

# WORCS Ridgecrest Christian Maldonado

This was my first time ever racing at Ridgecrest. My first race of the weekend was about to begin. I was nervous because I didn't do practice so I didn't know the track. The first corner came quick, my Triumph Motorsports / NGR built motor and STI Tires worked great together to help me get a good start. Unfortunately, before the second corner, I got tangled up with another racer. It took a few minutes to get our quads untangled. I cleared my mind, got back on my quad in dead last, and tried to go for the win. Within a lap, I passed most of the racers in my class. By the second lap, I caught up to second place and passed him. I knew first place was far ahead, he was at least a minute ahead me. I worked my way through lap traffic, and before I knew it, it was the second to last lap. I caught up to first place a little bit, he was now 25 seconds ahead of me. I knew I was catching up to him, and now it's the final lap. I saw first place a few corners ahead of me. I was pinned through the rock sections, luckily, my Precision stabilizer, and Fasst Flexx bars soaked up all the rocks I hit and stopped me from swapping. I caught up to first place and passed him, and pulled away from him. I passed the checkered flag, and managed to get the win with a 30 second lead. It was a hard race due to pushing so hard to catch up.

My second race was early Sunday morning. I was a little worried about the start because I got tangled up my race before. Also, my clutch was starting to go out so I had to stay off the clutch as much as I could and take it easy. The race began, I got a horrible start. I was hitting quite a few kickers, but my Elka Suspension, and LSR components kept me smooth and on all four wheels. I was in a battle with first place and I made a mistake. I shook it off and caught up to first place within seconds. I battled with another racer for first place for half a lap until I saw an opportunity to get a clean pass on him. I was now in first place and pulling away from second place. I was sore from Saturday's race and my hands hurt pretty bad. My Lonestar Racing, anti-vibration steering stem was a huge help to make me not get arm pump. I was in the motocross section and I hit a hole, my handlebars turned hard, but my Fasst Flexx handlebars saved me from injuring my wrist. The checkered flag came out and I came first place. Thank you Fly Racing, Kali, Atlas for keeping me looking good and protected

I hope for two wins at the next WORCS race. I will train everyday to accomplish my goal of getting two championships at the end of the season. I can't thank all my sponsors enough for all your help and support!

