

Double Superbike Victories for Beaubier at Laguna Seca



Monterey, Calif. – June 25, 2018 – With a 1-1 MotoAmerica Superbike sweep for the weekend, Cameron Beaubier and the Monster Energy/Yamalube/Yamaha Factory Racing Team extended their winning streak to four-in-a-row after an impeccable Round 5 of the MotoAmerica AMA/FIM North American Road Racing Championship in Monterey, California.

In Supersport action, JD Beach and the Monster Energy/Yamaha Extended Service/Graves/Yamaha Team won a close race to clinch their fifth victory of the season. Along with a MotoAmerica Junior Cup race and FIM World Superbike Race 2, Yamaha bLU cRU riders provided lots of action for attending fans at the historic 11-turn, 2.238-mile WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca.

As a native of Roseville, California, Cameron Beaubier lined up for MotoAmerica Race 2 with plenty of support from his attending family, friends and fans. When the green flag waved, he launched into second place behind fellow Yamaha bLU cRU rider Josh Herrin. After a few attempts at the lead, Beaubier kept the pressure on Herrin while making smart moves to keep the race tight. With eight laps to go, Herrin fought a wild slide in Turn 2 and opened the door for two-time MotoAmerica Superbike Champion Beaubier to take the lead. Beaubier kept the pace in the final laps, opening a solid gap between himself and the rest of the field when Herrin's race ended with an unfortunate crash at the bottom of the

famous "Corkscrew," turn 8A. Beaubier crossed the finish line to solidify his second victory of the weekend, extending his lead in the Superbike Championship to 29 points.

Meanwhile, Garrett Gerloff got off to a great start in Race 2 as he used the power of his R1 to take over third place in turn 6 on the opening lap. Gerloff continued to move towards the front of the pack, pressuring his teammate, Cameron Beaubier, for second place early in the race. After settling in to keep a solid pace with Beaubier and race-leader Josh Herrin, Gerloff was joined by the hard-charging trio of Roger Hayden, Matthew Scholtz and Toni Elias by lap 15, who challenged him for the final podium position. Gerloff kept his head down, though, finishing the 23-lap race with a fifth-place finish while gaining more valuable experience during his first Superbike season.

2018 MotoAmerica Superbike Standings – 10 of 20 Series Races Completed		
Pos.	Rider	Points
1	Cameron Beaubier – Yamaha	203
2	Toni Elias – Suzuki	174
3	Josh Herrin – Yamaha	135
4	Mathew Scholtz – Yamaha	129
5	Garrett Gerloff – Yamaha	98
7	Kyle Wyman – Yamaha	82

2018 MotoAmerica Supersport Standings – 7 of 18 Series Races Completed		
Pos.	Rider	Points
1	JD Beach – Yamaha	165
2	Hayden Gillim – Yamaha	113
3	Cory West – Yamaha	79

Hagan Races to Second Win of Season; First at Norwalk

Norwalk, OHIO (June 24, 2018) – Mopar Express Lane Dodge Charger R/T driver Matt Hagan, seeking a bit of redemption after first-round exits in the previous two events, began Norwalk eliminations with back-to-back battles against DSR teammates.

First up was Tommy Johnson Jr., with Hagan's quick reflexes helping to score a close holeshot win by an ultra-thin margin of less than one-thousandth of a second. Hagan was again first off of the starting line in an all-Mopar Dodge quarterfinals fight, pulling away to defeat Jack Beckman with a 4.010-second at 322.27-mph pass.

The two-time world champion led from start to finish stripe in the semifinals, reeling off a 3.981 E.T. to defeat J.R. Todd and earn all-important lane choice against No. 1 qualifier Courtney Force in his fourth final round of the season and 51st of his career.

Hagan saved his best reaction time for the money round, a 0.033-second mark that gave him a jump over Force that he would never relinquish, recording a winning 4.094-second at 288.21-mph pass to his opponent's losing 4.220 at 227.54-mph effort.

"Super proud of my guys," said Hagan, who picked up a win earlier in the year at the season-opening event in Pomona. "These cats have been working hard and we've obviously had a track

prep change that we needed to adapt to and it took (crew chief) Dickie (Venables) a few runs to get there, but that's why I love him and I'm glad he's in my corner. He always figures it out.

"We had a good, solid car all weekend. Qualified well, went down the race track pretty much every lap. It hazed the tires out there and I was legging it out, but it's the finals, man.

"You're not (owed) anything out here because you have to earn it, but you almost feel like you were due for a win. It's been a while since we turned on four win lights, but it's a nitro Funny Car and you never know what you're going to get."

With the Norwalk win, Hagan was able to advance from sixth all the way up to a tie (with teammate Jack Beckman) for second in the Funny Car points standings.

Sunday's victory was Hagan's second of the season, 28th of his career and first-ever at Norwalk.

"I'm glad we were able to knock this (Norwalk) trophy off the checklist. For Mopar, for Pennzoil, Sandvik Coromant, and all of the folks that support us out here. I've been wanting one of these ice cream scoops, but I think mine is going to be a protein scoop (laughs). You know, two scoops of protein with this. We're having fun, it's good to see my guys be able to celebrate with the Wally."



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