

Beaubier Victorious as 2018 MotoAmerica Superbike Champion After Race 2 Win

Monster Energy/Yamalube/Yamaha Factory Racing's Cameron Beaubier became a three-time MotoAmerica Superbike Champion on Sunday after wrapping up the 2018 title with a confident victory amid a rainy, wet and slick Race 2 at New Jersey Motorsports Park.

The battle for the 2018 Superbike Championship was all about momentum, and Beaubier found his groove at just the right time. After working through some challenges to earn a consistent string of podium finishes in the first three rounds of the series, he dropped the hammer at Round 4 to earn a pair of significant victories that ignited his successful run for the 2018 title. Moving on to tally a four-race winning-streak, Beaubier built a points lead and gained confidence to ride at a level that proved hard to beat in the second half of the season.

Overall, Beaubier captured eight wins, eight podium-finishes and five Superpoles to earn the prestigious title of 2018 MotoAmerica Superbike Champion while bringing home a ninth Superbike title for Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA.

Monster Energy/Yamalube/Yamaha Factory Racing Superbike Team

Severe weather conditions called for some changes to Sunday's race schedule, including earlier start times and shortened race lengths. Nonetheless, Cameron Beaubier remained focused, starting the day calm and collected. When the green flag waved to start Superbike Race 2, he launched his R1 from the grid and settled into the second-place position before assessing the extreme track conditions and making his move to the front of the pack. From there, Beaubier confidently set the pace on his Monster Energy/Yamalube/Yamaha Factory Racing R1 as rain continued to pour down over New Jersey Motorsports Park. After leading all 18 laps of Race 2, Beaubier brought home the 2018 Superbike Championship title to cap a very memorable weekend of racing in New Jersey.

Meanwhile, his teammate, Garrett Gerloff, was hard at work battling for a podium position. Gerloff got a great start and positioned himself inside the top five early on.



Despite the wet and challenging track conditions, the Superbike rookie fought to keep himself within striking distance of a podium position. After increasing his pace in the final laps, Gerloff finished in fourth place, only a few seconds away from a podium position.

Cameron Beaubier - #6 YZF-R1

"To wrap up the Championship with a win on my R1 is the cherry on top. I wasn't too confident going into the race with this weather, but it turned out good. I'm over

the moon! I can't thank everyone enough who helped us accomplish this. Like I said yesterday, we never quit even when we were struggling. Feels great to bring that number one plate home for Yamaha!"

The Yamaha /bLU cRU/ riders will head to Birmingham, Alabama Sept. 21-23 for the final round of the 2018 MotoAmerica AMA/FIM North American Road Racing Championship series at Barber Motorsports Park. For complete schedule details, visit <http://motoamerica.com>.

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