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Dodge Hornet R/T FC1-X Driver Bakkerud Records Double Dodge Wins in Group E Nitrocross Action at Utah Motorsports Campus

- Norway's Andreas Bakkerud returned to Group E winner's circle this weekend in the Nitrocross Series doubleheader in Utah by driving his Dreyer & Reinbold Racing (DRR) Dodge Hornet R/T FC1-X to two final wins
- Bakkerud, winless since the 2022-23 Nitrocross series, fought off strep throat and a 104-degree fever to record a perfect weekend with heat race, semifinal and final wins both days
- Bakkerud led a 1-2 Dodge finish in both main events with wins over his DRR teammate and current point leader Robin Larsson at the fast Utah dirt/pavement circuit
- Bakkerud defeated Larsson on Saturday by one second and on Sunday by two seconds in the finals, marking three wins in four rounds for Dodge in the brand's Nitrocross debut season
- Bakkerud's other DRR Dodge teammates, Fraser McConnell and Lia Block, scored two top-five main event finishes this weekend with McConnell on Saturday and Block on Sunday
- Last month, Dodge debuted its Dodge Hornet R/T FC1-X car in the season-opening Nitrocross doubleheader at Richmond with DRR driver Larsson scoring a first-round final triumph
- The 10-round 2024-25 Nitrocross Series now moves to Firebird Motorsports Park on Nov. 15-16 with Larsson, in the Group E points lead, seeking his third consecutive Nitrocross series title
- For more information on the Dodge Hornet R/T and Dodge Hornet GT, visit [Dodge.com](https://www.dodge.com)
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October 7, 2024, Auburn Hills, Mich. - Veteran Andres Bakkerud, despite fighting strep throat and a 104-degree fever, scored a sensational "clean sweep" with two Group E feature victories in his Monster Energy Dreyer & Reinbold Racing Dodge Hornet R/T FC1-X electric-powered racecar, leading a Dodge 1-2 finish each day in Nitrocross Series rounds three and four at Utah Motorsports Campus.

The two main event wins for the Norway native were Bakkerud's first in over a year and the second and third triumphs for the new Dodge brand in the 2024-25 Nitrocross campaign. Competing on a fast 1.732 miles of pavement and dirt on the course near Salt Lake City, Bakkerud proved to be the class of the Group E field at the most challenging course on the entire Nitrocross tour, with a 100-foot gap jump and high-banked turns.

Bakkerud started out the weekend by setting the fastest lap and then winning his heat race, semifinal and final on Saturday at the controls of his No. 13 Dodge Hornet R/T FC1-X machine, finishing up with a one-second victory over his DRR Dodge teammates Robin Larsson and Oliver Eriksson.

In Sunday action, Bakkerud repeated his Saturday performance with wins in the preliminary competition and jumped to the lead in the finale from his front row starting position. He never looked back with a two-second margin over Larsson at the checkered flag to complete a spectacular doubleheader sweep.

"It's been tough times, and this year was all about getting back and having fun again," said Bakkerud. "In the first Nitrocross weekend, I was having some bad luck in the finals. I was ready for Utah. But I caught strep throat on

Thursday and a 104-degree fever. I was shaking, my hands, fingers, toes and everything, then getting penicillin and resting. Friday and Saturday in the final, we had the 'holeshot' into turn one and it felt good from there. The sun was so low that it was tough to see in the last few corners.

"In the Sunday race, I got a good run from the second starting position. It had more grip, and I was able to get by Robin into turn one. But it was a difficult race with the tight corners, and the racing was very close on this track. I'm just really happy to get back in the winner's circle this weekend."

Larsson's two runner-up finishes vaulted him back into the Group E points lead as the series heads to Firebird Motorsports Park in Chandler, Arizona, for rounds five and six on Nov. 15-16.

"Overall, those were such tough finals to drive, with the position of the sun," said Larsson, Group E round one final winner last month at Richmond, Virginia. "It was terrible, but I just followed Bakkerud, and he really enjoyed that win. It was a one-two for the team, and I'm just chasing that consistency like I did in the last two years. P2 is good. You always want to win, but, for the championship, a P2 is really nice. Good points. A solid day for the team and for me."

In addition to the 1-2 finishes by Bakkerud and Larsson, their DRR Dodge teammates Fraser McConnell of Jamaica and local star Lia Block scored top five final finishes this weekend with McConnell fourth on Saturday and Block fifth on Sunday.

"That was the craziest final for me on Sunday," said Block, who resides in nearby Park City, Utah. "It ended very chaotic for me, and I got spun around. But I wanted to get to finish line. I'm glad to get a top-five finish for DRR and Dodge."

DRR team owner Dennis Reinbold couldn't have asked for a better 1-2 weekend with Bakkerud and Larsson dominating the Group E action, and his younger drivers putting in strong showings as well at a challenging circuit.

"We knew that the Utah track is the most demanding course we run during the Nitrocross season," Reinbold said. "To be honest, we weren't sure how Andreas would perform with his illness. But he fought off that sickness as well as the on-track competition this weekend. He hasn't had the best luck in the past year and the whole DRR team feel so good for him to get the wins here in Utah. Robin was his usual strong runner and took over the points lead. And Fraser and Lia continue to show their talent and potential here. We are looking forward to the next two rounds in Phoenix next month now."

The Nitrocross series is televised live on Rumble.com and Fox Sports 1.

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