

PELCHAT CONTINUES CANADIAN DOMINATION

**2nd National ATV race;
Gophers Dune, Ontario;
26 June 2005**

The second round of the Canadian ATV championship was held at Gophers Dune, Ontario, Canada, which is situated two hours west of Toronto. The track was prepared for an ATV-only event. It was fast with a lot of corners and tabletop jumps. Although the track was considered not very technically challenging, it became rough enough for the top performers to show their stuff. All and all, it was the host of a very exciting second round—and no mud this time.

More than 25 Pro riders showed up at the Pro Open gate. The 450 class had only 15 entries because some riders decided to focus all their energy to the Pro Open class since the thermometer was reaching well above 30°C and both classes would be run on the same day. Defending champion Richard Pelchat was ready and had no fear of the four long motos.

On race days, the team would have to solve the problem of the overheating race YFZ. The drama was quickly stopped with the re-installation of the OEM fan. Despite the tough temperature, Richard kept his cool and put the Yamaha YFZ450 in front in both the 450 class and in the Open class. Pulling two amazing holeshots in the Open class, Richard was never challenged during the whole weekend, finishing more than 25 seconds ahead of second place.

**3rd National ATV race;
Sainte-Veronique, Quebec;
16-17 July 2005**

The third round of the Canadian ATV championship was held at Sainte-Veronique, Quebec, which is situated two hours north of Montreal. The track is technically challenging because there are a lot of jumps and the landing zones are fairly small. It's a sandy soil, which always develops nasty kickers and a lot of braking bumps. The finish line jump is simply gigantic. It is a 110-foot triple/tabletop that launches riders 30 feet in the air. Only the top motocrossers did the massive jump and to the amazement of both fellow



racers and spectators, Richard Pelchat did the jump lap after lap during Sunday competition on his race Yamaha YFZ450.

On Saturday, the hot temperature combined with less than ideal watering installation left the riders racing in a big cloud of dust. In Moto 1, Richard Pelchat was in the lead by lap two. He pulled out to a 15-second lead but right before mid-race, a rock blew a rear tire. Richard started losing time on the nearing competition. Somehow Richard was able to keep his cool and maintain the lead and win the moto. The second moto was less stressful as Richard rode a calm and steady race to win his 32nd moto of the year.

On Sunday, Team Splash'n Dirt/Yamaha Canada was worried that the 32 heat race winning streak would be put to a stop. This was because Richard suffered from heat stroke Saturday evening and was sick all night. A slowly walking Richard made his way to the first practice. He did three small laps during the first practice and didn't enter the 2nd practice to save his energy. Richard was closely monitored by the medical support at the track after each session on the track. Unable to eat during the day, Richard was drinking water and recovery drink to help his body. Richard focused all his energy for each of the two

motos. Amazingly, he won both motos—win numbers 33 and 34.

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