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SRT Motorsports Weekend Preview - Aug. 22

August 21, 2013, AUBURN Hills, Mich. - The 2013 AMA Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship season draws to a close Saturday in Lake Elsinore, Calif. The Lake Elsinore National is the final event in the 12-round series.

It will be a homecoming of sorts for RCH Racing's Broc Tickle, who lives a stones throw away from the famed California track. Lake Elsinore is the site of Tickle's most recent podium finish as he scored third in both motos en route to third-place overall in 2012.

"I live less than five minutes from the track so it's cool to drive right down the road to go race," Tickled said. "I'm excited about that. Last year was good. I didn't think the track was that good but I rode it really well obviously. I think it's really similar to Utah, which I thought I rode really well too. I'm looking forward to it."

The second-year RCH rider has posted top-10 finishes in eight of 11 Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship races this season in the ultra-competitive 450MX class. Tickle's late season push up the rider standing stalled last weekend at Miller Motorsports Park (Utah) where his overall finish of 19th ended any hopes of finishing the premier class inside the top-six.

"Sixth-place in points is kind of out of reach now so the next best thing is to end with the best finish I've had all year, "he added. "That's the plan."

The eight-month racing calendar (17 Supercross and 12 Motocross) is a battle of attrition as riders crisscross the country for the grueling 29-race race schedule. Tickle's superb fitness has kept the RCH rider healthy all season; scoring race starts in all indoor-and-outdoor events. Despite searching for his first podium of the year, Tickle's consistent top-10 efforts has solidified him as one of the premier riders in the 450MX class. A podium finish on Saturday is well within reach.

"I think it would be good for my momentum going into the off season," he said. "I am going to race Monster Cup but I think it would put a smile on my face and provide motivation when we start back testing and training (for the 2014 season)."

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Race: Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship - Round 12

The Place: Lake Elsinore, Calif. The Date: Saturday, Aug. 24

TV: Moto 1 – Saturday, Aug. 24 at 3:30 p.m. on NBCSN (Live) Moto 2 – Saturday, Aug. 24 at 8:00 p.m. on FOX Sports 2 (Live) Highlight Show – Tuesday, Aug. 29 at 2:00 a.m. on NBCSN

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