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## ***Poirier, Mees split Pro finals at Whaleback for Rock Maple Racing, Presented by the New England Dodge Dealers***

ENFIELD, NH (Dec. 3, 2007) — Canadian snocross sensation Danny Poirier and former Semi-Pro champion Darrin Mees claimed final round wins Sunday afternoon, as Rock Maple Racing (RMR) completed Round 1 of the 10-race 2007-08 Central series snocross schedule at Whaleback Mountain.

Poirier passed early leader C.W. Sirjane with three laps remaining and hung on to win the Pro Stock final, while Mees recorded his first RMR Pro victory in the Open class. In Pro Open, Mees snagged the holeshot but it was Poirier who led the first lap. Mees, of Setauket, NY, regained control on lap two and never looked back. Sirjane clawed his way to second while Poirier settled for third. Dale Petrus was fourth and Alex Moreau completed the top five. Petrus, like Mees, is a former Semi-Pro star looking to earn respect and race wins in the Pro division.

In Stock Pro Am action, Joe Lemieux picked up right where he left off last season. The defending class champion from Vermont's Northeast Kingdom claimed the final over Dean Stevens and Joel Santy. Lemieux may be over 45, but still rides like an athlete in his early 30s. Michaela Lemieux (no relation) claimed the Pro Women's final, holding off veterans Cindy Regimbald and Melanie Acker for top honors.

In Semi-Pro action at Whaleback, John O'Malley had the crowd on its feet. The young rider from Ajax, Ontario, controlled the Semi-Pro Stock 600 final but almost fell off his sled in the late going. He was able to stay on board and hung on to post the win. Local favorite Derek Graham of Woodsville finished second to keep the Granite State crowd happy.

Trevor Bouchard grabbed the holeshot in a wild Semi-Pro Open final, but it was a young man from Alaska who stole the show. Robert Graeber, of Willow, AK, is a new rider with Bruce Gaspardi's Team Southside. Graeber slotted into third behind Bouchard and Jason Stone in the early laps, but steadily worked his way forward and took command just after halfway. Stone held on for second while Shaun St. Onge finished third. St. Onge is a new addition at the Harrison Motorsports/XP-S Ski-doo team. Jordan Hicks capped the list of Semi-Pro winners when he held off Nate Leclair and Ben Schultz to claim the Stock 440 class win.

In Junior division action, young Lincoln Lemieux was the man to beat. The second-generation racer (Joe's son) recorded a hat trick Sunday, posting wins in Jr. 14-15 Stock 600 Fan, Jr. 14-15 Stock 500 and Jr. 16-17 Stock 500. With Linc's mom now staying home to pursue a career in nursing, he's out to make Dad extra proud on race weekends. Jake Dasilva was right there on Linc's bumper all afternoon, posting three second place finishes on the day. Jake Scott claimed two final round wins (Jr. 10-13 Stock 380 Fan and 600 Fan) while Montana Jess (Jr. 8-10 300 Freestyle Sat.) and Travis Boutin (Jr. 8-10 300 Freestyle Sun.) cap our list of winners.

Other winners at Whaleback include Corin Todd (Sport Super Stock Sat. And Sun.); Garrett Mees (Sport Stock 600); Hal Collins (Sport Stock 600 Fan); Emerson Cayer (Sport 600 Performance); Lucas Brunelle (Sport Stock 500); Rene Desrochers (Plus 35 Masters); Scott Edwards (Plus 25 Stock); Sara Harrison (Girls 10-13 Stock 600 Fan); KC Anderson (Women Stock 500); Janell Smith (Women Stock 600 and Stock Novice); Brent Williams (Trail 600 Sat.); and Dustin Tracy (Trail 600 Sunday).

Rock Maple Racing would like to thank Evan Dybvig, Frank Sparrow and the entire staff at Whaleback for their relentless efforts to make this event happen. Cold temperatures arrived just in time for their snow-makers to produce enough snow for our track, and for that we are deeply appreciative. Everyone in the Upper Valley region extended a warm welcome to our teams, making our visit to the area a pleasant one.

Up next for RMR is the West series opener slated for this coming weekend, Dec. 8-9, at the beautiful Windham Mountain ski area in Windham, 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 Whaleback or to learn more, visit us online at [www.rockmaple.com](http://www.rockmaple.com).

