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**ON THE COVER:** The season couldn't have ended much better for Ken Roczen. After dominating the whole season, he won both motos at Red Budd to win his first AMA Pro 450 Motocross Championship. Photo: Simon Cudby



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KAILUBRUSSELL

# GNCC UPDATE

Kailub Russell is on a roll. At the ninth round of the Grand National Cross Country (GNCC) series held at Snowshoe Mountain in West Virginia, FMF/KTM Factory Racing's Russell took the win at one of the most grueling GNCC events of the year, earning his sixth win of the season and stretching his points lead in the championship.

Dunlop-sponsored Russell jumped out to the early lead, pulled a large gap on the field, and after three hours of intense racing took the victory by more than two minutes. It wasn't easy as several riders took the lead during the race, only to fall victim to mechanical issues or Russell's relentless pace.

In the Pro Lites class, JCR/Honda's Trevor Bollinger took advantage of a front-row start to run with the Open class riders on his 250, even challenging Russell for the lead at one point. He finished a remarkable second overall ahead of Grant Baylor.

### AMSOIL SNOWSHOE GNCC

Snowshoe, West Virginia

### XC1 PRO EVENT RESULTS:

1. Kailub Russell (KTM)
2. Grant Baylor (YAM)
3. Jordan Ashburn (KTM)
4. Steward Baylor Jr. (KTM)
5. Josh Strang (HSQ)
6. Ryan Sipes (HSQ)
7. Ricky Russell (SUZ)
8. Cory Buttrick (KTM)
9. Scott Grills (KAW)
10. Chris Douglas (SUZ)

### OVERALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS (9 ROUNDS)

1. Kailub Russell (226)
2. Josh Strang (211)
3. Trevor Bollinger (132)
4. Jordan Ashburn (123)
5. Craig DeLong (109)
6. Chris Bach (105)
7. Grant Baylor (102)
8. Steward Baylor Jr. (98)
9. Ricky Russell (89)
10. Thad Duvall (84)



## ALL-NEW DUNLOP GT502 FOR HARLEY-DAVIDSON ROADSTER

Working closely with Harley-Davidson®, Dunlop has developed the GT502™ radial for O.E. fitment on the all-new Roadster™. Like all of the Dunlop O.E. tires for Harley-Davidson, the new GT502 radial was designed and developed in the U.S.A. and manufactured in Dunlop's Buffalo, New York, manufacturing facility.

Radial JLB (Jointless Band) construction in the 18-inch rear tire uses a combination of aramid and nylon plies and

a unique mold profile to achieve the ride and handling performance criteria of the Roadster.

Additionally, the use of silica in the compound across the rear tread profile helps increase grip in wet and dry conditions. Up front, the 19-inch tire uses similar construction for a smooth ride and is fine-tuned to achieve the handling and performance targets of the Roadster. The GT502 is available through Harley-Davidson dealers.



MOTOAMERICA UPDATE:

# NO LONGER BUSINESS AS USUAL





TONIELIAS

As of the very first race, Yoshimura Suzuki Factory Racing announced loud and clear that Superbike road racing in the U.S.A. was not going to be business as usual in 2016. This year's MotoAmerica kickoff, held at Circuit of the Americas, saw Yosh Superbike teammates Toni Elias and Roger Lee Hayden nail down first and second place, respectively, in both races. Elias and Hayden repeated the feat at the next race, held at Road Atlanta. Impressive, to say the least.

However, in the second Road Atlanta race, reigning MotoAmerica champ Cameron Beaubier reasserted his creds aboard his Monster Energy Graves Yamaha YZF-R1 as he carved out his first win of the season, while his teammate Josh Hayes—four-time AMA Superbike champion—claimed the runner-up spot. Clearly, this was shaping up as a four-man free-for-all brawl for the championship.

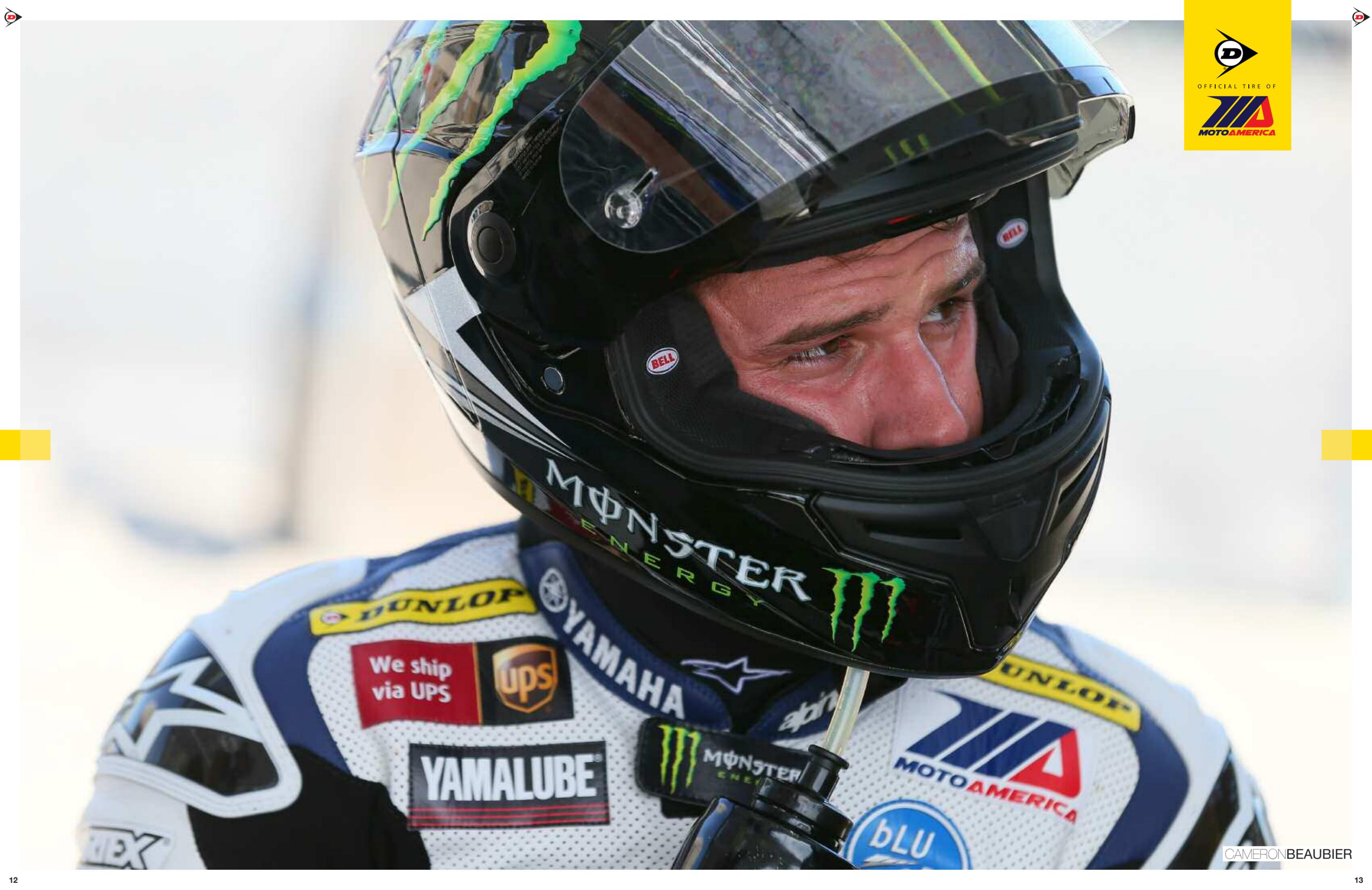
Over the next three events—New Jersey, VIR and Road America—the Graves Yamaha riders won all six races, with Beaubier claiming the lion's share, five. Team Graves was definitely on the march. But the Yosh boys immediately turned things around, swapping off with 1-2 finishes at Barber, leaving Beaubier in third both times. Super-tight action at Laguna Seca saw Beaubier barely edge Elias for the win in race 1 by 0.300 second. Incredibly, things got even tighter as Hayes edged out his teammate at the checkers in race 2 by an even slimmer margin of 0.257 second, with Elias following immediately behind in third. Amazing racing, and all his hard work adds up to a 59-point advantage for Beaubier over Hayes as the series heads into the final round of the season at New Jersey. With a total of 50 points up for grabs, two conservative rides should do the trick for young Beaubier, making it two Superbike titles in a row.

In the Superstock 1000 class, where lightly modified street bikes run on-track concurrently with the highly tweaked Superbikes, former AMA Superbike champ Josh Herrin has made the most of his opportunities. Riding his Wheels in Motion/Motosport.com/Meen Motorsports Yamaha, Herrin locked up the class championship with 1-4 finishes during the Laguna Seca weekend. Throughout the season, Italy's Claudio Corti on the HSBK Racing Aprilia and Bobby Fong on the Quicksilver/Latus Motors Racing Kawasaki ZX-10R have given him plenty of competition. Together, this three-brand title chase gave fans plenty to cheer about. But in the end, Herrin's seven class victories proved to be too much for Corti and Fong, earning the Yamaha rider a well-deserved championship.

Among the 600-class bikes, after eight rounds of racing the title remains up for grabs in the Supersport class, where

Y.E.S. Graves Yamaha teammates Garrett Gerloff and JD Beach are competing for the crown. Both riders have won six races during the season, but Gerloff holds a 14-point advantage over Beach, the reigning class champ. Should Beach win both races in New Jersey, Gerloff can clinch the title with two runner-up finishes. But there's no guarantee of any of that happening. In short, here we have all the makings for a dramatic end to the season.

In the young-gun Superstock 600 division, Bryce Prince has proved himself as the class of the class, earning eight wins in 13 races to lock up the title early. In MotoAmerica KTM RC 390 Cup racing, young Brandon Paasch holds a 19-point lead over Anthony Mazziotto. But on any given day, anything can happen in this entry-class racing event; check out the season finale in New Jersey to see how it all ends.



CAMERON BEAUBIER



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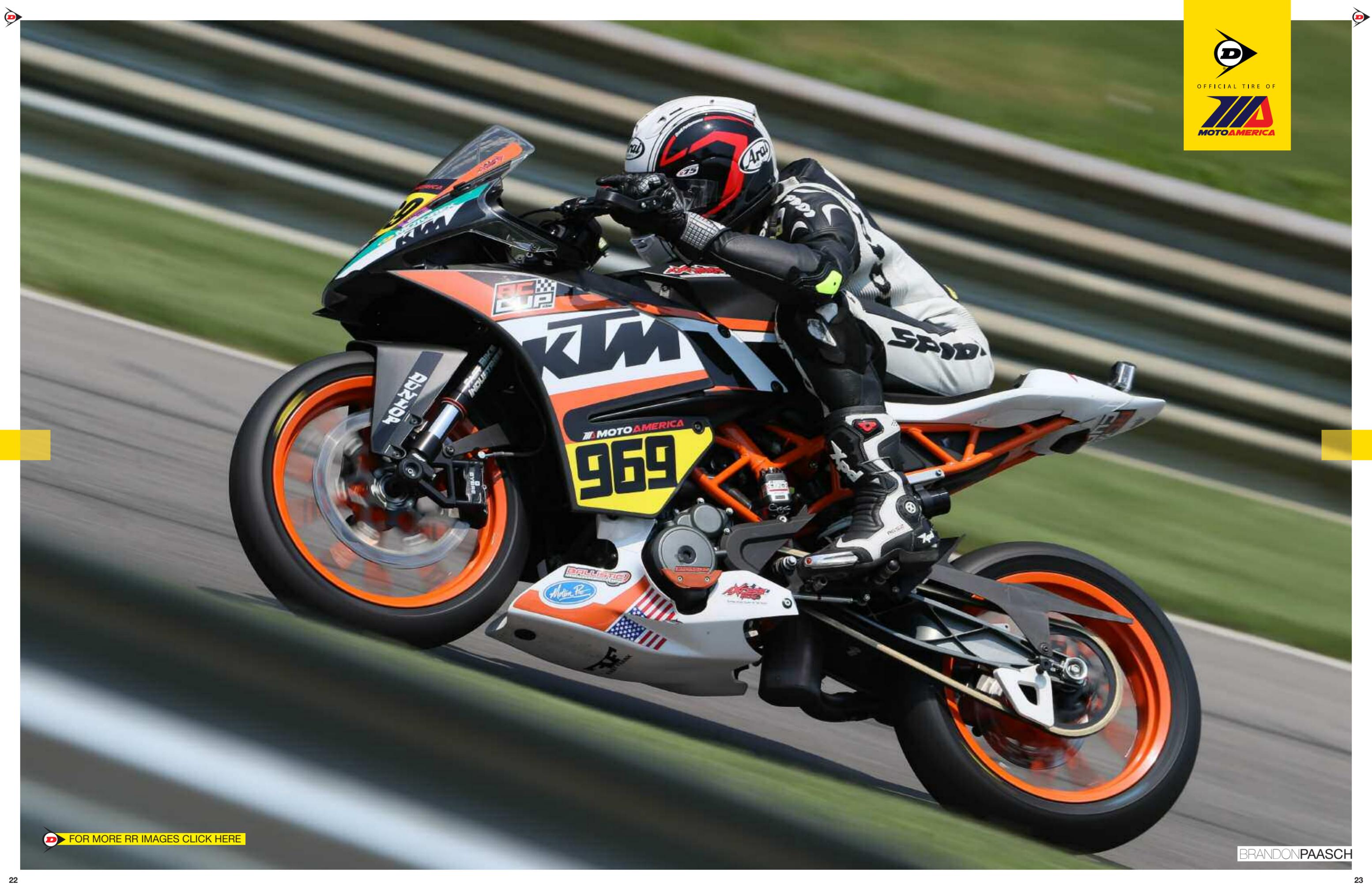
MOTOAMERICA





BRYCE PRINCE





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BRANDON PAASCH



MEET THE NEW BOSSES: KEN ROCZEN AND COOPER WEBB







Throughout the 2016 Supercross Championship, Red Bull KTM's Ryan Dungey looked so incredibly dominant he seemed certain to roll up the competition again as soon as the 2016 Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship kicked off. A safe assumption? Not so much.

The MX season opener at Hangtown saw RCH/Soaring Eagle/Jimmy's John's/Suzuki Factory Racing's Ken Roczen serve notice by charging to a convincing 1-1 overall win ahead of Dungey, who finished 2-2 on the day. Not a total surprise, since Roczen challenged—and beat—Dungey a few times in the Supercross season. Predictably, RD stormed back the next race at Glen Helen with a 1-2 overall to Roczen's 4-1 runner-up tally. Game on! Clearly, this had the makings of an epic season-long wrestling match. When Roczen won at Thunder Valley with 1-1 finishes and RD charged from behind to podium with valiant 2-4 rides, it looked like a heated slugfest was definitely underway. Except for one thing: While battling for the lead on the

opening lap of Moto 2, Dungey went down hard. Dinged and dazed, he remounted and sliced through the pack, charging from 19th to 4th in heroic fashion by the end of the moto. But that was the end of the good news. Later that week, doctors confirmed that RD had a broken vertebra in his neck. Season over.

Since that turning point, it's been all about Ken Roczen. He won the next three races with 1-1 scores: High Point, Tennessee and Red Bud. Monster Energy Kawasaki's Eli Tomac leveraged his love for sand tracks into a 1-1 win at Southwick that saw Roczen earn 2-2 finishes; not hardly a disaster for the Suzuki rider. Round 8 at Spring Creek found Roczen atop his A game once more as he posted 1-1 wins for the overall, his sixth of the season. At Washougal, Tomac battled gamely once again, keeping things honest by pressing for the overall win with 2-1 finishes to Roczen's 1-2 tally for the day. While that's a win for Tomac, he wasn't able to gain ground in the points chase.



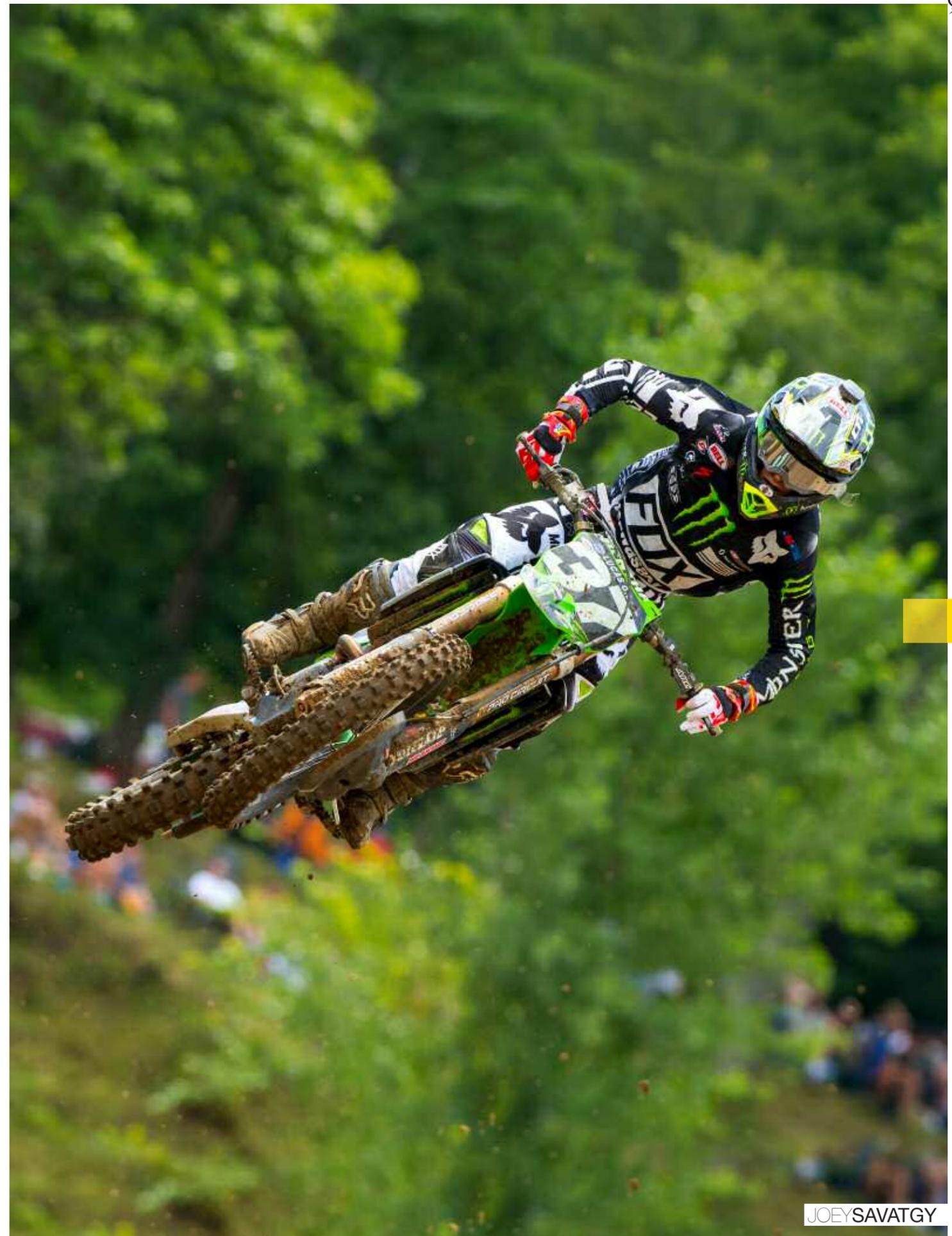




With that, Roczen amassed a commanding points lead over Tomac. With only two rounds remaining, it seemed safe to say that Roczen was likely to earn his first-ever AMA Pro 450 Motocross Championship, and that's exactly what happened. Roczen spared everyone the drama of a challenge by taking both moto wins at Budds Creek, and locking up the championship with one round remaining.

Meanwhile, in the 250 class, super-heated action was found in every moto. Six different riders won at least one moto heading into Budds Creek, with Yamalube/Star Racing Yamaha's

Cooper Webb shaping up as the man to beat. Webb's teammate and defending champion Jeremy Martin headed into Budds Creek in second, followed closely by Joey Savatgy on the Monster Energy/Pro Circuit Kawasaki. Webb didn't make it look as easy as Roczen did; his dash to the championship was nothing but drama. A first turn crash in moto one put him at the back of the pack, but he passed most of the field to finish sixth. That wasn't enough to take the title. His second moto start put him in 18th at the first turn, but he passed 15 riders to grab a third place finish, which locked up the AMA Pro 250 Motocross Championship for Webb.



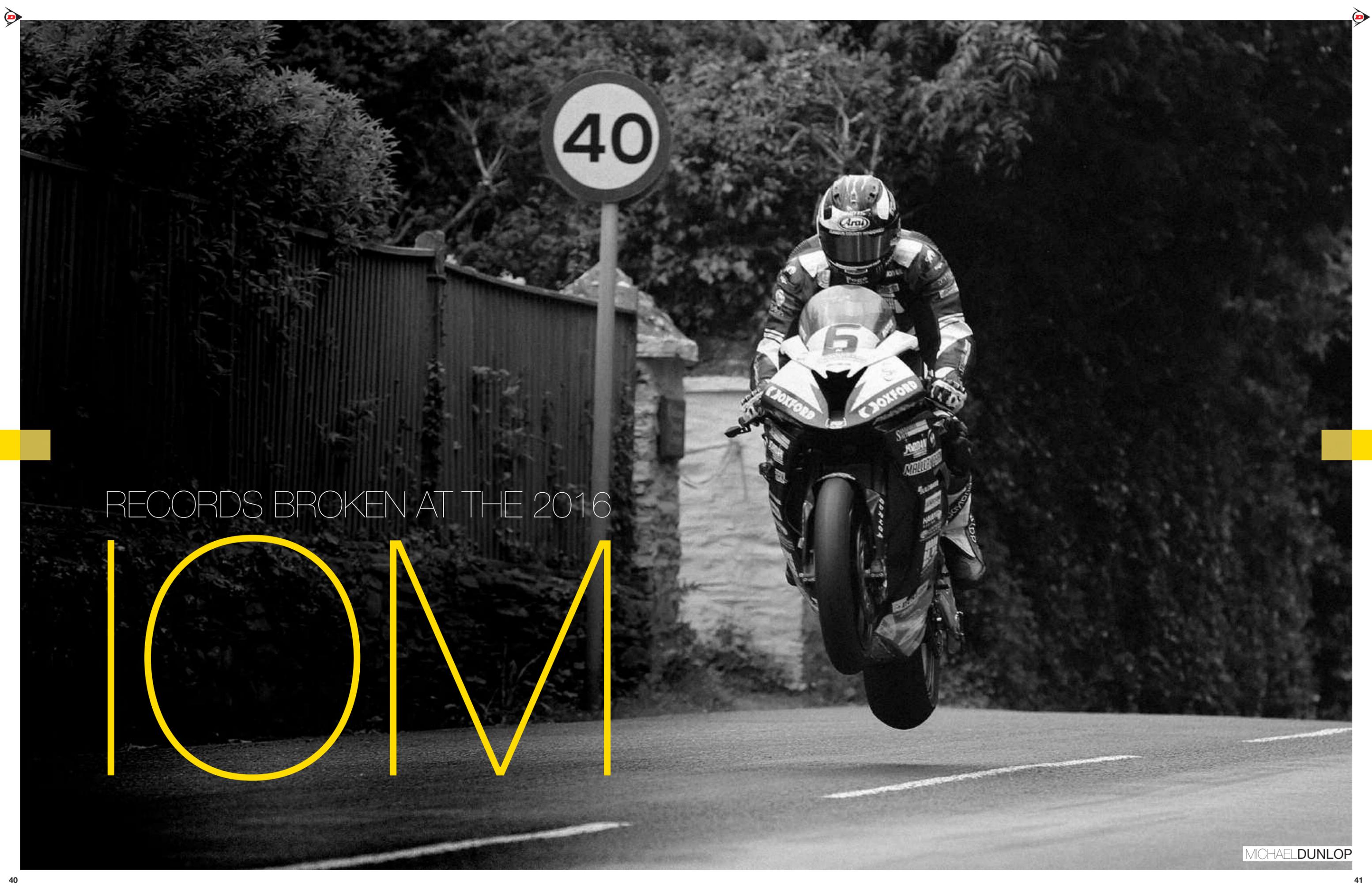
JOEYSAVATGY







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RECORDS BROKEN AT THE 2016

100M

MICHAEL DUNLOP

DUNLOP MOTORCYCLE TIRES HAS A LONG HISTORY OF DOMINATING THE LEGENDARY ISLE OF MAN TT DATING BACK TO THE VERY BEGINNING OF THE EVENT.

Every year, Dunlop riders leave their mark on the record book of this extraordinary event, and the 2016 race was no exception. Dunlop riders set multiple race records, with the legendary Michael Dunlop taking the big prizes. He won both the Superbike race and the Senior TT, while Bruce Anstey won the TT Zero electric bike race with a new E-bike lap record.

But it was Michael Dunlop who grabbed the biggest prize of all, breaking the absolute lap record during the Senior TT with an astonishing lap of 133.962 mph—nearly two mph faster than the old record.

Back in 1969, Malcolm Uphill became the first rider in history to break the 100-mph-lap barrier on a production bike, a Triumph Thruxton. Dunlop commemorated this historic victory by renaming the rear tire he used to break the record: The TT100 is the same tire available today for vintage machines.







# RED HOT RIDE

Anthony Kiedis has been many things over the course of his life: front man and award-winning singer-songwriter for the Red Hot Chili Peppers since the band's inception in 1983, *New York Times* best-selling author, child actor, maniac (he and best friend, Chili Pepper bassist Flea, used to jump off buildings into swimming pools in junior high until Kiedis missed from a five-story building and broke his back), Rock & Roll Hall of Famer, godson to Sonny Bono (he and Cher used to babysit Kiedis) and—perhaps inevitably—a motorcyclist.



## KIEDIS WAS RECENTLY IN NEED OF A NEW RIDE WHEN HE DIALED UP ROLAND SANDS DESIGN (RSD) IN SOCAL.

According to Kiedis, he writes songs on his bike while listening to tracks on the sound system, which might be why the music he writes just seems so perfectly in harmony with a motorcycle ride, especially a brisk one.

Born November 1, 1962, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to first-generation Americans whose parents had emigrated from Lithuania, Kiedis was recently in need of a new ride when he dialed up Roland Sands Design (RSD) in SoCal.

What began life as a Harley-Davidson Road Glide was stripped to the frame and rebuilt from the ground up. Kiedis

wanted a blacked-out bike, so Bennett's Performance rebuilt the gloss-black engine from the cases up using S&S components and RSD Black Ops Clarity engine covers. Roland Sands and crew carried the black theme throughout, adding radial-mounted front brakes, Progressive Suspension, RSD Machine Ops Raid wheels wrapped in Dunlop D208F and Roadsmart II tires, RSD Slant Slip-On mufflers, Blunt intake, and Pro Step bars with new radial master cylinders.

And, of course, the guys at RSD also added a radical sound system by Kicker Audio so Kiedis can keep his great music coming.











# FAST AND FURIOUS

FLAT TRACK ACTION



With ten rounds down in the 15-round 2016 AMA Pro Flat Track series, it's still a wide-open race for the championship. Five separate riders have won at least one race thus far, but Bryan Smith has emerged as the leader by way of three race wins, all on the mile aboard his Villa-Esparza/Crosley Radio Kawasaki Ninja 650. Notably, Smith's victory this past April at the 50th running of the Sacramento Mile marks his fifth consecutive win at this historic setting. None of these wins have been gimme victories, but somehow Smith has emerged as the man to beat on the mile tracks.

At the Charlotte Half-Mile, the deck was shuffled again, with Jared Mees taking the win and the series lead by a scant three points over Smith. Next comes a cluster of three riders with one race win each in 2016; any one of these guys could pull ahead and take that coveted top spot by the end of the season. Brandon Robinson has 120 points, only one point ahead of Jake Johnson. Next comes Sammy Halbert in fifth.

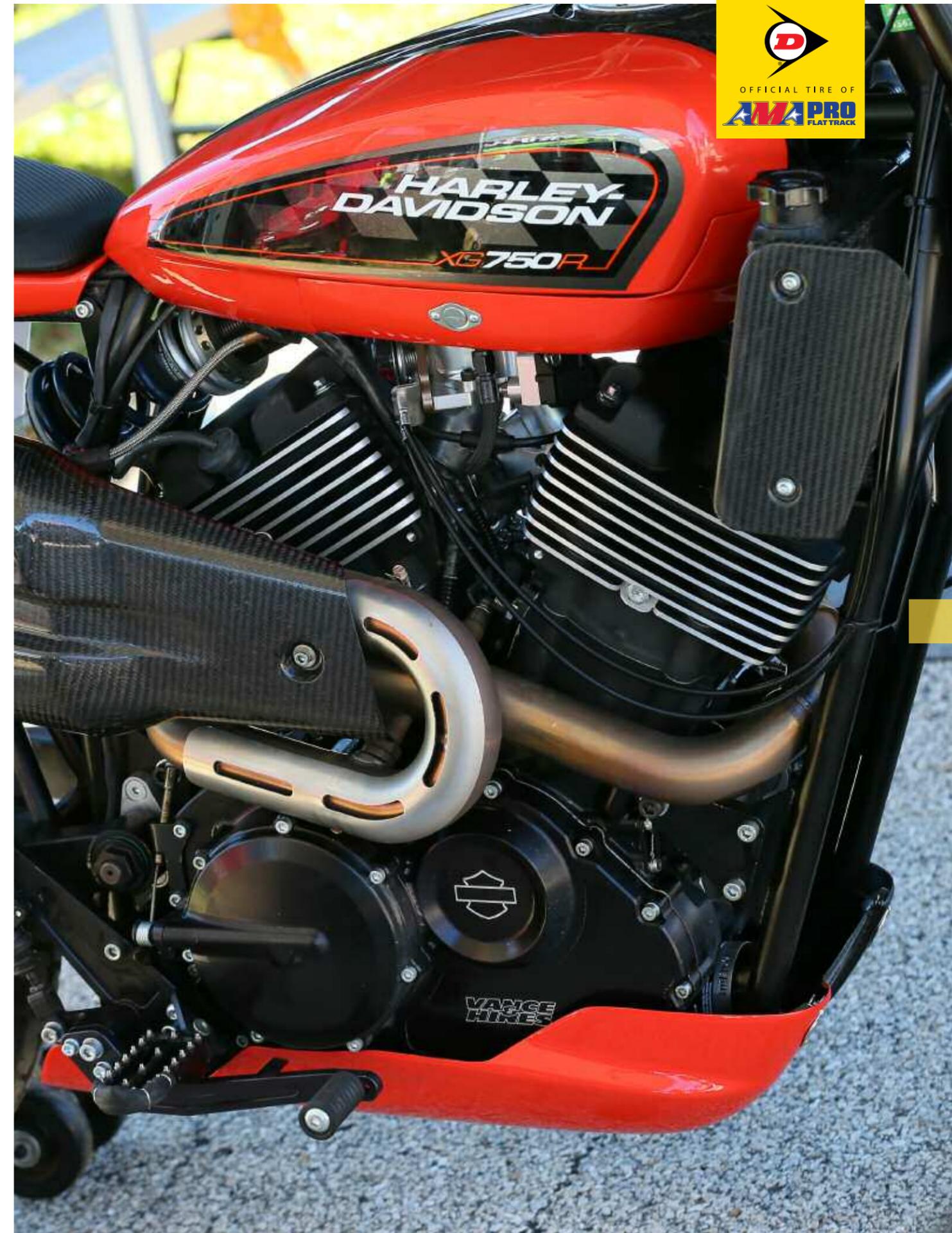








THE AMAZING HARLEY-DAVIDSON XG750R



IF YOU'RE AN AMA PRO FLAT TRACK FAN, YOU KNOW THE VENERABLE HARLEY-DAVIDSON XR750 HAS BEEN WINNING CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR ALMOST AS LONG AS THERE HAVE BEEN CHAMPIONSHIPS TO WIN.

All of the sport's great riders have competed on the mighty XR750, and it's no wonder. Purpose-built for flat track racing, the XR750 has a win record that no other racing machine in history can match. But after decades in production, the end may be in sight for the XR after Harley-Davidson revealed the XG750R, its first all-new flat track race bike in 44 years.

Based on the Harley-Davidson Revolution X's 750cc engine and developed by Vance & Hines Motorsports, the XG750R is poised to carry on Harley-Davidson's flat-track dominance for years to come. The fuel-injected liquid-cooled XG750R made its official competition debut at the Springfield Mile in Illinois, where Davis Fisher rode to an eighth-place finish.





# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Celebrating its 10th year in 2016, Team Dunlop continues its legacy as one of the most prestigious amateur motocross programs in the U.S.A. Dozens of the country's top amateur riders have been selected over the years to be a part of Team Dunlop Elite since the program's inception, and today Team Dunlop Elite alumni rank among the top professionals in the sport.



ELITOMAC



BLAKE BAGGETT



MATT BISCEGLIA



JESSYNELSON



JUSTINHILL



AARONPLESSINGER



ADAMCIANCIARULO



JUSTINBOGLE



JORDONSMITH



# STEP BROTHERS



**The GSX-R1000 ridden by Roger Lee Hayden and Toni Elias and the RM-Z450 ridden by Ken Roczen are like step brothers, two machines raised in the Suzuki factory with but one purpose in life: winning.**

Yoshimura runs the Suzuki Factory road racing team and provides technical support for the RCH Factory Suzuki motocross team, with engine development, tuning and exhaust systems.

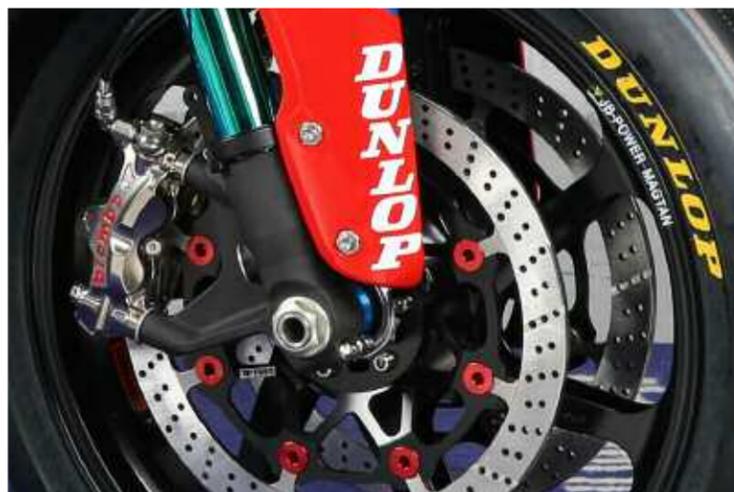
For more than 60 years, racing has flowed through the heart of Yoshimura. Started in 1954 by Hideo "Pops" Yoshimura in Japan, Yosh soon built a reputation as a high-performance engine company. In 1971, Pops added Yoshimura Research and Development of America, Inc., opening a shop in Simi Valley, California, and turned an eye toward the fabled Daytona 200. He jumped at the chance to enter the first official AMA Superbike race there in 1976 with young gun Wes Cooley, and while they didn't win that year (they would later), the power of Pop's KZ1000 combined with Cooley's wild-child riding style left a mark on the competition.

Ever since then, the name Yoshimura has been synonymous with U.S. racing. Don Sakakura has led Yoshimura Racing to more than 30 national titles and countless race wins since 1999. This year, the Yoshimura Suzuki road race team of Hayden and Elias has won numerous rounds of the MotoAmerica Superbike chase. And the Yosh-supported RCH/Soaring Eagle/Jimmy John's/Suzuki Factory Racing team dominated the 2016 AMA Motocross series, with Roczen winning all but a few of the races and taking the championship with one round to spare.

Think of these machines as step brothers, as different as racing machines could be, but created with the same goal: crossing the finish line first.



ROGER LEE HAYDEN'S  
YOSHIMURA SUZUKI GSX-R1000





KENROCZEN'S  
RCH/SOARING EAGLE/JIMMY JOHN'S/SUZUKI FACTORY RACING RM-Z450





# UPCOMING EVENTS

September 4  
AMA Pro Flat Track Round 13  
Illinois State Fairgrounds  
Springfield, IL

September 10-11  
GNCC Round 10  
Unadilla MX  
New Berlin, NY

September 24-25  
GNCC Round 11  
Marvin's Mountain Top  
Masontown, WV

September 25  
AMA Pro Flat Track Round 14  
Sonoma County Fairgrounds  
Santa Rosa, CA

October 1-2  
GNCC Round 12  
Powerline Park  
St Clairsville, OH

October 15  
Monster Energy Cup  
Sam Boyd Stadium  
Las Vegas, NV

October 29-30  
GNCC Round 13  
Ironman Raceway  
Crawfordsville, IN

January 7  
AMA Supercross Round 1  
Angel Stadium  
Anaheim, CA

January 14  
AMA Supercross Round 2  
Petco Park  
San Diego, CA

January 21  
AMA Supercross Round 3  
Angel Stadium  
Anaheim, CA

January 28  
AMA Supercross Round 4  
University of Phoenix Stadium  
Glendale, AZ

February 4  
AMA Supercross Round 5  
Oakland Coliseum  
Oakland, CA

February 11  
AMA Supercross Round 6  
AT&T Stadium  
Arlington, TX

February 18  
AMA Supercross Round 7  
U.S. Bank Stadium  
Minneapolis, MN

February 25  
AMA Supercross Round 8  
Georgia Dome  
Atlanta, GA

March 4  
AMA Supercross Round 9  
Rogers Centre  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

