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Bryan Dyrdaahl Wins Gonvick 100
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Gonvick, MN (Dec. 20, 2008) – Bagley, Minnesota racer Bryan Dyrdaahl won the Gonvick 100. The 2008 FXR Pro 600 champion continued his winning form by beating a record setting field. Dyrdaahl rode his Ski-Doo to a field-best time of 1 hour, 15 minutes, 41 seconds. Second place rider Brian Dick of Thief River Falls, MN, road his Arctic Cat with a time of 1 hour, 16 minutes, 11 seconds. Third place went to Arctic Cat rider Ryan Simons with a time of 1 hour, 16 minutes, 26 seconds.

The Gonvick 100 was the first race of USCC’s nine race schedule. The race course was a 9.2 mile lap...the FXR Pro 600 racers ran 7 laps. The course included ditch and woods running.

A new season of USCC Cross-Country racing was officially launched under light snow when the green flag dropped at 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning. USCC officials were concerned about the weather because a snow storm was rapidly approaching the Gonvick area. The National Weather Service issued a warning for heavy snow and strong winds creating poor visibility. With a concern for the driver’s safety, Pat Mach, President for USCC, made an announcement at the drivers meeting that the races will be shortened.

Mach is enthused about the upcoming racing season. He said, “We have great snow conditions for December. Our race locations on the schedule all have good snow now...everything is on track for the balance of the season. Check our web site at www.usccracing.com for future announcements...we have lots of new things coming.”

The showcase event of the day was the FXR Pro 600 class. A heated battle between Dyrdaahl, Cat rider Brian Dick and Cat rider Ryan Simons, developed into exciting racing action as the racers pushed hard during a shortened feature race.

Dyrdaahl did have some issues during the race. He was at or near the top of the speed chart despite losing his brakes, causing him to crash in the woods. Dyrdaahl said, “I drove as hard as I could, the course was rough but I like rough courses. I knew I was in the lead early but after my crash I had to step it up. It feels awesome to win in my hometown...I always run a little harder here”. Bryan’s crew changed all is shocks between his qualifying runs...it proved to be the right call. Bryan is in year two of a three year contract with Ski-Doo.

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The FXR Pro 600 class had record setting entries. Chad Lian, Jon Arneson and Josh Glendenning returned to racing action after sustaining injuries last season...these riders had good runs. Yamaha rider Chad Gueco from Eagle River, Alaska will be joining the series for the Grafton Equipment 100 in Grafton, ND scheduled for January 3, 2009. Gueco is scheduled to run the remainder of the season. Brian Carey II from Morley, MI was the lone Yamaha rider. Arctic Cat's Factory snocross team attended the race. Dan Ebert was on a blistering pace until a mechanical problem took him out. Simons finished third. Ebert and Simons plan to run the USCC races on their off weekends on the snocross circuit. Polaris rider Cory Davidson was running strong until a stud came out of the track and damaged his front cooler, which took him out of the race. DJ Ekre ran a good race aboard his Arctic Cat. He said, "Everything went really good today. I have been testing all week and I put it all on the line. Arctic Cat sleds are tough to break." Ekre finished in 9th place...he plans to race at all USCC races. There were no injuries reported in the FXR Pro 600 class.

The Stud Boy Semi-Pro 600 class also set a record for entries. Ski-Doo rider Sam Vandeputte beat the field with a time of 34 minutes, 27 seconds. Vandeputte said, "My Ski-Doo ran well today. I'm excited about getting a win for my new sponsor doo-talk.com." Sam finished 5th in the final season point standings for 2008. Second place rider Spencer Fett of Frazee, MN, road his Arctic Cat with a time of 34 minutes, 37 seconds. Third place went to Polaris rider Ken Christensen with a time of 34 minutes, 37 seconds.

USCC's next race is the Grafton Equipment 100 in Grafton, ND scheduled for Jan 3, 2009.

New for this year is Live Audio and Video race coverage. Race fans should log on to www.usccracing.com then click on the Live Race Coverage icon.

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The United States Cross-Country Snowmobile Racing Association (USCC) is based out of Minto, ND and attracts more than 200 professional and amateur snowmobile racers to each of its events. The USCC series is North America's premier form of cross-country snowmobile racing; it is the only racing organization that sanctions events comprised entirely of terrain cross-country races. The race courses include ditch lines, frozen lakes and deep woods trails. Its 2008-09 schedule marks the circuit's seventh season with races hosted in Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin and Michigan. The USCC is sanctioned by International Snowmobile Racing (ISR); ISR has been serving the racing community for more than 25 years. Please visit www.usccracing.com for more information.

