



## *Aki Pihlaja Continues Podium Streak To Open Second Half Of National Snocross Tour*



Winnipeg, MB (February 20, 2018) - Aki Pihlaja picked up another podium at round nine of the national snocross tour in his quest to repeat as Champion in the Pro Lite class.

Extreme swings in the weather including heavy rain the day before the race, high winds on Friday and fresh snow on Saturday kept the Jimmy John's team on their toes as they tried to stay on top of changing track conditions. Pihlaja did not have his best qualifying heat races of the year but came through when it counted in the main events. On Saturday, he just missed another podium starting from the ninth spot in the final and moving up to fourth, just two seconds off the third place finisher.

For Pro racer Ryan Springer, it was a weekend of progress that carried over after his strong performance at the Grand Prix de Valcourt just one week ago. Springer finished in the top three in all four of his qualifying rounds, including a win and two seconds. He was the fastest Ski-Doo off the starting line throughout the weekend but ran into some bad luck in the finals that kept him from his first potential podium of the year. On Friday Springer was landed on during the second lap of racing and was unable to continue. On Saturday he started in the fourth position and was challenging for the second spot six laps into the final when he incurred damage to his front suspension forcing him to retire from the race.



Up next are rounds 11 and 12 from Mount Pleasant, Michigan on February 24 and 25.

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