

## Cooper Webb Storms Orlando Supercross and Reclaims 450SX Class Momentum

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The seventh round of the Monster Energy AMA Supercross, an FIM World Championship held its first open-air race of the season inside Camping World Stadium in Orlando, Florida. Race fans, seated in restricted-attendance pod-style seating, braved morning rains to witness Red Bull KTM's Cooper Webb take his second 450SX Class win of the season ahead of Team Honda HRC's Ken Roczen. Rockstar Energy Husqvarna Factory Racing's Zach Osborne held on for a hard-fought third place. The Eastern Regional 250SX Class delivered drama early in the night, but in the Main Event it was Team Honda HRC's Jett Lawrence with a wire-to-wire win.

Zach Osborne grabbed the hole-shot and had the speed to keep the pack behind him in the 450SX Class Main Event but a big mistake in the whoops allowed three riders to get by as he recovered. Muc-Off Honda's Justin Brayton took over the point position with Ken Roczen right on his rear tire. Roczen was coming off a three-win streak, but that only motivated Cooper Webb more; the KTM rider sat close in third. Just over three minutes into the 20-minute plus one lap race, Webb positioned himself to pass both riders in a single corner. Like that, Webb had the lead with Roczen using the moment to get around Brayton even as he lost a spot to Webb.

Opening round winner Troy Lee Designs / Red Bull / GASGAS Factory Racing's Justin Barcia was soon past Brayton also, and the three riders rounded the track nearly in formation just slightly out of range for any of them to make a pass attempt. With just over five minutes left on the race clock Barcia had an incredible save in the whoops. He was thrown from his bike but managed to stay in touch long enough to jump back on without hitting the ground. Osborne took advantage of the mistake to take third spot – in the same section where he'd lost the race lead – and held it to the end despite a constant push from

Barcia.

2020 defending champion Monster Energy Kawasaki's Eli Tomac had a tough night after a mid-pack start and rounding the first lap in 11th place. Tomac charged hard on the retro-track layout that commemorated the last time the series visited the venue and that event's battle between James Stewart and retiring 5-time champion Ricky Carmichael in his final Monster Energy Supercross race. At the 2021 running of Orlando, Tomac made steady progress forward and reached fifth by the checkered flag.

In Eastern Regional 250SX Class racing it was Jett Lawrence's night from the drop of the Main Event gate. After scoring the holeshot it was his race to lose with points leader Monster Energy Star Racing Yamaha's Colt Nichols right behind him. As the two pulled away from third place rider Monster Energy Star Racing Yamaha's Christian Craig, the gap between the top two riders stretched and closed. Lawrence handily got through lappers, never allowing them to slow him enough for Nichols to get within striking distance.

The big drama of the 250SX class had come earlier in the night. Christian Craig crashed hard in 250SX Class Heat 2 while leading; Craig was pitched and slow to get up, evaluating his right hand. He returned for the Last Chance Qualifier with the injury taped up. He rode conservatively for the LCQ win and a spot on the Main Event gate. Craig gutted it out through the pain in the Main Event for third, losing only two points on his teammate as the regional series goes into a 10-week break before the final two rounds to determine the champion.

The racers line up again inside the same stadium on a completely redesigned track next Saturday for the second of the Orlando double-header; the February 20th Florida race will kick off the 2021 Western Regional 250SX Class series with a new group of hungry racers eager to start their title campaigns with a win. Event



tickets are available in a restricted-attendance, pod-style seating structure for the second Orlando race as well as for upcoming rounds through

the Atlanta triple-header. For tickets, airtimes on Peacock and NBCSN, racing news, and videos please go to [SupercrossLIVE.com](http://SupercrossLIVE.com).

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