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Medaglia looking good for top-five final ranking in MX Tour

No matter how you toss the dice, it's been a spectacular MRC Triple Crown Series MX Tour for Tyler Medaglia. Multiple 450 Pro podium finishes plus an overall on the day have kept the veteran within a top five points standing from the get-go. This past Sunday at the Motocross Deschambault circuit in Deschambault, QC, Medaglia kept the possibilities alive to not just keep his No. 5 ranking from last year, but to improve on it.

With one round left on the schedule in Walton, ON, Medaglia can go there on Saturday, August 18th, with the knowledge he has a lock on fifth place in the points standings. The Brookfield, NS resident, however, is in good position to leave Walton with anything from fourth to second overall in the championship. He trails fourth in the standings, Matt Goerke, by a mere five points; third in the standings, Kaven Benoit, by only 12 points; and second in the standings, Cole Thompson, by 17. Points leader Colton Facciotti has a 22 points advantage on Thompson, which means he has an excellent chance to clinch the title. But it's not over till it's over.



Medaglia's 250 Pro teammate, Shawn Maffenbeier, meanwhile, sits third on the title hunt scoreboard, 24 points down from leader Jess Pettis. Anything is still possible for Maffenbeier to repeat as 250 Champion, but he will have to put in a perfect ride in Walton to achieve this. And hope that Pettis and second in the points, Joey Crown, have anything but a perfect day.

Under sunny skies and a hot, humid 30°C temperature that felt like 38°, Medaglia put in another consistent ride at Deschambault that saw him nail down 5-3 moto results, claiming fourth overall on the day. Considering he is still recovering from a Round 7 injury, his performance was impressive indeed. Especially noteworthy was his first moto holeshot and third place podium finish in Moto 2.



Medaglia's 450 Pro teammate Jacob Hayes – filling in for an injured Mike Alessi – delivered the goods as well, with sixth overall based on 7-5 moto results. Not to be upstaged by his teammate, Hayes nailed the second moto holeshot, to eventually ride shotgun for Medaglia, who had an iron grip on third place pretty well from the get-go.

After grabbing the first moto holeshot, Medaglia ended up losing the lead to Kaven Benoit, to then ride in second place for half of the moto. In the second half, he lost position to Cole Thompson, Dillan Epstein, and Matt Goerke, to bring his KX450F across the finish line in fifth. Hayes, who had started in fifth, would lose two positions before the end of the moto.

In the second moto, both Medaglia and Hayes did what they had to do to score as many points as possible. After nailing the holeshot and losing the lead to Colton Facciotti, Hayes rode in second for a few laps and then settled into fourth behind Medaglia. With quite a bit of real estate between the frontrunners, the top five pretty well rode their own race. Fifth place Goerke, however, started to reel in Hayes towards the end of the moto and managed to stick a pass on Hayes, with just one lap to go.

Hayes, in only his second MX Tour ride of the season, has reaped enough points to catapult him into the top 20. He currently sits in 18th place on the scoreboard, 25 points down from 17th in the standings, Yanick Boucher.

In 250 Pro action Shawn Maffienbeier looked good in Moto 1, claiming the lead from holeshooter Guillaume St. Cyr before the end of the first lap. In order to shake off archrivals Jess Pettis and Joey Crown, who were hot on his heels, Maffienbeier pinned the throttle of his KX250F. On lap four, his determination to gap the other frontrunners saw him make an error that caused him to crash and lose five positions before rejoining the race. With everyone riding the wheels off their bikes to defend their up front positions, Maffienbeier was unable to improve on his sixth place and rode there until the finish line.



A bad start in the second moto, which saw him around 15th place at the end of lap 1, Maffienbeier was resigned to a daunting catch-up race. By the midpoint of the moto he was in sixth place, but not long after that he dropped to seventh, which would be his finishing position. When all was said and done the Saskatchewan native claimed seventh overall on the day and enough points to still keep him with a mathematical chance of winning his second MRC championship of the season. Thanks to his AX Tour title win in the spring, and multiple MX Tour podium finishes to date, Maffienbeier still leads the 250 Triple Crown Series points chase. With one MX round left, followed by four SX rounds, he sits in good position to claim the overall championship.

The MRC Triple Crown Series continues with Round 9, the final showdown of the MX Tour, after a one-weekend break in Walton, Ontario on Saturday, August 18th.

MX Tour Results 450 Pro – Round 8

- 1. Cole Thompson (KTM) 2-2
- 2. Colton Facciotti (Hon) 6-1
- 3. Kaven Benoit (KTM) 1-6
- 4. Tyler Medaglia (Kaw) 5-3
- 5. Matt Goerke (Yam) 4-4
- 6. Jacob Hayes (Kaw) 7-5
- 7. Cade Clason (Hon) 8-8
- 8. Chris Canning (KTM) 9-9
- 9. Ryan Dowd (KTM) 12-7
- 10. Dave Blanchet (Kaw) 11-10



MX Tour Results 250 Pro – Round 8

- 1. Joey Crown (KTM) 3-1
- 2. Jesse Pettis (Hon) 2-3
- 3. Dylan Wright (Hon) 1-5
- 4. Tanner Ward (KTM) 4-2

- 5. Christopher Fortier (Yam) 7-4
- 6. Marco Cannella (Yam) 5-6
- 7. Shawn Maffienbeier (Kaw) 6-7**
- 8. Gabe Gurierres (KTM) 9-8
- 9. Jake Tricco (Yam) 11-9
- 10. Kein Denzler (KTM) 14-11

MX Tour Points Standings after 8 of 9 Rounds

450 Pro

- 1. Colton Facciotti (Hon) 406 pts
- 2. Cole Thompson (KTM) 384
- 3. Kaven Benoit (KTM) 379
- 4. Matt Goerke (Yam) 372
- 5. Tyler Medaglia (Kaw) 367 (-39)**
- 6. Dillan Epstein (Yam) 313
- 7. Keylan Meston (Husq) 264
- 8. Cade Clason (Hon) 236
- 9. Ryan Lalonde (Kaw) 187
- 10. Mike Alessi (Kaw) 165**
- 18. Jacob Hayes (Kaw) 81**

250 Pro

- 1. Jess Pettis (Yam) 394 pts
- 2. Joey Crown (KTM) 391
- 3. Shawn Maffienbeier (Kaw) 370 (-24)**
- 4. Josh Osby (KTM) 334
- 5. Dylan Wright (Hon) 325
- 6. Marco Cannella (Yam) 325
- 7. Tanner Ward (KTM) 306
- 8. Jared Petruska (Hon) 227
- 9. Hayden Halstead (Yam) 224
- 10. Casey Keast (Yam) 202



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