



JOSH HAYES LEADS TEAM USA TO SECOND PLACE OVERALL AT AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE ISLAND CLASSIC

Veteran 3-Time MotoAmerica® Superbike Champion Josh Hayes took a dramatic win in the final round of this weekend's Australian International Challenge Island Classic aboard his specially-prepared, air-cooled FJ® 1250 race bike. Hayes' win and consistent finishes by him and other Yamaha riders, Larry Pegram and Michael Gilbert, saw Team USA claim second place overall in the International Challenge!

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CODY MATECHUK AND DOUG HENRY EACH CLAIM GOLD MEDALS AT WINTER X GAMES® SNOW BIKE COMPETITION!

Reigning 2018 Snow Bike Gold medalist, Cody Matechuk, took his YZ450F™-based Snow Bike to back-to-back gold medal wins at the Winter X Games® held this weekend in Aspen, Colorado as the Canadian bested the second-place finisher by more than 4 seconds with fellow Canadian rider Brock Hoyer finishing third on yet another YZ450F-based machine. And in the inaugural Para Snow Bike class, legendary Yamaha racer and X Games® veteran, Doug Henry captured both a Gold Medal and the hearts and minds of fans the world over. Doug took his new YZ450F-based Snow Bike into an early lead and was never headed to take the dominant win in front of his many cheering fans.



BARCIA AND PLESSINGER FIGHT FOR POINTS AND FERRANDIS AND NICHOLS KEEP PODIUM STREAK ROLLING AT OAKLAND SUPERCROSS

Monster Energy® Yamaha Factory Racing Team's Justin Barcia and Aaron Plessinger made the best of a difficult night at Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum to score valuable points with their YZ450F's at round four of the Monster Energy® AMA® Supercross Championship. The night proved challenging for Barcia, who was still not 100% fit after his crash at Anaheim 2. Despite the pain, the New Yorker went on to finish seventh in the main. Barcia's perseverance keeps the 450SX title in sight as he trails the championship leader by nine points with 13 rounds remaining. His rookie teammate also had a tough night as Plessinger had a good start in the main, but unfortunately stalled out on the wall jump and his bike was damaged. Aaron didn't give up, and carried on scoring points to remain within the Top 10 of the standings. In the 250 class, Dylan Ferrandis and Colt Nichols managed another top performance to bring home another double podium for the Monster Energy® Star Yamaha Racing team. Nichols got off to a great start with the holeshot, but fell back to second and went on to manage his race on the soft, rutty track. Meanwhile, Ferrandis went charging through the pack to challenge his teammate. He swiftly moved past Nichols, but time ran out to continue his progress for that top step on the podium. The result was another solid second-place finish for Ferrandis, the team, and the Yamaha YZ250F™. Nichols crossed the line behind him in third, making it another double podium for the Monster Energy® Star Yamaha Racing squad. It was an important point haul to give him a three-point lead in the standings. Teammate Ferrandis sits not far behind, just five points back in fourth.