



CHEQUERED FLAG REPORT



2012 FIM ASIA MOTOCROSS/SUPERCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP (AMSC)

Round 2, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 10th June.



Speech by FIM Asia President Stephan Carapiet at the Opening Ceremony

Round 2 of the 2012 FIM Asia Motocross/Supercross Championship sited just outside the Mongolian capital City Ulaanbaatar, certainly provided contrasting weather conditions to that of Rd1 in the Philippines. Cold and windy conditions prevailed for the three day program, even to a touch of sleet on day two. Despite the weather, the Senior 125/MX2 class was still the domain of Thailand and Japan with Arnon Theplib and Tomoya Suzuki grabbing top spots, while Mongolian Khishignyam Munkbolar turned the tables on the Philippine's Mark Flores in the Junior 85s, and a group of visiting Russians completely dominated the Veterans with top four places in both Motos. It is 3 years since the AMSC had visited the Moringiin Davaa circuit and this time the Mongolian Federation wisely sited the paddock on level ground closer to the start area. Although facilities were somewhat lacking, the erection of a traditional Mongolian Ger added to the local atmosphere. 1/7

Friday's scheduled 15 min practice was cancelled due to delayed arrival of all competitors and the concern of track deterioration, however the two Saturday practice sessions complied with minimum AMSC regulations, but the qualifying period was converted to a ballot in the interests of track conservation.

The small core of AMSC personnel swung into action on Sunday Race day with the experienced Arthur Valdez from the Philippines overseeing track organization. The track had been watered but the result was not optimum.



MAMSF produced an excellent opening ceremony complete with parachutists who defied the windy conditions to thrill the onlookers scattered around the 2,300 meter circuit.

Moto 1 12.15 pm Junior 85cc 15min + 2 laps
Gate drop, but two of the over enthusiastic youngsters fell just 5 meters later, meantime the leaders were well around the first turn. Lap 1 positions had the current red plate holder Mark Flores out front with Mongolian series contender Khishignyam Munkbolar second, then followed by a gaggle of fellow Mongolians to Russian Gennadii Shakhurov, then Erdenepurer Purevjav who was passed on the 3rd lap. These positions remained until the 6th lap when Munkbolar took over the lead after Flores dropped 4 places. Meantime steam was sighted omitting from the Russian bike and on the second last lap it was all over for a tearful little Gennadii. Top 3 at Chequered flag on lap 8 -

1st Munkbolar,

2nd Flores,

3rd Murun Purevdoru

Moto 1 13.50 pm Veterans 10min + 1 lap
 From little boys to big boys, with 3 Fathers sharing the same bike with their 125/MX2 Sons, including 53yo Batkhishig Khadbaatar watched nervously by his Son Temuujin.
 Lap 1 positions comprised three Russians - Nicoli Grigoryev, Yury Polikarpov, Valery Martenyanov, then the evergreen Batkhishig to Philippine Marciano San Andres followed by top age and weight, Guam's Stanley Yasuhiro.
 Lap 2 showed Nicoli and Yury had swapped places with Andrey Steponov gaining a couple of places into 5th but Batkhishig held third place until the final lap when Andrey and Valery stormed through. Chuluunbat D. was lapped on the penultimate lap.
 Top 3 an all Russian affair of -

1st Yury Polikarpov 2nd Nicoli Grigoryev 3rd Andrey Steponov

Moto 1 Senior 125/MX2 20min + 2 laps
 15 Riders leapt out of the gates a few seconds after a very beautiful Mongolian girl displayed the 5 second board before beating a hasty retreat off the track.
 Lap 1 showed all the expected stars fighting it out at the front of the field of 15 Riders - Arnon Theplib, Tomoya Suzuki, Jugkrit Suksripaisan, Local hero Khaliunbold Erdenbileg, and Russian Evgeny Golushko. Lap 2 and Khaliunbold was fighting hard despite an injured collarbone and had moved into 3rd place, before crashing on the following lap, then re appearing on lap 4 as fourth Rider plus one lap down. Meanwhile upfront, Turbo Arnon Theplib was setting a cracker pace closely pursued by Tomoya with Jugkrit, Temuujin (now taking up the honours for Mongolia) and Evgeny following up in that order. The gusting cold wind at times helped to clear the dust while at others it aggravated the problem by sweeping it down from the old paddock area. Philippines Kenneth San Andres hung onto 6th place before finally being passed by the Turbo/Tomoya Juggernaut on the 10th lap. Out came the Chequered flag on the 12th lap, however the Temuujin / Evgeny battle for 4th place right on the official finish line was perhaps the hilite of the race. Top 5 –

1 st Turbo.	2 nd Tomoya.	3 rd Jugkrit.	4 th Evgeny	5 th Temuujin.
Honda	Yamaha	Honda	Suzuki	KTM

A tasty lunch provided by MAMSF followed, with most Riders sheltering in their Bus and the traditional Ger to keep out of the heavy wind. Arthur Valdez was sighted casting an eye on the weather conditions, ready to put his contingency plans into play.

With Moto 2 of the Junior 85 the next event on the program, Gennadii Shakhurov's tears had been replaced with a smile so bright, it would have illuminated the road all the way back to Siberia when it was arranged for him to ride the FIM Asia Honda CR80. This bike, the oldest in the AMSC stock, actually won the 2002 Sydney Supercross, when campaigned by Luke George who went on to become Australian Prolite Champion. After some preparation by the Russian contingent including proud Father Nicolay, Gennadi was ready to go.



Junior 85cc line up

Moto 2 15.15pm

Junior 85cc

15min +2 laps

An almost mirror image of Moto 1, except this time Khishignyam held top spot for the entire race with all the youngsters maintaining their positions excepting Gennadii and Erdenepurer who were lapped on the penultimate lap of the 15min + 2lap Moto.

1st Khishignyam
Mongolia

2nd Mark
Philippines

3rd Murun
Mongolia



Combined Moto 1&2 Jr 85 winners from L. M.Flores. K. Munkbolar. M. Purevdoru

Moto 2 16.10pm

Veterans

10min +1lap

Of particular significance as the Veterans pushed their Bikes from the waiting Zone to the Start gate was the spontaneous hand clapping that erupted from a group of Spectators, no doubt out of respect for these Riders who were still keen to race motorcycles in their latter years.

First lap the same as Moto 1 with Nicoli out front of Yury, but instead of making the same pass on his Countryman , Yury was on the ground and for a 50yo that's not the ideal place to be. After a dust off and remounting he appeared to be making his way to the paddock when either a change of mind or mindful of rejoining at the same exit position, he turned and rejoined in 9th place still on the same lap. Meantime Chuluunbat D. had dropped a lap in the early stages while Stan Yasuhiro quietly circulated near the back of the pack, content in the knowledge that he was the only visiting Rider to be carrying Championship points from Round 1. This time the Russians filled first 5 places with once again Batkhishig doing the honours for Mongolia in 6th place. Top 3 as follows

1st Nicoli Grigoryev
Suzuki

2nd Andrey Litvinov
Kawasaki

3rd Andrey Steponov
Yamaha



Combined Veterans from L Yury Polikarpov

Nicoli Grigoryev

Andrey Steponov

Moto 2

Senior 125/MX2

20min +2laps

Lap 1 and it was a challenging group of Khaliunbold, Turbo, Evgeny, Temuujin, Kenneth, Jugkkrit, China's Yang Jie, Tomoya, China's Jianhao Xu, Bayanjargal, Guam's Jacob Einloth in that order.

Turbo picked up his customary front running to get clean air on lap 2 which he held to the finish but the hard work went to Tomoya who had to battle his way through dust and Riders before he could slot in behind Turbo on the 10th lap. Khaliunbold rode a smarter race, making sure he remained on the bike rather than the dirt. One of the standouts was Russian Evgeny Golushko who managed to finish just in front of the very talented Jugkkrit in his first AMSC event since 2009. Top 5 places -

1 st Turbo	2 nd Tomoya	3 rd Khaliunbod	4 th Evgeny	5 th Jugkkrit
Honda	Yamaha	KTM	Suzuki	Honda



Combined Senior 125/MX2 from L

Tomoya Suzuki

Turbo Arnon Theplib

Evgeny Golushko

Note the Quality of Trophies and the presentation of a Tissot watch to each class Winner

Hats off to Arthur Valdez for balancing the fine line between Rider safety whilst maintaining full Race distances. For full Championship points, refer the previous insert in asiamx, and for individual Round 2 results refer the insert two items prior in asiamx. Stay tuned to your dedicated AMSC website for exciting remaining rounds with dates shortly to be announced.

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