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## **AMSOIL Duluth National Snocross – Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>.**

Thanksgiving weekend again brings the beginning of a new season of racing to Spirit Mountain in Duluth, MN. This year Mother Nature tried to throw a curve ball at the sport, but the staff at ISOC and Spirit Mountain did a great job putting together a track in just a few short days as the temps would allow. The weather all weekend was perfect with mild temps, little to no wind. An always impressive crowd was on hand to witness the 24<sup>th</sup> running of this race where Team Bauerly was represented by 3 riders in 2 of the premiere classes.

Kurt Bauerly (#318) started things off for the team on Saturday as he ran in the Pro Plus 30 class where he just happens to be the defending points champion. In round 1 Kurt pulled a great start and charged hard each lap placing himself in 1<sup>st</sup> at the checkers. In round 2 Kurt again ran hard up front and crossed the line with another commanding 1<sup>st</sup> place. These finishes set him as the top qualifier for the final to be run later Saturday evening under the lights. In the final, Kurt shot off to a decent start but had his work cut out for him with a tight pack up front. About halfway through the main event he swapped and had a quick off that put him back in the pack where he had to charge hard for the remaining laps to salvage a top 5 overall finish at the line.

Saturday afternoon brought the first race of the season for the Pro-Lites class where returning rider Shane Sewell (#219), and the teams' newest rider Marcus Ogemar (#58) from Östersund, Sweden both proved ready. Round 1 started off with Shane running hard after the leaders in his heat where he was able to slot into 4<sup>th</sup> and started making up ground on each lap. Marcus battled mid-pack behind him after a tight start. Midway through the race as Shane was making a push for 3<sup>rd</sup> a quick misjudgment in the whoops sent him flying off his sled where he was hit by another rider causing a red flag to the race as they attended to him. He did get a bit beat up and the decision was made to sideline him for the weekend after the impact to his head and knee. On the restart of that race Marcus shot off quickly into 2<sup>nd</sup> place where he ran for a few laps but eventually crossed the line in 5<sup>th</sup>. In round 2 Marcus ran hard to a strong 3<sup>rd</sup> which qualified him for the LCQ where he also started strong, but came off on the uphill and ended in 10<sup>th</sup> which missed the transfer to the main event that night. Both riders showed they definitely have the speed, and the sleds were solid after some minor refinements throughout the day, so look for bigger things to come from these 2 riders and the team.

Sunday brought the boys back to the track early for Pro-Lites qualifying under bluebird skies on a hard fast track. Marcus who was looking very fast in practice charged hard up front early on in his first heat race and crossed the line in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Round 2 went even better as Marcus shot up the hill and eventually pulled away from the 2 riders that finished in front of him earlier in round 1. He eventually crossed the line with a strong heat race win which qualified him 6<sup>th</sup> on the front row for the finals. In the final Marcus got tied up a bit in the first corner and had to work hard lap after lap to keep the front runners in sight. After many grueling laps he was able to pull off a strong 6<sup>th</sup> place overall finish in his first ever final run in the U.S.

The momentum is definitely heading in the right direction for this team, as each of the 3 riders had some very impressive lap times and the new guys are looking more and more comfortable on their sleds which will transfer into some more positive results. Thanks to all of the sponsors, crew members, families and fans that help make this team a success. Visit [www.bauerlyracing.com](http://www.bauerlyracing.com) for more throughout the season.