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Tremblay Carries The Flag In Grand Style

With the majority of the team resembling a M.A.S.H unit, Tim Tremblay continued to step to the forefront and represent Warnert Racing in championship fashion. Last weekend's event was held at the nationally renowned Brainerd International Raceway in northcentral Minnesota. This was the third time a national snocross event has been held at the facility, however, the first that the race has been conducted on the drag strip in front of the NHRA tower and mammoth grandstands.

In motorsports of all forms, there are riders who have the ability to go fast at all costs and those who ride smart while being a bit conservative. Right now Tremblay is on a roll that has him riding both smart and fast. During Saturday's Semi-Pro Stock qualifying, Tremblay made quick work of the competition to advance directly to the main event. Racing under the lights in front of a massive crowd, the NSK team rider started the race at the head of the pack in pursuit of championship rival Dan Ebert. The two racers battled for most of the event before Tremblay closed the gap and made the winning pass on the front straight with the race drawing to a close.

In Sunday's Semi-Pro Superstock competition, it was more of the same as Tremblay blazed to a qualifying win and then again set off with a good start in the main event. This time it would require more effort though, as Ebert got crossed up in the foxhole turn, causing Tremblay and others to logjam while the rest of the field moved passed. With a good portion of the race still to go, Tremblay swiftly worked through 1-2 riders per lap before racing all the way back to a second place finish.

Team rider Kyle Pallin on the XPS Ski-Doo continued his consistent performance in the Open class as well, finishing third in his qualifying heat and a strong eighth in the 16 rider final. Justin Broberg also advanced directly to the main event where he finished 13th, while Darin Mees raced his way into the main by way of a victory in the last chance qualifier and rounded out the final in 16th.

In Semi-Pro Super Stock, Pallin followed Tremblay across the line in qualifying action to advance to the final, while Broberg was a LCQ winner. Broberg then turned in a great run in the main event to come home fifth overall, with Pallin 10th.

The weekend results moved Tremblay further up the season points chart as he now sits in third, just two points out of second overall in Semi-Pro Open and second overall in Semi-Pro Super Stock. Kyle Pallin slipped one spot to sixth, but remains firmly in the top 10.

The return to Brainerd also marked a significant milestone for NSK team rider Mike Schultz, who continues his remarkable recovery from a December 13, crash that resulted in the loss of his left leg. Schultz, who is from nearby Pillager, Minnesota was honored with a pre-race fund-raising party in Brainerd, in which over \$30,000 was generated to help offset medical expenses. The event was one of the largest industry gatherings in recent history and a true testament to the family bond in this sport. Schultz was also signaled out at the race, as the ISOC pledged to keep Mike's number 5 on permanent reserve for his use only.

Dodge team Pro rider Zach Pattyn is out for the remainder of the season with a cracked sternum that was incurred in a crash at the Winter X-Games in Aspen. Mathieu Morin underwent surgery on the meniscus in his knee last week, but should be back to celebrate Ski-Doo's 50th anniversary at the Grand Prix Ski-Doo de Valcourt in two weeks.

Next up is round five of the ISOC championship series in Farmington, New York on February 14-15.