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RACE

Life is a race, and so are many things in our daily lives. But racing can be also fun, especially on the bike. Some people like it, some maybe not so much. Racing also gives the opportunity to meet other riders from different parts of the country or even world. Also, it gives the chance to travel to areas where you've never ridden your bike before. This is the second year of Asia Enduro Tournament, with stops in Nepal, Thailand and Brunei. We show you how the second race of the series in Chang Mai / Thailand went down.

World Cup racing is brutal, but the once-a-year Hardline, from the creator and builder Dan Atherton, is another level! It seems every year he builds bigger jumps, gnarlier steep trails, and this year, the rain also helped to get it named the world's hardest downhill race! Come with us, and see how the riders attacked that trail.

Guangzhou Downhill League held the last race of their series down in Guangzhou! Everybody was racing to get good points to get invited for the final later end of this year in Enping. Racing can be hard, but it fills life with joy if you can do it right. Life is a race, go out and ride your bike and enjoy!



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From 16 different countries, 126 riders were warmly welcomed by ChiangMai's unique hospitality. Known for her blissful ambiance and lofty mountains, ChiangMai is the perfect venue for the second round of the 2017 Series. As we always overstate, Asian Enduro is not only about the racing, half of AES experience is the sharing of rich culture and the warm camaraderie brought about it. Riders arrived on the 16th and immediately enjoying and celebrating, days even before the race commences.

เอกบดินทร์

It takes the genius of Nawaphansa Yugala and his great whole team to make history happen. Khun Nawaphansa went through a lot of planning and negotiations with the government and private agencies not less than a year, to finally set this huge event in yet another exotic location in Asia. ICE - International ChiangMai Enduro, as cool as its name, is the host event for the 2nd Round of AES.

Nawaphansa's strong military background came handy in orchestrating his staff and overseeing each movement in the trails as well as in the headquarters. Transporting

the riders from HQ to the top some 1,600 MASL elevation could be seemingly simple but it was actually one of the challenges as Nawa was not dealing with one but multiple operators who would bring out that “increase without prior notice” cause at the eleventh hour. Then there was huge pine tree falling in the middle of the road causing an hour delay in the day’s itinerary. Another challenge was the missing markers and race tapes in the Special Stages before the race began. Some other things didn’t go right but the Thai maestro kept a cool head and managed the whole activity in place.

COMMUNITY

The time of the year is not dry. Everyone expected to get wet in the 2-day race, but thankfully the sun smiled over the village of Khun Chang Kian at the opening day where the lovely children performed an ethnic dance before the delighted international bikers. A cultural connection started at Race Day 1, giving each rider some sense of belonging in the forest which is considered sacred by the locals.

Connection is not one-way, the men and women of ICE expressed gratitude to the





congenial community and its enchanting jungle in a very concrete manner by sharing cash donation for the development of the Srineru School. Helping the education of the sons and daughters of the village could not be more rewarding.

While the warmth of the Saturday sun was not enough to dry off the trails that have been wet for a week, many sections have better traction than they were in the practice sessions. SevenSG team says “we can’t blame the weather, it is part of the game”.

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Each rider has his favorite, but like Kenji Shibata of Tokyo, mostly voted for Stage 3 for its technical challenge and flow. Every one has a good dose of roots and gnarly terrain. Singaporean warrior Shah Azhar Bin Sabar describes the Stages overall as “brutal” - with all smiles and in high spirit. The violent tremors from crooked surface and the sensation of feeling the suspensions attempting to absorb the quivering machine probably stimulate too much adrenal glands in the left ventral cortex of enduro riders.

At the briefing, the race

director would jokingly avoid telling riders about the liaison sections so as not to dishearten the hundred and twenty six gravity devotees, but it is an inherent character of the Asian Enduro. Ben Craft from U.S.A supports that long climbs between stages should not be an issue in races. Ben won the IDOL Category (Master B Class).

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Festivity punctuated the second round of Asian Enduro Series at Khum Phucome Hotel. With freebies galore preceding the announcement of winners, the worn-out athletes were now in party mode.

Florent Poilane of Vietnam bagged the gold in the Elite category. He is the #1 seed with unquestionable skills and stamina, but in this particular race, the inspiration of his wife and twins turbo-charged Florent to ensure the lead.

Nepal's ace rider Rajesh Magar was 48 seconds behind.

This is the second time these two classy bikers were in tight race, the first meeting was in AES-Nepal 2016 where Flo won by a narrow margin of 3 seconds.





ทหภี่ ร๑น๑ร

“Google Translate” comes handy in the basic communications throughout the eventful week, but with every syllable with mandatory tone to keep the meaning is quite a challenge. Yet no one gets lost in any foreign land when you speak the universal language - SMILE. It was all over the place.

Tones are in the colours too. The great designs and layout that attracted international attention was the creation of a very talented man, Suprawat Jitarakorn. This artist has the astounding visual mastery, mixing up colours and shapes of Thailand into a professional athletic theme.

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Indeed, the riders and organizers of ICE made history. The first ever MTB event in ChiangMai national park, the first international Enduro in Thailand, a world-class event joined by diverse nationalities.

Congratulations to all the finishers of the 8-Stage superbly designed race course. Kudos to the tireless crew of ICE, you did an awesome work to make the experience

something to be remembered for a long long time. And thank you Nawaphansa Yugala for the immeasurable sacrifices that finally brought to fruition.

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เกียรติบัตร

Elite Men:

- 1st FLORENT POILANE
- 2nd RAJESH MAGAR
- 3rd BOONYAWAT PRAMOTE

Elite Women:

- 1st THAKSAPORN KHAOSUWAN
- 2nd THANYARAT BUNYANUPARPARN
- 3rd SITI HAJAR BAKAR

Junior Men:

- 1st METHASIT BOONSANE
- 2nd CHINNAPAT SUKCHANYA
- 3rd PRACHIT THAPA MAGAR

Master A

- 1st RUDY MEDEVAND
- 2nd PORN THEP CHOMMUANG
- 3rd TAN SOON SOON

Master B

- 1st BEN CRAFT
- 2nd JONATHAN BLAIR
- 3rd WEE HOW WU

Master C

- 1st CHANDRA ARIAVIJAYA
- 2nd MONTRI BOONSANE
- 3rd SAICHOL PRAMOTE



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REDBULL HARDLINE

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Dan Atherton 



Craig Evans dug deep to win 2017 Red Bull Hardline in a thrilling day's racing where the high-quality field faced slippery conditions on Dan Atherton's daunting MTB downhill course.





The Sheffield rider was not the favourite heading into Sunday's action with fastest qualifier Adam Brayton and defending champion Bernard Kerr looking the more likely for victory.

However Brayton crashed out in the final section, while Kerr made too many mistakes to finish two seconds behind Evans with course creator Atherton charging down for a gallant third.





Evans revealed, "I didn't think I was going to win at all, so it's a crazy feeling. I had bits where I was smooth and I had bits where I was a bit wild but I managed to hold on to it until the bottom. So yeah, buzzing."



Red Bull  HARDLINE

Kerr added, "I didn't win, so not great. It was so slippery. I think it had just started raining as the rider before me went off and it just went to ice instantly. I tried to hang on to it and ride smart after that, but not quite enough."

 Sven Martin

Bernard Kerr 



The latest incarnation of the downhill mountain bike beast over the hills of Dyfi Valley in North Wales combined gap jumps, giant slab rolls and tight wood sections.

Riders were caught out by the slippery, steep rocks just before the massive road gap with many slipping pedals and some coming off altogether.





Atherton declared, "This year's Red Bull Hardline was definitely the toughest it's ever been, from the moment we started building the course we've been battling the weather."

"But all the riders who came have been amazing. It's been such tough conditions on the course, but they all pushed hard all week and everyone rode awesome. Crossing the finish line for my final run, I've never felt such relief and the fact that I was third made it even better."



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When the Race started, the weather was good, after couple of riders went down it started to rain really hard! It was a game changer from then on, but in the elite group all had the same condition.

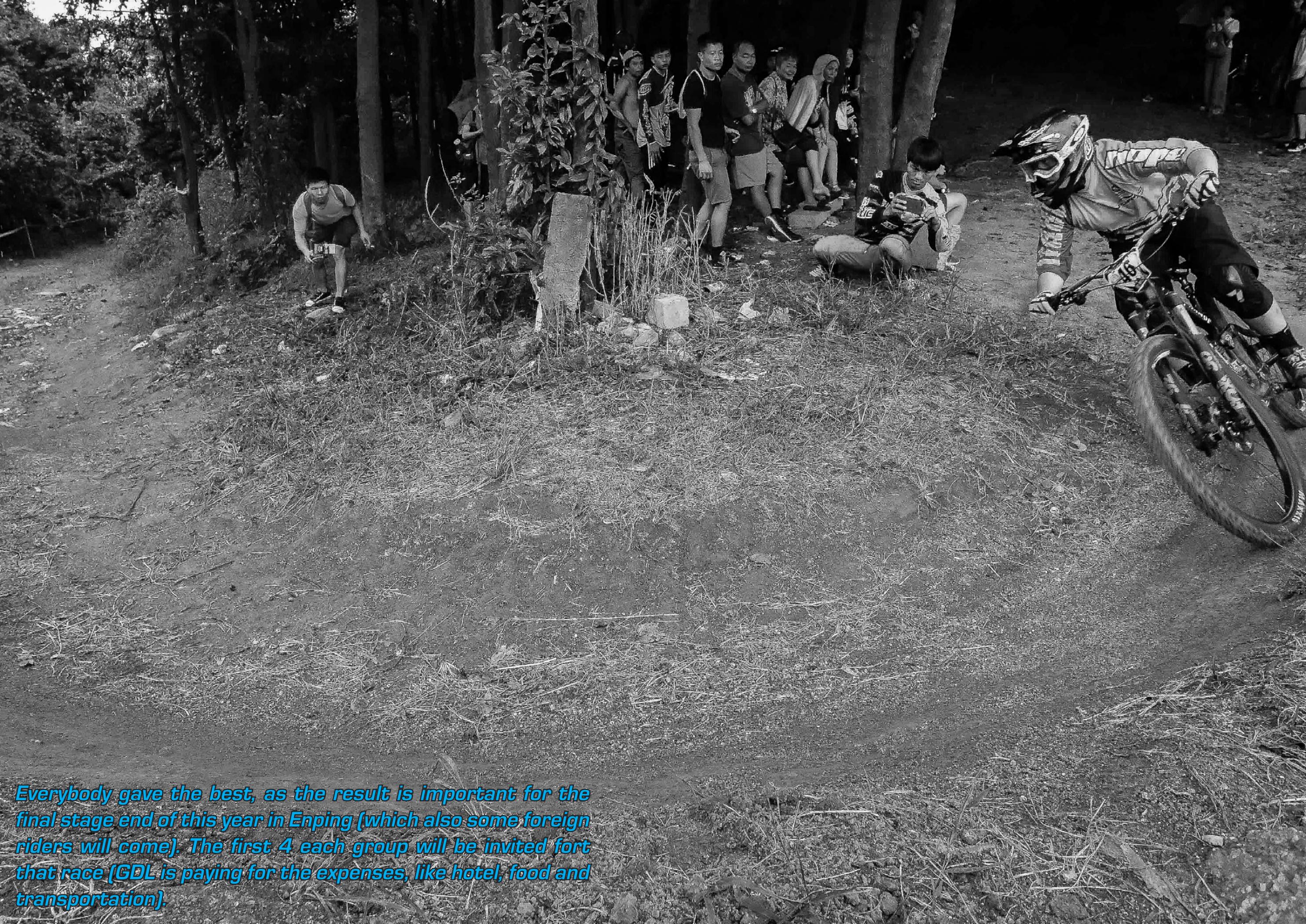


Only two women joined the race, here with the hardtail bike, from Guangxi Luo Qiwen, and the other girl Chen Yingyan is from the Polygon Wild Cat Team.



The trail got really slippery, and a lot of riders had problems with the new situation. The winner in the elite group Tang Mengqi was totally comfortable with it, as his seeding run was not good, and in the final he could step up.





Everybody gave the best, as the result is important for the final stage end of this year in Enping (which also some foreign riders will come). The first 4 each group will be invited for that race (GDL is paying for the expenses, like hotel, food and transportation).

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GUANGZHOU DOWNHILL

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