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## **Team Monster Energy/Alpinestars/Piller's/Kawasaki forges ahead in Calgary with Maffenbeier & Medaglia**



Team Monster Energy Alpinestars Piller's Kawasaki riders Shawn Maffenbeier and Tyler Medaglia enjoyed a stellar weekend of arenacross racing at the MRC Triple Crown Series double-header in Calgary, AB, where the AX Tour wrapped up the western leg of the points chase.

Maffenbeier was in particularly good form in the 250 Pro class both Friday and Saturday night at the Agrium Event Center. The reigning MX2 National Champion handily dominated his heat races as well as the mains, keeping him firmly in control at the top of the scoreboard. Medaglia held up his end of the bargain in the 450 Pro class, nailing down second place in he main event on Friday and fourth the following night. He currently sits third in the points.



Although Friday night's action saw Maffenbeier get off to a tepid start in his first heat race, he quickly turned that around into a definitive win. Qualifying for the Clash, he ended up settling for a fourth place finish in that showdown. In the main event, Maffenbeier's competition came mostly in the form of Dylan Wright and Brad Nauditt, who finished second and third respectively. They proved to be no match, however, for an on-fire Maffenbeier on the dynamic Kawasaki KX250F.

In 450 Pro action, Medaglia recorded a third place finish in his heat race on Friday night. This result unfortunately saw him have to sit out the Clash. In the main event, the Nova Scotia resident showed top form, piloting the KX450F to a second place finish behind Cole Thompson.

Saturday night proved to be more or less a return engagement for Maffenbeier in the 250 Pro division. He again put on a clinic in his heat race; in the Clash he settled for fifth. In the main, the Saskatchewan native barnstormed his way to his second win of the weekend. Brad Nauditt made it back on the podium, this time in second place; Marco Cannella completed the box in third.



Medaglia was bit tentative in his Saturday night 450 Pro heat race, greeting the checkered flag in fifth place. This again left him without a berth on the start line for the Clash. An uncharacteristic tip-over a few laps into the main event would deny the two-time MX2 National Champion a slot on the podium in the closing race of the western tour. But in a characteristic display of grace under pressure, Medaglia salvaged the night with a still noteworthy fourth place finish.

“Other than Tyler’s small error in the main on Saturday it seemed like an uneventful weekend for us. Things went pretty smoothly all around. There weren’t any issues. The bikes performed awesome. Shawn and Tyler showed their mettle and unbridled passion for the sport. We scored excellent points and

we’re in a good position at the halfway mark of the indoor tour,” team manager Adam “Stu” Robinson noted.

The MRC Triple Crown Series resumes on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, with Round 4 of the AX Tour at the Progressive Auto Center arena in Sarnia, ON.

### Results: Calgary – Friday Night (March 16, 2018)

#### 250 Main

1. Shawn Maffenbeier (Kaw)
2. Dylan Wright (Hon)
3. Brad Nauditt (Husq)
4. Ryan Lockhart (Kaw)
5. Wyatt Waddell (Husq)
6. Jared Petruska (Hon)
7. Blake Osatchuk (Husq)
8. Spencer Wilton (KTM)
9. Marco Cannella (Yam)
10. Joey Parkes (Yam)





## 450 Main

1. Cole Thompson (KTM)
2. **Tyler Medaglia (Kaw)**
3. Colton Facciotti (Hon)
4. Dillan Epstein (Yam)
5. Matt Goerke (Yam)
6. Mike Brown (Husq)
7. Brad Nauditt (Husq)
8. Josh Hill (Hon)
9. Ryan Lockhart (Kaw)
10. Keylan Meston (Husq)



**Results: Calgary – Saturday Night (March 17, 2018)**

## 250 Main

1. **Shawn Maffenbeier (Kaw)**
2. Brad Nauditt (Husq)
3. Marco Cannella (Yam)
4. Ryan Lockhart (Kaw)
5. Tanner Ward (KTM)
6. Jared Petruska (Hon)
7. Joey Parkes (Yam)
8. Spencer Wilton (KTM)
9. Blake Osatchuk (Husq)
10. Wyatt Waddell (Husq)



## 450 Main

1. Cole Thompson (KTM)
2. Colton Facciotti (Hon)
3. Matt Goerke (Yam)
4. **Tyler Medaglia (Kaw)**
5. Mike Brown (Husq)
6. Dillan Epstein (Yam)
7. Keylan Meston (Husq)
8. Brad Nauditt (Husq)
9. Brock Leitner (Kaw)
10. Ryan Lockhart (Kaw)
11. James Armstrong (Hon)

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