

Mid-South Cross Country Summer Series

Round 1: The Batey Farm

Allen Aces Batey

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P. A. Allen [pictured] was back to his old tricks when he entered the first round of the Mid-South Cross Country Summer Series. He made all the right moves riding his Kawasaki 450 F and finished the Batey Farm Hare Scramble taking first place in overall.

While his win didn't come easy, he made it look that way. After getting the lead, he stayed out front the entire time. However, **Geoffrey Vermilyea** made it a more challenging race, giving Allen a run for his win.

The two of them freight trained for a while until Vermilyea had bike problems. On the last lap, he put on a charge to try to catch him, but Allen was unstoppable. He finished first with Vermilyea following in second place.

Off of the 250 A start, Suzuki mounted **Will McConnell** got the holeshot with **Eric Gill**, Vermilyea, and Allen taking up the rear. McConnell and Gill shifted to the back while Allen and Vermilyea moved to the front.

Vermilyea said, "It was fun other than the bike breaking down a little bit. My spark plug cap came off and P.A. warned me about it before the start of the race, but I didn't listen to him. That's okay, it was fun, and that's all that matters."

Finishing out the top five were **Jim Bates**, **Dustin Stevens**, and **Eric Gill**. Bates, racing a KTM, was the next rider to come through the Score Machine. He won the 4 Stroke A class and had no problem with his third place in overall finish. Stevens was the winner of the Light A class and he enjoyed fourth place in overall while Gill finished in fifth place.

"The best part of the track was the long, creek section. That was sweet," said Gill, "because it pretty much cooled everyone off; plus, it slowed the slower riders down so they were easy to pass there."

Andrew Wilson took home second place in Light A class. He was running in third place in overall for a while until he went down and got caught behind some lappers. Then he just watched

Gill pass him. Although he gave it his all, there was nothing he could do to catch him. This was his first time in the A class, coming in tenth place in overall.

Jenner Turner and **Ronnie Frost** had a good battle going in the 200 B class. While Frost was in the lead for most of the race, Turner got him going into the last lap.

“It was fantastic!” said **John Glaus**, the Senior B winner. “It wasn’t too hot for me, and I got my bike dialed in good. I had a good time, and it was a great track. Thanks to Paul [the promoter].”

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Riddle Rides to Win

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Not too far from where the rooster crows, **Dalton Riddle** [pictured] was having the time of his life. He was racing the Mid-South Hare Scramble Youth Series in Charlotte, Tennessee, and the Batey Farm proved to be a great place

for summertime competition.

Riddle was quick to gain the lead of the Mini class. Racing his KX 65, he got the holeshot and was not satisfied with just being out front. He wanted more, so he charged throughout the tough terrain and finished the race with four minutes lead over **Tyler Harris** who got second place.

“It was fun,” said Riddle. “There were lots of straight stretches and there were lots of jumps.”

Making five laps, the Junior A and B classes had the bigger challenge. They fought long and hard for their win with **Brandon Marley** and **Michael Williams** taking home first place plaques.

The Junior A start began with KTM mounted **Josh Nicewinter** taking an outside line to gain the holeshot with Marley not too far behind him. On the second curve, Marley got the lead but struggled with a turn, finding himself back in second. In spite, he charged for the lead again and then found himself in competition with a deer.

Not too far off of the trail, a deer started to out run him, but it didn't last long. Marley twisted his throttle, passed the deer, and then with each additional lap gained more time on Nicewinter, **Camden Griffin**, and **Dylan Taylor**. Marley finished the race by a long stretch out front while Nicewinter maintained his second place position and Griffin and Taylor followed.

Off the Junior B start, Williams moved into the lead early and battled with **Garrett Riddle** throughout the entire race. They both got in a good groove and freight trained for five laps, maneuvering through half of the Junior A riders. Williams held tight to the lead, but it wasn't easy because Riddle stayed on him, nipping at his tires but never gaining the lead.

"I was on him, mostly the whole race," said Garrett, "but, I got into some lapped riders and couldn't get around them."

They had an interesting race, making the Junior B podium with **Austin Smith** savoring third place. Together, the three finished ahead of most of the Junior A riders.

Williams said, "He [Riddle] was fighting, and I just looked back and saw him but just kept on truckin."

Racing in the Pee Wee classes, **Kenneth Wolfe** and **Austin True** charged for the lead on two separate starts. Each had a great ride out front and made some impressive moves, making five laps. Wolfe came in first place in the Pee Wee 7-8 bracket while True won the Pee Wee 4-6 group. They both had a trouble free ride and flew on their KTM's. **Devotae Sanders** and **Mason Harris** finished the Pee Wee 7-8 group in second and third places while **Matthew Harris** and **Cruz Sampson** got second and third in Pee Wee 4-6.