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Hayward 300 National Snocross – March 6-7, 2010

Snocross fans flocked to the LCO Casino and Convention Center to bask in the warm spring-like weather and watch the worlds best snocross racers at the AMSOIL Championship Snocross Series race number 8 for two days at the Hayward Powersports/Polaris 300. Team Bauerly was very well represented as they brought back John Stenberg from Sweden and his brother Jonas as well to help put the team on the track more than ever.

Saturday morning brought the Champ 120 class to the line with Marcus #315 doing battle in this ever popular and competitive class. The warm weather and heavy snow proved difficult for the little machines, but he was able to finish 4th and 5th in his heats and crossed the line in 10th in the finals. Jonas Stenberg #259 ran the Sport Super Stock #1 class and did very well; pulling in a 2nd and 3rd in qualifying and after some intense battles in the final crossed the line in 8th. Next came the Semi-pro Super Stock #1 class that Kurt #318 and John #259 competed in. After some tough heats with several mid-pack finishes, they each made the final in which Kurt actually lead that race for many laps before a slight mishap dropped him back to 4th. After some more tough battles in the 16 lap feature, the boys finished with John taking a well deserved 6th and Kurt in 9th overall. Under the lights came the last class for the evening, Semi-pro Open in which Ross #821 and Tom #611 both contested. After some hard laps on a very demanding track they both made the finals. In the final, after a good start both Ross and Tom worked hard to make up time on the field, but with yellow flags everywhere and a deteriorating track it was tough and they eventually crossed the line in 8th and 9th respectively.

Sunday morning brought a whole new day and a new energy to the racing as the track was re-groomed and the team was ready to go. Jonas #259 again started things off for the team, this time in the Sport Super Stock #2 class where he ran hard to a 3rd and 10th in his heats putting him in the LCQ. In the LCQ, he pulled a hole shot, never looking back and won that race easily to make the main event. In the final, Jonas was riding hard but after a few slight mistakes slipped back to eventually finish in 12th. Kurt, Ross and Tom then ran in the Semi-pro #2 class where the competition was fierce as the season points battles tighten up with only one race remaining. Kurt and John, although looking fast ran into some tough going in each heat and missed their chance at the final. Tom on the other hand ran very well, making the front row of the main. At the start, he shot off the line and slotted into 4th where he ran for most of the race, but after a bobble toward the end, he was able to cross the line in 13th. Last up was Chad and Scott in the Pro Plus 30 class where points battles were tight. Scott, after a commanding hole shot, lead for most of his first heat, finished 4th in that race and 3rd in the next making the final. Chad ran strong up front in both heats taking a 3rd and a 2nd placing him right into the finals. At the line, Chad shot out up front in a battle for the lead with Scott in tow. After 10 hard fought laps, Chad crossed the line with a big 2nd place podium finish and Scott came across in 8th. All in all it was a great showing for Team Bauerly and a solid push toward the season end points.