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The 2010 Moto2 World Champion raised the level of competition in MotoAmerica upon his arrival with his relentless and audacious riding style. The Spaniard racked-up 32 wins and a title during his run with Suzuki and went out

Team Hammer and Suzuki demonstrated faith in reigning MotoAmerica Supersport king Bobby Fong by slotting him alongside Elias on an M4 ECSTAR Suzuki GSX-R1000R Superbike for 2020. The hard-charging Fong immediately proved

With Fong stepping-up to the premier class, young Sean Dylan Kelly led the charge for M4 ECSTAR Suzuki in the Supersport class following his outstanding two-win, fourth-ranked rookie campaign. "SDK" proved himself worthy of that responsibility; he earned five wins during the year - often in spectacular, dogfighting fashion that included 16 total podiums to finish as the Supersport Championship runner-up.

Kelly performed his best down the stretch as he continued to up the pace at the front and challenge his rivals. The highlight of the year for M4 ECSTAR Suzuki's Supersport effort took place at the Ridge Motorsports Park, where Kelly and teammate Lucas Silva came home with a 1-2 finish. Silva's second-place run was his best outing of a terrific debut season with Team Hammer in which he took his GSX-R600 to top-10 finishes in 17 consecutive races.

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on a high note. Despite struggling to find his form for much of the season, Elias raced at the front and earned his second, third, and fourth podiums of the season in a final three-race flurry at the Laguna Seca triple-header finale.

the wisdom of that decision, notching up three victories and eight podiums en route to third in the championship. After winning the Supersport title for M4 ECSTAR Suzuki in 2019, Fong was bold and did not spend much time working his way up to speed on the team's Superbike.



An amazing 1-2 in Supersports at the USA 400 by Sean Dylan Kelly and Lucas Silva



Camron Peterson on his Silver Motorsports Suzuki GSX-R1000R was in a different league in Stock 1000



Meanwhile, rising star Alex Dumas stepped-up to 'litre-bike' competition on an M4 ECSTAR Suzuki GSX-R1000 after winning the MotoAmerica Junior Cup Championship in 2018 and the Twins Cup Championship in 2019. The

podiums - including a pair of runner-up positions - before his season was marred by a broken elbow that required surgery. He returned to form late in the season. Even without Dumas at full strength, Team

his Team Hammer-built Altus Motorsports Suzuki GSX-R1000. He assembled a 56-point margin of victory in the class championship, fuelled by eight wins, including seven over the season's final eight races.

It was a similar story in the Twins Cup where Rocco Landers took over for 2019 Champion Dumas on the team's SV650. Landers won nine of the season's final 10 races, most often with massive gaps back to second, to successfully defend Team Hammer's title in the class with 67 points to spare.

Team Hammer looks to apply lessons learned, redouble its efforts, and come out swinging even harder in 2021!

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gifted French-Canadian proved a natural on the considerably more intimidating Stock1000-spec GSX-R1000. He logged three early-season

Hammer proved to be an overwhelming force in Stock1000 competition: South African Cameron Petersen proved unstoppable aboard



Rocco Landers wins, in the Hambo-up from his pit crew



The spectacular line-up of M4 ECSTAR Team Hammer bikes in the 2020 MotoAmerica AMA Superbike series



Leibny Yang in fighting action at the front

ABOUT TEAM HAMMER

While Team Hammer was new in its role as Suzuki's primary MotoAmerica racing program in 2020, it was far from new to the scene, or success.

The 2020 season was Team Hammer's 40th consecutive season of competition, dating back to 1980 when it was co-founded by privateer racers Bruce Hammer and John Ulrich.

Former AMA Pro/ MotoAmerica Superbike racer (and team rider) Chris Ulrich now oversees operations, including rider scouting and recruitment.

The team's four-decade-run has seen it win more than 100 AMA Pro and MotoAmerica National races, take nearly 300 podiums, and earn nine AMA Pro/ MotoAmerica titles along with two FIM South American Championships. Predating its modern AMA Pro/ MotoAmerica era, the team won 13 Overall WERA National Endurance Championships in a 15-year run, with more than 135 overall endurance race wins, and multiple Formula USA titles to its name as well.

Much of that success came as a direct result of the team's remarkable success in scouting talent. Kevin Schwantz, Scott Russell, Ben Spies, John Hopkins, and Josh Hayes are but a few of the riders who started their careers with Team Hammer.

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Sean Dylan Kelly and Lucas Sliwa in hot battle for wins in MotoAmerica Supersports on their Suzuki GSX-R1000 bikes

MotoAmerica AMA Superbikes



Robby Hong podium - under social distancing due to Covid-19



Suzuki won the Manufacturers Championship in MotoAmerica 2020