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Allard sweeps Pro finals in Malone for Rock Maple Racing, Presented by the New England Dodge Dealers

MALONE, N.Y. (Jan. 7, 2008) — Canadian snocross veteran Dave Allard likes to keep busy, even when his home circuit has a weekend off. Allard, of St. Felecion, Quebec, ventured south last weekend and took his broom to upstate New York. Allard swept the Pro finals Sunday afternoon as Rock Maple Racing (RMR) completed Round 3 of the 10-race 2007-08 Central series snocross schedule.

Allard, who rode for Blair Morgan last year on the WPSA national tour, didn't get the holeshot in Pro Open but steadily picked his way through the field. He passed early leader Danny Poirier just halfway and pulled away for the win. Poirier (Cycle Worx/Polaris) held off rising star John O'Malley for second, while C.W. Sirjane and rookie sensation Darrin Mees completed the top five.

In Pro Stock, Allard held off a hard-charging Sirjane in the 12-lap final to complete the sweep. Mees came on strong late to finish third, with Poirier fourth and defending champion Jason Boron (Outdoor Performance/D&Z Racing) fifth. Sirjane (XP-S/Harrison Motorsports Ski-doo) now edges a bit closer to Poirier in points as the series prepares for its next race in two weeks.

Another of the Canadian visitors came out on top in Pro vet action at Malone. Patrick Vigneault, of Three Rivers, QC, held off Maine's Dean Stevens (SnoPro Trailers/Ski-doo) and Matt Woodruff to claim the victory. Angela Vacchino prevailed in a competitive Pro Women's final, with Wakenda Peters second and KC Anderson third. Arctic Cat sleds finished first through fourth to dominate the division.

In Semi-Pro action Sunday, Alaska native Robert Graeber continued his hot streak. Graeber, last year's Pro champion on the Alaska Motor Musers circuit, held off Jake Melville and Aaron Pfeifer to claim the Stock 600 final. New York natives Jason Stone and Shaun St. Onge finished one-two in Semi-Pro Open, giving the home-state fans reason to cheer. Vermont's Chris Chico filled out the podium with a solid third place run. Maine's Sean Boivin (Arctic Cat) completes our list of Semi-Pro winners with his victory in the Stock 440 final. Jordan Hicks and Nathan Leclaire filled out the podium on their Ski-does.

Corin Todd was the young man to beat in Sport division action at Malone. The 14 year-old athlete got off to a slow start on Saturday, finishing third to Quebec native Lucas Brunelle and Maine's Seth Taylor (Team Arctic/Wallingford Racing). On Sunday, Todd picked up the pace. He out-dued Brunelle to win the Stock 600 final, then out-gunned Garrett Mees to claim the Super Stock final. Scott Smith completes our list of Sport winners with his victory in Stock 600 Fan over Hal Collins and Steve Bailey for an all-Malone top three. Those hometown kids couldn't have done much better.

In Junior division, Lincoln Lemieux recorded his third hat trick of the season. The 14 year-old from St. Johnsbury, VT, claimed the 14-15 Stock 600 Fan, 14-15 Stock 500 and 16-17 Stock 500 finals in impressive fashion. While his father Joe may have come away from Malone without a trophy, Linc more than made up for it. Jake Scott also posted a pair of wins on Sunday, claiming the 10-13 380 Fan and 10-13 Stock 600 Fan classes. Montana Jess, the famed "Flying Onion," of Westminster, Mass., showed his skills by winning Sunday's Jr. 8-10 300 Freestyle final, while Travis Boutin captured Saturday's Freestyle contest.

Other winners over the weekend in Maine include Daniel Slood (Sport 600 Performance); Rene Desrochers (Plus 35 Masters); Christian Ellsworth (Plus 25 Stock); Sara Harrison (Jr. Girls 10-13 Stock 600 Fan); KC Anderson (Women Stock 500); Angela Vacchino (Women Stock 600 Sat.); Janell Smith (Women Stock Novice); Jake Dasilva (Jr. 16-17 Stock 600 Fan); and Brent Williams (Trail 600 Saturday and Sunday).

Rock Maple Racing would like to thank the Malone Chamber of Commerce for hosting our fourth annual appearance at the Franklin County Fairgrounds. With ample snow and warm temperatures, conditions were ideal for racers and fans alike. Teams and officials from RMR's Central series will now prepare for Round 4 on Jan. 19-20 at the Pit-X track in Verona, New York.

Rock Maple Racing is the eastern affiliate of the World Powersports Association (WPSA), the national sanctioning body for snocross racing. For full results from Malone or to learn more, go to www.rockmaple.com.

