



CHEQUERED FLAG REPORT



2011 FIM ASIA MOTOCROSS/SUPERCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP (AMSC)

Round 4, Tehran, Iran, 6th October

Thailand's Turbo tops in Tehran but Iran youngsters dominate the 12 to under 15yo category.

Once again, the Iran Federation, MAFIRI hosted a Round of the FIM Asia Motocross/Supercross Championship at their dedicated circuit within the Iran Olympic complex on the outskirts of Tehran. The Supercross style layout was exactly the same as 2010, however final track preparation was somewhat lacking although Rider facilities were excellent with each visiting Country being allotted an individual lock up pit for their Riders.

Junior and Senior Riders from Japan, Mongolia, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, and Thailand were joined by Iran Riders in both classes with local support categories making up a full program for Round 4 - 125/MX2 and Round 3 - 85cc of the 2011 AMSC.

The FIM Asia 20' double deck container had travelled from the Philippines with a pool of bikes for visiting Riders usage while the locals competed on their own machines. Bike set up, Registration, Technical and practice took place on Tuesday 4th Oct, further practice and qualifying the following day, culminating in warm up/start practice and 2 point scoring Championship races for Junior and Senior categories on Thursday 6th October.

85cc top qualifying times went to a trio of Iran boys led by Omin Khodabandeh 1:15.886, Nima Meralizadeh 1:17.378, Iman Safari 1:19.893, then Filipino Mark Flores 1:20.664 and another Iranian Seyad Mojtaba Shojael 1:23.826

125/MX2 qualifying produced no surprises with top five times to Arnon Theplib the fastest on 1:00.643, followed by Japan's Tomoya Suzuki 1:01.562, Thailand's Arongkot Pinpon 1:01.683, Iran hotshots Ali Borzoozadeh 1:04.311, and Alireza Parvaresh Baladi 1:05.407

Unfortunately the well planned 3 day schedule went astray on race day when the morning sequence was changed and later hold ups occurred when the all important live Telecast was delayed, however race officials adapted accordingly despite the 85cc contenders suffering a time delayed final race.

Race 1, 85cc 11:40 Dry conditions with some wind

Points leader Mark Flores initially headed the lead followed by Mongolian Khishignyam Munkbolor, Iman, Omid and Seyad but 2nd lap had the Mongolian at the rear of the field just in front of Sri Lanka's Evon Biyagee Gurusinge but the Iran boys were settling into their rhythm with Omin working his way through the field and on Lap 3 took over the lead from Mark. By lap 9, the leaders had settled into the positions they held to the Chequered flag on lap 14 with Omin the winner by a massive 34.42 secs from Nima and Mark.

1st 13yo Omin 2nd 13yo Nima. 3rd 13yo Mark. 4th 14yo Iman 5th 14yo Seyad

Race 1, 125/MX2 12:30 Dry with light wind

Tomoya, Arnon, Arongkot that order for the first 6 laps with the Japanese riding with all his skill and experience until Arnon slipped through and these three held these places until the finish. Ali was fighting through from third last to claw his way through the pack and made it to fourth on the 7th lap with Meraat Naraghi amazingly holding fifth place for the entire 21 lap race. Popular Singaporeans Muhammad Amin Bin Khaled and Kwok Wing Kit brought up the rear of the field as did Mongolia's Turbold Nyamdavaa but did nothing to impede other Riders.

Sole Philippine Rider Kenneth San Andres, not entirely happy with his bike suspension set up had a lack lustre race in seventh place

1st Arnon–Thailand. 2nd Tomoya–Japan. 3rd Arongkot–Thailand. 4th Ali–Iran 5th Meraat–Iran

Race2, 85c 15:15 Dry with light wind

Omin Khodabandeh and Iman Safari 1st & 2nd for the entire race ! Nima Meralizadeh 2nd last on the opening lap and up to his race finish position of 3rd by the 5th lap. Khishignyam Munkhbolor doing it tough and struggling with a broken brake lever slipped from 4th to second last position but still remained in the winners 13 laps. Mark Flores languishing but making a supreme effort on the last lap to take 4th

1st Omin–Honda. 2nd Iman–Honda. 3rd Nima–Honda. 4th Mark–Honda. 5th Seyed–Honda



Moto 2, 85cc Podium L-R 2nd Iman Safari. 1st Omin Khodabandeh. 3rd Nima Meralizadeh
Front Mr H. Shariari MAFIRI exec Mr J. Viegas

Race 2 125/MX2 16:30 Dry with light wind

Once again the wily Japanese with lightening reflexes grabbed the hole shot but again surrendered to youth on the 4th lap when Theplib made his move. Despite encountering lapped Riders from 4th lap onwards, the juggernaut procession of A.Theplib, T.Suzuki, A.Pinpon, A.Borzoozadeh, M.Naraghi,

A.Parvaresh Baladi never changed their order from lap 4 to the Chequered flag on the 21st lap.

1st Arnon-Honda. 2nd Tomoya-Yamaha. 3rd Arongkot-Honda. 4th Ali-Yamaha. 5th Meraat-Kawasaki.



From L 2nd Tomoya Suzuki 1st Arnon Theplib 3rd Arongkot Pinpon
Front Mr Jorge Viegas flanked by MAFIRI officials

The following race comments by Arnon “Turbo” Theplib and Arongkot Pinpon supplied courtesy of multi talented manager Nuntaphat “Tui” Bunyarataphan



A WINNING COMBINATION

Rear Manager Nunaphat “Tui” Bunyarataphan
Middle L. Arnon Theplib Middle R. Arongkot Pinpon
Front Mechanic Ruangyot Bunyarataphan

Arnon “Turbo” Theplib

“It’s like a big bonus. I come here without any idea because I’m very tired from travelling and also just finished the Thailand national championship on Sunday before leave Bangkok on Monday evening. I’m looking for the championship. Just want to earn much more points as possible. I know here it be a tight game but I’ve got lucky when we can have a good setting direction from started. Track design it was what I like. First day we can catching suspension set up quickly and following engine tune up suitable for a bit cold weather like here, that’s all. I’ve got a good qualified, lap time give me more confident for the race.”

“First moto started not to bad. I was in the second but there’s a good view point to looking where is my advantage. I tried to passing Tomiya-san 2-3 times and it’s good to success. We have very traffic jam when we started to lapped some slower bike, it’s make me a bit stressing but after I passed race’s midway point I found I can control the game and I happy were it gonna be.”

“Moto 2 is something relax when I’ve got 25 points in the first moto to my pocket. Tomiya-san still make other good started again. We’re together learnt another, he going fast in the same point that I passed him in the first moto, I can not passed over there. I tired to catch up and looking for another place. I’ve got one and lucky, my passing done in the first time. Finished both two moto is something special. I’m very happy and I wishes to rest just a week after a hard work belong this 2 weeks.

Arongkot Pinpon

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“This is my first time to race in the cold weather and strong windy like this. It’s really good game. I

learning a lot and make me stronger. Track design is very good I like it. I tried to make the best lap time in qualifying session. I and Tomiya-san doing a tighten lap time together and for sure the race session will be going like this.

“I not have a good start but not bad when can be in the leading group. Tomiya and Turbo are very fast. It's look like I can not to get closer but I still doing. Once I have a chance when Tomiya-san who in the second front of me, it's a small chance when Tomiya-san can fast passing 3 lapped riders group in front but I cannot. He going far away and I cannot do anything more.”

“Second moto is like a first moto re-running. They still going faster in front. Third place again is reward for me here. I'm happy with this result and back home with greatest experience.

The gala evening prize presentation was a World class affair featuring traditional music, flares and speeches by dignitaries including FIM Deputy President – Mr Jorge Viegas , FIM Asia President Mr Stephan Carapiet and FIM Asia Vice President & MAFIRI exec. Mr Hossein Shariari



Presidents galore

**From L. Mr Jorge Viegas FIM Deputy President
Mr Hossein Shariari FIM Asia Vice President & MAFIRI exec
Mr Stephan Carapiet FIM Asia President**

As event conditions have been fulfilled for both the 85cc and 125/MX2 Championships, Iran was a fitting finale to the 2011 AMSC season. Please refer separate announcement on this subject and refer to attached points scores for the year.



**Muhammad Amin Bin Khalid, Tomoya Suzuki & Kwok Wing Kit
diligently completing their Event Surveys after the Tehran Round.
Hear the result of all Riders Surveys at 2011 awards at Puerto Princessa - Be there !**

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