Janssen Shows Flashes of Greatness at 1st Ever Daytona ATVSX

For many, ATV Supercross is something that could only be imagined in video games. But for the first time ever, Daytona International Speedway would host the world's best ATV racers on those hallowed grounds as the Mountain Dew AMA ATV National Championship Series came to town during annual bike week. Cody Janssen, reigning AMA ATV Pro Rookie of the Year, came into the opening round of the 2015 season fresh off of rookie success and looking for a whole lot more in his sophomore season. There would be no better place to start the season strong than at the unofficial home of motorsports, Daytona International Speedway.

A new season, new sponsors, new supporters, it's safe to say Cody wanted to get the #40 machine out to a fast start. After qualifying well, inside the top 10, his head-turning moment came in the heat race live on RacerTV where he made some impressive passes to finish 3rd against the likes of Joel Hetrick, Chad Wienen, Josh Upperman, Joe Byrd, and others.

"What a race that was for me! To start the year off like that and to finish in the top 3 in a race at Daytona was pretty special! When you look at the race results and see your name ahead of some of those other big names it's pretty special."

-Cody Janssen

The main event wasn't quite as successful as mechanical issues held Janssen back. The top pro rookie from 2015 still ran in the top 10 for almost the entire race but ended up 12th before it was all said and done.

"I was super disappointed." Janssen stated solemnly. "I felt like we had something really special in us today and to have some electrical or carb issue hinder us just hurts. The only thing that makes me feel a little better is we showed what we're made of in that heat race. Thankfully round 2 is only a week away so we can make this right."

Finally, Cody must thank all his sponsors and supporters that made his 2015 season possible. First and foremost, his parents/family and the rest of Janssen Motorsports; Thank you to Elka Suspension for everything they do for #40, phenomenal products and even better people. Also, Corrosion Specialties and the Parrish Family, Maxxis Tires, SSI Decals, Walsh Racecraft, Londerville Steel, Valvoline, Koster Racing, FMF, Hinson Clutch Components, DP Brakes, Thor MX, 100%, Oshkosh Tattoo and Good Girl Piercing, Napa of Peru, Indiana; FourWerx Carbon, Sconnie Nation, DT-1 Filters, Sunstar

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