



MOTOCROSS HISTORY THE RIDERS AND THE BIKES...



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Tortelli & Lackey to be Honored at Anaheim SX



January 4, 2012 ~ Merced, CA: Two-Time World Motocross Champion, [Sebastien Tortelli](#), will be honored this Saturday at the opening round of the 2012 Monster Energy AMA Supercross series this weekend at the Angel Stadium in Anaheim California.

Tortelli, a two-time World Champion motocross racer, a longtime factory sponsored rider, has been a top ranked rider in both AMA National and Supercross competition, as well as the European-based Motocross Grand Prix World Championships.

This contemporary champ won the 1996 125cc FIM World Motocross Championship and, to this date and to his credit, is still the youngest World Champion. In 1998 during an epic season-long battle, Tortelli and Everts (most crowned world champion of all time) traded the points lead multiple times, with one rider typically finishing just ahead of the other. The title fight went down to the final round, last race of the Greece GP, and it was Tortelli who shouldered the pressure, won the race and claimed the 1998 250cc World Championship.

"Sebastien Tortelli was a 125 World Champion, but not well known by American race fans. When he showed up for a one-time appearance at the LA Coliseum Supercross in 1998, it seemed unlikely that he would even make the main event. I'll never forget his charge to the front on a rain-soaked LA track, passing the established stars who were floundering like 125 novices, to win his first race in America. After that, fans knew who Tortelli was!" says Tom White of the Early days of Motocross Museum.

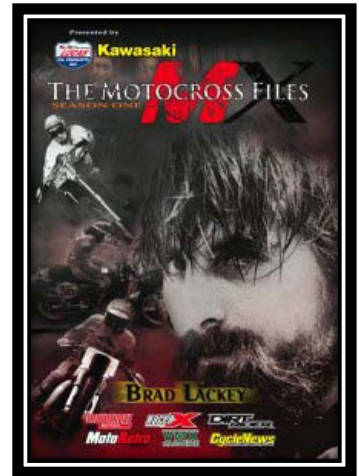


"I am glad to be a part of this. Sebastien is one of the nicest guys you will meet in motocross" Professor Gary Bailey states. "I have been here since his first SX win at the LA Coliseum and I got his winning jersey (that was cool). Little did I know that I would get the opportunity to work with Sebastien when he came to race here full time, and that I would be with him when he won his first AMA National and get that jersey. As time went on, I got another win jersey, plus I was lucky enough to be in Paris when he announced his retirement. I have that jersey as well. I like this guy and what he has done. I am happy to be a part of this presentation" Bailey concludes. Today Sebastien continues to work within the industry with this Champfactory motocross schools and is a Member of the JT Racing Champions hall of fame.

Joining Tortelli on the stage will be 1972 National AMA 500cc Champion and 1982 FIM World Champion, [Brad Lackey](#). Mr. Lackey will be the recipient of the

“Legends & Heroes Tour 40-30 Award” on Saturday evening. This award recognizes the 40 year anniversary when Lackey was crowned the first AMA 500cc National Champion in 1972 and being the first American to win the FIM 500cc World Championship 10 years later in 1982, marking his 30th anniversary for that historic accomplishment.

Alex Moroz and Mike Owens, managing partners of the Legends & Heroes Tour, state “The MX files of Sebastien Tortelli and Brad Lackey are very similar as both of their respected championships were decided at the last round, and last race of their competitive seasons with both riders going head to head into the last set of motos to decide their World Championship Wins”.



Both Tortelli and Lackey will be at the Legends & Heroes Tour Moto Museum located in the pits at A1 for a “Meet & Greet” with the fans from 3-4pm on Saturday. You don’t want to miss this one...

About the Tour

The Legends & Heroes Motocross Tour is a professional historical display and time-line of Americas greatest motorsport.

The tour includes the machines and the champs of Motocross. The project was conceived by a dedicated group of Motocross Enthusiasts who, over the years, have discovered the value of the rich 40+ years of Motocross legacy and its impact on the American motorsports history. “The dedication and passion of the sport has brought the Legends & Heroes Motocross Tour to the next level of sharing this legacy, the history of the machines and men, as well as the women of Motocross. The history of the Classic Iron and its’ champions is a dynamic model ever changing. We see this rich history as a great learning lab for all ages” according to Alex Moroz the tours managing partner.