ROCZEN FINISHES FOURTH IN 2026 SMX CHAMPIONSHIP

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CARSON, Calif. — Ken Roczen continued his strong start to the SuperMotocross World Championship Playoffs with a third-place overall finish this past Saturday night in Carson, California.

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Roczen capped off the season with a strong 2-5 moto score for fourth overall at the finale aboard his #94 Progressive Insurance/Cycle Gear ECSTAR Suzuki. After running near the front throughout the opening moto, Roczen secured a second-place finish before battling through a difficult start and a sore wrist to finish fifth in Moto 2.

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Colt Nichols also ended his SMX campaign on a positive note aboard his #45 Twisted Tea Suzuki presented by Progressive Insurance. Nichols went 14-10 across the two motos to finish 11th overall, highlighted by a top-10 finish in the final moto of the season.

“We did what we could,” said Roczen . “I had a really good first moto. I was second the whole time. We got messed up with lappers and that cost me a bit. Me, Haiden and Hunter were neck and neck that race, so I was able to finish second in the first race.

“In the second race, I shot out of the gate and hit the bump that was right in front of it, which dropped my front wheel in and popped my holeshot device out. I pretty much had a terrible start, so I had to make my way up. I kind of jammed my wrist in the sand section on the first lap. There were so many flat landings on this track, and after us hitting them the last two days, the landings were completely gone. You were pretty much flat landing the whole time, so my wrist was starting to get pretty sore.

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“We brought it home in fifth in the second one and finished fourth overall in the championship. It was what it was. We had a good shot at it and we put it all out there. Overall, I had fun with the team, so it was a good day.”

“It was a good night,” said Nichols . “I went 14-10 for 11th overall tonight in the last SMX race. It was the best race I’ve had in a while. I actually felt like I rode a lot more where I’m supposed to be. It was a really fun night and an awesome day with the team.”

“Glad to wrap up the season with Ken and Colt both healthy,” said Team Principal Dustin Pipes . “Ken had a shot at the win in the first moto until some lappers played a factor in the outcome. Nichols raced to a top-10 finish in the second moto, and it was good to see him finish off the playoffs with a good moto. Prep for 2027 starts now.”

With the 2026 SuperMotocross World Championship season complete, Pipes Motorsports Group now turns its attention toward preparations for the 2027 Supercross season.

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