

# MAILLOUX Racing

## TOUGH START FOR MAILLOUX RACING IN CSRA AT ROUYN-NORANDA

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The **Mailloux Racing** Snocross race team began the defense of its titles in the Canadian Snowcross Championship this weekend, January 13-14, in Abitibi. This first round of the CSRA Circuit took place within the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the Grand Prix International Snowcross de Rouyn-Noranda.

The weather conditions before the weekend will not help the Grand Prix organization. After the rain on Thursday, the temperatures will drop down in the -20C on Friday, thus making the track as hard as concrete. Still, the practices were on the schedule for Friday afternoon. After only his 2<sup>nd</sup> session on track, our Ski-Doo rider #111, Nathan Mailloux, has a violent accident. The conditions of the track causing him to lose control of his sled after a jump. His Ski-Doo flipped over, and Nathan flew over the handlebars. Nathan was fine, with only some bruises on his thighs, but disappointed by the consequences. His #111 Ski-Doo is in bad shape, and will require a few hours of repair in the team trailer in order to be ready for the Saturday races.

With the track conditions still hard, and cold temperatures, it is with caution that Nathan began his races on Saturday morning, but gaining confidence race after race. Our Ski-Doo rider #111 finished out 1<sup>st</sup> in his first qualifying round in the Junior 10-13 class. In the second round, Nathan was in 1<sup>st</sup> place when he is hit from behind, dropping him to the 7<sup>th</sup> place at the finish line, and giving him the 4<sup>th</sup> place overall. In the Junior 1 14-15 class, Nathan takes the 2<sup>nd</sup> place in both of his qualifying rounds, and he charge to the front of the pack in the final for a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish. In the Junior 2 16-17 class, Nathan placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the first round, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the second round, but he ends up 8<sup>th</sup> in the final.

On Sunday morning, temperatures average -30C, but this doesn't stop Nathan to grab his first win of the season in the Junior 10-13 class. He finishes 1<sup>st</sup> in his two heats races, giving him the 1<sup>st</sup> place overall. In the Junior 1 14-15 class, Nathan takes a 4<sup>th</sup> and a 2<sup>nd</sup> in his qualifying rounds, and finishes just shy of the podium with the 4<sup>th</sup> place in the final. Nathan round out the weekend with a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Junior 2 16-17 final, after taking two 4<sup>th</sup> places in the qualifications.

Our Ski-Doo rider #880, Martin Mailloux, was not in action this weekend in Rouyn-Noranda in the Pro Am+30 class. Nathan heavy schedule, who races in three classes, combined with Martin schedule in Pro AM+30, does not allow our riders to perform at their best during their races. Therefore, Martin will concentrate his time on Nathan's performance during this CSRA season. Martin will be back on the track for the nexts rounds of the ISOC Amsoil Championship Snocross.

### Rouyn-Noranda Results

Saturday	Nathan	Junior 10-13 :	Rd1 : 1 <sup>st</sup>	Rd2 : 7 <sup>th</sup>	Overall :	4 <sup>th</sup>
		Junior 1 14-15 :	Rd1 : 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rd2 : 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Final :	4 <sup>th</sup>
		Junior 2 16-17 :	Rd1 : 5 <sup>th</sup>	Rd2 : 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Final :	8 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday	Nathan	Junior 10-13 :	Rd1 : 1 <sup>st</sup>	Rd2 : 1 <sup>st</sup>	Overall :	1 <sup>st</sup>
		Junior 1 14-15 :	Rd1 : 4 <sup>th</sup>	Rd2 : 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Final :	4 <sup>th</sup>
		Junior 2 16-17 :	Rd1 : 4 <sup>th</sup>	Rd2 : 4 <sup>th</sup>	Final :	5 <sup>th</sup>

The **Mailloux Racing** team will benefit from two weekends off, to fix the sleds and get back in shape, because the next round is scheduled for February 3-4 at the Georgian Downs, in Innisfil, Ontario, the second round of the CSRA Snowcross Championship.

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