

Mid-South Cross Country Summer Series



Round 5: Rocky Mound

Lamberth Rocks

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It never fails. When you mention the words, new track, the Mid-South racers come out of the wood work. Such was the case for the fifth round of the Mid-South Cross Country Summers Series.

Jerry Henderson braved the storm of being this year's Rookie Promoter, and he did a fantastic job for his first race. The only problem, who knew that it was going to be a gully-washer?

Apparently, Sarge's Cycles / Team Green / Dunlop / Fox backed **Robert Patterson** did. He rode as if there were no problems at all but admitted to having second thoughts about heading for the rider's meeting. About ten minutes before it, the dark clouds rolled in and that was the only warning. Then as Scott Horton opened the meeting, the flood gates opened, and it didn't stop until way into the second lap. With many expecting dry weather, most of the riders were totally unprepared and sloshed through the mud.

Patterson said, "I actually was going to try to get my money back, but things started to clear up, so I went to the starting line. Then I just sat there like everyone else getting wet."

Off the start, **P.A. Allen** got the lead with **Jacob Patterson** following closely, but that didn't last. They just gave it up and slowed down while Patterson rounded the corner first. Then he took off. While it was a fairly lonely race for Patterson, his son Jacob managed to keep up for some of the race while Allen went back to his vehicle on the second lap because he hit a tree and hurt his back.

Patterson was smoother than most and when it came to racing his KX 450, he was on it. **Chase Bishop**, the 201- Open B winner, got second place in overall while Patterson's son, Jacob, finished the race in third place in overall. **Jon Buckner**, the 4 Stroke A winner got fourth, and **Loupie Lambruno** got fifth.

The Vet A class had a few good battles going between its top four riders. **Jeremy Ketchum** and **Derek Bratcher** shimmied through the mud, having the best of times. They took first and second in their class and got eighth and ninth places in overall.

Ketchum said, “Bratcher and I really had a good time. He rode in the front most of the time. I was able to follow him and I just waited for something to happen.”

On the last lap, Ketchum got his chance. Bratcher and a lapper collided, so he took the lead.

David Lamberth [Pictured] was also another rider who stepped up his pace. Racing in Senior B class, he maneuvered his KDX 200 into the lead and finished the race in first place with **Paul Allen**, **Chris Summer**, and **John Glaus** following from a distance.

Summer recently bumped up to the B class because he was forced to do by the fall. He decided today would be a good time.

Mid-South Cross Country Youth Summer Series Round 5: Rocky Mound



Wilson Wraps Win

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The Mid-South Cross Country Youth Summer Series lucked out at Rocky Mound. They caught the first glimpse of new trail located in Westmoreland, Tennessee, missing a thunderstorm that was headed their way.

The track was laid out by landowner, Jerry Henderson, Mid-South's newest promoter, and he did a really good job at creating an exciting course for all of the youth. They enjoyed most parts of the track, although there was one hill that made things quite interesting for even the top riders.

Mid-South's newest rider, **Morgan Moss**, came and conquered racing his Suzuki into a first place in the Junior A class. While this was his fifth hare scramble and his first Mid-South, one couldn't tell. He was on fire and once he got the lead, there was no stopping him.

Off the start, **Cody Christensen** got the holeshot with Morgan, **Mason Thurman**, **Dylan Taylor**, and **Josh Nicewinter** following him throughout the grass track. Shortly into the woods section, Christensen wrecked while cross rutting that hill and Morgan and Thurman passed him.

Morgan said, "It was really a nice track, and I liked it a lot. On my first lap, there was a KTM rider pressuring me. I was trying real hard to get away from him. Later, I got some better lines and pulled away."

Morgan continued his lead for the remaining laps and finished out front with two minutes lead over the Junior A pack. Meanwhile Christensen, Nicewinter and Thurman were battling and swapping places throughout the rest of the race.

"On the last lap," said Christensen, "I was in third and got around this KTM rider when he fell on a hill.

Apparently, Thurman was the mysterious KTM rider. He had a good race and fought for the second place finish but struggled with that cantankerous hill. On his last lap, he fell and Christensen and Nicewinter got around him. Thurman finished the race in fourth place while Christensen and Nicewinter rounded the podium.

“I was the last person off of the line,” said Nicewinter, “so I had to pick my way toward the front. I was riding with Cody and on the last mile my front end slid out and he pulled away from me. I finally did catch back up with him, but I couldn’t get around him.”

Racing strong in the other classes were **Michael Williams**, **Dalton Riddle**, and **Samuel Thurman** while **Logan Wilson [Pictured]**, headed up the Pee Wee 4-6 class, passing lapped rider, **Cruz Sampson [Yamaha Rider]**. Racing his KTM, he made five laps and was in the lead the entire time with **Matthew Harris** taking second place with **Owen Goodwen**, Sampson, and **Britten Crain** finishing in the top five.