

Mid-South Cross Country Motorsports Championship Round 10: Fox Hollow



Whibley Gets Fox / Gibson Grabs Glory

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The Mid-South Cross Country Motorsports Championship was at it again as they raised the bar to great racing. This time they did the job right with their freshly laid Robert Patterson course. His officials made it a fun ride for just about everyone who raced.

At this event, the Pirelli, American Patriot Getaways, Moose, and Maxxis sponsored series made it one step closer for **Dustin Gibson** to take hold of another Overall Championship. While it's not official, one could say that it is pretty much a done deal. Throughout the season, Gibson has impressed everyone with his quick moves into first place. He won three races, placing him thirty-three points ahead of second place in overall, **Travis Green**.

Off the Fox Hollow start, things got a little rough after the first turn. **[Pictured]** While Gibson (Left) was busy saving a near collision into **Mike Sampson** (Bike 13), **Paul Whibley** (Far left) took off with the lead. From that point on, things didn't change for Whibley. He took home the win while Gibson may have gotten the Overall Championship in spite of his twelfth place finish.

Parts Unlimited / Moose / Honda / FMF / Alpine Star sponsored Whibley said, "I got a good start and followed a few guys to learn the track. I kind of rode my own race after Dustin (Gibson) dropped off a lap or two, hoping for some practice for the Loretta Lynn's trail."

Sarge's Cycles / Kawasaki Team Green / Smith / Dunlop backed **Robert Patterson** got second place in Overall. Although he had a few problems with his bike, he seemed to work them out fine as he charged for his podium finish with KTM mounted **Mike Sampson** battling from behind him.

“I had a good ride,” said Sampson. “I rode real well until Robert got around me, and then I hit a tree. Other than that, I just had fun today.”

Meanwhile Gibson also struggled with the same problem; except his tree took off most of his radiator. He said it was dangling by one bolt, so he had to stop and make a few repairs. When he finished, he had a good time riding with some really fast racers, **Cody Miller, Tyson Ezell, Chaz Akers, and Chase Bishop.**

MSR / Tag Metals / Gearna Boots / Pro Action of Kentucky backed Miller said, “I was third after the takeoff, and got around a few guys. I rode a while with Broc Sims and broke off my front brake lever. I came in and fixed it, got around Nathan Alering, and put in a hard charged on the last lap,” wiining 4 Stroke A and finishing in a very impressive sixth place in overall.

Unfortunately Akers did not have the same eventful ride. Although he put in a great first place finish in overall for the first lap, he had suffered a major setback. He rode so fast that it caused his tired to literally fall off. He lost all of the spokes from his tire rim, giving him a second place finish, just under **Geoffrey Vermilyea** who got first in the Light A race.

Results:

Overall: 1. Paul Whibley (Hon); 2. Robert Patterson (Kaw); 3. Mike Sampson (KTM); 4. John Maschino (Gas); 5. Kenny Judd (Yam); 6. Cody Miller (Kaw); 7. Nathan Alering (Kaw); 8. Jacob Patterson (Kaw); 9. Travis Schaffer (Yam); 10. Geoffrey Vermilyea (Kaw). **AA:** 1. Paul Whibley (Hon); 2. Robert Patterson (Kaw); 3. Mike Sampson (KTM); 4. John Maschino (Gas); 5. Jacob Patterson (Kaw). **250 A:** 1. Travvis Shaffer (Yam); 2. Damon Prince (Suz); 3. Jason Dickey (KTM); 4. Mark Akers (Kaw); 5. Gary Barr (Yam). **Light A:** 1. Geoffrey Vermilyea (Kaw); 2. Chaz Akers (Kaw); 3. Donald Rainey (Kaw). **4 Stroke A:** 1. Cody Miller (Kaw); 2. Nathan ALering (Kaw); 3. Clint Robinson (KTM); 4. Seth Summers (KTM); 5. Broc Sims (Suz). **Vet A:** 1. Kenny Judd (Yam); 2. Steve Smith (Kaw); 3. Greg Elrod (Kaw); 4. Ron Skipper (Suz); 5. Mark Jones (Yam). **Senior A:** 1. Scott Martin (Suz); 2. Tony Mitchell (Suz)3 . Steve Ezell (Suz); 4. Greg Brannon (KTM). **250 B:** 1. Tyson Ezell (Suz); 2. Chase Bishop (Yam); 3. Beau Nicewinter (Kaw); 4. Thomas Mitchell (Suz); 5. Aaron Hughes (KTM). **3 Stroke A:** 1. Sean Gentry (Kaw); 2. Andrew Wilson (Kaw); 3. Levi Ledbetter (Yam). **Open 4 Stroke B:** 1. Mike Scneider (Suz); 2. Jason Burton (KTM); 3. Chance Blackwell (KTM); 4. Charles Cunningham (Suz); 5. Kendall Tuck (KTM). **Open B:** 1. Kyle Wisdom (Kaw); 2. Jeff Green (KTM); 3. Donnie Howard (KTM); 4. Greg Tucker (KTM); 5. Kevin Becktell (KTM). **200 B:** 1. Tristan Redferring (KTM); 2. Logan Chileman ((KTM); 3. Jordan Ashburn (KTM); 4. Doug Gresham (KTM); 5. Dillon Phelps (KTM). **Vet B:** 1. Eric Gill (Kaw); 2. Carlos Humphrey (KTM); 3. Brent Jones (Suz); 4. Shane Qualls (Yam); 5. Eddie Crain (Kaw). **Senior B:** 1. David Smithson (KTM); 2. Marty Thacker (Kaw); 3. Gaylon Rogers (Hon); 4. Ron Dilback (KTM); 5. David Lamberth (Kaw). **Super Senior:** 1. Larry Still (Hon); 2. Leon Parker (Yam); 3. Vergle Young (KTM); 4. Ronnie Hackett (KTM); 5. Paul Michels (KTM). **Masters:** 1. Tom Carter (KTM); 2. Don Rye (KTM). **250 C:** 1. Chris Mayfield (Kaw); 2. Scott Brannon (KTM); 3. Jon Wood (KTM). 4. Jasdon Garrett (KTM); 5. Michael Brownlee (KTM). **200 C:** 1. Jenner Turner (KTM); 2. Richard Frost (KTM); 3. Luke Robinson (KTM); 4. Kyle Greer (Kaw); 5. Daniel Sullivan (Yam). **300 4 Stroke C:** 1. Jeff Hagewood (Hon); 2. Dillon Fleming (Hon); 3. Tony Rooney (Suz); 4. Chris Gahes (Hon); 5. Robert Shanks (KTM). **Open 4 Stroke C:** 1. Weston Childers (Hon); 2. Kelley McDonald (KTM); 3. Christopher Smith (Hon); 4. Jason Sparks (KTM); 5. Jeff Hagewood (Hon). **Vet C:** 1. Kevin McClain (KTM); 2. Kent Knudsen (Hon); 3. Charles Fowler (Hon); 4. Chris Rustin (Yam); 5. David Oliver (Kaw). **Senior C:** 1. Michael Stewart (Yam); 2. Jimmy Powers (Suz); 3. Craig Greer (KTM); 4. Chris Summer (Hon); 5. Sean Sanber (Yam). **Beginner:** 1. Christopher Young (KTM); 2. Billy Russell (Kaw); 3. Mathew Plaster (Hon).

Mid-South Cross Country Motorsports Youth Championship Round 10: Fox Hollow



Middlebrook Rocks the Fox

By Rich Thurman and Debbie Allen

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The Mid-South Cross Country Youth Racing Series got lucky when they hit the Fox Hollow trail. It was a mud free ride; yet, challenging enough to allow for a great day of racing. Luckily, the rain held off long enough for the 64 riders to make their way into the tenth round, giving **Dylan Cox** a firm hold on his Junior B Championship.

Bridgestone/FMF/Fly backed Cox had a great race with **Jeremiah Bowman**. Up front, he grabbed the holeshot and simply checked out on the first lap. Then out of nowhere, **Jeremiah “Billygoat” Bowman** came from a last place start, to begin his climb to the front. When the white flag came out, only a few precious seconds

separated them. Bowman found his way around Cox, but gave it up with a crash. That was all Cox needed to wrap up another Pirelli, American Patriots Getaway, Moose and Maxis sponsored series championship. Bowman lost a little time in the fall but still managed to hang on to second place ahead of **Michael Huddleston, Mason Thurman**, and fifth place **Dirk Richards**.

In the Junior A class, **Dustin Milam** had his best race of the season. The MSR rider held strong from the start for the win. KTM riders **Tyler Carter** and **Devin Walker** managed to grab the second and third spots at the checkered flag. The win put Milam five points shy of second place. He is currently holding down third place in the Series point's standings. With only two races left, **Zach Nash** and **Adam “the Boss” Creasor** will no doubt be up for the challenge. They finished the Fox Hollow event in fourth and fifth places.

In the Mini class, DNS Tools sponsored **Steven Middlebrook [pictured]** made his Dad happy. Needless to say, Mr. Middlebrook was all smiles after his win! **Brett Iott** finished in second and **Taylor Woodfin** rounded out the podium. Only four points separate Middlebrook and Iott for the Championship now.

The PeeWee 7 to 8 year old class had a new kid on the block. After winning his class championship at the last race, **Samuel Thurman** moved up from the 4 to 6 year old class to see where he stands with the big boys. **Cole Kirchoff** pulled the holeshot with Samuel close behind. After a few laps, Cole began to stretch his lead over the KTM/Sarges Cycles/Motorex backed Thurman. About halfway through the race, **Justin Lenard** overcame a bad start to catch Samuel. By this time Cole had enough of a lead to easily win. Lenard took second and Thurman finished

a respectable third for his first big 50 race. Congratulations! Kirchoff now sits atop the 7 to 8 year old points standings with Lenard in second.

The PeeWee 4 to 6 year old class saw **Zach Kirchoff** pulling down the win at the checkered flag. Kirchoff's dad said "It was the first time both of my boys won on the same day!"

Ben Jones ran a good race for second place and **Kenneth Wolfe** came in third.

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Junior A: 1. Dustin Milam (Suz); 2. Tyler Carter (KTM); 3. Devin Walker (KTM); 4. Zachery Nash (Kaw); 5. Adam Creasor (Kaw). **Junior B:** 1. Dylan Cox (Suz); 2. Jeremiah Bowman (Kaw); 3. Michael Huddleston (Suz); 4. Mason Thurman (Yam); 5. Dirk Richards (Kaw). **Mini:** 1. Steven Middlebrook (KTM); 2. Brett Iott (Kaw); 3. Taylor Woodfin (Kaw); 4. Dalton Riddle (Kaw): Logan P'Pool (Suz). **Pee Wee 7-8:** 1. Cole Kirchoff (KTM); 2. Justin Lenard (KTM); 3. Samuel Thurman (KTM); 4. Levi Plaster (Hon); 5. Eli Holbrook (Suz). **Pee Wee 4-6:** 1. Zach Kirchoff (KTM); 2. Ben Jones (KTM); 3. Kenneth Wolfe (KTM); 4. Austin True (Hon); 5. Dylan Dewar (Hon).