

Honda's Sethu wins yet again

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RAJIV Sethu of Idemitsu Honda Ten10 Racing underlined his class, by scrambling to a heart-stopping win, his fourth in a row in the Pro-Stock 165cc class, in the third round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI National Motorcycle Racing Championship at the MMRT track at Sriperumbudur near here on Sunday.

KY Ahamed brought some cheer for TVS Racing on a day dominated by Honda as he topped the premier 301-400cc class by a comfortable margin to move within three points of his team-mate Deepak Ravikumar (101 points) on the leaderboard. Ravikumar finished third on Sunday behind Saturday's Race-1 winner, Rahil Shetty (Sparks Racing).

Also hogging the limelight were Bengaluru-based Anish Shetty (Idemitsu Honda Ten10 Racing) and Chennai's Venkatesan (Moto Maniacz Racing) who both achieved a double this weekend in the Pro-Stock 201-300cc and Novice (Stock 165cc) categories, respectively, while Ryhana Bee (Sparks Racing), also from Chennai, took the honours in the Girls race.

Sethu, who is growing in stature with each outing and scored a double win in the previous round, held off a late charge from KY Ahamed despite a bad start and issues with his bike as the duo crossed the finish line in close formation within one-hundredth of a second between them.

Sethu's teammate and fellow international, Sarath Kumar, completed the podium. The victory took Sethu to the top of the leaderboard with 100 points, ahead of Jagan Kumar of TVS Racing (94) and Sarath Kumar (93).