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CODY MACKIE ENJOYING 'NEW BEGINNING'



At the close of the 2009 Australian Motocross Championships, Cool Air Troy Carroll Kawasaki rider Cody Mackie is sitting very pretty indeed. A very credible 4th place finish in the series in his first year on the bigger bike stands Cody in good stead heading into the upcoming SuperX Championships. It hasn't all been roses though for the talented Kawasaki rider. A successful debut Pro Open year in 2009 has come on the back of an injury plagued and potentially career ending 2008 season.

Many wrote Cody Mackie off after he broke his femur for the second time in 2008. A devastating blow for KRT, (Mackie's team in 2008) Cody broke his femur in the lead-up to the 2008 season after a very successful training stint in the USA. Making the injury even more painful was the fact that Cody was riding so quick in America on board his KX250F that many were touting him as the rider to watch in the '08 MX Lites Championships. The injury put an end to his 08 MX season before it had even started, however Cody worked hard to make it back for the final two rounds of the series. Disaster struck again when Cody re-broke his femur, bending the rod in his leg in a big crash at the final round and ending his entire year.

Fast forward to August 2009 and Cody Mackie has bounced back from injury, joined a new team (still on the green machine), stepped up a class to the Pro Open league and re-invented himself as a serious contender within that class. To quote the words on the back of Cody's MX pants, the gutsy rider is enjoying a "New Beginning".

When asked about coming back from such severe injury, Cody says, "It was extremely hard mentally to come back. That was definitely the hardest part. Physically it wasn't too hard. My pre-season training last year was actually more intense than it was this year."

"I definitely felt less pressure this year as I don't think there was a whole lot expected of me after the year I had in 2008. I knew within myself that I would be competitive and after I got the first couple of rounds out of the way, I thought, 'Hey, I can get on the podium'."

"I'm happy to have gotten a solid MX season under my belt and I'm not surprised by my good results. As they say, 'To finish first, first you must finish' and I think I've shown that I can post consistently strong results."

"I've come away with a 4th place after my first year back so there is no reason why I can't try seriously for the win next year."

"I'm pumped to be back!"

Cody Mackie is currently in training for the upcoming 2009 Australasian SuperX Championships. A niggling and painful problem that plagued Cody throughout this years MX series where the muscle in his thigh was catching on a screw in his bone has now been rectified and Cody feels as fit, healthy and fast as ever.

Cody is ready to come out firing on his KX450F at the first round of the SuperX Championships, get himself on the podium and continue to enjoy his new beginning.

