

Mid-South Cross Country Motorsports Championship Round 4: Battle of Iuka



Green Gets A+ in Overall

Allen Masters AA Class

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Every now and then the Mid-South Cross Country racing series sets some top riders on fire. The Battle of Iuka was one such race as two of its top riders, **P.A. Allen** and **Travis Green**, [Pictured #7] slid into a grand victory finish. With threats of thunderstorms rolling over head, they still sizzled in the Iuka, Mississippi terrain.

“This was probably the best race so far this year,” said Allen, a Team Green rider. “As far as the weather and the promoter, it was exceptional because it was dust free ride.”

Allen, front runner in the AA class, got off to a quick start as he claimed the holeshot and charged to stay out front. **Alan Westerfield** got around him during the first lap while **Robert Patterson** and **Mike Sampson** battled from the rear. “They Were Gone like a Freight Train” with Westerfield finishing the first lap out front, followed by Allen, Sampson, and then Patterson.

During the second lap, the AA class tore through the trail at the same rate of speed. They were on it, and no one eased up on their throttles. This time Allen was out front while Sampson, Patterson, and Westerfield were charging right behind him.

They mastered the course and had a good race going, but the real battle came from the A class winner, Green. He was the leader of the A class, and he flew into first place in overall by the end of the first lap raced.

Allen said, “It’s hard racing with somebody you can’t see, but evidently, Travis must be riding really good and had a better day. I’m happy for him.”

In the end, Allen got the checkered flag while Patterson and Sampson got second and third place. Meanwhile, thirty seconds later, Green rolled through the score tent getting first place in overall. He ripped his way through the lapped traffic like they were invisible.

Other outstanding wins for this event were from **Broc Sims, Kyle Wisdom, Tyson Ezell,** and **Brett Iott** because they finished very well in the overall placements. Sims made some impressive moves in the 4 Stroke A class. After charging for the lead he gained momentum and got a seventh place in overall finish while Wisdom, winner of Open B class, charged into a top ten finish. Wisdom made four laps and moved through the B classes just like Green, fast and smooth, and Ezell was not much different. Winning the 250 B class, he shined a seventeenth place finish.

Brett Iott, winner of the Mini class, had a rough ride but enjoyed every minute of it. He and **Wesley Bolton** raced back and forth until Bolton hit a tree and went down. Bolton was in the lead during the first lap and Iott got around him, pulled away, and then finished the race in first place. Bolton jumped for his bike and finished in second while **Steven Middlebrook, Cody Leachman,** and **Austin Smith** made the top five.

The Pirelli, Parts Unlimited, Moose, American Patriots Getaway, Maxxis sponsored series welcomed another great sponsor at the Iuka event. Johnny Signs has been coming and impressing everyone with his fantastic display of graphics. Mike Sampson and Mark Aker's vehicles boast his work.