

Kaufman Takes Podium Finish In New York

Christian Finishes 4th in Pro Open

Fertile, Minn. (February 7, 2011) – Fresh off the Winter X Games, the Christian Brothers Racing team made the trek from Aspen, Colorado, to Finger Lakes Casino and Racetrack in East Farmington, New York for the ISOC Vision KIA Eastern Nationals this past February 4-5. It is the fourth of eight races on CBR's ISOC National snocross schedule.

The weekend started with Pro Super Stock racing and Garth Kaufman began his run to a podium finish in the class going 3-3 in heat racing. In the final, Kaufman got a great start and slotted his Arctic Cat into third place right out of the gate. Riders fought snow dust and traffic was heavy in the opening laps until the running order settled down. Kaufman held his ground and was able to make his way into second place and held the position until he saw the checkered flag, taking the podium spot.

"I had a great run," Kaufman said. "It was tough to see with the snow dust, but the sled was working great and I knew if I just kept pushing I had the podium spot locked down."

After the mid-way point of the season Kaufman is sitting in 4th place in Pro Super Stock points with 115, 29 points behind third place.

"I'm looking to win before the season is done," said Kaufman. "But I'm also looking at the points, and I don't think Top 3 is out of the question."

Kaufman kept his momentum going in the Pro Open class going 2-3 in heats locking him in for the final. Logan Christian transferred to the final after he won the LCQ. Both riders got a good start in the big show and battled hard at the front of the pack with Christian finishing 4th and Kaufman 5th.

"Getting a good start is huge and the team had our sleds dialed in," said Christian. "I felt great and wanted that podium spot but I just ran out of laps. I'm happy with 4th place."

Zach Pattyn had a rare off weekend and failed to make either Pro final, but gained valuable points in heat racing. Ryan Simons suffered an injury to his heel at the Winter X Games and had to sit out the weekend. He will be back for the team's next event, the USCC race in Walker, Minn., February 13.

"The team had a great weekend," said CBR co-owner Dwight Christian. "Logy's 4th place in Pro Open and Garth's 2nd in Pro Super Stock and 5th in Pro Open are our best finishes so far this season. We'll be looking to build on that and keep working hard until we're on top of the podium."

CBR would like to extend its deepest sympathies to the Mach family. USCC founder and President Pat Mach passed away this past weekend in a snowmobile accident.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to Pat's wife Lisa, his son Adam and the rest of the Mach family," said Dwight Christian.

Next up for CBR is the ISOC Traxxas Michigan National at the Silverdome in Pontiac, Mich., and then it's off to the USCC Chase On The Lake Walker 100 in Walker, Minn., February 13, 2011. For more information on Christian Brothers Racing please visit www.christianbrosracing.com.

