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Round 2: Lakeview Lodge

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It just seems that every now and then, the AA class gets a root awakening. In White Plains, Kentucky, the hot spot for the second round of the Mid-South Cross Country Winter Hare Scramble Series, demonstrated that simple fact: While no one was looking, someone in the 250 A class took a big bite out of the AA's glory and tricked them with their treat.



Maybe it was Yankee ingenuity, plain luck, or simply pure determination that set a Bedford, Indiana native on fire. Whatever the case, **Jake Fiddler [341]** took his battle to the Deep South at Lakeview Lodge and made himself a name. He outsmarted the best in order to become the Overall winner for the Pirelli, Moose, and Maxxis supported series.

It was an exciting race because no one knew that it was going on at the time. On the first lap, most people had their eyes set on the AA class. However, while the AA class was busy clearing trail, Fiddler was busy making all the right moves. He was charging for the win and by his third lap he was actually in the lead.

He said, "I got a second place start on the 250 A line-up and got that lead quickly. Afterward, I tried to key off of the AA's lines and then I found myself following them and passing them, and we'd go back and forth."

All the while, this seventeen year, old senior kept an excellent pace and just kept going.

He was the 2004, MSWS 200 B Champion, and then stepped out for one year to recover from mono. His first race this season ended with a flat tire and now this Johnnysigns.com

/ Moose / Thumper / Marshall / Wiseco backed rider toughed it out for his first Overall win.



Likewise, **P. A. Allen [37]**, who was actually in the lead, also had a good race. He did everything right. He got the holeshoot, continued his lead for most of the race, and pulled the fastest lap times once he found out about the Fiddler lead. With each new lap, his pace actually got faster with his best finish being 22:41 for the nine miles of trail.

Unfortunately, he found out too late and was unable to make the comeback required for the win. Fiddler got him in elapsed time by 24 seconds.

“I thought I had a trouble free ride,” said Allen. “Then I saw him pass me when I stopped for fuel. Once I passed him back, I did everything I could to spread the gap. It seemed that I’d pull away, and then I’d have to slow down to follow some of the slower riders. I guess it’s just something that I have

to work on and Jake apparently had the better ride. I’m happy for him.”

Allen finished the race, taking first place in the AA class and second place in Overall. One good thing about it was that he was the one to actually walk away with the money. He got the AA win, along with Kawasaki contingency.

Sarge’s Cycles backed **Robert Patterson [Pictures Below, Front]** got second place and had a fair shake at the lead. He ran with Allen for the first three laps, and stuck with John Machino for the last half. Fiddler got around both of them when they stopped for gas. Patterson finished the race, taking second place in AA and third place in Overall.

He said, “When we got to the first ditch crossing, I had the shot to get to the front, but I went over the handlebars in the easiest ditch out there. So I went from first to last and had to work my way back.”

## My Own Race:

**John Maschino** 5<sup>th</sup> Place

John Maschino [**Pictured Right and Rear**] enjoyed more time in the front of the pack.



However, a small mistake cost him several spots. While he was trying to pass a lapper, he hit a root and it sent him flying with Patterson's bike landing on top of his. He said, "I was trying to pass that lapper before we got into the woods, but it looks like things didn't quite go my way."

### **Gary Hendricks** 8<sup>th</sup> Place

Gary Hendricks fought long and hard for many years as a Mid-South rider. As a comeback ride in 250 A, he finished in third place with an impressive eighth place finish. He battled it out with Tristan Redferrin and they freight trained into the score tent with Redferrin in second place.

### **Nathan Alering** 10<sup>th</sup> Place

Nathan Alering was the winner of 4 Stroke A. Racing his KX 450, he had a great battle with **Cody Miller** and **Travis Shaffer**. On the first lap, he was in seventh place and then he started picking off everyone in his class. With only a few miles to go, he took the lead on his last lap with help from Clinton County Motorsports, CCM Racing.

## **Briefly...**

Understandably, it's pretty easy for the 250 A line-up to accomplish the back of the AA pack scenery, especially during the first lap. Time and time again, many have done it. That's because, the AA riders are busy breaking in freshly cut trail. While they are reading arrows, clearing leaves, and exposing underlying dangers at a slower pace, the 250 A riders get a good charge from the clearly outlined trail. AA riders may need to take a hard look at solving this problem to prevent a repeat. With many being former Mid-South Champions, this shouldn't be too difficult.

Former Mid-South Champion, **Mike Sampson**, may well be on his way into enjoying another Championship. This time it could be through his son, **Kruz Sampson** who won the Pee Wee's 4-6 race. In spite of a very tough course, Kruz took control early and won the race. He said, "I used my front and back brake going down that steep hill."

Captions:

1. **Jake Fiddler, the 250 A winner, was the second rider to take the holeshot curve. Once he gained the lead he charged for the Overall and won it.**
2. **P.A. Allen took home the AA win, but found out way too late that he was in second place by elapsed time. He gained the fastest laps times for his remaining two laps, but missed the win by twenty-four seconds.**
3. **Robert Patterson leads John Maschino across a small mud section. He finished in second place in AA while Maschino got fourth.**

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using my front brake and back brake.”

It was smooth sailing on a very difficult track for this powder keg. He blazed the mile long Lakeview Lodge trail which consisted of tight woods, grass tracks, and some pretty steep off camber hills. No problem for Kruz. He just set his bike at the fast speed and pulled a near two minutes lead over **Matthew Harris** who also finished the race making six laps.

Likewise, **Samuel Thurman**'s race was very similar. Racing his Sarge's Cycles / Faith Lock and Safe backed KTM, he battled for his lead amongst 17 racers. While Thurman, **Jacob Pine**, **Eli Holbrook**, and **Nolan Melton** were the lone riders to make eight laps, his main battle was fought with Pine who finished twenty seconds later in second place.

“I started off in first,” said Thurman, “and then someone passed me. Then he got a lot ahead of me. I caught up to him and stayed with him for a while; he flipped, and I passed him.”

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**C**aul Allen, the track promoter, stepped up to the plate and offered a grand slam track in White Plains, Kentucky. After developing a reputation for creating a no-problem Pee Wee course, he decided to meet the challenge and made it a little more challenging by adding a few off camber and steep hills. In spite of this challenge, **Kruz Sampson [Pictured]** decided to meet it.

One year ago, an itty bitty Pee Wee 4-6 rider jumped on his bike, entered a Mid-South Cross Country Youth race, and made a commitment. This daring, young man set his mind on winning a race, and after many battles, he finally won one. Sampson was on fire, racing his KTM 50cc.

He said, “I did go fast going down that hill,

**Trevor Vandiver** and **Jake Froman** were the front runners for the Mini classes. They each had nine minute laps, making two in all. While both of them made some impressive moves, Froman finished in an unbelievable position. In Mini B class, he was a mere four seconds down from the Mini A class's win.

The Junior A and B winners were **Michael Huddleston** and **Michael Williams**. Huddleston and **Tanner Byarly** fought the same battle all over again. Just like round one, White Plains, Kentucky, must have had that same kind of tree that he kissed at the last race because he hit this one too. It forced him out of the lead and allowed Tanner Byarly to take charge.

Just like last race, Byarly manhandled his Kawasaki like a man and just before the finish went down to allow Huddleston and **Tyler Carter** to get by him. They finished in first and second place in Junior A class while Byarly got third.

Huddleston said, "I got the holeshot and Byarly passed me when I hit a tree. He pulled away a good bit and right before the finish, he fell and I got by him for the win."

Williams overcame a good battle between **Dillon Majors** and **Brett Iott**. They made the podium for the Junior B class.

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