



CHEQUERED FLAG REPORT



2013 FIM ASIA MOTOCROSS/SUPERCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP (AMSC)

Round 3 & 4

Manila, Philippines

Sat 16th & Sun 17th November

Riders from 7 Asian Countries converged on Manila to battle it out for the penultimate and final Rounds of the 2013 FIM Asia Motocross/Supercross 85cc, Veterans and 125/MX2 Championships, even though both Rounds had been declared B grade events with limited benefits.

Due to a cancelled flight, Japanese Riders Suzuki and Kawamura arrived at the Speedworld circuit direct from the Airport, but were still able to complete both Friday practice sessions. Unfortunately, Iran's Ali Borzoozadeh, who achieved two 3rd places at Malaysia's Rd 2, suffered a left arm injury in practice, resulting in him moving to the Iran supporters group for the weekend.

Saturdays' Top five Qualifying for each category -

85cc - 1st M. Tschop. 2nd M. Flores. 3rd G. Macaso. 4th J. Gunawardena. 5th M. Soleimani.

Veterans - 1st S. Yasuhiro. 2nd J. Saulog. 3rd M. San Andres. 4th G. Gonzales. 5th E. Abonita.

125/MX2 - 1st S. Lipanovich. 2nd J. Suksripaisan. 3rd A. Theplib. 4th A. Sabetifar. 5th T. Suzuki.

Round 3, Saturday 16th Dry and Hot Bicutan Speedworld Circuit

Moto 1, Round 3, 85cc Junior 15min + 2 laps

Hole shot to Michael Tschop, but an early fall put paid to his brilliant start and relegated him to 8th. Lap 2 had series leader Mark Flores- RP out front followed by Jacques Gunawardena- Sri Lanka, Gabriel Macaso- RP, Mohammadreza Soleimani- Iran, John M. Antonio- RP. By lap 3 the top 3 had lapped Lester Velasco and Kenneth Herrera and on the following lap Macaso fell after the whoops and the YZ was on the ground still in gear with a jammed open throttle. Gabriel attempted to pick it up but it had a mind of its own and took off until it ran into the side of the tabletop where a quick thinking official managed to hit the kill switch. Top 3 places -

1st Mark Flores - Honda. 2nd Jacques Gunawardena - KTM. 3rd Mohammadreza Soleimani - KTM.

Moto 1, Round 3, Veterans 10min +1 lap

Hole shot to the Guam Dental surgeon with a go to win all the way for 55yo Stan Yasuhiro on his Honda CRF450. Top 3 places -

1st Stanley Yasuhiro - Honda. 2nd Eduardo Abonita - Honda. 3rd Guillermo Gonzales - Kawasaki.

Moto 1, Round 3, 125/MX2 Senior 20min +2 laps

Hole shot to Sean Lipanovich with lap 1 positions - 1 Lipanovich. 2 Sabetifar. 3 Theplib. 4 Suksripaisan. 5 Suzuki.

Mitra was lapped on the 7th with Cepeda suffering the same fate on the 8th, meanwhile the pace up front was frenetic with 23 yo Sean Lipanovich still holding top slot from Sabetifar and the closing juggernaut of Theplib and Suksripaisan before the Iranian succumbed to Theplib on the 13th lap and on the 17th Theplib claimed front running. Try as he may, it was lap 24 before Suksripaisan could make his pass on Sabetifar and when the chequered flag came out on the 28th lap, it was a welcome sight for some exhausted Riders including a heat distressed Amir Sabetifar. Top 3 places -

1st Arnon Turbo Theplib - Honda. 2nd Sean Lipanovich - Honda. 3rd Jugkrit Suksripaisan - Honda.

Moto 2, Round 3, 85cc Junior 15min +2

Again Michael Tschop was the star starter and held the lead for 2 laps before the experienced Flores made his pass. 3rd was the diminutive Soleimani, Macaso then Gunawardena rounding out the top 5. The excitable Macaso dropped 2 places on the 4th, giving himself the added task of coming through lapped Riders. Meanwhile from 4th to 12th lap the front group remained as Mark, Michael, Mohammedreza and Jacques until Mohammed had a bad fall on the 13th. With medical staff attending the Iran boy on track, the Race was eventually red flagged and with 75% completed, full points were awarded. Top 5 results -

1st Mark Flores – No 1, 2nd Michael Tschop – No 5, 3rd Jacques Gunawardena – No 3
4th Gabriel Macaso – No 2, 5th John Marick Antonio – No 17



Moto 2, Round 3, Veterans 10min +1

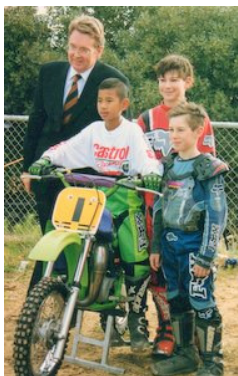
Only seven Riders lined up for Moto 2, but the stand out still Stan Yasuhiro as he led them from start to finish of the 11 lap race. Top 3 places -

1st Stanley Yasuhiro – No 1, 2nd Edwardo Abonito – No 9, 3rd Marciano San Andres – No 3,

Moto 2, Round 3, 125/MX2 Senior 20min +2

Once again it was lightening Lipanovich out of the gate and in front for 5 laps before Suzuki claimed front running for the next 16 laps. Sean withdrew on lap 12 after his mystery ailment kicked in again and Hiroshi Kawamura made a stop and go at the service area on lap 14. Turbo claimed his mandatory front running on lap 22 and held it to the Chequered flag on lap 27. Amir Sabetifar succumbed to exhaustion again and retired during the closing laps. Top 3 results -

1st Arnon Theplib - No 1, 2nd Tomoya Suzuki - No 2, 3rd Jugkrit Suksripaisan - No 3



Arnon (Turbo) Theplib

A smallish Turbo (left) readies for the 1998 Australian Junior Championship flanked by the Western Australia Premier and newfound friends. The popular Thai Rider has certainly blossomed into a top Rider for his Country. Even though he was forced to miss Round 2 in Malaysia this year due to National commitments, he has fought back in Manila despite a first corner pile up in the final Moto of the year to attain a creditable 3rd overall for the year.



2013 AMSC Top 5 places and points up to and including Round 3

85cc Junior

1 st	Mark Flores	Honda	Philippines	141 pts
2 nd	Jacques Gunawardena	KTM	Sri Lanka	122 pts
3 rd	Gabriel Macaso	Honda/Yamaha	Philippines	119 pts
4 th	Michael Tipolo/Tschop	Honda	Philippines	69 pts
5 th	Mohammed Daud Kasim	Honda	Malaysia	50 pts

Veteran 125/MX2 & 450/MX1

1 st	Stanley Yasuhiro	Honda	Guam	134 pts
2 nd	Marciano San Andres	Kawasaki	Philippines	112 pts
3 rd	Guillermo Gonzales	Kawasaki	Philippines	70 pts
4 th	Darnel Francisco	KTM/Yamaha	Philippines	59 pts
5 th	Edwardo Abonita	Honda	Philippines	58 pts

125/MX2 Senior

1 st	Jugkrit Suksripaisan	Honda	Thailand	132 pts
2 nd	Tomoya Suzuki	Yamaha	Japan	124 pts
3 rd	Kenneth San Andres	Kawasaki	Philippines	103 pts
4 th	Arnon Theplib	Honda	Thailand	100 pts
5 th	Hiroshi Kawamura	Yamaha/Kawasaki	Japan	65 pts

Round 4, Sunday 17th Nov. Dry & Hot Bicutan Speedworld Circuit

Sunday morning's opening Ceremony was dedicated to victims of Typhoon Haiyan and included a minutes silence followed by Honda AP announcing they were making a donation and FIM Asia President Mr Stephan Carapiet pledging to double that amount to add to the World wide donations for those affected by the Philippine disaster. Certainly a solo and emotional rendition of the Lupang Hinirang by Jury President Arthur Valdez represented the feelings of the Motor Cycle fraternity for Filipinos in their hour of need.

Moto 1, Round 4, 85cc Junior 15min+2

Philippines rising star Michael Tschop again with an early but short lived lead before a lap 2 incident involving Mark Flores resulted in Gabriel Macaso out front followed by the Sri Lankan. This time Gabriel rode well in a desperate attempt to regain the Championship 2nd place from Jacques Gunawardena who had improved markedly due to his recent foray in the 2013 Australian Junior MX Championship, but Jacques hung on tenaciously even though he was 9 seconds in arrears knowing he still retained a narrow points advantage. Meantime Mark rode his usual calculated race as he fought through lapped Riders to 3rd place in front of John Antonio and Michael Tschop. Top 3 places with ages as per their first entered 2013 Round –

1st Gabriel Macaso – 14yo, Jacques Gunawardena - 13yo, Mark Flores – 14yo,

Moto 1 Round 4, Veterans 10min +1

Same evergreen Yasuhiro from start to finish with Top 3 places with ages as per their first entered 2013 Round –

1st Stanley Yasuhiro – 55yo, 2nd Edwardo Abonito – 42yo 3rd Guillermo Gonzales – 55yo

Moto 1 Round 4, 125/MX2 Senior 20min+2

A short lived lead for Lipanovich as a gate malfunction forced a restart when 3 Riders were left stranded at the start. Officials worked efficiently and methodically and would not restart until the gates operated correctly after countless test drops.

Restart Hole shot, although short lived, to Philippine legend 48 yo Jovie Saulog who had been switched from his entered Veteran class to 125/MX2 Seniors !

Although Lipanovich led for the first 7 laps, his ailment had been traced to a suspected stomach upset contracted during his incoming 18hr flight and the likable 23yo retired on the 7th lap handing the lead to Suzuki who displayed great skill and fitness by retaining 1st place through to the 27th lap Chequered Flag. Rowell Mangusong retired on lap 8 but Amir Sabetifar fought through his exhaustion and lack of bike time to finish a creditable fourth. Top 3 places with ages as per their first entered 2013 Round –

1st Tomoya Suzuki – 35yo 2nd Arnon Theplib – 24yo 3rd Jugkrit Suksripaisan – 16yo

The wiley but humble Tomoya both Thais to the Chequered flag. polite, the popular Japanese Rider is Riders. In his Podium speech, he was commiseration to fellow Japanese the best of luck in Rounds 3 & 4.



demonstrates his ability by beating Always enthusiastic and always ultra always an inspiration to younger more concerned to give Hiroshi Kawamura who did not have

Moto 2 Round 4, 85cc Junior 15min + 2

For his swansong, Mark Flores gave an awesome display of his capability as he led from start to finish in his final Race as an AMSC Junior 85 Rider. Second was his possible Junior heir, Michael Tschop, who proved a revelation in this double B grade event. Third was an improving Jacques Gunawardena who still has age on his side. Fourth was the enthusiastic Gabriel Macaso. Top 3 places –

1st Mark Flores–Philippines, 2nd Michael Tschop–Philippines, 3rd Jacques Gunawardena–Sri Lanka

Moto 2 Round 4, Veterans 10min +1

For this final Moto, it was Edwardo Abonita who was the early leader but his moment of glory was short lived when Guam's elder statesman overtook him on the 3rd lap. The same group of Riders featured in the minor placings, but final Championship points reflect that only Yasuhiro and San Andres competed all 2013 Rounds. Top 3 places –

1st Stanley Yasuhiro–Guam, 2nd Edwardo Abonita–Philippines, 3rd Marciano San Andres–Philippines

Moto 2 Round 4, 125/MX2 Senior 20 min +2

Holeshot again for Sean, but problems when Turbo and Rowell went down in the first corner and they restarted in 2nd and 3rd last after a dust off, however Rowell retired shortly after on the 5th lap leaving Turbo to battle his way through the entire field. Amir was riding the race of his life and held front running for 15 laps until Jugkrit slipped past for a win on the 26th lap, with the Championship

well and truly in the bag with adversary Tomoya in third place. James Cepeda was lapped on lap 4 and Hiroshi Kawamura had an off on lap 15. Although out of the top group, Philippine star Kenneth San Andres attained a creditable 6th & 5th and 5th & 5th for the double Manila Rounds. Top 3 places –

1st Jugkrit Suksripaisan – Thailand. 2nd Amir Sabetifar – Iran. 3rd Tomoya Suzuki - Japan

Final top 3 - 2013 AMSC positions –

85cc Juniors

1 st	Mark Flores	Honda	Philippines	186 pts
2 nd	Jacques Gunawardena	KTM	Sri Lanka	164 pts
3 rd	Gabriel Macaso	Honda/Yamaha	Philippines	162 pts

Veterans

1 st	Stanley Yasuhiro	Honda	Guam	184 pts
2 nd	Marciano San Andres	Kawasaki	Philippines	152 pts
3 rd	Guillermo Gonzales	Kawasaki	Philippines	106 pts

125/MX2 Senior

1 st	Jugkrit Suksripaisan	Honda	Thailand	177 pts
2 nd	Tomoya Suzuki	Yamaha	Japan	169 pts
3 rd	Arnon Theplib	Honda	Thailand	140 pts

For complete detailed results, refer to asiamx.org

2013 Asia Motocross/Supercross Champions



85cc Junior
Mark Flores – Philippines



Veterans
Stan Yasuhiro –Guam



125/MX2 Senior
Jugkrit Suksripaisan – Thailand



Amir Sabetifar – Fourth in Moto 1 of Round 3, DNF in the next. Fourth again in Moto 1 of Round 4, then a brilliant second in the final – a roller coaster ride for the 20yo Iranian in his first AMSC appearance for 2013. Obvious lack of bike time resulted in exhaustion, which he fought through in a desperate effort to be the sole Iran team member after the two Juniors and fellow Senior Rider Ali Borzouzadeh were all sidelined. Amir first joined the AMSC as a 15yo in 2008 and achieved fourth in his maiden year.

From the faded AMSC files of 2003, please refer to 5th placed Junior Rider - 13yo Sean Lipanovich ! Yes, he is back in his new guise as a 23yo Senior Rider with years of experience under his belt. A mystery illness affected him at Rds 3 & 4, but not before impressing all with his lightening speed. Watch out for Sean Lipanovich in 2014.

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2003 ASIAN MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP
B&S Junior 12 (12 - u15 AAA/Year)

Pos.	COUNTRYRider	Age	Nationality	FIM	Machine	Total Points	Round 1 (Malac)		Round 2 (Malac)	
							Moto 1	Moto 2	Moto 1	Moto 2
1	Mason WILKIE	13	New Zealand	MNZ	Suzuki	70	26	Cancelled	20	26
2	Liu Lang	14	China	CHN	Honda	60	18	Forced Off	20	22
3	Ken SAN ANDRES	14	Philippines	PHI	Honda	60	20	" "	22	20
4	CHAN YAT H. Sunny	14	China	CHN	Honda	44	18	" "	16	18
5	Sean LIPANOVICH	13	Guam	ASM	Yamaha	40	15	" "	13	14
6	Luke GEORGE	13	Australia	AUS	Suzuki	40	22	" "	DNF	18
7	Ryle GUINATA	12	Guam	ASM	Suzuki	36	13	" "	12	11
8	Iwan HERMANIAN	12	Indonesia	IDN	Suzuki	36	14	" "	11	10
9	YAO Yao	14	China	CHN	Yamaha	31	DNF	" "	18	16
10	Shane MORRISON	14	Guam	ASM	Suzuki	30	DNF	" "	18	12
11	Mohd. YUSOFF	14	Malaysia	ASM	Suzuki	30	DNF	" "	14	18
12	Joey CRIBB/TOMO	12	Guam	ASM	Kawasaki	10	DNF	" "	10	DNF
13	MING Xiang Cheng	14	China	CHN	Honda	8	DNF	" "	8	DNF
14	NG Ka Lun	12	Hong Kong	HKS	Kawasaki	8	DNF	" "	8	DNF
15	ZHU Qin Hua	14	China	CHN	Honda	0	DNF	" "	DNF	DNF
16	Peter CRUZ	12	Guam	ASM	Suzuki	0	DNF	" "	DNF	DNF