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AMA / Mid-South Cross Country Motorsports Championship

Round 1: Lakeview

## Cregg Smokes AA



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Summer's Racing had something up his sleeve when he hand picked Jeff Cregg as part of his team. Cregg [180] was unstoppable at the first round of the Mid-South Cross Country Motorsports Championship, and better yet; when he conquered his win, he made it look as if he was riding on Easy Street.

“It was great,” said Cregg. “I wasn’t expecting this, but it turned out awesome.”

While Cregg may have had a few excuses going into the game, there was no need to use them. His first race back since breaking his collar bone proved no problem. He was fast and smooth throughout each of the ten mile laps, coming through the score tent in first place all four laps.

Cregg literally smoked the rest of the AA class with his Parts Unlimited, Moose, Tire Balls, and Pirelli prepped Honda CRX 250. He simply left them in the dust because there were no other AA riders on the podium. He was smooth and on fire for the win.

He said, “We [John Robbins, Broc Sims, and Dustin Gibson] were going back and forth, and I was just trying to stay upright going through the swamp section. I thought if I could manage to come through out front, I’d be all right.”

Mission accomplished. Cregg not only stayed upright, but he moved into the lead on his first lap and simply checked out from there. He passed Sims, who earlier confiscated the holeshot, and moved up from his fourth place start into a comfortable first place position.

“My bike was working great, and my suspension was smooth,” said Cregg, “And, I’d really like to thank all of my sponsors for making this happen.”

Meanwhile, several classes back, riders were giving it their all and being the leaders of their classes simply was not good enough. Logan Chilman, Chase Bishop, and Sean Gentry wanted more than just the top spots in the Light A and 4-Stroke A classes. They were on a mission for second, third and fourth places in Overall.

Chilman, the winner of Light A, said it wasn’t easy. His class started two minutes behind the AA class, and he was taken out right off of the start.

He said, “I was in the lead and on the first corner someone just T-boned me. I got up, got mad, and rode hard. Once I got the lead, I pushed even harder.”

After Chilman bit the bullet, he had a great ride along with his Performance Super Cycle, MSR, and Scott backed team mate, Bishop. Off the start, Bishop [6] got a mid-pack start and then

passed everyone for the lead. During the second lap, Chilman took over, passing all of the 250 A riders and all but one AA rider with Bishop not far behind him. The two of them finished in first and second place in their class and also rounded out the podium while 4-Stroke A's winner, Sean Gentry freight trained into fourth place in Overall. He was only two seconds down from third place.



Gentry felt the pressure of riding with the fast guys, as he moved up from last year's Overall 250 B winner. He said he had a good ride with Mike Sampson, Cody Miller, and Jacob Patterson.

Over five hundred racers were raring to go at the start of the first round. This year, they are enjoying a major change with the new Point's Membership. Now, each member includes a permanent number that will be used for every event.

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## My Own Race

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Derek Bracher

2<sup>nd</sup> Place in AA & 5<sup>th</sup> Overall

“I got fifth overall and second in AA,” said Derek Bratcher. “That was a lot better than what I thought I was going to do.”

This KTM rider is assumed to be Derek Bratcher. But, who really knows? Not us, why? It's because HE DOESN'T HAVE HIS MEMBERSHIP NUMBER ON HIS NUMBER PLATE. ☹

Big Hint: EVERYONE PUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER ON YOUR NUMBER PLATE. Then we will know who you are. ☺

Jake Fiddler 5<sup>th</sup> Place in AA & 10<sup>th</sup> Overall

“I'm very happy with how my race went,” said Fiddler [4]. “This was my first race back after three months out with a broken collarbone and only a week of riding under my belt. I had a fourth place start and stayed in that position most of the race. On the last lap, I hit a tree and that's when Nathan Alering got by me. So all in all I'm happy with how the day went. It feels good to be back racing.”



Zachary Nash 1<sup>st</sup> Place in 200 B & Overall B rider

“I didn't get the holeshot,” said Nash, “but I passed everybody pretty fast. I was in second when I came through at the score tent. The next thing I knew, I was in the lead and led everyone into the score tent.”

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## THURMAN TRIUMPH

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**T**he Mid-South Cross Country Youth

Motorsports Championship got off to a great start in Graham, Kentucky. There were 89 youth participants with Sam Thurman taking on a triumphant win in the Pee Wee 7-8 class.

Understandably, 22 racers under the age of eight can be quite nerve racking. Especially, when parts of the one mile track are every bit as tricky as the adult portion. In spite, all racers finished with at least one lap under their belts and most had five or more.

Thurman, of course, was the exception. He finished seven laps and wasted no time once the green flag was raised. The Sarge's Cycles / KTM / Power Sports Graphics backed Thurman was on the get go from start to finish.

He took on the first gnarly section with ease while many others struggled with getting to know the meaning of the word hare scramble. He was awesome with Drew Landers, John Henry Robinson, Zachary Kirchoff, and Ezra Darnell falling right in his footsteps, finishing out the top five in their class.

Likewise, Kruz Sampson, proved himself to be just as worthy. He was on top of things right from the start and finished the same way. He was out front the entire time looking as if it were any other day as if nothing special really happened. Britten Crain, Daniel Spurgeon, Hunter Plaster, and Camden Feltner followed, making five laps while Sampson cruised at six.

Austin Lee and Jacob Pine made impressive moves in the Mini classes. Lee was the winner of the Mini A class while Pine, with help from GT Cycle, Moose, and Johnny Signs, won the B class.

Pine maneuvered his win as a first time racer in the Mini class. He finished last year's season in second place right behind Thurman in the Pee Wee class and now he's racing a little longer on a bigger course. He fit right in and had a top notch finish in spite of his delays.

"The track had a lot of bumps, and I had two bad wrecks," said Pine. "But, I thought it was fun and I liked being in the Mini class."

Off the start of the Junior classes, Jeremiah Bowman and Logan P'Pool celebrated their first wins this season with Dylan Majors, Jacob Oliver, Chris Hobbs, and Mason Thurman

following in the A class while Anthony Wagler, Brett Iott, Kelley Adkins, and Trevor Vandiver finishing the top five in the B class.

Kawaski mounted Bowman got the lead early and kept it for almost the entire race. Then on their fourth lap, Majors came out of no where and passed him in a field section. Bowman held tight and waited to make his move. Shortly thereafter, it happened. Majors went down in a wood's section, giving Bowman his chance to make his move. Bowman recovered his lead and won his first Mid-South race in Junior A.

“I got a half way decent start and pretty much played catch up to Jeremiah the entire race,” said Majors. “What can I say, he’s fast.”

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