



2010 FIM ASIA MOTOCROSS/SUPERCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP (AMSC)

Round 3, Chequered Flag Report

Tehran, Iran. 8th October



The ancient and historical Country of Iran hosted Round 3 of the 2010 FIM Asia Motocross Supercross Championship at Tehran on Friday October 8th with both Tomoya Suzuki and Jerick Mitra extending their leads in their respective Senior and Junior categories.

Riders from all the regular Asian Nations attended plus the welcome addition of Bahrain and Tajikistan and a UAEMC licensed competitor. On arrival at Tehran's Imam Khomeini Airport, delegates were greeted by Iran Federation (MAFIRI) personnel before being transported to their hotel close to the circuit sited in the Iran Olympic Sports complex on the edge of Tehran within sight of the Azadi and Milad Towers. Unfortunately, due to other sports activities, it was not possible for all delegates to be accommodated at the same hotel hence detracting a little from the usual close camaraderie of the Asian Championship.

As in 2008, the Iranian Organizers had embarked on a huge task of building a new complex with all facilities, however time restraints prevented all projects being finished for this event, but when completed Iran will have a Motocross/Supercross state of the art facility alongside their Wrestling, Basketball, Football and other Olympic training facilities.

The host Nation entered a team of 8 Senior 125cc Riders and 10 Junior 85cc Riders and in fact it was Iran who topped Thursday qualifying in both categories - Amir Reza Sabetifar / 125cc and Reza Zeinabi / 85cc

Race day weather was perfect. Warm and dry. Track material was a sandy loam over clay material with no rocks. CoC Mehran Hemation, had carried out an excellent job of overseeing watering, however unfinished facilities for the two live TV broadcast segments induced delays in the program leading to cancellation of 2 National 65cc and 250cc races.



Teams assemble in front of the Grandstand for Opening Ceremony

10:43 Moto 1 – 85cc

From start to finish it was Jerick Mitra all the way, in fact the experienced Filipino was lapping Riders by the 4th lap. Inadvertently the chequered flag was given before full race time however the AMSC running to FIM regs caters for such contingencies and the race was declared accordingly.

1st Jerick Mitra - Philippines. 2nd Nima Mehr Alizadeh – Iran. 3rd Alfshin Sirous – Iran

A small delay as a TV camera was finally hoisted into position and then -

12:45 Moto 1 – 125cc

Right out of the gate and for the first 3 laps the order was Khaliunbold-Mongolia, Amir Reza, Tomoya, Alireza-Iran, and then the patriotic crowd went wild as local hero Amir Reza firstly gained the lead over the Mongolian then Tomoya moved into second place on the eighth lap. Amir Reza, down on race fitness due to a recently pinned wrist, started to tire on the 13th lap and the wily Japanese made his move into the lead, and on the 14th lap Amir Reza succumbed 2nd place to Khaliunbold.

Action aplenty at the front and just as much behind as Riders passed and re-passed, but at the finish of the 20 min plus 2 lap Moto, the top 3 only had completed 20 laps, the next 10 on 19 laps. One each on 18, 16, 15 laps respectively . Dilshod Rajabov from Tajikistan, struggling with SX sections was eliminated on the 75% factor while UAEMC De La Cruz retired on the 8th lap.

1st Tomoya-Japan. 2nd Khaliunbold-Mongolia. 3rd Amir Reza-Iran. 4th Ali-Iran. 5th Kenneth RP



Riders loved the dust free track

13:20 Moto 2 - 85cc

Another start to finish victory for Jerick Mitra, but this time more intense racing further down the field produced a different 3rd place at the finish of the 15min plus 2 lap Moto.

1 st	Jerick Mitra	–	Philippines	-	NAMSSA	-	Honda.
2 nd	Nima Mehr Alizadeh	-	Iran	-	MAFIRI	-	Honda.
3 rd	Seyed Mojtaba Sjojaei	–	Iran	-	MAFIRI	-	Honda



MAFIRI, UAE dignitaries & FIM Asia President Stephan Carapiet toast the 85cc Riders

16:40 Moto 2 - 125cc

A whitewash for the 33yo Japanese leading all the way and gaining ground over the Mongolian followed by the Filipino then top Iranian. On the 6th lap Amir Reza made the pass on Kenneth and that top group were then encountering lapped Riders. By the 7th lap Tomoya had built a 10 sec gap over Khaliunbold. Once again only the top 3 completed 20 laps. Commendations to Indian Rider C.S. Santosh for a more determined race and to the two Bahrain Riders who did their best at their first AMSC attempt and never impeded other riders.

1 st Tomoya Suzuki	-	Japan	-	MFJ	-	Honda
2 nd Khaliunbold Erdenbileg	-	Mongolia	-	MAMSF	-	Yamaha
3 rd Amir Reza Sabetifar	-	Iran	-	MAFIRI	-	Honda
4 th Kenneth San Andres	-	Philippines	-	NAMSSA	-	Kawasaki
5 th Ali Borzoozadeh	-	Iran	-	MAFIRI	-	Yamaha



Victory speech by Tomoya Suzuki flanked by K. Erdenbileg (L) & Amir Reza Sabetifar (R)

Satisfying that MAFIRI received over 20 phone enquiries after race day asking details how to buy bikes and enter the sport. Certainly a feather in the cap for MAFIRI vice President Mr Hossein Shahriari for the foresight of live Television. During the lead up to the AMSC Round, MAFIRI staff were involved in the logistics of the Peking – Paris classic Rally and immediately after the Asian Motocross it was straight into a Karting event. Certainly a hard working Federation establishing Iran in Motor Sports events.

Top 10 Championship Standings after Iran Round 3

Junior 85				Senior 125			
1 st	Jerrick Mitra	Philippines	150 pts	1 st	Tomoya Suzuki	Japan	142 pts
2 nd	Jacob Einloth	Guam	75 pts	2 nd	Khaliunbold Erdenbileg	Mongolia	136 pts
3 rd	Nima Mehralizadeh	Iran	44 pts	3 rd	Ami Reza Sabetifar	Iran	124 pts
4 th	Troy Corpuz	Guam	44 pts	4 th	Ali Borzoozdeh	Iran	88 pts
5 th	Mark Florez	Philippines	40 pts	5 th	Kenneth San Andres	Philippines	82 pts
6 th	Seyed Mojtaba Shojael	Iran	38 pts	6 th	C.S. Santosh	India	77 pts
7 th	Ariel Guinto	Philippines	38 pts	7 th	Takeshi Tabuchi	Japan	68 pts
8 th	Afshin Sirous	Iran	38 pts	8 th	Jolet Jao	Philippines	49 pts
9 th	Ernest Guinto	Philippines	38 pts	9 th	Gan-od Boldbaatar	Mongolia	39 pts
10 th	Ralph Ramento	Philippines	36 pts	10 th	Migi Tolentino	Philippines	38 pts

Round 4 date and location to be shortly confirmed by FIM Asia Secretariat
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