



Round 7, Charleston, West Virginia

Entering into the final round with championships at stake, Team Optima Racing had the momentum but understood anything can happen in motorsports. Compounding the risk of losing championships at the final round of the Hydro Turf-UWP-IJSBA National Tour is the fact that it is a double points round, meaning bad luck can have an extremely adverse effect on a rider's championship hunt.

Pro Ski GP

Bad luck returned to Rob Flores in the first practice of Pro Ski GP as the cooler temperatures and lower humidity caused a slight engine seizure. While not enough to cause severe damage, a team decision was made to play it safe and have Rob Flores race his stock ski against the ultra-powerful GP skis. In a showcase of determination and sheer talent, Rob was able to pull off an impressive third place finish in moto one, despite being down major horsepower to his competitors. Motos two and three showed Rob finishing a respectable fifth and sixth place on his stock ski, securing his second consecutive Pro Ski GP National Title.



Pro Ski Stock

Moto one had Rob on the way outside starting position, making for a less than desirable start. While working his way through the pack, an un-common run in with a buoy showed the typically smooth Flores swimming for his ski. This led to a fifth place finish in moto one. Nerves were high as championships and overall positions were at stake and the normally good starting Flores jumped the band in moto two. Starting with a dead engine and no holder, Flores had his work cut out for him as he worked his way all the way up to a podium third place finish. With a point to prove, Flores successfully ran away with moto three and proved once again he is the man to beat in both Pro stand up classes. Second place for the weekend awarded Flores his second consecutive Pro Am Ski Stock National Championship.





Sport Spec

Glen Jung brought his winning ways to Charleston, West Virginia, battling a full field of 10 Sport Spec racers each moto, winning all in convincing fashion. Glen's flawless riding style was a crowd pleaser as he rode to his second consecutive Sport Spec National Championship.

Sport Spec Open

While leading moto one of Sport Open Spec, mechanical gremlins crept up on Glen during the second to last lap when a water line to his exhaust came off. Nursing the ski around to a fifth place finish, work began to get the ski ready for moto two. Moto two saw Glen recoup for a third place finish against a field of fast skis and talented racers. Moto three, Glen was back up front with a solid moto win and a second consecutive Sport Open Spec National Championship to his ever growing resume.





Future News

With cooler temperatures and rain throughout the day on Sunday, it was a dismal day for racing. No sooner than the final moto was ran, the sun broke through the clouds and the celebrations began as Team Optima Racing had successfully achieved its goals of winning **all four National Championships** that it set out to compete in. We will be sending out a season recap race report to follow.

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