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Great ending to a very successful season



Team Suzuki Rockstar Energy OTSFF capped off a very successful 2008 season at the final round of CMRC Motocross Championships in Walton, ON with a first ever MX2 National win by rookie Jeremy Medaglia. This year's campaign will be remembered as one of the best ever for Team Suzuki in the Canadian National series. In addition to Jeremy's stunning TransCan Grand National victory, the season's highlights include a first ever pro MX1 National win by his brother Tyler, three top five rankings, and one top ten ranking in the three national points chases.

Tyler Medaglia, in his first full season of MX1 Nationals racing, logged an incredible campaign that saw him lead the title hunt for four of the nine rounds; be one of only three riders to win a moto; and one of only two to win an overall. Although the Kemptville, ON native suffered through a few crash marred races, which cost him critical championship points, he still finished the season with an impressive third overall. His results, which speak for themselves, not only proved Tyler's resolve

to become a member of Canada's motocross elite, but the incredible power and dependability of Suzuki's RM-Z 450 EFI racing machine.

"When we got underway this year I didn't really know what to expect, because I had never done the entire tour. I knew I could finish top ten and had the confidence to go for top

five. This has been an awesome season for me and the team, I'm thrilled," said Tyler Medaglia. "I'd like to thank the entire Suzuki Rockstar OTSFF team, who've just been great, my mechanic Steve, my mom, my dad, my grandparents, my brother and all the fans who cheered me on."



Jeremy Medaglia, without a doubt the top MX2 rookie of the year, not only endured more than his fair share of setbacks this season, he showed grace under pressure time and time again that saw him claim a very noteworthy fifth overall ranking in the points chase. Putting the icing on the cake for Team Suzuki were the Medaglia brothers' teammates Mitch Cooke, who recorded his best ever finish in the MX1 series with ninth overall, and Jocelyn Killough, who finished fourth overall in the Suzuki Women's National Championship. Unfortunately, fifth team member Brady Sheren, who was closing in on a top ten ranking in the MX1 points chase, saw his season cut short due to an injury at Round 6.

This past weekend at the Walton TransCan, in a star studded field that included riders from the United States, New Zealand, and South Africa, Jeremy Medaglia rose to the occasion in both MX2 motos to claim his first pro career overall. In moto one, he commandeered a top three start aboard the proven RM-Z250 to run in that position for all but three laps. Despite dropping to fifth, after a slip in the heat of competition while charging for second place, Jeremy rebounded to regain third and then take it to the checkered flag. In the second moto,

another rocket start saw him take command of the race almost immediately to quickly distance himself from the pursuit group. Jeremy never looked back and greeted the checkered flag some ten seconds ahead of second place. History was made!

"I've been waiting for this moment for many years and I couldn't be happier with my results today and my final ranking in the series. I had aimed for top five and I achieved that goal," said Jeremy. "I couldn't have hoped for a better ending to the season. Everybody on the team worked so hard for me to bring me to this level and I like to thank them all. I want to give a special thank you to my mechanic Nick, team manager Andre Laurin, the people at Suzuki Canada, our sponsors, and last but not least my mom and dad, grandparents and my brother Tyler who



has been a super role model for me.”



In MX1 action, Tyler Medaglia pegged the first moto holeshot to lead the race for four laps. Despite competing with the after-effects of an injury sustained at Round 8, which kept him off his bike all week, Tyler rode courageously to finish the moto in third, claiming valuable points that saw him narrow the gap in the points chase between himself and second place.

In moto two, he had a solid lock on second place until a crash put him at the back of the pack. Although shook up, he continued on to finish in 28th place which provided him with 10th overall on the day. Mitch Cooke, meanwhile, turned mid-pack starts into a 13th place finish in moto one and an

eighth place in moto two, carding eighth overall on the day.

“I had a great bike all season and a fantastic team behind me, I was physically fit and grabbed my best ever ranking in MX1, but personally I feel that I didn’t have a very good year,” said Cooke. “I can’t really pinpoint it, but I seemed to ride tight at every race and just never got up to the speed my RM-Z450 wanted to take me. I can’t really complain about finishing with a No.9 ranking, it’s just that I had expected more of myself.”

At the end of the day, an overjoyed Andre Laurin, Suzuki Rockstar Energy OTSFF team owner and manager, couldn’t help but walk around with a beaming smile that just wouldn’t go away. In fact, everyone in the Suzuki paddock was grinning from ear to ear when the season’s final points were tallied and the results of the final round sank in.

“My hopes were top five for both Tyler and Jeremy this year. They not only achieved that, they podiumed at most rounds and Team Suzuki and I are so pleased. For Jeremy and Tyler to claim their first pro career moto and overall wins with the team is bonus. I’m very happy that Tyler and our team were able to put the RM-Z450 EFI into third overall for the season,” said Andre Laurin. “Our technical and support staff has worked very hard to accomplish this number three ranking. I would personally like to thank all our sponsors, especially Suzuki Canada, Rockstar Energy, Hindle Exhaust, Lucas Oil, Pirelli



Tires, and Rekluse Clutches. A big thank you also goes to CMRC and all the fans who help make the great sport of motocross what it is in Canada. A very special thanks goes to Jim Burton, Nick Di Cristofaro, Steve Sims, Adam Robinson, and Sean Trendell. This crew was devoted to making the '08 season strong and they all deserve the podium with Tyler.”

Team Suzuki Rockstar Energy OTSFF Sports Marketing Group Canada would like to congratulate Tyler, Jeremy, Mitch, and Jocelyn for their excellent year-end rankings. Thanks to Brady Sheren, whom we wish a speedy recovery, and the entire team for their dedication and hard work all season long. A special thank you to all our quality suppliers for their support and contribution to our success: Rockstar Energy, Battleford Super Cycle, Braking, Capital Records Coast to Coast, Company West, DC, Denny's Canada, Dickies Canada, Dragon Optics, Evolved Sports Nutrition, Factory Effex, Gregoire Sport, Hindle, Hinson, Light Speed, Linx Distribution, Lucas Oil, Mechanix Wear, Motokuhl.com, NGK, OGIO, Permatex Canada, Pirelli, Phoenix Gold, RG3 Suspension Canada, Rekluse Clutches, SBS, Sixsixone, Skorbordz, Sosa Originals, Steady Mate, Steen Hansens, Sunline, Troy Lee Designs, Twin Air, Virgin Records, VP Racing Fuels and Wiseco.