

2024 MRF MMSC fmsci Indian National CAR Racing Championship







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- Teenagers Jaden Pariat, Abhay Mohan extend domination
- Triple delight for Biren Pithawalla, Viswas Vijayaraj
- Aditya Patnaik, Dhruv Chavan excel in Polo Cup

Chennai, July 21: Two teenagers, Jaden Rahman Pariat (MRF Formula 2000) and Abhay Mohan (MRF Formula 1600) continued their assault on the titles with splendid victories on Sunday at the Madras International Circuit here as the curtains came down on the third round of the MRF MMSC fmsci Indian National Car Racing Championship 2024 – Powered by STORM-X.

While 17-year-old Jaden from Shillong came up with two super-aggressive drives for a double on Sunday to add to his five wins in the previous two rounds in February, while Bengaluru's 16-year-old Abhay Mohan, in only his first season in single-seater racing, completed a sweep of nine consecutive victories, including a triple crown this weekend. Both are in good space to clinch the championship titles in their respective categories with one more round remaining.

Jaden also won the Indian Oil special award for clocking the fastest lap (01min, 33.155secs) of the weekend across all categories.

Elsewhere, Mumbai's Biren Pithawalla (N1 Racing) also achieved a triple without facing much of a challenge to remain unbeaten in the Indian Touring Cars category. Hatim Shabbir from Chennai (Performance Racing) also won all the three races in the highly-competitive Indian Junior Touring Cars class to come within three points of leader and team-mate Srinivas Teja.

Redline Racing's Justin Singh from Gurugram drove well enough to win two of the three races this weekend in the Super Stock category which provisionally placed him six points behind championship leader Bala Prasath (DTS Racing) from Coimbatore who won the other race in the triple-header.

Meanwhile, DTS Racing's Viswas Vijayaraj from Nellore extended his championship lead to 63 points by completing a treble in the Formula LGB 1300 category, showcasing his skills and maturity in no uncertain terms. His best outing came in Race-2 today that he won after starting from P5 on the reverse grid. Pune's Diana Pundole, a mother of two, picked up sufficient points in the three MRF Saloons (Toyota Etios) races over the weekend to lead the points table though she failed to win any of the outings. Chikkamagaluru's 20-year-old Tarushi Vikram also enjoyed a good weekend, with a P3 finish in one race and top-five in the other two that has provisionally placed her third in the championship.

In the Polo Cup that witnessed fierce competition up and down the grid, Lonavla's Dhruv Chavan and Aditya Patnaik from Mumbai shared the honours by winning two races apiece.

Provisional results (all 10 laps unless mentioned):

MRF F2000 (Race-2): 1. Jaden Rahman Pariat (Shillong) (15min, 48.421sec); 2. Chetan Surineni (Bengaluru) (16:13.812); 3. Akhil Agarwal (Mumbai) (16:23.584). Race-3 (8 laps): 1. Jaden Rahman Pariat (Shillong) (12:45.676); 2. Chetan Surineni (Bengaluru) (13:00.405); 3. Akhil Agarwal (Mumbai) (13:07.807).

MRF F1600 (Race-2): 1. Abhay Mohan (Bengaluru) (17:26.053); 2. Zahan Commissariat (Mumbai) (17:29.637); 3. Monith Kumaran (Chennai) (17:31.157). Race-3 (8 laps): 1. Abhay Mohan (13:55.948); 2. Monith Kumaran (14:05.481); 3. Saishiva Sankaran (Pune) (14:07.197).

Indian Touring Cars (Race-2): 1. Biren Pithawalla (Mumbai, Team N1) (19mins, 07.820secs); 2. Deepak Ravikumar (Chennai, Team Performance Racing) (19:13.510). Note: Only 2 finishers. Race-3 (8 laps): 1. Biren Pithawalla (15:29.920); 2. Deepak Ravikumar (15:31.302); 3. Anant Pithawalla (Mumbai, N1 Racing) (15:38.100).

Indian Junior Touring Cars (Race-2): 1. Hatim Shabbir (Chennai, Team Performance Racing) (19:36.631); 2. Yug Italiya (Mumbai, N1 Racing) (19:48.982); 3. Dean Mascarenhas (Mangaluru, DB Motorsports) (20:01528). Race-3 (8 laps): 1. Hatim Shabbir (15:41.300); 2. Srinivas Teja (15:44.905); 3. Yug Italiya (15:56.309).

Super Stock (Race-2): 1. Bala Prasath (Coimbatore, DTS Racing) (20:58.260); 2. Justin Singh (Gurugram, Redline Racing India) (20:58.386); 3. Angad Matharoo (Chandigarh, pvt) (21:04.759). Race-3 (8 laps): 1. Justin Singh (16:49.050); 2. Angad Matharoo (17:04.842); 3. Bala Prasath (17:05.324).

MRF Saloons (Toyota Etios) Race-2: 1. Kesara Godage (Sri Lanka, Redline Racing India) (20:53.702); 2. Anirudha Aravind (Chennai, Redline Racing India) (21:00.207); 3. Tarushi Vikram (Chikkamagaluru, Redline Racing) (21:03.048). Race-3 (8 laps): 1. Kesara Godage (16:39.241); 2. Anirudha Aravind (16:40.086); 3. Diana Pundole (Pune, Redline Racing India) (16:41.460)

Polo Cup (Race-2): 1. Dhruv Chavan (Lonavla) (19:27.389); 2. Ojas Surve (Mumbai) (19:29.874); 3. Aditya Patnaik (Mumbai) (19:30.348). Race-3 (8 laps): 1. Aditya Patnaik (Mumbai) (15:36.664). 2. Dhruv Chavan (Lonavla) (15:38.699); 3. Ojas Surve (Mumbai)

(15:39.687). Race-4: 1. Dhruv Chavan (19:29.079); 2. Aditya Patnaik (19:30.259); 3. Ojas Surve (19:30.834).

Formula LGB 1300 (Race-2): 1. Viswas Vijayaraj (Nellore, DTS Racing) (18:53.663); 2. Diljit TS (Thrissur, DTS Racing) (19:01.197); 3. Neev Datta (New Delhi, MSport) (19:02.725). Race-3 (8 laps): 1. Viswas Vijayaraj (15:09.240); 2. Diljith TS (15:09.684); 3. Bala Prasath (Coimbatore, DTS Racing) (15:10.103).

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- National 4W Racing Championship to resume at MIC
- 13 races scheduled for Round 3; 71 entries in fray

Chennai, July 19: The MRF MMSC fmsci Indian National Car Racing Championship 2024 – Powered by STORM-X resumes after a five-month break with Round-3 scheduled for July 20-21 at the Madras International Circuit, here. In all, 13 races will be run across eight categories with 71 entries, including drivers from Sri Lanka and Bangladesh in the fray.

An addition to the championship is the Polo Cup with a 10-car grid that will have four races, three of which will be on the same grid as the MRF Saloons (Toyota Etios). Triple headers have been scheduled for the other categories – the MRF Formula 2000 and 1600 (combined grid), Indian Touring Cars, Super Stock and Indian Junior Touring Cars (combined grid), and the Formula LGB 1300.

At the top of the heap are the two MRF single-seater classes dominated by a pair of teenagers – Jaden Rahman Pariat, 17, from Shillong in Formula 2000 and Bengaluru's Abhay Mohan, 16, in Formula 1600. Both head the championship table in their respective categories with Jaden having won five of the six races over two rounds in February, and Abhay unbeaten in all six starts.

The ever-popular touring cars category with its three sub-classes have dished out close, wheel-to-wheel races. In the top-end ITC class, Mumbai's Biren Pithawalla (N1 Racing) emerged from the shadows to win all four races over two rounds to distance himself from his rivals in the championship stakes.

Chennai's Srinivas Teja (Performance Racing) is the early leader with three wins from four starts in the IJTC class while the contest is much closer in the Super Stock category where Redline Racing's Anirudha Aravind (Chennai) leads Balaprasath (DTS Racing) from Coimbatore are locked in a close tussle.

The Polo Cup is expected to churn out plenty of thrills considering the line-up of drivers some of whom have graduated from karting, notably 19-year-old Aditya Patnaik from Mumbai, a former National champion. Focus will also be on another Mumbai racer, Romir Arya who at 16 is the youngest on this grid, but with some success in National-level karting.

In the LGB 1300 category, Viswas Viayaraj, the DTS Racing pilot from Nellore, enjoys pole position following four wins besides two second-place finishes, but needs to keep an eye on his team-mate and closest rival, Coimbatore's Balaprasath.

The three MRF Saloons races in February witnessed close competition with Pune's Diana Pundole heading the points table after scoring two wins and a P3 on either side of Anirudha Aravind's triumph.

Chairman of the Meet, Vicky Chandhok said: "Even as we welcome back the competitors for Round-3 of the National Championship, the MMSC is pleased that Indian Oil has come on board as the official fuel partner and will supply high-octane petrol, STORM-X, specifically curated for racing cars and which enhances their performance. And with MRF Ltd continuing to extend their support for the next decade as title sponsors, the championship is set up nicely for an exciting weekend and season."

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- Akhil Agarwal, Abhay Mohan top in MRF Formula races
- Biren Pithawala continues unbeaten run in ITC class
- Big wins for Viswas Vijayaraj, Aditya Patnaik

Chennai, July 20: Akhil Agarwal, a 29-year-old businessman from Mumbai and a firsttime racer, was handed a victory in the marquee MRF Formula 2000 race following disqualification of Jaden Pariat in the third round of the MRF MMSC fmsci Indian National Car Racing Championship 2024 – Powered by STORM-X at the Madras International Circuit, here on Saturday.

Jaden, the 17-year-old from Shillong, was penalized for a jump start and "failure to comply with a drive-through penalty" after he won the race by the proverbial country mile. The penalty moved Agarwal to P1 while the Bengaluru pair of Chetan Surineni and Tarun Muthaiah were placed second and third, respectively.

Further behind, another Bengalurean, 16-year-old Abhay Mohan raced to his seventh consecutive win in the MRF Formula 1600 class that was run on a combined grid with the MRF F2000, with Chennai's Monith Kumaran coming in second, ahead of Mumbai racer Raaj Bakhru.

Other winners of the day were: Biren Pithawalla (Indian Touring Cars), Hatim Shabbir (Indian Junior Touring Cars), Justin Singh (Super Stock), Viswas Vijayaraj (Formula LGB 1300), Aditya Patnaik (Polo Cup) and Sri Lankan Kesara Godage (MRF Saloons).

Mumbai teenager and former National Karting champion Aditya Patnaik notched a handsome win in the Polo Cup without breaking sweat, leaving Bangladesh's HM Tauhid Anwar Avik and Romir Arya (Mumbai) to scrap for P2 and P3. "I had a good start and opened up a big lead. Thereafter, I eased off completely. I am very happy with the win as it was just my second outing in this category," said Aditya.

Kesara Godage, the youngster from Sri Lanka, took the honours in the MRF Saloons category that was run concurrently with the Polo Cup. Championship leader in this class, Diana Pundole finished second followed by Sri Lankan Kalim Iqbal.

Meanwhile, starting from pole position, Biren Pithawala (Team N1 Racing) from Mumbai, enjoyed a trouble-free run and was the lone finisher in the Indian Touring Cars race with his rivals, cousin brother Ananth Pithawalla and Chennai ace Deepak Ravikumar encountering mechanical issues. Neither driver was classified.

Chennai's Hatim Shabbir led a 1-2 finish for Performance Racing in the Indian Junior Touring Cars class with Srinivas Teja following him home while Mumbai's Yug Italiya (Team N1 Racing) completed the podium at the end of an entertaining race marked by wheel-to-wheel racing through the eight laps.

Justin Singh from Gurugram (Redline Racing) easily topped the Super Stock category displaying impressive pace, well clear of Chandigarh's Angad Matharoo and Bala Prasath (DTS Racing) from Coimbatore.

DTS Racing team achieved a podium sweep in the Formula LGB 1300 category where Nellore's Viswas Vijayaraj scored his fifth win of the season. Behind him Diljith TS (Thrissur) and Bala Prasath finished in that order after a fierce battle.

Provisional results (all 8 laps unless mentioned):

MRF F2000 (Race-1): 1. Akhil Agarwal (Mumbai) (13mins, 04.066secs); 2. Chetan Surineni (Bengaluru) (13:04.646); 3. Tarun Muthaiah (Bengaluru) (13:09.482).

MRF F1600 (Race-1): 1. Abhay Mohan (Bengaluru) (13:52.487); 2. Monith Kumaran (Chennai) (13:59.414); 3. Raaj Bakhru (Mumbai) (14:03.763).

Indian Touring Cars (Race-1): 1. Biren Pithawala (Mumbai, Team N1 Racing) (15:30.329). Note: Only one finisher.

Indian Junior Touring Cars (Race-1): 1. Hatim Shabbir (Chennai, Team Performance Racing) (15:32.392); 2. Teja Srinivas (Chennai, Team Performance Racing) (15:39.514); 3. Yug Italiya (Mumbai, Team N1 Racing) (15:50.132).

Super Stock (Race-1): 1. Justin Singh (Gurugram, Redline Racing India) (16:41.923); 2. Angad Matharoo (Chandigarh, Pvt.) (16:55.327); 3. Bala Prasath (Combatore, DTS Racing) (16:55.568).

MRF Saloons (Toyota Etios) Race-1: 1. Kesara Godage (Sri Lanka, Redline Racing India) (16:34.736); 2. Diana Pundole (Pune, Redline Racing India) (16:35.522); 3. Kalim Iqbal (Sri Lanka, Red Line Racing India) (16:54.554).

Polo Cup (Race-1): 1. Aditya Patnaik (Mumbai) (15:30.830); 2. HM Tauhid Anwar Avik (Bangladesh) (15:38.195); 3. Romir Arya (Mumbai) (15:39.509).

Formula LGB 1300 (Race-1): 1. Viswas Vijayaraj (Nellore, DTS Racing) (15:04.786); 2. Diljith TS (Thrissur, DTS Racing) (15:09.655); 3. Balaprasath (Coimbatore, DTS Racing) (15:10877).

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