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Post-Race Report

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INTERNATIONAL SNOWCROSS GRAND PRIX ROUYN-NORANDA, QC



Podium filled weekend in Rouyn Noranda!

Rounds 1 & 2 finally got underway and despite the horrible weather and tough track conditions, the team did incredible. Finishing with 8 podiums, 4 of them in the #1 spot. The time, effort and preparation that went into our program prior to the start of the season was intense this year. Everyone worked hard to be ready and it showed in our results. Big thanks to the crew behind the scenes that makes this all possible.



Ski Doo has done a great job with the new Gen 4 race sled and with their support we have been able to fine tune them into winning machines.

We have teamed up with Enzo Suspension this year, getting their help to dial in the suspension giving our riders the ability to race hard no matter the track conditions. Very thankful for the support from these partners.

We need to give a shout out to Yeti/Camsco for building us the brand new 129ss kit in time for the event and St. Onge Recreation for hooking us up with the new Husqvarna 450. Fybyu Motorsports worked long and hard building the snowbike, giving us a set up that worked amazing. This combination is unreal and no doubt will help Yanick race to the front of the pack this year.

With minimal time on the bike, Yanick was able to pull off some incredible rides this weekend. Either taking the holeshot or working his way from the back to the front, he has definitely figured out how to race this new set up quickly.



We asked Yanick for his comments on the weekend, “Had a great weekend racing at the first round of CSRA snowcross, with really cold temperatures and icy track conditions that made it hard to ride on a snowbike. I was able to finish off 2nd and 1st overall on the weekend, happy with my riding and looking forward to the next round!” Next stop for Yanick is the Winter X Games in Aspen, Colorado. Watch for him and the team on ESPN, January 27th!

Yanick Boucher

Without a doubt our rider of the weekend had to be Isaac St. Onge, he was undefeated both days, winning Pro Lite and showing he is the one to beat in 2018! There is no question Isaac has talent, his riding style is smooth and looks almost effortless when he is on his game. The sled was dialed in thanks to team mechanics and ran perfect all weekend, giving Isaac another advantage out on the track.



Isaac St Onge

“The sled couldn’t have performed better, it was pulling hard out of the hole, Glen did some tweaking with my suspension to make it perfect, and I was feeling real comfortable on the sled... Overall this past weekend was a great way to start the season!!!” said Isaac St. Onge.

Also finishing on top of the podium was Brooklyn Karkoulas in her first race as a Junior Girl. Brooklyn is no stranger to being out front, but moving up a class this year had her questioning how tough the competition was going to be. It was great to see her at The Compound and at Duluth this year, preparing for the opening round, the practice and experience clearly helped her. Watch out girls, #500 is ready!



Brooklyn Karkoulas

On her successful weekend Brooklyn said “I am stoked about how the whole weekend went, it was awesome making front row in the older boys Junior 1 final both days. Felt great starting the season off on the right foot winning my first Jr girls race, bummed about falling off while I was leading my Jr girls race on Sunday but happy that I had enough of a lead to finish the race in 3rd. Bring on round 3&4!”



Another one of the young riders with the Bailey team, Hailey Belanger, did great in her heats as well. Hailey said, "I think my favorite highlight of the weekend was finishing 2nd in one of my Transition girls heat and 4th in my Transition 8-10 heat! I definitely learned no matter the bumps in the road you keep at it and you can achieve anything with a little hard work "

Hailey Belanger

On to the Pro Class and our three riders competing at the top level of the sport, two of which are in their rookie season.

Both Ryan Hunt and Taylor McCoy lined up this weekend in their Pro debut here in the CSRA, joined by teammate Mitch King our seasoned Pro.

This is a bitter sweet report as the weekend of racing was cut short for Mitch as a crash on Saturday took him out of the race and will now sideline him for the rest of the season. Mitch is as tough as they come, so we expect him to fully recover from his injury. We will miss his presence at the races, he was great to have in the pits, motivating teammates, working with the mechanics and just in general a positive influence. Get well soon Mitch!



Mitch King

Taylor McCoy



Our two rookies would line up this weekend with great anticipation and excitement of things to come. On Saturday Hunt rode hard in moto 1 and worked his way into 4th after a good battle with a couple riders, while not as fortunate in moto 2. McCoy pushed hard in his qualifiers and he found a way to pull it all together in the final to take 3rd overall. An inspired ride for sure. "This weekend was something I was pumped about for a while, coming in as a rookie in the pro class I was excited to show what I had. Saturday was a fun day, fought hard for a 3rd place in the final,

was super happy about it." Taylor McCoy

In round 2 the two racers had some tough battles in both of their qualifiers. All the riders in this class are at the top of their game this season and we don't expect things to get any easier. In the final, neither racer would get the jump off the line they would have wanted but each found a way to clear several riders before the end of the first lap and then find each other on the track. McCoy would lead

Ryan for several laps, both gaining on 3rd place. As the race progress they moved by 3rd who crashed out, leaving the teammates to battle one another, something they have done their entire career. It was exciting to watch our Colours race around the track, literally only sled lengths apart at times. Taylor would hold on to 3rd and Ryan 4th to end the day and the first weekend of racing.

“Had trouble all weekend with starts and led me to have to fight through the pack of riders most races all weekend. All throughout I was trying to keep a positive attitude towards the day and my finishes. Sunday I had a good final and dug deep to pull off a 4th in the final and almost taking 3rd! Things to work on but getting through the first weekend was a goal I had set.” Ryan Hunt



Ryan Hunt

“The first weekend of racing is always filled with a ton of different emotions, this one more than other as we lost one of the family. What happens next will be exciting to see, we have a good thing going here” Stu Hunt

Thanks to the crew at the CSRA for making the best of a bad situation with track conditions, let's hope Mother Nature is good to us the rest of the season. Thank you to our partners and families that help make this all happen.

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