



Round 2 Chequered Flag Report *UlaanBaatan, Mongolia 19th July*



2009 FIM UAM ASIAN MOTOCROSS/SUPERCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP (AMSC)



Mongolia ! land of the legendary Chinggis Khaan and host Country of Round 2 of the 2009 FIM UAM Asian Motocross/Supercross Championship. A sparsely populated landlocked Nation surrounded mainly by China with Russia to the North. Winter inflicts –30 deg while Summer can be +30 deg. The Mongolian people are tough and hardy and more known for their horsemanship than for Motorcycle Sport, however the 2008 AMSC winner was Khaliunbold Erdenbileg and he is proudly Mongolian.

Most International Riders jetted into the Capital Ulaanbaatan, exceptions were the Chinese who arrived by train and the Russians who drove from their own Country.

Accommodation was provided at the Olympic Hostel situated alongside the Mongolian Olympic Federation headquarters which encompasses the Mongolian Motor Cycle federation - MAMSF.

All in all nine Countries joined the Event, eight from the Asian region plus 2 Russian Riders not eligible for Asian Cup points.

The Motocross track had been constructed in a soil erosion area comprising sandy loam and overlooking Ulaanbaatan with a fertile valley in the foreground – indeed a perfect setting – that is until the heavens opened up on Friday and washed the lot away. Torrential rain came down complete with thunder lightning and even hail which unfortunately caused damage for the local people and the greater community.

By Saturday PM in clearing weather, the track was rebuilt and ready for practice. To cope with the weather induced delay, the decision was made to abandon the conventional QTT and revert to the results of Round 1 at Puerto Princesa City, Philippines plus a ballot for newcomers.

Sunday 19th July, Raceday

Warm up and Start practice in warm and Sunny conditions for both 125 and 85 categories, however it was evident the 85s would not qualify as a Championship Round being down on both stipulated Asian Nations and total Riders.

09.00 am was the start of 85 Moto1 and commencement of the all day live telecast.

Mr cool and casual 13yo Jerrick Mitra of the Philippines totally dominated the 15min + 2lap race leading from start to finish and lapping the entire field.

0930 Moto 1, AMSC 125 18 Starters – full grid 20min +2 laps

Start, then red flag after gate incident. An orderly restart for the 17 Riders on the line with holeshot Thai, Khaliunbold, Tabuchi-Japan, Golushko-Russia, Ruzhnicov-Russia.

Thanarat Penjan carrying the red plate as points leader from Round 1 was riding hard but local boy Khaliunbold anxious to do well in front of his home crowd was determined to pass him which he managed on lap 4, with top 5 now Khaliunbold, Thanarat, Eugeny Golushka. On lap 7 Thanarat fell at the back of the track allowing Eugeny to take over 2nd slot with Amir and Mongolian Temujin moving up followed by Tabuchi putting in one of his best AMSC rides. When the last lap board came out, the leading ten riders comprised a remarkable 7 different Countries. The chequered flag on the 17th lap gave top five as follows -

1 ^s Khaliunbold Erdenbileg	Mongolia	2 nd Eugeny Golushko	Russia
3 rd Thanarat Penjan	Thailand	4 th AmirReza Sabetifar	Iran
5 th Temujin Khadbaatar	Mongolia		



The formal opening Ceremony featuring traditional Mongolian dress and culture, preceding the 2nd 85cc race once again dominated from gate drop to chequered flag by Honda Rider Jerrick Mitra.

1130 Moto 2, AMSC 125 18 Starters – full grid 20min +2laps

Clean start with Riders tightly packed into turn 1 then onto turn 2 where bad dust on the drying track created a hazard. Once again it was Thanarat's Yamaha out front with Khaliunbold's YZ looking for a way past, but on lap 4 as he made his move, tragedy struck for the Mongolian No 1 as he crashed in a big way with Rider and Bike gyrating before coming to rest at the same place as Thanarat's Moto 1 episode. It was obvious Khaliunbold was hurt however a later hospital check thankfully revealed nothing broken (except his pride) With Mongolia's favourite out of the race, a subdued crowd watched as Temujin-Suzuki and Gan-Od Boldbaatar Honda did their best to regain honour for Mongolia however it was stronger performances by 6 Riders in front that kept them from the winners laurels. Top 5 for Moto 2 as follows -

1 st Thanarat	Yamaha	Thailand	2 nd Eugeny	Suzuki	Russia
3 rd AmirRiza	Honda	Iran	4 th Aep Dadang Supriatna	Honda	Indonesia
5 th Takeshi	Yamaha	Japan			

A postscript of Moto 2 would have to include the two Russians who both finished in the top 6 in their first AMSC event. Aep Dadang to achieve 4th, but the stand out improver is 16yo Amir from Iran. Creditable performances also from the first time Koreans and young Jan Carlo Rellosa as the Philippines gives emphasis to youth.

AMSC Championship points after two rounds -



AmirReza



Thanarat



Khaliunbold

1 st Thanarat Penjan	Thailand	95	6 th Shinichi Kaga	Japan	44
2 nd AmirReza Sabetifar	Iran	68	7 th Kriangkrai Thiannok	Thailand	36
3 rd Khaliunbold Erdenbilig	Mongolia	65	8 th Jan Carlo Rellosa	Philippines	35
4 th Aep Dadang Supriatna	Indonesia	52	9 th Takeshi Tabuchi	Japan	31
5 th Eugeny Golushko	Russia	44	10 th Temujin Khadbaatar	Mongolia	30