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## KTM Red Bull Royal Distributing Fox Racing Team second in MX1 and MX2 points race despite Facciotti's injuries



**Tyler Medaglia grabbed both MX1 holeshots in Kamloops**

Heading in to Round 2 of the CMRC Motocross Nationals, all eyes were on Red Bull KTM Royal Distributing Fox Racing's Colton Facciotti. After sweeping the Nanaimo opener with 1-1 finishes, Canadian fans were excited to see if he could hold off Australian Brett Metcalfe. A few laps into the first moto of the day, Facciotti's title hopes came crashing to a halt. After falling on a blind jump and working on remounting his bike, Facciotti was hit by several riders and sustained serious injuries that sent him to hospital.

While Facciotti's injury was a huge blow to the team, his teammate Tyler Medaglia stepped up, grabbing two huge holeshots and riding to 2-2 motos for second overall. Medaglia now sits second in MX1 points with 78 points to Metcalfe's 94.

"I had the holeshot in moto one," explains Medaglia. "Colton and Metcalfe got around me and I kept them in my sights. Then Colt went down. We were only using about 10 feet of track right there and it was impossible to see where the flag was. There were deep ruts and we were trying to get through the rollers and it was very hard to see the flag. When I came over the hill, Colt was on the track picking his bike up. I was in the air with nowhere to go. I smoked his front wheel with my bike, hit my foot pretty hard and knocked him back over. Teddy Maier wasn't far behind me and he had nowhere to go either. My header pipe was pinched shut and for the rest of the moto. My bike sounded funny and I didn't want to over ride it. I had a good cushion over third so I just rode

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consistent laps and finished second. It was a huge bummer for Colt though.”

Medaglia grabbed another huge holeshot in the second MX1 moto and kept pace with Metcalfe until around the halfway mark before settling into a solid second place. “I was comfortably in second and I didn’t want to jeopardize that,” said Medaglia. “I wanted to build on this race and stay safe. The track was getting square edged and sketchy. Second moto, I felt stronger and faster and I pulled away from the pack quicker so that felt good.”

Medaglia is eager to build on this week’s success and put in the work required to hang with Metcalfe going forward. “We are so close in lap times when we do our sprint laps,” explains Medaglia. “It’s just a little extra intensity, a bit more experience and I can be there. I definitely want to chase him down and get some wins.”



**Benoit went 2-2 but is looking for a win in Calgary.**

In the MX2 class, Kaven Benoit went 2-2 for second overall anchoring him solidly in second place in the series just 10 points behind Austin Politelli. Despite the strong showing, Benoit isn’t satisfied. “Everyone seems happy with it,” admits Benoit. “But I am not; I want to win. I will keep working this week and make some improvements for next weekend.”

In the first moto, Benoit had a decent start heading into the first turn when a rider crashed in front of him, leaving him to work his way up from 10<sup>th</sup> place. “I had some bad luck off the start and I had to work my way up. I had some trouble getting around Brad Nauditt and by then Politelli was already gone.”

After grabbing the holeshot in the second moto, Benoit struggled with his goggles in the rainy conditions, making a mistake and letting Politelli close the gap and ultimately take the

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lead. "I just need to find a little speed and make my first few sprint laps a bit faster," said Benoit. "That's what I'm going to work on. I definitely want to get some wins soon. I am also happy to be safe and in the points, what happened with Colton is awful."

"Besides the bad luck of Kamloops biting Colton two years in a row, it was a great weekend for the Red Bull KTM Royal Distributing Fox Racing program," said National Race Marketing Manager Andy White. "Tyler stepped up big from last week to this week and showed everyone what he's got by knocking off two killer holeshots and he's second in the championship now. I am really happy with Kaven too. He's a solid second in the points and the bike and suspension are working well. We're work on some things to help him gain just that little bit of time each lap. We just need to stay consistent until we head east where Benoit is super strong."



**Facciotti will be sidelined for the rest of the season.**

"The team will have an update on Colton's condition in the next day or two after meeting with doctors and his family," said White. "He is in hospital recovering. He's in good spirits but he's sad that the season is over. He also has serious concerns about flagging and safety at Kamloops. He was looking forward to a great battle with Metcalfe and he showed that he had the talent and the speed to be up there but that battle will have to wait til next year now."

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