

MRF championship: Jagan wins Pro-Stock 165cc race

COIMBATORE: Seven-times National champion Jagan Kumar (TVS Racing) salvaged an otherwise wretched weekend by winning the Pro-Stock 165cc race while his teammate KY Ahamed topped the premium Pro-Stock 301-400cc race as the first round of the MRF MMSC fmsci Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship concluded at the Kari Motor Speedway, here on Sunday.

Jagan, participating in both the Pro-Stock categories, had suffered setbacks on Friday when he finished third in the 165cc class and sixth in the 301-400cc race after leading in both the races. A snapped chain and a collision with another rider cost him definite victories. Today, he suffered engine problems in the second 301-400cc race when look-

three laps from the scheduled 12 due to crashes leading to red-flag.

“Yes, it is a big relief to finally win a race this weekend. Things haven’t gone my way and so, I was determined to come good. I opened up a good lead at the start and again on restart after the red flag stoppage,” said a beaming Jagan. Ahamed, who idolizes Jagan, paced himself well to win the 301-400cc race ahead of teammate Deepak Ravi Kumar and Satyanarayana Raju (Gusto Racing).

Incidentally, both Ravi Kumar and Ahamed, who had finished in that order in the first race on Saturday, were subsequently disqualified as their bikes failed the post-race scrutiny on technical infringements. Consequently, Raju was declared winner.

Ann Jennifer, winner of the National Championship Girls race (June 9)

ing set for victory to finish fourth. However, he shrugged off these incidents to post a superb win in the second 165cc race that was reduced to