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Round 10: Pro Action of Kentucky

MID-SOUTH FINALE

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The Pro Action team found the perfect spot in Crofton, Kentucky, for the make-up round of the Mid-South Cross Country Winter Hare Scramble Series. The Steve Ezell prepped course proved to be a technical track for the Pirelli / Moose / Maxxis backed series. It had tight woods and several fast tracks, giving it a unanimous two thumbs up for the last race of the year.

It was the perfect setting for a Mid-South duel between two Champions.

P. A. Allen and **Dustin Gibson** may not have necessarily been out to duke it out on two wheels, but they were hauling with **John Maschino** and several other rookies fighting from the rear. In the end, Allen got the win while KTM Hard Parts supported Gibson and Obermeyer's backed Maschino were the ones who got the fight to the finish.

"On the first lap, I really just wanted to take my time," said Allen. "I knew it was going to be rough, so I just rode conservatively trying to get to know the trail."

After getting to know it, he was on fire. Allen put on a charge and completed the last two laps as the frontrunner. He took the checkered flag, finishing the race with three minutes lead on the remaining pack.

Off the start, **Mike Sampson** took the lead and was the first rider to enter the woods with **Jason Dickey**, Gibson, Allen and Maschino following closely. Gibson wasted no time getting around Sampson, claiming the fastest lap time on lap one. On the second lap, he continued his lead while the remaining riders swapped positions quite a bit due to the rocky terrain.

Gibson said, "You couldn't really go as fast as you would have liked because the track was so technical. On the first lap, I tried to get a good lead but thought I'd better slow down to keep it. Then I got a flat. When P.A. got around me, I pretty much called it quits, but I wanted to stick around to stay in front of Maschino."

"I would have like to have had a good battle with Dustin," said Monster, FAR, Pro Circuit, Thor backed Allen, "but unfortunately, he got a flat and wasn't able to keep the pace. Then on the last lap, he got another one."

Meanwhile a battle commenced between Gibson and Maschino. During the fifth lap, Gibson and Maschino were battling it out for second place. A few miles in, Gibson suffered from problems



from a second flat, but Maschino had his share as well. After finding a good pace, Maschino would get cross rutted, fall, or get stuck behind a lapper.



About a mile into the last lap, Maschino got around him and pulled away. Gibson was having trouble staying straight. He said he was all over the track and really had no control over it because his bike was sliding every which way.

Towards the end, as luck would have it, Maschino [7] got caught behind a lapper. Then at the last turn, Gibson [911] got his chance to pass, making a bewildered lapper [front bike] scared out of his mind. Gibson made a clean sweep for second place while Maschino got third.

“It was a good, clean pass,” said Maschino, “but it scared the daylights out of me! I didn’t know what he was going to do; I thought he was going to t-bone me or something.”

Jordan Ashburn and **Loupie Lambruno** won each of their classes, and then reach for the top five while Cody Miller came in sixth place in overall. Ashburn had an amazing finish and won 250 B class, Lambruno won 250 A class, and Miller won 4 Stroke A class.