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Team Arctic Locks In Factory XC Race Team

(THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN October 22, 2025) – Team Arctic is eagerly anticipating the coming winter, when it aims to reclaim its rightful place atop the cross-country racing world with a newly expanded factory team.

Rising star Jesse Hallstrom will team with legendary racer Zach Herfindahl in the Team Arctic hauler in the Pro classes on the Cor PowerSports race circuit, while Derek Kloety returns to chase the Semi-Pro titles. Each will compete on Catalyst chassis-based ZR 600 R-XC models.

Hallstrom, 19, of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, started his career racing Arctic Cat snowmobiles at age 4, when he learned what it takes to reach the podium. After spending the last three seasons with another team, he returns to his hometown roots with more experience and robust aspirations. “As I look ahead to this new chapter, I’m grateful for where I’ve been and even more energized for what’s to come being back on an Arctic Cat,” said Hallstrom.

Herfindahl, 29, of Eagle River, Wisconsin, has already amassed 14 points championships, five cross-country I-500 victories and a Soo I-500 enduro win in his storied career – all aboard Arctic Cats. He is looking to build on that success in 2026 with his new teammate. “These are exciting times for Team Arctic,” Herfindahl said. “I am pumped about the addition of Jesse to our team.”



Kloety, 21, of St. Hilaire, Minnesota, finished fourth in Semi-Pro Improved Stock last season, including two trips to the podium in five rounds. “I’m excited to have Jesse back on Cats where he belongs,” said Kloety. “We all work well together and are hoping we can all push each other to get faster.”

Team Arctic Race Manager Mike Kloety added, “Jesse coming back to Team Arctic brings talent, youth and passion for the sport, plus a good Arctic Cat family heritage, all in one program. Having another good rider racing out of the factory trailer will provide more feedback, which will speed up our ability to get information and support to all of Cat’s racers.”

This winter, Team Arctic will be showcasing a broad range of returning and new cross-country racers who each play a vital role in the team's efforts to chase checkered flags and continue development through competition. Also returning this season is the factory Arctic Cat race trailer, ready to offer support to all of Team Arctic at every Cor Powersports race. Look for more complete Arctic Cat race team details in coming weeks. And look for its racers at the front of the pack this winter.

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