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## ***Matt Rudd sweeps Pro finals in Windham for Rock Maple Racing, Presented by the New England Dodge Dealers John O'Malley Wins First Winter X Games Qualifier***

WINDHAM, NY (Dec. 11, 2007) — Veteran New York snocross racer Matt Rudd swept the Pro finals last Sunday, while rising Canadian star John O'Malley won the Winter X Games Qualifier, as Rock Maple Racing (RMR) completed Round 1 on the nine-race 2007-08 West series snocross schedule at Windham Mountain.

Rudd, of Rodman, powered his Ski-doo to victory in Pro Open over brother Greg and Shane Martin, while fellow New York racer Logan Neill finished second in Pro Stock. Defending RMR West series champion Eddie Hawkins started his title defense with a solid fourth place run in Pro Stock. Pennsylvania native Jim Wagner prevailed in the Pro Vet final, holding off Jerry Slade and Pit-X track owner Bob Pawlowski for top honors.

Martha Wells made the long haul down from Colebrook, NH, worthwhile with her victory in the Pro Women's final. KC Anderson and Cindy Regimbald filled out the podium. Paul Deruyter, another snocross veteran from Inlet, NY, claimed the Masters class final over Warren Achman and Gene Robinson. Former Pro Women's champion Michelle Lemieux won the Plus 25 final, holding off hard-charging John Iannace and Jayme Wood in a tight battle.

In West series Semi-Pro action, Garrett Mees (XP-S/Harrison Motorsports Ski-doo) won a wild Open final over Lucas Brunelle and Chris Ackerman. Corin Todd and AJ Bogino rounded out the top five. Todd found redemption in Semi-Pro Stock 440, out-dueling Sam Call and Steven Brown for the win. Brunelle also bounced back to claim the Semi-Pro Stock 600 final, with Todd and Ackerman in tow.

Cody Flach heads our list of Sport division winners at Windham. The young athlete from Coxsackie, NY, captured the Sport Super Stock final on both Saturday and Sunday, with Michael George netting a pair of podium finishes. Grayson Callahan and Trevor Walda also earned podium finishes in Sport Super Stock action over the weekend. New Jersey-based Polaris rider Pat Depaola claimed the Sport 500 and 600 finals, while Malone, New York's Hal Collins won the Sport Stock 600 Fan class.

In Junior division action, Joey Stock and Taylor Collins posted two wins each. Stock, of Bearsville, NY, claimed Saturday's 500cc final for 14-15 year-olds, then took on the Jr. 16-17 gang on his 500 sled and beat them, too. Collins, of Malone, NY, held off Stock for top honors in Sunday's Jr. 14-15 500cc final, then added a victory in 14-15 Stock 600 Fan for good measure. Lincoln Lemieux, hot off a hat trick at the Central series opener one week ago in Enfield, NH, claimed Sunday's Jr. 16-17 Stock 500 final. Quite a feat given the fact he just turned 14 a few weeks ago.

Other West series winners at Windham include Brown (Sport 600 Performance); Emily Travaglini (Jr. Girls 10-13 Stock 600 Fan); Chelsea Smith (Women Stock 500); Anderson (Women Stock 600 Saturday); Janell Smith (Women Stock Novice); Michaela Lemieux (Women Stock 600 Sunday); Ryan McIntyre (Trail 600 Saturday); and Beau Brand (Trail 600 Sunday).

In addition to the full slate of West series points races, Windham Mountain also played host to the first of RMR's two Winter X Games Qualifiers. The list of those who competed for the right to race in Aspen next month reads like a who's-who of northeastern snocross. But in the end, the young man who prevailed was John O'Malley, of Ajax, Ontario.

O'Malley came to Rock Maple Racing last year after a successful campaign on the CSRA circuit. He finished third in Semi-Pro Stock points last season, then opened the 2007-08 Central series schedule with a victory in that class at Whaleback Mountain. O'Malley held off former RMR Pro champion Danny Poirier and



Tyler Sedlmeier for top honors in the Winter X Qualifier.

Along with West series action and the Winter X Qualifier, fans in Windham were also treated to some great racing from Central series Pro and Semi-Pro teams. Those fans got a big show indeed as **WPSA national tour star T.J. Gulla** made a rare appearance and promptly swept the Pro finals. Gulla, of South Hero, VT, is a **former Pro Stock champion on the Powersports Snowmobile Tour** and is **ranked among the top riders in snocross today**.

Finishing second to Gulla in Pro Open was Poirier, while Chris Sirjane was third. In Pro Stock, defending champion Jason Boron posted his first podium finish of the season with a solid second, while Sirjane took another third. Joe Lemieux made it two-for-two in Pro Vet, holding off Joel Santy and returning veteran Dean Stevens of Oakland, Maine for top honors. Lemieux got his 2007-08 Central series campaign started on a good note with a victory at Whaleback.

In Semi-Pro action Sunday, Robert Graeber carried the momentum he built last week into Windham. The native of Willow, Alaska, earned his second straight Semi-Pro Open win, this time out-gunning Vermont veteran Chris Chico and New York's Aaron Pfeifer for the honor. Jason Stone led a two-state podium in Semi-Pro Stock 600. Stone, of Central Square, NY, held off New Hampshire's Derek Graham and fellow New Yorker Shaun St. Onge for the win. Teams from RMR's Central series will now prepare for a trip to the beautiful Black Mountain of Maine ski area in Rumford this coming weekend.

RMR would like to thank the entire staff at Windham Mountain for providing adequate snow for a great track and hosting such an action-packed weekend of racing. Our presence in the Catskills region is valued and we are blessed to have such a wonderful host facility in this area.

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