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Hollywood Casino Snocross National – March 4-5, 2016

Rounds 13 and 14 of ISOC Amsoil Championship Snocross (ACS) were run this past weekend just outside of Chicago in Joliet Illinois at the famed Route 66 Speedway. The NHRA drag racing complex provides a perfect backdrop for Snocross racing with grandstands down both sides of the track and the tower suites on the end, along with perfect lighting and ample pit parking. The unseasonably warm weather again affected the surroundings and overall look and feel of winter, but the track crew once again put together a great track with an ample amount of snow and a very challenging course which created a ton of action for the fans.

Friday brought the Pro-Lite class to the track where Shane Sewell (#219 Digital Ink/Ski-doo) ran for the team. In round one of qualifying, Shane looked fast and was anxious to run in front of his hometown crowd, but he unfortunately went down in the whoops and someone hit his elbow/back of arm hard causing some bleeding and major swelling. Shane was checked out by the medics and cleared to ride in round two. He was tentative at first but then found a groove and made some passes finishing 5th which put him into the LCQ as the 4th qualifier. In the LCQ Shane rode hard and placed 3rd at the line which gave him a spot in the main event. Once the finals came up later that night, the track once again proved tough but Shane was ready to use his Supercross skills to help navigate the challenging course. In the first few laps he rode in 15th place but then started a smooth fast run where he was picking a couple of guys off per lap. After a great charge through the pack Shane crossed the line at the checkers with a solid top 5 finish on the night!

Saturday brought the team back to the track mid-day where Kurt Bauerly (#318 Fly Racing/Ski-doo) ran in the Pro Plus 30 class. Kurt ran some very impressive and dominant heat races where he grabbed the early lead in each and never looked back for finishes of 1/1, gaining himself the top qualifier position for the finals. In the final in front of the impressive Joliet crowd, Kurt went into the first sweeping corner entering the whoops in tight traffic and was landed into flipping him off of his sled. He quickly remounted and started a charge where he methodically clicked off the laps passing several riders along the way. At the line, he was able to make it all the way up to a solid 2nd place podium finish!

Pro-Lites class qualifying proved eventful for the team on Saturday. Shane ran fast and smooth in practice and was definitely back on form. In round one he went from an outside start to a 5th place finish at the line. In round two Shane was flipped on the start straight and his sled took on some damage that didn't allow him to continue, sending him to the LCQ for one last chance at qualifying for the main. In the LCQ after a great start, Shane charged hard and was running in 3rd but he got crossed up while charging through the whoops and was tossed, once remounted he continued slowly but missed the transfer with a 6th place overall finish on the night.

In the end, the team came home with a solid top 5 Pro-Lite finish, an impressive charge to a 2nd place podium finish in the Pro Plus 30 class, and everyone is healthy and eager for the last stop of the tour in Lake Geneva.

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