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# RACE REPORT # 1

## Rounds 1 & 2

### Canterbury Park where the Temperatures Were Low but the Entries were High

The 2022 ISOC Snocross race season kicked off in Shakopee MN January 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> 2022. The pits buzzed with energy as there was a surge of entries for the opener. The negative temperatures were unable to dampen the competitive spirit in the pits.

On Friday, a fast frozen race course was laid out for the commencement of the 2022 Snocross season. First from the team on the track was 220 Francis Pelletier, the fast icy track claimed the right-hand A-arms on his sled. This tip over jarred his right-hand shoulder which unfortunately set the stage for the rest of his weekend. New to the team Pro-lite sensation 511 Jordan Lebel posted the quickest time during his only practice of the day. Lebel lined up for round one holeshotting the pack on his Speedwerx tuned Ski Doo. Clicking off fast consistent laps he crossed the finish line six seconds over second place. The second round of qualifying was a carbon copy for Lebel handily winning his qualifier. Qualifying for Pelletier was not to his liking, with a 5-8 result, Francis found himself in the LCQ which he was able to win.

511 lined up for his final with first gate pick from a perfect qualifying result. When the light went green, he broke traction spinning off the line. With his loss of forward momentum Jordan found himself in 8<sup>th</sup> position on the opening lap. This poor start produced one of the most exciting races for the Snocross fans in recent history. As the laps clicked off Lebel was able to steadily move forward towards the front of the pack. When the "two laps" signal was displayed the 511-machine found itself out front to win the opening Pro-Lite round of the season. 220 was relegated to the back row for the start of the Pro final had his work cut out for him. 220 Nursing his injured shoulder bettered his starting position a couple spots only to tangle with another rider trying to pass for 10<sup>th</sup>. Pelletier now found himself back in 14<sup>th</sup> only able to move to 13<sup>th</sup> when the checkers flew.

Saturday saw a temperature teaser as the sun came out in time for practice, both racers posted respectable times in their respective classes. The 511 machine came out on top and Pelletier after a little massage work to his shoulder posted the second fastest time in the Pro class. Round one of Pro-Lite qualifying had Lebel lined up on the outside having drawn last gate pick. With a couple laps to go Jordan found himself challenging for the lead. The leading Polaris pilot pushed a peculiarly pronounced pattern of wide lines blocking Lebel's challenges forcing him to settle for second. Pelletier pleased with his practice was picking off some precise lines when a fellow Ski Doo racer punted him exiting a corner. The 220 dropped back to fourth until the final lap when he was able to take advantage of that same racers actions after he "ate" it pulling a similar move on the defending champ. A pleased Pelletier piloted it home in a solid second. Lebel lined up for his second round leaving the line a little wildly, elevating the teams heart rates. After a lap he settled into the lead, winning with a +7 seconds at the checkers. Pelletier posted a fourth in round two, giving him 2<sup>nd</sup> best qualifying for the final.

The Pro-Lite frosty final lined up and when the light went green Lebel found himself in fourth on lap one. Carefully collecting a competitor each lap Lebel found the lead on lap five. When it was all over and the checkers were waved and candles lit 511 had laid down an over thirteen second gap to second and back-to-back commanding wins. Pro racer Pelletier pinned it off the light in his final to find himself being played like a ping pong propelling toward the finish line jump. Making forward movement through the pack Frank found himself inside the top ten when a red flag restart was called. On the restart 220 made some moves and was running in 7<sup>th</sup> when he caught an ice edge that tipped him over. Francis was able to remount and move back up to 10<sup>th</sup> at the end.

The Warnert Racing team returns to action next weekend, January 14-15<sup>th</sup> in Dubuque Iowa at the County Fairgrounds.



## **Snocross – Shakopee, MN – 2022 Results**

### ***Friday***

1st – Jordan Lebel (Pro-Lite Class)

13th - Francis Pellitier (Pro Class)

### ***Saturday***

1st – Jordan Lebel (Pro-Lite Class)

10th - Francis Pellitier (Pro Class)

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