

N-Fab/TiLUBE/Yamaha Motocross Round 8 Race Report

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (July 23, 2013) –The 33rd annual Peterson Cat Washougal National always brings out a huge crowd of fans to watch motocross' finest do battle. Yet again, perfect weather and ideal track conditions welcomed the fans and the N-Fab/TiLUBE/Yamaha team of Phil Nicoletti and Chris Blöse.

Nicoletti and Blöse qualified easily into the Motos via 17th and 27th positions, respectively.

Moto 1 would not start very well for the team with both riders making contact with other racers on the first lap. They would both be forced to make up some serious ground coming back from the last two positions on the track. Nicoletti would especially have a tremendous amount of work as he spent almost 30 seconds trying to free his motorcycle from some trees before reentering the race. As the race passed the halfway mark, Nicoletti was riding well and had moved up to 18th position. Blöse had to make a pit stop to repair damage from the lap one contact and was still working his way back into the race. Continuing to charge forward Nicoletti would get as high as 16th position but suffer a hard crash on the final lap. He would remount quickly and lose only two positions, crossing the finish line in 18th. Blöse would continue to race hard and cross the finish line in 31st.

Moto 2 got off to a much better start for the duo with Nicoletti battling inside the top 10 and closely followed by Blöse in 12th. Unfortunately bad luck would strike Blöse again on the first lap when he and Andrew Short inadvertently made contact, resulting in Blöse hitting the dirt. Ahead on the track, Nicoletti was riding very well and holding down the eighth spot. At the halfway point of the Moto, Blöse had worked his way up to 30th, while Nicoletti continued to work on improving his eighth place position. In the closing laps, Nicoletti went back and forth with a handful of other riders before ultimately crossing the line with a hard earned eighth place. Blöse was able to improve two spots before the checkered flag flew, earning himself a 28th place finish. Even with a tough first Moto, Nicoletti's strong second Moto earned him a respectable 14th place overall. Blöse followed in 28th place overall.

"Moto 1 was a real bummer," said Nicoletti. "Getting stuck in the trees on lap one was frustrating after starting up front. I rode as hard as I could but had a ton of ground to make up. Then crashing on the last lap really hurt. Fortunately it was the last lap. I really wanted to pick it up in Moto 2 so I focused on a good start and clean first lap. In the end I finished eighth and that is good but I still want to do better. I will keep working hard and never give up."



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"I had some really good starts this weekend," said Blöse. "Not sure what I have to do to catch a break. I am working super hard during the week and know my speed is there. I was working as hard as possible to get through the first few laps clean and run towards the front of the pack. But sometimes you can't control what the people around you do and then you get knocked down. I am going to keep working hard to show everyone I'm capable of putting in some strong results."

The Pro Motocross Championship heads Millville, Minn. for the Red Bull Spring Creek National on Saturday, July 27th. Be sure to stop by the N-Fab/TiLUBE/Yamaha truck to show your support and to have your picture taken with Chris Blöse and Phil Nicoletti from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. See you there!

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