MX CHAMPIONSHIP RACE TIGHT

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Gift Ssebuguzi powers his bike during the championship

Riders delivered thrilling performances and fierce battles across the different classes as the second round of the Mountain Dew Uganda National Motocross Championship was staged on Sunday at the newly upgraded E-Villa track in Kaliisizo, Kyotera district.

Fans were treated to a full day of intense racing as competitors pushed their machines to the limit on the redesigned circuit. The track, which previously measured 1.4 kilometres, was extended to 1.6 kilometres ahead of the event, presenting riders with new technical sections. With the championship still in its early stages, every race remains crucial for riders seeking to strengthen their positions in the standings and building momentum in the hunt for their respective titles.

Israel Mpuuga once again dominated the MX 50cc youth category with a flawless display. He won all three heats of the day to collect the maximum 60 points, extending his perfect start to the season and maintaining his lead in the standings with 120 points after two rounds.

Ariella Katende remains his closest rival with 94 points overall despite finishing third where she collected 45 points.

In the stand-alone Women's Motocross (WMX) category, Shamilla Kateete produced a strong performance to claim victory in the round with 57 points. The result keeps her comfortably on top of the standings with 110 points from two events.

Swanswi Sambo continued to keep the title race competitive after finishing second with 52 points. Her overall tally now stands at 98 points, ensuring the championship battle remains wide open.

Jerome Mulumba emerged as the new leader in the MX 65cc class after winning the second round with 52 points. The victory pushed his championship tally to 97 points and moved him to the top of the standings.

Solomon Winyi finished second in the round with 45 points, a result that lifts him to second place overall with 87 points.

The MX 85cc category continues to provide exciting competition. Jonathan Katende remains the rider to beat after another impressive outing where he secured victory with 57 points. He now leads the standings with 117 points.

Ethan Paul Musede continues to keep the pressure on the leader with 103 points overall after finishing second in the round and collecting 54 points.

In the MX 125cc class, Miguel Katende strengthened his championship ambitions with another commanding performance. He collected the maximum 60 points to stretch his overall lead to 117 points.

Jerome Mubiru remains in close pursuit with 103 points after finishing second in the round and earning 49 points.

Malcom Tabula Ssebuguzi continued his dominant start to the season in the MX2 category. After winning the opening round, he repeated the feat by collecting another 60 points to maintain a perfect record so far this season.

With victories in both rounds, Ssebuguzi now sits comfortably at the top of the standings with 120 points and has quickly established himself as the rider to beat in the class.

The premier MX1 category produced one of the most competitive contests of the day. Ashim Sserwadda bounced back from a fourth-place finish in the season opener to win the round with 57 points.

Ismail Mukiibi finished second with 54 points. Despite the result, Mukiibi remains the overall championship leader with 100 points, while Sserwadda is just one point behind on 99, setting up a closely contested title battle as the season progresses.

In the Women Elite category, Jamaira Makumbi maintained her impressive form by winning once again with 60 points. The victory ensures she remains unbeaten after two rounds, sitting at the top of the standings with a perfect tally of 120 points.