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SRT Motorsports Weekend Preview - Aug. 15

August 14, 2013, TOOELE, Utah - With only two races remaining on the 2013 outdoor season schedule, the Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship heads west for the final motos beginning with Miller Motorsports Park in Utah this Saturday afternoon.

This weekend's motos represent the first national motocross race in Utah since 1974. A purpose-built, national-caliber permanent motocross facility has been constructed in the infield of Miller Motorsports Park, a 511-acre complex.

RCH Racing's Broc Tickle continues his late season push up the 450MX rider standings. Last weekend the Michigan native moved up to eighth-place in 450MX Class just seven points behind Jake Weimer in seventh. He leads ninth-place Josh Grant by one point and is five ahead of 10th-place Mike Alessi. With four motos remaining in the 2013 outdoor season, Tickle still seeks his first overall podium finish.

"My goal is to try to get in the top-five in both motos," said Tickle. "I know I can do that. I've had the speed the last three weekends to do it and just need a little better start or just be a little more aggressive on the first two laps. I know what I need to do. It's in my hands and nobody else can do it but me."

One of the challenges this weekend will be adjusting to the Utah altitude. Racing bikes at elevations above 5,000 feet, the "thin air" factor can have a measurable effect on endurance performance in the 30-minute motos. The wide-open track configuration – which resembles a Supercross track – will choke down the 450cc four-stroke engines and have riders gasp for air near the western slopes of the Oquirrh Mountains.

"When we raced Supercross (in Utah earlier this year) it wasn't that big a deal on a 450 bike. On the Lites bike, I noticed it more power-wise. Breathing-wise, when you get there you can tell but by the time you're there for a day or so, you overcome it. You get acclimated to it real quick. The bike will be detuned because of the altitude. I'll be there for a couple days to get used to the altitude, see how the bike feels and see if we need to work on anything to make it better."

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Race: Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship - Round 11

The Place: Miller Motorsports Park – Tooele, Utah

The Date: Saturday, Aug. 17

TV: Moto 1 – Saturday, Aug. 17 at 3:00 p.m. on NBCSN (Live)

Moto 2 – Saturday, Aug. 17 at 5:00 p.m. on Fuel TV (Live)

Highlight Show – Tuesday, Aug. 22 at 2:00 a.m. on NBCSN (All times EDT).

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