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Amy Boyd beats Pro's at Moto Mayhem

Rampant Clothing-sponsored motocross star Amy Boyd thrilled the crowd at the Western QBE Moto Mayhem yesterday when she beat all of the women and several of the Pro Open men in the motocross competition.

Boyd said this morning the women competitors were grouped with the Pro Open racers for their heats and the Pro Lites for their feature event.

The 17-year-old managed to beat two Pro Open riders in one of the heats and six Pro Opens in the other heat. She even beat two Pro Lites in the feature event at the iconic race, which is held yearly at Sydney's Oran Park and includes competitions for eight forms of motorcycle sport on eight different tracks.

Pro Open was won by Kym Wright and Pro Lites by Christian Horwood.

"It was really cool, there were lots of spectators and the media was really good... after I went to get my trophy I had to get heaps of photos and did a TV interview and heaps of people were taking photos of me," Boyd, from the New South Wales central coast, said.

"There was a really good vibe and the racing was really fun."

Boyd also won the women's class at the event last year and has dominated the women's classes at nearly every race she has contested this season.

She said racing against the men doesn't phase her, as she has been competing against the opposite sex for the last 13 years.

"All through juniors I raced the boys, it's only in the last few years that I have been racing the women," she said.

"It's no different really, guys push and shove back the same as girls do... the main difference I guess is the pace with the men is a lot quicker.

"I am glad I was able to race the pro's and maybe do some more races against the guys to get my speed up before the women's nationals start, I really want to make podium this year."

Event co-ordinator Mark Avard said Amy would be featured in a free DVD that is going to be included with Dirt Action magazines within the next few months.

He said she would also be included in a one-hour TV show on the event.

Boyd is sponsored by her family business, Boyd's Motorcycle Surgery, and Rampant Clothing - who she said makes "clothes that rock, I wear them practically all the time".

Her next race will be the first round of the WEM Australian Women's Motocross Championship at Tivoli, Queensland, on March 9.

Fellow Rampant riders Kerrod Morrissy, from Toowoomba in Queensland and Luke Wilson, from the Gold Coast, also had successful weekends in the racing stakes.

Kerrod and Luke both raced two classes at the second round of the Shell Advance/Sunshine State Motocross Series held at Coolum on the Sunshine Coast. The event attracted hundreds of riders who were greeted with blistering temperatures of more than 39 degrees and a demanding, rough, sandy track.

Kerrod, from Toowoomba and Luke, from the Gold Coast, handled the heat exceptionally well and managed to finish second and fourth respectively out of 40 riders in Intermediate Open (two categories below Pro).

The pair also raced Intermediate Lites - Kerrod had a crash which knocked him back to sixth, Luke put in solid performances in both races and finished third.

Kerrod, 16, won Intermediate Open at the first round said he is looking to take the title for the eight-round series.

Kerrod Morrissy:

"It was a very demanding race and I think if I had been fitter I would have been able to win. It was so rough and there was no where to rest, you had to hold on tight as the whole time," he said.

"But I'm not making any excuses... I am always working on my fitness, but I work full-time as an apprentice mechanic and when I get home from work I need to go for a cycle, but it's hard when you don't get home until 5pm.

"I love racing, though, and the weekend was fun. I'm stoked I have been doing so well this season and I can't wait for the next race."

Kerrod said support from his sponsors, including Queensland Bike and Four Wheel Drive, which is owned by his father Ray, and Rampant Clothing made it easier to stay motivated and pushing for the win.

"Erin [from Rampant] was there on the weekend, he comes to a lot of the races and it's great to have him there because he's really encouraging, it's great to have him there supporting us," he said.

"I always wanted to be sponsored by a clothing company. When Erin first gave me the clothes, I couldn't get the grin off my face for like a month and I can't stop thanking him for all his help."

Luke Wilson:

"I had a good weekend. I had a few problems, a rock flipped up and hit the motor of my 450 and put a hole in it, that meant I dropped to sixth in that race. But then I borrowed a bike and ended up getting second in the next race, which I was really happy with," he said.

"I am sponsored by Rampant and also by Andrews Motorcycle Products... being sponsored by Rampant is fantastic, especially because Erin is a great guy.

"He's bringing out some cool clothes and it's good to have a person like Erin that helps you out a lot and loves racing."

Kerrod and Luke's next competition will be the third round of the Shell Advance/Sunshine State Motocross Series this weekend at Mundubbera.

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