



CHEQUERED FLAG REPORT

2012 FIM ASIA MOTOCROSS/SUPERCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP (AMSC)

Round 1, Puerto Princesa, Philippines, 15th April.



Status Quo at Round 1 in the Philippines as 2011 85cc and 125/MX2 Champions continued their winning way while newly introduced Veterans class produced some new “Boys on the block” Nine Riders from five separate Asian Nations joined the ranks in three Championship classes at the traditional Season opener at Puerto Princesa City where they enjoyed typical Philippine hospitality even down to a Monday visit to the awe and splendour of UNESCO World Wonder rated Underground River.

Organisers issued dire wet weather warnings for the weekends racing however despite some early Wednesday rain, conditions for the 3 day race weekend were dry even to the necessity to water the track for Sunday’s Championship racing.

The disappointing last minute withdrawal of the Iran team due to injury of their lead Rider was somewhat negated by the welcome return of Mongolian Khaliunbold Erdenebileg, although his trans Pacific flight from USA was hardly ideal preparation for Round 1 of the 2012 AMSC, however the support of his Brother as Manager/mechanic and company of 85cc Junior Khishignyam Munkhbolar helped to settle down the 2008 AMSC Champion for the task ahead.

The newly established Veterans class was supported by imports Stan Yasuhiro of Guam and Wing Kit Kwok from Singapore as well as eleven Philippine Riders, however the glamour of the new class was somewhat tarnished with behind the scenes local wrangling with the name of Philippine legend Jovie Saulog being bandied around between 125/MX2 and Veterans classes before he settled on 125/MX2 for this Round.

Saturday qualifying produced an interesting scenario of the 3 classes -

85cc	-	Gabriel Macaso	1:22.259/	Mark Flores	1:29.877/	Radzie Kallahal	1:34.269
Vets	-	Sigfred Orniopa	1:34.632/	Marciano San Andres	1:34.816/	Stan Yasuhiro	1:35.141
125/MX2	-	Arnon Theplib	1:17.291/	Jugrit Suksripaisan	1:18.100/	Tomoya Suzuki	1:18.309

The opening Ceremony slotted in between the Warm up/Start practice and the first Junior race incorporated presentation awards for the 2011 AMSC Championship. A somewhat rushed affair staged on the final jump tabletop, but novel and appealing to the large crowd attending the 2012 opening Round. Firstly Mark Flores and Arnon Theplib received their personalised Riders Medallions as winners of their respective Championships. The original coveted Asian Cups, now bearing the shields of the winning Asian Countries from the last nine years were on display as a symbol of stable Regulations of this Continental Championship, with Replicas of these 85cc and 125/MX2 trophies being presented to Stephan Carapiet and Chakrit Rungsawan as representatives of the two winning Nations - Philippines and Thailand. Honda Motor Co. received framed citations as Winning Manufacturer of both classes, while Iran was awarded “Best Round for 2011” as judged by attending Riders.

Moto 1, 85cc 11:05AM 15min + 2 laps

Gate drop on the very first race of the 2012 AMSC and it was Mark Flores by a bikes length from Gabriel Macaso and Radzie Kallahal on the first turn. Lap one had the defending Champ out front followed by Radzie, Gabriel, Christian Ramento, Munkhbolor. Lap 2 over the table top it was Mark, then Gabriel who then lost it on landing, and Radzie with nowhere to go, ran into him. Both Riders were OK and Gabriel got away quickly but Radzie lost valuable ground and places and on lap 3 the order was Mark, Gabriel, Christian. Munkhbolar had a fall on lap 4, and on lap 5, Mark lapped Jade Nabua the sole girl Rider. Meantime Radzie was fighting his way through the field and when the chequered flag came out on lap 12, top 3 were -

1st Mark Flores – Honda. 2nd Gabriel Macaso – Yamaha. 3rd Radzie Kallahal - Honda.

Moto 1, Veterans 40yo - 55yo 11:48AM 10 min + 1 lap

An orderly start, then a multi Rider crash just past turn one in the early stages put paid to Marciano San Andres and Siegfred Ornopia chances after close racing became a little too close. Marshals and Medics were quickly on the scene and able to render assistance and clear the track without stopping the race which now featured Bel Basaya in the lead to Raymond Espinosa and Gener Sicad with Guam’s Stanley Yasuhiro riding a steady and safe race among the enthusiastic locals and Wing Kit Kwok still nursing a painful right shoulder from a Thursday practice fall. By race end, winners and gridders featured as -

1st Bel Basaya – Honda 2nd Jojo Magan – Honda 3rd Raymond Espinosa - Yamaha



Moto 1, 125/MX2 12.18PM 20min + 2 laps

First corner and it was Arnon “Turbo” Theplib just clear of the tightly bunched pack just behind him and by completion of lap 1 it was still Turbo followed by Tomoya Suzuki, Khaliunbold, Jubenile Abellar then Thailand’s Jugkrit Suksripaisan who made his move on Jubenile on the following lap. Jan Carlo Rellosa retired on Lap 3 and Khaliunbold succumbed to the young Thai on Lap 4 and from there on, the Thai, Japan, Thai, Mongolia juggernaut continued on although they were encountering lapped Riders from Lap 6 onwards including Singaporean Khairudin Abu Bakar in his maiden AMSC race, Guam’s ex Junior Jacob Einloth making a welcome entry into the Senior class and his young friend Anthony Ignacio Jr. also a newcomer to AMSC ranks. They all completed the 75% factor producing a moral booster for the next Moto. First of the local Riders was Jon Adlewan in 5th place with Kenneth San Andres 6th

1st Arnon Theplib - Honda 2nd Tomoya Suzuki - Yamaha 3rd Jugkrit Suksripaisan – Honda



Moto 2, 85cc

15 min + 2 laps

A mirror image of Moto 1 except this time 14yo Christian Ramento upstaged 12yo diminutive newcomer Earl Jean Brylie Ornopia for 4th place. Best lap time was 1:29.800 by Mark Flores - equal to his Qualifying time, just showing he had to up the pace to ward off a fast improving Gabriel Makaso. Munkhbolar finished 6th but Round 2 will see him on his home ground, probably on his own bike, so anything could happen ! Brave Jade was 7th as she continues to dice with the boys, but all credit to first, second and third, all 13yo and all Filipinos.

1st Mark Flores

2nd Gabriel Macasa

13yo Radzie Kallahal



Jury President Aldo Yung casts an admiring glance as Mark Flores completes his victory lap

Moto 2, Veterans

10 min + 1 lap

Eleven Riders on the line and three non starters due to the Moto 1 incident! A crash on turn 1 this time claimed Jojo Magan, then the trio of Roman Llorente, Raymond Espinosa and Stan Yasuhiro proceeded from 2nd to final 7th lap in the same position but a fast improving Wing Kit Kwok was ever so close to them on the finish tabletop. Allan Mollenido was lapped on the 5th and Gener Sicad had a spill on the same lap. Seems the Organisers have struck the right factor with the 10 min + 1 lap format as Roman lay on the track exhausted after taking the Chequered Flag.

1st Roman Llorente – Philippines. 2nd Raymond Espinosa – Philippines. 3rd Stan Yasuhiro Guam.



..... and the winner is **ROMAN LLORENTE**

Moto 2, 125/MX2

20 min + 2 laps

16 Riders proceeded through the waiting zone, sighting lap format prior to choosing their positions for the final AMSC race of the day. Again it was Turbo leading as they came out of the gates onto the uphill start straight and around the right hander with exit single (see picture below) before sweeping down through the very fast high banked left hander, then climbing again into a series of up hill jumps on the 1.2km natural terrain Sta. Monica Motocross track. Karliunbold passed Kenneth on the first lap to take over fourth place, then amazingly the dye was cast for the first six places on the second lap with Theplib, Suksripaisan, Suzuki, Erdenebileg, San Andres, Adlewan maintaining these positions from thereon to Chequered Flag on the 17th lap.

1st Arnon Theplib – Thailand. 2nd Jugkrit Suksripaisan – Thailand. 3rd Tomoya Suzuki – Japan.



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Watch the name **JUGKRIT SUKRIPAISAN** in 2012
16th Birthday on 14th April. Qualified 2nd the same day
Third in Moto 1. 125/MX2 Second in Moto 2



Singaporean nice guys Rudi-125/MX2
& Kit-Veterans, shared the same Bike



Guam twins ? Not really. Anthony & Jacob
relax on transit to the Underground River



Proud Dad or proud Sons ? Team Puerto Princesa 10 & 11yo
point out Dad's devotion on his T shirt. 2014 AMSC Competitors ?

For detailed AMSC points in all classes, refer to www.asiamx.org
Round 2, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia 10th June. Refer www.asiamx.org