

## Kitchener Race Report

March 27, 2018

Great weekend of racing at the Rockstar Energy Snowcross event held at the Chicopee Ski Resort in Kitchener this past weekend. The season is winding down but the team was excited to be racing after a break in the action. The ski hill at Chicopee had tons of snow and the elevation changes allowed former racer, Ric Wilson to shape and build one of the best tracks we have seen at this event, thanks Ric! Thanks to the CSRA crew for making this event happen and to Huber Motorsports for treating the hundreds of kids to the amazing Easter Egg Hunt.

The weather was perfect, with sunny skies and temps hovering just above freezing. Great crowds showed up both days to catch some incredible racing. As the point chase towards championships gets closer, so do the battles on the track. We have three racers leading their class and looking to close out the season championships next weekend in Horseshoe. Brooklyn Karkoulas in the Junior girls class, Isaac St. Onge in Pro Lite and Yanick Boucher in Snowbike are all sitting in the #1 spot.

Yanick had incredible races all weekend long, clearly had the track figured out and was setting lap times 3-4 seconds faster than the second place rider. Our Yeti snowbike, powered by the Husky 450 and tuned by Flybyu Motorsports was dialed in to say the least, ripping hole shots and powering away under the control of #53 Boucher. Yanick would win his fist moto on Saturday in convincing fashion and was doing so in moto 2 until he went down in an icy section of the track, not once but twice. Giving up the lead and the overall win. Sunday he



**Yanick Boucher**

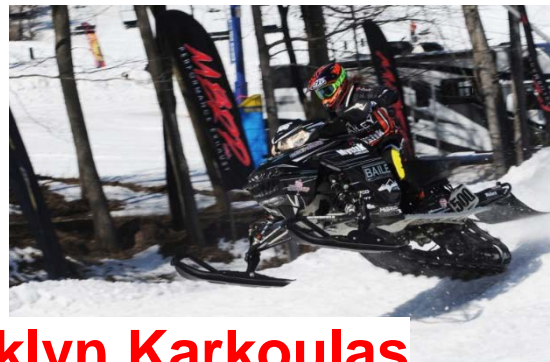
dominated and ran away in both motos to take the overall win on the day. This sport has come a long way in just one year, the top bikes are now turning lap times as fast as our Pro Sleds. We have no doubt this sport is here to stay and will grow in the years to come.

In the Pro Lite class, Isaac has 47 point lead over second place in his hunt for the championship. It hasn't come easy this year, but Isaac has found a way to make the most of those days that he hasn't got out front and won. This weekend would be no different, on Saturday he would get a good start, making a pass or two before the second corner and then race hard to make a pass for second. Lap after lap, he would search for new lines in an effort to catch first. It was a great battle, with Isaac just narrowly missing out for the win. Sunday was a similar story, with some good racing to get to the number 2 spot and then make a pass for the lead with just laps to go. Unfortunately, he and second place tangled and both would end up off their sleds, losing multiple positions. Isaac would remount and finish the race in 9<sup>th</sup>.



**Isaac St Onge**

In her Junior Girls class, Brooklyn Karkoulas had a dominating weekend! She would win both motos on Saturday and went 1-2 in them on Sunday, giving her the overall both days. You could really tell she spent some time practicing over the March break at The Compound. Her ability to ride through the long rhythm section, making doubles look easy and effortless. Watch for her to make a charge to the checkers again in the finals this weekend.



**Brooklyn Karkoulas**

It was great to see our Pros hit the track this weekend, the jumps were huge and made for some great spectating. With the massive rhythm section right in front of the spectators, that saw the riders clear a triple and even quad a section that sent them over 90 feet. The uphill section was filled with doubles that sent them into the air, giving the fans a great show.



Locking down his first moto win of the season, Taylor McCoy rode a great race and lead every lap, looking smooth and in control of the race the entire time. Great to see him bust out a win, giving him the confidence he needs going into the final weekend of the year.



**Taylor McCoy**

It may have been the toughest weekend for Ryan Hunt, while he had some great rides and lap times consistent with the pack, he just couldn't shake some bad luck all weekend. Having tough starts, followed by racing incidents with other riders and a crash on Sunday, put Ryan in a spot he is definitely not used to being in. With his focus now on Horseshoe, look for Hunt to make a strong finish to his season.



**Ryan Hunt**

The young girls that we help support had some great races of their own. It is great to see that these girls all race in mixed gender classes and do awesome! Both Dakota Karkoulas of team KSR and Hailey Belanger of Shad Motorsports finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall on the weekend in the Transition 2 and Transition 1.



**Dakota Karkoulas**

The two girls also had impressive finishes in the Transition Girls class, with Dakota taking the win and Hailey in the #2 spot. On Sunday the two would take first and third. Amazing!!

**Hailey Belanger**



The youngest member of the KRS team, Zoe Karkoulas found a way to the podium in the new Novice 200 class with a 3rd. Sending her sled big time, showing how to get it done. It won't be long before she challenges her sisters in some good racing battles.

## Zoe Karkoulas

Special thanks to our mechanic Glen Goodale and his team at The Compound for building us such a sweet track at their facility this winter. There is still tons of snow and a great track there, so if you still have the itch after Horseshoe get out there. We have such a great crew that work hard each week to ensure our sleds and bikes are race ready each and every race. Glen Goodale, Derek Uttley, Luke Travaglini, Tom Wilson, Shawn Marinoff and Troy Karkoulas, all play a big role in their respective areas and help make us who we are. Thank you.



We are now only days away from the last event of the year, it has been a long hard season with thankfully only one serious injury to a team member. "It is this time of year I worry the most about, riders push even harder to do their best one last time. You never know what's going to happen next. What I hope for, is a good weekend of racing where everyone walks away with their heads held high, because I am really proud to call you my team!" S. Hunt



Come check us out March 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> at Horseshoe Valley Ski Resort.

Thanks to Kyle Sheppard from Outlaw Productions and Dwayne Young of Clean Media for the photo and video footage this weekend. Stay tuned for more from Outlaw in the coming days.

Thank you for the support, see you at the races.

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