



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **More than 45,000 Fans Witness a Spectacular Show at the Montreal Supermotocross**

#### **Jason Thomas wins the Montreal Supermotocross for the second time Swiss Freestyler Mat Rebeaud Electrifies the Crowd**

**Montreal, October 3, 2009** – More than 45,000 cheering fans witnessed Suzuki rider Jason Thomas of Melrose, Florida spectacular runaway MX1 win over Canadian Colton Facciotti at the Montreal Supermotocross, presented by Coors Light and Parts Canada on Saturday night at the Olympic Stadium. Third place on the podium went to another Canadian, Dusty Klatt from Campbel River, BC. Simon Homans was the best Quebec performer of the grand finale with a 10<sup>th</sup> place finish.

“The start was going to be everything tonight because the track was wet and passing minimal,” said the two-time Montreal race winner Thomas. “I focused on the drop of the gate and made a quick start and ran away. Until then, I was having a terrible weekend.”

2009 Canadian champion Facciotti made his way to the 450cc Motocross 1 (MX1) grand finale by winning the first of the two qualifying races ahead of Honda riders Troy Adams of Florida and Cole Seibler from the state of Idaho. Tenth place in the first heat race was good enough for Simon Homans (Honda) from Sherbrooke, QC to qualify for the grand finale. The second heat race belonged to New York rider Robert Kiniry who beat fellow American Teddy Maier, also on a Kawasaki, and Jason Thomas (Suzuki) from Florida. Honda rider Marc-Antoine Généreux from St-Césaire, the best Quebec performer in this heat race, also qualified for the final race. In the last chance qualifying race, for those who did not make the cut in the first two MX1 heat races, enabled Quebec rider Kaven Benoit to make his way to the final on the last lap of the race.

#### **Beaton wins the MX2 race**

The first final race of the evening was an all-Canadian affair with Kyle Beaton (Yamaha) from Surrey, BC winning ahead of Quebec Kawasaki rider Kaven Benoit and Brady Sheren, also from Surrey. Sheren led the first five laps of the 10-lap final before Beaton overtook him. Benoit moved past the Suzuki of Beaton for second place on lap 7.

In the second final race of the night, American riders swept the ATV class podium after a hard fought battle between the top three riders with the win finally going to Chad Weinen ahead of John Natalie and Josh Creamer. Fifth place went to Quebec rider Jasmin Plante who ran third until lap 8 of the 10-lap race. The officials for a technical infraction later disqualified Plante. In the first qualifying race held earlier, Can-Am rider Chad Wiene won ahead of Josh Creamer (Kawasaki) and Jasmin Plante (Yamaha). The second heat race was won by another Can-Am rider John Natale from Pennsylvania, followed by fellow American Cody Miller and Quebec rider Richard Pelchat (Can-Am).

### **Komel Nemeth takes the win in the EnduroCross race**

Making its debut at the Montreal Supermotocross, the EnduroCross (EX) riders entertained the crowd during their final race. Local favorite Guy Giroux of St-Jérôme, QC finished third overall behind winner Komel Nemeth from Kamloops, BC and John Dowd from Ludlow, MA. Qualifying rounds were won by KTM rider Komel Nemeth and Kawasaki rider John Dowd, Quebec rider Guy Giroux (BMW) made the qualifying cut with a fourth place finish.

### **Swiss Freestyler Matt Rebeaud electrifies the crowd**

The ever-increasing spectacular Freestyle contest pitted this year the best North American flyers against their European counterparts. With Quebec born Ben Milot leading the way with Californian Wiley Fullmer, nicknamed the elastic man, as well as with British Columbia natives Morgan Kaliszuk and Jeff Banks against Swiss Mat Rebeaud, who holds the world record for the highest jump ever made (11 meters), and who is considered one of the world's best freestyler and Charly Pagès, the 28-year old from France, who is a regular on the international competition scene.

"We had some serious competition tonight," said Ben Milot. "As soon as Rebeaud made his Backflip Superman, everybody's night was done. He is one step ahead of everyone. We had fun and the crowd loved our show."

Pierre Corbeil, the event promoter, was very pleased with the positive fan response to the 32<sup>nd</sup> edition of the longest continuously running sporting event in Montreal. **"It has been a great year. Throughout the summer months leading to tonight's event, we felt a renewed enthusiasm from motorcross fans in Eastern Canada, and this was quite stimulating for the whole organization. The increase affluence at the gates is a testimony of the hard work done by our team. We are already gathering new ideas for 2010, even though this event has just barely finished this one. We are already inviting g everyone to be with us once again for the 33<sup>rd</sup> running of this event,** "concluded the man who has been presiding over this event since 1977.

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