



AYUB KHAN & SAROSH HATARIA LEAD THE DRIVERS STANDINGS IN THE XXX NATIONAL RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

New Delhi: The second round of Xxx National Racing Championship 2003 at the Sriperumbedur Race Track near Chennai witnessed some dramatic pulsating action right from the start. J.D. Madan not to be outdone by Ayub's commanding performance in the first round started the proceedings by clinching the top step of the podium in the very first race of the 2nd Round of the Xxx National Racing Championship. Ayub Khan made a strong comeback and showed his talent to the fullest, winning the second race of the Saloon Class. **The Championship is being organized under the aegis of The Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India and organized by Madras Motor Sport Club (MMS) and is being presented by MARUTI SUZUKI.**

The Formula Maruti Class witnessed some very inspiring driving and lots of jockeying for positions. Riding on the back of some excellent driving and good luck, Formula Asia driver Sarosh Hataria took the top podium position in the first race only to be ousted of that position by Gaurav Dalal who put in a stupendous performance for the second race of the day. With a total of as many as 19 entries, the Formula Maruti Category vindicated the organizers and sponsors commitment that this category is the breeding ground for racing talent in the country.

RACE REPORT - SALOON CLASS

Race 1 (10 Laps)

Race 1 in the Esteem category saw a grid line up with 15 cars for the start of the race and Ayub Khan taking pole position in the qualifying laps held on Saturday, 1 November. This ten-lap race was a thriller right from the start. J.D. Madan who in second place drove brilliantly to overtake Ayub and end his dominance in the early stages of the championship, completed the race in a neck and neck finish with Ayub. K. Hari starting from the 5th position on the grid put in an admirable performance to edge out B. Vijay Kumar to finish in 3rd position. Anil Wadia was declared as the winner for the Novice category and the fastest lap of this race went to Ayub who put in a time of 1:17.956 seconds.

Saloon Class - Race 1 (10 Laps)

Pos.	Name	Total Timings (Min:Sec)
1	J.D. Madan	13:11.559
2	Ayub Khan	13:13.800
3.	K. Hari	13:18.108
BEST TUNER AWARD		Roopesh



Race 2(15 Laps)

The second race in the same category saw pole holder Ayub at his best and this time around he drove in style with lots of aggression to retain his position and make it to the finishing line as the winner. J.D. Madan who was in hot pursuit could not match Ayub's aggression and had to settle for the second spot this time around. B. Vijaya Kumar from 4th place on the starting grid drove a steady and consistent race to move up and finish 3rd, while Sivaramakrishnan finished fourth. With a lap time of 1:17.730, Ayub put in a consistent performance to take the coveted fastest lap time of the second race and Anirudh Jain winning the Novice award for this race. **At the end of the second round Ayub continues to retain the championship lead with 42 points.**

Saloon Class - Race 2 (15 Laps)

Pos.	Name	Total Timings (Min:Sec)
1	Ayub Khan	19:46.278
2	J.D Madan	19:48.939
3.	B. Vijay Kumar	19:55.026
BEST TUNER AWARD		Satish



RACE REPORT – FORMULA MARUTI

Race I

With 19 cars taking the starting grid in the Formula Maruti Category, it was all set for a very exiting afternoon of racing. It started as a thriller and remained so till the end. In one of the best races witnessed at this track, Sarosh Hataria who started from fourth position on the grid, came through the ranks with an absolutely brilliant performance. Driving a close race that lasted the entire 10 laps. On his way to this incredulous victory he passed Gurunath Meiyappan, Gaurav Dalal and Gaurav Gill to finish ahead in just a fraction of their time. Gaurav Dalal who started on pole, experienced some vehicle problems that restrained his performance to finish in third place. However the Novice Driver Award went to Amitrajit Ghosh and the fastest lap time of 1:14.152 seconds belonged to Gaurav Dalal.

Formula Maruti Race 1 (10 Laps)

Pos.	Name	Total Timings (Min:Sec)
1	Sarosh Hataria	12:32.077
2	Gaurav Gill	12:32.453
3.	Gaurav Dalal	12:33.221
NOVICE AWARD		
	Amitrajit Ghosh	12:55.233
BEST TUNER AWARD		Parasuram



Race II

The 15 lap second race in the Formula Maruti category proved to be an exciting one. There was another good performance put in by Sarosh Hataria, but this time around saw Gaurav Dalal who drove well and ensured that he maintained his lead from the start to the finish of the race. The Novice award went to Varun Sharma for this race and the fastest lap time of 1:13.917 belonged to Sarosh Hataria.

Formula Maruti Race 2 (15 Laps)

Pos.	Name	Total Timings (Min:Sec)
1	Gaurav Dalal	18:47.715
2	Sarosh Hataria	18:53.185
3.	Hari. K	18:58.463
NOVICE AWARD		
	Varun Sharma	19:08.277
BEST TUNER AWARD		Manekshah

OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS AT THE END OF THE 2ND ROUND

CATEGORY: ESTEEM		CATEGORY: FISSME	
1.	AYUB KHAN – 42	1.	SAROSH HATARIA – 39
2.	J.D. MADAN – 28	2.	GAURAV DALAL – 32
3.	SIVARAMAKRISHNAN – 21	3.	GAURAV GILL - 23

The next round of the Xxx National Racing Championship 2003 is scheduled for Sunday, 7th December.

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