

# ITP & ALBA ACTION WIN NEVADA 1000 QUAD TITLE!

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In the quad portion of the four-day McMillin Nevada 1000, the Alba Action Sports sponsored team of Wayne Matlock and Chad Prull were finally able to get back on track. They nailed down the overall quad win. With the Nevada 1000 win, Matlock and Prull have been reinvigorated on retaining the valued #1 plate they captured last year. They now find themselves with a total of 212 points, only four points behind the current Quad Pro point leaders Jimmy Stephensen and Greg Stuart.

Just behind the top two point leaders and knocking on the door are two other teams within striking distance. Josh Frederick and Cyle Chislock are now third in points race and tied with Greg Row and Anthony Baker at 209 points.

Josh Frederick was the first quad to start the 220-mile first stage and Chad Prull was second off the line. Three miles into the race, Greg Row ran into problems when the master link on his chain broke. Things got worse for Row when he didn't have an extra master link with him and had to be towed to the pit, losing valuable time.

As the two front-runners, Frederick and Prull, reached pit two, Prull had managed to close the gap on Frederick by five seconds. Also, Nic Granlund had a lengthy pit stop, changing rear brakes at pit two after he lost his brakes at the start.

During the stop at pit two, the riders changed their mounts. Wayne Matlock took the controls from Chad Prull and Fredericks changed with Cyle Chislock. Chislock and Matlock screamed out of pit two racing each other for pit holeshoot. It was Chislock who grabbed the pit-shot and plowed the way.

Just after pit three, Matlock was able to get around Chislock for lead. Once Matlock had the lead he was out-front to stay. Matlock and Prull had a very good day. They finished day one with the lead and posted a 4:46:07 time, giving them a over a two-minute lead on second place finisher's Jimmy Stephensen and Greg Stuart. Josh Frederick



*Alba Action's Wayne Matlock and Chad Prull used ITP Holeshoot XCT tires and T-9 Pro Series Baja wheels to win the Nevada 1000.*

and Cycle Chislock grabbed third crossing two minutes after Stephensen.

As the racers remounted their bikes for the 330 mile second stage, Wayne Matlock was the first racer to lay tracks in the sand with Greg Stuart in tow. At pit two, Matlock's lead was only fifteen seconds on Stuart when he handed Prull the bike. By pit four they led by six minutes on physical time, but on adjusted time it was two minutes over the second place team of Stuart and Stephensen. Chislock was making a run on Stephensen as the race for second tightened. Meanwhile Matlock was out front cruising in clean air. Matlock pulled into pit 6 for a rider change. Prull took over the controls as Chislock and Stephensen were entering pit 6. The race for second was really close, so it was a quick gas and go for both Chislock and Stephensen. They were both back out on the course within 30 seconds, chasing Prull. Just after pit 6, Chislock and Stephensen crashed into each other, opening the door for the White/Strunk team to grab second.

Stephensen was dinged pretty good and was taken to the hospital, with a possible concussion. Chislock was ok but his bike had a smashed radiator and bent bars. Meanwhile, Matlock was on his way to another first place finish and cruised to the finish line with a 4 minute lead.

The top five results for day two were Matlock and Prull in first. Allen White and Shane Strunk finished in second. Quad Expert racer's Gregory Price and brothers Mitch and Kevin Canepa grabbed third. Stephensen and Stuart were fourth. Jeff Hancock and Joshua Edwards placed fifth.

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Day two ended up taking its toll on a bunch of competitors. There were 13 quads that withdrew from the stage and two that were totally out of the event. Also, the Row/Baker team were hit with a two-hour penalty for a dnf, due to mechanical difficulties.

After all of the dust settled from the afternoon's racing, the team of Frederick and Chislock were assessed a 15 minute time penalty. They spent more than the allotted time of 1 hour, while making repairs on their bike. Since Matlock and Prull won the second stage they were the first quad to blaze the 300 plus mile third stage. On board the Yellow Alba machine was Chad Prull leading the field. At pit two Prull handed the bike off to Matlock.

Fast forwarding ahead to the halfway mark of the third stage, Allen White was bearing down on Matlock near pit five with Stuart and Frederick behind him. Matlock pulls into pit five first and his bike is running hot. The heat is starting to toast the rings. So they refill the radiator, which was almost dry, and add a quart of oil.

Matlock looks up and notices Allen White streaking down the mountain like a meteor. It was time to put down the tools, button up the bike and put the peddle to metal. Which Matlock did in quick-time.

White cruises into pit 5 for a quick gas and go. Then he's back out on the course and rolls the throttle. He closes to within thirty seconds of Matlock. But Matlock was able to stay ahead of White and actually put about a minute on him, as they approached the final pit stop.

Matlock pulls in for his final pit stop and after hearing the bike the pit crew decides to change the filter. Matlock could sense that White was bearing down on him. So, while he's messing with the filter he looks up and here comes White with a full head of steam. Matlock's pit crew immediately decides to scrap the filter change and make tracks for the course.

White pulls in for his final pit and everything goes fine and wham-bam he's back on the course chasing Matlock once again.

Matlock is out front blazing the trail but now he's in three feet high weeds and can't see what's on the ground below. He's now cruising pretty good, in third gear, and all of a sudden there's a two foot tall boulder and bam! he hits it and goes over the bars hard. He's dazed and has the wind knocked out of him from violently hitting the ground. Allen White shows up, stops and gets off his bike to make sure Matlock is ok. Matlock is lucid and hand signals to White he's ok. Allen stays. Matlock hand signals he's ok, one more time. Allen is still staying and won't leave. Matlock finally gets the words out that he's ok and tells Allen to go. Then Allen reluctantly remounts his bike and hits the course. A few moments later Matlock gets up, shakes it off and remounts his bike.

Towards the finish line, Matlock is about ten yards off White's bumper, with Stuart closing. But he just runs out of course to reel White in. White crosses the finish line first followed by Matlock and Stuart, rounding out the top three. The final finishing order for the third stage Pro class was Stuart, who rode just about all of the stage solo in first. Stuart beat White on adjusted time by six seconds. White and Strunk officially finish in second. Josh Frederick and Cyle Chislock edged out Matlock on adjusted time and grabbed third. Matlock finished in fourth. Hancock and Edwards grab fifth.

Honorable mention goes out to the Expert racing class team of Greg Price, Mitch Canepa and Kevin Canepa who crossed in fourth ahead of Matlock but were not counted among the Pro class finishers.

The final stage was the 119 mile sprint to the finish. The team of Shaun Moore and Nic Granlund started sixth off the line and put together a flawless ride grabbing the top spot. Josh Fredericks and Cyle Chislock had no problems and took the second spot. Allen White and Shane Strunk grabbed third.

Capturing the fourth spot was the team of Wayne Matlock and Chad Prull, who ran the final stage very cautiously. They already had a fifteen minute overall lead on the field before they started the fourth stage. But, they were still burning oil and just wanted to get their bike across the finish line in the top five. During the final stage they burned through two quarts of oil and kept their bike running despite fried rings. Rounding out the top five Pro class finishers were Jimmy Stephensen and Greg Stuart who place fifth

When all the top five Pro class team times were added up, Wayne Matlock and Chad Prull earned a long hard fought victory, grabbing the overall quad win. Matlock and Prull posted an overall winning time of 21:21:18. Shane Strunk and Allen White grabbed second overall with a total combined time of 21:34:59. Rounding out third place on the podium was Jimmy Stephensen and Greg Stuart who had a total time of 21:39:19. Josh Frederick and Cyle Chislock took the fourth spot with a total time of 22:30:33. Shaun Moore and Nic Granlund grabbed fifth overall with a total time of 26:42:50.

Kudos also go out to the Quad Expert team of Greg Price, Mitch Canepa and Kevin Canepa who finished first in class and third overall in the standings with a total time of 21:36:27.