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N-Fab/TiLUBE/Yamaha Motocross Round 9 Race Report

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (July 30, 2013) –This past weekend the Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship made its lone visit to Minnesota for the ninth round of the season. Millville's Spring Creek MX Park presented cooler temperatures than usual but the Red Bull Spring Creek National produced plenty of exciting racing action for the 31st annual event, and team N-Fab/TiLUBE/Yamaha was right in the thick of it.

Phil Nicoletti would be the sole team rider in Millville while teammate, Chris Blose, was back in California preparing for the upcoming X Games, taking place in Los Angeles this Thursday – Sunday. Nicoletti got the weekend started on the right foot qualifying easily into the motos via the 19th fastest time.

Nicoletti would rocket out of the gate for Moto 1 rounding the first turn inside the top five. Exiting the first turn disaster would strike as two other motorcycles would slam into the side of Nicoletti taking him down. Fortunately, he was not injured and was able to remount. After making a pit stop to align the front end of his YZ450 he would reenter the race almost a whole lap behind the pack. As the race passed the halfway mark, Nicoletti was riding well but struggling to make his way through the pack. Focusing on not making any mistakes and saving some energy for Moto 2, Nicoletti would make his way up to 32nd by the checkered flag.

Moto 2 would get off to a much better start for Nicoletti as he battled just outside of the top 10. At the halfway point of the Moto, Nicoletti continued to put in consistent laps as he worked to crack the top 10. In the closing laps, Nicoletti went back and forth with a handful of other riders before ultimately crossing the line with a hard earned 11th place. With a very hard crash in Moto 1, Nicoletti's grit and determination earned him a very respectable 17th place overall.

"I got hit so hard on the start in Moto 1 I thought my leg was broken," said Nicoletti. "My leg got caught in the rear wheel of another rider and I was lucky to get it out. My bike was bad but we made a pit stop so I could finish the moto. Moto 2 was much better even though my leg was so sore I had a hard time walking. My start was solid and I just rode as hard as I could. I had some good battles and am happy to have been so close to the top 10. Lucky for me we have a week off so I will have time to recover from this weekend. I plan on going to Loretta Lynn's ranch for the Amateur National this week to watch and cheer on some of my friends."

The Pro Motocross Championship will take a weekend off for the Red Bull AMA Amateur National Motocross Championship at Loretta Lynn's ranch. The Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship returns on August 10th for the Built Ford Tough Unadilla National in New Berlin, New York. Be sure to stop by the N-Fab/TiLUBE/Yamaha truck to show your support and to have your picture taken with Chris Blose and Phil Nicoletti from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. See you there!

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