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## Tyler Medaglia shines on gloomy day in Prince George

Under overcast skies and a chilly temperature that hovered around 10° C, Tyler Medaglia shone brightly at Round 3 of the MRC Triple Crown Series MX Tour, which was held on Saturday, June 9 in Prince George, BC. On a physically demanding, deeply rutted and muddy Blackwater MX track, Medaglia recorded 3-2 moto results in the 450 Pro class to claim his second 3<sup>rd</sup> overall of the season. Medaglia's stellar ride saw him move up on the points scoreboard from fourth to third place, 15 points down from leader Colton Facciotti.

Medaglia's Monster Energy Alpinestars Piller's Kawasaki teammate, Mike Alessi, although a bit off the pace, produced two solid motos on the constantly changing Blackwater MX track. Rains had soaked the track earlier in the day, leaving some sections muddy with puddles and some spongy. Only by the second 450 moto, with further rains holding off, had the track dried up a bit, resulting in faster lap times than the first moto. Alessi eventually would leave Prince George with 6-6 moto results, which gave him sixth overall on the day.



Monster Energy Alpinestars Piller's Kawasaki's Shawn Maffenbeier, still in the hunt for his first overall win, had a less productive day than his 450 teammates. The Swift Current, SK native struggled in both 250 Pro motos to finish a still respectable fifth overall on the strength of 4-7 moto results.

In the first moto, Medaglia blasted out of the gate on his potent Kawasaki KX450F to grab the holeshot in front of Kaven Benoit and Matt Goerke. A slight error allowed Benoit and Goerke to make a pass on the Ottawa native, however, with Goerke taking the lead and Benoit installing himself in second place. On lap 4 Medaglia, who stuck close to Benoit, grabbed second place from the Quebec native only to lose it back to him as the moto started winding down. With the clock running out, Medaglia could not challenge Benoit again and he crossed the finish line in third, behind Benoit and winner Goerke.

The start of moto 2 saw Medaglia in third place as the throng entered the first turn. He parlayed that into second before the end of the lap where he would remain for the entire moto. Most of it within two to four bike lengths behind Benoit, who snared the holeshot this time out. Although Medaglia came close a few times to challenge for the lead, when all was said and done he had to take satisfaction with second place at the checkered flag.



Hilliard, Florida's Alessi was unable to duplicate his lightening fast holeshot starts from the previous round, coming around in sixth place after one lap in the first moto. On lap 2 he managed to put himself into fifth place, but he lost that position some four laps later and would spend the remainder of the moto in sixth. The second moto start was basically a rerun of the first moto for Alessi. But this time he went from fifth to sixth and then to seventh within a matter of eight laps, before clawing his way back into sixth place. He rode his own race in that position to the checkered flag.



Maffenbeier, meanwhile, was unable to capitalize on the power of his Kawasaki KX250F on the hard to pass on Prince George track, which was especially slick for the first 250 Pro moto. He got out of the gate for moto 1 in sixth place, a position he wouldn't be able to improve on until the closing laps, when he managed to secure fourth by the time the race wrapped up. The second moto start saw Maffenbeier in fourth place after one lap, but an error left him remounting in eighth place. Around the halfway mark of the moto he was able to improve on his position by commandeering seventh place, which he would take to the finish line.



Despite his lukewarm results, Maffenbeier still did good business at Round 3. He went from second in the points to first, with a little help from archrival in the series, Jess Pettis, who encountered his own problems, including a first moto DNF.

"I am continually impressed by Medaglia's speed and fitness. Consistency is something he has been chasing for a while, but he showed championship-worthy improvement on Saturday in Prince George. I'd also like to extend my appreciation to the entire Blackwater MX crew for putting on an exemplary event this past weekend," team manager Adam "Stu" Robinson said.

The Rockstar Energy Triple Crown Series continues with Round 4 of the MX Tour at McNabb Valley MX in Minnedosa, MB on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

### MX Tour Results – Round 3 – Prince George, BC

#### 450 Pro

1. Kaven Benoit (KTM) 2-1
2. Matt Goerke (Yam) 1-3
3. **Tyler Medaglia (Kaw) 3-2**
4. Cole Thompson (KTM) 4-4
5. Dillan Epstein (Yam) 5-5
6. **Mike Alessi (Kaw) 6-6**
7. Colton Facciotti (Hon) 7-7
8. Kyle Keast (Husq) 8-10
9. Keylan Meston (Husq) 10-9
10. Brock Hoyer (Yam) 9-12



#### 250 Pro

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



### Points Standings after 3 of 9 Rounds

#### 450 Pro

1. Colton Facciotti (Hon) 155 pts
2. Matt Goerke (Yam) 151
3. **Tyler Medaglia (Kaw) 140 (-15)**
4. Cole Thompson (KTM) 136
5. Kaven Benoit (KTM) 131
6. **Mike Alessi (Kaw) 124 (-31)**
7. Keylan Meston (Husq) 106
8. Dillan Epstein (Yam) 105
9. Kyle Keast (Husq) 93
10. Graham Scott (Hon) 86



## 250 Pro

<b>1. Shawn Maffienbeier (Kaw)</b>	<b>151</b>
2. Josh Osby (KTM)	150
3. Jess Pettis (Yam)	144 pts
4. Joey Crown (KTM)	140
5. Marco Cannella (yam)	123
6. Casey Keast (Yam)	114
7. Tanner Ward (KTM)	108
8. Dylan Wright (Hon)	104
9. Jared Petruska (Hon)	90
10. Teren Gerber (Kaw)	89



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