

ROUND

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Blackfoot Park, Calgary, AB

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Dubach and Lange Steal the Show

Calgary, AB – The second round of the Export 'A' Canadian Motocross Championships was held during a weekend of mixed weather in Calgary. After a rain-soaked amateur schedule on Saturday, the Blackfoot Park facility was in excellent condition come Sunday morning. Packed grandstands and clear skies greeted the riders for Blackfoot Park's inaugural National event.

The first 250 moto of the day was all California's Doug Dubach on his Gowland Motorsports/Fed-Ex/Pro-Circuit/White Brothers/Yamaha YZ 426F. The Dr. took the holeshot and never looked back. Honda Canada/Blackfoot Motosports' Blair Morgan rode a steady and consistent race to take home second, ahead of Kawasaki Canada/Richmond Motorsports' Darcy Lange. Despite an excellent start, London, Ontario native Doug DeHaan suffered a mechanical DNF caused by a loose radiator hose. Other notables were Michigan's Josh Woods finishing fourth on his Kawasaki Canada/Two-Wheel/Pro-Action ride nudging out Florida's Jason Thomas, who rallied from a horrendous start to grab fifth on his Honda Canada/Blackfoot Motosports-prepared CR.

Tacky conditions in the second moto proved to be no less of an advantage for the four stroke-mounted Dubach, as he rounded the first turn in the lead and never looked back. Following close behind was Suzuki Canada/CRS Team Safety's Marco Dube. Dube

was able to stay with the Dr. for much of the moto, but was relegated to third at the checkers as a late pass by the charging Jason Thomas completed the moto. A first turn crash saw defending title holder Blair Morgan suffer a broken hand and Suzuki Canada/CRS Team Safety's Simon Homans pull off with a broken arm. Both are out indefinitely. Honda Canada/Machine Racing's Chuck Mesley put in an impressive ride grabbing sixth place in the moto and coupled with his seventh in the first go-round earned him a seventh overall for the day.

Absolutely perfect track conditions greeted the riders for the first 125 Pro/Am moto of the day. Darcy Lange was the first rider to take advantage of the available traction on his Kawasaki Canada/Richmond Motorsports-tuned KX and grabbed the holeshot ahead of American teammate Donald Upton, followed by Round 1 hotshoe Sean Hamblin on his Honda Canada/Blackfoot Motosports ride. Before the first lap was complete, Hamblin would pick himself up off the ground after a spectacular cartwheel. Re-mounting from nearly dead last, Hamblin made an impressive sixth place showing. Lange took the win over Upton after the two swapped the lead numerous times. Third place honours went to ever-consistent Lance Rickard on his Honda Canada/Blackfoot Motosports ride.

Typical unsettled Calgary weather shortened the second 125 Pro/Am moto as lightning, hail and thunder engulfed Blackfoot Park. After thirteen minutes, Sean Hamblin was declared the winner, ahead of Pacific Yamaha's Brad Hagseth and first-moto winner Darcy Lange.

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Donald Upton chases down B.C native Darcy Lange in the first 125 moto at Blackfoot Park

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