



450 STORYLINES THUNDER VALLEY RECAP

A HISTORIC START:
 For the first time in Pro Motocross history a rider has won the first 3 overall and first 6 motos of his 450 Class career. Jett Lawrence stole the show for the third straight week by winning Moto 1 by 30+ seconds and Moto 2 by 10+ seconds. In 39 combined Pro MX starts Jett has 17 wins and 22 podiums. He has 30 SMX victories, which ties him with Mike LaRocco for 18th all-time. He is 5 wins behind Damon Bradshaw for 17th on the list.

CAREER-BEST EFFORT:
 Aaron Plessinger's 2023 podium debut was his fifth career podium with a 4-2 finish, but more significantly it marked his first career runner-up effort in the 450 Class. Plessinger now has 21 podiums in 80 career combined Pro MX starts. His ninth 450 Class top-5 finish ties him with Weston Peick for 72nd all-time.

MASTER/POOLLED:
 Ty Masterpool has turned heads in the 450 Class with back-to-back sixth place finishes to kick off his switch from the 250 Class. His breakthrough effort (5-4 finishes) was hallmarked by a climb from last (40th) to fifth in the first moto. He is the only rider in the top-17 of the 450 Class standings to not race the first round, in which he contested the 250 Class. He has now moved into 28th in the 450SMX standings, 31 points outside the top 20.

NOTES:
Cooper Webb (3rd) scored his sixth career podium and has now finished on the box in 5 of his last 6 starts dating back to 2021.
Adam Cianciarulo (4th) nabbed his 12th top-5 finish in 18 career starts and has improved his overall finishing position in each race this season (6th > 5th > 4th).
Garrett Marchbanks (7th) finished his third career top-10 in his first 450 Class race of the season. He missed out on the top 10 in each of his 250 Class starts to open the season.
Billy Ainsworth (40th) made his first 450 Class start in 15 seasons, dating back to the 2008 Unadilla National when he finished 21st.

450 CLASS HIGH POINT FACTS

HISTORY LESSON:
 The first 450 Class race held at High Point Raceway was on May 29, 1977, and was the finale for the 250cc division that season (now 450 Class). It was the only class run on the brand-new venue that day, where Pennsylvania's own Tony DiStefano wrapped up his third consecutive title with Suzuki with a third straight win to close the season. It would signify the final win of his Hall of Fame career.

46 SEASONS OF HISTORY:
 High Point Raceway will host its 46th race for the 450 Class in 2023. Since its debut in 1977, High Point has not hosted a National just once, during the COVID-shortened 2020 season. The "Country Club of Motocross" has the distinction of hosting both the 100th and 200th rounds of 450 Class racing. In 1982 Yamaha's Rick Johnson won the 100th race and in 1995 Yamaha's Doug Henry won race 200. The track was originally named Hi-Point Raceway after a sponsor that never came to fruition. Track organizers decided to keep the name but changed the spelling to High Point.

DOING G.O.A.T. THINGS:
 Ricky Carmichael completely dominated at High Point from 2002 to 2007, winning all 12 motos. He also won Moto 2 in 2001 to give him 13 straight moto victories at the track. Carmichael also swept High Point twice in the 250 Class for a total of 17 moto victories and 8 overall victories at the venue. It wasn't always easy for Carmichael in Mt. Morris though, as 2 of his 3 worst Pro MX finishes occurred there. His 13th overall in 1997 was the only finish outside of the top 10 in his 250 Class career and his 11th overall in 2000 was one of only 2 finishes outside of the top 10 in his 450 Class career. For context, the G.O.A.T. made 127 combined Pro MX starts and finished inside of the top 10 a record 124 times. Glen Helen in 2006 was the only non-High Point race of the 3 in which he finished outside the top 10.

CHAMPIONSHIP %:
 The winner of the 450 Class at High Point has gone on to win the title in 25 of 45 seasons (56%) and in each of the previous 4 seasons, as well as 5 of last 6 seasons. It happened just twice in the 90's, in 1996 with Jeff Emig and in 1999 with Greg Albertyn. While High Point has never opened a 450 Class season, it was the opener for the 1980 campaign in the 500cc division. Chuck Sun swept that race on a Honda and won the 500cc title that season.

450 MANUFACTURER & RACER WINS AT HIGH POINT

MANUFACTURER WINS	RACER WINS	FIRST-TIME WINNERS
Overall Wins (Years Won)	Overall Wins (Years Won)	1990: Damon Bradshaw, Yamaha
Suzuki: 13 (1977, 1979-1981, 1999, 2005-2007, 2009-2010, 2014-2016)	1) Ricky Carmichael: 6 (2002-2007)	1995: Doug Henry, Honda
Honda: 12 (1978, 1983, 1986, 1988-1989, 1991, 1995, 1997-1998, 2002-2004)	2) Damon Bradshaw: 4 (1990, 1992-1993, 1997)	2009: Chad Reed, Suzuki
Kawasaki: 9 (1985, 1987, 1994, 1996, 2008, 2011, 2013, 2018-2019)	2) Rick Johnson: 4 (1982, 1984, 1986, 1988)	—
Yamaha: 9 (1982, 1984, 1990, 1992-1993, 2000-2001, 2021-2022)	4) Kent Howerton: 3 (1979-1981)	—
KTM: 2 (2012, 2017)	4) Eli Tomac: 3 (2018-2019, 2022)	—
Moto Wins (Last Moto Win)	Moto Wins	—
Honda: 26 (2022)	1) Ricky Carmichael: 13	—
Kawasaki: 22 (2021)	2) Rick Johnson: 7	—
Suzuki: 22 (2016)	3) Damon Bradshaw: 6	—
Yamaha: 14 (2022)	3) Jeff Ward: 6	—
KTM: 6 (2019)	5) Ryan Dungey: 5	—
—	5) Kent Howerton: 5	—

PAST 450 WINNERS AT HIGH POINT (Moto Finishes)

1977: Tony DiStefano, Suzuki (1-2)	2000: David Vuillemin, Yamaha (3-1)
1978: Jimmy Ellis, Honda (1-1)	2001: David Vuillemin, Yamaha (4-1)
1979: Kent Howerton, Suzuki (2-1)	2002: Ricky Carmichael, Honda (1-1)
1980: Kent Howerton, Suzuki (1-1)	2003: Ricky Carmichael, Honda (1-1)
1981: Kent Howerton, Suzuki (1-1)	2004: Ricky Carmichael, Honda (1-1)
1982: Rick Johnson, Yamaha (1-1)	2005: Ricky Carmichael, Suzuki (1-1)
1983: Bob Hannah, Honda (1-1)	2006: Ricky Carmichael, Suzuki (1-1)
1984: Rick Johnson, Yamaha (1-1)	2007: Ricky Carmichael, Suzuki (1-1)
1985: Jeff Ward, Kawasaki (1-1)	2008: James Stewart, Kawasaki (1-1)
1986: Rick Johnson, Honda (2-1)	2009: Chad Reed, Suzuki (1-1)
1987: Ron Lechien, Kawasaki (2-1)	2010: Ryan Dungey, Suzuki (1-1)
1988: Rick Johnson, Honda (1-1)	2011: Ryan Villopoto, Kawasaki (1-1)
1989: Jeff Stanton, Honda (1-2)	2012: Ryan Dungey, KTM (1-2)
1990: Damon Bradshaw, Yamaha (2-1)	2013: Ryan Villopoto, Kawasaki (1-1)
1991: Jeff Stanton, Honda (2-1)	2014: James Stewart, Suzuki (1-1)
1992: Damon Bradshaw, Yamaha (1-1)	2015: Ken Roczen, Suzuki (2-1)
1993: Damon Bradshaw, Yamaha (2-1)	2016: Ken Roczen, Suzuki (1-1)
1994: Mike Kiedrowski, Kawasaki (1-1)	2017: Blake Baggett, KTM (1-2)
1995: Doug Henry, Honda (1-3)	2018: Eli Tomac, Kawasaki (2-1)
1996: Jeff Emig, Kawasaki (3-2)	2019: Eli Tomac, Kawasaki (3-2)
1997: Damon Bradshaw, Honda (3-1)	2021: Dylan Ferrandis, Yamaha (2-2)
1998: Ezra Lusk, Honda (2-1)	2022: Eli Tomac, Yamaha (2-1)
1999: Greg Albertyn, Suzuki (1-1)	—

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STATUS QUO:
 Hunter Lawrence once again used a strong second moto to win his third straight National to start the season. His average start in Moto 1 in eighth and first in Moto 2, which has defined his success thus far. He now has 4 career wins, which is good for 44th all-time. His 15th career SMX victory also moves him into 44th all-time. Guy Cooper, Damon Huffman, John Dowd, and Hunter's riding coach Johnny O'Mara award top-10 finishes on the SMX list, tied for 40th all-time.

BEST STARTS:
 Lawrence is off to one of the best starts in 250 Class history by winning the first 3 races of the season. He ties Ricky Carmichael (1997) and Bob Hannah (1976) for the sixth-best start and would tie for second-best start in class history with a win at High Point. Jett Lawrence won 4 in-a-row to start last season in the 250 Class along with Carmichael in 1999, Stewart in 2004, and Adam Cianciarulo in 2019. In 1981, Mark Barnett won the first 7 races, which is the record.

HOLDING HIS OWN:
 Justin Cooper became the third different Moto 1 winner this season. He has beaten Lawrence in 2 of 6 motos thus far and sits 16-points behind him in the standings. At Thunder Valley Cooper won Moto 1, and overcame a crash to finish fourth in Moto 2. Cooper now has 33 podiums in 63 career starts and surpassed Carmichael for sixth all-time. He is only 2 podiums away from George Holland in fifth.

NOTES:
Levi Kitchen (3rd) grabbed his first podium of the season and second of his career, both of which came at Thunder Valley.
Jo Shimoda (4th) scored his first top-5 of the season and 19th of his career.
Chance Hymas (5th) earned both his first career top-5 and top-10 finish at Thunder Valley in just his fourth start.
Joel Rizzi (20th) captured a top-20 finish in his first career Pro MX start. **Ashton Blixom** (31st) and **Nicholas Inman** (35th) also made their debuts, while the sport's lone female, **Jordan Jarvis** (39th), raced Moto 2 as an alternate for her sixth career start.

250 CLASS HIGH POINT FACTS

HISTORY LESSON:
 The first 250 Class race at High Point Raceway was on May 29, 1983, when Mark Barnett swept the motos on a Suzuki. Johnny O'Mara finished third and Jeff Ward finished fourth that day, but both finished ahead of Barnett in the final point standings to keep him from a fourth straight 250 Class title, a feat that has never been achieved in more than 50 years of Pro Motocross.

40 SEASONS OF HISTORY:
 High Point Raceway carries 2 separate timelines between the 250 Class and 450 Class. While the 450 Class started in 1977 at the venue, the 250 Class didn't show up in Mt. Morris until 1983. This season's High Point National will signify the 40th race at the famed track for the smaller displacement. No 250 Class rider has captured more than 2 wins at High Point. Additionally, High Point has been the site of the first career win for an incredible 12 different riders.

TP199 AND HIGH POINT:
 Two-wheeler legend Travis Pastrana scored his first career moto victory at the 2000 High Point National, but finished 16-1 for sixth overall. The next week Pastrana swept Southwick for his first career victory and went on to secure the title over Stephane Roncada by just 2-points at the finale from Steel City, also in Pennsylvania. In 2001, Pastrana won at High Point for the first win of his title defense. However, a challenging end to the season left Pastrana on the sidelines as Mike Brown won the 2001 title.

CHAMPIONSHIP %:
 The winner of the 250 Class at High Point has only won the title in 12 of 39 seasons (31%), but the trend has picked up for 3 of the last 4 seasons. The High Point winner failed to win the title for 8 straight seasons from 2009 to 2017. In 92 combined races between the 250cc, 450cc, 500cc divisions the winner at High Point has won the title 42 times (46%).

250 MANUFACTURER & RACER WINS AT HIGH POINT

MANUFACTURER WINS	RACER WINS	FIRST-TIME WINNERS
Overall Wins (Years Won)	Overall Wins (Years Won)	1985: Erik Kehoe, Suzuki
Kawasaki: 14 (1984, 1992, 1998-1999, 2003-2004, 2006, 2008-2011, 2014, 2016, 2019)	1) Blake Baggett: 2 (2011, 2014)	1986: Micky Dymond, Honda
Honda: 12 (1986-1991, 1994, 1997, 2007, 2012, 2017, 2022)	1) Ricky Carmichael: 2 (1998-1999)	1991: Brian Swink, Honda
KTM: 4 (2000, 2005, 2013, 2015)	1) Micky Dymond: 2 (1986-1987)	1995: Tim Ferry, Suzuki
Suzuki: 4 (1983, 1985, 1995, 2001)	1) Marvin Musquin: 2 (2013, 2015)	1997: Scott Sheak, Honda
Yamaha: 4 (1993, 1996, 2002, 2018)	1) Ryan Villopoto: 2 (2006, 2008)	2000: Kelly Smith, KTM
Moto Wins (Last Moto Win)	Moto Wins	2002: Chad Reed, Yamaha
Kawasaki: 25 (2020)	1) Blake Baggett: 4	2005: Mike Alessi, KTM
Honda: 23 (2022)	1) Ricky Carmichael: 4	2006: Ryan Villopoto, Kawasaki
Yamaha: 10 (2021)	3) Mike Brown: 3	2007: Josh Grant, Honda
Suzuki: 9 (2001)	3) Micky Dymond: 3	2010: Tyla Rattray, Kawasaki
KTM: 8 (2015)	3) Jeff Emig: 3	2021: Jalek Swoll, Husqvarna
Husqvarna: 3 (2021)	3) Erik Kehoe: 3	—
—	3) Marvin Musquin: 3	—
—	3) Travis Pastrana: 3	—
—	3) Christophe Pourcel: 3	—
—	3) Scott Sheak: 3	—
—	3) Ryan Villopoto: 3	—

PAST 250 WINNERS AT HIGH POINT (Moto Finishes)

1983: Mark Barnett, Suzuki (1-1)	2003: Mike Brown, Kawasaki (2-1)
1984: Jeff Ward, Kawasaki (1-1)	2004: James Stewart, Kawasaki (1-1)
1985: Erik Kehoe, Suzuki (1-1)	2005: Mike Alessi, KTM (1-2)
1986: Micky Dymond, Honda (2-1)	2006: Ryan Villopoto, Kawasaki (2-1)
1987: Micky Dymond, Honda (1-1)	2007: Josh Grant, Honda (1-3)
1988: Guy Cooper, Honda (2-1)	2008: Ryan Villopoto, Kawasaki (1-1)
1989: George Holland, Honda (3-1)	2009: Christophe Pourcel, Kawasaki (1-1)
1990: Jean-Michel Bayle, Honda (1-1)	2010: Tyla Rattray, Kawasaki (2-2)
1991: Brian Swink, Honda (1-1)	2011: Blake Baggett, Kawasaki (1-1)
1992: Mike LaRocco, Kawasaki (1-1)	2012: Eli Tomac, Honda (2-1)
1993: Jeff Emig, Yamaha (1-1)	2013: Marvin Musquin, KTM (2-1)
1994: Doug Henry, Honda (1-5)	2014: Blake Baggett, Kawasaki (1-1)
1995: Tim Ferry, Suzuki (2-2)	2015: Marvin Musquin, KTM (1-1)
1996: Kevin Windham, Yamaha (4-1)	2016: Joey Savatgy, Kawasaki (4-1)
1997: Scott Sheak, Honda (1-1)	2017: Jeremy Martin, Honda (2-1)
1998: Ricky Carmichael, Kawasaki (1-1)	2018: Aaron Plessinger, Yamaha (1-1)
1999: Ricky Carmichael, Kawasaki (1-1)	2019: Adam Cianciarulo, Kawasaki (2-1)
2000: Kelly Smith, KTM (1-4)	2021: Jalek Swoll, Husqvarna (1-3)
2001: Travis Pastrana, Suzuki (1-1)	2022: Jett Lawrence, Honda (2-1)
2002: Chad Reed, Yamaha (1-1)	—



450 POINTS **250 POINTS**

Rank	Rider	Points	Points
1	CHASE SEXTON	372	44
2	COOPER WEBB	304	112
3	AARON PLESSINGER	236	109
4	ELI TOMAC	339	00
5	ADAM CIANCIARULO	210	98
6	KEN ROCZEN	304	00
7	JUSTIN BARCIA	267	00
8	JASON ANDERSON	242	00
9	JUSTIN HILL	212	00
10	DEAN WILSON	200	00

450 POINTS **250 POINTS**

Rank	Rider	Points	Points
1	HUNTER LAWRENCE	224	137
2	R3 HAMPSHIRE	186	94
3	HAIDEN DEEGAN	168	110
4	LEVI KITCHEN	156	88
5	JETT LAWRENCE	223	00
6	JORDAN SMITH	159	58
7	TOM VIALLE	119	68
8	MAX ANSTIE	181	00
9	JO SHIMODA	75	95
10	ENZO LOPES	149	00

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