



## ***Night Riders Snodeo 200***

### ***Round Six: Naytahwaush, Minnesota***

Cor Powersports headed to Naytahwaush, Minnesota for a fan favorite event, the Snodeo 200. We were welcomed with warm temperatures and eventually blue skies. On Saturday morning, there was fog that sat low which caused us to delay the start, but once temperatures rose, so conditions.

The first race of the day was the Pro Open and Semi Pro Improved two-lap qualifier. After two laps, the top nine Pro sleds were all within one minute and the top 10 Semi Pros were all within one minute! Paul Brown was the top qualifier on his Arctic Cat with a two-lap time of 17:19.500. Abe Olson qualified second (-4.862 seconds), Dylan Stevens third (-9.911), Aaron Christensen fourth (-40.650), and Zach Herfindahl in fifth (-45.098). In the Semi Pro Improved division, Boe Bunke was the top qualifier on his Polaris with a two-lap time of 18:01.753. In second was Evan Peppel, only 0.350 seconds behind Bunke! Jesse Hallstrom timed in third (-11.846), Luke Van Lyssel (-28.894), and Brando Wolter in fifth (-32.673).

All other classes were ran as a two day merged format. Race two of the day was the Sport Stock, Vet 30+, Masters 50+, Classic, Junior 14-17 and Junior 14-17 Girls who ran four laps. After one day of racing, in the Sport Stock class, Oliver Olson was leading over Justin Olson by 23.129 seconds.

In race three of the day, the Junior 10-13 and Junior 10-13 Girls classes took over the lake four three laps. In the Junior 10-13 class, The top four racers were all within one minute making it a tight battle going into day two. Luke Fredman led the class by 29.636 seconds over Reese Novacek in second both on Polaris. Gage Clark ran third (-46.789) and Rielly Clark ran fourth (-58.527) both on Arctic Cat.

Race four of the day was the Pro Factory Women, Trail, and Vintage classes who ran four laps. Mckenna Cloose led the Pro Factory Women's class over Gabby Hallstrom in second by 34.797 seconds. In third was Annie Olson (-51.224) and Savannah Landrus in fourth (-53.373) after day one.

The Pro Vet 35+, Sport Improved, Expert 600 Limited, and Masters 40+ classes raced in heat five running four laps. In the Pro Vet 35+ class, Jon Arneson led after day one by 15.943 seconds over Re Wadena.

Race six of the day was the six lap Semi Pro Improved heads-up final. Sleds lined up in rows of five with the front row being Bunke, Peppel, Hallstrom, Van Lyssel, and Wolter. The green flag

dropped and Bunke, Peppel, and Hallstrom quickly separated themselves from the pack. Eventually, Peppel found his way to the front of the trio and led lap number one of six. Hallstrom was close behind in second with Bunke having an off but still sitting in third. Peppel stretched his lead each and every lap with the top three holding positions the entire race. The battle for fourth and fifth was tight with Brandon Wolter and Luke Van Lyssel throughout the race as well. Evan Peppel ran his fastest lap of the race on lap five at 9 minutes 18.184 seconds. Jesse Hallstrom had his fastest lap of the race on Hallstrom at 9 minutes 21.158 seconds. Third place running Boe Bunke ran his fast lap on lap four at 9 minutes 19.513 seconds. Consistency was a common factor during this race for Evan Peppel as he took the checkered flag out front. Peppel earned his first Semi Pro Improved win of the season with a time of 55 minutes 52.887 seconds on his Polaris. Jesse Hallstrom earned second on his Ski-Doo 15.146 seconds out of first. In a close third place was Boe Bunke on his Polaris 17.502 seconds from the lead. Luke Van Lyssel claimed fifth (-1:22.554) and Brandon Wolter took fifth (-1:27.947) both on Polaris.

The last race of the day was the ten lap Pro Open heads up final. Sleds lined up in rows of five for the last time with Brown, Olson, Stevens, Christensen, and Herfindahl on the front row. The green flag dropped and young Abe Olson on his Arctic Cat took the early race lead. Olson stretched out his lead throughout the race running the fastest times and smoothest lines of the day. His fast lap was lap 4 at a blistering 9 minute 6.345 second lap. Herfindahl ran second but wasn't close enough to battle with Olson for the lead. Behind him was the duo of Christensen and Erdman battling for third. Laps continued to click off with Olson running a 9:08.834 time on lap two and 9:06.345 time on lap three. Second place Herfindahl ran about 9 seconds slower at a 9:17.861 time on lap two and a 9:15.613 on lap three. Christensen was running laps around the 9 minute 20 second mark. Erdman and Christensen both set their fast lap of the day on lap six with Christensen running a 9:17.649 and Erdman with a 9:12.764 lap which was the closest anyone got to Olson. On lap nine, Herfindahl, who ran second, found some extra speed and laid down his fastest lap of the race with a 9:13.784 laps time. Unfortunately, on the final lap, Olson went down with a mechanical issue that put him out of the race while leading. This put Herfindahl into the lead on his 2024 Arctic Cat catalyist.

After ten laps, Zach Herfindahl crossed the line first and took home his fifth Pro Open final of 2023. His winning time was 1 hour 33 minutes 4.601 seconds. Ross Erdman took second with a time of 1 hour 33 minutes 32.997 seconds (-25.396). Rounding out the podium was Aaron Christensen on his Polaris with a time of 1 hour 33 minutes 55.382 seconds (-47.781). In fourth was David Brown on his Arctic Cat with a time of 1 hour 35 minutes 38.003 seconds (-2:30.402). In fifth was the Polaris racers of Justin Tate at 1 hour 36 minutes 20.837 seconds (-3:13.236).

Day two of racing started at 9 A.M. starting with the Pro Factory Stock and Semi Pro Factory two-lap qualifier. After two fast laps of qualifying, all 14 Pro sleds were within 1 minute and 8 seconds. Zach Herfindahl was the top qualifier in the Pro Factory Stock class with a two-lap time of 18 minutes 20.979 seconds. Qualifying second was Taylor Bunke only 0.787 seconds behind Herfindahl. Clocking in third was Ross Erdman (-17.416), Abe Olson in fourth (-19.650), and Dylan Stevens in fifth (19.984). In the Semi Pro Stock class, Evan Peppel was top qualifier with a two-lap time of 18 minutes 31.416 seconds. Boe Bunke was second quick (-2.613), Jesse

Hallstrom third (-13.268), Brandon Wolter fourth (-16.042), and Luke Van Lyssel in fifth (-38.152).

The rest of the classes had business to do finishing their second half of racing. In race two, Adam Brandt had an excellent run and took over the overall win in the Sport Stock class. The two-day winning time from Brandt was 1 hour 28 minutes 9.18 seconds on his Arctic Cat. This is Adam's first win in the Sport Stock class in 2023. Coming in second with her career best in the Sport class was Gabby Hallstrom (Ski-Doo) with a time of 1 hour 19 minutes 38.609 seconds (-1:09.691). In third was Keagen Houser with a time of 1 hour 20 minutes 10.368 seconds (-1:41.450) on his Arctic Cat. In the Junior 14-17 class, Aaden Olson earned his first win in the class of 2023. His winning time was 1 hour 20 minutes 15.869 seconds. In second was Luke Omang with a time of 1 hour 22 minutes 46.224 seconds (-2:30.655). Elliott Clark finished third with a time of 1 hour 22 minutes 50.951 seconds (-2:34.951) for an all Arctic Cat sweep. In the Classic class, Ryan Derrick took the win on his Polaris with a winning time of 1 hour 20 minutes 03.799 seconds. In second was Benjamin Scott Wood with a time of 1 hour 24 minutes 9.278 seconds (-4:05.479). Rounding out the Classic podium was Kyle Grover with a time of 1 hour 24 minutes 59.377 seconds (-4:55.578). In the Masters 50+ class, there was also a first time winner of 2023. Chad Ingebretson took the win with a time of 1 hour 23 minutes 30.305 seconds. In second was Nick Thompson with a time of 1 hour 34 minutes 39.053 seconds (-6:08.748). In third was Jon Arneson with a time of 1 hour 24 minutes 5.328 seconds. In the Junior 14-17 Girls class, Katie Clark took another win on the year with a time of 1 hour 15 minutes 5.397 seconds with Rachel Wimpfheimer taking second.

In race three, in the 10-13 year-olds turn. In the Junior 10-13 class, Luke Fredman earned his first career win on his Polaris with a time of 1 hour 6 minutes 23.552 seconds. Reese Novacek took second back 47.422 seconds on her Polaris. In a close third place was Rielly Clark only 0.167 seconds behind Novacek on his Arctic Cat. In the Junior 10-13 Girls class, Taylor Cloose took the win on her Arctic Cat with a time of 1 hour 14 minutes 5.945 seconds. In second was Kynsie Diesen with a time of 1 hour 15 minutes 27.179 seconds (-1:21.234). In third was Madyson Landin on her Polaris with a time of 1 hour 25 minutes 55.192 seconds (-11:49.247).

Race four, the Pro Factory Women, Trail, and Vintage classes competed in day two. In the Pro Factory Women's class, McKenna Cloose took the overall win with a time of 1 hour 19 minutes 14.955 seconds on her Arctic Cat. Claiming second was Gabby Hallstrom on her Ski-Doo 28.358 seconds out of first. Rounding out the podium on her Polaris was Savannah Landrus 1 minute 11.802 seconds behind Cloose. In the Trail class, Braden Sillerud took the win with a time of 1 hour 20 minutes 14.225 seconds. In second was Anthony McKay at 1 hour 23 minutes 30.122 seconds (-3:15.897) with Adam Brandt taking third. The Vintage class only ran two laps each day running four laps total. This class had one of the closest finishes of the weekend with Collin Grover taking over Kyle Grover by 0.606 seconds! Collin's winning time was 49 minutes 23.362 seconds.

In race five, Luke Omang took his first Expert 600 Limited win in 2023 with a time of 1 hour 23 minutes 20.099 seconds. Aaden Olson took second at 1 hour 23 minutes 37.409 seconds (-

17.310). Rounding out the podium was Stuart Brandt making it an all Arctic Cat podium with a time of 1 hour 25 minutes 18.631 seconds (-1:58.532). In the Masters 40+ class, Mike Carver took the win on his Arctic Cat. In the Pro Vet 35+ class, Re Wadena made his first appearance of the year and took the win with a time of 1 hour 17 minutes 41.943 seconds. In second was Craig Ritzinger with a time of 1 hour 21 minutes 10.914 seconds (-3:28.971). In third was Jon Arneson with a time of 1 hour 21 minutes 59.705 seconds. In the Spor Improved Stock class, Oliver Olson took the win on his Polaris with a time of 1 hour 18 minutes 8.745 seconds. In second was Justin Olson at 1 hour 19 minutes 11.022 seconds (-1:02.277). Rounding out the podium was Keagen Houser with a time of 1 hour 19 minutes 12.122 seconds (-1:03.377).

Race six of the day was the first heads-up final of the day. The Semi Pro Stock sleds took the line starting in rows of five. The front row was made up of Peppel, Bunke, Hallstrom, Wolter, and Van Lyssel. The green flag dropped for six laps of racing. Jesse Hallstrom took the early race lead on his Ski-Doo with the two Polaris machines of Peppel and Bunke on his heels. On the first lap, Bunke made his way to the front and led lap one. Bunke continued to lead after lap two with Peppel in second and Hallstrom in third. On lap three, Bunke had a mechanical issue while leading, taking him out of the race. This put Evan Peppel into the lead with Hallstrom in second and Van Lyssel close behind in third. Peppel continued to stretch his lead through six laps of racing. After it was all said and done, Evan Peppel crossed the line first on his Polaris claiming his second Semi Pro Stock win of 2023. His winning time was 56 minutes 45.768 seconds. Jesse Hallstrom took second on his Ski-Doo with a time of 57 minutes 57.160 seconds. Only 0.541 seconds behind Hallstrom was Luke Van Lyssel with a total time of 57 minutes 57.701 seconds. Hallstrom and Van Lyssel both ran their fastest lap of the race on the final lap! Coming in fourth was Cooper Kangas with a time of 58 minutes 50.560 seconds (-2:04.792). Close behind in fifth was Aiden Leonard with a time of 58 minutes 53.433 seconds (-2:07.665).

The last race of the weekend was the 10 lap heads-up Pro Factory Stock Final with a mandatory fuel stop. Sleds lined up in rows of five with Herfindahl, Bunke, Erdman, Olson, and Stevens in the front row. The green flag dropped and Herfindahl took the early race lead on his Polaris with a fleet of racers on his heels. After lap one, Zach Herfindahl held a 1.865 second lead over Taylor Bunke in second, Aaron Christensen in third (-4.471) from the second row, Ross Erdman in fourth (-7.566), and Abe Olson in fifth (-9.822). On the second lap, Christensen made the pass on Herfindahl for the lead. After two laps, Christensen had a 1.453 second lead over Herfindahl. Bunke sat in second (-6.769), Olson in fourth (-26.092), and Erdman in fifth (-28.200). On lap three, Christensen grew his lead to 12.971 seconds over Herfindahl. Bunke sat third (-22.442), Brown in fourth (-50.278), and Selby up to fifth (-53.694). On lap four, Christensen almost doubled his lead over Herfindahl (-24.836). Bunke still ran third (-38.972) with Brown and Selby still four, five. On lap five, Selby found his way around Brown for fourth with the top three remaining the same. On lap six, the top sleds fueled. Christensen passed the fuel area, then turned around and entered the fuel area. Herfindahl and Bunke came in for fuel behind him. Christensen and Bunke got out of the fuel stop clean but when Herfindahl was running his sled out of the fuel area, his sled started on fire which then caught Zach himself on fire. Teams are required to have an extinguisher at the fuel stop with them so the fire was put out quickly. Herfindahl then had trouble starting his sled but eventually made his way out. This

put him back to fourth and Selby into the top three. With Bunkes clean fuel stop, he was now only 20.979 seconds behind Christensen who still led. Bunke continued to cut one second off Christensen's led each passing lap. After nine laps, Christensen led with Bunke running his fastest lap of the race 18.219 seconds off the lead. In third was Selby (-54.483), Herfindahl in fourth (-1:18.227), and Tate in fifth (-1:39.355).

After 10 laps, Aaron Christensen clinched his first Pro Factory Stock win on the 2023 season with a total time of 1 hour 34 minutes 49.454 seconds. Coming in second was the Polaris machine of Taylor Bunke with a time of 1 hour 35 minutes 6.710 seconds (-17.256). Rounding out the podium was Wes Selby on his Ski-Doo at 1 hour 36 minutes 10.496 seconds. In fourth was Zach Herfindahl at 1 hour 36 minutes 17.923 seconds (-1:28.469) and in fifth was Justin Tate at 1 hour 36 minutes 34.048 seconds (-1:45.048).

With one round to go in 2023, Zach Herfindahl is leading the Pro Factory Stock and Pro Open points but 16 points in Stock and 17 points in Open over Aaron Christensen in both classes. In the Semi Pro Factory Stock class, Evan Peppel overtook the points lead this weekend and is leading Boe Bunke by 14 points. In the Semi Pro Improved class, Boe Bunke is leading Evan Peppel by 28 points. In the Pro Factory Womens class, Gabby Hallstrom is holding onto the lead by 27 points over Unity Gausen and two more points back is Mckenna Cloose in third. Cor Powersports will take next weekend off with our 2023 season finale which will take place in Ironwood, Michigan March 18-19 with our year end banquet also taking place on March 19th.

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