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Cole Thompson earns his first MX1 overall win for the KTM Red Bull Royal Distributing Fox Team

After showing he had the speed to win races at his Gopher Dunes debut, Cole Thompson made it happen this weekend at Sand Del Lee for the KTM Red Bull Royal Distributing Fox Team.



In only his second Canadian National appearance for the KTM squad, Thompson rode smart and solid to clinch the overall with 1-2 motos. “In the first moto, I got past Tyler and then Jeremy and from there I just held the lead to the end. I felt decent but a little nervous. I didn’t want to make the same mistake I did the week before,” laughed Thompson.

“In the second moto, I felt way more comfortable,” continued Thompson. “I got a third place start and worked my way into second behind Metcalfe. He was going a little bit quicker than me and he had some better lines so I settled into a pace I felt comfortable with and made sure I got the overall.”

“Cole knew he didn’t have to beat Metty for the overall,” explained KTM National Marketing Manager Andy White. “He just hung in there and raced smart. We were pit-boarding for him to ride for the overall and he was awesome.”



It was a challenging weekend for Tyler Medaglia who headed to Sand Del Lee second in the points. After a CMRC decision saw him docked 10 positions in the first moto, Medaglia regrouped to ride what he called the best moto of his life. “Second moto, I didn’t have the best gate pick obviously,” explained Medaglia who was saddled with 15th gate pick after the first moto penalty.

“I got a really good jump and was coming into the first corner in holeshot contention and washed the front end in the deep sand and went over the bars and avoided getting run over. I got back on my bike and Joe Skidd and Adam had made some great suspension choices on my bike. I had probably one of the best motos of my life the second moto. I came back from dead last and kept picking everybody off to finish fourth. I nearly made it on the podium. I felt great, the bike was working the best it has all season, and I am really looking forward to next weekend, knowing the soil is going to be similar, I am pumped for Deschambault.”

Dusty Klatt had his second race back and improved from his Gopher return to finish 11-6 for 6th overall. “The second moto was good,” said Klatt. “I got a fourth place start. Sottile got by me pretty early but that was probably my best ride yet. I made some bike changes coming into that moto and I felt good and strong the whole moto. I finally felt like I could ride like myself. I had to push my pace at the end too.



It was good to be up there and to stay with the leaders for a while. I'm just taking it race by race and looking for improvements. I'm glad we are getting all the gnarly tracks out of the way and I'm looking forward to Moncton and Walton."



In the MX2 class, the Wheelsports-backed Jesse Wentland was looking for more moto wins after an impressive Gopher Dunes debut. He rode to a solid victory in moto one

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before having a run-in with some haybales and a mud pit in the second moto. Wentland showed great resolve remounting after digging himself out to finish 18th.

“I got a good start in the first moto and was running second for the first few laps,” explained Wentland. “I struggled to get around Jerry Lorenz on the 250 two stroke. He was going good. I was able to pass him and ride my own race from there.”

“The second moto didn’t go as well,” said Wentland. “On the first lap I was trying to pass through the pack and made a mistake in one section. I ended up off the track and into the haybales and got all tangled up and fell in a big mud hole. It was nasty. I hopped on my bike and started to try to work my way through the pack and try to get back as many positions as I could. I definitely didn’t want to let down the team. They put a lot of effort into having me up here and I wanted to show them that I always give it 100 percent.”

Wentland will be racing in the AMA National series at both Millville and Unadilla but is planning to be back with the KTM Red Bull Royal Distributing Fox Team for the final Canadian round at Walton, Ontario. A special thanks to Jim Kolman and Wheelsports for supporting Jesse at Sand Del Lee.

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