

Mid-South Cross Country Summer Series

Round 3: Red Boiling Springs



Redferrin Flies Stealth

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Not too far from where the waters bubble up in Red Boiling Springs, a new talent emerged. Unbeknownst to everyone but his Dad, **Tristan Redferrin [Pictured]** was riding in the zone with his Dad pointing the way. Racing in the Open B class, he put himself into stealth mode and maneuvered his Graham KTM / Moose / Maxxis / Johnnie Friedli / Parts Unlimited / Power Sports backed KTM into first place in overall at the third round of the Mid-South Cross Country Summer Series.

While many had their sights set on the 250 A battle between **Robert Patterson** and **Kyle Henderson**,

Tristan's Dad, Randy, was setting his stop watch for his son. On the next to last lap, he said, "My son's winning overall."

Tristan said, "I really want to thank God for keeping me safe, and my parents for footing the bill."

Six classes back from 250 A, the fifteen year old from Burns, Tennessee, got a good start out front, and he simply got better. He had a trouble free ride and moved his way into the A classes, passing the riders in Senior A, 4 Stroke A, Light A, and many of the 250 A riders. Racing four laps, he was amazing and unstoppable.

Meanwhile, the 250 A racers were plugging away with Patterson and Henderson in the lead. Henderson got the holeshot and Sarge's Cycles / Kawasaki Team Green / Fox / FMF / Dunlop sponsored Patterson took control near the fourth mile marker. From that point on, he never looked back and Henderson never passed him. Unfortunately for him, Redferrin was plugging away at elapsed time, charging from the rear and Patterson had no way of knowing.

Patterson came in second place in overall while Henderson finished the race taking second in 250 A class and getting third place in overall.

Patterson said, "The track was awesome, and everything was good. I just didn't know."

"First lap, I went down about three times," said Henderson, "and just had a lot of bad luck and couldn't get it back together. It was a fun trail, and they did a good job with the track and all but personally, it was a bad ride."

In the Open B class, **Loupie Lambruno** and **Jordan Ashburn** had an amazing ride. They made all of the right moves and finished their races in fourth and fifth place in overall.

Clay Hedgepath, Robert Adkins, Clay Stuckey, and Scott Schindler enjoyed their wins in the A classes while **Tony Rooney, Dillon Phelps, Chris Huddleston, and Charles Cunningham** were the winners of the B classes.

Racing in 200 C class, **Kyle Greer** celebrated his first win. Riding his KX 125, he cruised into the lead on his third lap. Shortly thereafter, he had to relive his battle for first when **Justin Roberton** passed him during Greer's pit stop. On the up side for Roberton, he still remains the point's leader for 200 C class.

Mid-South Cross Country Youth Summer Series

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Iott Out to Win

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When a landowner and a Mid-South promoter get together, all kinds of good things can happen. One good thing that happened was the Red Boiling Springs gully washer. Phillip Taylor and Grady Short brought about more than one smile when they whipped up the third round of the Mid-South Cross Country Summer Series. They created a great adventure for the youth riders which included several grass tracks, rocky hills, and slippery, creek beds that seemed to engulf more than one bike.

Thus far this season, the Junior B class witnessed two great battles with **Michael Williamson** and **Brett Iott** taking home the wins. This time, it was Iott again as he pulled the lead on his second lap. Afterward, he checked out, leaving Williamson [64] and **Garrett Riddle** [Pictured #46] fending for second place.

“It was slick and rough and there were a lot of creeks,” said Iott, “and I’m drenched right now. You never knew where there were deep spots and of course, I landed in one of them.”

Immediately thereafter, Iott picked up his Yamaha and finished the race in first place.

Since the first race this season in Charlotte, Tennessee, a battle has been brewing between Riddle and Williams. They freight trained at that first race and it hasn’t stopped since; they’ve been swapping back and forth with Williams always finishing in the front. Not this time.

On the last lap, Williams’s front end washed out in one of those gullies. His front tire hit a deep spot and he went over, giving Riddle his one chance to reach his goal of beating Williams. The last few miles were tense, but Riddle was pumped as he maneuvered his YZ 85 into all the right spots. He finished the race in second place while Williams smiled at third.

Riddle said, “We were battling throughout the whole race. Through some of those creek sections, I was bobbling and I thought woe, but then I just said to myself, ‘All or nothing.’ and just gassed it and passed him on the inside of a corner.”

The Junior A class were also up the same creek with the same dilemmas. Off the start, **Josh Nicewinter** got the holeshot and led his pack into the woods. He stayed in the lead for the first two laps, until he slid out in the creek, and then **Cody Christensen** took the lead.

“It was a really hard race,” said Christensen, “mostly because of all of the rocks and Nicewinter pressuring me. I’d like to thank my parents for taking me because it was really a lot of fun.”

The Junior A riders were definitely the faster of the two classes that headed up the first race. Each of the top three riders in both classes made six laps with Christensen finishing it in 39 minutes. He won while Nicewinter and **Adam Rooney** got second and third place.

Jake Froman, Jacob Pyne, and Hunter Gates were the winners of the Mini class and the two Pee Wee classes which headed up the last two races in the youth series.

