

# TOYOTA AMA ARENACROSS:

# REARDON

# OVERCOMES

# STRUGGLES IN

# VICTORY



The roar of the crowd and engines kicked off the 2007-08 Toyota Arenacross Series at the Reno Livestock Event Center on Saturday night.

But in the end, they might have been better off just calling Dan Reardon to the podium from the start.

Reardon took first place at the American Motocross Association's series main event, the final race of the evening. This was the final stop in the Toyota AMA Arenacross series this year.

Reardon, by winning the main event, took home the \$2,000 prize. He won the race in a fury, taking the lead three seconds into the race and never relinquishing it.

"This race was fun," Reardon said. "I had a little trouble last night (Friday night), you know, falling off my bike, but tonight I raced pretty well."

Chad Johnson of Rhineland, Wisc., finished second, while Kevin Johnson of Albuquerque, N.M., finished third.

Reardon won the event just minutes after he won the AMA Arenacross Lites (a smaller bike) section of the event as well. He might have inserted himself into the points race, where he was not ranked in the top five coming into the weekend.

"When I signed up at registration, they asked me what I wanted to run, so I thought I may as well get the extra practice in," Reardon said about running both races.

Johnson said he felt that he had a good game plan going in.

"I just tried to ride solid the whole race," Johnson said. "But number 122 was pretty tough today."

Even though this was the final race for the series and Reardon this year, he made it a good one.

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"I enjoyed running this," he said. "For me, all this is just preparation for next year."

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Johnson, meanwhile, had his share of riders to pass while attempting to catch Reardon, but in the end it was too much of a deficit to overcome.

"I thought trying to get through the lappers was the most difficult part," Johnson said. "There were a couple of questionable decisions (by others) that made it hard, but I thought I ran well."

While Johnson had trouble, Reardon did not. He lapped numerous riders also on his way to victory.

"I'm very happy with the way I ran the race," Reardon said. "There wasn't a lot of trouble, and I was happy to get through it." 🏆