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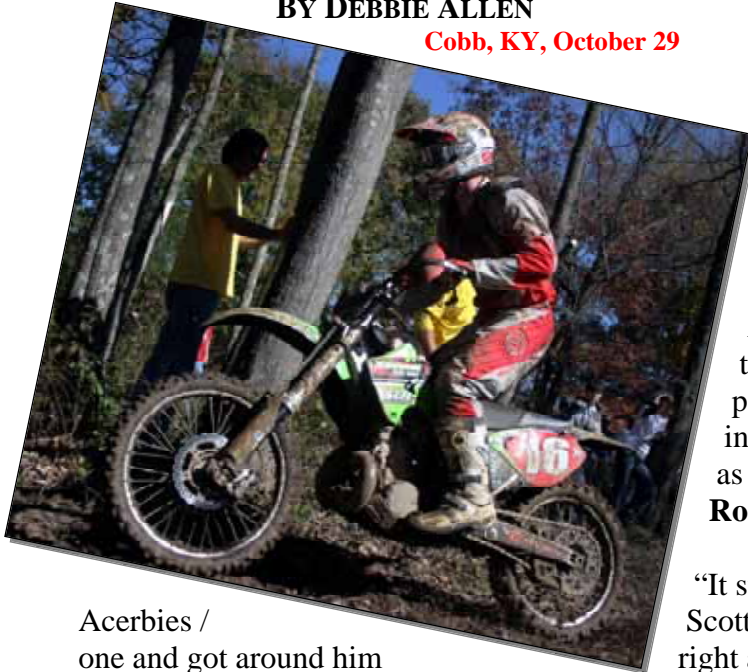
AMA / Mid-South Cross Country Winter Hare Scramble Series

Round 3: Big Bluff

## GREEN SWEEPS TEAM GREEN SWEEP

BY DEBBIE ALLEN

Cobb, KY, October 29



Acerbies / one and got around him day just went downhill from there. I fell back by a few minutes and just about gave up. Then on the last lap, I pushed myself and just kept thinking about that money. I really need it and so that just made me determined to win. I wanted that money.”

While Green may have made it look easy. It wasn't. The Steve Thomas laid trail was clearly a difficult one due to it simply being this time of year. Mud bogs were scattered throughout the ten mile track, so four laps were plenty for the thirty who could finish. The rest, three hundred plus riders, were happy to finish with less.

Off the start, Allen got the holeshot with

**Mike Sampson** [13] and Travis Green [16] near both sides while **Broc Sims**, Patterson, and **John Machino** held onto a steady pace from the rear. Together, they meandered throughout the course, getting to know the trail.

Add a little rain to create a little mud, and you have a good old fashioned mud run. That was one way to describe just a few of the spots at the third round of the Mid-South Cross Country Winter Hare Scramble Series, and Big Bluff was no exception.

A few mud bogs here and there definitely separated the boys from the men at Cobb, Kentucky, and the AA pack had no problem with the 250 A group venturing into their wins. It was a Kawasaki Team Green sweep as **Travis Green**[Pictured Left] led **P.A. Allen** and **Robert Patterson** into the podium.

“It started out pretty good,” said Moose / Johnnie Signs / Scott sponsored Green. “I was behind P.A. for most of lap right at the end of it. Afterward, I got arm pump and my



On the second and third laps, the AA class cut loose and took charge. While Machino led for most of the time, each shared a spot in the lead for the remainder of the race with Green trailing behind into the 250 A class. During the last lap, the lead swapping continued with Patterson as the front runner during the beginning of the lap and Allen taking a predominant lead afterward. Toward the end Allen ran into one big problem, allowing Green to take the win.

Monster / Thor / Andrew Cycles backed Allen said, “I’ve been sick all week and just wanted to ride easy and save energy. My timing was way off; I was making mistakes all day, but I really pushed down and worked for the win. On the last lap, I was winning, but my shifter bent, and I was stuck in second gear and couldn’t go fast in the fields, revving my motor so hard that I thought it was going to blow up. Luckily, I held onto second place.”

Right before the finish Green got around Allen, and he finished twenty five seconds ahead of the lucky Allen who savored his second place lead over Patterson by four seconds.

Sarge’s Cycles / Fox supported Patterson said, “On the fourth lap, I got the lead and thought I could run it to the finish line but got hung up behind a lapped rider. We kind of went down a wrong way trail and had to turn around and come back. Basically, I raced to the finish line and had trouble again.” Patterson [Pictured Right Rear] is currently placing second in the Overall Point Standings for this season While Allen is ranked as number one.



**Allen and Patterson celebrate first and second places in the overall points standing for this season while Machino holds onto his third place slot.**

## **My Own Race:**

**John Maschino** 4<sup>th</sup> Place

Mid-South’s Mud Runner was feeling a little out of sort at this race. While Machino is usually considered to be one of the front runners at any Mid-South mud run, he was recovering from a two week funk that lingered into the third round. In spite and with Obermeyers help, he rode hard and led the Green, Allen, and Patterson click for a long time until fatigue and getting stuck got the best of him. He finished in fourth place and is currently ranked as third place for Overall in the series points’ standings.



## **Chase Bishop** 5<sup>th</sup> Place

**Chase Bishop** was the top amateur, racing his YZ 250 in the 250 A class. He had a good race and finished his race taking an impressive fifth place in Overall.

## **Logan Chilman** 9<sup>th</sup> Place

Chilman was not too far back from Bishop. He came in first place in Light A class, almost thirty seconds ahead of **Morgan Green** and **Geoffrey Vermilyea** who finished in second and third place. Chilman said, "I can't remember anything about this race. I just know that I am so happy!"

## **Briefly...**

**Clay Stuckey**, KTM's Assistant National Sales Manager, was out and about assisting the KTM crew. Not only was he offering track side support for many of the KTM racers, but he was also congratulating KTM winners like **Logan Chilman, Derek Bratcher, Carlos Humphrey, Paul Michels, Ronnie Frost, Jacob Carwile, and Nicholas Anderson**. Congratulations were also in order for Clay Stuckey himself. He was busy shining in the spotlight as the Senior A class winner. For his first time ever, he won a Mid-South winter series race and had a great day. He said, "I just kind of used my head for something other than a placement for my helmet."

While the KTM clan boasted big wins for several classes, **Marty Thacker** got to enjoy a unique win. For the first time ever at a Mid-South race, he pulled the win literally. He won racing with a two wheel drive bike. Racing in Senior B class, he got a fifth place start and slowly worked his way up to the front with his modified CRF, 250 X. He said, "It just pulled me through the mud, and I really enjoyed it. I wanted to thank **Harvey Whitaker** and for letting me ride it."

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## The Huddleston Sweep

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**Michael Huddleston** [Pictured] was at it again. Now, for his third time in a row, he has pulled the win for the Mid-South Cross Country Youth Winter Hare Scramble Series, and that was no easy feat.

For some reason, even a small amount of rain tends to smear the best of any track, and that's what happened at the third round. Big Bluff contained just enough things to make one interesting hare scramble for those who made it to Cobb, Kentucky.

In spite, the Pro Action / Scott / Renthal / Twin Air backed Huddleston managed another win. This time he was a little surer of his talents, and he simply cut loose.

He said, "I was third off of the start and I passed everyone and led for the rest of the race. I know they were on my tail, but I just stayed the course and was really happy to get another win."

Huddleston made all the right moves. Without hitting any trees, he continued his lead with **Tanner Byarly** trying his best to take his position.

Off the start, **Tyler Carter** got the holeshot with **Devin Walker** and the remaining Junior A pack charging from the rear. Shortly thereafter, Huddleston got the lead and never gave it up. He held strong for four laps and finished in first place with Byarly, Carter, and Walker following.

Byarly tried with all of his might, but he just didn't have enough time

He said, "I pretty much got a back of the pack start, and then someone wreck right in front of me at the creek section. That just made me wreck, and I really struggled on that first lap. Michael pulled away from me, and the last two laps I started charging. I caught him, but it was too late to make the pass."

Walker was in first throughout the first lap until he hit a tree and went down, and **Jeremiah Bowman** and **Cody Christensen** finished out their battle with Bowman moving into fifth place and Christensen finishing directly behind him.

**Dalton Riddle** and **Jake Froman** were the tough guys in the Mini classes. They both had a good ride and stayed as the frontrunners of their classes for the entire race. However Riddle had a little bit more of a challenge. This was his first race this season. Just before the first round, Riddle broke his collar bone.



“It was pretty rough,” said Riddle. “There was this creek section that had a bunch of rocks, and I got stuck. I thought there were people in my class passing me, but it were two riders from the other class. They got around me and I finished right after them.”

Froman came in first place in the Mini B class. He was awesome, racing his KTM into a victory worth winning. He didn't have to worry about elapsed time. He passed every A rider and then went back to his truck to get cleaned up before they hit score tent. [No score tent pun intended☺]