

Press Release

Timmins Post Race Report

March 9, 2018

The team headed to Timmins for the fourth event of the season and was looking forward to doing some freeriding prior to the event at a local site, just outside the town's limits. The weather was perfect, with sunny skies and temps hovering just below zero. A decent base of snow allowed some of the crew to blow off some steam in what was or used to be sand pits. A good time for sure!

When we arrived at the track we were pleased to see the amount of snow they had on site and were eager to see what the crew would have in store for us for the track design. A very cool, elevated start was the first thing we saw, something we also had in Valcourt. It is something different and the racers seem to like it as it adds a twist to the typical start. There was a huge double shaped up that also acted as the finish line, situated right in front of the area where the crowds viewed the racing from. The track was a short one, with lap times averaging around 21 seconds in the Pro Classes, to give some perspective, lap times normally range closer to 60 seconds at most events. Without question, the short track made for some tight racing and intense battles on the track.

Speaking of lap times, the fastest time posted on Sunday was set by our very own, Yanick Boucher on his Husky powered Yeti Snowmx bike, with a time of 19.8 seconds. Pretty incredible to think Yanick was able to post this time and run at that pace consistently all weekend. Yanick clearly had the track dialed in and would ride undefeated all weekend. Hailing from Hearst, Ontario, Timmins would be the closest race to his hometown and allow his family and friends to come and support him and his new teammates. "Felt really good to be racing closer to home with lots of friends and family that came out to support me, it was cool seeing everyone." Yanick Boucher



RYAN HUNT



YANICK BOUCHER



It has been really cool to see the snowbike class develop over the past couple of years, Yanick and his closest rival have had some great battles on the track and wow the crowd with their speed.

It is unfortunate, but our Pro class continues to lose racers due to injury and is now down to 7 racers. But those 7 put on a show that is well worth watching. Our two riders have their hands full this year and work hard every week to try and improve. Both are rookies this season and at times have found a way to post fast lap times and put together qualifying motos and even some finals. One of his best motos of the weekend would see Ryan Hunt, battle hard with the points leader RJ Roy, each making several passes during the race, exciting to see the two race hard, never losing sight of the leader of the race. Taylor McCoy also had some impressive races, charging hard and would continue to hold down 4th in the Championship hunt. Coming into the last two rounds of the season, watch for both of these riders to step it up and look to get on the podium. "Always a fun weekend in Timmins! Just like last year we all went for an awesome trail ride, there is just endless fun to have in the industrial pit we ride in! Glad to have some well needed fun. The weekend didn't go as I planned, bad starts and a 1 line track would limit me to being able to pass and gain some points. I'd like to thank all of our sponsors that continuously help us and support us!" (Ryan Hunt)

Our Pro Lite rider Isaac St. Onge had some great qualifying races, winning 3 of 4 of them. But when it came to his finals he would suffer from some back luck. In the final on Saturday, he would crash in the first corner, get up in last and make a great charge to towards the front, finishing 4th at the end of the race. On Sunday, he would get off to an awesome start and lead the race for the first couple of laps, but then suffer a mechanical failure and forced to retire. Isaac still retains the points lead and with two rounds to go will have to put in some consistent finishes to ensure he doesn't lose it.

The weekend was challenging for Brooklyn, who faced some road blocks with a competitive Junior Girls class. Given the short track, the holeshot was crucial and made for a tough start for many racers. On Saturday, Brooklyn took 3rd place points and she was going into Sunday's second moto more determined than ever to make up some points. Sadly her sled did not cooperate, and a mechanical failure resulted in it being towed off the track in her final. We really hope that all the young racers in this class continue to be involved in the sport, if they do we will have an exciting Pro Women's class in a few years.



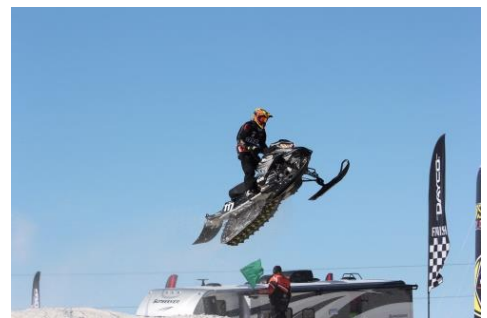
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Each week we ask our riders to provide us with a post-race quote, this one from Hailey was a perfect description of her weekend.

“I can’t believe the weather this season! Leading up to this past weekend in Timmins the weather was like a yo yo! Thankfully The Compound has plenty of snow and I was able to continue practicing and preparing for the weekend! I had a lot of fun this weekend hanging with the whole entire team. Timmins is always so much fun. The track had its challenges! I’d never seen elevated start before in person! It was pretty interesting. But I didn’t let it get the best of me. I was able to walk away this weekend with 3rd overall both days in transition girls and 2nd, 4th overall in transition 8-10. Definitely looking forward to having a bit of a brake and practice a few little thing at The Compound over the March brake to get ready for Kitchener.”

The team now has a break from racing but not from riding. They will be at The Compound to test and practice over the next couple of weeks, looking to improve upon their results and finish off the year strong.

Our next event will be held at the Chicopee Ski Hill in Kitchener, Ontario on March 24/25.

If you haven’t already seen it, check out this sneak peek of the new 2019 Yeti Snowmx kit, more information will be available April 2nd. <https://youtu.be/sCjR2O2cP5w> It has been great working with Yeti the past couple of years, we can’t wait to show you what they have been working on for 2019.

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