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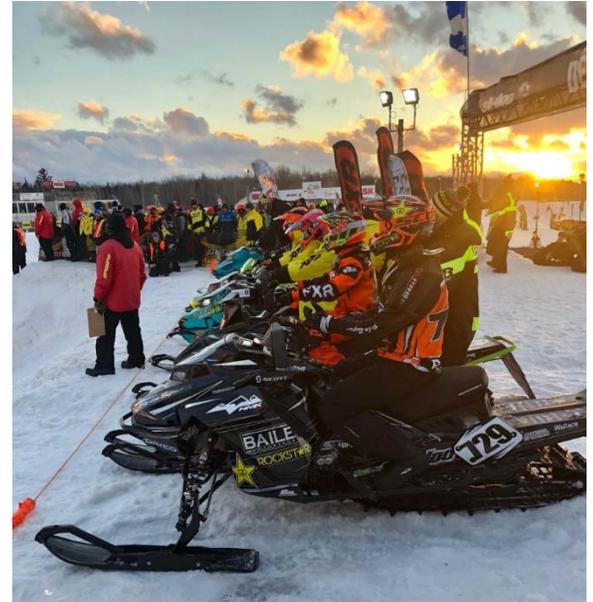
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Bailey Motorsports Athletes Podium In Valcourt

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The 2019 edition of the Grand Prix de Valcourt was held last weekend at the Circuit Yvon Duhamel, home of BRP Ski Doo. Without question, this is one of the best winter sporting events in the world. Hundreds of racers from various disciplines show up each year to compete for the prestigious championship, entertaining thousands of race fans over the three day event. The team arrived early, and was able to get in some good practice Thursday afternoon on the intense Valcourt snowcross track. The crews always build a sick track for the racers, lined with huge jumps, rhythm sections and massive elevated starting line. If you missed the action on the live stream, check out our social media for some video clips, especially the huge 100' double jump that many racers were doing!



We were ready for action, and had 3 of our racers there to compete. Ryan, Yanick and Brooklyn all were on hand and were well prepped for the event in Pro snowcross, Snowbike and in the Women's classes. For the first time, young Dakota Karkoulas from KSR race team also joined her sister and made the trip to Valcourt to get her first taste of this awesome event. On Friday all four would get out on the track and race in their respective classes. The two girls racing in the Women's class, they quickly showed the field that they were the ones to watch. Both would get great starts off the line and lead the rest of the pack around the intense track. They would go on to do the same in the final, with Brooklyn taking the win and Dakota second.





Dakota Karkoulas #501

On Saturday Dakota raced in the Junior 10-13 mixed class and looked comfortable, pushing hard in her motos and again in the final taking 3rd! Great job on the weekend, on the podium in both classes!

“Wow what a weekend! I had so much fun. It was my first time in Valcourt and definitely won't be my last. The track was amazing with huge jumps and a cool drop start. I got to race a faster sled then I usually do and it was so cool. I chased my older sister the whole way in my dames/women's final getting myself on the podium with a second place on Friday and rode hard on Saturday getting a third in JR 10-13 getting on the podium again!” #501 Dakota Karkoulas.



Brooklyn Karkoulas #500

Brooklyn signed up for the Pro Women's class on Sunday and would line up against the fastest woman in the sport, Megan Brodeur. It was cool to see the two lined up on the starting line! Brooklyn had an awesome day, finishing 2nd behind Megan in each moto and the main event! Congrats!

“A weekend of first! On Friday I learned the track and went 1-1 in my qualifiers in the women's class. I took the win in the final and earned my first Grand Prix flag. Sunday was definitely a blast! It was my first time racing Pro Women, and I earned myself second putting me on the podium for a second time. This weekend was definitely one to remember and I'm very happy with the outcome.” #500 Brooklyn Karkoulas



Yanick Boucher #53

In the Snowbike class, Yanick dominated! He was able to set fast lap times and clear every obstacle on the track, including the huge finish line double, a crowd favourite for sure. Yanick would go undefeated all weekend long, winning all his motos and finals. Winning back to back championships again this year.

“Such a fun weekend in Valcourt Quebec, always a good time racing at the grand prix! Track was awesome with lots of snow and some big jumps. Couldn’t ask for better results winning all my heats and both finals! Huge thanks to my whole team and all our great sponsors that make successful weekends like these possible!” #53 Yanick Boucher.



Ryan Hunt #729

Some of the Ski Doo Super Teams showed up again this year as there was a break in the ISOC series, allowing them to come compete. The competition was intense in the Pro Snowcross class, over 25 riders were there competing for one of the 15 spots available on the starting line in the final. On Friday Ryan raced in the open event where over 30

competitors from both the Pro and Pro Lite classes competed for a chance to race the final. After 2 strong rides in his motos, Ryan made it straight to the final with a good position on the start. The final was postponed to Saturday morning due to bad weather. With a good night's rest, he would make the most of that in the final and put in 15 solid laps, chasing and being chased by the top riders at the event, finishing in 5th.

On Saturday Ryan would again make the final after finishing with a 3rd in moto one, 6 in moto 2 and 2nd in the LCQ. Placing him in the back row for the main. He made some smart moves on the first couple laps and quickly made his way up to 6th where he would remain for most of the race until a mechanical failure started to slow his progress. He would hold on for 8th. Sunday, the weather cleared and sun came out, Ryan had a great moto 1, keeping pace with the leaders and finishing 3rd. In moto 2 he got off to a great start and was chasing down and putting pressure on 2nd when he would land hard off a jump and injure his leg, pulled off and could not complete the day. We hope to see him back on the sled this weekend so he can keep up his points in the CSRA series and stay in contention for the top spots.



On racing at Valcourt Ryan had this to say;

“Valcourt has yet again come around and it was a weekend full of ups and downs, the track never disappoints as it has some of the most fun jumps to hit and awesome rhyme sections to fly through. I was very happy to see myself battling with the best out there on the track and be able to trade paint with some of the other Skidoo riders and be competitive on the track with them. Unfortunately had to finish the weekend off with an injury but as the days go by I'm fighting to be back riding for the next race in Lindsay.”

As always the team had a ton of fun and was able to enjoy some of the other racing that took place. Thanks to Ski Doo and the crew of the CSRA and Valcourt for hosting and putting on another amazing event. If you haven't attended this one, be sure to make the trip next year, you won't be disappointed.



Our next event is this Saturday, February 16th in Lindsay. It will be live streamed so if you can't make it, be sure to tune in. The link will be available on our web site and snowcross.com. Follow our social media for more as the date approaches. **For the first time ever, the CSRA will hold a unique race, open to both snowmobiles and snowbikes. Racers will compete in a head to head, pairing 2 riders at a time in an elimination round event. Winner takes all, a grand prize of \$5000 and bragging rights.**

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