

**Mid-South Cross Country  
Motorsports Championship  
Round 7: Southeast Cross Country  
Shootout**

## **Hawk Hangs Em High**

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**P**romoting two day events may not necessarily be the easiest thing in the world to do, but Perry Mountain's Motorcycle Club coupled with the Scott Horton's Score Machine crew made it look like it was no trouble at all. With over 875 racers on the starting lines, they managed an explosive event with each line of racers firing up their engines without delay.



The Southeast Cross Country Shootout simply outdid itself once again as the three series meshed into one. They competed in the SERA, SETRA, and Mid-South triple sanctioned event at Reynold's Pasture in Maplesville, Alabama. As usual, it also rustled a few national pros, and this time **Barry Hawk, Charles Mullins, Robbie Jenks, Randy Hawkins, and Mike Lafferty** entertained a very large crowd of spectators.

The national pros entered the AA class and immediately set the pace with Hawk taking the lead into the first lap. They were fast as they charged their way through the 13 mile laps. AM/Pro / Yamaha / Factory Connection / MSR / Pro Taper supported Hawk mostly battled with teammate Mullins and KTM / IMS / KTM Gear / Enduro Engineering backed Jenks. They finished in the top three positions.

Hawk said, "I knew I had to pit on the very first lap because we only had two pit guys for three bikes. So, it was already predetermined that I was stopping on the first lap. Mullins and Jenks passed me, so I thought, *'Well, the next lap, they're going to have to stop.'*"

Sure enough, the next lap came around and Hawk passed both of them when they fueled. Afterward, they reconnected and stuck together like glue with Hawk leading and Mullins and Jenks following. They were moving faster than anyone else. Then on the last lap, Jenks made a mistake and crashed and lost touch with those guys. He was cruising around on a bent bike but savored a third place finish.

Jenks said, "Excellent course, this place is awesome and worth the commute,"

“I look forward to coming here every year,” said Hawk. “It’ll beat you up, but it is really fun. I’m happy with everything the way it is- teammates: one and two. You can’t ask for any more.”

Meanwhile **Bryan Henson**, AA’s fastest SETRA rider for the day, got a mid pack start and started a battle with Mid-South leader, Robert Patterson. They were the next riders to finish the most competitive Mid-South Cross Country race of the year.

Flying on his KTM, Henson charged into a fourth place finish with Patterson right behind him. The two riders had a great race and earned top honors as the two battled for a top five finish. Henson got a mid-pack start out of twenty-seven racers. He started picking them off and about half way through the race, their battle commenced. It ended with Henson taking fourth and Patterson finishing in fifth place.

“The training has really paid off,” said **Sarge’s Cycles, Patterson** (Pictured). “I just tried to get a good start early and knew I had to ride hard because there were a lot of riders. I got a good start and just maintained.”

Henson said, “This is one of the best races I’ve been to in a long time. They really did a good job.”

Unfortunately for **Robby Towery** in 4 Stroke A, he ran out of gas- twice. He is currently looking for a new pit crew because he finished in twelfth place.

**Broc Sims** was the winner of his class, followed by **Gary Hendricks** and **Nathan Alering**.

SERA’s riders, **Zach Lawler**, picked off his first race, ever. Racing his KTM in Open A, he charged for the first three laps, then thought he was never going to finish. He did and won it. **Mark Hutchinson, Justin Robinson, and Chris Clark** were next in line as SETRA riders.

Mid-South rustled most of the wins for the B classes. **Thomas DerryBerry, Cody Miller, David Holleander, Kyle Wisdom, and Tristan Redferrin** claimed them while **Bill Edenfield** and **Tom Farmer** were two SETRA winners from the B classes.

Top honors also went to SETRA winners, **Mitch McCree, Terry Hughes, and Kenny Satterfield**. They raced hard and made the podium for the morning race.