

MX101 FXR YAMAHA

RACE REPORT - PRINCE GEORGE, BC



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Hometown Hero Jess Pettis goes 2-2 for his best career finish to date. The Prince George crowd went crazy for Jess for the whole weekend!

Shawn Maffenbeier came into this race holding the red plate as the leader in the championship. Unfortunately, a rock punctured his water pump and Shawn had to deal with a 3-DNF.

Two weeks in a row Hayden Halstead has found his stride, with this weeks 8th overall and is cementing himself as one to watch in the 2nd group behind the lead pack.

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Details of the Weekend:

This would be a hometown race for our #16 of Jess Pettis who grew up just 10 min from the track. Jess did an outstanding job juggling the added media and fan attention leading up to and during the race as well. He almost completed the story book tale with a second in Moto 1st and then leading the final Moto for 25 min. However, he was passed with just over 2 laps remaining after a great battle. Jess ended the weekend with 2-2 Moto scores and 2nd overall on the day, the best finish of his career to date. To say the partisan crowd was pleased would be an understatement as Jess commented on the podium "I could not even hear my bike in front of the grandstands as the fans were so loud".

His teammate and current holder of the red plate had a great first Moto showing why he was leading the points. After a top ten start Shawn put his head down and passed all of the series front runners on his way into the lead late in the Moto. Unfortunately in a yellow flag situation Shawn lost a bit of concentration trying to detect where the downed rider was and washed his front end and fell. He remounted behind Jess and came across the line in 3rd giving the team 2 riders on the podium in Moto 1. Moto 2 started nearly the same as Shawn made quick passes to find himself behind Thompson and Pettis. While trying to find away around Thompson for second a rock struck his water pump and punctured it leaving a trail of Evans coolant blowing out. Shawn did his best to baby the bike knowing something was wrong, unfortunately just past half way the bike stopped. The always professional Maffenbeier pushed the bike off the track effectively giving away the red plate.

Hayden Halstead had a great day with good starts and consistent Motos. A slight tip over late in Moto 1 cost him 4 positions leaving him with a 10th for Moto 1. His second Moto did not disappoint as he charged the entire time on the gruelling track to take his seasons best finish of 7th for 8th overall on the day.

Pettis leads the team in points sitting just 8 points out of the lead, Maffenbeier with his DNF sits 5th just 25 points down. Halstead with 2 good rounds sits 10th overall keeping all 3 riders inside the top 10!

We would also like to congratulate the group in Prince George who put on the race this past weekend. This event marked the first ever Rockstar Energy Drink MX National for Prince George. The whole club did an amazing job with fantastic facility prep, despite Mother Nature throwing them a curve ball with the amount of rain that fell Thursday through to Saturday.

The team heads to Calgary this coming weekend where we look to keep the streak of good rides alive

