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## Overall 450 win for Tyler Medaglia at Gopher Dunes



Round 6 of the MRC Triple Crown Series MX Tour, which was run at Gopher Dunes in Courtland, Ontario on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, ended up to be a bittersweet affair for Monster Energy Alpinestars Piller's Kawasaki. While it proved to be a banner day for the team's 450 Pro rider, Tyler Medaglia, who claimed the overall with 4-1 moto results, his teammate Shawn Maffenbeier became the victim of a bike-crunching crash in moto 2, which eventually saw him exit the 250 Pro class before the checkered flag signalled the finish of the race. The defending champion delivered a solid second place in the first moto, but the follow-up DNF cost him his long-held lead on the points scoreboard.

Medaglia's 4-1 results, meanwhile, presented Monster Energy Alpinestars Piller's Kawasaki their first 450 overall victory of the season. It was also the first 450 overall victory for team owner Gerhart Huber, whose Huber Motorsports is only in its second year of fielding a motocross team. Outside of Medaglia, the team did not enter a second rider in the premier class at Gopher Dunes. Medaglia's teammate Mike Alessi is still on the sidelines with a shoulder injury and his replacement at Round 5, Jeremy Medaglia, opted not to ride at Round 6.

In 450 Pro action, Medaglia nailed a top-five start behind moto holeshooter Matt Goerke, Dillan Epstein, Colton Facciotti and Cole Thompson. It didn't take Medaglia long to stick a pass on Thompson for fourth place, a position he would hold down for the rest of the moto. Although he put pressure on third-running Facciotti in a bid to occupy that spot, with the clock running down Medaglia was unable to accomplish this and resigned himself to finish in fourth. Adding another layer to the moto were the threatening skies that moved in early in the afternoon, which gave way to thunder and lightening in the distance, with rain starting to fall on the second last lap.



By the time the second 450 moto gated for the final race of the day, Gopher Dunes was rain-free and the track in good shape. Medaglia, feeling in top form, piloted his powerful KX450F into the holeshoot and never looked back. He led the field wire-to-wire and brought home the win ahead of second-place Thompson with some 14 seconds (?) to spare. Medaglia's blockbuster ride catapulted him from fifth in the points standings to second, just 25 points down from Colton Facciotti.



In the first 250 Pro moto, Maffenbeier got off to a third-place start behind Casey Keast, Joey Crown and holeshooter Jesse Pettis in the deep sand of Gopher Dunes Motocross Park, considered to be the toughest track in Canada. It only took Maffenbeier a few laps to install himself into second place but by that time Pettis had accumulated a comfortable gap on the chase group. From that point on Maffenbeier basically rode his own race to the finish line. He was never threatened for position by third-place finisher Dylan Wright, who greeted the checkered flag some distance behind Maffenbeier.

Although it still rained during the women's second moto, it had stopped for the second 250 Pro moto, leaving the track nicely watered; not soaked and muddy. Maffenbeier got off to another top-five start, but in the battle for position he tagged another rider's rear wheel, which sent him flying off his KX250F and the bike cartwheeling end-over-end. Undaunted by this setback, Maffenbeier got back into the fray in last place on a damaged bike, which included a cracked and wobbling front fender, defective front brake and sand clogged radiator. Despite this handicap he had clawed his way into seventh place by the halfway mark. With only four laps to go, however, his bike, which was showing signs of smoke, gave up the ghost and Maffenbeier's day was over.

"Gopher Dunes was like a dream come true, not just for Tyler, who won here before some years ago, but for the entire team. We all knew it wasn't about 'if' Tyler would nail an overall this season, but 'when'. Today was that day," team manager Adam "Stu" Robinson said. "Unfortunately, Shawn had to contend with a DNF, but in motorsports we all know that it can happen to anybody at any time. You have to roll with the punches. The good news is that both Tyler and Shawn are in excellent positions in the points standings."

The MRC Triple Crown Series continues after a one weekend break at Riverglade MX Park in Moncton, New Brunswick on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, with Round 7 of the MX Tour.

(For results and current points standings please see page 3.)

## MX Tour Results 450 Pro – Round 6

<b>1. Tyler Medaglia (Kaw)</b>	<b>4-1</b>
2. Dillan Epstein (Yam)	1-4
3. Colton Facciotti (Hon)	3-3
4. Cole Thompson (KTM)	5-2
5. Kaven Benoit (KTM)	6-5
6. Luke Renzland (Yam)	7-6
7. Chris Canning (KTM)	8-7
8. Cade Clason (Hon)	9-8
9. Liam O’Farrell (KTM)	10-10
10. Keylan Meston (Husq)	11-11



## MX Tour Results 250 Pro – Round 6

1. Jesse Pettis (Hon)	1-1
2. Josh Osby (KTM)	4-2
3. Tanner Ward (KTM)	6-3
4. Dylan Wright (Hon)	3-6
5. Hayden Halstead (Yam)	7-4
6. Joey Crown (KTM)	5-5
7. Marco Cannella (Yam)	8-8
8. Christopher Fortier (Yam)	12-7
9. Weston Wrozyyna (Kaw)	11-9
10. Jake Tricco (Yam)	13-10
<b>22. Shawn Maffenbeier (Kaw) 2-DNF</b>	



## MX Tour Points Standings after 6 of 9 Rounds

### 450 Pro

1. Colton Facciotti (Hon)	306 pts
<b>2. Tyler Medaglia (Kaw)</b>	<b>281 (-25)</b>
3. Cole Thompson (KTM)	280
4. Kaven Benoit (KTM)	280
5. Matt Goerke (Yam)	276

### 250 Pro

1. Jess Pettis (Yam)	291 pts
<b>2. Shawn Maffenbeier (Kaw)</b>	<b>283 (-8)</b>
3. Joey Crown (KTM)	281
4. Josh Osby (KTM)	262
5. Marco Cannella (yam)	244



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