# TWISTED TEA SUZUKI PRESENTED BY PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE BATTLES THROUGH CHALLENGING BUDDS CREEK NATIONAL

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MECHANICSVILLE, Md. – Twisted Tea Suzuki Presented by Progressive Insurance returned to AMA Pro Motocross competition this weekend with Colt Nichols aboard the No. 45 Suzuki RM-Z450 at the Budds Creek National in Mechanicsville, Maryland.

The weekend marked Nichols ' first Pro Motocross appearance since Hangtown as the team returned to outdoor competition ahead of the upcoming SMX Playoffs.

Challenging weather and muddy track conditions added another element to an already demanding Budds Creek circuit. Nichols battled through a difficult opening moto before regrouping for Moto 2, where he improved to a 23rd-place finish. His 34-23 moto scores resulted in 29th overall on the day.

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While the results weren't what Nichols or the team had hoped for, Budds Creek provided valuable race time as the group turns its attention toward Ironman Raceway and the final preparations before the SMX Playoffs.

Colt Nichols – No. 45 Suzuki RM-Z450

"It was our first race back since Hangtown. It was a pretty rough one to say the least. The mud obviously made it a little chaotic. I didn't put myself in very good positions all day. I really struggled to get going. It's pretty tough coming in this late in the series. Just have to be a lot better than what I was today. So we'll get back to work this week and try to do better at Ironman."

Dustin Pipes – Team Principal

"Tough day at the office. We'll regroup for next weekend at Ironman so we can start the SMX playoffs on the right foot."

Budds Creek National – 450 Class Results

Colt Nichols – No. 45 Suzuki RM-Z450
Moto 1: 34th
Moto 2: 23rd
Overall: 29th

The team will return to action next weekend at Ironman Raceway, where Nichols and the Twisted

Tea Suzuki Presented by Progressive Insurance crew will look to close out their Pro Motocross appearances with a stronger result and build momentum heading into the SMX Playoffs.

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ABOUT PIPES MOTORSPORTS GROUP

About the Team: The team competes at the highest level of professional motocross and supercross, showcasing determination, development and a commitment to strong performances throughout the season.

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