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Mesquite, NV. — It was a busy couple of weeks leading up to the race. With hopes and every intention of getting a new Kawasaki KFX450R built and tested prior to the race weekend, it just didn't happen that way. In an effort to keep this from running on to long, here is the some what abbreviated version.

We rolled in late Friday morning after finishing up the quad the night prior. Practice that afternoon would be the first time riding the quad other than in and out of the trailer several times during the building process. I was going into this with an open mind and trying to be optimistic. As most of you know, there can

be some teething issues when merely changing some components, let alone switching machines.

So I went out for my first practice and all in all it wasn't too bad. There were some adjustments to be done, but considering the circumstances I think it went pretty well.

My mechanic Jon and I worked diligently all weekend trying to get the new machine to work as well as we could. We made a lot of head way on the handling and the power was quite good.

Sunday was a bit hectic, getting all of the final touches on the bike for the first real race situation. We had been fighting some issues with getting the engine to fire once it got warmed up and they bit us on the starting line before the main. We finally got it to fire and the WORCS staff let me keep it running during the National Anthem.

When the gate dropped I let the clutch out for the first time on a slab and it actually launched rather well. It was looking like I was going to get a decent start, then as the first corner unfolded I got bumped around a bit and went toward the back of the pack.

Before leaving the MX track on the first lap, the front right rotor and caliper took in a rock and bent the rotor and pins in the caliper, rendering me w/o front brakes for the remainder of the race. For the rest of the race I slowly worked my way up from the back of the pack up to 12th. Not hardly a finish that I am proud of, I recall thinking to myself that I have never worked so hard to go so slow in my life. However, I was just glad to get the first race on the new machine out of the way and we learned a lot, so it wasn't a complete loss.

