

Mid-South Cross Country Motorsports Championship Youth Series

Round 3: Sodbuster



Kirchoff Is On

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The Mid-South Cross Country Youth Series got off to another great start as it moved south into New Hope, Alabama. With nice weather and beautiful scenery, it was hard to not enjoy the third round. NATRA officials made it a great race for eighty-five youth, giving them another chance to kick up the dust.

Cole Kirchoff was at it again. Racing his factory supported Macbore in Pee Wee 7-8, he made another round look very easy. Off the start, he charged his way into the lead, making six laps on the one mile track. He maneuvered at a faster pace and held the lead most of the time with **Justin Lenard** and **Eli Holbrook** taking second and third place.

Lenard overtook Kirchoff on a small straight a way during the first lap, but it did not last very long. For the rest of the race, he stayed in second place with Holbrook taking on a comfortable third place spot.

Lenard said, "I had a very good ride. The track wasn't nearly as long, and there weren't as many lappers at this race. I just wrecked on the first lap when I was racing behind him [Kirchoff]."

Not too far behind, another **Kirchoff [Pictured above]** was tearing up the Sodbuster trail. **Zach**, Cole's younger brother, was racing in Pee Wee 4-6. He held his own, racing his KTM in second place. He followed **Samuel Thurman** who took the win, finishing six laps while Kirchoff made five.

"First when I took off," said Thurman, "I got a very good start. On the first lap, I went too fast. I should have went slower, but I had a good time."

There where fifteen racers in the Pee Wee classes. Everyone finished and everyone gave it their all. **Kruz Sampson** impressed everyone with his first race. He rode his YZ 50cc, Yamaha throughout the dusty wood's track just in time to receive the checkered flag.

Sodbuster had forty Junior A and B racers on their first event. While most enjoyed the creek crossing the best, **Jordan Ashburn** said it was too easy. He used to much worse, charging his way through some of the toughest terrain, this may have been more like a play ride for him. He continued his Junior A victory for the third time this season.

Dustin Milam took second place in the Junior A class, and he wasn't much different. He held onto second place and was the only other racer besides Ashburn to make six laps.

Dylan Cox, Michael Huddleston, and Richard Brewer were the top three racers in Junior B. They had the best race going while **Wesley Bolton, Steven Middlebrook, and Austin Lee** were the top riders in the Mini class. They loved the creek section and tight woods the best. Bolton got the holeshot and rode consistently for all five laps. With the help from Sarge's Cycles, Middlebrook proved to be Bolton's main competition but got held up by downed riders in the creek section.