



Pro Men's Main start. Idaho's Jimmy Jarrett #1 in center with eventual 2nd place finisher, Minnesota's Seth Fischer #371, second from right, and 3rd place finisher Keaton Ward #195 from Montana, on far left.

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Jarrett Starts Strong at Hill City (Quadna) AMA National Championship Snow Bike Race

Round 1 AMA National Championship Snow Bike Series, December 9, 2018 – Hill City, MN

Round 1 of the 2018 AMA National Championship Snow Bike Series rolled out despite no cooperation from Mother Nature, (no snow). The legendary Quadna Mountain Snow Park near Hill City, Minnesota is great at making snow and that is precisely what they did for this event, creating a tight, twisting track with jumps, rollers and multiple-line turns. The only downside was that the track was very short, with pro lap times in the vicinity of 25 seconds. But things worked out with mild, 25F temperatures and a fired up crowd, some of which had never seen a snow bike before. Powerful voice and legendary pro hillclimb announcer, Jamie Deer, was brought in from Indianapolis to keep the show moving, which he did nicely at his first snow bike event.

A number of the fastest snow bikers in the world were present and they put on a great show. Defending AMA National Snow Bike Champion, Idaho's Jimmy Jarrett (KTM/Timbersled) showed that he hadn't slacked during the off season, as he won his heat going away, followed by Colorado's Mark Wilson (HON/Timbersled), and Minnesota's Seth Fischer (YAM/Camso). North Dakota rider Chad Jelinek, (HON/Yeti) won heat two, followed by Minnesota's Mick Olson (HUS/Timbersled) and Minnesota factory Arctic Cat rider, Wes Selby). Heat three was topped by Idaho's Dean Hunt (KTM/Timbersled), with Canadian Chris Giesbrecht (YAM/Timbersled) second and former factory Yamaha racer, California's Josh Hill (YAM/Camso) taking third. Until the previous day, Hill had never even seen a snow bike, but as expected, he picked it up quick, getting help along the way from Camso, Blitz Motorsports in Bozeman, Montana, Ray's Sport & Cycle in Grand Rapids, Yamaha, Monster Energy, Pro Circuit, and others like Camso factory mechanic, Colton Sturm, and close friend and fellow fast pro, Keaton Ward. Hill has a rich pedigree, with past AMA Supercross wins and a recent victory over Ricky Carmichael in Europe, so everyone knew that he would get fast quickly (and he did).

The Beast from the East, unbeaten, untested South Dakota racer Shayna Lier. Not only is she killer fast in the women's pro class, she also usually wins any men's class that she enters.



The 15-rider Men's Pro Main was filled out by the LCQ and after falling in his heat, Keaton Ward (KTM/Timbersled), won it, chased by Dustin Traxel, Brandon Dossett, Trevor Bristol, Lee Jelinek and Colton Sturm. Just missing the cut was well-known freestyler, Ride 365 racer and social media wizard, Oklahoma's Brett Cue (HON, Camso). Like Josh Hill, Cue had never even seen a snow bike until the day prior, but he began adapting immediately and was turning in some solid laps by day's end. He had a big smile plastered on his face all day and will be racing snow bikes all season.

Jimmy Jarrett usually gets great starts and this pro main was no exception as he blasted into the lead and stayed there for 15 laps to win the main. But behind him, a full-blown war raged between Keaton Ward, Seth Fischer, Chad Jelinek, and Mark Wilson. Mick Olson and Dean Hunt also ran strong until falling and dropping back near the end. At the finish, the order behind winner Jarrett, was: Fischer, Ward, Wilson, Jelinek, and Hill who got faster with every lap.

Of course, the Men's Pro Main wasn't the only great part of the show; incredibly fast, and tough, South Dakota female racer, Shayna Lier (HON/CMX), won both the pro women's and the Open Developmental class, defeating numerous men and women along the way. It is likely that Shayna is currently the fastest female snow bike racer on the planet and she is literally getting faster with every race.

The other AMA National points-paying class, the Senior 40+ division, ran with a traditional, two moto format and Minnesota's Jeff Davis (YAM/Timbersled) took the win, with Minnesota ironman Pete Olson (HON/Timbersled) and Brett Cue's mechanic, Lance Green (HON/Camso) grabbing third.

Another interesting, new snow bike brand showed up at Quadna. The Hoot 85 is specifically designed to turn a Yamaha YZ85 into a snow bike, and company owner Kris Jorgenson, steered the tiny mini around the challenging race course in the Senior 40+ class. He didn't win, but the little bike never faltered and raced around all day with its 40-year old, 200-pound pilot, making one wonder how fast it would go with a 90-pound, 10-year old on board. A critical next step in the rapidly-expanding snow bike industry will be the continuing development of smaller snow bikes for kids, and the Hoot 85, along with Timbersled's Ripper, will help to make that happen.

Rounds 2 and 3 of the AMA National Championship Snow Bike Series will be held as part of the legendary World Championship Snowmobile Derby at Eagle River, Wisconsin on January 19-20, 2018, and will feature two nights of racing in front of 12,000-plus spectators, plenty of snow, and plenty of things to see and do.

Round 1 of the AMA National Snow Bike Series was supported by: Arctiva, Parts Unlimited, Camso, Fox Suspension, Ray's Sport & Cycle, Blitz Motorsports, Full Throttle Motorsports, and Excel Fabrication, Epsco and Fokus Graphics who create the custom event trophies for each event.

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AMA National Snow Bike Series Round 1 results, Quadna Mountain Park, Hill City, MN:

Pro Men:	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
1	Jimmy Jarrett #1	Meridian, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Timbersled, KTM, Superior Construction, Modern Machinery, Red Bull, JJR, Trailjesters	
2	Seth Fischer #371	New Prague, Minnesota	YAM, Camso
	Sponsors:	Camso, Rox, 100%, Unlimited Motorsports	
3	Keaton Ward #195	Bozeman, Montana	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	HCTN, Von Zipper, Timbersled, Fly, 6D, Hinson, VP Fuels, Acerbis, Fastway, PRZ, 505, NIHILO	
4	Mark Wilson #772	Littleton, Colorado	HON, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Sun Enterprises	
5	Chad Jelinek #594	Forest River, North Dakota	HON, Yeti
	Sponsors:	Jelinek Brothers	
6	Josh Hill #75	Murrieta, California	YAM, Camso
	Sponsors:	Blitz Motorsports, Camso, Monster Energy, Pro Circuit	
7	Mick Olson #515	Roosevelt, Minnesota	HUS, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Pete's Body Shop, Raptor Shocks	
8	Brandon Dossett #62	Sioux Falls, South Dakota	YAM, Camso
	Sponsors:	Camso	
9	Trevor Bristol #66	Kingsley, Michigan	HUS, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Fly, FRX, AOML, Epic Powersports, Scott, Timbersled	

10	Dean Hunt #68	Priest River, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Newport Equipment, HMK, Arc-Iris, JH Powersports	
11	Dustin Traxel #711	Lincoln, North Dakota	KAW, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Full Throttle Motorsports, Timbersled	
12	Chris Giesbrecht #37	Winkler, Manitoba, Canada	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Integrity Parts	
13	Wes Selby #15	Thief River Falls, Minnesota	ARCTIC CAT, Camso
	Sponsors:	Arctic Cat, Camso, Lunstra Motorsports, Fox, Stud Boy, 139 Designs, Hep Designs, Ericco Mfg, Speedwerx, Hayes	
14	Lee Jelinek #493	Pisek, North Dakota	HON, Yeti
	Sponsors:	Jelinek Brothers	
15	Colton Sturm #801	Nisswa, Minnesota	YAM, Camso
	Sponsors:	Camso, RideX365, Sled Junkies, ir Pro, ROX, 509	
Pro Women	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
1	Shayna Lier #1W	Stratford, South Dakota	HON, CMX
	Sponsors:	CMX, Klim, Bell, The Dirt Academy, PST, Pro Moto Billet, Rekluse, 605 Signs, Guts, BCIA, 4 Arm Strong Evolution Powersports, Asterisk, Bike Binders,	
2	Jacqueline Riess #783	Eden Prairie, MN	YAM, Timbersled
3	Kapri Maupin #12W	Meridian, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Superior Construction, Modern	
Senior Men 40+	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
1	Jeff Davis #783	Rochbert, Minnesota	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Fly Racing, Timbersled, Accessories Unlimited	
2	Pete Olson #45	Roosevelt, Minnesota	HON, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Pete's Body Shop	
3	Lance Green #365	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	HON, Camso
	Sponsors:	Ride 365	
4	Brian Rasmaiser #328	Grand Rapids, Minnesota	HUS, Camso
5	Kris Jorgenson #1	Argyle, Minnesota	YAM, Hoot
	Sponsors:	Hoot 85	
6	Kelly Fulfer #5	Meridian, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Superior Construction, Modern	
Open Development	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
1	Shayna Lier #1W	Stratford, South Dakota	HON, CMX
	Sponsors:	CMX, Klim, Bell, The Dirt Academy, PST, Pro Moto Billet, Rekluse, 605 Signs, Guts, BCIA, 4 Arm Strong Evolution Powersports, Asterisk, Bike Binders,	
2	Ryan Schuur #62	Chandler, Minnesota	YAM, Camso
	Sponsors:	Schuur Concrete, Full Throttle	

		Motorsports	
3	Brad Tweten #177	Grand Forks, ND	HUS, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Community Contractors	
4	Colton Olson #777	Roosevelt, Minnesota	HON, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Pete's Body Shop	HON, Timbersled
5	Dustin Stickler #11	Kingley, Michigan	KTM, Timbersled
350 Trophy	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
1	Matt Normberg #326	Pillager, Minnesota	KTM, Timbersled
2	Cole Redfield #184	Glasgow, Montana	BET, Camso
Women Trophy	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
1	Trisha Olson #4	Roosevelt, Minnesota	HON, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Pete's Body Shop	
2	Jessie Normberg #724	Pillager, Minnesota	KTM, Timbersled
3	Emily Redfield #327	Glasgow, Minnesota	HUS, Camso