

Three in a Row for Team AMSOIL Rookie

Supercross Rider Trey Canard Victorious in First Three Events

When Team AMSOIL supercross rider Trey Canard made his professional debut last August on the AMA Outdoor Nationals circuit, he showed off his spectacular speed at the first gate drop, grabbing the holeshot and challenging for a podium finish.

Heading indoors, Canard set out to prove his amateur (he won two Loretta Lynn Amateur National titles in 2007) and outdoor successes were no flukes. Although the team held the 17-year-old out of the AMA West Coast Lites series, Canard began stealing the show once racing began on the East Coast.

After three rounds of racing on the AMA East Coast Lites Supercross series, Canard has been the picture of perfection. The Oklahoma native lined up for three heat races and three finals, winning all six contests.



Canard scrubs the finish line after his Atlanta victory.



Rookie Trey Canard celebrates after winning his first supercross race.

Canard proved his worth early and often in Atlanta in late February. After setting the fastest lap time in practice, he shot out of the gate in his first pro supercross heat with the holeshot and battled the sport's top riders for his first pro win. It was more of the same in the main event as Canard grabbed another holeshot. This time, however, he was never seriously challenged and went on to win the main event by more than a straightaway.

"I'm fortunate," Canard said. "I'm blessed in many ways, and it's not just me that did that; everyone behind me played a role in this win. There was a lot of hard work and dedication behind me. It's a long series, and I want to concentrate on that."

Canard's concentration was put to the test at the second round of the AMA East Coast Lites Supercross series in Indianapolis. While he didn't grab the holeshot in his heat race (teammate Josh Grant earned the holeshot), he did make easy work of the field for the win. A great start in the main event helped propel Canard into an early lead. On his heels was *Racer X* Rider of the Year Ryan Villopoto. Villopoto caught up to Canard twice in the Indy race, but both times Canard was able to hold off the reigning champion to earn his second straight win.

"There is no outside pressure put on me," said Canard about his early success. "The only pressure is the pressure I put on myself. I'm just trying to do my best out here. I tried to ride hard and smart, but I am really excited about this win. These last two weeks have been amazing. I want to thank everyone, including AMSOIL, for helping me get these two wins."

In order to win his third straight, Canard had to battle both Mother Nature and his competitors on the track. Rain drenched the Daytona, Fla. track for two straight days leading up to the March contest. Canard again won his heat race and continued his dominance, controlling his Honda CRF250 through the lakes and rivers that seemed to form around every turn and between every jump. Canard led the field throughout the entire race, despite falling once on his way to his third straight win.

"Coming into that race, I wasn't really sure what to expect," said Canard. "I just wanted to go out there and do the best that I could. I did everything I could possibly do during the week, and I think I was as prepared as I could possibly be so I could give it everything I had, every lap out there."

Entering round four of the East Coast Lites series in Minneapolis, Canard held a 24 point lead with five events remaining.



A little mud didn't stop Canard from winning his third straight race in Daytona.

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Windham Wins in Wild Finish

AMSOIL Rider Prevails for Second Time This Season



Windham lets out a sigh of relief after his win in Houston.

Kevin Windham just might label himself as one of the sport's greatest mud riders. The last time the AMSOIL supercross rider won an AMA Supercross race was at the mud-packed opening round of the 2005 season. While K-Dub has remained a top three rider and has earned Outdoor National wins since, he hadn't been able to duplicate his supercross success.

That all changed in Houston, Texas in mid-February. Windham, riding on a course he helped design, pulled an impressive holeshot in his heat race and left the qualifying field well behind.

Windham started near the front in the main event and took over the lead when Davi Millsaps crashed on lap two. From there, Windham led the remaining 19 laps. It was the 13th AMA Supercross win of his career, moving him past Ezra Lusk and David Bailey to 12th on the all-time supercross win list.

"It was a tough race because it would've been easy to let your mind wander, and I stayed focused," Windham said. "When (points leader) Chad Reed was in second, I felt like I was inching away. I'm thankful for my team. There are a lot of pieces to the puzzle, and they all came together for this."

Windham solidified his status as one of the sport's greatest mud riders four weeks later as he picked up career supercross win number 14 at the saturated track in Daytona. K-Dub started well in the main event, fought through some mud and found himself in second at the end of the first lap. While Reed led the majority of the race, it didn't matter after his Yamaha quit running on the last lap, just three turns from the finish. Windham took advantage of Reed's misfortune and splashed his way to victory.

"Daytona is a unique race," said Windham. "Just by the nature of the track, it is by far the most brutal supercross that we run. I think it was the most brutal race I have been involved in my entire life. In the matter of one straightaway, it was the biggest emotional roller coaster I've ever been on in my entire life. It was just an incredible race and with the conditions out there I knew that AMSOIL would keep my Honda CRF 450 running 'til the end."

The wins by Canard and Windham in Daytona marked a record-setting night for the AMA Supercross series as the Torco Racing Fuels/AMSOIL/Honda team became the only non-factory team in history to sweep both classes in one night.

Team AMSOIL begins its April schedule in Dallas, Texas on April 5.



Windham splashes through the Daytona track on his way to his 14th career supercross win.



AMSOIL Triple Crown a Success

Racers, Teams Abuzz Over New Series



Racers prepare for the first round of the AMSOIL Triple Crown.

Winning the first two rounds of the AMSOIL Triple Crown cross country snowmobile series was enough for DJ Eckre to bring home the inaugural championship.

The AMSOIL Triple Crown featured a \$100,000 cash payout to racers this season in three United States Cross Country (USCC) sanctioned events. Eckre won the first event on Lake Mille Lacs near Garrison, Minn. and the second at the Brainerd International Raceway in Brainerd, Minn. the following week-

end. A fifth place finish at the finale in Hayward, Wis. was all Eckre needed to win the championship.

In addition to the large payouts, the AMSOIL Triple Crown events received extended coverage on Sled Head 24/7's nationally syndicated (FSN) snowmobile show. See www.amsoil.com for the broadcast schedule.

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Former snocrosser DJ Eckre picked up a pair of wins to take home the AMSOIL Triple Crown championship.