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BETA USA FACTORY RACE TEAM

**BARNES FINISHES ON TOP OF THE XC3 PODIUM AT
ROUND 8 OF THE GNCC SERIES**

GNCC Round 8 Overview:

Location: Snowshoe, WV

Beta Factory Race Team Results:

- Cody Barnes had another great race placing his Beta 125 RR Race Edition on top of the XC3 class podium at last weekend's round 8 of the GNCC series. Barnes is currently leading the series points standings by 13 points.
- Mike Witkowski was riding great until he encountered some mechanical issues mid race, he was still able to get back out and salvage a 13th place finish. Witkowski is currently seated in 2nd place in the series points standings.
- Rachel Gutish is back after a serious elbow injury. Gutish finished just off the podium in 4th place aboard her new Beta 200 RR race bike.
- The next event for all three riders will be at the 6th round of the [Sprint Enduro Series](#) on July, 13th in Fairmount City, PA.

CODY BARNES

Bike: 125 RR Race Edition

"Snowshoe isn't really one of my best events, but leading up to the race I prepped really well with the help of Alex Teagarden who let me stay with him and practice in the rocks! I started quite a few rows behind my other competitors, because I wasn't in the top 20 overall in points. I knew that this race was all about time. On the first lap I was able to put my head down and latch onto some fast XC2 riders in front of me. I ran a good lap catching up to first place in my class who started on row 4 and I started on row 11. I knew I was already winning with the adjusted time and had to plan my next move. I followed for a little while until he made a mistake and I passed him. After that I put my head down and rode a pretty mistake free race! My Beta 125 RR handled the rocks awesome today! It made my job a lot easier, and I was able to come out with the win in XC3 and 14th overall which is my best overall of the year."





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MIKE WITKOWSKI
Bike: 250 RR Race Edition

"The Snow Shoe GNCC is one of the best races on the circuit. With tons of fans and good tough racing. It's one you usually don't wanna miss. I started out good by hole-shooting my row and leading a bit which was cool verse some good competition. I was just getting my flow together on lap two and figuring out the track when I encountered a mechanical issue. When this happened I was at the bottom of the mountain. I had to ride 3 miles up the road to the pit. So fast forward 45 mins or more and the bike was fixed. I was so far down at that point, but I got back on the bike and finished the race. That's why we race, you never know what will happen. We won't give up till it's over with! Big thanks to everyone for getting me back on the track and working hard. I still have 4 more GNCC races to redeem myself and prove I belong on the podium every weekend."

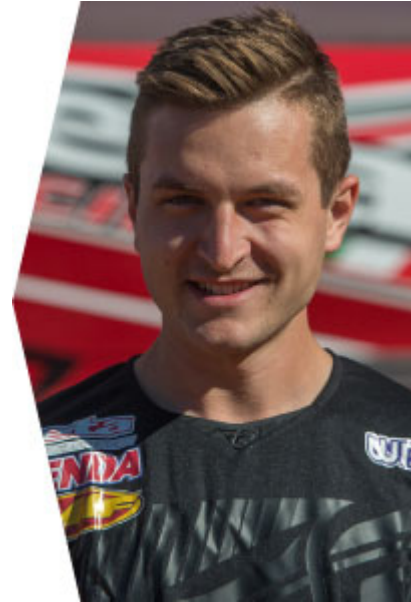


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RACHEL GUTISH

Bike: 200 RR

"Snowshoe is the gnarliest GNCC of the year, and I was definitely nervous about it being my first race back after elbow surgery and being on a brand-new bike on top of that! But, the bike performed like a champ and my elbow mostly held together. I'm definitely not satisfied with a fourth place finish, but I'm happy I was at least competitive for most of the race"



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Stix & Stones Extreme Enduro Overview:

Location: Kellogg, ID

Beta Factory Race Team Results:

- Max Gerston finished just shy of the podium in 4th place aboard his Beta 300 RR at the Extreme Enduro event.
- Gerston next event will be at the [Tough Like RORR](#) Extreme Enduro event on July, 6th in Tamaqua, PA.

MAX GERSTON

Bike: 300 RR

"The Stix and Stones Extreme Enduro was an awesome event. It had a ton of cool forest sections along with shale mountains and wet creeks to ride up. My 300 RR was working amazing and felt planted to the ground even in the nastiest of sections. I battled for the lead the majority of the race and a small mistake costed me big time. I came in a close 4th place. I really wanted a podium spot, but this race was a huge confidence builder for extreme races in the future. I can't wait till the next race!"



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