

# **YMX SCOTLAND YOUTH SCOTTISH MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## **RD 3 – SHIPLAW SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

Over 180 riders rolled in to the paddock to make the most of the excellent racing conditions at round 3 of the YMX Scottish Championships. It was April, it was Shiplaw, and YES it was dry and sunny!!! No mud to be seen anywhere which is quite remarkable for Shiplaw at this time of year! Not only that but it was very dusty! Now, a third of the way into the season, things are starting to get exciting as the points difference between riders get ever closer! The fast hard packed surface of Shiplaw meant that getting out of the gate first was the order of the day, whichever class you were in.

A healthy class of 65 riders set a blistering pace from the onset, with Fraser Pohlen taking the first holeshoot of the day, however John Adamson and Greg Queen overhauled him and had a fine battle for the lead pulling away from the pack. Queen won with Adamson hot on his heels and Dean McLeod snatched third from Pohlen. Young Fraser Pohlen also managed to take the next two holeshoots but just couldn't hold off the hard charging Adamson and Queen who took the battle to the wire in both races. Adamson came out on top with two wins and the overall, with Queen in second and Pohlen taking third on the day.

The SW 85cc class was the smallest of the day with sixteen riders but that didn't mean there was any less fierce racing! Matthew Fleming was as usual in a class of his own but the excitement came in the tussle for positions behind him. Ian Stewart and Ryan Livingstone were both on fine form and determined not to give an inch! Livingstone took two seconds and a third to make him the best of the rest behind Fleming, despite a questionable restart in race three. Ian Stewart couldn't quite overhaul Livingstone and took third.

Steven Craig was in awesome form and threw down the gauntlet to a usually dominant Ewan McLaren in the Big Wheel 85cc class. The two raced hard for top spot in every moto, pushing every inch of the way. Craig took two wins from McLaren's one to hold on to the overall. Mark Perfect and Hannah McLeod had their own battle for third and fourth but Perfect got the upper hand in the end for third spot in spite of a minced engine in race one!

Riding high in the 125cc Youth class was Tommy Fenwick who took the lead in lap one of each moto and held on there for three convincing wins. Ryan Blair had a confidence boosting day with some hard and consistent riding to take two seconds and a third, and second overall. Clinton Duff was in fighting form pushing Blair all the way to the line in races one and two, then getting the better of him in race three. He took third.

The Adult 125cc Scottish Championship as usual, ran along with the youths and produced some exciting racing with a capacity class. The regular championship contenders had things spiced up a bit with Graham Irvine and Wayne Garret making the trip from Ireland, and took all the race wins between them – Irvine with two and Garret with one. Left eating their dust were Neil Flockhart, Scott Findlay and Jamie Duncan! Flockhart had a steady day with a third and two fourth placings to take second spot overall behind Irvine and ahead of third placed Garret who had a disastrous moto three. Scott Findlay gets the award for most spectacular 'off' when he was pushed wide on the final corner in race two and went headlong into the lapscore hut!

Fortunately he suffered only cuts and bruises while the lapscorers needed nothing more than clean underwear!! The biggest casualty was the glass on the hut window – Scott still came home fourth overall!!! Round four of the Championship now heads north to the fantastic sand track at Ardersier near Inverness on 13<sup>th</sup> May. More action to come!

### **RESULTS**

#### **65cc**

JOHN ADAMSON  
GREG QUEEN  
FRASER POHLEN  
DEAN MCLEOD  
REECE WILSON  
JACK TAYLOR

#### **85CC SW**

MATTHEW FLEMING  
RYAN LIVINGSTONE  
IAN STEWART  
STUART ROBERTSON  
LEWIS FLEMING  
JOSH CRAIG

#### **125CC ADULT**

GRAHAM IRVINE  
NEIL FLOCKHART  
WAYNE GARRET  
SCOTT FINDLAY  
JAMIE DUNCAN  
SEAN MCDONALD

#### **85CC BW**

STEVEN CRAIG  
EWAN MCLAREN  
MARK PERFECT  
HANNAH MCLEOD  
DAVID CLARKSON  
CHRISTOPHER INGLIS

#### **125CC YOUTH**

TOMMY FENWICK  
RYAN BLAIR  
CLINTON DUFF  
DAVID PLANK  
COLIN LAPINSKI  
FRAZER NORRIE

