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AMA / Mid-South Cross Country Youth Winter Hare Scramble Series

Round 8: Rocky Mound



Byarly Barely Wins West Moreland

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Tanner Byarly braved the wettest youth race of the season and ended up with a win in what was the closest finish in the Junior A class so far this year. The rain started coming down at midnight and by start time, it showed no sign of easing, so Byarly put his head down, charged, and claimed another win as the top Youth rider.

Off the start KTM rider **Cody Christensen** grabbed the holeshot with Byarly and **Tyler Carter** right behind him. Hattiesburg Cycles/KTM supported Carter was the first to get around Christensen. Then Sarge's Cycles backed Byarly made his move for second place. Meanwhile Carter was an awesome mud runner. He pulled away by thirty seconds in spite of rain. Byarly closed the gap on lap three and by lap four he was in the lead. This set up a last lap race to the finish in which Carter was determined to get around Byarly before the checkered flag came out. Byarly barely held off Carter's last lap surge to win by three seconds.

The win by Kawasaki mounted Byarly was his fifth in a row, which puts him at the top of the point's battle for the championship. **Michael Huddleston** sits in second place in points with three wins. He held strong in the final two laps of this rain day fest while KTM rider **Devin Walker** was fourth and **Jeremiah "Billygoat" Bowman** came in fifth.

The Junior B class also had its share of the slime with **Dylan Majors**, **Jacob Oliver**, and **Blake Rickets** making the podium. **Brett Iott** and **Michael Williams** rounded out the top five.

Another big story of the day in the youth races was the Pee Wee 4 to 6 class. KTM rider **Matthew Harris** secured his first Mid-South Championship title by winning his seventh race of the season. With all those wins, he has already locked up the 4 to 6 year old title and will surely look forward to the Awards Banquet this summer at the Wild Horse Saloon in Nashville, Tennessee. **Britten Crain** finished a strong second in the mud and **Kruz Sampson** made the podium in third.

The Pee Wee 7 - 8 class was bested by KTM/ Sarge's Cycles / Motorex / k100 / two2cool / sixsixone supported **Samuel Thurman** grabbing the win with **Jacob Pine** and **Eli Holbrook** taking second and third places.

This year saw a new class in the youth series called the Mini B class. This class was designed for the youth making the transition from the 50 class with an age range of 7 to 9. **Jake Froman** from Lynnville, Indiana, topped this class with fellow Indiana native, **Austin Lee**, finishing second. KTM took all three podium spots when **Justin Lenard** put in a great ride for third place.

In the Mini A class Lance Hoover from Grant, Alabama, took home the win. **Trevor Hawkins** finished second and **Skyler Hawkins** braved the elements for third.