

Team Motorex KTM back on top in Australian Supercross

Report from round two of the Australian Supercross Masters series including results and images.

(PRWEB) September 8, 2004 -- Marmont brothers lead the way in Supercross Masters Championship

- \hat{A} Event: 2004 Supercross Masters \hat{A} Round Two
- \hat{A} Event Location: Sydney, NSW
- \hat{A} Event Date: September 4, 2004

Wollongong teenager Ryan Marmont had to suffer through the first round of the Supercross Masters from the sidelines as he recovered from surgery to an injured elbow. The talented Motorex KTM pilot proved that misfortune was well behind him when he came out with all guns blazing at the Sydney Superdome last weekend.

Ryan, or $\hat{A} \square \text{Doggie} \hat{A} \square$, as he is affectionately known, blasted the opposition in the Pro Lites division by dominating the events from start to finish. Ryan won every session and all the races on his way to the final. In the final he just controlled the race from the front with a tactical focus belying his tender years.

The only threat to Ryan came in the final when Daniel Reardon was pushing hard to try and close the gap to the KTM mounted leader. Unfortunately Reardon cased hard off a large jump which put him out of the race. Young Matt Moss inherited second position from Reardon while Jye Harvey rounded out the Pro Lite podium.

Many thought Ryan would have trouble climbing to the top of the championship ladder after missing the first round. But after his brilliant performance in Sydney he now sits equal first on the table with Cameron Taylor and Jye Harvey.

In the Pro Open class Jay Marmont had been looking forward to testing his mettle against American big gun Mike Larocco.

Jay had suffered badly in the days leading up to the event with a dreadful throat infection and flu symptoms that drained his energy and troubled his preparation. That $didn\hat{A} \Box t$ stop him from putting the fastest time in during the semis but the 20 lap final was always going to test him while suffering from an infection.

Jay sprinted away in the final and led Larocco for the majority of the race before the American came on strong in the latter stages to get the better of Marmont.

It was clear that if Jay had been fully fit he would have been able to better withstand the late attack and possibly score the win, but that was not to be.

Jay could take comfort in the fact that he proved ready for graduation to the American competition as his fastest laptimes during the night were considerably faster than LaroccoÂ \Box s best times.

Cheyne Boyd failed to fire on all cylinders and was beaten to the podium by Troy Carroll.

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Team Motorex KTM now holds down first place in both the Pro Open and Pro Lites classes which is a repeat of the domination we saw earlier this year when the Marmont brothers won the respective classes in the new Supercross Nationals Series.

Sydney also marked the debut of the new 2005 KTM 125SX and 250SX in national supercross competition. With the fastest recorded times in both classes KTM has proved once again that their well proven European racing pedigree can triumph over the best of what Japan can offer.

QUOTES

Ryan Marmont $\hat{A} \square$ Pro Lites $\hat{A} \square$ Round Position (1st) - Championship Position (1st) - $\hat{A} \square$ I really wasn $\hat{A} \square$ t expecting my return to work out as well as it did. To be honest I wasn $\hat{A} \square$ t really pushed in the final, a few guys crashed out and from there on I just cruised home. The only serious threat looked to be coming from Reardon but then he also went down, hard, which left me to have a fairly easy run home. $\hat{A} \square$

Jay Marmont $\hat{A} \square$ Pro Open $\hat{A} \square$ Round Position (2nd) - Championship Position (1st) - $\hat{A} \square$ I had spent the previous few days in bed on a strong course of antibiotics as I have really been suffering from some sort of throat infection this week.

 $\hat{A} \square$ In the final I got away quick and early on Larocco and tried to pull out. He chased me down around two-thirds of the way through the race and made a clean move for the lead.

 $\hat{A} \Box I$ stayed on his tail hoping that he would make a mistake but he is a class performer and never put a foot wrong. $\hat{A} \Box$

Cheyne Boyd - Pro Open $\hat{A} \square$ Round Position (4th) - Championship Position (5th) $\hat{A} \square \hat{A} \square$ Overall I am very disappointed tonight. Practice went reasonably well and I was confident in my heat race but didn $\hat{A} \square$ t take any risks as I didn $\hat{A} \square$ t want to do a repeat of Adelaide when I won all the heats but then failed to make the final.

 $\hat{A} \square$ However it didn $\hat{A} \square$ t all go smoothly as in one of the races I was running with Jay and pulled alongside him in the whoops. Then on an upramp I moved a little to the right to try and avoid coming together with Jay in the air or on landing, but I misjudged it a little and it shot me a long way off to the right and I landed off the track. I got back on track quick enough but the fall had left me a little muddled and I went down again later on. I managed to recover and finish well.

 $\hat{A} \square$ That had messed with my head a little and I couldn $\hat{A} \square$ t relax on the bike in the final. And when I can $\hat{A} \square$ t relax I get tight and the arms pump up. Troy Carroll was right in front of me in the final but I wasn $\hat{A} \square$ t comfortable enough to try and make a pass. I knew that if I did make an attempt there was a good chance of crashing again, so instead used my head and took the points. $\hat{A} \square$

Rob Twyerould $\hat{A} \square$ Team Motorex KTM Manager $\hat{A} \square \hat{A} \square A$ fantastic night and I am elated with Ryan $\hat{A} \square s$ results after quite a lay off with no competition following his operation. He came straight out in practice and reeled off excellent times and it was clear from the off that he was going to be the man to beat.

 $\hat{A} \square$ Ryan then went on to win every single race. In the final he took the lead in the first corner and played his race strategy perfect from there on in.

 $\hat{A} \Box$ In the Pro Open Boydy tightened up and didn $\hat{A} \Box$ t quite get it together tonight.



 $\hat{A} \Box$ Jay rode fantastic. He had a bad cold or flu type virus in the lead up to the event and during the press day on Thursday he was suffering so bad that he laid down in the back of the van. So to come out the way he did and then go on to lead the final for most of the race was amazing.

 $\hat{A} \square$ If Jay hadn $\hat{A} \square$ t been sick it would have been a tough call for Larocco to be able to beat him tonight. Jay again clearly proved that he is ready to go to America and be a consistent front runner.

 $\hat{A} \Box I$ must say a big thanks to our team of mechanics who worked incredibly hard to get the new 2005 KTM machines ready for this weekend. John DiStefano, Danny Apro and Jason Azzopardi all put in the hard yards and gave our riders the best equipment for the job. $\hat{A} \Box$

2004 SX Masters Â□ Championship Points after Round Two

Points Pro Lite Points Pro Open 1. J Marmont 30 1. R Marmont 15 2. T Carroll 22 2. C Taylor 15 3. D Ham 18 3. J Harvey 15 4. R Marshall 13 4. D Reardon 13 5. C Boyd 12 5. M Moss 12 ###



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