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Race Report – WORCS Round #1

The DragonFire RZR XP 900 defied the elements and ripped through muddy conditions to make the podium with a 2nd overall finish in the Pro Production 1000 class, while the Production 850 RZR 800 had a strong showing finishing 6th overall! With countless hours of research, development, testing, and prep work put into the 2013 DragonFire race program nearly all of it was thrown out the window for the first round of the WORCS season at Canyon MX park in Peoria Arizona. Unfortunately the typical Arizona sunshine was nowhere to be found on race day and the dark cloudy skies opened up with relentless rainfall throughout the day. The rain started late Friday night and showed no signs of stopping for the race providing a level playing field in many respects for the racers willing to lay it all on the line.

Through the hours upon hours of rain hitting the desert soil, the track conditions immediately deteriorated forcing the WORCS officials to close off majority of the motocross section on the track. Due to the harsh conditions the DragonFire team decided to keep the RZR 800 & RZR XP 900 off the track for the parade laps, which proved to be a great decision in the end. The team also made an instrumental tire change from the ITP Terra Cross to the Blackwater's which further proved to be a pivotal part of the equation. The staging line was a strong indicator of what the rest of the track conditions were like; wet, muddy, and loose to say the least.

PRO Production 1000

Starting in row 1 on the far outside Ken Benson shot out of the gate but was pinched out by sliding vehicles relegating him to an 8th place start. Within the first few corners all tear offs were gone and the muddy water was relentless leaving Ken with only his bare hand to clean his helmet visor. By lap two Ken had no choice but to lift his visor and take on the roost of the other machines face first. The DragonFire RZR XP 900 didn't miss a beat and ran strong with enough power to push through the mud and water. Ken started to make his move on the rest of the field, fighting his way through every corner and moved up 1 by 1 until he was sitting in 4th. Moments later a blown corner dropped Ken back to 8th place again. Staying cool, calm and collected he was able to put the hammer down and get back past the other competitors for a second time and move back into 3rd place. As the track continued to deteriorate vehicles were dropping like flies with everything from overheating issues to roll over's and broken off wheels. Still Ken was determined to finish and able to work himself into 2nd place by remaining strong, consistent, and fast throughout the race. It should be further noted that 1st and 2nd place were the only two cars to finish on the lead lap!



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As the race ended Ken rolled into the pits in agonizing pain from the amount of mud and muck that was injected into his eyes. The team rallied around their driver and tried their best to clean out Ken's eyes. A decision was made to rush Ken to the hospital for medical treatment. Doctors reported that they had never seen such a bad case of impacted dirt, saying that it was amazing Ken was able to finish at all. Showing that he is a true racing warrior Ken checked in the very next day to report he is ok and looking forward to putting the car on the podium again in the next round at Primm, NV.

Production 850

Starting in the first row DragonFire's own Brice Ginn put his foot on the floor and was able to come out of turn 1 in 3rd place. A few corners later the 2nd place car struck a rock and piled up 3rd place Ginn and 4th place bringing all three to a dead stop, allowing others to pass. After getting back on track Ginn fought his way back up to the pack of front-runners. Waiting for the opportune moment Ginn stayed close enough to capitalize on a mistake that lead everyone in front of him to miss a downhill turn. Squeezing by, Ginn moved into 1st place. Later the next lap, mud and water proved to be blinding and caused a missed turn for Ginn allowing others to get by dropping him back in the field. Working his way back up Ginn was pushing his DragonFire RZR 800 to the limit. A muddy berm had a surprise in store with a massive rock lying hidden in the top of the berm. The rock hit the right lower front A-arm and ended up ripping off the suspension arm effectively ending his race. Because of his completed laps and fast times, Brice finished up the day by being awarded a 6th place finish and the much needed points for rough conditions faced in round 1. Back in the pits it took multiple pressurized water flushing's to get the mud out of his eyes and a tractor to get the broken race car off the track. Through it all, Ginn was all smiles and ready for round 2.

Although the conditions were absolutely terrible the race cars performed at the level we had expected based on the extensive amount of engineering, fabrication, and commitment that has gone into the program. With that being said, none of this would have possible without the support and devotion that has been provided by our sponsors. Big thanks from the entire DragonFire team to Elka Suspension for going above and beyond by sending down one of their engineer's from Canada to make sure the custom ProSpec shock setup was dialed in. Additionally ITP tires, Hiper wheels, CP Pistons, Dirty Dawg performance clutches, Gates G-Force drives belts, and Vance & Hines have helped make this a great start to the 2013 race season. We look forward to a rewarding year ahead and cannot thank you enough!



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