

## Motorcycle

## **2019** Atlanta Supercross

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Created in 1974, Monster Energy AMA Supercross, an FIM World Championship, has become the premier off-road motorcycle series, came to the Mercedes-Benz Stadium in downtown Atlanta on March 2nd.

When Red Bull KTM's Cooper Webb won his first 450cc Supercross way back in January something clicked. Since then, he's been at or near the front almost every week. Coming off a night a week earlier in Detroit, where Webb was clearly outclassed by Monster Energy Kawasaki's Eli Tomac, the Atlanta Supercross results looked a lot more like what we've become accustomed to, with Webb taking his fifth win of the year and extending his points lead to 13 halfway through the series.

When the gate dropped for the Atlanta 450 main event, it was none other than Webb taking the holeshot over team member Marvin Musquin and Rocky Mountain ATV/MC KTM's Blake Baggett, while Monster Energy Yamaha's Aaron Plessinger, Smartop/Motoconcepts/ Bullfrog Spas Honda's Justin Brayton, Honda's Ken Roczen Kawasaki privateer Tyler Bowers and the rest of the field giving chase. Last week's winner, Monster Energy Kawasaki's Eli Tomac (who had qualified first during daytime qualifying) rounded the opening in 13th.

Webb barely held off his teammate Musquin for the first half of the race, but a huge mistake in the sand handed Baggett the runner-up spot, and he resumed the chase, but even though both Baggett and Musquin could get close to Webb throughout the 26-lap main event, they could never find a way by.

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WHATS THAT SIGN SAY?



START OF 450SX FINAL



COOPER FLYING AWAY



**BAGGETT FINISHED 2ND** 



MARVIN MUSQUIN GETTIN' AIR ON WAY TO 3RD IN 450SX FINAL



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