

POLARIS® OVALS RACERS REV UP FOR RENEWED RUN AT POINTS TITLES AND WINS AT RACING'S TOP TRACKS

Polaris oval racers had a good season last winter, and they are fired up and determined to have a great season in 2013-2014 as they pursue points titles and wins at some of snowmobile racing's most historic race tracks.

Polaris racers who are among the best in the sport are the three drivers on the Jimmy John's/Wahl Bros./Polaris Racing team - Dustin Wahl, Brandon Johnson and Jordan Wahl - 2012 Eagle River World Champion Nick Van Strydonk of T & N Racing, and Matt Ritchie of Matt Ritchie Motorsports. Plus, Dustin Gehrke is expected to campaign hard on Northeast U.S. and Canadian ovals circuits.

JIMMY JOHN'S/WAHL BROS./POLARIS RACING

Proven winners Dustin Wahl and Brandon Johnson, along with the team's Hall of Fame leadership - co-owners Dave Wahl and Durmont Wahl - have done a great job grooming young Jordan Wahl into an up-and-comer in the oval world.

Just 18 years old, Jordan got faster and faster as last season progressed. He nearly won the Eagle River World Championship in January, then closed out the season by winning both Pro Champ 440 finals at the Canadian Power Toboggan Championships in Beausejour in March. He finished third in TLR Cup points, third in Pro Star Champ 440 points, and he was named Oval Driver of the Year for the USSA Pro Star circuit.

"Jordan really turned it all around at the end of the season," said Polaris Race Manager Tom Rager, Jr. "He almost won the Eagle River Derby. That was a spectacular race and he almost won the whole thing, and then he did win at the end of the season."

Jordan took the lead in the Eagle River World Championship with four laps to go, but lost the lead as his brakes faded and he slid high in a turn. He charged back to the leader's bumper and battled to the finish line, finishing second by about a half-sled length - 0.094 seconds behind.

Rager looks forward to a healthy Wahl Bros. team being competitive at every race this coming winter.

"Dustin fought through a lot of injuries last year but should be healthy this season, and Brandon is always competitive, so they've got three guys that can win on any day," Rager said.

Brandon finished fourth in TLR Cup points, finished sixth in USSA Pro Star Champ 440 points, and finished seventh in the Eagle River World Championship.

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Dustin finished fourth at Eagle River and was fourth in USSA Pro Star Champ 440 points. He won the first round of the TLR Cup and finished eighth in TLR Cup season points.

T & N RACING

When Nick Van Strydonk doesn't win the Eagle River World Championship, he doesn't consider his season as a complete success. Growing up in the Wisconsin Northwoods city of Tomahawk, just 50 miles from the legendary Eagle River Derby track, Nick had a career goal of winning the W.C. He succeeded in 2012, making a last-lap, last-corner pass to win the coveted title on the Derby track.

Last year, his sled bogged uncharacteristically during restarts in the championship at eagle River, and he found himself at the rear of the pack. He made an incredible charge through the field but ran out of laps and finished eighth in the W.C.

Despite that, Nick earned several big wins last season. He won every Factory 600 Class final he entered, including at Eagle River, he won both Pro Champ 440 finals at the Beausejour season opener, and had another great weekend at Valcourt, Quebec, where he won in Champ 440, Factory 600, and the Combo Class. He also finished second in TLR Cup points.

"He had a tough Eagle River with a couple issues with the sleds on the restarts, but he won some races last year, won Valcourt again, and he's as fast as he's ever been," said Rager.

MATT RITCHIE MOTORSPORTS

Racing in the Champ 440 class, young Pro racer Matt Ritchie piled up several top-five finishes last season and hopes to build on that experience with race wins this season.

"He's young but he's been racing forever, and he has done it the right way, he came up through the ranks," said Rager. "Matt is really fast, he made the Derby final, which was a great accomplishment, and he's got a lot of speed. He'll only get better over time."

Matt was named Most Improved Oval Driver on the USSA Pro Star circuit, he finished ninth in TLR Cup points, and finished 12th at Eagle River.

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