

Salinas, California TT

Practice in Salinas California on the TT went fairly well. The track was really big and was a deep cushion. I made minor changes to the bike during practice and timed in at 28th, 28th, and 27th in the three sessions. I was really struggling in turn 1 and 2 on the track however. My shut off point wasn't where it needed to be as the visibility of turn 2 was really hard for me to find on the track. Turn 2 you would actually go through an open gate to cut back into the stadium and it was not seeable from turn 1. I did another quick track walk before the heats to try and get more familiar with this turn as the local kids who raced here before were just killing me in this section. My heat race was first heat race of the day and I got off the line mid pack, but going into turn one there was a dust cloud covering the track from the start, which made it really tricky to see. I lost a few spots due to visibility, so I had my work cut out for me from there. I was only able to get up to 14th in 8 laps, which wasn't good enough to have a direct transfer to the main. Next up was the semi race also known as LCQ for me. The track was the worse it was all day because the AMA ran out of time to prep the track before the start of the race. I spun off the line and charged hard into turn one and two. However going into 2 there was a crash and two riders went down right in front of me and caused me to lose some spots. No red flag came out and racing continued. I finished the semi in 15th with 13th and 14th placed riders crossing the line right in front of me. It was a bummer not to qualify for the TT, but overall I was happy with how I rode on the TT as they are not my specialty. Next race Salinas Short Track.



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The second race of the weekend was Salinas short track. After taking a gamble on gearing, I went out for first practice. I was very happy with the way the bike handled as well as the gearing. The track felt like it was almost a complete circle as we barley never lifted the bike straight up and down. First practice I timed in at 8th quickest. The next session was the first timed qualifying. I went out and still felt pretty good, but noticed the track was getting slower as my gearing was starting to bog a little. I finished first qualifying session in 10th. I tried to make a gearing change before my next round, but ran out of time and was forced to revert back to the gearing from the second session. I could tell on the track that the gearing defiantly needed changed, so I tried running second just to



make sure that I was confident with that change for the heat. I ended the final qualifying session in 20th. Before my heat race, I made my gearing change and I was ready for the race. I was second heat race of the day and I was starting on the front row outside. I got a pretty good launch from the outside and worked my way up to fourth. I was happy with my finish as I had a direct transfer spot to the main event. In the main we had a restart due to a crash and I didn't get off the line as good as I did off the first start. I worked my way up to about 8th, but lost a few positions trying to get around another rider. I was getting faster as the race went on due to track conditions changing, but I ran out of laps. I finished the main event in 10th. Next Race Springfield Illinois.