



Trey Canard (above)
 Birth Place: **September 17, 1990**
 Residence: **Elk City, Okla.**
 Turn Pro: **2007**

Canard wasted little time in making his presence known in the AMA Supercross Lites class. As a rookie, he won four races en route to winning the championship at the highly dramatic final round of the series. The 18-year old from Elk City, Okla. beat defending Western Regional AMA Supercross Lites champion Ryan Villopoto — considered to be the best Lites rider in the world at the time — to win the Number One plate. Canard and Villopoto took their rivalry for the championship to St. Louis' Edward Jones Dome, and while battling for the lead, Canard and Villopoto collided resulting in a memorable crash that left Villopoto on the ground and Canard atop the podium. "I learned that it is a long, full season of racing. If you let the pressures of racing get to you and if you don't stay focused, everything and everyone will eventually catch-up. You have to stay focused and not have lapses for the full season if you want to stay on top. I experienced the ultimate in highs and lows and everything that comes in between." Although he's still young, he's mature about his decision to master the Lites class before moving to the premier class. "I would like to wait until 2011 if that is possible," stated Canard.

Ryan Dungey (below)
 Birth Place: **December 4, 1989**
 Residence: **Belle Plaine, Minn.**
 Turned Pro: **2006**

Dungey enters his third year of professional racing and has his eyes set on winning the first AMA Supercross Lites class title of his career. Last year he let the Western Regional AMA Supercross Lites championship slip away to eventual champion Jason Lawrence. Dungey opened a huge lead as he won two of the first three races of the season and established a 34-point lead before a few bad breaks and bad decisions ultimately sabotaged his title run. Chalked up as a season of learning, Dungey capped off the year by winning his second consecutive Dave Coombs Sr. East/West Shootout, Dungey explained. "I can tell you I have learned a lot in just two years racing pro. Things are so much different in the pros than what most of us thought of when we were racing as amateurs. And it's not just money but all the other things that come with riding motorcycles for a living, like traveling year round, working with your team and sponsors, keeping yourself prepared and ready to ride 24/7." Dungey gained some valuable experience last year when he rode in the premier AMA Supercross class and finished second at the Minneapolis stop aboard his Suzuki RM-Z450F. "Riding the Rockstar Makita Suzuki 450F last year in supercross was pretty cool and I picked up a lot of experience riding with those guys. I would say the biggest difference is that in the big class the riders are little older and ride the track with a little more experience," said Dungey. The Belle Plaine, Minn., native has eight career supercross wins and three career motocross wins.



Austin Stroupe (above)
 Birth Date: **December 19, 1990**
 Residence: **Lincolnton, N.C.**
 Turn Pro: **2007**

Finishing third in the Western Regional AMA Supercross championship in his rookie season, former amateur sensation Austin Stroupe also won the first main event of his career at Houston's Reliant Stadium and along the way earned three additional podium finishes. In 2009, Stroupe will contest the Eastern Regional AMA Supercross Lites championship for the all-powerful Pro Circuit Kawasaki team.



Nico IZZI (above)
 Birth Date: **July 17, 1990**
 Residence: **St. Claire, Mich.**
 Turn Pro: **2007**

A rookie last year, IZZI earned one podium finish at the Indianapolis race and finished third overall in the 2008 Eastern Regional AMA Supercross Lites championship. For his accomplishments, he was named AMA Rookie of the Year. IZZI will once again contest the AMA Supercross Lites class, but will ride in the Western Regional AMA Supercross Lites championship for the Rockstar/Makita team.

YOUNG BLOOD

The **AMA Supercross Lites** class is broken down into two regions, East and West, as a means for racers to launch their professional careers. While winning a regional AMA Supercross Lites class champion is definitely a milestone, racers use this class as a stepping stone into the premier AMA Supercross class.

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RIDER NUMBERS



AMA Pro Racing assigns the top 99 national numbers to riders based off of the previous season's AMA Supercross and AMA Motocross championship results. Riders competing in the AMA Supercross class will use a white background on their number plate (above) while the AMA Supercross Lites class uses a black background (the "Young Blood" described left). The defending championships in each respective class will use a red background.

1 Chad REED
 AMA Supercross Class Champion

1 Jason LAWRENCE
 AMA Supercross Lites Class West Champion

1 Trey CANARD
 AMA Supercross Lites Class East Champion

- 2* Ryan VILLOPOTO Poulsbo, WA
- 3* Mike BROWN Gray, TN
- 4* Ricky CARMICHAEL Havana, FL
- 7* James STEWART Haines City, FL
- 8* Grant LANGSTON Clermont, FL
- 9* Ivan TEDESCO Tallahassee, FL
- 10* Ryan DUNGEY Belle Plaine, MN
- 11* Travis PRESTON Hesperia, CA
- 12* David VUILLIMEN Murrieta, CA
- 13* Heath VOSS Mico, TX
- 14* Kevin WINDHAM Centerville, MS
- 15* Timmy FERRY Largo, FL
- 16* John DOWD Ludlow, MA
- 17* Robbie REYNARD Oklahoma City, OK
- 18* Davi MILLSAPS Tallahassee, FL
- 19 Jake WEIMER Rupert, ID
- 20 Nico IZZI Saint Clair, MI
- 21 Cody COOPER Tallahassee, FL
- 22* Chad REED Tampa, FL
- 23* Kyle LEWIS Henderson, NV
- 24* Brett METCALFE Lake Elsinore, CA
- 25* Nathan RAMSEY Menifee, CA
- 26* Michael BYRNE Newnan, GA
- 27* Nicholas WEY Dewitt, MI
- 28 Joshua SUMMEY Huntersville, NC
- 29* Andrew SHORT Smithville, TX
- 30 Jeff ALESSI Victorville, CA

- 31 Ryan SIPES Vine Grove, KY
- 32 Sean HAMLIN Murrieta, CA
- 33 Josh GRANT Riverside, CA
- 34 Matthew GOERKE Lake Helen, FL
- 35 Paul CARPENTER Ithaca, NY
- 36 Kyle CUNNINGHAM Fort Worth, TX
- 37 Antonio BALBI Riverside, CA
- 38 Kyle CHISHOLM Valrico, FL
- 39 Trey CANARD Elk City, OK
- 40 Daniel REARDON Menifee, CA
- 41 Matthew LEMOINE Pilot Point, TX
- 42 Jake MOSS Temecula, CA
- 43 Broc TICKLE Holly, MI
- 44 Andrew MCFARLANE Menifee, CA
- 45 Jason THOMAS Melrose, FL
- 47 Jimmy ALBERTSON Ozark, MO
- 48 Thomas HAHN Alvard, TX
- 49 Justin BRAYTON Murrieta, CA
- 50 Wil HAHN Decatur, TX
- 51 Martin DAVALOS Cairo, GA
- 52 Robert KINIRY La Fayette, NY
- 53 Jason LAWRENCE Carlsbad, CA
- 54 Matt BONI Geneva, FL
- 55 Ryan CLARK Waddell, AZ
- 56 Eric SORBY Lake Elsinore, CA
- 57 Jacob MARSACK Berlin, MI
- 58 Phillip NICOLETTI Cochection, NY
- 59 Troy ADAMS Homosassa, FL
- 60* Broc HEPLER Kittanning, PA
- 61 Blake WHARTON Pilot Point, TX
- 62 Sean COLLIER Valencia, CA
- 63 Chris BLOSE Phoenix, AZ
- 64 Jeff GIBSON Blacklick, OH
- 65 Shaun SKINNER Stuart, FL
- 66 Steve BONIFACE Corona, CA
- 67 Josh HANSEN Murrieta, CA

- 68 Michael BLOSE Phoenix, AZ
- 69 Tucker HIBBERT Goodridge, MN
- 70 Michael WILLARD Thornville, OH
- 71 Justin SIPES Vine Grove, KY
- 72 Bryan JOHNSON Cairo, GA
- 73 Gavin GRACYK Blissfield, OH
- 74 Branden JESSEMAN New Brighton, PA
- 75* Joshua HILL Yoncalla, OR
- 76 Kevin ROOKSTOOL Klamath Falls, OR
- 77 Steven CLARKE Cairo, GA
- 78 Billy LANINOVICH Lake Elsinore, CA
- 79 Cole SIEBLER Emmett, ID
- 80 Tyler BRIGHT Lexington, NC
- 81 Kyle SUMMERS Colorado Springs, CO
- 82 Jack CARPENTER Ithaca, NY
- 83 Dusty KLATT Riverside, CA
- 84 Jarred BROWNE Nuevo, CA
- 85 Sean BORKENHAGEN Huntington Beach, CA
- 86 Travis SEWELL Westville, IN
- 87 PJ LARSEN Stanley, NC
- 88 Bobby BONDS Maricopa, CA
- 89 Marc DE REUVER Lommel, Belgium
- 90 Kelly SMITH Ludington, MI
- 91 Chad CHARBONNEAU Litchfield, NH
- 93 Kevin JOHNSON Albuquerque, NM
- 94 Jacob MORRISON Wareham, MA
- 95 Ben LAMAY Anchorage, AK
- 96 Tyler WHARTON Pilot Point, TX
- 97 Juss LAANSOO Chatsworth, GA
- 98 Kyle TOBIN Climax, GA
- 99 Jase LEWIS Carrollton, GA
- 101* Ben TOWNLEY Tallahassee, FL
- 116* Ryan MORAIS Murrieta, CA
- 800* Mike ALESSI Victorville, CA
- 981* Austin STROUPE Corona, CA

*Denotes rider's career number