



COLT NICHOLS FINISHES 2ND IN 250 CLASS AND JUSTIN BARCIA SCORES VALUABLE POINTS IN 450 CLASS AT PHOENIX SUPERCROSS

Following his stellar win at the Monster Energy® AMA® Supercross season opener, Monster Energy®/Star/Yamaha Racing's Colt Nichols rode smart and held onto his championship lead with a solid 2nd place finish at State Farm Stadium. Nichols got the night off to a great start with a heat win aboard his Yamaha YZ250F™ and was hoping to repeat that in the main, but the track conditions tested the rider's patience and the 24-year old made a few mistakes trying to push for the win. At the end of the day, Nichols was rewarded with an important points haul, giving him a five-point lead in the 250SX West title chase. Unfortunately for his teammate, Dylan Ferrandis, the challenging conditions made for a disappointing Round Two. The Frenchman started the day looking like the man to beat, showing a lot of speed and topping the time charts in qualifying. Ferrandis got a decent start, but had a big crash that ended his hopes of a repeat podium finish. Still, he never gave up and fought his way back to sixth to score valuable championship points.



In the 450 class, Justin Barcia and his Monster Energy® Yamaha Factory Racing Team finished 6th to score some important points and only trails the title run by one point going into Anaheim 2 in the Monster Energy® AMA® Supercross Championship. Glendale proved just as challenging for teammate Aaron Plessinger who took 11th at the end of the night. It was a bit frustrating after Barcia's big win on the Yamaha YZ450F™ at Anaheim 1, but when the going got tough on the technical, slick track, Barcia and his team got going and steadily improved throughout the day. He had a good heat race, earning him a decent gate pick, but ultimately sixth place was the best result for the day. Barcia's young teammate also struggled with the track conditions, but Plessinger was also able to improve as the day went on. He didn't have a great start in the Main and the restart with the staggered start didn't help the 2018 West 250SX Champion much either. Still determined, he put his head down and pushed his way forward to end the night, just outside the top 10 in 11th.