

Pasindu, Tomoya rock Fox Hill



Champion driver Pasindu Peiris



Ajith Keerthi in action in the Group SL-A Cars upto 1050 CC



Lahiru Jeevantha



Shehan C Adhikari who won three races

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It was just after the new-year festival that the Sri Lankan motor racing enthusiasts experienced the thrill of top class motor racing when they heard noises of powerful engines at the Fox Hill track at the Sri Lanka Military academy in Diyatalawa.

Young driving sensation Pasindu Peiris, drove his Mitsubishi Evolution IX and Honda EG 8 to win three races to clinch the best driver's Challenge at the 19th edition of the Fox Hill Super Cross.

A former Asian Champion, veteran Tomoya Suzuki, outclassed defending champion CS Santhosh of India in both races of the MX Motorcross bikes upto 125cc (2T) and upto 250cc (4T) and took the event to a higher level to win the title.

Pasindu, the SLARDAR driver's champion last year with a great display, grabbed his first win in the SL-GT cars up to 3500 cc event. Having conceded the pole position to Naren Kumar of India, Peiris pursued the Indian in a close race in his EVO IX. Pasindu surpassed the Indian rally champion with less than 200 metres left to the chequered flag.

He then drove his Honda EG 6 for Group SL-H cars, up to 1600 cc event and finished off the event as the winner. In the second race for SL-GT cars up to 3500 cc event, Peiris was given a close run by Naren Kumar but Pasindu finished in style as the winner.

Suzuki left no room for errors and comfortably led the two races in the Group MX Motorcross bike events and pushed down the Lankan hero. Gayan Sandaruwan and the two Indians, C. S. Santhosh and K. P. Aravind.

Young Shehan Adhikari emerged as the most successful rider by winning three after appearing in five races.

However, Ananda Wedisinghe, the veteran rider from Kurunegala was the one to receive the biggest cheer from the crowd, for being the most popular figure at the Fox Hill Super Cross, with six consecutive rider's titles from 1994 to 1999.

**Action from
Diyatalawa**

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The winners of the SLN Cars Ford Laser/Mazda 1300 event on the podium



The winners of Group MX Motorbikes up to 85 CC, U-16 Race 1, (from left) Hashan Chamika, Shehan C Adhikari and Evon Biyagee Gurusinghe

Results



Champion driver Pasindu Peiris



Champion rider Tomoya Suzuki

- ◆ **SLN Cars Ford Laser/Mazda 1300:**
 1. Upulwan Serasinghe
 2. Lalin Kirinde
 3. UC Perera
- ◆ **Group SL-S Cars up to 1500 CC**
 1. Damith Abeyratne
 2. Buddhika de Silva
 3. Shantha Suraweera
- ◆ **Group J- Racing Motorcycles up to 85 CC (Under-13)**
 1. Jacques Gunawardena
 2. Jaden Gunawardena
 3. Binula Kithalagama
- ◆ **Group M Std/Mod Street Trails up to 125 CC**
 1. Lahiru Jeevantha
 2. Nihal Wijeratne
 3. Lucky Dharmabandu
- ◆ **Group SL-A Mini 7 1000 CC**
 1. Donald Bulljensz
 2. WMK Wickramasinghe
 3. R Parameswaran
- ◆ **SL-GT Cars up to 3500cc (Race 1)**
 1. Pasindu Peiris
 2. Naren Kumar
 3. Dinesh Deheragoda
- ◆ **Group MX Motorbikes up to 85 CC_ U-16 (Race 1)**
 1. Shehan C Adhikari
 2. Hashan Chamika
 3. Evon Biyagee Gurusinghe
- ◆ **Group SL-A Cars upto 1050 CC**
 1. Ajith Keerthi
 2. Mahen Madugalle
 3. Hafiz Cader
- ◆ **SL-H Cars up to 1600cc (Race 1)**
 1. Pasindu Peiris
 2. Dilan Seneviratne
 3. Ashan Silva
- ◆ **Motorcycles PW&QR up to 50 CC (Under-10)**
 1. Shavindu Shenal
 2. Chavinda Weerasuriya
 3. DM Kalhara
- ◆ **Group MX Motorbikes up to 85CC _Under-16 (Race 2)**
 1. Shehan Adikari
 2. Hashan Chamika
 3. Evon Biyagee Gurusinghe
- ◆ **Group M Std/Mod Street trails up to 250 CC**
 1. Dinesh Anurudha
 2. Shiva Marappan
 3. Lahiru Jeevantha
- ◆ **Group MX Motorcross bikes up to 125 CC**
 1. Shehan Adikari
 2. Lahiru Jeevantha
 3. Imal Manchanayake
- ◆ **Group SM Super motard up to 250 CC**
 1. Sarath Kumarasinghe
 2. Malavige Udika Srimal
 3. Sajith Karunasekera
- ◆ **Group T&J Diesel Turbo up to 5500 CC**
 1. Duminda Jayasinghe
 2. Shantha Suraweera
 3. Nishan Wasalathanthri
- ◆ **Group SL-N Ford Laser/Mazda 1500 CC**
 1. Upulwan Serasinghe
 2. Chaminda Weerasuriya
 3. Kaushal Samarasinghe
- ◆ **Group MX Motorcross bikes up to 125cc (2T) and upto 250cc (4T) (Race 1)**
 1. Tomoya Suzuki
 2. CS Santhosh
 3. KP Aravind
- ◆ **SL-H Cars up to 1600 CC (Race 2)**
 1. Ashan Silva
 2. Rizvi Farouk
 3. Janaka Dias
- ◆ **Group M Super Motard upto 450 CC**
 1. Ramal Pathiratne
 2. Suraj Perera
 3. Malavige Udika Srimal
- ◆ **Group SL-N Nissan March up to 1000 CC**
 1. Rohitha Rajapaksa
 2. Ushan de Silva
 3. Ravi Bhagya
- ◆ **Trucks & Jeeps Open:**
 1. Duminda Jayasinghe
 2. Dinesh Senanayake
 3. Cassim Wahab
- ◆ **SL-GT Cars up to 3500 CC (Race 2)**
 1. Pasindu Peiris
 2. Naren Kumar
 3. Dinesh Deheragoda
- ◆ **Group MX Motorcross bikes up to 125cc (2T) and upto 250cc (4T) (Race 2):**
 1. Tomoya Suzuki
 2. CS Santhosh
 3. KP Aravind



Champion rider Tomoya Suzuki airborne



Tomoya Suzuki winning the Group MX Motorcross bikes up to 125cc (2T) and upto 250cc (4T) first race.



Sri Lankan champion Gayan Sandaruwan airborne



Rohitha Rajapaksa leading in the Nissan March up to 1000 CC event ahead of Ushan de Silva



Ashan Silva in action



Pasindu Peiris in action in the SL-H Cars up to 1600cc