

X Games Aspen Colorado

Pre-Race Report

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To say that we are excited to be here getting ready for the X Games would be a huge understatement! The team of Bailey Motorsports is thrilled to be here on site in Aspen and prepping for one of the biggest race events of one of our rider's career to date. Yanick Boucher, originally from Hearst Ontario, is going to be representing Bailey Motorsports for the first time at the world famous X Games event this coming weekend. Practice begins on Friday with the qualifiers and main event programming following on Saturday.

Team owner Stuart Hunt had this to say on being at the X Games, *"After winning the CSRA Snowbike championship last season, I wanted to step up our program for 2018. Qualifying for X Games was one of our goals this year. In order to make that happen we worked hard at finding a new athlete, one that that possessed skills at the pro level in both motocross and snowcross disciplines. Yanick fit the profile perfectly. Working with Derek at Flybyu and John at St Onge Bikeshop we matched the 2018 Yeti 129ss kit to the 2018 Husquvarna FC450. After a ton of testing and hard work, the bike is ready to rip. I am really excited to see what we can do here, racing against the best racers in the world. Very thankful for the support from our family and partners that have backed our program this year."*

Competitors are arriving from across Canada and the United States in Aspen for the X Games snow bike race event. Some of the best riders in the world including Ryan Villipoto will be vying for their chance to compete for X Games gold in the qualifying heats. We are excited to see Yanick's incredible riding ability and experience prove him as a worthy competitor in this very talented field.

When asked what has led him to being here at the X Games, Yanick commented that, *"I never thought that one day my dirt bike would bring me here racing at X Games. It all started when I was 14 years old and riding my first dirt bike around*



with my friends in the sand pits. Our fathers ended up building us all a small track on my family's property for us to practice on. After only a few weeks of riding, we were off to our first race, and that would be the start of many weekends spent on the road going to motocross events.

After racing dirt bikes that very first summer, we went on to try our first snowcross race, and from that moment I was hooked. The next 7 years of my life were filled with many race weekends between motocross and snowcross - and I eventually worked my way up through the ranks up to the Pro class in both sports.

After getting good results in the Canadian Motocross Nationals this past summer, Stuart Hunt from Bailey Motorsports approached me with the idea of racing snow bikes. I was really interested to give this new sport a try, and so far I'm loving it. They are a lot of fun to ride!

Riding under the Bailey Motorsports banner, I made it out to the X Games qualifier at held at ERX Motorsports Park and qualified on my Yeti snow bike for X Games! This has all been a dream come true for me. I went from watching the X Games on TV as a kid, to being here competing as an athlete. Incredible.

So far the trip to Colorado has been awesome and I am really looking forward to racing this Saturday. Can't thank Bailey Motorsports and their sponsor companies enough for this opportunity. None of this would have been possible without their support and incredible products!"

A special thanks to Yeti Snowmx and the development team at Camso for working with us to get the right set up in the 129ss kit. With their support and the hard work done at Flybyu Motorsports on the bike build, we have a set up that is ready for the biggest stage snowbike racing will see this year.

Also want to make mention of the great support from HMK and Mystik Lubricants this year. HMK has the team covered in gear from head to toe and will be here at X this year supporting all their athletes. Mystik has all our race and support vehicles covered with the Lubricants needed. Be sure to check them out for your needs, you won't be disappointed.

Live coverage of the snowbike finals will be shown on Saturday afternoon on the ABC network. Please follow this link for scheduling and also to watch live coverage <http://xgames.espn.com/xgames/events/2018/aspenschedule/tv> .



Please also check our social media for updates as the event progresses. Typically we would be providing live feeds of the racing action through our social media, but with X Games security protocols we will be unable to provide any visual updates or videos during the event.

For more info on the team or our marketing partners, please visit our social media sites at:

Facebook [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/BAILEY-MOTORSPORTS-196013210530733](https://www.facebook.com/bailey-motorsports-196013210530733)

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