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Podium finishes for Maffenbeier & Medaglia at Triple Crown MX Tour opener in Calgary



Team Monster Energy Alpinestars Piller's Kawasaki's Shawn Maffenbeier and Tyler Medaglia did excellent business at Round 1 of the MRC Triple Crown MX Tour, which was held at Wild Rose MX Park in Calgary, AB on Saturday, May 26th. Maffenbeier delivered crisp 2-2 moto results in the 250 Pro class, recording second overall on the day. In the premier 450 Pro division, Medaglia claimed third overall on the strength of 5-4 moto results. Medaglia's 450 teammate, Mike Alessi, just missed sealing the top-five, with a sixth overall finish thanks to 8-5 motos.

The start of the first 450 moto saw Medaglia blast out of the gate to include himself among the frontrunners as the throng approached turn one. The Ottawa-born Nova Scotia resident ran in second place for a number of laps behind leader Colton Facciotti, but eventually succumbed to heavy pressure from Kaven Benoit, Cole Thompson and Keylan Meston, to end up finishing a respectable fifth. Alessi, meanwhile, was robbed of a good start when he was among the victims of a major first-turn pileup. After untangling himself from the debacle, the Hilliard, Florida native charged from the back of the back to still claim a top 10 finish. Recording some of the fastest laps on the track aboard his explosive Kawasaki 450F as he sliced and diced his way through the pack, he greeted the checkered flag in eighth place.



The second moto again saw Medaglia and Alessi with good starts, this time going into turn one side-by-side in the top five. But while Medaglia managed to stick with the frontrunners, Alessi lost his frontend in the second turn, after hitting a rock, and found himself going down hard. By the time he was able to get back into the fray he again found himself facing a catch-up race, taking off in the unenviable dead-last position. Undaunted, Alessi, obviously in possession of an endless supply of bullets to bite, poured on the gas to eventually cross the finish line in fifth place.

In 250 action, Maffenbeier got off to lukewarm starts in both motos, experiencing some difficulty getting off of the concrete starting pad, one of the few on the Canadian Nationals circuit. The defending 250 Champion and current points leader in the MRC Triple Crown Series, proved his mettle, however, both times out. He deftly piloted his KX250F to two second place finishes, sticking passes on championship rivals that included the likes of Dylan Wright, Joey Crown, Josh Osby and Jared Petruska. Maffenbeier actually recorded the fastest lap of the second moto, with a 2:10.319. In both motos, however, the clock ran out on the Swift Current, SK native to connect with leader of the pack Jess Pettis, who logged a clean sweep to nail first overall on the day.



The MRC Triple Crown Series continues at Popkum Motor Park with Round 2 of the MX Tour in Popkum, BC on Saturday, June 2nd.

(For results and points standings please see next page.)

MX Tour – Round 1 Results

450 Pro

1. Colton Facciotti (Hon)	1-1
2. Matt Goerke (Yam)	6-3
3. Tyler Medaglia (Kaw)	5-4
4. Cole Thompson (KTM)	3-7
5. Keylan Meston (Husq)	4-6
6. Mike Alessi (Kaw)	8-5
7. Kaven Benoit (KTM)	2-14
8. Cade Clason (Hon)	7-8
9. Mike Brown (Husq)	9-9
10. Ryan Lalonde (Kaw)	13-10



250 Pro

1. Jess Pettis (Hon)	1-1
2. Shawn Maffenbeier (Kaw) 2-2	
3. Joey Crown (KTM)	4-3
4. Josh Osby (KTM)	3-4
5. Jared Petruska (Hon)	6-6
6. Marco Cannella (Yam)	5-8
7. Casey Keast (Yam)	7-7
8. Tanner Ward (KTM)	8-9
9. Hayden Halstead (Yam)	9-11
10. Teren Gerber (Kaw)	12-12



Triple Crown Series Points (As of May 26, 2018)

450 Pro

1. Cole Thompson (KTM)	239 pts
2. Colton Facciotti (Hon)	221
3. Matt Goerke (Yam)	194
4. Tyler Medaglia (Kaw)	176
5. Dillan Epstein (Yam)	156
6. Keylan Meston (Husq)	136
7. Cade Clason (Honda)	120
8. Davie Fraser (Husq)	104
9. Kyle Keast (Husq)	86
10. Steve Mages (Kaw)	63

250 Pro

1. Shawn Maffenbeier (Kaw)	233 pts
2. Marco Cannella (Yam)	179
3. Tanner Ward (KTM)	163
4. Ryan Lockhart (Kaw)	135
5. Wyatt Waddell (Husq)	124
6. Jess Pettis (Yam)	124
7. Dylan Wright (Hon)	82
8. Jason Benny (Kaw)	62
9. Joey Parkes (Yam)	60
10. Brad Nauditt (Husq)	52



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