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Bell looks to overcome Lake Luzerne Issues

Seeks to regain Points Lead at Young Farms

(Fremont, New Hampshire, February 17, 2017)—Rock Maple Racing (RMR-XC) returns to action Saturday at Young Farms in West Glover, Vt., the penultimate race of the RMR season. Tight points battles abound in all classes after a competitive season thus far.

Gates will open at 8 am on 165 Bickford Lane, with races beginning at 9am. There is a \$10 admission fee for all attendees, except for children 10 and under, who are admitted free. There is a predicted high of 41 degrees Saturday, but sub-freezing temps and the chance for snow looks to provide a strong racing surface for this weekend's riders.

Regarding the toughness of the athletes, fans discovered if it can happen on a snowmobile sled, it probably happened to Maine native Heath Bell at the recent race at Lake Luzerne Feb. 4. What could have been a victory turned into an extremely hard-earned second-place finish.

Bell's issues began when he stopped on the 14th lap instead of waiting another ten or so circuits. "I didn't have enough room for fuel and it overflowed," he said. "Taking off, I guess the fuel was hot and it backfired and the sled was on fire. I put it out in about 10 or 15 seconds, fired it back up, and continued to race."

Even with the mid-race fire, Bell still had a large enough lead to take the checkered flag. Except...

"I still would've won after that happened," he said, "but I blew a belt and that took another minute-forty to change the belt and I was about a minute-twenty down from first place, so I would've won, I believe, if that hadn't happened."



Despite the lack of a first-place trophy, Bell said this weekend's event at Bickford Lane in West Glover, Vt., provides him the opportunity to return to first place in the Pro Factory Stock class.

"You never know what the track's going to look like and this weekend, there's going to be a lot more snow," he said. "So, I'll set my sled up accordingly. I'm always looking for a first place and yeah, it definitely gives me some momentum. I'm two points down behind the points leader, so if I can get a first, I can get back up there and be the points leader."

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Founded by Don and Nancy Finck, RMR sanctioned snocross events from 1991-92 until March of 2010. Veteran Rock Maple race officials Jennifer Carrier (scoring) and Shawn Achilles (race director) have joined with owners Tara Saxton and Glynn DeSilva to recreate that fun-filled atmosphere once enjoyed in northeastern snowmobile competition. Be sure to check out RMR-XC on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) to follow the latest news, and visit www.rockmapleracing.com for the latest updates.