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Round 4: Big Stripper

Gutsy Gibson

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Sometimes people just want to step out of the box and make a bold statement. Without hesitation, that's exactly what **Dustin Gibson** [Pictured left] proved when he entered the Big Stripper, the fourth round of the Mid-South Cross Country Winter Hare Scramble Series. In Lynnville, Indiana, he drove home one point: Gibson wears the number one plate, and it's going to be tough to take away his fame.

He said, "I just really wanted to come out here and have fun. I wasn't even planning on racing, but I just wanted to ride and get back into the swing of things."

Not! How can Gibson go out and simply have fun? Sooner or later, he's going to find himself in a zone and he's not coming out until he grabs the checkered flag.

As predicted, Gibson finished the Pirelli, Moose, and Maxxis sponsored event with a trouble free, first place finish. He was fast and smooth throughout the entire four laps raced, making it impossible for others to overcome.



Off the start, **P.A. Allen** got the holeshot with **Mike Sampson**, **Jeff Cregg**, and the rest of the AA pack following him. They meandered around a small grass track, with many bobbling on every rough spot. Even Gibson was taking his time at getting around the

some of the slime. The first lap was a rough eleven miles and Allen continued his lead for most of it until Gibson fired up his KTM and charged for the lead. Once he found the zone, there was no stopping him, and he held onto the lead for the remainder of the race.

Meanwhile Allen and Jeff Cregg were putting on a battle of their own. Allen held onto second place with Cregg behind him. When Allen got stuck, Cregg made his move for second place.

Cregg said, “I finally got around the Kawasaki boys, and started feeling a little better. I put on a charge during the last lap to try to catch Dustin, but just wasn’t able to because I didn’t have enough time.”

Cregg finished in second place, nearly thirty seconds down from Gibson, and Allen had another lucky day, finishing in third place.

“I had a good start and was running with everyone until I got stuck for several minutes,” said Allen.

It was a grueling first lap, and the AA class took their time at completing it. However by the end of the four laps raced, the mud tacked up nicely making it a smooth finish for the rest of the podium. Plus, Club Officials from the Lynnville Area Dirt Riders Club decided to cut most of the rough spots, making it a faster and more manageable lap for all.



Jeff Cregg [Right] finishes in second place while P.A. Allen[Left] overcomes several obstacles to finish in third place.

My Own Race:

Jacob Patterson 6th Place

Jacob Patterson got a good start and a good finish in the 250 A class. He said, “I finally got the start that I wanted. I was riding and Jake Fiddler kind of got away from me and Chase and I just told myself if I can stay up here with **Chase Bishop** who finished in third place, ‘Then I can get a good finish.’ So that’s what I did. It was an awesome day, and I had a good time.”

Jake Fiddler 8th Place

Racing in the 250 A class, **Jake Fiddler** had an amazing start as he found himself in the overall spot during the first lap. After a few mistakes and three laps later, he nested a second place position. “I gave it all I had, and Jacob just straight up beat me. No excuses, I hit a few holes, made a few crashes, and made a few mistakes.”

Jordan Ashburn 17th Place

Jordan Ashburn held his own and rode like most men wanted too. Racing in the 200 B class, he not only won his class but was the fastest B rider, finishing in seventeenth place in Overall.

Briefly...

So why was the fourth round Gibson’s first race this season? Just prior to the start of the season, Gibson broke a bone in his leg. In spite of no bike and a semi healed bone, Dustin Gibson was not going to let anything get in his way. On a Jeremy Ketchum borrowed KTM, Gibson made a quick comeback. Not counting the three drops, he is now tied for first place with three other men, P.A. Allen, Jake Fiddler, and **Travis Green**. Not bad for one race in, but that’s because he’s awesome in his turns, picking the best lines, and cruising by the lappers as if they were standing still.

Better yet, Gibson’s got a goal. Last year’s goal may have been a little skewed due to his dilemmas, but they are not so far out of reach. He said, “I want to win every race with a three or four minutes lead on everyone else.” We’ll let him ease into that goal since he did have a rough start.

