

MIDWEST CMA CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

2009 MINI ROAD RACING SERIES

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PRESS RELEASE

The 6th and final round was held at the Martensville Speedway track. The SMRA opened the race weekend with their renown “Super Pole”. Qualifying took place Saturday afternoon. Racers drew numbers to determine qualifying order and then ran the “Super Plank”. This is a 10 foot plank upon which your qualifying time is written down. To get this time you run a warm up lap, and then one hot lap. This time determines the rider’s position for the main event, and will greet everyone season after season as racers gaze upon the honoured plank. Geoff Gerbrandt #16 with home track advantage set the fastest time of the day on his KX85 with 48.67 seconds. Ian McWhirter #64 of Calgary, AB came in second with 49.27 seconds on his YZ27. 53 bikes in total qualified for the Super Plank.

Race day commenced with Saskatoon President Emil Peev welcoming everyone to a great day of racing with rain clouds circling and teasing the racers and with typical prairie winds adding to an already very technical track.

There were 2 participants in the Youth 7-10 year olds. Christy Conrad finished first and Reaghan Ross 2nd. In the Intermediate race Deb Strem of Regina took the 1st spot on the podium with Sharon Ham of White City 2nd and Christy Conrad of Calgary 3rd.

The Ladies Class put on a good show. Robyn Ham #55 started both races from the back of the pack do to a mechanical problem during Super Pole, and with some exceptional manoeuvres placed 2nd overall. Jana Ham #5 took 1st place and Sam McManus #3 placed 3rd. The 6 ladies participating in this event provided some hot competition.

To make things interesting the Formula Over 21 was placed in the same race as the Formula Under 21 racers. The old guys were placed on the grid in front of the young guys. “Old guy” McWhirter #64 got the holeshot off the start but “young guy” Gerbrandt #16 was hot on his heels after the first lap. They had a good battle entertaining the crowd with Gerbrandt #16 winning overall. Finishes for Under 21 Formula were Geoff Gerbrandt #16 first, Cody Conrad #179 second, and Chris Wilson #66 third. Over 21 Formula was Ian McWhirter #64 first, Rob Ross #11 second, and Guy Hince #35 third.

In the Pocket Bike Open and Pocket Bike 40cc Chris Mah of Edmonton, AB once again demonstrated his superiority and won every race. The podium finish was the same for both classes: Chris Mah first, Pierre Pelletier second, and twin brother Daniel Pelletier settled for third.

The Spec Super Sport races proved interesting. Geoff Gerbrandt #16 was late to the grid due to equipment issues so started the first race in last position even though he had pole. With 12 bikes on the track, Gerbrandt #16 was in second spot by the end of the first lap behind Dave Elmer #87. The Saskatoon President Emil Peev #110 joined Elmer #87 and Gerbrandt #16 in the lead group. Gerbrandt eventually obtained a comfortable lead and let Peev and Elmer battle it out. Deb Strem #11 crashed out in lap 8 and in the second last corner of the last lap Peev #110 passed Elmer #87. In the second race Gerbrandt #16 comfortably led the convoy. Peev #110 held onto 2nd spot with Jana Ham #5 securing 3rd spot on the last lap and Elmer #87 settling for 4th. Final Results were Gerbrandt #16 first, Emil Peev #110 second, and Dave Elmer #87 third.

In the Spec Thunder and Thumper McWhirter #64 got the holeshot in race #1 and maintained a huge lead in both races. No one could touch McWhirter who took first in Thunder, Rob Ross 2nd, and Sam McManus 3rd. In Thumper Jacob Snell #198 placed 1st and Craig Poirer #1 got second.

Both races in Formula Thumper and Formula Thunder were almost identical with Cody Conrad #179 getting the holeshot. No passing took place in these races with everyone immediately settling into finish positions: Formula Thunder Cody Conrad #179 first and Rob Haynes #97 second. Patrice Lambert #146 first in Formula Thumper.

Under 21 Spec was an entertaining race with Geoff Gerbrandt #16 getting the holeshot and taking a huge lead. With two laps to go Gerbrandt's bike was making wierd noises with everyone wondering if he was going to be able to finish the race. The Saskatoon President Emil Peev #110 was having a huge battle with Sam McManus, but dropped from third position on the last lap to ninth position when he went off the track temporarily. Robyn Ham #55 started at the back of the race and battled her way up to 4th spot. Gerbrandt #16 finished first, Chris Mah #32 second and Sam McManus #3 third.

In Spec Over 21 McWhirter #64 got holeshot and secured a significant gap on the first lap. Jacob Snell #19X crashed on the second lap. Podium was Ian McWhirter #64 first, Rob Ross #130 second, and Dave Elmer #87 third.

Both races in Formula Super Sport were identical. Geoff Gerbrandt switched from bike #16 to #44 on a borrowed AMRA CBR125. Gerbrandt #44 claimed first podium spot, Chris Wilson #66 second, and Cody Conrad #179.

Formula GP and Motard classes were run together. Ian McWhirter #64 set the fastest time of the day on his Motard with a time of 48.785 seconds. Two races were held with McWhirter and Gerbrandt battling it out for the Motard Class. McWhirter crashed in the second race on the 5th lap but still finished the race in 2nd spot. Gerbrandt #16 took first in Motard, McWhirter #64 second and Jacob Snell #64 third place. In the Formula GP class Rob Ross #11 took first, Rob Haynes #7 second, and Guy Hince #35 third.