

Adhikari, Serasinghe thrill racing fans at Walawe

Craftsman at the Craftsman Autodrome, Shehan C Adhikari



Most outstanding rider at the Walawa Supercross, Shehan C. Adhikari with his trophies

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Shehan C Adhikari was the craftsman at the Craftsman Autodrome in Sevanagala, Udawalawe, when he emerged the most outstanding rider at the inaugural Walawe Supercross which was held in a grand scale last Sunday.

However it was a wedding-without the bridegroom, as the heroics of veteran champion driver Upulwan Serasinghe were not highlighted like Adhikari's.

Adhikari was the cynosure of all eyes as he went on to win three events out of four that he competed in. He won the Group MX - Motorcross Bikes upto 125 cc (2T and 4T) and Group MX upto 85 cc (2T) and upto 150 cc (4T) (Under 16 yrs) events comfortably. Unfortunately his bicycle skidded during the Group MX - Motorcross bikes upto 125 cc (2T) and upto 250 cc (4T) event but finally he managed go for a podium finish, winning third place. Upulwan Serasinghe was the day's star on four wheelers, winning all three events he took part, the SL

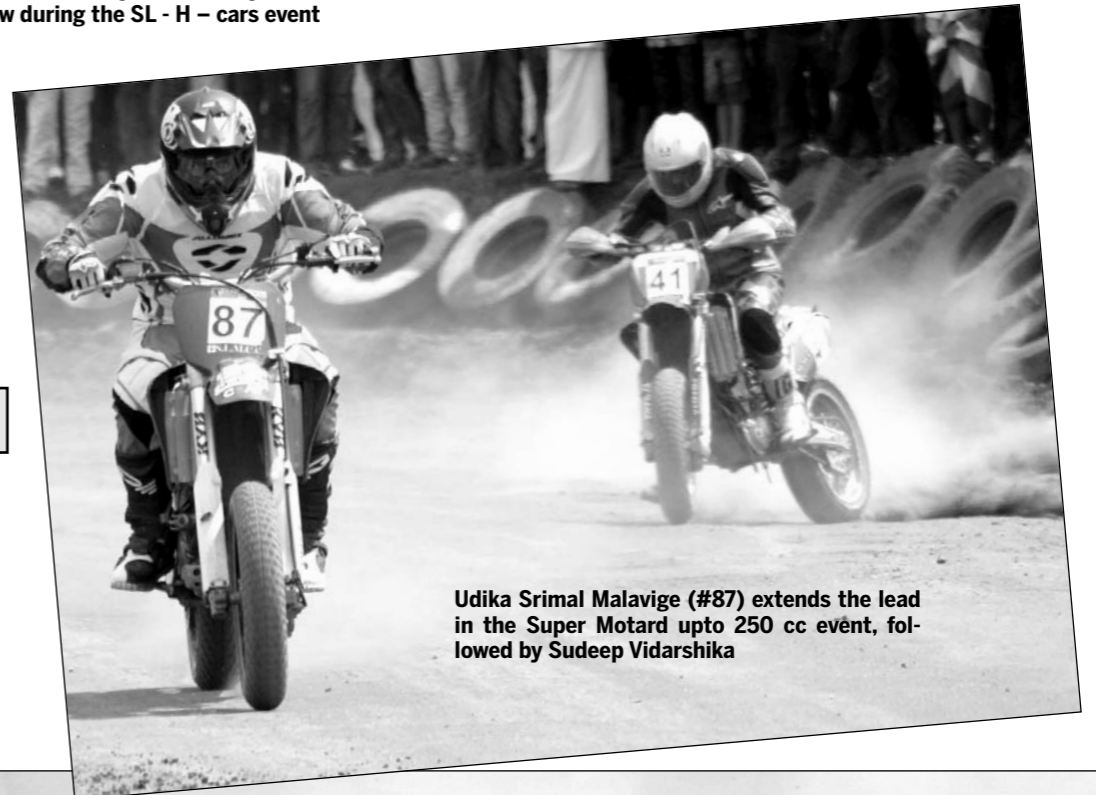
- H - upto 1600 cc, SL - N Ford Laser/Mazda 1500 cc and SL - N - Ford Laser/Mazda 1300 cc. Champion driver Pasindu Peiris, who posed a huge threat for him in the SL-H-1600cc event, had to withdraw during the second lap due to a mechanical problem in his car. At the end of the day, Pasindu Peiris entertained the huge crowd in his Mitsubishi Evo, letting the crowd enjoy the speed and thrill of the fastest event of the Walawe Supercross.

The brand new track at Udawalawe, laid by Sri Lanka Motor Cycle Club in association with the Army Motor Sports Committee of Sri Lanka Electrical and Mechanical Engineers of Sri Lanka Army was covered in dust, the roaring sound of engines heard, while a full day of action and a massive crowd witnessed the inaugural version of the Supercross at Walawe.

The Sri Lanka Motor Cycles (SLMCC) organized this mega racing event in collaboration with the Army Motor Sports Committee and the Sri Lanka Army Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Regiment.



Upulwan Serasinghe is closely followed by Pasindu Peiris who withdrew during the SL - H - cars event



Udika Srimal Malavige (#87) extends the lead in the Super Motard upto 250 cc event, followed by Sudeep Vidarshika



P S Shenal (#50) extends the lead during the Group J - Motor Cycles PW and QR upto 50 cc (Under 10 yrs) event.

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Pasindu Peiris performs a daughnut drift to entertain the crowd after winning the SL - GT - upto 3500 cc event

Walawe Supercross results:

Group T and J - Trucks and Jeeps Forces Event
 1. Brig Ravi Mayadunne
 2. Lt Col Duminda Jayasinghe
 3. Lt Col Indu Samarakoon

Group M - Street Trail upto 125 cc - Forces Event
 1. Pvt P Mithun Jayasanka Sigera
 2. Pvt D Uhan Rajitha Silva
 3. L/Cpl S Pradeep Kumara

Motor Cars Group N - Subaru upto 2200 cc - (Non Turbo)
 1. Dr Sanjaya Sedara Senarath
 2. Hashen Peiris
 3. Pradeep D Wijesiriwardena

Group J - Motorcycles upto 85 cc - Under 13 years
 1. Binula Kithalagama
 2. Hasindu K De S A Gunasekara
 3. Kasun T Wickramarachchi

Group M - STD Street Trail upto 125 cc (2T and 4T)
 1. Shiva Marappan
 2. R W Shantha Ranasinghe

3. Lucky Dharmabandu

Motor Cars Group SL - A - Mini 7 upto 1000 cc
 1. Ajith Keerthi
 2. Donald Buultjens
 3. Ameen Deen

Motor Car Group SL - N - Ford Laser/Mazda 1300 cc
 1. Upulwan Serasinghe
 2. Rohan Wijeratne
 3. Bathiya Abeygunawardena

Group J - Motor Cycles PW and QR upto 50 cc (Under 10 yrs)
 1. P S Shenal
 2. Shaveen Abhisheak Wanaguru
 3. D M D Kalhara

Motor Cars Group SL - N - Nissan March upto 1000 cc
 1. Sagara Deshapriya
 2. Lahiru Gamage
 3. Kamal Jayasundara

Group MX - Motorcross Bikes upto 85 cc (2T) and upto 150 cc (4T)

(Under 16 yrs)

1. Shehan C Adikari
 2. Kasun T Wickramarachchi
 3. Buddhika Kasun Silva

Group SM - Super Motard upto 250 cc (2T and 4T)
 1. Udika Srimal Malavige
 2. Sudeep Vidarshika
 3. K D Sudasinghe

Motor Car Group "SL - N" Ford Laser/Mazda 1500 cc
 1. Upulwan Serasinghe
 2. Lt Col Duminda Jayasinghe
 3. Rohan Wijeratne

Motor Cars Group SL - A - Modified upto 1050 cc
 1. Ajith Keerthi
 2. Donald Buultjens
 3. Purna Perera

Motor Cars Group SL - H - upto 1600 cc
 1. Upulwan Serasinghe
 2. Janaka Dias
 3. Dr Sanjay Sedara Senarath

Group M - Standard Street Trail upto 250 cc (2T and 4T)
 1. M G S Sampath Kumara
 2. T P Susil Chandana
 3. S Wijekumar

Group MX - Motorcross Bikes upto 125 cc (2T and 4T)
 1. Shehan C Adikari
 2. Rumisha Buultjens
 3. Buddhika Kasun Silva

Group T and J - Trucks and Jeeps Diesel Turbo upto 5500 cc
 1. Lt Col Duminda Jayasinghe
 2. Col Wasantha Madola
 3. Lt Col Indu Samarakoon

Motor Cars Group SL - S - upto 1500 cc
 1. Shantha Suraweera
 2. Pradeep Wijesiriwardena
 3. Dr Damith Abeyratne

Group MX - Motorcross bikes upto 125 cc (2T) and upto 250 cc (4T)
 1. D Uhan Rajitha Silva
 2. Rumisha Buultjens
 3. Shehan C Adikari

Group SM - Super Motard upto 450 cc (2T and 4T)
 1. Udika Srimal Malavige
 2. Chaminda De Silva
 3. Sudeep Vidarshika

Group M - STD Street Trail Open (2T and 4T)
 1. M G S Sampath Kumara
 2. Shamika R Wickramarachchi
 3. Winston Dias

Motor Cars Group SL - GT - upto 3500 cc
 1. Pasindu Peiris
 2. Kapila Nishantha
 3. Janaka Dias

Group MX - Motorcross Bikes Racing Open
 1. Shehan C Adikari
 2. D Ushan Rajitha Silva
 3. Ken Wedisinghe

Group T and J - Trucks and Jeeps (Open)
 1. Brig Ravi Mayadunne
 2. Lt Col Duminda Jayasinghe
 3. Dr Sanjaya Sedara Senarath