

Trey Canard: Rookie Champion

Team AMSOIL rider wins East Coast Lites Supercross title



Canard wrapped up the championship with a win in St. Louis.

most young stars in the sport. The 17-year-old, who is often supported at the track by his mother and brothers, is genuinely polite and humble. His respect for the sport is overshadowed only by his immense desire to succeed.

In order to succeed, other forms of pressure had to be tempered. Canard started his rookie supercross season with a major challenge – defeating defending champion Ryan Villopoto. Although most of the sport's young stars chose to cut their teeth in the West Coast Lites series, Canard, with the assurance of his Torco Racing Fuels/AMSOIL team, decided to go head-to-head against the fellow redhead in the seven-race East Coast Lites series. Canard showed his promise early and often, grabbing the holeshot in his first heat and winning the series opener in Atlanta. He followed that impressive start with his second straight win in Indianapolis. With that, Canard had Villopoto down 28 points after two rounds.

Rain (atmospheric pressure) added to the mounting pressure facing the teenage rookie in Daytona during the third round. Heavy rainfall filled the Daytona International Speedway track, digging out huge ruts and leaving standing water and mud that engulfed entire riders and their bikes. Canard was able to stay clean and out front as he skillfully maneuvered his #48 Honda to his third straight win.

The blood pressure would soar over the next month as Canard rode to respectable finishes in Minneapolis (4th), Dallas (4th) and Detroit (10th), but the true pressure was coming from a hard-charging Villopoto, who picked up three straight wins and pulled to within three points of Canard with one round of racing left in St. Louis.

The absolute pressure forced upon Canard heading into the final round could have been insurmountable for even a veteran rider. But through it all, Canard stayed consistent, working hard toward his goal of a championship season. That calm helped the novice become a champion in St. Louis as he held off some extreme side-by-side pressure from Villopoto to win the race and the championship.

"I'm speechless," said Canard on the podium following his win. "When I started racing professionally I never thought a championship would come, especially so soon."

As for everything that comes along with being the best, including the pressure:

"There is no outside pressure put on me. The only pressure is the pressure I put on myself."



Only 17, Canard accepts his first pro number 1 plate.

Douglas, Hord and Johnson Earn Podiums at CORR Opener

Live coverage provided by the SPEED Channel



Scott Douglas powers past the on-track AMSOIL signage on his way to a third place finish in Round 1.



Mike Oberg powers his Pro 2 truck through a turn during the first round of the CORR series.



Red Bull/AMSOIL Pro 2 driver Rickey Johnson took a second on Saturday.

As the Exclusive Official Oil of Championship Off Road Racing (CORR), AMSOIL entered the 2008 series with a bang at the L.A. Fairplex in Pomona, Calif. in late April. Along with live coverage on the SPEED Channel, AMSOIL was well-represented on the track as three drivers took home five podiums.

AMSOIL/Kumho Tires Super Team member Scott Douglas pounced all over the competition in a pair of fierce battles in the Pro 4 class, qualifying third on Saturday and second on Sunday. In Saturday's final, the El Cajon, Calif. native powered his AMSOIL Ford F-150 to a third place finish in front of a packed grandstand and a nation watching live on SPEED. The NBC cameras saw Douglas lead the Pro 4 race early on Sunday, battle for second at the mid-point and finally wrap up his second third place finish of the weekend. Douglas left Pomona tied for second overall.

The Pro Lite class showcased a newcomer to Team AMSOIL, Chad Hord. On Saturday the Felch, Mich. native showed the speed that earned him the 2006 CORR Pro Lite championship. Starting mid-pack, Hord was able to work his way around the tight track and through the tough competition for a third place finish. Qualifying in the top five on Sunday meant less traffic in the final for Hord, and the defending WSORR Pro Light champion pushed his four-cylinder truck into a tight battle with defending CORR Pro Lite champion Robert Naughton. The race was so close that the two trucks drove down the final straight-away literally door-to-door, with Hord eventually edging out Naughton by less than four feet.

AMSOIL grabbed another podium in the Pro 2 class on Sunday when Red Bull/AMSOIL driver Rickey Johnson finished second to Rob MacCachere. Team AMSOIL Super Team driver Mike Oberg, the 2006 CORR Pro 2 Rookie of the Year, finished 14th after damaging his front left shock, but he rebounded well on Sunday, moving from a 16th starting position to 11th.

CORR, AMSOIL and all of its drivers will return to the race track June 7-8 in Pomona.



Douglas talks about his Round 2 podium finish with the NBC television crew.



Newcomer Chad Hord won on Sunday and sits in first after two rounds of racing.

CORR coverage on NBC and the SPEED Channel



All times Eastern

Primm, NV	June 15	12:30 p.m.	NBC
Pomona, CA	June 22	5 p.m.	SPEED
	July 6	3 p.m.	NBC

