

# MotoAmerica Championship of Alabama

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On a picture perfect weekend, the newly paved Barber Motorsport Park, known as the Augusta of Motorsports was the talk of all of the riders. The exceptional track is as smooth as a billiard table. The track proved to a challenge for most of the riders as all of their past reference points were gone.

Going into Saturday, only seven points separated the leaders of the EBC Brakes Superbikes Class. Cameron Beaubier and Tony Ellis were battling for the championship. On Saturday, Garrett Gerloff and Beaubier battled for the lead with Ellis slightly trailing behind. Beaubier proved to be the victor on Saturday with Gerloff second and Josh Herrin third. All of the riders said they had to get used to the new track surface and adjust accordingly.

On Sunday, Cameron Beaubier won his

fourth championship and the race. Tony Ellis needed to finish second or better to win the championship, and he finished fourth in the Sunday race. Sunday's race win was Beaubier's sixth win of the year and 38th of his AMA Superbike career. Garret Geroff finished second again on Sunday and Westby Racing's Matthew Scholtz finished third.

In the final Supersport Race of the season, Bobby Fong who clinched the championship by winning Saturday's race, crashed with five laps to go. Fong was able to remount his bike and ride it into the pits, which resulted in some confusion on the podium. Fong was declared the winner by Race Control but he was not on the podium. Hudson Motorcycles Yamaha Rider Richie Escalante was second, however he was on top at the podium. Yamaha's P. J. Jacobsen was third.

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