

## Mid-South Cross Country Motorsports Championship Round 3: Sodbuster



## McClevy Makes It Mid-South Green on the Go

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After the green flag, it's not unusual to see the 250 A leader near overall by the end of the first lap. However, taking the lead at the end of the race is another story. It simply doesn't happen

because the 250 A riders aren't suppose to be that good.

**Travis Green**, 250 A's winner, is different. He made an exception to this rule and put his factory Kawasaki into stealth mode at the third round of the Mid-South Cross Country Motorsports Championship. In lapsed time, he zapped every Mid-South point's rider, and some of them didn't even know it.

Green was on the go at the Pirelli, American Patriots Getaway, Moose, and Maxxis supported event. Although he had a bad start, he charged for the 250 A lead, got it, and then proceeded for the AA class. In the end, he was ten seconds shy of the overall win and finished in second place in overall with Throttlehead.com / Kawasaki / FMF / Moose / Kenda supported **Josh McClevy [Pictured Above]** taking on the win.

It was an interesting race as riders met for another dust run. This time, New Hope, Alabama was the hot spot, and the AA class enjoyed having two Kawasaki factory supported riders, **Cole Calkins** and McClevy.

Off the start, Calkins got the holeshot with McClevy, **Dustin Gibson, Robert Patterson, P. A. Allen**, and **Mike Sampson** spread out among them. McClevy took over and left them in the dust. He finished the first lap thirty seconds ahead of everyone.

On the third and fourth laps, Green moved into the lead by lapsed time with McClevy and Gibson charging just ahead of him. When McClevy stopped for gas, Gibson got around him, and they were on it. Gibson was hauling while McClevy was not giving up the fight.

McClevy said, "My hats off to Dustin Gibson. I got to hand it to him; he fought hard."

Unfortunately for Sarge's Cycle / KTM backed Gibson, he stopped for fuel on the last lap and McClevy got around him. What was worse? Green got him too, and all the while, he didn't even

know it. Gibson may never gas again because once finished he realized he didn't need it after all.

Green nudged his way into second place in overall with the help from Enduro Engineering, Duvall Engineering, Maxima, and Scott.

"I crashed on the first lap," said Green, "and ended up dead last. I had to work my way up and by the end of the first lap, I was in first. I put my head down and went after the overall leaders."

Overcoming injury, Allen enjoyed fourth place in overall and third place in his class. Unable to walk, he was happy with his finish.

He said, "My bike is an animal. I really didn't think I was going to do well at all. Yesterday while testing and practicing, my bike threw me into a tree and I did something to my hip. After racing, I loosened up."

He made an aggressive move, charging through the brush, finishing the race in third place for the AA class while Mike Sampson finished in fourth.

"I'm old enough to know better than to do that," said Sampson. "I know they got stumps in those weeds."

**Jason Wofford, Timmy P'Pool, Cody Miller, Chris Huddleston, John Giles, Tony Rooney,** and **Weston Childers** were among some of Sodbuster's winners. While they enjoyed their wins, everyone enjoyed the race in spite of dusty conditions. New Hope proved to be the place to be because of its scenic view, great food, and fun racing.

