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Warnert AMA ATV MX Report Final Round

Warnert Racing's Natalie & Miller Finish in the Top 10 for 2008 Points Race

Hurricane Mills, TN – As the 2008 AMA ATV Motocross Nationals series came to an end this weekend, the Warnert/Can-Am team found both of its riders in the top 10 of the points race with John Natalie taking 7th and Cody Miller finishing his first Pro season in an impressive 10th place.

The final round of the AMA ATV Motocross Nationals was held in the traditional location of Loretta Lynn's Ranch in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee. Racers had to endure the typical hot and humid environment of a Tennessee summer day, which can cause problems for man and machine alike, but the conditions did not seem to phase Cody Miller one bit as he rode his way to his second strongest finish of the season. The first season Pro came off the line in 14th place in the first moto, but Cody put his head down and went to work picking off the competition. Cody made his way past Joe Byrd, Cale Downen and even teammate John Natalie to take over 8th place, where he stayed at the finish line.

In moto number two, Cody got off to a much better start. Cody came off the line in 8th place and by the second lap had worked himself in 6th place. Cody held his position until the last lap when he fell back one spot after being pressured by Josh Creamer. "I was doing my best to hold him off, but we both came into the whoops sections too fast and had to slow down, which kind of messed us both up, and that's when he got around me," said Cody who finished moto two in 7th place, which earned him 7th overall for the day.

Cody ended his season in the number ten spot of the points race, which is quite an accomplishment for it being his first full season as a Pro racer. "My goal this year was to be in the top ten at the end of the year so I knew I had to come out here and give it everything I had, and with the support of the Warnert crew, I was able to do that," said Miller who is happy to have achieved his goal.

John Natalie, who was hoping to put his DS450 on the podium at the last round didn't fair quite as well as Miller. In moto one, John came off the gate in mid pack and was

holding strong, but in mid moto, the heat got to him and John dropped back a couple of spots finishing in 9th place.

In moto two, John got a decent start, but in the second turn of the 1st lap, he was involved in a big pile up with Jason Dunkelberger and fellow Can-Am racer, Jeremy Lawson. “Me and Jeremy and Dunk all got caught up and it took us a while to get un-stuck. When I finally got going again I was way behind and then I started having bike problems. I tried to ride it out, but I ended up having to pull off,” John said disappointedly. John’s DNF put him in 13th overall for the day.

John ends his first season on the Can-Am DS450 in 7th place in the points race and has high hopes for next season. “This was my first season on a new bike. The Warnert team did a lot of testing and we will be doing even more in the off season so we can come out next year and win a championship,” John concluded.

In just a couple of weeks, the team will be making their way to the special Steel City Invitational event, which will be held on August 30th in Delmont, PA, where they will compete with the top 20 Pro ATV racers of the 2008 season.