

YMX SCOTLAND YOUTH SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP
& SACU ADULT 125CC CHAMPIONSHIP
SUNDAY 15TH APRIL
WOODSIDE, ELGIN

It was with great anticipation that the Scottish youth riders headed to Elgin in the Northeast of Scotland to contest rd 2 of the nine round YMX Scottish Championship. This was the first time that Grampian MCC had held a round of the youth championships, but with their reputation for running great racing we all knew it was going to be a fantastic day's racing. The glorious sunshine could only add to the atmosphere although there having been no rain for weeks, it did mean that the track was a bit dusty in places in what must be unprecedented April weather. Hats off to the committee for a superbly prepared track especially as it is only two weeks since the same club ran a round of the Adult Open Scottish! Dedication indeed!

150 riders were all at the bit to get going as the days racing got under way with the Junior 65cc riders taking their gates. The juniors is producing some exciting racing this year with any one of 4 or 5 riders capable of taking the spoils. Robert Smith launched off the gate to take the first holeshot of the day but dropped it in the soft sandy section of the track at the second corner, handing the lead to Greg Queen who held out in front to take the first win ahead of John Adamson and Danny Stalker. Adamson had a spill too, falling to third behind Stalker.



Picture right – three 65 riders go head to head over the step up jump.

Adamson put it all behind him to storm to two comfortable wins in race two and three. Stalker took second in moto two but for an unknown reason did not start race three. Fraser Pohlen found his form in race three to take second behind Adamson with Dean McLeod in third. Adamson took the overall, with Greg Queen second and Dean McLeod's consistency paid off to award him the final podium place.

Matthew Fleming was simply unstoppable in the SW 85cc class. After his third overall at the BYMX in Desert Martin, he was simply in his own league and awesome to watch. The other guys were having their own battles for position but were never going to get close to Fleming. Ryan Livingstone and Josh Craig were the guys fighting for second place. Josh took second in moto 1 and three with Livingstone taking it in moto 2. Livingstone had a frustrating race in moto one dropping him down the leaderboard. In the overall Matthew Fleming took top spot with three straight wins, with Craig in second, and Stuart Robertson having a steady day to take third ahead of Ian Stewart.

The pace certainly hotted up along with the sunshine once the BW 85cc class got to the gates. One of the most exciting classes to watch at the moment, Ewan McLaren quickly stamped his authority in



Picture above – start of BW 85 race

race one pulling ahead of the pack. Steven Craig fought tooth and nail to stay with him- then McLaren had bike problems which handed Craig the lead and saw McLaren drop to second last. Aidan Bruce was in superb form and took second with local lass Hannah McLeod showing the rest of the guys how its done taking third. Moto two again saw McLaren dominate and this time his mount did not let him down much to his obvious relief! Craig chased him every inch of the way to a fine second and Bruce was third. Moto three again saw McLaren take top spot, but it was Craig who got the overall with Hannah McLeod taking second; David Clarkson had a steady day and came through to take the final podium position.

Tommy Fenwick was the man on form in the SP 125cc class, although racing was close throughout the day. Clinton Duff and Ryan Blair were not going to let Fenwick out of their sights, and hard charging Ryan Mclean and Gary Sharp weren't far behind either! A mistake by Fenwick in race one handed Duff the first win of the day, with Ryan Blair second and Fenwick had to settle for third. He did not however make the same mistake in races two and three, winning both. Duff was in superb form taking two seconds ahead of Blair who took the third spot in both races. Overall, Fenwick took it, with Duff second and Blair third.

The SACU Adult 125cc Scottish which runs with the Youth Championship was a hotly contested affair! Jamie Duncan took the lead in moto one but failed to finish. Sean McDonald was charging hard and took full advantage of Duncan's woes to take the first win, and subsequently the overall, although he only managed fourth in races 2 and 3, he had done enough to just stay ahead of a consistent Scott Findlay who took second overall with three thirds. Ricky Mair had a disappointing moto one finishing well down the field, but stormed back to two race wins and third overall. The third round of both championships now heads to Peebles in the Borders hosted by Scottish Youth MCC, on 29th April – look out for more excitement there!



Picture above #293 Ryan Blair

RESULTS

65CC

JOHN ADAMSON

GREG QUEEN

DEAN MCLEOD

FRASER POHLEN

REECE WILSON

IAN FINDLAY

SW85CC

MATTHEW FLEMING

JOSH CRAIG

STUART ROBERTSON

IAN STEWART

RYAN LIVINGSTONE

TAYLOR ROBERTSON

BW 85CC

STEVEN CRAIG

HANNAH MCLEOD

DAVID CLARKSON
EWAN MCLAREN
AIDAN BRUCE
CHRISTOPHER INGLIS

SP125 CC
TOMMY FENWICK
CLINTON DUFF
RYAN BLAIR
RYAN MCLEAN
COLIN LAPINSKIE
ARRAN MCCARROLL

ADULT 125CC
SEAN MCDONALD
SCOTT FINDLAY
RICKY MAIR
JOHN DOUGLAS-HAMILTON
TONY CRAIG
ROY MCCONNACHIE