

 **THAI NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RND. 6**  
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# CROWNING THE 2009 N

THE MEETING DECIDED 2009 CHAMPIONS IN SEVERAL CATEGORIES, SUSPENSE REACHED A CLIMAX IN THE YAMAHA CATEGORY... EVEN AFTER THE FINAL RACE WAS OVER.

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**T**he organisers of the Thai National Championship have devised two ways to prevent the number of entrants from dropping at season's end. First the number of points attributed for each round raises steadily over the year (15,12,10... for R1, 30,27,25... for R6) and second you have to participate in the final round to receive your year-end trophy. The method proved efficient, we had 66 entrants for this last round against 67 during the opening round.. Weather was fine as November traditionally sees the arrival of the dry-cool season in Thailand and of many tourists in Pattaya.

**Baby Rok** The demonstration races by 6 very young drivers

(it does not lead to a year-end trophy) were dominated by Trin Sirivadhanakul who won heat 1, heat 2 and the final. This gives us an opportunity to explain that as Thai family names are very long they are seldom used. Instead, the first name preceded by the word Khun (to show respect) is used. Hence, the Baby Rok class was dominated by Khun Trin!

### **Super Cadet/Mini Rok**

It was Miss Tachapan ahead of Khun Veravich in Heat 1, 2 and the final in the Super Cadet category but with 3 wins out of 6 races Khun Veravich became the 2009 champion, ahead of Miss Tachapan (winner of the last two

rounds) and Khun Sanhanat who had won the season opener. No surprise here, Khun Veravich also won the Mini Rok title in the other Thai Championship (SKT) while Miss Tachapan is also the 2009 SKT Cadet Champion and Mini Rok Vice-Champion.

Back to the National championship Khun Sasakorn won it all at Bira in the Mini Rok class, adding a 6th victory to his season collection (out of 6 races).







# NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

Above, KF2 start with championship winner Tanart (11) ahead of Dutch Formula 3 driver Carlo Van Dam (12) and Vongprai (38), 3rd in the championship. Below, 125 Sr.Clubman winner Nutapiban (139) celebrates his title.

Do we need to mention that he became the 2009 National Champion? Khun Sasint, second at Bira, is the 2009 Mini Rok Vice-Champion.

**Yamaha** Breathtaking is the word most adequate to describe the Yamaha (Yamaha Challenge and Yamaha SL) final races of the season. Be the judge: in each race the top three finished in the same second! Heat 1 went to Toby Earle ahead of Khan Wautier (+0.296). Third was Miss Praewphan (+0.802), the championship leader before this round, with a 10 point lead over Khan and 12 over Toby. Heat 2 for Khun Sasakorn ahead of Toby

(+0.073), Praewphan (+0.271) and Khan (+0.908)! Intense battle again during the final. A collision sends Miss Tachapan and Praewphan to the back but in the lead the fight between Khun Sasakorn, Khan and Toby is beautiful to watch and each of the three racers is seen leading at some stage. On the finish line Khun Sasakorn wins with a 0.068 gap over Khan and not much more over Toby.

Khun Sasakorn races in the Yamaha Challenge class, Khan therefore is the winner of the Yamaha SL race and at that time he is the 2009 SL Champion with 102 points (against 101 for Miss Praewphan). But scrutineering leads to a DQ for Toby... Miss Praewphan gains one position and is the 2009 SL Champion with 103 points. A deserved title after

## RESULTS

**Super Cadet:** 1) 689 Wongsanganan 112; 2) 634 Vijitranon 109; 3) 666 Chokklangtanakul 86; 4) 699 Sutumno 87; 5) 654 Silamat 41; 6) 603 Muller 41; 7) 696 Nielsen 23; 8) 600 Sangcharoen 20

**Mini Rok:** 1) 345 Chaimongkol 135; 2) 331 Kongpattanakul 96; 3) 350 Smutrakalin 49; 4) 391 Buttawong 29; 5) 349 Calhoun 25; 6) 310 Lim-lm 41; 7) 309 Srisuk 39; 8) 399 Boonchai 22; 9) 339 Wongsanganan 10; 10) 354 Vichitranon 8

**Yamaha Challenge:** 1) 567 Thammalapa 101; 2) 599 Wautier 105; 3) 511 Klankesorn 87; 4) 566 Earle 78; 5) 544 Vijitranon 73; 6) 545 Chaimongkol 65; 7) 559 Chotivirasatanon 33; 8) 504 Cucchi 21; 9) 554 Jeerapaet 17; 10) 555 Susamakulvong 9

**Yamaha SL:** 1) 567 Thammalapa 103; 2) 599 Wautier 112; 3) 566 Earle 84; 4) 544 Vijitranon 75; 5) 559 Chotivirasatanon 35; 6) 504 Cucchi 23; 7) 554 Jeerapaet 18; 8) 555 Susamakulvong 11

**KF2:** 1) 11 Sathienthirakul 109; 2) 35 Rev-eille 113; 3) 38 Vongprai 92; 4) 36 Clegg

67; 5) 72 Yakin 56; 6) 49 Boonhan 54; 7) 58 Koivistoinen 51; 8) 9 Paisarnsrin 34; 9) 98 Wongsanganan 29; 10) 54 Rattanarat 28

**125 Sr Open:** 1) 413 Storah 126; 2) 427 Earle 93; 3) 410 Paisarnsrin 33; 4) 444 Yangyuen 10; 5) 499 Guy 8

**125 Sr Clubman:** 1) 139 Nutapiban 103; 2) 123 Guillaume 98; 3) 171 Hirunvanijkul 83; 4) 195 Brennan 62; 5) 165 Murphy 35; 6) 114 Macleod 25; 7) 198 Pongprapas 24; 8) 199 Visutthipong 24; 9) 168 Kolan 22; 10) 154 Stoeckel 15

**125 Jr. Open (Pending):** 1) 234 Thammalapa 98; 2) 288 Pukpiboon 93; 3) 239 Vongprai 78; 4) 225 Wisuthisen 59; 5) 211 Hirunvanijkul 69; 6) 233 Panyarungcharoen 12; 7) 212 Reyes 11

**Junior Max:** 1) 288 Pukpiboon 135; 2) 238 Chotditsunthon 84; 3) 256 Susamakulvong 62

**Rok Junior:** 1) 235 Prutipong 123; 2) 201 Suwankham 100; 3) 255 Ramatipanon 89; 4) 289 Sangcharoen 85; 5) 298 Sangcharoen 84; 6) 211 Hirunvanijkul 17; 7) 233 Panyarungcharoen 15

all, she had won the first four races of the championship. She doubles with the Yamaha Challenge title again ahead of Khan Wautier.

**Junior Open/Rok Jr/ Rotax Jr** A totally different picture awaited us in the Junior races with such a domination by

Khun Pattarapol that after a few corners he had already managed a comfortable gap with his opponents. With 3 wins this season you would expect that Khun Pattarapol also won the title and you would be wrong. He missed round 3 and retired in round 4, which