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Lake Geneva Recap: *Better late than never!*

A few weeks ago I got word that ISOC was adding an Adaptive class to the Lake Geneva Snocross Finale in Wisconsin. Well of course I had to clear the schedule and head south for the weekend! Since it was an 8 hour drive I figured I'd get my money's worth and sign up for the Pro Plus 30 class as well. Lake Geneva is always the best stop on the national tour since the weather is typically great, it's usually the best race course and everyone is usually excited about spring coming. As we rolled in to park and saw the race course for the first time, I was in awe! With the abundance of snow they decided to add another section to the track, so there were three downhill sections. It would turn out to be the best race course I'd ever raced on down there.

I raced in the Pro Plus 30 on Friday afternoon and we had to deal with a little rain for the first half the day but thankfully it faded away a bit later. It felt great to get back on the race track and dice it up with veterans. Round 1 and 2 went very well and after some battling back and forth, I ended up taking second in both. As we lined up for the final I knew I had my work cut out for me there were about 5 riders who'd been battling all season and had some pretty fast lap times. As the green light turned I punched it.... but apparently I was a millisecond late and ended up getting pinched off about half way up the holeshot. As we rounded the first corner I filed in towards the back of the 15 rider group and was eating a lot of snow-dust. I put my head down and tried to find some smooth fast lines on the unbelievably rough race course. The laps clicked away and found myself trading paint with Scrap Iron Earl Reimer, we had a great battle going but at the end he ended up sliding by me. The checkers came out and I crossed the line in sixth place... within 10 seconds or so of the leader. Needless to say the top six places were super tight and it was an exciting race till the end!

Next up on Saturday was the Adaptive class. It was great to see 7 adaptive riders at the line... and between the seven, there were four X Games medalists; Doug Henry, Jim Wazny, Garret Goodwin and myself. Round 1, these guys may be somewhat physically limited in their everyday mobility but when you put them on a snowmobile.... They are not going to hold back! The light turned green and I got pinched off and they ran away from me going up the holeshot hill! It took me nearly 2 laps to move into the lead but immediately after that I had a malfunctions with my side panel and had to pull over and remove it. I lost a few positions and ended up 3rd. Round 2 went a bit better, I took over the lead on the first lap and stretched it out by the time the checkers flew. We lined up for the final and I was ready to have some fun on this phenomenal race course with some amazing riders. The start went not so great but by the time we came down the first hill I jumped into the lead. As the laps clicked by I increased the interval and finished with a great win! I later found out there was an epic battle with the next 3 guys in line. What a great weekend of racing!!

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