



## CHEQUERED FLAG REPORT



### **2011 FIM ASIA MOTOCROSS/SUPERCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP (AMSC)**

#### **Round 3, Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia. 16<sup>th</sup> July**

The Northern Malaysian State of Kuala Terengganu proved a gracious host and AAM a capable and efficient Organizer of Round 3 of the AMSC 125/MX2 Senior Championship and Round 2 of the AMSC Junior 85cc on Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup>.

The largest contingent, Thailand, endured a 3 day road trek down the Malaysian Peninsular, whilst the second biggest group flew in from the Philippines. Riders from Japan, Iran, Mongolia and Singapore also attended the symbolic and welcome return to Malaysia by the FIM Asia Motocross/Supercross Championship.

With the disappointing absence of the entire Indonesian contingent and clash with an All Japan event, all eyes were on the strength of the Thai Riders and in fact they were to dominate the top places in both categories, but the surprise came from the Malaysian Riders who proved more than competitive especially in the Junior class.

Arnon Theplib and Mark Flores commenced their Rounds as red plate points leaders in their respective Senior and Junior categories and at the conclusion of the Malaysian event, both had retained top spot however there has been a dramatic points change further down the score board.

Thursday's practice 1 proceeded without entered Riders from Iran, Singapore and part of the Thai contingent due to their travel delays. Malaysia and Philippines were looking strong in the 85s while 125/MX2 leaders were Thailand, Japan and Philippines.



**Siesta time for the Philippine Juniors**

Friday morning practice had full attendance then onto the afternoon Qualifying sessions.

85cc Junior, Top 5 Qualifiers

1. Kobkarn Krobnogon	13yo	Thailand	Honda	1:54.119
2. Rattathamnoon Pranompon	13yo	Thailand	Honda	1:55.951
3. Mohd Zulnazmi Mohd Zulhilmi	14yo	Malaysia	Kawasaki	1:58.976
4. Mark Reggie Flores	13yo	Philippines	Honda	2:07.442
5. Muhammad Taufiq Abdula	13yo	Malaysia	Kawasaki	2:10.207

125/MX2 Senior, Top 5 Qualifiers

1. Thanarat Penjan	19yo	Thailand	Kawasaki	1:40.388
2. Arnon Theplib	22yo	Thailand	Honda	1:41.823
3. Arongkot Pinpon	16yo	Thailand	Honda	1:43.800
4. Tomoya Suzuki	33yo	Japan	Yamaha	1:43.929
5. Trakarn Thangthong	17yo	Thailand	Yamaha	1:43.956

Saturday, Race Day, July 16<sup>th</sup> Weather Dry, clear & hot. Track:- Motocross, 1.315 Km.  
 08:10am 85cc Warm up/Start practice. 1- K.Krobnogon, 2- R.Pranompon. 3- M.Z.M.Zulhilmi  
 08:27am 125/MX2 Warm up/Start practice. 1- T Suzuki. 2-T. Penjan . 3-A. Pinpon

09:40 Moto I, Junior 85cc 15min + 2 laps.

Gate drop and a clean start from the concrete pad for these stars of the future. For the first four laps the top five remained Pranompon, Krobnogon, Zulhilmi, Piyanet Koetsiri (Thailand), Seyad Shojael (Iran) in that order. The front pair encountered lapped Riders from lap 4 onwards and on lap 5 Shojael crashed out of the event. Krobnogon made his move on lap 6 and took over the lead which he held to the finish.

Top 5 AMSC 85cc Moto 1

1<sup>st</sup> K. Krobnogon, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Pranompon, 3<sup>rd</sup> M.Z. Zulhilmi, 4<sup>th</sup> M. Flores, 5<sup>th</sup> M.A. Junaidi (Malaysia)

11:40 Moto 1, Senior 125/MX2 20min + 2 laps

Waiting Zone and Sighting lap under capable direction of CoC Ahmad Suhaimi Abdullah and Deputy CoC Lucas Tan, then 23 Riders chose their gate for the much anticipated 125/MX2 battle. Right from start it was the expected Thai trio of Theplib, Penjan and Pinpon but the two Japanese of Suzuki and Enomoto were next in line. Pinpon held the initial lead before passing it to fellow Honda Rider Theplib on the second lap. Despite Penjan posting fastest lap time of 1:41.166 on the second lap, Pinpon was proving a formidable opponent to pass. Further in arrears Iran's Ali Boozoadah was putting in consistent laps despite a crash in practice, while 46yo Filipino Jose Jao was setting the pace for his younger Countrymen. Malaysian Ahmad Najmi had a bad start but fought on despite being destined to a DNF while lone Mongolian 15yo Bayanjargal Battsonger was last on lap 1 but did pick up 5 places before he too succumbed to DNF and the two Singaporeans fought on in their first AMSC attempt. Meanwhile Penjan was trying every move to get past Pinpon and on lap 7 he made it and set out after Theplib. On the closing laps, the Number 62 Kawasaki came by with the right number board hanging off proving how close the competition was, and then it was chequered flag for Arnon Theplib. Top 10 AMSC 125/MX2 Moto 1 -

1. Arnon Theplib	Thailand	Honda	2. Thanarat Penjan	Thailand	Kawasaki
3. Arongkot Pinpon	Thailand	Honda	4. Tomoya Suzuki	Japan	Yamaha
5. Atison Ruadreo	Thailand	Yamaha	6. Jugkrit Suksripaisan	Thailand	Honda
7. Pornthep Yamsribua	Thailand	Yamaha	8. Ali Borzoozadeh	Iran	Honda
9. Jose Joselito Jao	Philippines	Honda	10. Kenneth San Andres	Philippines	Suzuki



**Arongkot, he's right behind you !**

13:50 Moto 2, Junior 85cc 15min + 2 laps

The final count down as the youngsters lined up for their second Moto

Again it was Krobngoen and Pranompon wheel to wheel up the front. Krobngoen No 16 held top spot from Pranompon No 20 for two laps before they swapped places on the third lap. Not to be outdone, Krobngoen reclaimed front running again on the 5<sup>th</sup> lap and by this time the pair were 16sec clear of the field and encountering lapped Riders. Championship points leader Mark Flores was content to consolidate his position, but the impresser was M.Z. Zulhini who had the 3,000 spectators on their feet cheering the local boy. First time Mongolian contender Monkbolov Khishigmunkh played it safe near the rear but accumulated points in both Motos. On the second last lap, disaster struck for Pranompon and he succumbed to a DNF.

Top 5 AMSC 85cc Moto 2

1<sup>st</sup> K. Krongoen. 2<sup>nd</sup> M.H. Zulhilmi. 3<sup>rd</sup> M. Flores. 4<sup>th</sup> M. A. Junaidi. 5<sup>th</sup> G. S. Macaso



**Kobkarn waits his Victory lap cue from Dep CoC Lucas Tan**

<b>2011 FIM Asia AMSC 85cc top 5 cumulative points after Round 2 Terengganu</b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Mark Flores</b>	<b>85 points</b>	<b>Philippines</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Gabriel Macaso</b>	<b>62 “”</b>	<b>Philippines</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Christian Ramento</b>	<b>51 “”</b>	<b>Philippines</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Kobkarn Krobngoan</b>	<b>50 “”</b>	<b>Thailand</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Ralph Ramento</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Philippines</b>





**125/MX2 Riders Line up for Moto 2**

15:15 Moto 2, Senior 125/MX2 20 min + 2 laps

Brilliant start this time by Thanarat followed by Arnon and Arongkot. Again Thanarat achieved fastest lap time and only a fraction slower at 1:41.744 in lap 2. Talented Thai Trakarn Thangthong,- Yamaha, this time more in form, was just behind 4<sup>th</sup> running Tomoya with 15yo Jugkrit during the early stages of the final Moto. Ahmad Najmi was doing his Country proud and Ali again impressed in his first 2011 AMSC event since a broken leg sustained in Iranian practice. Philippine fortunes changed this time with 15yo Jean Erick Mitra - Kawasaki adopting the lead role. Although far from a Road Train, the leading group of five Riders maintained the same positions from start to finish and it was a very jubilant Thanarat Penjan who carried out the Victory lap with the chequered flag proudly held high.

**Top 10 AMSC 125/MX2 Moto 2**

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|---------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1. T. Penjan  | 2. A. Theplib     | 3. A. Pinpon   | 4. T. Suzuki | 5. T. Thangthong |
| 6. A. Ruadreo | 7. A. Borzoozadah | 8. P. Yamsribu | 9. A. Najmi  | 10. J.E.Mitra    |

A most prestigious awarding followed in a special marquee track side where HRH Yang di-Pertuan Agong Mizan Zainal Abidin presented trophies to the top 125/MX2 Riders of Kuala Terengganu Round 2, accompanied by FIM Asia President Mr Stephan Carapiet



**HRH Yang di-Pertuan Agong Mizan Zainal Abidan with FIM Asia President Stephan Carapiet  
125/MX2 Presentation.**

**FL Arnon Theplib, Thanarat Penjan, Arongkot Pinpon(obscured) Tomoya Suzuki, Ahmed Najmi**

In summary, a triumphant return to Malaysia and the first by AMSC under the Presidency of Stephan Carapiet. Congratulations are due to the Government of Kuala Terengganu, AAM and FIM Asia for co operating to produce this highly commended Round 3.

**2011 FIM Asia AMSC 125/MX2 top 5 cumulative points after Terengganu Round 3**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Arnon Theplib</b>	<b>119 points</b>	<b>Thailand</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Arongkot Pinpon</b>	<b>82 “”</b>	<b>Thailand</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Tomoya Suzuki</b>	<b>80 “”</b>	<b>Japan</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Aries Setyo Cahyo</b>	<b>54 “”</b>	<b>Indonesia</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Amir Reza Sabetifar</b>	<b>49 “”</b>	<b>Iran</b>