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Points but no overall podium finishes for Monster Energy Alpinestars Piller's Kawasaki



Other than a third place finish for Shawn Maffenbeier in the second 250 Pro moto, team Monster Energy Alpinestars Piller's Kawasaki left Riverglade MX Park in Moncton, NB without a podium finish on Saturday, July 28th. Round 7 of the MRC Triple Crown Series MX Tour turned out to be a points only affair for Maffenbeier, Tyler Medaglia and Jacob Hayes. Although not quite what had been hoped for, the 450 Pro points Medaglia scored were enough to keep him in contention for a top five overall finish in the series. For Hayes, the points weren't really crucial – other than helping to create a buffer for his teammate. The California native joined team Monster Energy Alpinestars Piller's Kawasaki in Moncton for the final three rounds, filling in for an injured Mike Alessi. With two rounds left on the schedule, however, a top 20 ranking in the series is still doable for Hayes. A podium finish definitely one of his goals.

Medaglia, who came off an overall win at Round 6, delivered top shelf starts in both motos but when the checkered flag was waved he had to settle for 5-7 results, which gave him a still noteworthy seventh overall on the day. Hayes recorded impressive top three starts in both motos but at the finish line he ended up settling for 6-5 results, which provided him with sixth overall.



Maffenbeier, the defending 250 Champion, scored the best results for the team, nailing down fourth overall on the strength of 4-3 motos. He currently holds down third in the points standings, 11 down from first place Jess Pettis. It looks like the 250 class title will go down right to the last moto to determine the championship. The all encompassing Triple Crown Series points chase however, is still under control by Maffenbeier, after the completion of six AX rounds and seven MX rounds.

current standings. Anything is still possible there.

While a 250 Championship repeat is still in the cards for Maffenbeier, Medaglia's chances to score the 450 title is no longer a possibility. Coming into Moncton he was holding down second place in the standings – down 25 points from first place Colton Facciotti – but that is no longer the case. He now sits in fifth place, with a 68 points deficit on first. The good news is that the two-time MX2 Champion is only separated by a handful of points from second, third and fourth place in the



Considering Medaglia's stellar performance so far this season, his Moncton results certainly seem out of character. But when considering the circumstances, the results are nothing short of amazing. During Saturday morning's practice the Brookfield, Nova Scotia resident made a small error, resulting in what appeared to all intents and purposes a harmless little tip-over. Unfortunately, Medaglia ended up falling on to his foot peg, lacerating his lower side just above the hip. He was taken by ambulance to the local hospital's ER where the wound was cleaned and wrapped.

Although the attending physician wasn't too encouraging about Medaglia racing that afternoon, he didn't ground him either. For Medaglia that meant only one thing: He returned to the historic Riverglade motocross track and decided he would race the first moto and see how things went. Despite the pain, he raced the second moto as well and salvaged as many points he could.

The start of the first moto saw Medaglia and Hayes blast out of the gate on their KX450Fs in top form. Medaglia – undoubtedly running on adrenaline – nailed the holeshot, with Hayes in his rear fender. Points leader Facciotti, however, stuck a pass of both Hayes and Medaglia by the end of the first lap. By the midway mark of the moto Medaglia had been relegated to fifth, where he would finish, and Hayes to fifth. Hayes lost one more position before the checkered flag signaled the end of the moto.

Medaglia and Hayes were again on top of their game at the start of moto 2. This time Hayes was running second, after one lap, behind holeshooter Kaven Benoit. Medaglia, biting the bullet to ignore the pain he was in, held down fifth. A few laps later Medaglia found himself in sixth, a position he defended until the second last lap, when he got passed by Facciotti. For Medaglia, however, there still was a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. He received the storied Brian House Trophy presented each year to the top Riverglade finisher who hails from Atlantic Canada.



Hayes, meanwhile, held on to second place for five laps, battling against the likes of title contenders Cole Thompson and Matt Goerke, and Dillan Epstein, looking to improve his sixth place standing on the points scoreboard. Towards the end of lap five Hayes had to bow to a relentless Goerke; around the halfway point Epstein got by him as well. Still, for his debut race with the team, Hayes can look back on a job well done.

In 250 action, Maffenbeier piloted his KX250F into a fifth place start, behind archrivals in the title hunt Jess Pettis, Josh Osby and Joey Crown. Marco Cannella, riding in fourth, found himself passed by Maffenbeier before the halfway mark of the moto, a position Maffenbeier could not improve on, with the frontrunners already having put some distance on him. The second moto start saw Maffenbeier running in third, after one lap, behind holeshooter Crown and his teammate Osby. For Maffenbeier third would be as good as it got. Although he put in early charges to get by Osby, Maffenbeier's main concern was keeping a super motivated Dylan Wright, who hounded him most of the moto, in his rear view.



“We saw the darker side of our sport Saturday morning, when Tyler had a small crash and ended up with a nasty injury to his side. Coming into the day second in the points, we had to have perfect motos to secure the position, and unfortunately fate had its way with us. I want to express how proud I am of Tyler for displaying unbelievable grit, riding through what would have forced most to call it a day,” team manager Adam “Stu” Robinson noted.

The MRC Triple Crown Series continues with Round 8 of the MX Tour at Motocross Deschambault, QC on Saturday, August 4th.

MX Tour Results 450 Pro – Round 7

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



MX Tour Results 250 Pro – Round 7

1. Joey Crown (KTM) 3-1
2. Josh Osby (KTM) 2-2
3. Jesse Pettis (Hon) 1-5
4. **Shawn Maffenbeier (Kaw) 4-3**
5. Dylan Wright (Hon) 5-4
6. Marco Cannella (Yam) 6-6
7. Christopher Fortier (Yam) 8-7
8. Hayden Halstead (Yam) 7-9
9. Casey Keast (Yam) 12-8
10. Jake Tricco (Yam) 10-11



MX Tour Points Standings after 7 of 9 Rounds

450 Pro

1. Colton Facciotti (Hon) 356 pts
2. Cole Thompson (KTM) 330
3. Kaven Benoit (KTM) 329
4. Matt Goerke (Yam) 326
5. **Tyler Medaglia (Kaw) 321 (-68)**
6. Dillan Epstein (Yam) 288

7. Keylan Meston (Husq)	233
8. Cade Clason (Hon)	200
9. Ryan Lalonde (Kaw)	173
10. Mike Alessi (Kaw)	165 (-191)

250 Pro

1. Jess Pettis (Yam)	342 pts
2. Joey Crown (KTM)	336
3. Shawn Maffienbeier (Kaw)	331 (-11)
4. Josh Osby (KTM)	316
5. Marco Cannella (Yam)	284
6. Dylan Wright (Hon)	274
7. Tanner Ward (KTM)	256
8. Hayden Halstead (Yam)	224
9. Jared Petruska (Hon)	203
10. Casey Keast (Yam)	179



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