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Podiums for Tyler Medaglia & Shawn Maffenbeier at Sand Del Lee



The eastern leg of the MRC's Triple Crown Series MX Tour, which was launched this past Saturday at Sand Del Lee Motocross Park in Ottawa, was by all accounts a rock 'em sock 'em affair, with all out, take it to the limit racing in both classes. For team Monster Energy Alpinestars Piller's Kawasaki's Tyler Medaglia and Shawn Maffenbeier, the day ended on a very positive note. Medaglia, riding his home track, produced the best finish of the season to date, nailing down second overall in the premiere 450 Pro class on the strength of 4-2 motos.

Maffenbeier held up his end of the bargain in the 250 Pro class with hard earned 3-3 motos, which gave him third overall on the day. Jeremy Medaglia – filling in for an injured Mike Alessi – stayed consistent in both motos as he campaigned his first race of the season. The younger Medaglia brother, who did not contest the western rounds, finished in the top-10 club with a ninth overall, thanks to 7-9 motos.

With the season now well underway, the heat was on at Sand Del Lee, both literally and figuratively speaking. A blazing sun, tempered by a steady breeze, pushed the thermometer up to 30°C, which meant Sand Del Lee was the first hot day for the MX Tour participants. Not surprising as historically the eastern rounds usually prove to be run under hot summer conditions. For the championship contenders, the beginning of the eastern rounds also means that things are getting more serious. At the western rounds they get to gage each other and assess what's going to be needed for the second half of the season, if they are going to ascend to the top rung and claim either the 250 or 450 title.

In the 250 points chase, defending champ Maffienbeier is where he wants to be: at the head of the MX Tour points scoreboard. He also leads the Triple Crown Series overall points, having snared the title in the AX Tour segment back a few months ago. After Sand Del Lee, Medaglia sits fifth in the points, down just 28 from first-place Facciotti and only four from fourth-place Thompson. At this stage of the tour it's without exaggeration to say that the game is still wide open.



In 450 Pro action, Medaglia was on top of his game by grabbing a second-place start behind holeshooter Kaven Benoit. They were accompanied by co-frontrunners Colton Facciotti, Cole Thompson, Matt Goerke and Jeremey Medaglia. Benoit would hang on to the lead, however, despite a number of attacks for position by Tyler Medaglia. By the midway point of the race Medaglia – like the rest of the top-five – had to deal with lapper traffic. In the ensuing chaos Medaglia suddenly found himself looking at the rear fender of Facciotti, who would eventually follow Benoit across the finish line. In the closing laps of the moto, Goerke, who had stuck a pass on Thompson, managed to squeeze past Medaglia as well. For his part, Jeremey Medaglia had his hands full with series regular Dillan Epstein, who was intent on taking over sixth-place. The American finally managed to achieve that in the closing laps.

The 450 Pro class in particular proved to be a reminder at Sand Del Lee that motocross is a “contact” sport when things get gritty and championship points are on the line. And the way it was handled in the heat of battle by Tyler Medaglia and fellow former champion Colton Facciotti in the second moto, proves it can be done in a sportsmanlike manner, where no one could be accused

of “dirty” racing. After nailing the holeshot, Medaglia raced the wheels off his explosive Kawasaki KX450F to put some space between himself and his brother Jeremy, Facciotti, Thompson and Goerke, who followed in that order.

From lap two onward, the gloves were off: Facciotti had moved into second place and he mercilessly hounded Medaglia in search of the lead. The blistering pace they were laying down put some distance between themselves and the Goerke-Thompson duo, who were battling for third. Jeremy Medaglia, meanwhile, was fighting his own battles behind them, to eventually finish ninth.

The first attempt by Facciotti to stick a pass on leader of the pack Medaglia, around the midway point of the moto, resulted in a block by Medaglia. An unavoidable get-together with Facciotti ensued. Both riders stayed upright and proceeded. Tyler still up front. Shortly thereafter another bit of contact arose when a persistent Facciotti went for a second pass attempt. This time Medaglia had to surrender his lead. For the rest of the moto he furiously defended his second-place position from Goerke. The defending champ was equally as motivated to put Medaglia behind him. But it was not to be.

In 250 Pro action, the first moto start saw Maffenbeier just outside the top-10. He rode in that position at a tentative pace not knowing if officials were going to red flag the start and call for a restart, after another rider had jumped the gate. They opted to black flag the rider and subject him to a stop-and-go penalty. Once he was aware of the situation, Maffenbeier started pinning the throttle of his KX250F to charge his way forward. It took some extreme riding to pick off the riders who separated him from the frontrunners however. With the clock running down and first and second place beyond reach, Maffenbeier had to settle for third place at the checkered flag.



The start of moto two went much smoother for Maffenbeier. He just missed nailing the holeshot but had control of the lead a few corners later. On his tail were Jesse Pettis, first moto winner Joey Crown, and second place finisher Dylan Wright. Pettis managed to charge past Maffenbeier on lap four, followed shortly thereafter by Crown and Wright. Maffenbeier was not about to throw in the towel, however. Around the halfway mark of the moto he was back in third, chasing Wright, who had displaced Crown from second-place on lap seven. With a sizeable gap separating him from Wright, Maffenbeier decided to hold his position and ride for points the rest of the moto. When it was over, he had built his lead to 17 points over second on the scoreboard Crown.

“I am proud of the effort and preparation our boys delivered heading into a hot demanding day of racing. It was a pleasure to have Jeremy under the tent and great to see him alongside his brother as a teammate at their home track,” said team manager Adam “Stu” Robinson.

The MRC Triple Crown Series continues at Gopher Dunes in Courtland, Ontario on Saturday, July 14th, with Round 5 of the MX Tour.

MX Tour Results 450 Pro – Round 4

- 1. Colton Facciotti (Hon) 2-1
- 2. Tyler Medaglia (Kaw) 4-2**
- 3. Matt Goerke (Yam) 3-3
- 4. Kaven Benoit (KTM) 1-8
- 5. Cole Thompson (KTM) 5-4
- 6. Dillan Epstein (Yam) 6-5
- 7. Ryan Dowd (KTM) 9-6
- 8. Cade Clason (Hon) 8-7
- 9. Jeremy Medaglia (Kaw) 7-9**
- 10. Keylan Meston (Husq) 10-10



MX Tour Results 250 Pro – Round 4

- 1. Dylan Wright (Hon) 2-2
- 2. Joey Crown (KTM) 1-4
- 3. Shawn Maffienbeier (Kaw) 3-3**
- 4. Josh Osby (KTM) 6-5
- 5. Hayden Halstead (Yam) 5-7
- 6. Marco Cannella (Yam) 7-6
- 7. Tanner Ward (KTM) 4-15
- 8. Taylor Arsenault (KTM) 12-8
- 9. Yyile Mitchell (Yam) 11-9
- 10. Jared Petruska (Hon) 10-11

MX Tour Points Standings after 5 of 9 Rounds (Unofficial)

450 Pro

- 1. Colton Facciotti (Hon) 256 pts
- 2. Matt Goerke (Yam) 249
- 3. Kaven Benoit (KTM) 239
- 4. Cole Thompson (KTM) 232
- 5. Tyler Medaglia (Kaw) 228 (-28)**

250 Pro

- 1. Shawn Maffienbeier (Kaw) 256pts**
- 2. Joey Crown (KTM) 239
- 3. Jess Pettis (Yam) 237
- 4. Josh Osby (KTM) 212
- 5. Marco Cannella (yam) 208



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