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Medaglia shines at MX1 Nationals opening round in Kamloops



Tyler Medaglia rose to the occasion at the opening round of the CMRC MX1 Nationals in Kamloops, BC on Sunday to put Royal Distributing Motovan Piller's Racing presented by Huber Motorsports – making its debut in the series – solidly on the podium. When all was said and done the two-time MX2 Champion snared an impressive second overall aboard his Honda CRF450R on the strength of 2-4 motos.

Medaglia's teammates Kyle Chisholm and Nathan Bles, although a bit more tentative on the demanding rough and tumble Whispering Pines Raceway track, rode hard to record seventh and 11th overall respectively. Chisholm, who had to contend with a bout of bronchitis, soldiered on to collect 10-6 motos while Bles rode off with 14-10 motos.

Although rain had been in the forecast for the Kamloops region, the wet stuff not only held off, the skies were mostly blue and sunny, with temperatures hovering around the mid-20s. Ideal weather, thus, to usher in another national motocross season.



The start of the first MX1 moto unfolded like a dream for Medaglia, who dove into turn one in third place while Chisholm was tagged in 13th place and Bles in 12th. Medaglia was in good company as he closely followed Kaven Benoit and Mike Alessi into the turn, just ahead of Keylon Meston and Tim Tremblay.

After a ½ hour plus two laps of barnstorming racing, however, Medaglia was the only one of the top five starters to greet the checkered flag with a podium finish. The Ottawa native rode in third place for the first four laps, moved into second place for three laps, dropped back to third for two more laps to eventually reclaim second for the remaining five laps.



Chisholm and Bles stayed more or less in their starting positions for most of the moto, although Chisholm would parlay his 13th place into a tenth while Bles had to concede two slots, crossing the finish line in 14th place.

An unexpected win of the moto went to newcomer to the series, Dillan Epstein, a relatively unknown entity to join the Canadian Nationals from Thousand Oaks, California. Former World Champion Christophe Pourcel, also making his debut in Canada, sealed the podium with a third place finish.

The second moto start unfolded without a hitch for the Royal Distributing Motovan Piller's Racing presented by Huber Motorsports teammates, with Medaglia holding down fourth going into turn one, Chisholm seventh and Bles eighth.

Medaglia kept his head down and rode so consistently he only briefly dropped back from his starting position of fourth to fifth, to then reclaim fourth. At that point of the race he settled into a comfortable pace, knowing he pretty well had an overall podium finished dialled in for the day. For Medaglia, Round 1 proved to be sweet indeed. He not only finished third overall, he snared the honour of being the top Canadian rider on the track.



Chisholm, despite being under the weather, laid down a steady pace that kept him more or less in the position he had started in as well. He rode some six laps of the moto in seventh place and the rest in sixth place, where he would eventually cross the finish line. Although Bles would drop from eighth to 12th within four laps of the start, he regrouped to claw his way into tenth before the checkered flag signalled the end of the moto.

The second moto win went to Pourcel. The Frenchman led most of the race and coupled with his moto one, third place finish, he hammered down the overall of the day. Look for the 2017 season to be one of the most competitive in the history of CMRC sanctioning, which celebrates its 25th Anniversary this year.

For Round 2 of the Rockstar Energy Drink CMRC Motocross Nationals, the tour remains in beautiful British Columbia. The gate drops Sunday, June 11th at Blackwater MX Track in Prince George.

MX1 Overall Results: Round 1 – Kamloops, BC

- 1. Christophe Pourcel (Husq) 3-1
- 2. Dillan Epstein (Kaw) 1-5
- 3. Tyler Medaglia (Hon) 2-4**
- 4. Colton Facciotti (Hon) 5-2
- 5. Matt Goerke (Yam) 4-3
- 6. Kaven Benoit (KTM) 6-7
- 7. Kyle Chisholm (Hon) 10-6**
- 8. Mike Alessi (Kaw) 7-9
- 9. Cade Clason (KTM) 11-8
- 10. Keylan Meston (Yam) 8-12
- 11. Nathan Bless (Hon) 14-10**





In dedication to Gerhart Huber’s youngest son, Kurtis—who has autism—Royal Distributing Motovan Piller’s presented by Huber Motorsports will be racing the entire 2017 Motocross Nationals season in support of Autism Awareness.

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From those humble beginnings, Piller's has become one of North America's largest producers of European sausages and deli meats, famous for award-winning products such as Black Forest ham and air-dried salamis. To this day, after five generations of sausage makers, Piller's still uses the same natural aging, curing, and smoking process that had customers lining up outside Wilhelm Huber's butcher shop over 60 years ago. The company was acquired by Premium Brands Holdings Corporation in 2011 and is now known as Piller's Fine Foods.

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