

## Monster Energy's Sheehan, Hodges, Torronteras Add to Moto X Medal Count at X Games Austin 2016

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Even though this X Games was plagued by numerous postponements, cancellations and a full crowd evacuation due to severe weather, Monster Energy's Moto X Athletes battled through the adverse conditions with one of the most successful competitions to date.

It's been a wild ride this past year for one of the biggest stars of X Games Austin, Sheehan, who today added two Silver medals to his collection of hardware. This comes after a Gold he won on Friday's Freestyle event. Wasting no time on the intimidating Moto X QuarterPipe course, Sheehan lit up the skies launching a massive flair with a fully extended Indian air. Riding away clean he took the 85.00 en route to his first silver of the day.

Afterwards Sheehan said, "It's such a risky discipline this one (the QuarterPipe) I just wanted to stick with what I knew."

And that made sense considering he had another competition in just an hour later.

With a track record as one of Moto X's most progressive riders as far as trick innovation goes Sheehan entered the Best Trick contest fired up. With the crowd behind him he pinned it and exploded into a nasty double back flip landing about as clean as possible considering the sheer weight of the trick. Then, upping the stakes he went for a kind of downward seat grab 360 on his second attempt, but had to abort mission because of misjudged speed. In the end though the double-backy was enough for second earning "Sheeny" a score of 89.66.

"It was a scary one... well a scarier one, the downward seat grab 360," he later said. "But the double backflip couldn't have gone smoother!"

Meanwhile, the Best Whip contest saw two of our more stylish riders, X Games rookie Hodges and Spain's Edgar Torronteras crank it out for second and third place finishes respectively.

"Coming in with a bad shoulder I was just hoping to ride today," explained Hodges before adding, "And now I can call myself an X Games medalist – it's surreal!"

All in all, Monster Energy's Moto X athletes scored eight medals over the past four days, adding to a grand



total of 19 medals and finalizing another campaign of domination for Monster Energy athletes at X Games Austin 2016.

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