

Douglas Makes History on NBC

AMSOIL driver wins first Pro 4 race aired live on network television



Scott Douglas holds his first checkered flag of 2008 in front of a sold out crowd in Chula Vista, Calif.

Douglas started strong with his sixth podium finish (3rd) on Saturday. While he was able to keep the second overall spot in the points race, Douglas knew a win on Sunday was necessary to have a chance at the overall lead.

After qualifying second for Sunday's race, an inverted starting grid of the top four drivers put Douglas on the outside of row two. Douglas quickly moved in behind pole sitter Johnny Greaves, with Rick Huseman on his rear bumper. The top three stayed in order through the mandatory caution on lap eight and a full caution on lap 11. Trouble found its way into Greaves' truck on lap 12 after the Monster Energy truck hit a berm hard, bending a tie rod and damaging the power steering. Douglas took full advantage of the breakdown and pushed the AMSOIL Ford into the lead. Despite one final shot from Huseman, Douglas was able to pull away for his first win of the season and the first Pro 4 win in front of a live NBC audience.



Douglas leads the pack over the steep "ski-hill" jump at the Quarry.

The track in Chula Vista is really hard on equipment. It's really fast, yet it has many of the abusive characteristics of a desert race. It was great to win when NBC Sports was broadcasting live, in front of my hometown fans and with AMSOIL supporting us at the track. Having everyone here made the victory that much sweeter."

Douglas was able to close the championship points gap after his win in Chula Vista. The AMSOIL Super Team driver entered rounds nine and 10 in mid-August just one point out of first place. Rounds 11 and 12 will be held in Chula Vista on September 13-14. SPEED Channel will carry the September 13 event live.

Two years ago, AMSOIL Super Team driver Mike Oberg made history by winning the inaugural Jason Baldwin Memorial Cup race on NBC and taking home the largest purse in off-road racing history.

In 2008, just one week after his appearance at the AMSOIL 35th Anniversary Convention, Oberg's Pro 4 counterpart, Scott Douglas, continued the team's historical run by winning the first Championship Off Road Racing (CORR) Pro 4 race to be aired on live network television (NBC).

Douglas had pushed his new AMSOIL/Kumho Tires Ford F-150 to podium finishes in five of the first six races this year, but the El Cajon, Calif. driver was still looking for his first win of the season as the series shifted to his home track in Chula Vista.



Douglas powers the AMSOIL Ford F-150 through the s-turn on his way to the first Pro 4 win on live NBC.

"I couldn't be prouder of my crew," said Douglas. "It's the biggest reason we've been on the podium in seven of the eight races and qualifying up front all year long. This AMSOIL truck has been solid all year.



Mike Oberg, Scott Douglas and Chad Hord greet the fans in Chula Vista.



Products the Pros Use

The introduction of the new Dominator Synthetic Racing Oils is directly benefiting AMSOIL race teams. AMSOIL Super Team drivers Scott Douglas and Mike Oberg have been using the new Dominator 15W-50 Racing Oil (RD50) in their 800+ horsepower trucks for much of the summer racing season.

"The new Dominator 15W-50 has shown a greater ability to keep our trucks cool in the high heat that our engines produce. We saw an immediate drop in oil temps once we switched to the new Dominator Oil."

— Mike Oberg, AMSOIL Super Team Pro 2 driver



Rinker Sweeps in St. Louis

First win of the year comes in dominating fashion



Rinker cruises on his way to victory at the St. Louis Grand Prix.



Rinker celebrates his first win in 2008 after leading 49 out of 50 laps in St. Louis.

Team AMSOIL ChampBoat driver Terry Rinker reestablished his championship run as he held off a determined Shaun Torrente by two seconds and took his second win in three years at the St. Louis Grand Prix on Creve Coeur Lake just outside of St. Louis.

The thousands of fans who lined the lake saw a perfect start for the AMSOIL/Rinker Racing veteran, who came off the dock from the pole position and held off Torrente and local favorite Tim Seebold in a spectacular three-boat run to the first commitment buoy. Rinker would make the left turn first by holding the inside line and a lead that he would not lose for the next 43 laps.

Torrente worked his way around defending champion Seebold in the first third of the race and took up the charge to catch Rinker, finally passing him briefly on the 44th lap.

The cat and mouse game between the two drivers ended when Rinker finally used traffic to his advantage to take home his first victory of the season and his third in St. Louis in the last five years.

"We did a great job on the setup since the moment we rolled into the paddock," said Rinker. "Thanks to the fine AMSOIL products, we set the fastest lap in qualifying, won our heat race and then the Grand Prix race. So we went three-for-three with the sweep, and you can't do anything better than that."

Rinker now sits second overall in the points race behind Torrente. Teammate Randy Rinker finished fifth in St. Louis in the #41 AMSOIL/Rinker Racing Lee Craft.

The next scheduled race for the 2008 F-1 ChampBoat Series will be held September 27-28 in Tempe, Ariz.



Rinker swept the field in St. Louis, winning the time trials, his heat and the 50-lap final.

Barcia Takes Championship at Loretta's

Amateur rider wins four races at national event



Barcia took home four wins in six motos at Loretta Lynn's Amateur Nationals.

Team AMSOIL amateur motocross rider Justin Barcia already has three national titles from Loretta Lynn's Amateur Nationals presented by AMSOIL, all three in the 85cc class. Now the 15-year-old AMSOIL/Factory Connection rider can attach an MX Lites title to his résumé after a dominating week of racing in Tennessee.

Barcia, who missed the 2007 event with an injury, made it tough on the competition despite the hot and humid weather in late July and early August. Barcia took home the overall championship in the MX Lites B Stock class after finishing with a pair of wins and a second place finish in the third moto. Barcia also came close to winning the MX Lites B Modified class. Although

he won the first and third motos, he had trouble restarting his bike in the second race, finishing 19th in the moto and fourth overall.

Team AMSOIL teammate Blake Wharton finished 12th overall in the MX Lites A class and fourth overall in the MX Lites A Pro Sport class. Wharton made his AMA Outdoor Nationals pro debut in Millville, Minn. in mid-August with the Geico/AMSOIL/Honda team.



Team AMSOIL rider Justin Barcia celebrates his fourth championship at Loretta Lynn's.