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### ***Can-Am/Warnert Racing's Chris Bithell Claims First GNCC Win of The Season at Unadilla***

**New Berlin, NY** – As the engine of the #3 Can-Am DS 450 roared and smoke billowed from the stage, Warnert Racing's Chris Bithell celebrated his first GNCC Pro win of the season with a huge burn-out. Bithell's victory made history for both Warnert Racing and Can-Am as this was the first time for the Warnert team and the Can-Am DS 450 to claim the number one spot on the GNCC Pro podium.

Bithell was obviously ecstatic over his win. "We have worked really hard all season long and to finally take the win feels awesome. I knew we could do it!" Chris said excitedly. "I checked the pit board on the third lap and saw that I was in second and I couldn't believe I was that far up front, so I just put my head down and concentrated on doing my best out there."

Despite his post-race enthusiasm, at one point things looked a little sketchy as to where Chris would end up crossing the finish line. "I was running low on gas in the last lap and the bike was sputtering a bit and had actually stalled only two turns from the finish line. I knew Bill Ballance was right behind me and I had to get going again or he would pass me and win it," Bithell explained. "Bill ended up coming up behind me and bumping into me, and right at that moment the quad started again and I took off," Chris said with a sigh of relief. Bithell was then feeling some pressure from Ballance, but in the next corner, Ballance threw his chain, which gave Chris a little breathing room as he crossed the finish line in first place. "I feel bad for Bill that that happened so close to the finish like that, but on the other hand, I'm really glad that I won!" exclaimed Bithell.

Chris Bithell was not the only Warnert team member who had something to celebrate. Warnert Racing's Michael Swift, who wrapped up the 4x4 Limited championship at the last round, claimed his 10<sup>th</sup> win of the season. "I may have the championship wrapped up, but I still want to go out there and win the last couple of rounds," said a determined Swift. "I've had a great season, and the Warnert team has done a fantastic job. I couldn't ask for anything more," he concluded.

Meanwhile Cliff Beasley, who had the 4x4 Lites championship in the bag at round nine, was still going strong as well, taking home a solid second in his class. Teammate Scott Kilby, who has been riding solidly all season long, took second place in the 4x4 Open class.

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, Chris Bithell hopes to put Warnert Racing and the Can-Am DS 450 on the podium once again at round 12 of the GNCC, which will be held at Powerline Park in St. Clairsville, OH. Bithell took second place overall at Powerline last year and this year he is eager for even better results, with his eye on another possible win.