

# Upah Racing

## Race Report

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### IATVHSS Rd 7: Carlisle, October 11, 2009

Results: **Luke**—3rd of 8, AA/Pro; **3rd** of 160 Overall  
**Adam**—1st of 16, A; **4th** of 160 Overall  
**Al**—1st of 3, +50; **83rd** of 160 Overall



The weather in the Midwest has been abnormally colder than usual for this time of the year. The forecast called for high's in the mid 40's with snow flurries possible for the final race of the 2009 IATVHSS. This race was at the same venue as the Heartland Challenge 10 Hour race so all of us were fairly familiar with the track. Luckily the precipitation held off for the most part in the days prior and track conditions were good for the 11AM start, although the temperature was less desirable. Luckily we came prepared with cold weather gear.



Adam #45



Heading into this raced Luke was pretty well locked into 2nd place in the AA/Pro class, and Al had the +50 championship wrapped up, but Adam was sitting 3rd in points in A where it was still anybody's championship.



Luke #7



The poor weather turned many racers away however, and there were only 6 other riders in the pro class for Luke to contend with. He got a decent start and battled between 2nd and 3rd all day, but he would ultimately finish in third place. Adam also got a great jump off the line in second place. On lap 2 he took over the lead, but then fell back to 3rd on lap three. But he knew he needed a top finish if he wanted a chance at the championship, so from there he mounted a charge and with 2 laps to go was back up to 2nd, and gaining time on first. On the final lap he was able to make the pass and pull out his first win ever. Al also ran a very consistent race as usual and won his 7th consecutive race of the year in the +50 class. In the points standings, Adam's win bumped him up one spot to 2nd place overall in the A class as the points leader finish well enough to hang on to his lead. It is also worth mentioning that Adam and Luke were the top finishing Iowa racers at this round as first and second place went to a pair of Missouri racers.

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All in all it was a great season in the IATVHSS for the Upah Racing team, with 1 class championship and 2 runner-up awards for the season. Next year Adam will move up to the AA/Pro class with Luke and the brothers will compete directly against each other for the first time. Al will also return to defend his +50 class championship. We are already looking forward to the 2010 season!

Once again, we owe so much credit to all of our sponsors for the great support this season! See you at the races in 2010!

