers, his pace improved with every moto and by the end of the weekend would shave seconds off his lap times. A highlight had to be when he pulled into his starting position right between Tucker Hibbert and Adam Renhiem, two of the very best in the sport. Here is what Ryan had to say about his experience, "Lining up with the best in the world was something I'll remember forever! Didn't have the weekend I had hoped for but it won't be the last time riding pro in ISOC and I will be back trying to get my way into a final! Feeling great on the new Skidoo's and all the help backing us again this year to make it all happen!"

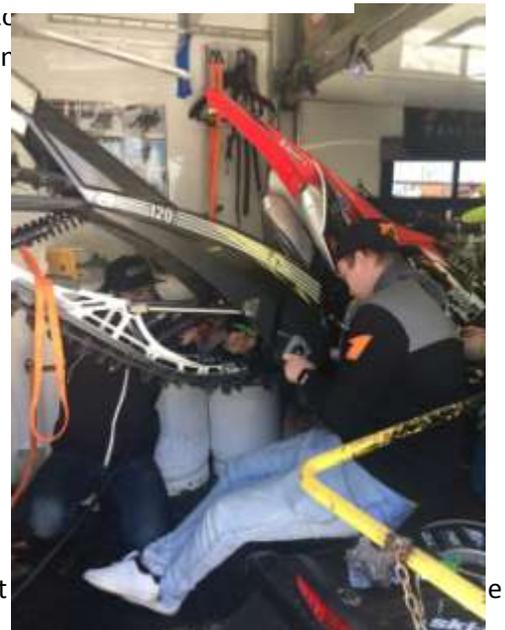


Yanick Boucher

The highlight of the weekend came from our snowbike racer. After a granu u
Yeti Snowbike, **Yanick Boucher** when out and finished 2nd in the final! Outstar
practice track. Yanick is brand new to this discipline, having never
ridden a snowbike before. He showed up to practice a week early
with the team at Quadna and it didn't take him long to get the feel of
it. Soon after pounding out some fast laps the kit would fail and he
would have to sit out a few days until a new part arrived. The team
re-built the suspension and back at it he went. After about a 15 min
practice session you could see that Yanick was feeling comfortable,
he had most the jumps dialed and was looking good. Then, again
unfortunately something went wrong with the kit and he was forced
to retire the bike. We put out a call to everyone we knew with a Yeti
kit to ask for help. Thankfully Mike Island from back home said we
could use his. He came through for us, delivering it to St.Onge
Recreation where it was picked up by Mike Fenton and Izac Reid who brought
this was going on, the former owner of
Yeti, Jamie Hodgson also offered up
his support and graciously offered a kit
with one of his own.

We are very grateful to all of you and
super happy to be able to thank you
with a podium finish. Great ride
Yanick, we think you have found your
calling!

Special thanks to Tekrider for our
sweet jerseys, if you like the look of
them, go check out Tekrider. They can



help design you a custom jersey of your own. Match them up with HMK jackets and pants and you will not be disappointed! Once again we are set up with Scott goggles and Troy Lee Designs helmets, a perfect combination. Great visibility, comfort and safety.

Thankful the team is headed home in good health. We had a blast as we always do and are well prepared for what comes next. We wait now for the temps to cool off so Glen and the gang at The Compound can make us a track so our testing can continue. Until then, thank you for following. Thank you to all our partners for the support.

Next events:

- Snowbike X Games qualifier Dec 15-16, MN
- CSRA season opener, Rouyn Noranda Jan 15-16

