



Media Release

The Youngsters turn it on in NSW Junior Motocross Championship Round at Moree:

The future of Motocross in Australia is certainly in good hands if the second round of the Demon Energy Drink NSW Junior Motocross Championship, that was held over the June Long Weekend at the Moree Motocross Track in North Western NSW, is of any indication.

Throughout the two days of the NSW Championship the youngsters, that included boys and girls, put on a fantastic display of riding in their classes and both close and exciting battles were regular features around the stunning Moree Motocross Track.

Hayden Mellross was the most celebrated rider for the round as he took out impressive wins in the 12 to Under 14 Years Standard and Big Wheel 150cc, the 13 to Under 15 Years 100 – 150cc 2-stroke and the 13 to Under 15 Years 250cc 4-stroke classes. In the 12 to Under 14 Years Standard and Big Wheel 150cc class, Mellross was simply too quick in all three races and at the completion of the round finished ahead of Aaron Tanti and Jarrod Kelly. Meanwhile, in the 13 to Under 15 Years 100 – 150cc 2-stroke class Mellross battled with arch rival Luke Clout and their battle was very entertaining and it unfortunately resulted in Clout having a massive crash as he battled for the lead with Mellross during the second heat. Despite winning both heat one and three, Clout's DNF in the second heat denied him of a probable round victory. The going was a little easier in the 13 to Under 15 Years 250cc 4-stroke class for Mellross when he took out three convincing heat race wins and he then won the round ahead of Ben George and Blake Fletcher.

In the 15 Years 250cc 4-stroke class Mitch Budd saved his best to last and was recorded with the round victory spoils. Budd blitzed the field in the third and final heat in strong fashion defeating Errol Willis and Jacob McLeod. In the opening two heats Budd finished the opening heat outside the top three and then finished third in the second moto and his consistency was enough to earn him the round victory overall. The opening heat was won in comfortable style by Kale Makeham, while the second heat was taken out by McLeod. Makeham after winning the opening heat failed to start the second heat and finished towards the foot of the top 10 in the third and final heat. Overall Budd finished ahead of Kurt Wightman and McLeod.

Making up for his disappointments in the 15 Years 250cc 4-stroke class; Kale Makeham took out the overall victory in the 15 Years 100 – 150cc 2-stroke with three dominating heat race wins. Finishing behind Makeham on the podium overall for the round was Brock Fayle and Jesse Sutherland in second and third place respectively.

After placing third overall in the 15 Years 250cc 4-stroke class; Jacob McLeod was able to score the winning spoils in the 14 to Under 16 Years 85cc Standard and Big Wheel class. After finishing second behind Luke Clout in the opening two heat races; McLeod was able to take advantage of Clout failing to start the third and final heat race due to a crash in another class and claim the victory and also the overall round. McLeod won the round ahead of Dale Fear and Tom Williams.

Rhys Budd was able to continue his dominating form from the opening round in the NSW Championship; Rhys Budd took out another clean sweep in the 7 to Under 9 Years 50cc Division 2 by winning all three heat races in convincing fashion. Corey Briffa and Korey McMahon placed in second and third respectively on the podium overall behind the victorious Budd.

In the 7 to Under 9 Years 65cc Callum Norton emerged as the overall winner with two out of three heat race wins. Norton won both race one and three and it was Riley Dukes that was able to take advantage of a fall by Norton, who eventually recovered to finish in fourth place, in the second heat race to claim the win. Dukes ended up finishing second overall for the round behind Norton and third place was filled by Jy Roberts.

The action was aplenty in the 9 to Under 11 Years 65cc class but in the end it was Jordan Hill that came out on top at the completion of the three heat races. During the three heat races Hill won the opening two heat races and finished third in the other but it was enough to take out back-to-back NSW Championship round victories. Queenslander Hunter Lawrence, who managed to win the third heat race, showed plenty of impressive form to finish second overall while Dylan Dukes finished in third place on the podium.

Tyler Bullen showed great speed to win all three heat races in the 11 to Under 13 Years 65cc class and by virtue the round victory too. Bullen proved too strong for his rivals and finished ahead of Blake Sola and Damon Collis overall.

The 9 to Under 12 Years 85cc Standard Wheel class had the biggest field of the entire weekend and it was Egan Mastin that came out on top by winning both heat race one and two and finishing second in the third and final heat race. Dylan Heaton never stopped trying all weekend and was rewarded with the victory in the third and final heat and overall he finished in second place. Third place on the podium overall was Jaiden Corrigan. Elias Dukes had a nasty crash during one of the qualifying heat races on Saturday morning and unfortunately that put him out for the remainder of the weekend.

Dylan Willis won two out of the three heat races in the 12 to Under 14 Years 85cc Standard and Big Wheel class and won the round overall. After winning the opening two heat races, Willis finished third in the final heat race of the round behind winner Luke Arnold. Arnold, who finished third overall for the round, took out an impressive victory in the third and final heat race ahead of Jordan Bissaker, who ended up finishing second overall, and Willis.

The third and final round of the Demon Energy Drink NSW Junior Motocross Championship is to be fought out on the weekend of July 17 – 19 at Bathurst in Central Western NSW.