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Derek Ellis Takes First Place in Pro-Lite at Pontiac Silverdome



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Team Jimmy John's visited the the Pontiac Silverdome of NFL lore in Detroit Michigan this past weekend for Round 7 of the AMSOIL Championship Snocross Series and put another rider on the top box of the podium. The stadium drew the largest single one day attendance for an ISOC national this season— despite fears that a snowless winter would hamper the event. Crowds were on the edge of their seats, as the world's best snocross athletes battled it out on the tight, short course.

The compact indoor set-up provided excellent viewing of the course, but created an agitated environment for athletes, as they fought for position—spilling many of them over the banks.

Team Jimmy John's qualifying rounds showed Ellis, Watkinson and Morin running extremely fast—drawing their full attention to picking smart lines while attempting to avoid hard contact with the hungry field of athletes. The intensity of the action on the course paralleled the sport of Roller Derby athletes- where its all about getting to the front, no matter who gets trampled in the process.

In the Pro-Lite class- both Ellis and Watkinson rode hard in brutal qualifying rounds and advanced to the main. At the green, Derek Ellis pulled the hole-shot, railed straight into the bottleneck at turn one and came through in 2nd place just behind Kody Kamm. Pulling ahead of the rest of the field, Ellis moved into first place with 3 laps to go, after passing Kamm on a stricken sled to take the number one podium slot for the first pro feature of the night. Watkinson became a casualty of the pandemonium, and lost ground after colliding with another rider mid pack- he finished in the bottom third of the pack.

Mathieu Morin had powerful starts and strong qualifying for the Pro Open putting him on the front line of his main. At the start, he powered into turn one, where his hopes for a win were derailed when a pounding collision with another sled snapped the tie rod—taking him out of the race.

The team heads to BRP's hometown for the legendary Grand Prix De Valcourt, this weekend in Valcourt, Quebec Canada. Tune into NBC Sports to on Sunday March 11 at 5PM EDT to watch coverage of the race. For pictures and more info, please visit our website at teambossracing.com or like us on Facebook. You can check out videos on YouTube. Look for the BOSS Racing channel.

