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## **XTINCTION RACE REPORT**

The month of August has been very busy for the CGRT crew! Shane Cuthbertson and Cole Dobovich have been busy racing several local off-road and motocross events while Lee Fryberger, Jay McGregor, and Nick Riewe have been maxed-out with final preparations for XTINCTION.

Both Shane Cuthbertson and Cole Dobovich were entered for their chance to take on XTINCTION - Canada's First Extreme Hard Enduro. Both riders qualified well during the 2-hour timed session with Cuthbertson in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Dobovich in 25<sup>th</sup>. "I rode fairly smooth and had no major issues other than dealing with the extremely slippery conditions caused by the steady downpour during the last hour of qualifying. And seeing the carnage of wrecked bikes and riders on the course was a bit concerning, but luckily I held it all together for a good finish" commented Cuthbertson.

Both Husaberg riders lined up against the top 30 qualifiers for a Le-Mans type Main Event start. Cuthbertson came out of the carnage in 4<sup>th</sup> position while Dobovich was fighting for positions mid-pack. Early into the first lap, Cuthbertson made two critical errors causing him to lose several positions and fall outside the top ten. The first was a failed attempt on a nasty uphill section and the second a miscue near the course boundary which left his Husaberg FX450 tangled in a mess of netting. "In order to hang with a highly competitive field like this, you just cannot afford to make the mistakes I did. Once I got going and found my groove again, I was able to regain most of those positions, however the top guys were pushing hard and I just could not make any time on them. The course was a blast though and I cannot wait to experience the full meal deal next year!"

As the youngest competitor in the event, 16-year old Cole Dobovich proved he has the technical capabilities to hang with the best! The determined Husaberg rider endured his fair share of struggles on the day (as most did), however his perseverance eventually took him to a respectable 22<sup>nd</sup> place overall finish in his first Extreme Enduro event outing! Not bad for a prairie-boy – he certainly made CGRT extremely proud to see our prodigy win the battle against XTINCTION!

Results:

1<sup>st</sup> – Cory Graffunder

2<sup>nd</sup> – Kyle Redmond

3<sup>rd</sup> – Jason Schrage

6<sup>th</sup> – Shane Cuthbertson (Husaberg)

22<sup>nd</sup> – Cole Dobovich (Husaberg)

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