

YMX Youth Scottish Championships & CompMX Adult 125 Scottish Championships

RD 6 – Rhynie, Aberdeenshire

SUNDAY 1st July

Mud glorious mud!! Global warming they say! Well whatever it was that caused it, motocrossers countrywide will be cursing it! The weather in the lead up to round 6 of the YMX Scottish Championship was simply appalling everywhere except at Rhynie, the venue for the championship on Sunday 1st July. Yes, there was actually dust there the day before, but, alas, the ‘weather’ made it north by Sunday rendering the track a quagmire.

Unfortunately the conditions worsened as the day progressed and the decision was taken to cut down to two races rather than the usual three.

It was a day where consistency and the ability to stay on was going to pay off, but it certainly did mix up the results a bit!!

Thank goodness for electronic timing as the first group, the 65cc class headed out onto the track, and by the first corner they all looked the same, with numbers unrecognisable! But these are the tough wee stars of the future and they were undeterred – they battled on through the difficult conditions with spills and tumbles galore but up they got and on they went. Greg Queen was in his usual fine form and took two well deserved wins managing to stay on board for both races. Jack Taylor was riding superbly with a second and a third to take second spot overall. The ever quick and consistent Dean McLeod also had a second and a third to take third place.

Matthew Fleming led the field in the small wheel 85cc class making the difficult conditions seem easy – two more straight wins to add to his perfect score so far in the championship. Behind him there was as always a good battle for positions. Ian Stewart had a difficult first race but made the most of the sticky conditions to take a well deserved second in moto two and second overall. Taylor Robertson had an excellent day staying in the saddle to take third ahead of Josh Craig.

Fitness and dogged determination dictated the results in the BW 85cc class, and of course some superb riding helped, as Ewan McLaren stamped his authority on the rest of the field. Steven Craig put up a good fight, staying with McLaren for a good while during race one but McLaren opened up a big gap to ensure the win in moto one with a textbook performance for a second maximum in moto 2. Hannah McLeod was just brilliant given the conditions and being the only girl in the class. She took third in race one and when Craig’s bike became stuck in gear for almost the entirety of race two she was quick to take advantage, taking second in the race and overall. Craig was third, just ahead of a consistent Aidan Bruce.

The bigger boys in the SP 125cc class, found the going just as difficult as the wee guys despite their bigger wheels – it just meant they collected more mud making them fall harder as well as heavier to pick up when they hit the deck! Tommy Fenwick took charge in race one but Ryan Blair was never far behind with Fenwick taking the win by 11 seconds – not huge given the conditions. Blair rode superbly in race two to take the win when Fenwick failed to finish. Frazer Norrie seemed to be relishing the conditions (perhaps an illusion!) and was not only quick but consistent with it to take second overall. Gary Sharp was always a threat behind Norrie, as was Alan Shields, but Sharp had to settle for third with Shields in fourth.

The SACU/ CompMX 125cc Adult Championship class saw a close battle at the top of the field, with Tony Craig taking the first win ahead of Moto-one teammate Sean MacDonald. Jamie Duncan had Scott Findlay breathing down his neck but with his bike giving problems, Findlay was never able to really threaten Duncan. Race two saw Craig having bike problems dropping him down the points, with MacDonald and Findlay then battling for the lead until Findlay dropped it, handing second in the race and overall to Duncan. MacDonald took the overall win with Tony Craig in third.

Lets hope for an improvement in the weather for round seven as we head for Shiplaw on 13/14th July. Scottish Championship races will be held on the Saturday 13th with club rounds on the Sunday.

<u>65</u> GREG QUEEN JACK TAYLOR DEAN MCLEOD JOHN ADAMSON REECE WILSON SEAN PENMAN	<u>85 SMALL WHEEL</u> MATTHEW FLEMING IAN STEWART TAYLOR ROBERTSON JOSH CRAIG STUART ROBERTSON SHAWN SINCLAIR	<u>85 BIG WHEEL</u> EWAN MCLAREN HANNAH MCLEOD STEVEN CRAIG AIDAN BRUCE DAVID CLARKSON FRASER FLOCKHART
<u>125CC SP</u> RYAN BLAIR FRAZER NORRIE GARY SHARP ALLAN SHIELDS DAVID PLANK	<u>125CC ADULT</u> SEAN MACDONALD JAMIE DUNCAN TONY CRAIG SCOTT FINDLAY JOE GARRICK BARRY ROBB	