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Woodcliff Lake, N.J., September 5, 2019. Two races, two more wins for Mark Pombo and the [MINI John Cooper Works Team](#) at [Watkins Glen International](#). Pombo had a dominating weekend in which he led the majority of both races. He picked up right where he left off at Portland, earning a third consecutive win in the [2019 SRO TC America](#) race series for the team.

Behind the wheel of the #59 STEP MINI JCW, Pombo lead a 1-2-3 train of MINIs through the early portion of race two, with Nate Norenberg in second and team newcomer Tomas Mejia in third. Mejia made the most of his run during race two while piloting the #62 Pledge to Humanity MINI JCW. He spent the better part of the event in a fierce battle for a podium finish with series points leader Tyler Maxson. He came away with third place, putting a nice cap on his debut weekend for the team.

Norenberg also had a strong run this weekend, getting as high as second place in both races. He had his own clash with Maxson during race one on his way to a fourth-place finish. Race two started out well for Norenberg as well. He spent a large portion of it at the bumper of the leader, Mark Pombo. Norenberg was set up for a podium finish when he unfortunately experienced a tire failure late in the race and finished in tenth.

It was a busy weekend at The Glen for the MINI John Cooper Works team, with team owner Luis Perocarpi also getting in on the action. Stepping behind the wheel of the #61 STEP and [MINIDealerCareers.com](#) MINI JCW, Perocarpi rose through the ranks in both events on his way to eighth- and sixth-place finishes in race one and two, respectively.

Pombo's three straight victories have him back in thick of the title hunt. With two more tracks and four more races to go, it's certainly going to be an exciting end to the season. Next up for the MINI John Cooper Works Team will be rounds 11 and 12 of the 2019 SRO TC Americas series at Road America in Wisconsin from September 20-22, 2019.

The MINI John Cooper Works Team had their usual fulltime race crew supported by the local MINI technicians from [MINI of Peabody](#), [South Shore MINI](#), [MINI of Mt. Laurel](#) and [Otto's MINI](#). These are the same technicians that repair production MINI models for customers at dealerships every day and have proven time and again that their knowledge transfers to the racing world.

About the MINI John Cooper Works Team

The MINI John Cooper Works Team, operated by LAP Motorsports ([@lapmotorsports](#)), drives MINI's most powerful Hardtop ever in the two-door John Cooper Works. The team competes in the fiercely competitive SRO TC America Series. For additional information please visit [minijcwteam.com](#) or email luis@minijcwteam.com.

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