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Monster Energy Motocross Nationals Return to Calgary

After a one year hiatus, the Monster Energy Motocross Nationals are returning to Wild Rose MX Park in Calgary on the weekend of June 13th and 14th to host Round 2 of the series. Located within the city limits Wild Rose not only offers a spectacular, spectator friendly track but an equally spectacular view of the Calgary skyline.

“Of all the motocross tracks in Canada, Wild Rose is unique because it’s actually right in the city, has easy access and, of course, there’s the awesome view of the skyline,” said CMRC President Mark Stallybrass. “We’re excited to have the venue back on the western leg of the schedule.”

The track, which deftly combines manmade obstacles with natural terrain, is also the home track of the defending MX1 Championship team, Toyota Yamaha Blackfoot Red Bull Fox Racing. In fact, the venue is visible from Blackfoot Motorsports’ expansive motorcycle dealership on Highfield Circle.



The powerhouse team, which has more or less dominated the nationals for nearly a decade, hasn’t won in their hometown since 2006, however, when they swept the MX1 class with Dusty Klatt and MX2 class with Jimmy Nelson.

Although Blackfoot Racing’s Kyle Beaton and Aron Harvey had more than their share of problems in the MX2 class at the opening round in Kamloops last weekend, the team’s

spectacular performance in MX1, with defending champ Colton Facciotti's double-moto win and teammate Klatt's second overall finish, leaves team owner Jason Mitchell confident of reclaiming their home territory.

"We're definitely thrilled to have the national return to Calgary and we're certain it will be another great event for all the riders as well as the fans," said Mitchell. "We've won here on quite a few occasions in the past in both MX1 and 2 and we'll be out there to repeat those wins."

Whether Surrey, BC's Beaton, who injured his hand at the first round of the series, will be back in action in Calgary remains uncertain. Although he still managed to finish the first moto from a back-of-the-pack remount, after crashing and injuring his hand, to finish 10th, he was unable to start the second moto. His teammate Harvey, however, who DNFd both motos in Kamloops, is anxious to regroup and start scoring championship points.

"We had some bad luck at the season opener but that's something you have to put behind you as soon as it's happened. It's a long season and at this stage anything is still possible," said Harvey who, like Beaton, was an MX2 title contender last year.

While Beaton and Harvey have a lot of ground to make up in MX2, look for Canidae Motorsport Monster Energy Kawasaki's Dean Wilson to lead a contingency of fellow Albertans including Kyle McGlynn (KTM), Jarred Allison (Kawasaki) and Parker Allison (Kawasaki) to set the pace at Wild Rose MX Park. Wilson, who rode only one national last year, raised a lot of eyebrows in Kamloops with an impressive clean sweep.

Rockstar Suzuki OTSFF's Tyler Medaglia will also have to turn up the heat in Calgary after a frosty start in the MX1 wars last weekend. The Ontario native, ranked No.3, suffered through crashes in both motos which saw him finish 15th overall on the strength of 8-19 results.

Also on the schedule at Wild Rose MX Park is Round 2 of the Royal Distributing Women's Nationals Presented by Suzuki. Local favourite Jessica Foster (Kawasaki), who finished fifth overall on the strength of 5-6 motos in Kamloops, is expected to be among the front-runners on her home track.

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