

# Windham Earns Two More Podiums

## Canard maintains championship pace through March

After 12 rounds of racing, Torco Racing Fuels/AMSOIL/Honda rider Kevin Windham is within striking distance of his first career supercross championship since he started racing the senior circuit in 1998. His rookie teammate, Trey Canard, might not have to wait that long.

Windham gained some mid-season steam as points leader Chad Reed faltered and K-dub was able to take a pair of wins and close the gap to less than 20 points. His biggest dig into Reed's lead came in Minneapolis. Windham took advantage of a Reed miscue in the final, pushing his Honda CRF 450R to his eighth podium with a third place finish. K-dub followed that up with a second place podium finish in Round 12 of the AMA Supercross Series in Toronto. For the year, Windham has not finished a race outside of the top five and was 20 points behind Reed with five rounds left.



With his endo during opening ceremonies, Windham has become a crowd favorite at supercross races.

"I'm happy with the way things have been going," said Windham after the Minneapolis race. "We made up some points the past couple of weeks, and we've got to look at the big picture. We're closing in, and that feels good."

In the Lites class, not even Trey Canard expected his professional supercross career to start the way it did, with the Oklahoman winning three of his first four races. Canard kept his poise after a mid-pack start in Minneapolis and was able to battle for a podium spot before finishing fourth. Despite his first hiccup in the AMA East Coast Lites series, Canard still left Minneapolis with a 24-



Kevin Windham has two supercross wins and eight podiums in 2008, including his third place effort in Minneapolis.

point lead with only three mid-April rounds of racing left on the schedule.

"Everyone wants to win a championship," said Canard. "Now, winning a championship is realistic to me. But the championship is not over until St. Louis. As easy as it is to get a points lead, to lose it is twice as easy. I am not going to celebrate until the time comes. I'm just going to do my best. I'm going to give it all I've got."

The 2008 AMA Supercross Series will wrap-up at Sam Boyd Stadium in Las Vegas on May 3 with the East and West Coast riders facing off against one another.



Rookie Trey Canard won three of his first four Supercross Lites races this year and has his sights set on winning the season championship.

# AMSOIL Wins Pro Rider of the Year

## Martin's championship effort pays off

AMSOIL/Judnick Motorsports rider Ross Martin was named the World PowerSports Association 2008 Pro Rider of the Year after winning the Pro Open championship and finishing second overall in the Pro Super Stock class.



Ross Martin was the Pro Open champion and WPSA Rider of the Year in 2008.

Martin entered the season's final Pro Open event in Lake Geneva, Wis. with a seven point lead following his win in the previous round. Despite falling in the first turn, he was able to regroup and finish fifth. TJ Gulla, who held the lead for more than half the race, couldn't hold on to the top spot and Martin earned the championship by a single point over Gulla. AMSOIL/Scheuring Speedsports riders DJ Eckstrom and Shaun Crapo finished sixth and eighth overall in the Pro Open class.

In the Pro Super Stock class, both Martin and Eckstrom were overtaken in the points race by Tucker Hibbert. Martin finished second overall and Eckstrom third. Crapo finished seventh overall and was named the WPSA Most Improved Rider.



Shaun Crapo earned the Most Improved Rider award from the WPSA.

# Lovell Opens Season with Win

**XRRR rock racers propel AMSOIL to winners circle**

Lovell Racing continued its two truck effort this year at the XRRR Rock Race in Moab, Utah on March 22-23. Roger Lovell debuted his revamped AMSOIL Ford Ranger alongside his brother Brad Lovell's recently constructed Fabtech/AMSOIL Ford. The brothers went up against 40 of the nation's top rock racers to see who would rise to the top.

Brad drew poorly and was forced to face the toughest course without the benefit of watching others. The course had the usual jumps and rock climbs, but also featured a massive boulder-lined trench.

"We flew through the jumps and rock climb, then tried to straddle the trench," recalls Brad. "In retrospect that was a bad idea. We got a tire caught, tried to back up and rolled. It cost us six minutes."

Roger, however, had better luck. He made short work of lane number one, setting the fastest time.



*A two truck team means better chances for the Lovell brothers in 2008.*

"Doing 50 miles of this at King of the Hammers this spring really gave me the seat time to feel confident behind the wheel," said Roger. "We spent a day tuning the air shocks in the dunes and the truck felt great."

Roger marked another respectable time by raking the truck through the rock trench that claimed his brother and was sitting fifth. During the final race of the day, however, bad luck struck. The bell housing fractured, wedged itself against the flywheel and immediately disabled the truck.

Brad decided it was time to save the weekend. He started finding the right lines through the rocks and was shaving minutes, not seconds, off of the competition. At the end of regular racing, Roger's misfortune



*Brad Lovell tests his new Fabtech/AMSOIL Ford before the first XRRR event in March.*

cleared room for Brad in the finals as the Fabtech/AMSOIL Ford slid into sixth place and the final rounds of racing.

With no time to develop strategy, Brad suited up for two more rounds. In the first lane, he almost gave away a potential win as he overshot a double jump that cost precious time. His effort, however, was actually a second faster than his first run. Things went even better in lane two with a well-paced, clean race. Brad finished the day with a total time of 15:52 and the win, more than 40 seconds faster than second place.

"We came from last place to first place," said Brad. "I am amazed by what this truck can do. It is blistering fast. I am exceptionally proud of our team, sponsors and family for building this vehicle and getting a win our second time out."



*Roger Lovell expects to contend for the XRRR championship in his first full season of driving.*

## CORR on NBC and SPEED



AMSOIL is the Exclusive Official Oil and proud sponsor of Championship Off Road Racing (CORR) in 2008.

The first event of the season was held in late April and will be broadcast on May 25 on NBC. The 90-minute, high definition show starts at 1:30 p.m. EDT. Long-time

AMSOIL user and three-time Indianapolis 500 winner Bobby Unser will be featured in a series of commercials to be aired nationally on NBC. Watch AMSOIL/Kumho Tires Super Team members Scott Douglas and Mike Oberg battle for the Pro 4 and Pro 2 championships all season long on both NBC and the SPEED channel. For results, visit [www.amsoil.com](http://www.amsoil.com).

