

# Savion, Rakshitha, Abdul post victories

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Two of country's best and brightest, Chiranth Vishwanath from Bengaluru and Pune's Sarthak Chavan came up with sensational rides to win a race apiece in the two premier Pro-Stock categories as the third round of the MRF MMSC fmcsl Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2024 — Powered by STORM concluded at the Madras International Circuit here on Sunday.

Chiranth, starting from P10, dished out a stunning ride to win the Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open race, all but destroying a high-quality field that included multiple National champion Rajini Krishnan (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate), riding in his 23rd season after a year's break. Later, Sarthak scrambled to a brilliant victory in the Pro-Stock 165cc Open race, starting from P5. The two 17-year-old TVS Racing teammates, in the process, headlined a fresh crop of young riders who have been making a mark in the National Championship this season.

Two Chennai riders, 17-year-old Abdul Basim (Rockers Racing) and 16-year-old Rakshitha Dave topped in the Stock 165cc (Novice) and Girls (Stock 165cc) races, respectively, while Bengaluru's Savion Sabu, who turned 17 three days back, won the Stock 301-400cc (Novice) race with a dominating performance. Chiranth was at his very



Rakshitha Dave is flanked by Jagathishree (left) and Ryhana Bee.

best in the Pro-Stock 301-400cc race. He made some six places in the very first of the six-lap race and continued to progress through the field like a hot knife through butter to burst into the lead for a sensational win ahead of Rajini Krishnan and Alwin Sundar (KTM Gusto Racing India). Sarthak, starting from pole, came in eighth after stalling in the very first lap and then rejoining the race. The loss ended Sarthak's streak of five wins but he continues to provisionally lead the championship table. Chiranth leapfrogged to second spot, 39 behind Sarthak.

In the Pro-Stock 165cc Open race, pole-sitter Chiranth led in the initial laps before being overtaken by his team-mates KY Ahamed and multiple National champion Jagan Kumar, and later, by Sarthak. In the latter half of the race, Sarthak moved to the front and notched his second win of the season in this category. Finishing second

behind him was Jagan Kumar and the late-charging Chiranth. CS Kedarnath from Tirupati recorded his first win in the Rookie (RTR 200) category to end the unbeaten run of Bengaluru's Harshith Bogar who failed to finish the race but continues to provisionally lead the points table on the back of his five consecutive wins this season.

#### RESULTS

**All 6 laps unless mentioned: Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open (Race-2):** 1. Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru, TVS Racing) (11:05.03.966secs); 2. A. Alwin Sundar (Chennai, KTM Gusto Racing India) (11:06.905); 3. Rajini Krishnan (Chennai, RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) (11:08.457). **Pro-Stock 165cc Open (Race-2):** 1. Sarthak Chavan (Pune, TVS Racing) (11:40.093); 2. Jagan Kumar (Chennai, TVS Racing) (11:41.449); 3. Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru, TVS Racing)

(11:43.725). **Stock 301-400cc (Novice, Race-2):** 1. Savion Babu (Bengaluru, Mad Rabbit Racing) (12:11.176); 2. Raj Kumar (Coimbatore, RDX Torque Racing) (12:11.258); 3. Shyam Sundar K (Chennai, Tachyon Motorsport) (12:15.525).

**Girls (Stock 165cc, Race-2, 5 laps):** 1. Rakshitha Dave (Chennai, RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) (11:02.916); 2. Jagathishree Kumaresan (Chennai, One Racing) (11:08.132); 3. Ryhana Bee (Chennai, Motul Sparks Racing) (11:08.174).

**Novice (Stock 165cc, Race-2):** 1. Abdul Basim RS (Chennai, Team Rockers Racing) (12:55.289); 2. Kamal Navas (Chennai, Team Rockers Racing) (13:09.895); 3. Tasmal Cariappa (Mysuru, Motul Sparks Racing) (13:09.982).

**TVS One-Make Championship: Open (RR310, Race-2, 5 laps):** 1. Santhikumar C (Coimbatore) (09:52.643); 2. Manoj Yesuadiyan (Chennai) (09:52.644); 3. Ajai Xavier M (Nagercoil) (10:01.808).

**Rookie (Apache RTR 200, Race-2):** 1. CS Kedarnath (Tirupati) (13:30.442); 2. Saranjith KM (Thrissur) (13:34.532); 3. Rajivsham AS (Tirupur) (13:41.466). **Electric RTE (4 laps):** 1. Sarthak Chavan (Pune) (07:21.134); 2. Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru) (07:28.085); 3. Alwin Sundar (Chennai) (07:29.421).



Siddesh Sawant receives the winner's trophy in the Honda Talent Cup.

## Siddesh triumphs in Race 2 of Honda India Talent Cup

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Kolhapur's Siddesh Sawant scored his first win of the season in the Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup NSF 250R class by a comfortable margin. Savion Sabu from Bengaluru came in second, ahead of Hyderabad's Beedani Rajender for whom it was his first podium finish this season. Championship leader Mohsin Paramban (Mallapuram) failed to complete the race but still enjoys a 36-point cushion over AS James

(Bengaluru) in the provisional standings.

Siddesh displayed his best skills on the track today and secured the first position with a total race time of 15:11.679 for 9 laps. He executed strategic maneuvers overtaking the other riders with precision, skill, and perfect timing. Following closely was Savion, the 16-year-old from Bangalore. From the start of the race, he displayed a strategic approach, pushing his limits and challenging his competitors with every lap. His aggressive racing style, combined with his strategic mind, made him

secure the second position with a total race time of 15:14.661.

Finishing at third position was Beedani Rajender, the 19 Year old from Hyderabad. His ability to maintain a high pace while strategically overtaking competitors demonstrated his understanding of race dynamics. He completed the 9-lap race with a total time of 15:25.784.

**Race-2 (8 laps):** 1. Siddesh Sawant (Kolhapur) (15:11.679); 2. Savion Sabu (Bengaluru) (15:14.661); 3. Beedani Rajender (Hyderabad) (15:25.784).