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SAMPSON AND THURMAN TACKLE THE TITAN



ROUND 1 OF THE **MSXC** AND CO-SANCTION WITH THE **GNCC**

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Two MSXC Youth Racers go home with big wins!

Kruz Sampson came away with a win to start the MSXC Series and in doing so, his first GNCC win to boot. Although this is not the Cobra-backed rider's first national win, it sure meant a lot to the young racer and his family.

Daniel Spurgeon grabbed an early lead in the 65cc 7-9 class on his KTM and it seemed like he had the best shot at winning round one. Spurgeon built up a small lead on laps one and two but Sampson was within striking distance. Spurgeon, by lap four, was far enough ahead it seemed like the race would be his until his throttle cable malfunctioned. That's where the persistence of Sampson and the never give up attitude came into play.

On lap 5, Sampson seized the opportunity afforded him and took over the lead. After 90 minutes of racing and on the final lap, Sampson took the checkered flag and the win. On the podium he thanked God, Cobra Motorcycles, his Mom and Dad, Fox Racing, Scott Goggles and EVS.

Sam Thurman had narrowly missed three chances to win his first National over the course of two years. This time with the MSXC having a co-sanction with the GNCC's, he was ready for the challenge!

Off the start the KTM / Performance Supercycle / ridePG.com / K100 / Factory Friedli racing backed Thurman's bike would not fire. This left him in last place but by the end of lap one,

Thurman had already passed his way into the lead. On lap two he began to stretch it a little and looked strong.

He said " Man I just had to settle in and remember it's a long race. I still had maybe an hour to go, maybe even 6 or 7 laps!"

Thurman pitted on lap four and held about a minute lead on second place.

He pushed hard to the end and came away with his first National win ever!

Both Sampson and Thurman, along with many other MSXC youth racers, represented the MSXC well.





Sam Thurman above winner 65 10-11; Kruz Sampson below winner 65 7-9

