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THE ROBBY BELL REPORT



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Here's a knocked down look at the Bell Report, Robby's first person view of the WORCS event held in Cedar City, Utah.



The sting of crashing multiple times at Sand Hollow while either holding or battling for the lead- along with some lingering soreness- was still fresh in my memory as I lined up for the pro race at the sixth round of the WORCS series in Cedar City, Utah. I wanted to get back to winning ways and I felt the terrain at Cedar City would give me the perfect platform to do so as the somewhat fast and flowing course suited my skill set. Mother nature also has her say in the conditions as periodic rains throughout the weekend left the dirt with a practically perfect amount of moisture, aside from a few slimy spots on the motocross courses.

I wanted to get out front early, not have to deal with roost from other bikes through any of the muddier spots, and focused on tracking perfectly off of the cement-starting pad. As the gate dropped, I remained calm with the throttle, practically rolling off the line, and was nearly level with Travis Coy and Gary Sutherlin as we raced down the start straight for the holeshot. Gary had a slightly better drive than the two of us and took control of the first corner as Travis, who was to my inside, broke just later than I did and took second spot.



Through a fast and flowing section of course I was able to close the distance and began to apply some pressure as I looked for an opportunity to make the pass. As the course widened down a third-gear straightaway, Gary swung wide to the right in an effort to round the following left-handed corner and I took the invitation to run it in deep down the inside. I pulled along side Gary just as we started to apply the brakes and tried my best to force him to check up slightly, as I knew he would square me up upon exiting the corner, but I wasn't able to force him to slow enough and he accelerated back by to maintain the lead.

I was getting frustrated, and impatient, as I was tired of eating roost, and not long after my failed attempt at overtaking the lead, the course turned on a narrow, somewhat rocky, fourth-gear straightaway. We were nearly side-by-side as our lines merged, but unfortunately for me I was just a wheel-length behind and Gary had control of the main line. I should have backed out of it here, shown some restraint and mounted a charge again later, but I wanted the lead so badly I just held the throttle on, unconcerned about the approaching rocks and trees in my line. I finally realized the brashness of my decision, but it was well too late and I clipped two softball-sized rocks that sent me tumbling to the ground.

I remounted my bike, firstly fearing that my reckless decision may have imparted unsalvageable damage upon my bike, but once I felt that my machine was still straight and fully functional, I felt a swell of determination: I couldn't let this be my story today, I was going to come back and win.

I continued to close the distance on Gary, pulling right up to the back of him as we left the motocross course on lap seven, and a few corners into the off road section I began to look for a way by. The course turned up a small hill, into a tight right-handed U-turn before heading back down into a left-handed ninety-degree turn and I was right behind Gary as we rolled through the right-hander. I hit the berm just behind Gary and was able to accelerate past him as I squared back up to his left side, controlling the following straightaway. I knew Gary was going to fight back so I rode a little ragged as I pushed through the following corners in an effort to keep the lead, and a few straightaways later I felt that I had opened up the slightest gap.

I was able to maintain the gap and achieve my goal of getting back on the top step of the box in the WORCS series as I crossed the checkered flag to take the win. I'd like to thank everyone who helps and supports me: Precision Concepts, MSR, Shoei, Sidi, Spy, EVS, USWE, Focus apparel, FMF, BRP, RAD custom graphics, GoPro, A'ME grips, IWC motorsports, ATP mechanix, Northland motorsports, Rekluse, CryoHeat, the MotoXerciser, my mechanic Phil, my wife Katie (professional goggle holder), my dad, John for helping in the pits, all of the team supporters and thank you to my fans for the continued support.



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