



## CHEQUERED FLAG REPORT

### 2012 FIM ASIA MOTOCROSS/SUPERCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP (AMSC)

**Round 3**

**Manila, Philippines**

**27<sup>th</sup> October**

Due to ongoing delay in finalising the intended venue for Round 3 of the 2012 AMSC, Manila was substituted and SR released on 29<sup>th</sup> September. On 17<sup>th</sup> October, Bulletin No 1 was issued announcing that it would be a B class meeting with various limitations. On 24<sup>th</sup> October, an event notice was issued notifying that Manila would comprise Saturday Oct 27<sup>th</sup> as Rd 3 and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> to be Rd 4.

Despite cancellation of Friday practice due to a soggy track from the tail end of a Typhoon, track conditions turned out to be near perfect for Round 3 as the water had penetrated deep into the soil of the metro Manila short circuit. With Senior Rider Khaliunbold Erdenbileg out due to injury, Mongolia opted to send two of their 85cc Riders as Monkboldor Khishigmunk was a Championship contender in the Junior category and back up Murun Purevdorj had achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place at Rd 2 in Mongolia. They were joined by AMSC first timer, 13yo Jacques Gunawardena from Sri Lanka. Another newcomer was Japanese Hiroshi Kawamura in the Senior 125/MX2 class. All visiting Riders passed the Friday Technical and Registration process.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct dawned with the promise of clearing weather and an 8.00am start to accommodate two practice sessions for each class to conform to the regulatory minimum of 30 min, followed by qualifying, then straight into Moto 1 of Round 3 for Junior 85cc, Veterans and Senior 125/MX2 in that order.

\* Junior 85cc – a walkover for Philippine's 13yo Gabriel Macaso YZ85, followed by Series leader Mark Flores CRF150 and 14yo Christian Ramento CRF 150, but a disaster for the 14yo Mongolians with DNF for both Monkboldor and Murun in the 15min + 2lap Moto 1.

\*Veterans – Series leader of the 40yo plus category, Guam's 54 yo Stan Yasuhiro CRF450, further increased his Championship lead followed by Philippines domiciled 53 yo Mike Zolin CRF250, to Philippines 55 yo Guillermo Gonzales KXF250 in their Moto 1 of 10min + 1lap.

\*125/MX2 – Total domination of the 14 Rider 20min + 2lap Moto 1 by Thailand’s Arnon Theplib CRF250 as he lapped the entire field bar 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Tomoya Suzuki YZ250F. 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Thailand’s Jugkrit Suksripaisan CRF250 followed by Philippines Kenneth San Andres KXF250 and the legendary Jovie Saulog CRF250 in 5<sup>th</sup> place. A welcome entry was ex Jr 85cc contender, 15yo Ralph Ramento having his first Senior AMSC ride.



**Gate drop and note Jovie Saulog’s reflexes as #8 launches from the start.**

\*Jr 85 Moto 2 – First to Fourth places same as Moto 1, but this time Murun was riding Monkhbolar’s CR85R and achieved fifth place. Jacques held his own in the early stages of the race but was slowing and eventually DNF with a dragging rear brake on his KTM85sx.

\*Veterans Moto 2 - Of the elder statesmen, it was again the Guam Dental Surgeon Stan Yasuhiro, this time followed by the popular Johnny Saulog KX125, and Mr nice guy Mike Zolin “Living his dreams”



**Guam Master Veteran Stan Yasuhiro hole shots and leads ‘em into the first corner**

\*125/MX2 – First four laps and the leaders remained as Turbo, Jovie, Jugkrit, Tomoya and Kenneth before they encountered lapped Riders on the 7<sup>th</sup> lap. This time 16yo Jugkrit attained a better start and managed to stay in front of the wily Tomoya and by race end on lap 28, the winners scoreboard showed as 1<sup>st</sup> Arnon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jugkrit, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tomoya, 4<sup>th</sup> Kenneth, 5<sup>th</sup> Rhowell Mangosong – Philippines, KTM.



**3 Stages of Philippine Riders.**

**Left - Kenneth San Andres**

**Centre - Jovie Saulog**

**Right - Jerick Mitra**

Thus finished Round 3 of the 2012 FIM Asia Motocross/Supercross Championship, with Round 4 to take place at the same Manila Speedworld Circuit the following day