



CHEQUERED FLAG REPORT

2012 FIM ASIA MOTOCROSS/SUPERCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP (AMSC)

Round 4,

Manila, Philippines

Sunday 28th October

A 15 min warm up/start practice scheduled at 0845am for each of the 3 AMSC Championship classes followed by various NAMSSA support races, with CoC Arthur Valdez ensuring Moto 1 of Round 4 kicking off on schedule at 1145am.

*Moto 1, Round 4. Junior 85cc

Muran Purevdorj had applied to change from the ex Monkhbolor CR 85R to another KX85 while unfortunately Monkhbolor himself was in spectator mode following a Round 3 mishap.

After the mandatory AMSC sighting lap, the start marshal sent them on their way and first lap top five order was Flores, Gunawardena, Macaso, Ramento, Purevdorj. Gabriel made his pass on Jacques on the next lap, and by lap 3 was in the lead while the remaining 4 maintained the same positions. By half way Christian had slipped past Jacques but despite a light fall on lap 7, the Sri Lankan lad was still holding his own with the more experienced AMSC youngsters. Lap 18 was Chequered Flag time with top 5 honours going to -

1st G.Macaso 2nd M.Flores 3rd J.Gunawardena 4th F. De Luna–Philippines,CR85. 5th M.Purevdorj



The Philippine's Gabriel Macaso won 3 of 4 Motos in Round 3 and 4

***Moto 1 Round 4. Veterans**

Opening lap honours to 55yo Guillermo, but from Lap 2 to Chequered Flag, the order of top 3 – 43yo Marciarno San Andres, Guillermo Gonzales and 53yo Mike Zolin never changed with Series Leader 54yo Stan Yasuhiro content to play it safe further back while 54yo Dominic Tan courteously moved off the racing line to facilitate faster Riders passing him from the 4th lap. 42yo Dennis Duran withdrew on the 6th lap. Chequered flag on the 11th lap with top 5 awarded to -

1st M. San Andres 2nd G. Gonzales 3rd M. Zolin 4th S. Yasuhiro 5th 48yo Johnny Saulog

***Moto 1, Round 4. Senior 125/MX2**

The penultimate Senior Moto for the 2012 AMSC and every one was asking the same question – Can Turbo Theplib win every Moto for the season ? Later that afternoon, we would know the answer, but for this Moto he was in domineering form and lapped the entire field, no doubt aided by a bad start from fellow Thai Jugkrit and the resolute Tomoya battling with a deflating rear tyre from the 16th lap to the 28 lap conclusion. Jovie Saulog had his moment of glory by getting the hole shot and holding off Turbo for one lap before the inevitable happened. Top five for this Moto –

1st A. Theplib 2nd J. Suksripaisan 3rd T. Suzuki 4th K. San Andres 5th R. Mangosong



Legendary Jovie Saulog shows the way as he leads Turbo into Turn 1

*** Moto 2, Round 4. Junior 85cc**

Murun had finished Moto 1 in pain from a wrist injury and was content to sit out this final Round until Mongolian patriotism got the better of him shortly before Moto 2 and after checks by the CMO, he was reluctantly cleared to race and joined his Kawasaki in the waiting zone.

Gabriel held his expected first place on the first lap followed by Mark, Jacques, Murun and Christian, but on lap 2, a slip had relegated him to second with Mark only too happy to take over front running. Despite a little too much encouragement from the signal/service area, Gabriel was not able to retake front running but maintained his 2nd place to the end, meanwhile Murun was visibly slower as he conserved his wrist while Jacques had the KTM positively singing as the fast improving Sri Lanka youngster revelled in his first AMSC foray and justifying his Father's bike preparation the previous night. Top five for the final Moto -

1st #1 -Mark 2nd #2 -Gabriel 3rd #15 -Jacques 4th #4 – Christian 5th #16 - Francis

*** Moto 2 Round 4. Veterans**

For 7 laps Guam's Stan Yasuhiro's Honda CRF450 held off Jovie Saulog's Kawasaki KX125 mounted older Brother Johnny, while Kenneth San Andres Father Marciano, Mike Zolin and Guillermo Gonzales swapped around 3rd, 4th, and 5th places for most of their final Moto before Marciano was lapped by Johnny on the penultimate lap and by Stan on the final lap, but when the finish Marshal displayed the Chequered Flag the applause was for -

1st Johnny Saulog 2nd S. Yasuhiro 3rd M. Zolin 4th G. Gonzales 5th M. San Andres
* Moto 2 Round 4 Senior 125/MX2

Although Theplib had a comfortable Championship points advantage going into the final Moto, a DNF or a simple flat tyre could still change the outcome, and it was going to be down to the wire for 2nd place with only 8 points separating Suzuki from Suksripaisan.

The evergreen Jovie Saulog grabbed the holeshot and still held the lead at the end of lap 1 closely followed by Tomoya with both Thai Riders further back in the pack. The Japanese Rider took over front running on lap 2 and the young Thai Rider had moved up to 3rd place with Turbo in 5th behind Rhowell Mangosong. Lap 4 and there was action aplenty with Tomoya still in the lead followed by Jugkrit, Turbo, Jovie, Kenneth, former Junior Champ Jerick Mitra, and Japanese newcomer Hiroshi Kawamura. Lap 5 and Turbo had taken Jugkrit with the other front Runners remaining constant. Guam's ex Junior Jacob Einloth competing in his first full Senior AMSC was lapped on the 6th and on lap 8, the Thai tornado moved into his customary 1st place ahead of Tomoya, Jugkrit, Kenneth, Jovie and Hiroshi in that order. From halfway the blue flag marshals were on their toes as the front runners constantly encountered lapped Riders and those same lapped Riders were thwarted in their race endeavours on the short circuit. Final places for the final Moto -

1st Arnon Theplib 2nd Tomoya Suzuki 3rd Jugkrit S. 4th Jovie Saulog. 5th Kenneth S A



2012 Senior 125/MX2 AMSC Champion Arnon "Turbo" Theplib

Summary

1. FIM Asia President Stephan "Macky" Carapeit announced that Round 4 on 28th October was the final AMSC Round for 2012. He also announced that January 19th is confirmed as the opening 2013 AMSC Round at Puerto Princesa, Palawan, Philippines. All other 2013 AMSC dates/location to be finalised and released as a block later this year.

2. As the hype of 2012 fades, it is obvious that 3 of 4 Rounds in the one Country distorts the total points/position tally, however in each case, the Championship Winner was a Rider who competed in all Rounds.

* Junior 85cc

Congratulations to Jr 85cc winner Mark Flores who retained the title despite late season injuries. Commiserations to the two Mongolian boys who had their Championship aspirations sadly dashed. Welcome to new Sri Lanka Rider Jacques Gunawardena. Watch this Rider/Father/Bike combination

* Veterans

Inaugural year for this new category to showcase and honour the older Riders. Attracted Riders from six different Countries in its first year ! Who will forget the applause and respect as yesterday's hero's left the waiting zone in Mongolia. Congratulations to Guam's Stanley Yasuhiro.

* Senior 125/MX2

Arnon "Turbo" Theplib. Four Rounds, 8 Motos, and he dominated every one with his performance on the Honda CRF250 and his polite humility at all other times.

Tomoya Suzuki, double the age of his third placed adversary Jugkrit Suksripaisan. These two swapped 2nd & 3rd places for the entire season and finished up with a difference of only 8 points.

* For 2012 AMSC points summary for the 3 Championships and all other news go to asiamx.org

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