



CHEQUERED FLAG REPORT

2011 FIM ASIA MOTOCROSS/SUPERCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP (AMSC)

Round 2, Surabaya, Indonesia. 18th June

Foreign Riders grab top seven Round 2 places in action packed night extravaganza but ArnonTheplib of Thailand retains Championship lead.

After a 3 year sojourn the AMSC returned to Indonesia, this time to the City of Surabaya for a night event at the full on Supercross 0.6 Km Ex Barata Circuit where local organisers had arranged spectacular entertainment including Freestyle MX, Music and Fireworks to support this event titled FIM Asia Motocross/Powercross Championship as Rd 2 AMSC.



Press Conference at Official Novatel Hotel Surabaya

Due to limited machine availability, the event was not a Round of the 85cc AMSC, however 13yo Kobkarn Krobngoen of Thailand attended and joined the National Race.

All regular AMSC Riders rode Indonesian team supplied machines and after some initial changes and adjustments, Riders were content with their allocated bikes and enjoyed the camaraderie of the Indonesian teams whom they joined and the impressive pit conditions. All visiting AMSC Riders were satisfied with the track design, however the material contained broken concrete from the lands

previous use and despite the best efforts and directives of the International Jury the problem persisted.

A shock and disappointing early retirement was 2010 AMSC winner Tomoya Suzuki after a heavy fall in free practice sidelined the current 2nd placed 2011 AMSC Japanese Rider from this Round.

With 34 entries (reduced to 33 after omission of Suzuki) and track limitations of 24 gates, Qualifying times were somewhat enthusiastic as Riders strove to remain in the 24 available spaces.

125/MX2 AMSC QTT

1	Lewis Stewart	Australia	Husqvarna	40.472
2	Matevz Irt	Slovenia	Husqvarna	40.526
3	Romain Berthome	France	Kawasaki	40.601
4	Arnon Theplib	Thailand	Honda	40.842
5	Arongkot Pinpon	Thailand	Honda	40.976

During the warm up, disaster struck again when remaining Japanese Rider Yoshiki Inagaki retired after a crash triggered an old injury and unbelievably Japan was out of the event.

To attain common ground with the Indonesian Powercross series, the designated format for this Round was two ten minute back to back races separated by a ten minute break. With the omission of Inagaki and injured Australian Josh Adams, the 25th and 26th qualifiers, Philippines Kenneth San Andres and Indonesian Aries Setyo Cahyo were brought in as reserves.

2133 Gate drop Race 1



Lights, Action, Fireworks extravaganza of FIM Asia Motocross/Powercross Championship

All surged forward striving for the hole shot prize, and the pace was fast and furious in the tight packed field. First two laps it was Jake Ridley, followed by Lewis Stewart and Arongkot Pinpon then lap 3 Pinpon got past Stewart and they remained in that order for 2 more laps until 16yo Pinpon gained front running. Meantime Aldi Lazaroni retired as had Tom Larson. Pinpon then

started to slip back as a deflating rear took its toll and Ridley regained the lead with now Matevz in second followed by Stewart. Points leader Arnon Teplib made it to fourth place on Lap11 then also fell back with a deflating rear. Iran's Amir Sabetifar ran mid field still battling an upset tummy while San Andres was consistent but further in arrears. Likable Indonesian Gerry Senna dropped out on Lap 10, needing just two more laps to be classified as a finisher. On lap 14 of the 15 lap race, Stewart made his move and Chequered Flag top 10 were as follows –

1 st Lewis Stewart	Australia	Husqvarna	6 th Nick Sutherland	Australia	KTM
2 nd Jake Ridley	Australia	Kawasaki	7 th Jungkrit Suksripaisan	Thailand	Honda
3 rd Romain Berthome	France	Kawasaki	8 th Arnon Theplib	Thailand	Honda
4 th Vincent Berthome	France	Yamaha	9 th Alexander Wiguna	Indonesia	Yamaha
5 th Kim Ashkenazi	Australia	KTM	10 th Andre Sondakh	Indonesia	Kawasaki

The ten minute break was almost as dramatic as the race. Both Theplib and Pinpon came in with flat rears and the crew worked frantically in the waiting zone to replace tubes as the Thai visitors did not have the luxury of wheel assemblies on hand. Only Theplib's bike made the start on time while Pinpon became a spectator.

2158 Gate drop Race 2

Twenty two Starters this time with the omission of Pinpon and Larson.

Ashkenazi led for the first 3 laps with Matevz and Stewart in tow. Senna and Lazaroni retired after 3 laps and the remaining AMSC visitors struggled with the unfamiliar Australian style back to back format. Race 1 winner Stewart held the lead right up to the 11th lap when he too had a mishap relegating him to the lower end of the field and it was his Husqvarna team mate Matevz Irt who took the win this time from Kim Ashkenazi and Vincent Berthome and the only regular AMSC Rider within the top ten was Indonesian Aries Setyo Cahyo



Race 2 Winner Matevz Irt Slovenia

15yo Jungkrit Suksripaisan - 7th & 13th





Combined Race 1 & 2 winners FL 2nd Kim Ashkenazi 1st Jake Ridley 3rd Vincent Berthome
Front row L - Powercross Sponser,
IMI President Ari Batubara
FIM Asia President – Stephan Macky Carapiet

Top 10 Race 2

1 st	Matevz Irt	Slovenia	Husqvarna	6 th	Farhan Hendro	Indonesia	Kawasaki
2 nd	Kim Ashkenazi	Australia	KTM	7 th	Nick Sutherland	Australia	KTM
3 rd	Vincent Berthome	France	Yamaha	8 th	Aries Setyo Cahyo	Indonesia	Kawasaki
4 th	Jake Ridley	Australia	Kawasaki	9 th	Alexander Wiguna	Indonesia	Yamaha
5 th	Romain Berthome	France	Kawasaki	10 th	Agi Agassi	Indonesia	Husqvarna

Top 5, 2011 FIM Asia Motocross/Supercross Championship cumulative points after Round 2

1 st	Arnon Theplib	72 points	Thailand
2 nd	Aries Setyo Cahyo	54 points	Indonesia
3 rd	Amir Sabetifar	49 points	Iran
4 th	Tomoya Suzuki	44 points	Japan
5 th	Arongkot Pinpon	42 points	Thailand

Further information refer FIM Asia Secretary General

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