

Mid-South Cross Country Motorsports Championship

Round 6: Copperhead

Wofford Whips

AA's

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Every now and then the Mid-South Cross Country Motorsports Championship encounters a good old fashioned mud run. Salem was one such place, and the Copperhead proved to be a hare scramble worth watching. Many of the riders slid through Kentucky's slime infested hills, giving the A class riders free reign. No one enjoyed the quagmire more than the 4 Stroke A's winner, **Jason Wofford**. He whooped it up and wollard through the mud in first place in overall.

It's amazing what a little bit of snow can do to an eleven mile track. Wofford didn't seem to mind. He loved it, and topped the overall position in no time. By the end of his second lap, he was already there, ascending through four minutes of lapsed time; then after completing his third lap in first place, he was forced to go another round.

That one proved to be a little more difficult. Due to fatigue from crashing, Dustin Gibson passed him, but Wofford started four minutes down from the AA class. Therefore, it was no problem taking home first place in overall.

Wofford said, "This was my kind of track. I loved it. Any kind of tight, technical stuff, I do well in, so I'm real thankful that Down South Motorsports gave me the bike to be able to do that."

Wofford had a blast! It was frozen in spots and deeply rutted up, but he started picking off the pros and had about a minute's lead on them during the end of the third lap.

He said, "I didn't start crashing until the last lap, and Dustin passed me about me four miles from the finish. After that I settled down and stopped crashing, but I was tired. I knew I had him because of four minutes of lapsed time."

Gibson had an amazing comeback during those last four miles. He was only thirty seconds shy of the win when he got the checkered flag. Better yet, he and the top five in the AA class got the pro purse. The remaining pros among the top five were **Robert Patterson, John Maschino, P.A. Allen, and Alex Rosetto**.

The A class swept across most of the top five in overall. **Jake Young** and **Travis Schaffer** raced the Pirelli / American Patriots Getaway / Moose / and Maxxis sponsored event in third and fourth place in overall. After taking on the 250 A class, they charged for a better finish.

Young was the last rider who finished four laps while Shaffer was cut off at three laps. He lucked out at finishing just under the hour and fifty minute mark.

No doubt, it was the toughest race so far this year. **Harvey Whitaker, Rusty Lewis, and Scott Martin** all came out on the better end of the mud bog. They each won their classes; then shot for the top ten places. Well, except for Martin, he got fourteenth place in overall. But, he did do some shooting. He shot out from under his bike because he had to walk it a long way to cross the finish line. By the end he was worn out and collapsed with his bike by his side, but it felt oh so good because he won. Congratulations!

Results:

Overall: 1. Jason Wofford (KTM); 2. Dustin Gibson (KTM); 3. Jake Young (KTM); 4. Travis Schaffer (Yam); 5. Robert Patterson (Kaw); 6. Harvey Whitaker (Kaw); 7. Travis Green (Kaw); 8. John Maschino (Kaw); 9. Jason Dickey (KTM); 10. Rusty Lewis (KTM). **AA:** 1. Dustin Gibson (KTM); 2. Robert Patterson (Kaw); 3. John Maschino (Kaw); 4. P.A. Allen (Kaw); 5. Alex Rosetto (Yam). **250A:** 1. Jake Young (KTM); 2. Travis Schaffer (Yam); 3. Travis Green (Kaw); 4. Jason Dickey (KTM); 5. Mark Akers (Suz). **Light A:** 1. Harvey Whitaker (Kaw); 2. Derek Bratcher (KTM); 3. Morgan Green (Kaw); 4. Chaz Akers (Kaw); 5. Geoffrey Vermiyea (Kaw). **4 Stroke A:** 1. Jason Wofford (KTM); 2. Broc Sims (Suz); 3. Nathan Alering (Kaw); 4. Seth Summers (KTM); 5. Jake Fiddler (Kaw). **Vet A:** 1. Rusty Lewis (KTM); 2. Ronald Skipper (Suz); 3. Wyles Griffith (KTM); 4. Josh Scott (KTM); 5. Mark Jones (Yam).

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Lenard, the Mud Slayer

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Just when things look like they are at their worst; it seemingly turns around and gets better, right? After a very tough fifth round, that's what the Mid-South Cross Country Youth riders were hoping; an easier ride, but that didn't happen. Somehow, the sixth round of the Pirelli, American Patriots Getaway, Moose, and Maxxis sponsored series simply got worst.

The rain, slosh, and snow mix made it one interesting course for over fifty entrants. They braved the winter's grime with **Jordan Ashburn**, **Michael Huddleston**, **Logan P'Pool**, **Justin Lenard**, and **Ben Jones** taking home the wins.

Racing strong in the Pee Wee classes were Justin Lenard topping the 7-8 bracket and Ben Jones charging in the 4-6 age bracket. They slid throughout the entire track, but it ended with a smile for Lenard when he got around Pee Wee's Champion, **Cole Kirchoff**. Jones also shared the big grin when he got by Cole's brother, **Zach Kirchoff**.

Lenard said, "I just really like the mud. It was fun and when I passed him that was even better."

It was a grueling twelve laps for two riders in the Pee Wee classes while the remaining eight riders held on for dear life, making six or more laps.

Illustrating this, one parent remarked, "You can close your eyes now."

Cole Kirchoff was the other rider who held on for twelve laps. He made second place in his class while **Eli Holbrook** finished out the podium in third.

Ben Jones charged for the win in Pee Wee's 4-6. He was on it, but like everyone else he also felt the quick rush from falling. Zach Kirchoff finished in second place while **Kenneth Wolfe**, **Sam Thurman**, and **Gavin Leech** completed the top five.

