

AMSOIL Renews Decade-long Partnership

Windham, Grant joined by top riders in Lites class

Kevin Windham has won a combined 28 AMA motocross and supercross races in his illustrious career, and he silenced any doubters with his end-of-the-season AMA Outdoor National win at Glen Helen last year. Indoors, it's been a long journey for the star rider. Always a contender, Windham hasn't won a supercross race since the opening round in Anaheim, Calif. on January 7, 2005. Injuries have slowed the veteran rider over the past two seasons, but time away from the track since his win at Glen Helen has helped Windham refocus for the 2008 SX season.

"After Glen Helen, I don't think I really rode again until right around Thanksgiving," said Windham in a *Racer X* online interview. "With all that time off, and just being a normal guy, made it nice to get back on the bike. I was anxious and looking forward to my riding... Once I started back it was fun."

Windham and the rest of the Factory Connection team are back on Honda bikes this season. AMSOIL is once again a lead associate sponsor of the team, marking the company's ninth season as a major sponsor of the top independent motocross/supercross team. New on the list of sponsors for 2008 is new title sponsor Torco Racing Fuels. Torco produces high quality racing fuel and has no relation to the oil manufacturer of the same name. Preferring to partner with a team affiliated with other sponsors sharing their value for high quality products, the Factory Connection/AMSOIL team is a perfect fit for Torco Racing Fuels. The Michigan-based company supports racing series across North America, including snowmobile and drag racing.

Also new to the 2008 Factory Connection team is the full-time inclusion of two "rookie" riders. Joining Lites veterans Josh Grant and Jake Weimer are first year supercross competitors Trey Canard and Australian Dan Reardon. Canard joined the AMSOIL team after a dominating run as one of the nation's top amateurs, culminating with two championships at the Loretta Lynn's Amateur Nationals presented by AMSOIL.

"Yeah, I'm really hungry," Canard told *Racer X*. "I'm happy. My dream is starting to come together. It's the start of a long dream and I'm only at the beginning."

Reardon won two Australian championships on a Honda 450F, but upon signing with the Factory Connection/AMSOIL team, he was switched to the 250F (Lites) class. Reardon believes the switch will help him become a better overall rider as he enters the high speeds of American supercross. Despite trying out with a number of teams, some of which may have offered him a chance to race in the 450 class, Reardon knew he made the right choice after riding Factory Connection's Honda.

"I really liked the team and the team structure," said Reardon in a recent *Racer X* interview. "All the mechanics, the owners, the managers, and the whole basic infrastructure of the team felt comfortable. When I was done with everything, I was 100 percent happy with my decision."

Reardon is leading the AMSOIL Lites charge early in the 2008 season. Along with Weimer, Reardon races in the West Coast Lites division, and he finished a very respectable fourth in the opening round in Anaheim in early January. Windham is the only 450 class representative for the AMSOIL team and finished fifth in Anaheim. Grant and Canard will compete in the East Coast Lites class starting in late



Kevin Windham



Josh Grant



Trey Canard



Dan Reardon

February. Grant will be looking to move to the front of the Lites division after winning an AMA Outdoor National and a supercross event in 2007, and he is excited at the level of competition in both circuits.



Jake Weimer

"There are a lot of fast riders on each side," Grant told *Transworld Magazine* in November. "West coast can be more stacked because everyone is itching to ride. But either coast will be stacked with fast riders. I'm really excited about the new bike and can't wait to get going."

Weimer, meanwhile, is excited to build off a strong finish in 2007. The Idaho native finished sixth overall in the Outdoors and fourth in the SX Lites West series. His biggest race of the season came in October when he pulled off an unexpected win on the second night of the U.S. Open in Las Vegas.

"I think it's kind of a next step," said Weimer to *Racer X*. "Yeah, it was kind of a one-off race and a fluke, but to be in the lead and winning the race was a great feeling. It was great to have that feel of winning again. Everyone at this level has won as an amateur and stuff, and it's nice to have that feeling again, no matter who I beat or what race I did it at. To win with a bunch of talented names on the line was a good feeling, and it's a feeling I want again."

The elder statesman of the team is also feeling the itch to return to the winner's circle. After an up and down 2007, Windham is focusing on being the consistent rider that brought him to the top of the sport.

"I need to get back to the consistency," said Windham to *Racer X*. "I'd have some good, stellar rides, but then there were some where I really wasn't in the running. I need to get myself to where I'm in the running. I just need to ride to the best of my ability. I need to be up there week in and week out."

The AMA Supercross Series runs every weekend from January to May 3. All of the races air on the SPEED Channel with a few events aired by CBS.

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JC Waterhouse, Factory Connection/AMSOIL Team Manager



Teague Returns to Team AMSOIL

AMSOIL Re-signs Off-Shore Champion



Bob Teague and Paul Whittier won nine races in 2007 on board the AMSOIL Cat Lite #77.

AMSOIL and Hall of Fame off-shore powerboat racer Bob Teague have agreed to a one-year contract renewal.

Teague returned to the OSS Cat Lite division in 2007 on board his #77 AMSOIL Skater. He was joined by driver Paul Whittier. Together, they were able to win nine times and found the podium in 14 out of 15 races. The team was also named the OSS Cat Lite World Champion and the POPRA World Champion in November.

"Teague and Whittier bring a professional and competitive team to the docks at every race," said AMSOIL Race Program Manager Jeremy Meyer. "AMSOIL is excited to have the silver #77 AMSOIL boat back on the water in 2008. They are an exceptional race team that is winning races with an exceptional product."

The Off Shore Super Series (OSS) will begin racing April 11-13 at the Smokin' The Sound event in Biloxi, Miss. Teague and Whittier will also race in other series, including POPRA and SBI.